



SPECIFICATION
WEIGHT 26.3kg
FRAME Aluminium
FORK Suspension
GEARS Shimano Deore 9-speed
WHEEL SIZE 26in
MOTOR POSITION Rear hub
MOTOR 250W
BATTERY 37V 16Ah li-ion
RANGE 37 miles
RECHARGE TIME 4 hours
SIZE 50cm

WISPER 905 CLASSIC

£1799



The pannier rack, lights, mudguards and kickstand make this a utilitarian machine



The clear control unit gives you a generous six levels of power assist

WE SAY...

▲ Highs

- Comes with high quality kit and offers a comfortable ride
- 9-speed gearing and throttle/pedal assistance gives great versatility
- Clear computer with loads of power options

▼ Lows

- Kickstand was liable to flick up at the merest touch
- Heavyweight battery contributes to a hefty weight in excess of 26kg
- Cables at the front look like Spaghetti Junction!

Once again Germany has delivered a fully featured ebike, and this one is actually built in Germany too. It's got just about everything you need in an electric bike: not just a high capacity battery and a solid, stylish aluminium frame, but six levels of power assist and a throttle control, quality front and rear lights, mudguards, a 25kg capacity rear rack plus high quality hydraulic brakes. A suspension fork, suspension seatpost, chainguard and kickstand round things off.

The riding position is upright (though you can tweak it with the adjustable stem), the ride itself cushioned and very comfortable, the combination of power levels and throttle for extra boost coping with everything that we threw it at, though 10 per cent inclines do tax it. We could cruise at 20kph or so on its middle settings, saving the higher power settings – and throttle – for steeper hills. The tough Schwalbe tyres and 26in wheels should prove durable too. On steep and fast downhill

the Tektro hydraulic disc brakes were excellent, offering power and control.

It doesn't have the instant acceleration of some from stationary, and it's not as fleet of foot as some bikes here, but its power is always evident, and it's designed for riders up to 140kg (over 22 stone), so that extra mass is there for a purpose. Its range is good, too, and take out the energy-sapping hills and it would happily get you much further.

We did have a couple of minor criticisms: the battery locks into the frame, but it's also bolted to the same metal bracket as the rear mudguard – presumably because the battery is so heavy. Our bracket split, causing the battery to rattle, and though the kickstand worked, as soon as we touched it, it kicked up out of the way.

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WORKSHOP VIEW...

The hydroformed aluminium frame tubing gives the Wisper a bit of flair, but it's a pity about the cable mess

VERDICT Excellent quality ebike with impressive kit as well as performance

RATING

