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Hot wheels

Need a new bike? Don't get your spokes in a twist. We pick out some of the city's best cycles. See right for stockists



Swift Dark Matter
From Serk

The choice of Portuguese national cross-country champion David Rosa, this top-end, 9kg mountain bike is aimed at serious riders who like nothing better than to tear it up in Beijing's hills on the weekend. Available in two models, with varying prices.



Giant OCR3300
From Giant

With its light aluminium frame, low handlebars and Michelin tyres, this bad boy was made for an equally bad-ass rider who loves to zip across the city leaving cars behind in their wake.



Fromage
From Asahi

It may have a cheesy sounding name, but this sturdy, 16kg steel bike is a value-for-money option that won't fall apart as soon as you leave the showroom. It comes in six colours, including bright orange, pink, green and blue for extroverts, and brown and black for those who don't like to stand out.



Dahon BYA412
From Dahon

Fed up with stolen cycles? Worry no more! With this handy model, you can fold it up and take it into your home, the office or wherever as soon as you arrive. It's not the lightest 'foldie' around, but it's a good entry-level bike for the concerned commuter.



20" Leopard Performance
From Flying Pigeon

The classic Chinese brand is barely recognisable in this spunky new model. But with its striking coat, eye-catching silhouette and a design that lets you swing it round 360 degrees without moving the handlebars, it's certainly got the 'grrr' factor.



Female Freedom
From Natoonke

With a small frame and a real leather saddle, this light model (from 8kg) is perfect for girls who just want to have fun. Like all bikes from Natoonke, it's custom-built for size, and customers choose their own colours, so prices vary.