

Sandwell E-Scooter Trial



What is Currently Legal

E Scooters are classed as motor vehicles and their use is currently illegal on any part of the public highway. In July 2020, the DfT changed legislation to make use of e-scooters legal, subject to the following conditions:

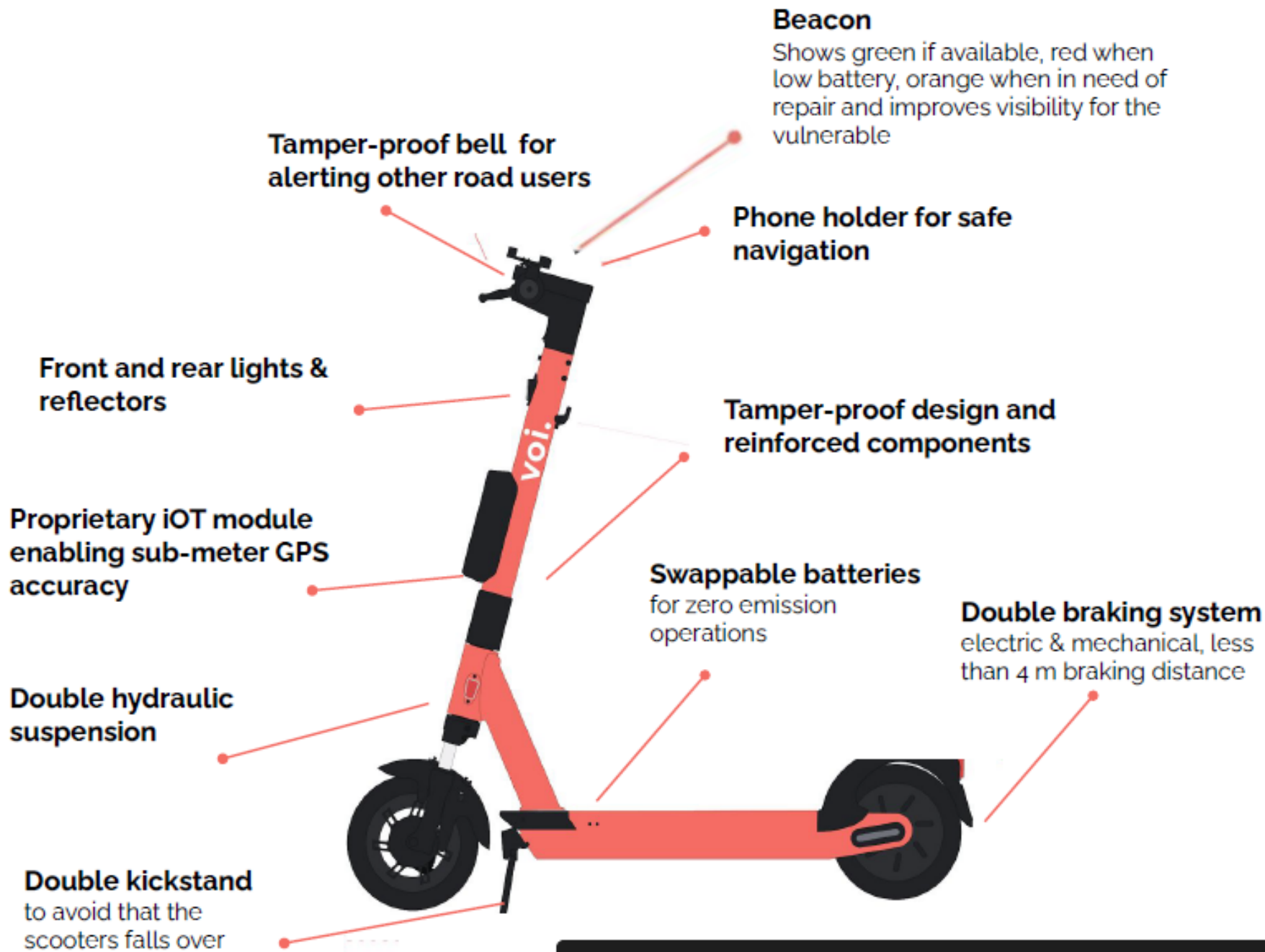
- The scooter is being used in a defined trial zone.
- The scooters meets the DfT's standards
- The scooters are hired from a nominated operator who has successfully met procurement standards and is covered by a motor vehicle insurance policy which covers users.
- Users have a valid driving licence, including provisional licences.

The use of privately owned e-Scooters on the public highway is still illegal.

West Bromwich Trial Rules

Following a full procurement process led by TfWM, operator Voi was selected to operate the trials across the West Midlands –

- E-Scooters can only be used if they're **hired from Voi**.
- E-Scooters can only be used in the **defined trial zone**.
- E-Scooters can only be used by users who are **18+**.
- Users must have a **driving licence** (this can be a provisional licence).
- E-Scooters can **only** be used on **carriageway** with a speed limit of 30mph or lower and the **West Bromwich Parkway**.
- E-Scooters can not travel above **10mph**.
- Scooter parking is '**dockless**'. Apart from defined 'no park zones', users are able to leave their scooters wherever their trip ends as long as it follows parking standards. Docks may be installed as the trial evolves.
- Voi will charge users **£1 to unlock** a scooter and **20p per minute** (£12 per hour). A number of subscription options are also available.



The Trial to Date

Nationally Government has allowed trials to be extended until 31st march 2022. The West Bromwich trial began on 08/12/20. Key statistics:

- 85,591km travelled.
- 1,614 total users.
- 0.7 average rides per vehicle per day.
- 0 Serious injuries (self reported, broken bones etc.).
- 4 slight injuries (self reported, falling off scooter, bruises, cuts).
- Average of 5 reports of pavement riding per week.

