

Driving for Fun: Children's Motor Scooters

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In recent years the interest in motor sports has trickled down to younger generations who have now fueled the growth of children motor scooter drivers. Kids younger than 10-years-old have become enthusiasts of riding scooters. Scooters have long been a popular toy for kids and the introduction of motor scooters boosted the demand for children's scooters even more.

To appease the growing demand for kid's motor scooters, manufacturers have released all varieties of designs that are tailored for the comfort and safety of children.

The diverse selection of motor scooters designs has and continues to increase the popularity of the product among young kids. With each new kid motor scooter model a manufacturer comes out with, the features and accommodations made just for kids become more specific and specialized to better serve the fun and safety of the drivers. For the first time child scooterist there are several starter scooters, with or without a motor, that have the same design as the original t-stand scooters, except a second rear wheel is in place. The two rear wheels act in the same manner as training wheels on a bicycle to help with balance.

Beyond a basic starter scooter for kids, the motor scooter designs become more creative and sometimes elaborate. There are several inexpensive types of children's motor scooters with designs mocking full sized vehicles. Because children will not be driving their motor scooters as legal vehicles on the road with automobiles, the scooter designs do not have to meet any requirements to make them street legal. Safety measures are still taken but this factor allows more leeway on the creative designs. These scooters not being street ready also lets the manufacturers make smaller designs, which are more appropriate for young kids.

New motor scooter favorites of many young kids are those with a chopper motorcycle design. These scooters are fairly compact like the t-stand styles but the seat, handle bars and wheels have changed position to make a miniature mock of a chopper.

Exterior plastic covers are in place to further complete the chopper look. Other creative motor scooter designs completely change the stereotypical designs of scooters by setting them lower and on four wheels. These designs are created to imitate luxury vehicles and classic cars. For the most part the exterior casing is what makes the design what it is. The engine and other functioning parts are very similar or identical to other scooters.

Children are not going to drive their motor scooters on streets as a regular vehicle, but safety equipment laws are in place, similar to those set for commuter scooters. The laws and regulations will vary in each state, but in most areas a mandatory helmet law has been set, usually for children under 14-years-old. To enforce the importance that children wear proper safety equipment, some areas issue \$50 tickets or fines to violators of the rule. Laws working this way will most likely allow the fine to be dropped if a parent or guardian can prove a helmet has been purchased for the child after receiving the ticket.

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