

Customer Feedback on the StrideGlider

All comments except italics by Loren Anderson, StrideGlide customer since 2006.

1. How heavy is the StrideGlider and why should I choose this model over other lightweight models?

A great deal seems to be made of the issue of very light overall weight of a scooter as being the most desirable. In spite of that, there have been some reports of frame breakage of the very light scooters which are used for high speeds and racing. For a person of my height and weight (6'4", 220 lbs.), it was very comforting for me to know the Strideglider had been engineered for strength, then thoroughly tested using high stress loads. The slightly higher overall weight (28lbs) of the Strideglider compared to some competing models seems like a worthwhile tradeoff to me.

2. Does the StrideGlider work for taller riders?

The more "open" frame design of the Strideglider appears more suitable for a very tall rider with long legs like me compared to frame designs with a more vertical main tube which could potentially cause interference with the knee of the supporting leg.

(See question one for additional information.) Compared to other makes of scooters, the Strideglider footboard is slightly wider and considerably longer than most others. I wanted a bigger footboard to accommodate foot changes more easily while underway, even with my big feet (size 14 shoes). Adequate foot board size is a major issue for me in a purchase decision and was a huge drawback with the Kickbike brand scooter in my situation.

3. What is the clearance for the foot platform and what did you like about the StrideGlider compared to other kick scooters?

Trying to decide on a scooter with the appropriate amount of footboard height and ground clearance was tough for me. High performance, racer-type riders demand the lowest possible footboard height for maximum biomechanical efficiency, but then there is a constant danger of "high-centering" on even slightly uneven surfaces. Having the height quite high (like on a scooter designed for rugged off-road use) would clear road obstructions easily, but I can see where it would require much more effort in the kicking movement from having to dip down so far. It seems to me the Strideglider uses a sensible compromise height for the footboard height and ground clearance (4" - 4.25" depending on tire selection.)

4. What is the wheel size and how does this compare to other kick scooters with larger wheels?

I had some initial concerns about the rolling efficiency of the 20" wheels used on the Strideglider

compared to the 27/16" designs of other scooters. My web research on bicycle wheel size and rolling resistance convinced me there is only negligible rolling efficiency loss compared to larger diameter wheels when high pressure 20" tires are used. I also like the fact that 20" wheels built with high quality components are considered to be some of the strongest bicycle wheels available due to modern developments in the BMX bicycle realm.

An additional point is that I consider it an advantage to have two wheels of the same size on a scooter. It makes sense to carry a spare inner tube to repair flats on the road. When using wheels of the same size, only one size of tube needs to be carried.

5. Why do you get a basket?

One issue with all footbikes seems to be the challenge of "how to carry stuff". Everyone offering commentary on the matter in web forums strongly advises against carrying anything on the rider's body (like a backpack) because the weight of the gear then has to be lifted with each stride made on the bike. It's not quite so bad on a regular bike because the backpack weight is supported by the body while seated on the bicycle seat. Unlike most other scooters (other than industrial or "city" types), Strideglider designers have considered that issue and offered the integrated solution of the quick-detach basket. That makes more sense to me than leaving this important issue for the buyer to figure out on his own after the purchase.

8. Where do you get the parts for maintenance of your StrideGlider?

I very much like the idea of the Strideglider being built with components which allow replacement parts to be found in local bike shops rather than trying to obtain them from overseas manufacturers or distributors.

9. What other factors made you consider the Strideglider?

Although it is not strictly an issue of American patriotism for me, I do like the fact of the Strideglider being domestically manufactured instead of being made in China or elsewhere overseas. I particularly appreciate the ability to communicate directly with the people who build and produce the product. Last, and far from being least since it should be Item #1 on this list, is the matter of your superb customer communication and willingness to respond to customer questions in both a timely fashion and with detailed answers. (This is an area where Kickbike USA fails miserably in my experience). I am also extremely impressed you would go the extra mile to work with me on custom colors and possible handlebar modifications.