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Test-Riding The Volt Alpine Electric Mountain Bike

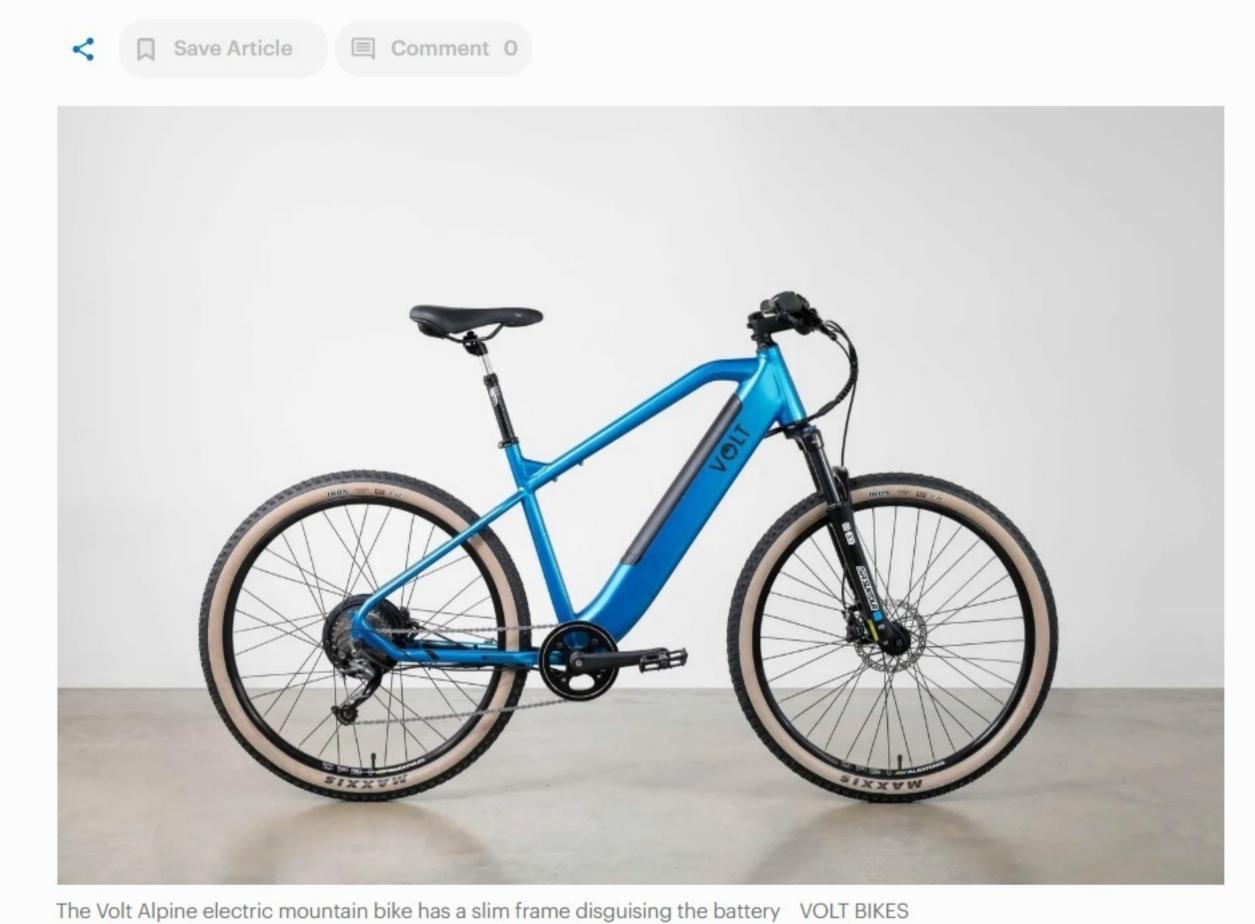
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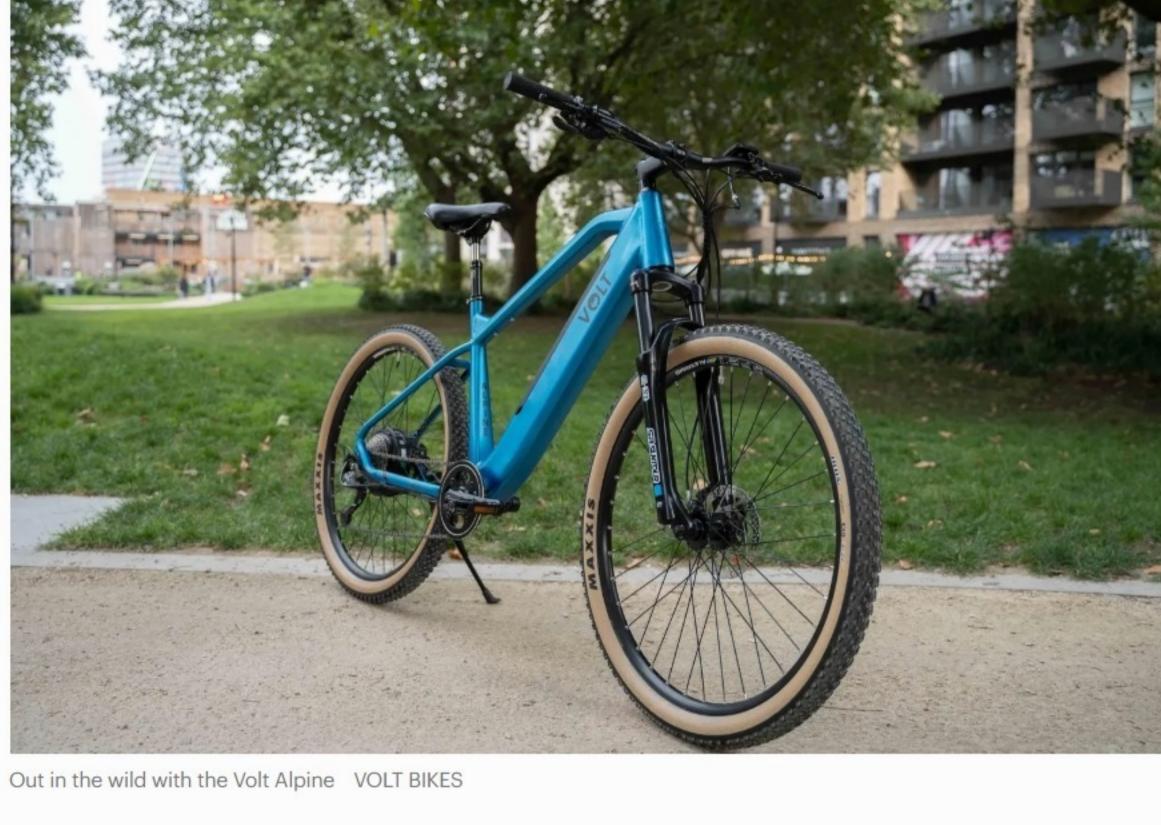
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For the uninitiated the idea of an electric mountain bike might seem like, as it did to me, a

cheat code. Isn't the whole idea of mountain biking to exercise and push yourself to the limits off-road? Perhaps my view was tainted by an old-fashioned idea that electric bikes do all the work for you. To my surprise, the Volt Alpine instantly made me feel like an accomplished mountain biker and dialled up the fun immeasurably. What Is The Volt Alpine Electric Mountain Bike Like To



Have?

suspension so you can unlock the front fork to provide better cushioning over challenging terrain. This means it's impressively comfortable over lumps and bumps and helps you throw your weight into the bike if you stand up. Depending on how much electric support you need in any given scenario, the screen displays the level of assistance which can be changed with up and down buttons. With gloves on, the buttons are a little harder to operate, so you have to firmly press down. The

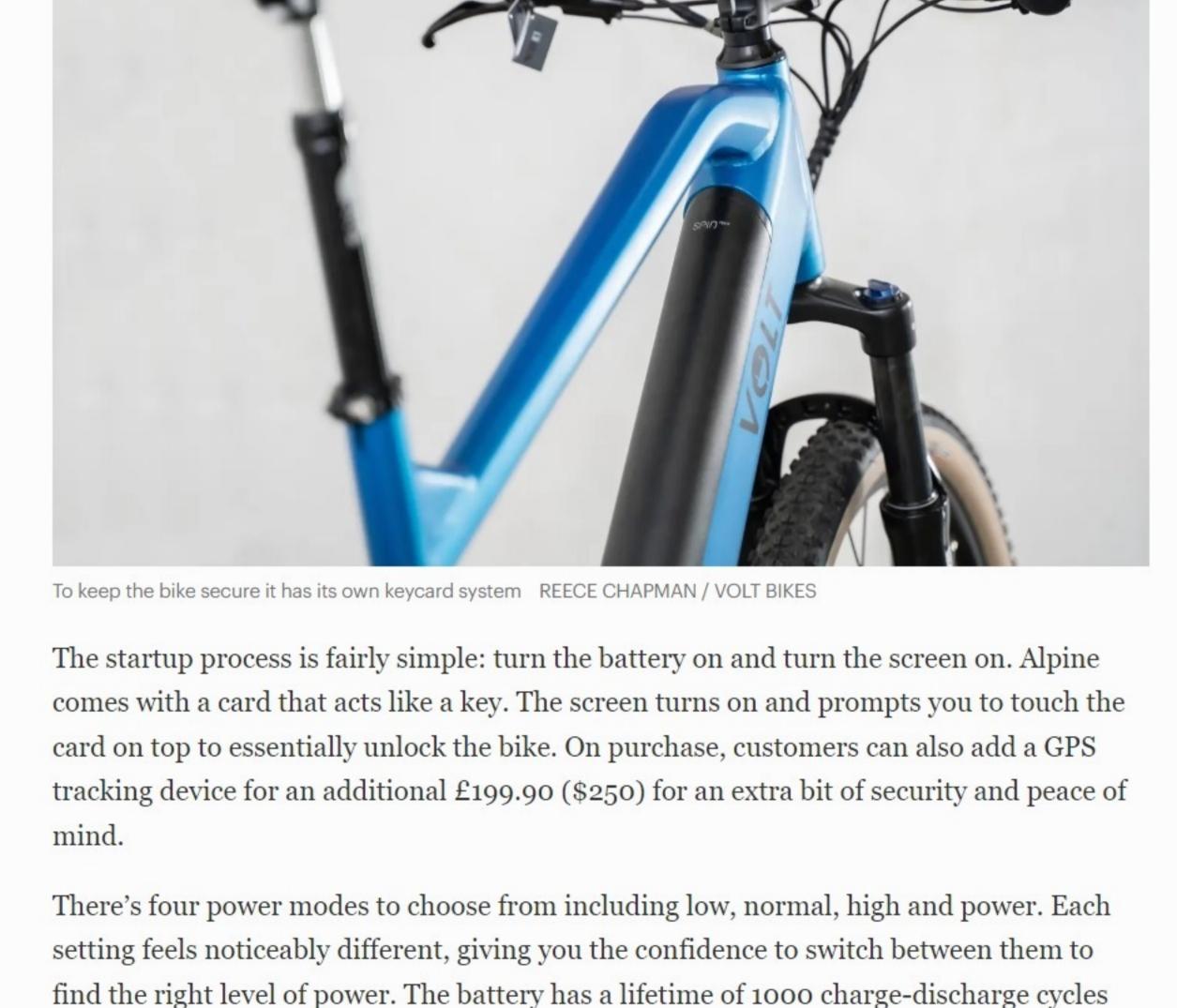
ability to ask for some more electric power as required makes for an extremely quick and

Since the bike is designed for riders over 5' 7", I was a little short for the frame but that

didn't stop me from having a good time. The Alpine feels solidly built and has adaptable

enjoyable ride. Plus, going up hill is a breeze. Since you can tailor its input you still feel like you've done a good workout afterwards. The motor in the rear wheel hub can provide assistance up to 15.5mph and on average the 504Wh battery should give you around 60 miles of electric fun. Since the bike is chain driven there's manual gears to flick between too, so you can really dial in how the bike feels. It's a hugely enjoyable ride that evokes child-like playfulness and adventure.

What Tech Does The Volt Alpine Electric Mountain Bike



How Much Does The Volt Alpine Electric Mountain Bike Cost?

and it takes between three to four hours to charge.



Although it's a mountain bike, the Volt Alpine is designed to be just as capable on-road. VOLT BIKES Alpine sits roughly in the middle of Volt's range of electric bikes, coming in at £2,299 (\$2,800). There's few rivals at this price point able to offer such a well integrated battery solution and attractive design. If an off-road focused bike doesn't quite suit your needs, Volt offers the hybrid e-bike Connect which is designed to strike a balance between a mountain bike and an urban-focused bike.

dealer locator for its outlets across the UK. As long as you register your electric mountain bike, it comes with a two-year warranty as standard. Technical specification Volt Alpine Electric Mountain Bike

Currently, the Alpine is only available in blue with a single frame size suited to riders 5' 7"

bike shop that offers test rides so you can make sure you're comfortable. Volt has a handy

and over. If you're on the border of being the right height, it's a good idea to find a local

Drivetrain: Chain with 250 Watt Super High Torque SpinTech Motor

Charge time: 3 to 4 hours

Battery: Removable Panasonic lithium ion 504Wh

Weight: 22.1kg with battery

Range: Up to 60 miles / 95km

Price as tested: £2,299 (\$2,800)