

## The Main Differences between Class 2 and Class 3 Vehicles

### Class 2 vehicles

Legally these vehicles are able to travel up to 6.4kph (4mph) on pavements and are allowed on the road only to cross from one side of the road to the other.

Many makes and models of scooters and buggies are available. The following notes are designed to provide a guide through the maze of the features and accessories.

Insurance is not essential but it is strongly recommended that users take out insurance to cover injury to themselves, to others and to cover the value of the scooter or buggy.

### Indoor/outdoor scooters

- Three-wheeled vehicles;
- Indoor use;
- Limited outdoor use on even surfaces;
- Tiller steering;
- Some have a limited kerb climbing facility (9cm);
- Short/medium distance range;
- Can be dismantled for transporting;
- Can travel up to 6.4kph (4mph).

### Outdoor scooters

- Three or four-wheeled vehicles;
- Not for domestic indoor use;
- Outdoor use on uneven ground;
- Tiller steering;
- Kerb climbing of 10cm or more;
- Medium/long distance range;
- Can be dismantled for transporting;
- Can travel up to 6.4kph (4mph).

### Buggies

- Four-wheeled vehicles (car shaped);
- No indoor use;
- Outdoor use on rough ground;
- Tiller steering;
- Kerb climbing of 10cm or more;
- Medium/long distance range;
- Cannot be dismantled.

## Class 3 vehicles

The main difference between Class 3 and Class 2 vehicles is that Class 3 vehicles tend to be larger and can be used on the roads where they can travel up to 12.8kph(8mph). Class 3 vehicle users do not require a driving license but should obey the Highway Code at all times.

This includes complying with relevant eyesight requirements and not driving under the influence of alcohol, drugs etc. Class 3 vehicles are not allowed on motorways, bicycle tracks or bus/cycle lanes.

Although legally allowed on dual carriageways, this is not recommended.

## Features to consider

Class 3 scooters are:

- Three and four-wheeled vehicles;
- Not for domestic indoor use;
- Outdoor use on uneven ground;
- Tiller steering;
- Kerb climbing of 10cm or more;
- Cover long distances;
- Cannot be dismantled.

## Class 3 buggies

- Four-wheeled vehicles (car shaped);
- Not for indoor use;
- Kerb climbing of 10cm or more;
- Cover long distances;
- Most cannot be dismantled and therefore require ramps or lifts to transport them in a vehicle or car trailer.

These scooters or buggies, which have generally similar features to class 2 vehicles, have the following additional features:

- **Speed**

Two speed settings, usually changed by the flick of a switch.

**8mph (maximum speed)** - Permitted only on the road. **Not** for use on the pavement or footpath.

**4mph (maximum speed)** - Permitted on the pavement or footpath.

- **Lights - Indicators - Horn - Rear View Mirror - Rear Reflectors**

The law requires class 3 vehicles to be fitted with all these features.

- **Flashing beacon**

Optional - can be used when driving on the road to warn other road users of their presence.