sm-logo**Which bike is right for your commuter journey?**

Any bicycle will get you to your destination, but if you are looking for a new bike to commute on, which is best for your circumstances.

* think about your ride - all smooth tarmac or some country lanes to negotiate?
* do you want to use the bike with your family at the weekends or is it strictly for commuting?
* are you carrying work around with you - a laptop perhaps?
* are you likely to ride all year round - rain or shine?

**Electric:** good for short distance and the less-fit or physically able rider.

**Tourer:** comes with mudguards/pannier rack. Great for serious commuter and keeping clean.

**29 inch Flat-bar road bike:** Fast, good riding position for use in traffic.

**Race bike:** very quick and could cover big distances without leaving you too tired.

**26 inch Flat-bar road bike:** good for a mixed route and light as well.

**Folding:** great for short commutes and you can stash it by your desk if necessary.

**Mountain bike:** good if you use a byway to get to work. Tyre choice is important if using on road.



Distance: as far as you like!

+: fast and light.

-: at the mercy of the weather, slightly fragile.

Distance: as far as you like!

+: tough, can carry heavy loads.

-: looks, image.

Distance: any

+: good visibility.

-: not quite as tough as a 26 inch bike.

Distance: any

+: comfort, good riding position.

-: not as quick as a racing bike

Distance: any

+: tough, good riding position

-: slow on road

Distance: up to five miles.

+: less effort

-: recharging, heavy if battery flat!

Distance: up to three miles.

+: small, easy storage.

-: slow.

