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Synopsis

The Brompton Folding Bike Guide contains information about:

- *How to choose a Brompton*
- *The Brompton gearing system*
- *The different handlebar styles*
- *Is a titanium model worth it?*
- *The different model options*
- *Luggage Systems*
- *Accessories*
- *Customizing your Brompton*

As the proud owner of a Brompton M6R my thoughts and feelings are from my experience. In my mind the Brompton is the best folding bike available; the fold is very compact, they are easy and fun to ride and I think they look fantastic. The most popular make of folding bike and arguably the best is the Brompton, which is a British bike made in London. The current best selling Brompton at the moment is the Brompton M3L which is the classic Brompton design, but fully up to date. Brompton folding bikes now outsell any other make of bike manufactured in the UK today. This is amazing especially when you consider that they are the most expensive, especially when you opt for the Brompton Superlight range. If you like the idea of a folding bike, then the Brompton is one of the best makes out there. It is true that they are certainly not the cheapest, lightest or fastest, but for quality and design they are streets above the rest. This becomes evident when you look at the second hand prices of Brompton Bikes, they really do keep their value. If you don't believe me have a look at Ebay.co.uk and search for Brompton Folding Bike, then go over to the advanced section and click the box that says show completed listings only. The results now shown are all the bikes that have finished auctions. The ones that sold have their prices in green and the ones that didn't sell have their prices in red. At the time of writing (April 2013) the cheapest Brompton I could find sold for £396; this was an 8-year old six speed model in reasonable condition. The second cheapest one was a rather rare five speed model from 1993, which has just sold for £435. Not a bad price for a 20-year old bike is it? My reason for choosing a Brompton is purely the fact that I love the design of them and I love riding them. The fact that a Brompton can fold into such a small space means that it is easy to get the bike to where you want to ride it. In the first two weeks of owning my Brompton I rode it in five different counties in England and, within the following two months, used it in France and Spain too. The history of the Brompton is a story in itself. It begins with Andrew Ritchie designing and constructing the first prototypes in his flat in South Kensington, which overlooks the Brompton Oratory, to Brompton's current position as the UK's largest bicycle manufacturer. Brompton have won many industry awards along the way. In 2009 Andrew Ritchie received the Prince Phillip Designer's Prize. The Prince then visited the Brompton factory in 2010. Clearly Brompton is a great example of British Industry. Brompton are constantly improving their models, components and manufacturing processes, but all the time the basic design remains unchanged. To me this is a sign of a good

design, one that was basically correct to begin with. Brompton products are expensive, but the quality is superb. To maintain quality Brompton have not opted for saving money by outsourcing any work overseas, but have kept almost everything in the West London factory. By having the majority of the components made in their own factory, stringent quality control can be maintained. I believe one job that is not done in the factory now is the painting of the bicycle frames, which is done in Wales.

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Want to know more about Bromptons? Start with this informative, easy reading book on all things Brompton. Rick goes through how to choose a Brompton, gearing options, the different handlebars, frame options, and all the accessories - saddles, tires, lighting, luggage and transport. If you're considering a Brompton, this is the ideal reference to have while you are going through Brompton's website. I'm the proud owner of a Racing Green M6L with the reduced gearing option and reading through this book have discovered interesting pieces of helpful information. The one strange thing about the Kindle version is that the "Go To" function in the menu does not function, so you'll have to

manually scroll through the pages. Thanks for a great reference!

A small book for anyone who are interested about folding bike. Tips and tricks for Brompton. But if you are a Brompton owner for couple a year isn't really interested. But nice to have in my collection of books

Après avoir acquis un Brompton. Cet ouvrage regroupe toutes les informations nécessaires pour choisir, entretenir et personnaliser son vélo.

Three stars for the effort of collating most of the information that is already there at the Web - even if a little dated. It has its merits: easy to read, well organized, gives good advice, and shows that there is much more to the Brompton than what one finds in a bicycle sales web site. Its is honest and not repetitious or unduly biased.

The book is fairly short but packed with information about every aspect of these great bikes. The author covers all of the various options available when ordering your new Brompton as well as a lot of good advice on finding a pre loved Brompton at the right price. There is also advice on luggage options for your bike including cheaper aftermarket options. Overall this is a great book.

Concise and easy to read, very helpful to anyone who'd enter the world of Brom.

My husband and I have a motorhome and do a bit of traveling. I recently met a woman with the same motorhome plus a Brompton and I got a chance to try it. Now I am shopping for one of my own! This little book is very helpful since we live in the States and Bromptons are a bit rare!

Pretty good information, the "Book" is no longer than a typical magazine article. Good value when it's free!

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