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Pocket Racers & Electric or gas Scooters "Go-Peds"

Scooters promote a clean transportation, ease highway congestion, and provide a fun and comparatively inexpensive mode of transportation. Its important to be aware of the laws that govern the use and operation of scooters and pocket racers.

What is a motorized scooter?

- A two-wheeled device that has handlebars
- Meant to be sat or stood upon
- Powered by electricity or other source



What is a Pocket Racer?

- Per CHP a "Pocket racer" is a motor driven cycle

FAQ for Motorized Scooters or Go-Peds

1. How old do I have to be to operate a scooter or go-ped?

You must be 16 or older. You do not need a California Driver's License.

2. Do I have to wear a helmet when I ride a scooter or go-ped?

Yes, an approved bicycle helmet that fits properly.

3. May I have a passenger on my scooter or go-ped? **No.**

4. Where can I ride my scooter or go-ped?

On streets with 25 MPH or less speed limits unless in a class II bicycle lane.

5. Is there a speed limit for go-peds or scooters?

Yes. The speed limit is 15 mph per 22411 VC regardless of the roadway speed limit.

6. Can I have on headphones while riding?

No

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FAQ for a Motor Driven Cycle

Mini Motorcycles are **not** manufactured with a conforming 17 digit vehicle identification number (VIN), indicating the manufactures **intended they be operated on private property not for the use on a highway (City Streets)**

A gasoline-powered mini motorcycle is a motor-driven cycle pursuant to Section 405 VC.

As such they are subject to all vehicle **equipment, registration, drivers license (M1 endorsement), and helmet requirements as stated in the vehicle code.**

An electric-powered mini motorcycle is a motorized bicycle pursuant to Section 406 VC.

As such they are subject to all **vehicle equipment, registration, drivers license (M2 endorsement), and helmet requirements as stated in the vehicle code.**

Individuals operating these vehicles on a highway will be **cited for 24002b VC, and if they are unlicensed or do not have the appropriate M1 or M2 license a citation for 12500b VC may be issued. The mini motorcycle may be stored per 22651(p) VC.** Operators are subject to all rules of the road as contained in Division 11 of the California Vehicle Code.