1 Choosing the bike: Fit is super important!

With each type of bike there are different considerations to your fit.

Better fit = more comfortable = greater fun!

Road Bike

Built to be more responsive and faster. There are <u>several types</u> of road bike, choose the one best suited for you. Racing bikes tend to be light - consider stronger bikes to carry gear or go off road.



Mountain Bike

Suited for most terrains, this bike can take you anywhere. However, suspension (front or rear) will absorb energy and slow the rider.



3 Inspect the Bike

Seat Post

Check if the seat post is seized. If not, make sure you can adjust it to the right height, so long as the frame is the right size.

While biking, your leg pushing down should be almost straight from seat to pedal, slightly bent.

Brakes

Check for rust on the brake levers and for wear on the brake cables.

Make sure they open and close smoothly

Drivetrain/Gears

While riding the bike, check for smooth shifting from gear to gear.

Also, check for rust on the chain and wear on the teeth. If rusty or worn, these will need replacing.

Tips

Don't forget about bearing systems; they can't be seen but can easily be worn!

Talk to someone experienced if you are unsure about anything. Read lots!

Always consider the price of current & future repair when calculating total cost of the bike. Bikes *will* need maintenance.

Bring the bike to the Bike Kitchen for a **free** safety check and to repair your ride!

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Choose a bike type for your bike needs

Hybrid Bike

Designed for a mix of comfort and performance, this bike is perfect for light off-road use as well as city use. Usually easy to equip, it is heavier than a road bike.



City/Cruiser Bike

Cruisers are comfortable and simple, removing the need for sportswear. However, they are less efficient, slower, and often heavier than the other bike types.



2 Look for a Used bike

Bike Shops

Consider this option if you are new or inexperienced in bicycle mechanics

The Bike Kitchen

thebikekitchen.com 6138 Student Union Blvd. - UBC 604 827 7333

Our Community Bikes

pedalpower.org/our-community-bikes 2429 Main St. (at Broadway) 604 879 2453

Classifieds/Online

Only consider this if you are experienced, comfortable or have lots of resources to turn to. Bikes purchased this way are likely to need maintenance, or a professional check-up.

Craigslist

vancouver.en.craigslist.ca/bia/

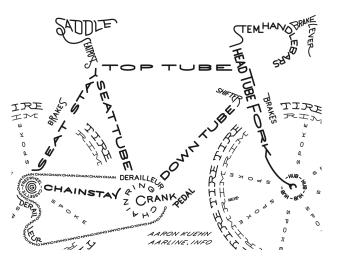
Kijiji

kijiji.ca/vancouver

Pinkbike

pinkbike.com/buysell/

Inspect your newly-found Used bike



Frame/Fork

Check for cracks, dents or bends

Make sure the frame size fits you well - there should be 1 inch of clearance between your seat and the top tube when standing over the frame. There are plenty of online frame size calculator tools.

Wheels and Tires

Check that each wheel spins smoothly - no wobbling or hissing sounds or sudden stops.

Check each tire for worn tread, frayed sides, and cracks. more! ⇒