

THINGS TO DO WHEN BUYING A 2ND HAND BIKE:

Steps to follow for a good deal!



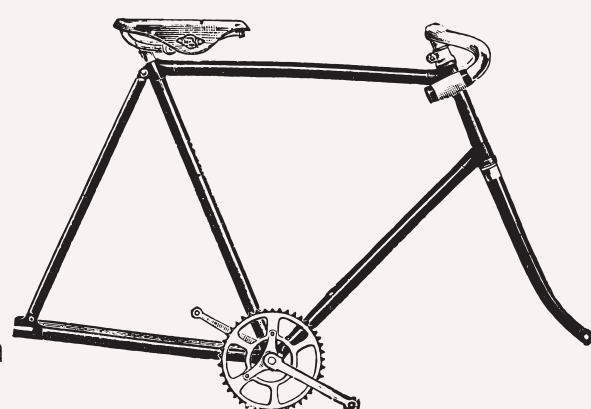
1 CHECK THE SIZE

Inform yourself about the size of the bike, and see if it will fit you. Extremely large/small bikes can not be adjusted. [Check our video on how to adjust your seat!](#)

2 CHECK THE MECHANICS

Check the optical and mechanical state of the bike. If very rusty, it means it has been out on rain and snow, and most probably, the parts will not function as intended.

If looking good, make an [ABC test](#) and take it for a short ride to make sure it works well.

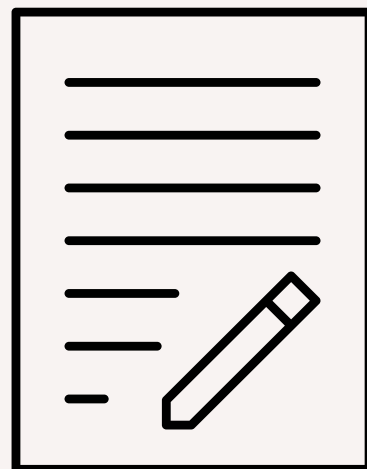


3 REASONS FOR SELLING

Ask the person why they are selling the bike. If the bike is entirely overpainted with spray paint, avoid that bike. The chances of it being stolen are higher.

4 MAKE A CONTRACT

Before agreeing to buy it, make a contract with the seller. It can be a handwritten contract containing the names and surnames, the serial number of the frame of the bike, and a short description of it, with its price.



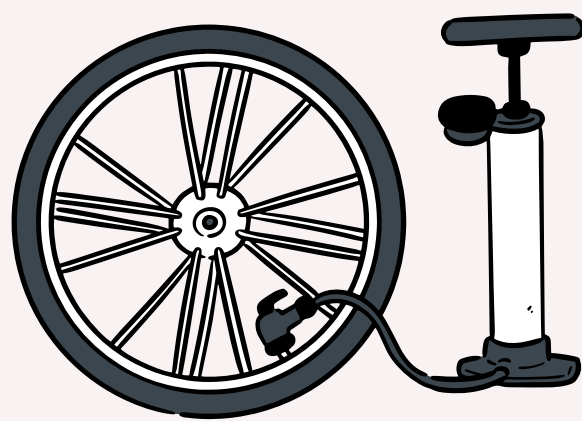
5 BUYING IN THE EVENING



If buying in the evening, make sure you take lights and lock with you to be able to cycle home and lock it at the end. It is useful to check whether the bolts on the pedals, the seat, handlebars, the stem, and the wheels are tight, so the bike will not fall apart while cycling.

6 FINAL ADJUSTMENTS

Once you have it, pump the tires accordingly to the recommended pressure on its side walls, clean and lube the chain, and check if you need new cables or brake pads soon.



7 ASK HELP FROM A FRIEND

If you are unsure about your capabilities to perform all that, ask a friend who is more experienced in bikes to come with you when you go to see the bike that you are intending to buy.



More Info!

