

BIKES & ACCESSORIES

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We are a bike company that makes bikes, not a bike brand that markets or assembles products made by others.



WE ARE BROMPTON, WE ARE DIFFERENT

We think that designs and innovations should be built to last, just like our bikes. We believe in making practical, reliable machines, designed and manufactured with real life, not the showroom, in mind. We refuse to design obsolescence into our bikes; innovations are designed to be retrofitted on the hundreds of thousands of older Bromptons still in daily use. We believe in getting things right rather than getting them easily or first. We don't build bikes for anyone else, and no one builds bikes for us... our reputation depends on it.

BROMPTON history 1975-2012

1975 Andrew Ritchie starts designing a folding bike in his flat, overlooking the Brompton Oratory in South Kensington, London.



1977 The first Bromptons are fairly crude but fold neatly and conveniently into a tiny package. It is a remarkable step forward in folding bike design.



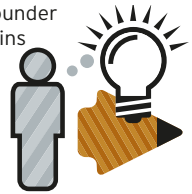
1978 Andrew begins canvassing industry in search of a licensee but no one is convinced that a market exists for such an unusual machine, and the search ends.



1981-83 First Brompton bikes produced to order by Andrew; low volume production begins then ends for lack of capital.



1985 Julian Vereker, founder of Naim Audio, joins Brompton having first discovered the bikes a few years before. Working capital secured.









OUR FACTORY

Our factory is at the heart of what we make, and who we are. Every Brompton is built here from scratch, in West London. And for every bike we ship, we know whose work went into each stage of its manufacture.

In the context of today's bike industry, our approach is extraordinarily rare, but it is the only way to ensure the necessary quality. There are no short cuts to excellence and everyone who works here has an overriding commitment to it.

OUR BIKES

The Brompton tears up the transport rule book and puts you back in charge of your journeys; whether you use public or private transport, or neither, a Brompton allows you to rethink, vary and adapt your journeys at will. It sets you free from the constraints imposed by modern life.

We think of it as personal transport, a mode of travel you take with you on trains, planes and automobiles as much as it carries you on cycle journeys. At your destination, it fits in a cupboard, under a desk or in a cloakroom, safe from theft and the elements, ready for your next journey.

THE DESIGN

All Bromptons share the same frame geometry, the result of 35 years of constant innovation and improvement, going back to the prototypes developed by Andrew Ritchie in his bedroom in 1975. Now, as then, the goal is to create the perfect combination of ride quality and compact portability, with neither treated as an afterthought.

Every Brompton folds down into a small package in 10 to 20 seconds. The componentry has been designed to suit this unique fold, keeping lights, cables, etc. out of harm's way and, by folding them in, keeping the chain and gears away from clothing and luggage. Just as remarkable as the fold is the Brompton's ride quality. Excellent frame rigidity and precision engineering ensure that the cyclist's efforts are efficiently converted into a responsive, quick ride, while a full-sized wheelbase delivers stability at speed. But to be a truly personal transport solution, it should be built around your needs. B-spoke™ is our commitment to letting you choose exactly the Brompton you want; the options are set out towards the back of this brochure, and we feature six bikes over the intervening pages that give some sense of how flexible the Brompton is to your needs and preferences.

1987 — Brompton exhibits at the Cyclex event. With production still some months away, the Brompton wins the coveted Best Product award.



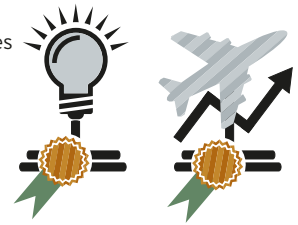
1995 — Brompton receives Queen's Award for Export Achieve-ment.



2009-10 — Andrew Ritchie receives the Prince Philip Designers Prize.



Brompton receives Queen's Awards for Enterprise in both Innovation and International Trade.



2011 — Brompton Oratory Jacket wins a Gold iF Award at Eurobike and the Brompton Toolkit picks up an iF Award at Taipei Cycle.



2012

"THE ONLY BIKE THAT HAS EVER MADE ME GRIN EVERY TIME I GOT ON."



10kg/22lbs

2013 CONFIGURATION

FAST & FUN

S2L-X WITH BROMPTON TYRES, STANDARD SEATPOST, FRONT CARRIER BLOCK AND REFLECTORS.

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S2L-X =

For many people, an S2L-X is the perfect Brompton, the ideal balance between portability and versatility.

FAST & FUN

Seth wanted a fun, quick runabout. "I've done 10-mile journeys on it, no problem, but usually I'm combining short rides with travelling by train so it had to be light and uncomplicated." The S2L-X certainly fits that bill, with a two-gear solution that will be fine for most cycling and the obvious advantages of Superlight componentry. "I don't tend to carry a lot on my bike as I don't want anything to slow me down, but I have a Mini O Bag in case I want to take along my camera."



MINI O BAG
Small and streamlined, but still waterproof; perfect for smaller loads. Seth's choice is green/black.

CAMERA
Seth's own – Mini O Bag inserts for cameras available from Ortlieb.

H2L-X =

An H2L-X brings many of the advantages of an S2L-X but with an upright riding position for those for whom elegance trumps speed.

SMART COMMUTER

Emma works in town and cycles through fashionable Notting Hill. "I have taken it away on weekends but my bike is mainly for commuting. I wanted a smart, elegant bicycle to go to work on, one that allowed me to take in the sights and sounds of my city." Eazy Wheels are fitted to save on carrying the bike, and the SON hub dynamo lighting provides exceptional visibility when riding on darker winter days. "I needed a bag as I didn't want to ride with a rucksack on my back; I ended up choosing a white O Bag as it's big enough for a laptop and papers, but also waterproof. And I chose a Brooks saddle to give a final classic touch to my stylish bike."



O BAG
A sizeable waterproof attaché case, perfect for year-round commuting.

IPAD, IPHONE, SCARF & MAKE-UP
Emma's own; easily carried to work and back, and all easily located thanks to the O Bag's compartments and light internal colour.




"I LOVE THE WAY MY BAG CLIPS EASILY ONTO MY BIKE FIRST TIME, EVERY TIME."
11.4kg/25.1lbs
2013 CONFIGURATION
SMART COMMUTER
H2L-X WITH BROMPTON TYRES, TELESCOPIC SEATPOST, O BAG, SON HUB DYNAMO LIGHTING, EAZY WHEELS AND BROOKS B17S SADDLE.
COBALT BLUE
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"PUT SIMPLY, MY BIKE BROADENS MY HORIZONS."



13.3kg/29.3lbs

2013 CONFIGURATION

GLOBAL TRAVELLER

P6R WITH MARATHON TYRES, TELESCOPIC SEATPOST, T BAG, RACK SACK, SHIMANO HUB DYNAMO LIGHTING AND EAZY WHEELS.

CLARET COBALT BLUE bikebuilder.brompton.co.uk

P6R =   

The P Type was designed with cycle touring in mind, especially when paired with 6 gears and a rack; the multiple grip positions, wide gear range and luggage capacity lend themselves to long trips.

GLOBAL TRAVELLER

It's at the top end of the Brompton weight range, but the extra pounds make his bike truly versatile, according to Andreas. "Being tall, I wanted an H or P type as I prefer to ride upright; the P Type's different grip positions sealed it for me because I want to use the bike on long cycling/camping holidays. That demands lots of kit, so the combination of T Bag and rear rack/Rack Sack was an obvious choice." Marathon tyres add robustness to the bike, while the Shimano Hub Dynamo system ensures he will not have to stop riding at dusk. Completing the touring package, the new Brompton Toolkit will help keep Andreas in the saddle as he tackles the rolling hills of the Dordogne, while the cover and its saddle bag are useful when travelling with the bike. "I also use it to cycle to work; things like the rear rack add weight but it's still perfectly portable over short distances and, for anything longer, I just roll the bike along on the Eazy Wheels."



T BAG
Brompton's largest bag, with a variety of pockets and pouches; perfect for longer trips and bigger loads.

RACK SACK
Ideal for carrying essentials securely on the rear rack.

BAKED BEANS & FOLDING FORK
Andreas' shopping; ideal for camping and for the desk-based lunch break.

TOOLKIT
An ingenious solution to most roadside maintenance requirements, the toolkit is kept dirt-free and takes up no luggage space by fitting inside the frame of the bike.


BROMPTON



Brompton's range of luggage and accessories is designed to complement our bikes, offering a complete personal transport solution. The front luggage is carried via a frame on a tapered block; it takes a second to attach or release your luggage and the load is mounted directly on the main frame, with minimal impact on steering.

LUGGAGE, TRANSPORT & ACCESSORIES

S BAG 1

Smaller messenger-style bag with a low profile and plenty of compartments, as well as a bright lining and water-resistant zips.

Capacity 20 litres; dimensions 420w x 260h x 170d; supplied with a shoulder strap and a high-visibility rain resistant cover. A removable front panel allows the S Bag to be personalised; choose from classic black, a panel made of recycled fire hose by Elvis & Kresse or one of our limited edition vinyl prints.

RACK SACK 2

Although many prefer the "clip-on/clip-off" convenience of our front luggage, the rear rack offers useful additional carriage possibilities, though the contents must obviously be removed before 'parking' and folding. With stiffened sides and built-in Velcro straps to secure it, the Rack Sack is purpose-designed for the Brompton rear rack, offering a very secure, shower-proof solution.

Capacity 16 litres; dimensions 200w x 250h x 400d; supplied with a shoulder strap.

MINI O BAG 3/4/10

The small size and sleek shape make it a great streamlined option, especially on longer rides, but Ortlieb's meticulous construction will still keep contents dry. Offered in three colours: all-black, white/black and green/black.

Capacity 7 litres; dimensions 280w x 270h x 180d; supplied with a shoulder strap, no need for a rain resistant cover

COVER AND SADDLE BAG 5

Often useful, especially on public transport, the zip-up Brompton Cover is quick to fit and remove and can be drawn tight around the base of the bike using its draw cord. The cover comes in a saddle bag for storage.

O BAG 6/12/13

Ortlieb, the most respected name in waterproof cycle luggage, created a bag especially for the Brompton: the O Bag is offered in three colours: all-black, white/black and orange/black.

Capacity 20 litres; dimensions 500w x 300h x 150d; supplied with a shoulder strap, no need for a rain resistant cover.

T BAG 7

Our largest bag, with a pocket and a bottle-pouch at the back, a zip-up pocket inside and three elasticated net pockets around the outside to stow things for the ride, as well as a roll-top system with nylon clips for closing.

Capacity approx. 31 litres; dimensions 420w x 300h x 270d; supplied with a shoulder strap and a high-visibility rain resistant cover.

FOLDING BASKET 8

Our simplest item of luggage, this is a large, open-top container, ideal for shopping. Its shape is maintained by a simple bracing frame which folds flat for storage.

Capacity 24 litres; dimensions 420w x 300h x 280d.

C BAG 9

Messenger-style bag with a Velcro and buckle-fastened flap, a multitude of pockets with water-resistant zips to keep essentials dry, and a bright lining to make items easy to find.

Capacity 25 litres; dimensions 420w x 300h x 170d; supplied with a shoulder strap and a high-visibility rain resistant cover.

TOOLKIT 11

Awarded a Taipei Cycle Design and Innovation Award in 2012, the ingenious toolkit fits into a case that slots neatly inside the front frame, held in place with magnets and a moulded rubber grip. It contains ten tools to help you adjust and maintain your Brompton: a ring spanner to remove wheel nuts, innovative interlocking tyre levers (patent pending) to remove tyres and self-adhesive patches to repair punctured inner tubes. A reversible ratchet wrench drives four double ended tool bits, and the tyre levers include two sizes of spanner.

EAZY WHEELS 14

4 tyred rollers (2 when fitted to a Brompton without a rear rack) with industrial bearings allow the folded bike to be pushed around smoothly. A rubber bung in the seat post can be used as a brake to prevent unwanted rolling.

B BAG 15

Made of tough nylon with 5mm padding to give a degree of protection for your Brompton when travelling. The base is reinforced, and has integral castors: there are extra pockets, and it comes with a shoulder strap as well as handles. Packs down flat for storage.

All volumes include external pockets; dimensions are approximate and external. Please note that the C Bag, T Bag and Folding Basket are not compatible with S Type handlebars.


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S1E-X = 

The S1E-X is our lightest bike, stripped-down but spec'd up with Kojak tyres and Superlight components.

LIGHT DELIGHT

For Angela, it was all about making the bike as light as possible. "I didn't worry about having loads of gears as most of my riding is pretty flat. I was more concerned about carrying the bike up the stairs to my apartment or in and out of trams and trains, so I wanted it as light as possible. That meant going for the Superlight option and saving weight (and money) on the gearing and mudguards."



B BAG
Allows Angela to take the bike when she returns home to Taipei once or twice a year.



"BRIGHTON, LONDON OR TAIPEI; MY BIKE GOES EVERYWHERE WITH ME."

9.3kg/20.5lbs

2013 CONFIGURATION

LIGHT DELIGHT

SIE-X WITH KOJAK TYRES. THAT'S IT.

TURKISH GREEN TITANIUM bikebuilder.brompton.co.uk


"I EXPECT A LOT FROM A BIKE – IT HAS TO WORK IN ALL WEATHERS AND SITUATIONS."
12.5kg/27.5lbs
2013 CONFIGURATION
URBAN CLIMBER
H6L WITH BROMPTON TYRES, EXTENDED SEATPOST, O BAG, SHIMANO HUB DYNAMO LIGHTING AND EAZY WHEELS.
DESERT SAND
BLACK
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H6L =

Originally conceived for taller riders, the H Type has found favour with all who prefer to ride upright.

URBAN CLIMBER

The ride position of the H Type felt right to Antonia from the off; like the bikes she had used from childhood in Germany, the upright riding style was perfect for everyday cycling. But it took some convincing that the small wheels and gearing could cope with the hills near her home. "That was my biggest concern; I expected it to be a nightmare at the end of a long day, but I was amazed – and still am – how well my bike copes with the hills." The mudguards and Shimano hub dynamo lighting ensure that Antonia's bike in London, like her bike in Berlin, is ready to ride at any time, in all weathers. "I got the O Bag after it rained solidly for 2 months this summer," [she's not joking] "But I had the Eazy Wheels fitted from the outset; it's not heavy for a bike, but I prefer rolling over carrying it when folded."



O BAG
Keeps Antonia's stuff dry during English summers.

SHOPPING AND PARTY ACCOUTREMENTS
Antonia's own – her bike is used for everything from commuting to shopping to social visits.

M3L = 

The M3L is often considered the quintessential Brompton; classic handlebar and three-speed gearing, it is the clear successor to the Bromptons of the 1980s.

TIMELESS
CLASSIC

A competitive rider on weekends, Ian doesn't need to race his everyday bike. "I just wanted a bike that I could rely on every day to get me to work and around town. It had to be practical and robust, and smart enough to take into the office. The M3L was perfect: I need a few gears but they had to be enclosed, to avoid the issues you get with knocked and dirty derailleurs; it had to have mudguards so I could use it when it rains; and it had to be able to carry my laptop and papers, along with some extra layers for when it gets cold or wet."



C BAG
A versatile and capacious messenger-style bag for daily use.

RAIN RESISTANT COVER
Not just for wet days; the high-viz helps Ian to be seen in London traffic.

LAPTOP, BLACKBERRY, PICNIC PEN KNIFE, MAGAZINE
Ian's own – everything he needs for a day in the office and for his lunch break.




"MY COMMUTE HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED SINCE I STARTED CYCLING DURING THE WEEK."
12.2kg/26.8lbs
2013 CONFIGURATION
TIMELESS CLASSIC
M3L WITH BROMPTON TYRES, TELESCOPIC SEATPOST, C BAG, BATTERY LIGHTING AND BROOKS B17 SADDLE.
RACING GREEN
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To be a truly personal transport solution, a bike should be built around your needs.

YOUR BROMPTON B-spoke™

As everyone's requirements are different, we have developed many options to make your Brompton just right for you; ride position, gearing, luggage, lighting and other parts can all be selected to suit, and the colour options allow you to personalise it further. You might value the functionality of hub gears and mudguards more than you mind the extra weight; you may prefer the individuality of a rarely-seen colour combination or the practicality of a bike cover or item of luggage; the choices are yours.

We know that all this choice can seem overwhelming but there's nothing to it, especially as the whole process may now be done through our online configurator. A B-spoke bike will almost certainly enhance your Brompton ownership and may well be cheaper than a bike your dealer happens to have in stock as it features only those components you want. And because every bike we build is made to order, there is no premium for a B-spoke Brompton.

For full details of the options please visit www.brompton.co.uk

2013 CONFIGURATION

ONLINE CONFIGURATION

CHOOSE YOUR OWN CONFIGURATION FOR A B-SPOKE BROMPTON ONLINE.

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LIGHTING
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SUPERLIGHT OPTION

Offering weight savings of almost 1kg, this option will appeal particularly if you expect to carry the bike regularly. High-strength titanium alloy is used in place of steel for the rear triangle and front fork, as well as on the mudguard stays; an aluminium alloy headset and extra-light front wheel also feature. No pump is fitted with this option. Titanium's natural properties also offer increased comfort over longer journeys.

MODEL

There are four members of the Brompton family – the S, M, P and H Types – designed for different styles of riding and distinguished by their handlebars.



S TYPE
Straight, low bars (grip height 935mm) offering a sporty ride position and a lightweight, positive feel. The pay-off is less room for front luggage.



M TYPE
The original Brompton 'look', offering a more upright ride (height 1015mm), at the cost of a little more weight. The all-rounder in the range, with plenty of room for luggage at the front.



P TYPE
Designed with the touring cyclist in mind, two positions (height 1033mm and 880mm) offer the rider a choice between an aerodynamic profile and more upright control, ideal in traffic. The pay-off is a noticeably heavier front end.



H TYPE
Combining the classic looks of the M Type with a markedly more upright riding position (height 1072mm), albeit at the cost of additional weight, the H Type is for those who like to travel with unhurried style.

GEARING

There are four gearing options, and each of these can be lowered or raised to suit your riding style and terrain. Full details, including a gearing table, may be found on our website.



The purist's choice: light, simple and without clutter.



Based on the unique Brompton derailleur system, with near perfect chain-alignment, this is the best set-up for flexibility and portability: one gear for hills and starting off, one for cruising.



The BSR (Brompton Standard Range) hub is an updated version of the classic Sturmey Archer three-speed hub in an aluminium alloy shell. Fully enclosed for reliability and easy to use: a popular choice for everyday cycling.



Combining the highly-efficient BWR [Brompton Wide Range] hub with our derailleur system gives six evenly-spaced gears. With low transmission losses and wide range, this is the right choice for touring and for hilly areas.

MUDGUARDS & RACK



VERSION E
The lightest and least expensive option; but there's no pump and no protection from water and dirt on the road.



VERSION L
Equipped with mudguards, essential for non-fair weather cyclists.



VERSION R
A carrier on the bike can be useful and it does increase the stability of the folded package. The die-cast aluminium rack comes with shock cords and can easily manage loads of up to 10kg.

SADDLE - TYRES - SUSPENSION - LIGHTING - COLOUR.

SADDLE & SADDLE HEIGHT



BROMPTON SADDLE
Comfortable, practical and light: this high-quality unisex saddle has been designed by Brompton for our bikes. A moulded grip under the nose facilitates carrying, and the ingenious Brompton Pentaclip allows stepless adjustment of the saddle angle.



BROOKS B17 SPECIAL
Available in male and female (Brooks B17S Special) versions, this traditional saddle will give years of comfortable cycling, the leather moulding with time to the rider. Finished with hand-hammered copper rivets, copper-plated metalwork, and fitted with the Brompton Pentaclip for stepless adjustment.

Brompton offers three seatpost lengths to ensure the right fit:
STANDARD SEATPOST Our lightest and shortest seatpost; but if your inside leg is more than 33"/84cm, you will almost certainly need a longer post.

EXTENDED SEATPOST Offers an additional 60mm of elevation, but leaves the saddle correspondingly higher when folded.
TELESCOPIC SEATPOST Offers up to 175mm more elevation than a standard post but the saddle projects only 20mm above the folded package.

TYRES



BROMPTON KEVLAR
Our standard tyre; durable yet light and with low rolling resistance. The Kevlar belt under the tread almost eliminates punctures. Finished with reflective sidewalls.



SCHWALBE MARATHON
Heavier than the Brompton tyre and noticeably slower, but it is solidly-built, with Schwalbe green guard puncture protection and a thicker sidewall to make the tyre more robust. Finished with reflective sidewalls.



SCHWALBE KOJAK
The fastest tyre ever fitted on the Brompton; light and puncture-resistant (thanks to a RaceGuard strip), a Kevlar bead also allows it to be folded, making it easy to pack as a spare. Finished with reflective sidewalls.

REAR SUSPENSION

Suspension is important on a small-wheeled bike. Ours is provided by a polyurethane block between the main and rear frames; lightweight and effective, it smoothes out the lumps and bumps en route, while the inherent damping avoids excessive "bounce". Two levels of resistance are available, to suit body weight and riding style:



STANDARD SUSPENSION
Fine for many, particularly lighter people and those who ride and pedal smoothly.



FIRM SUSPENSION
Possibly more suitable for those weighing over 80kg, those who cycle more aggressively and those prepared to sacrifice some comfort in return for a more responsive ride.

LIGHTING

Our lighting systems are specifically designed for our bikes and are safe from damage in the folded package. Any of our lighting options can be fitted to any bike, though fitting a hub dynamo to a Superlight bike will mean the loss of the extra-light front wheel.





BATTERY
The LED rear lamp with integral reflectors, which stays fixed to the bike, was designed especially for Brompton and gives a good bright light. At the front is the neat, powerful 3-LED battery lamp, easily removed for folding with a quick-release. Batteries included.



SHIMANO HUB DYNAMO
Hub dynamos offer a very reliable lighting solution and this one, especially adapted for the Brompton by Shimano, offers very good performance at a keen price. Features include a Busch & Müller "Lyt B" LED front lamp and a stand-light function at the rear.



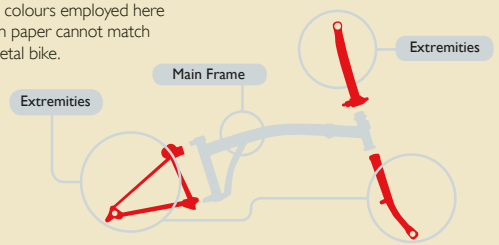
SON HUB DYNAMO
The SON hub is beautifully engineered, highly efficient, and will give years of reliable service. A powerful Busch & Müller LED front lamp, featuring an automatic light-sensing function, and a stand-light function at the front as well as the rear, complete the premium package.

COLOUR

Whatever plans you have for your bike, our colour palette allows you to stamp your personality on it wherever you travel. The no-surcharge colours for 2013 are Black, White, Cobalt Blue and Orange, and opting for surcharged colours is kept deliberately affordable.

On a bike with an all-steel frame you can opt for one colour or two, with extremities and main frame contrasting; the one exception is Raw Lacquer, which is only available for the whole frame, not in combination. On Superlight bikes, the titanium parts are unpainted, so only one colour may be chosen (for the main frame and handlebar stem).

N.B. Please consider the colours employed here as indicative only; colours on paper cannot match exactly those found on a metal bike.



	BLACK	WHITE	TURKISH GREEN	CLARET	COBALT BLUE	RACING GREEN	SAGE GREEN	DESERT SAND	HOT PINK	RED	ORANGE	YELLOW	APPLE GREEN	ARCTIC BLUE	RAW LACQUER
MAIN FRAME			○	○		○	○	○	○	○		○	○	○	○
EXTREMITIES			○	○		○	○	○	○	○		○	○	○	○

○ Surcharge (SUPERLIGHT surcharges apply)





BROMPTON



Folded size: 585mm wide x 565mm high x 270mm deep

Product specifications may be changed, weights and dimensions may vary slightly © 2013

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