

Pacific Cycles *2-Rider*

<http://www.pacific-cycles.com/>

The fabulous Swiss-made ZEM is the only two-seat quadracycle with an aluminium frame and four-wheel independent suspension – right? Not any more! Built by Pacific Cycles in Taiwan, the *2-Rider* weighs-in at a respectable 60 kg. (132 pounds) – and that figure includes the canopy top and the forward-mounted kids seats! I couldn't find a Canadian price, but Bikemani.biz in Butler, NJ sells the *2-Rider* for **\$3700.00 U.S.**



- Ackermann Steering
- Shimano Alivio 8-speed grip shift
- Tektro 836AL V-brakes on all four wheels



Front deck



Rear luggage tray

Pacific Cycles products are distributed in Canada by Belize Bicycle Inc. Belize sells to retailers all over Canada, so it may be possible to order a *2-Rider* from your local bike shop.

<http://www.belizebike.com/english/retailist.html>

While I was looking for information about Pacific Cycles, I found an interesting profile of the company. They build 375 bikes per month in a 10,000sqm factory in Taoyuan, Taiwan. The company has 110 full-time

employees – 15 designers among them. Pacific Cycles reports annual sales of 2.2 million. The company invests about 7 percent of revenue in R&D.

I can't help thinking of the clash between British and Japanese motorcycle manufacturers in the 1960s. The sad fact is, Triumph, Norton, BSA, etc. all knew how to build better motorcycles; they just refused to do it. The British manufacturers refused to spend money on R&D and – as long as the public was willing to buy poorly built bikes based on outdated designs – they got away with it. Then the Japanese showed up with better bikes at a lower price. When the market for shaky, leaky primitive bikes disappeared, the British motorcycle industry disappeared along with it. There's a lesson here for our friends at Rhoades Car.

Pacific Cycles 2-Rider Specifications	
Frame & Fork	Aluminum 7005 series w/independent swingarm
Color	Red/Silver
Headset	Tien Hsin TH-888 1-1/8"
BB Parts	Vortex SQT-12 Shell:68mm
Seat frame	Hard anodized aluminum w/sliding rail
Tire	Maxxis C-1213N F: 20"x1.95" / R: 20x2.125"
Rim	Jalco DX-221 20" 36H
Hub	Alloy sealed bearing
Chainwheel	Apex FCS20 38T 170mm
Freewheel	Sun Race CSM63-8BV 8-speed 12-34T
Derailleur	Shimano Alivio 8-speed
Shifter	Twist Shift
Saddle	One piece plastic high impact formed
Pedal	Wellgo PP rubber
Handlebar	Alloy 15degree 50mm rise
Stem	Alloy 30degree ext.110mm hi-polished
Brake	Tektro 836AL V-brake
Brake Lever	ORO-EX-01LK w/parking brake function
Accessory	Bumper, Luggage tray
Optional	Child seat, Canopy, Motor system*
Suspension Unit	Elastomer
Dimensions	2M(L) x 1M(W) x 1.6M(H) with canopy assembled
Weight	38kg w/o bumper, luggage tray, kids seat & canopy, 60kg all in