

## E-bike Information 2025

**Name of brand:** HITWAY

**Name of model:** BK 3M

**Style of bike:** Regular leg over and flat bar mountain type bike

**Is this model still available for purchase:** Many similar models on Amazon

**Year of purchase:** 2024

**Where purchased, or available:** Amazon

**Approximate cost:** \$950

**Weight:** 70 LBS +/-

**Battery size:** 720 wh

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**Range on charge:** 90km lvl 1 assist on flat. 30km no peddling

**Charging time:** 3hrs

**Motor Size:** 40nm of torque which is inadequate for off road mountain biking

**Number of pedal assist levels:** 3 Many bikes now on Amazon that are like this have 5 PAS levels

**Number of gears:** 7

**Hydraulic disc brakes or mechanical:** Mechanical disk brakes

**Torque or cadence sensor:** Cadence

**Tire style/width:** 3" **Frame**

**size:** 27"

**Throttle or not:** Yes it has a throttle

**Other features of your bike:** It came with fenders, lights and a back carrier

**Bike rack for car:** No

Overall, this bike is not well suited for Haliburton terrain. First off, the gear ratio in 1<sup>st</sup> gear is not suitable for long climbs and certainly not for steep inclines. Therefore, you will need peddle assist to make it to the top reducing the amount of exercise. Second, top gear 7 is good to about 20MPH and then you can't peddle fast enough to keep up with the speed....so, when with a group chugging along at 21 or more mph requires level 3 peddle assist which goes faster than you can peddle hence you get no

exercise. Lastly on the downside, the cadence sensor takes you immediately to 9.3mph at level 1, 15.5 mph at level 2 and 23mph at level 3. In order to control your speed in any of these levels you must simultaneously use the throttle in combo with

the assist if you want to avoid running up someone's backside as this bike will jump to the preset speed of each level.....this at first was tricky to manage but I have not run into anyone.

On a positive side, this bike can be ridden without peddle assist (for the most part) in places such as Orillia on those beautiful trails and flat side roads. Another positive is between the weight of the bike and my own 190lbs, this bike coasts faster than anyone else's that I have ridden with. This bike will fly down hills providing a real fun rush!

Summary, I bought this cheap bike to see if I could still ride. I had not been on a bike for more than 40 years. Turns out I can still ride and I just love being with the Ryders group!! My sights are now on a bike that has at least 10 gears and ideally 20 gears so that I can do a lot more peddling and a lot less assist. As I would like to age with whatever it is I purchase, I will likely get a step through. I currently have my eye on a Salsa Confluence 20 gear with 3 levels of Torque assist and weighs 33lbs, but I will want a custom flat bar instead of a drop bar. I will take my time to evaluate other options this winter and hopefully have a lighter bike with a wide gear range so that I can ride most anywhere without using assist.