



**Bicycles is the first industrial product  
that gets universal in China.**

**By end of 80s last century,  
China has 500 million units of bicycles.**

**It is bicycles that  
enhances China's speed  
for the first time.**

**But...**





**By 2012, car ownership in China reaches 120 million,  
with annual growth of 15.1 million;**

**There are more than 200 million registered drivers,  
with annual growth of 26.47 million.**



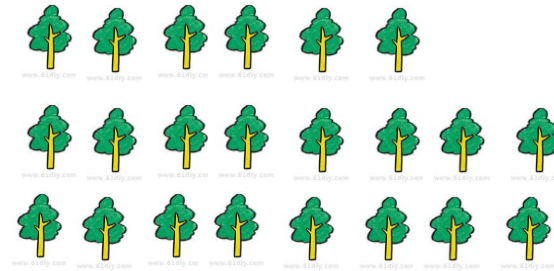


**By end of May this year, the electric bicycles in China  
had exceeded 150 million.**

**In Jiangsu, every 100 households on average  
has 79.9 units of electric two wheelers,  
becomes No. 1 of the ownership.**



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**22 trees**

**The reduced CO<sub>2</sub> emission in one year by riding on an electric bicycle, instead of an motorcycle, equals the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> absorbed by 22 trees.**

**150 m \* 1 year**



**=**

**4 \* 1 year**



**Qinshan Nuclear Power Plant**

**Wasted nighttime electricity reused by 150 million electric bicycles equals the total power generated by 4 Qinshan nuclear power plant in one year.**



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an e-bicycle



an e-scooter



an e-motorcycle

# Chinese electric two wheeler brands:



## Table 2.2: List of selected electric two wheeler manufacturers and distributors in China

### List & profiles of selected electric two wheeler manufacturers and distributors in China (In English)

#### Item-Brand-Company-Headquarter

1.	<b>AIMA</b>	AIMA Hi-tech	Tianjin
2.	<b>AUCMA</b>	Qingdao AUCMA Electric S&T Co.,Ltd.	Qingdao, Shandong
3.	<b>BYVIN</b>	Shandong Bidewen Power Technology Co., Ltd.	Weifang, Shandong
4.	<b>CRANES</b>	Shanghai CRANES Electric Vehicles Co., Ltd.	Shanghai
5.	<b>DALUGE</b>	Nanjing Daluge Hi-Tech Stock Co., Ltd.	Nanjing, Jiangsu
6.	<b>FOREVER</b>	Zhonglu Co., Ltd.	Shanghai
7.	<b>GEOBY</b>	GEOBY Electric Vehicle Co., Ltd.	Changzhou, Jiangsu
8.	<b>Giant</b>	Giant (China) Co., Ltd., Giant Electric Vehicle	Kunshan, Jiangsu
9.	<b>Lima</b>	Shanghai Lima Electric Vehicle Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	Shanghai
10.	<b>Luyuan</b>	Zhejiang Luyuan Electric Vehicle Co., Ltd.	Jinhua, Zhejiang
11.	<b>Lvneng</b>	Lvneng Electric Bicycle Technology Development CO., LTD	Changzhou, Jiangsu
12.	<b>PHOENIX</b>	Shanghai Phoenix E-bicycle Wuxi Co., Ltd.	Wuxi, Jiangsu
13.	<b>Schwinn, Diamondback, Specialized, Scott, MBK, Repco, Apollo, Hodaka and Deki</b>	Shenzhen China Bicycle Company (Holdings) Limited	Shenzhen
14.	<b>SUNRA</b>	Jiangsu Xinri E-Vehicle Co., Ltd.	Wuxi, Jiangsu
15.	<b>Yadea</b>	Jiangsu Yadea Technical Development Co., Ltd.	Wuxi, Jiangsu



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## Table 1.1 E-bicycle definitions by region, World Markets

Region	Top Speed	Electric Motor Size	Other Requirements
United States	<20 mph (<32 kph)	Max 750W	Has operating pedals
Canada	<20 mph (<32 kph)	Max 500W	Vehicle weighs less than 120kg; has operating pedals
Western Europe	<15.5 mph (<25 kph)	Max 250W	Motor operates during pedaling only (Pedelects)
Eastern Europe	<15.5 mph (<25 kph)	Max 250W	Has operating pedals; some markets require motors only operate during pedaling
China	≤12.4 mph (≤20 kph)	No limit	Has operating pedals; 40kg max weight
Rest of Asia Pacific	≤15.5 mph (≤25 kph)	Max 250W	Has operating pedals
Latin America	<15.5 mph (<25 kph)	Max 250W	Has operating pedals
Middle East	≤15.5 mph (≤25 kph)	No limit	Has operating pedals
Africa	≤15.5 mph (≤25 kph)	No limit	Has operating pedals

## Table 1.2 E-scooters & e-motorcycle definitions by region

Region	E-scooters	E-motors
Nother America	20 mph (32 kph) <Top speed ≤ 30 mph (48 kph)	Top speed >30 mph motor size >3 kw
Western Europe	15.5 mph (25 kph) <Top speed ≤ 28 mph (45 kph)	Top speed >28 mph
Eastern Europe	15.5 mph (25 kph) <Top speed ≤ 28 mph (45 kph)	Top speed >28 mph
China	12.4 mph (20 kph) <Top speed ≤ 31 mph (50 kph)40 kg (max weight)<Top speed ≤ 31 mph (50 kph)	Top speed >31 mph
Rest of Asia Pacific	15.5 mph (25 kph) <Top speed ≤ 31 mph (50 kph)Vehicle weight over 40 kg	Top speed >31 mph
Middle East/Africa	15.5 mph (25 kph) <Top speed Vehicle weight over 50 kg	Top speed >31 mph

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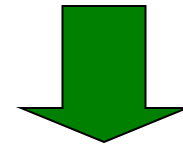
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## Statistics - Global:

- In 2012  
Sales: 30 million units  
Revenue: \$ 6.9 billion
- In 2018:  
Sales: more than 47 million  
Revenue: \$ 11.9 billion

7.5% compound annual  
growth rate (CAGR)



(Pike Research, 2012)



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10 Chinese



**Approximately every ten Chinese owns an e-bicycle, or an e-scooter, or an e-motorcycle.**

# Statistics - China:

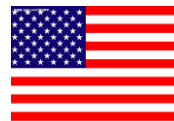
- **Ownership:** 150 million by now
- In 2012
  - Output: 35 million units
  - Export: 875,000, 2.5 % in the total output
- **Major export destinations:**



USD 60.5 m  
14.2%



USD 46.2 m  
10.85%



USD 41.7 m  
9.80%



**Table 2.1 Market comparison of electric bicycles among major markets**

	<b>Asia Pacific / China</b>	<b>West Europe</b>	<b>North America</b>
<b>General description</b>	<b>-The biggest &amp; most concentrated area for manufacture, distribution &amp; market; -Fragmented marketplace; -Low-cost products and batteries, sealed lead acid battery as the mainstream;</b>	<b>High-cost, high-quality;</b>	<b>UnderperformanceMergers and acquisitions;</b>
<b>Estimate sales in 2012/ global share</b>	<b>28 million / 92%</b>	<b>782,512</b>	<b>105,682</b>
<b>Anticipated sales in 2018/ global share</b>	<b>42.4 million / 89%</b>	<b>1.5 million</b>	<b>342,526</b>
<b>Average cost</b>	<b>\$167</b>	<b>\$1,546</b>	<b>\$815</b>
<b>Lithium ion (Li-ion)battery penetration</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>56%</b>



# Features of China's market:

- **Affordability**

Price in China: 1400 ~ 1800 RMB ( $\approx$ 228 ~ 294 USD)

High end product: 4000 RMB ( $\approx$ 652 USD)

A li-on battery costs 1000 RMB ( $\approx$ 160 USD) more than a SLA battery

Pay back within 1 ~ 2 years of purchase;

- **Manufacturers & distributors**

- **Battery technology:** from 2012 to 2018

Global li-on batteries: 6% to 12%

China: 4% to 10% e-scooters and 15% e-motorcycles

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# **Market trend**

**1 Down-slowed growth, and demand for industry transformation**

**2 Domestic relocation**

**3 Acceleration of industry consolidation, with market fragmenta**

**4 Battery materials from SLA to Li-ion**

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# 1. Ambiguity in regulations:

## Contrasting the current & new national standard

	<b>The current national standard</b>	<b>The new standard</b>
<b>Year of effect</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2013 (provisional)</b>
<b>Top speed</b>	<b>20 kph</b>	<b>26 kph</b>
<b>Speed limiter</b>	<b>Have but dismountable;</b>	<b>Indismountable speed sensor to cut off the electricity if beyond the limit;</b>
<b>Sub-categorization</b>	<b>None, top speed <math>\leq</math> 20 kph, max weight: 40kg</b>	<b>Into three types: Intelligent, pedelec and pure electric type based on road condition and locations;</b>
<b>Number of technical terms</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>54</b> <b>Concepts of safety: mechanical safety, electricity safety, and driving safety.</b>

## 2. Hyper fast & safety issue & health risks



# 3. Lead poisoning, battery recycling



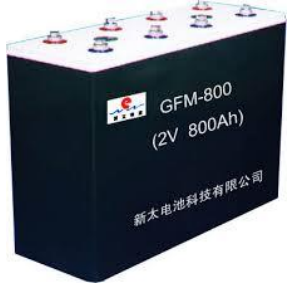

In Beijing, around 30,000 ~ 50,000 ton SLA batteries to be recycled & processed, but about 80 percent went to illegal channels in 2011.

Lead-acid battery  
pollution prevention and  
occupational health protection

By end of July in 2011, about 80 percent of the 1930 registered SLA production, assembling and recycling companies were closed.



## Table 2.3 Contrast of Li-on batteries and SLA batteries

	Merits	Defects
<p><b>Sealed lead acid batteries</b></p> 	<p><b>Low cost;</b></p>	<p><b>Heavy, short durability (approx. 300 cycle times, long charging time (6~8 h), lead poisoning, poor performance in low temperature;</b></p>
<p><b>Lithiom batteries</b></p> 	<p><b>Light, larger capacity, long durability (Lithium iron as much as 2000 cycle times), fast charging (2~3 h), clean in production &amp; use;</b></p>	<p><b>Low stability;</b></p>

## 4. Charging facilities to be developed

**Table 1.4 Charging infrastructure development in China**

<b>Year</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Infrastructure</b>
<b>2006</b>	Shenzhen	<b>BYD built up the first charging stations for electric cars;</b>
<b>2008</b>	Beijing	<b>Setting up the first domestic centralized charging station for the Olympics, which can provide charging for 50 pure electric buses;</b>
<b>2009</b>	Shanghai	<b>Shanghai Power Company invested the first commercial charging station in China.</b>
<b>2009</b>	Beijing	<b>The first demonstration charging station project which has the complete intelligent control system;</b>
<b>2009</b>	Shenzhen	<b>2 charging stations with 134 charging piles in operation;</b>
<b>2010</b>	Tangshan	<b>The State Grid sets up its first modelling charging station, which can charge 10 electric cars, in two models: fast charging and slow charging.</b>

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**1 More reality-sensible and meaningful regulation;**

**2 Effective management system;**

**3 Establishing effective monitor system for battery recycle and disposal;**

**4 Battery and motor improvement;**

**5 Electricity supplying infrastructure;**

**➤ 6 Electric two wheelers as public transportation**

# Electric two wheelers as public transportation



Wuhan: 100 e-bicycles  
Chongqing,  
Hangzhou,  
...

**Combination of e-bicycles and public renting system will further amplify the positive environmental effect of electric two wheelers and better solve the traffic congestion and pollution issues.**

**It is advised that li-ion battery e-bicycles are used in the public renting system, with the renting system jointed invested by local governments, electric two wheeler manufacturers, as well as private companies and individuals.**





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