

The test review

- Oyama Rockaway folding bike

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The Oyama Rockaway is the second folding bike of the Oyama Sport label that we test ride.

Beyond its obvious trait - speed -, the Sport label has an important advantage: it has light bicycles considering its comforts.

The Oyama Rockaway comes in an eye-catching red color.

Tested on the street, the sidewalk and the not so friendly for small wheels surface of Thessaloniki Seaside.

I quote my personal conclusions after a 2 week trial.

Construction

The Rockaway has an aluminum frame, 9 Shimano Tiagra speeds, slim 20" wheels, mini v-brakes and weighs 11.8kg. It follows the basic concepts of the Sport label that emphasizes low weight, speed and agility.

What should be noted for all Oyamas is how high the seat posts can be adjusted, giving the ability to taller riders to feel more comfortable when pedalling and also making them look less dorky.

In terms of quality it is a very good and comfortable bicycle with excess beauty. Proven so by comments of bystanders and other cyclists.

Ease of Transport

The Rockaway is light and easy to transport. Its 11.8kg combined with its small size make it ideal for a bicycle that goes everywhere and can be used for all kinds of use. Daily commuting, recreation rides or just to pick something up from the neighborhood market on the way home. It's easy to push along and fits everywhere. Car trunks, buses, taxis, shops, elevators.

The Sport label has left a good impression on this category with its two lower cost models and that is definitely a plus.

We always consider that the two most important categories of all four are ease of transport and ease of folding and the Rockaway made it through with ease.

Ease of Folding

The how-to and philosophy remains as in all Oyamas.

The Rockaway can be folded in about 10 seconds.

As I have mentioned in past reviews about the Manhattan and the Lexington, Oyamas fold in four steps, or just one for the ones in a hurry, and generally demand about 11 seconds for a full fold by someone familiarized with how they fold.

I was totally content with the way the Rockaway folds, because it is light and easy to move around. The only point I believe could be improved is the fact that in order for the wheel magnets to lock in place, the handlebar height needs to be adjusted, something I would prefer not to do as it demands more time.

Speed

The truth is I have never tried a faster folding bike until now and I was amazed by its capabilities!

I managed a whopping 37km/hour on a speedometer, knowing that I could have done better had I put some more effort.

With its slim tyres and its 9 speeds, the Rockaway rips through the wind and runs so fast that it dictates me to give it six stars. It just leaves me wondering about how quick the Crosstown can be, the third and best model in the Sport label which still is to be tested.

Remarks

What I liked about it :

It's very fast and agile, and comes in a nice color that makes it stand out between most of the folding bikes I have seen.

What could have been better :

I would like to see Oyama offering the option for disc brakes on their Sport label models.

Construction : 5/6

Ease of Transport : 5/6

Ease of Folding : 4.5/6

Speed : 6/6



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