



● BULLITT (ALFINE 8)

spaces. You just have to remember to line the bike up when turning into a narrow gap or the back wheel will cut the corner.

In contrast, the Bullitt's pilot looks at the road ahead over a luggage deck. The less conventional relationship with the front wheel may take a little longer to get used to but

is a strictly short-term problem. (As with any new two-wheeler, it's best to get a feel for how it behaves when riding along normally before trying slow speed manoeuvres.) Having the load in sight makes it a bit more secure. It's easy to monitor how cargo is behaving over bumps and round corners. Carrying passengers is more sociable.

It's harder to keep an eye on an 8Freight's load but this potential problem is balanced by a more flexible capacity. A large integral carrier extends from the top of the load cage over the back wheel, enabling over-size items to be tied on, resting above and behind the luggage tray. On the Bullitt, it's less convenient to hang stuff over the front wheel, while anything really big can obstruct the rider's view of the road ahead.

The standard 8Freight has a fabric lining hanging inside the luggage cage. A wicker basket, strong box or courier box are optional extras. The Bullitt's basic setting is a flat-bed deck. There's an extensive range of in-house options, such as folding seats, plastic canopies, and lockable boxes.

COMPONENTS

The wheels of the 8Freight are mounted on one side only: the front on a stub axle, the rear on an axle that rotates like a bottom-bracket inside the frame. The hub and wheel are on the left end of this axle, while the freehub and cassette are on the right end, on the opposite side of the frame. Non-rotating elements of the front and rear drum-



● (Above) The Bullitt's front load platform is easy to keep an eye on. Steering is via a rod to the fork
(Below) The Bullitt's 'easy up' stem gives 100mm of instant handlebar-height adjustment



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