

CHARGE of the bike brigade

As well as making you feel like Superman in a pinstriped suit, an electric bike can take the sweat out of your commute. But which has the Krypton factor?

Show your workings

The retro-fitted cables and controls make for a less streamlined finish than the Gocycle, but a push-button, two-step boost operation keeps things simple in the cockpit.

The speed of light

The Synapse is set for hills and long straights with its compact triple/nine-speed cassette. Not only the lightest leccy bike, with your help it can be the fastest, too.

Cytronex Powered Cannondale Synapse

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What's this?

Rather than a purpose-built electric bike, this is an aluminium-framed Cannondale Synapse road racer that's been modified by Cytronex with power assistance add-ons.

Ride of your life?

The motor in the front hub shifts the balance slightly but not so much that you'll notice after a mile or two. Other than that, this is a seriously enjoyable ride. It looks and feels like a regular bike, which could be the clincher for anyone warded off by the quirkiest alternatives, and is well suited to longer and more challenging routes. It's on the heavy side compared to many standard road bikes, but in this company it's a light weight.

Stuff says ★★★★★

A serious road warrior with added power. What's not to like?

TECH

BATTERY LIFE 20 miles

WEIGHT 14.8 kg

BRAKES Calliper

GEARS 27-speed derailleur

