

Gazelle Balance Innergy e-bike

\$3,199

Compact, step-through and pedal-assist with a low seat, the Balance makes bike riding a breeze for virtually anyone. The set-back seat allows you to put your feet flat on the ground while seated, while the pedals are positioned forward to provide full leg extension when pedalling. The one-size frame is said to be adjustable for heights from 150 to 195cm.

The motor activates when you pedal, with assistance at three levels or it can be turned off. The back-lit display is latest generation – the best yet from Gazelle – with assistance level and lights operated by buttons right beside the handgrip and speed, distance and battery-level on the same display. The bike comes standard with Gazelle's excellent Silver battery, or can be upgraded for even more capacity.

As someone used to a conventional bike, I felt I couldn't quite get full leg extension for strong pedalling. As with all Gazelles it comes ready to ride, with lights, chainguard, a rack, wheel lock and a kickstand.

Review by **Simon Vincett**

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Pricey, but overcomes most obstacles to riding.



Henty Wingman suit bag for commuters

\$180

It took Tasmanian company Henty two years of prototypes and a Navy background to ensure you arrive by bike with an uncrushed suit, shirt or dress.

Struts provide rigidity for the bag to roll but not crush. In the middle nestles a detachable bag in tough, waterproof fabric, ideal for a wet towel, shoes and a change of clothes. The shoulder strap has a third leg for stability and there's a sweat pad where the bag contacts your back. An outside zip reveals pockets galore for your wallet, phone, et cetera, including a sleeve for a tablet. There's an impressive rain cover but I was caught in showers and didn't stop to fit it and nothing in the bag got wet. The detachable inner bag's shoulder strap doubles as a waist strap to anchor the third leg when the rain cover is fitted.

It's also sized for plane cabin lockers to work for travel. With such versatility, it's great value for money.

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Nigel nears Nelson wearing his Turbine jacket and Montezuma shorts. Photo: Grant Stirling.