

EAPCs are also known as "mopeds" in Japan.

# Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycle (EAPC) Follow Traffic Rules



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What is an Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycle (moped)?

A vehicle equipped with "pedals" and a "motor" that meets the following two criteria:

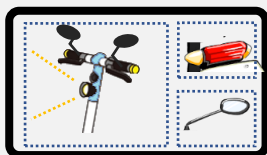
- equipped with a throttle and can be propelled only by the motor; and
- exceeds the standard assistance ratio for motor-assisted bicycles (electric bicycles).

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An EAPC is a type of "general motorized bicycle" and "motor vehicle."

Even if you ride it by the "pedals only" without using a motor, the vehicle is still subject to the traffic rules for "general motorized bicycles" and "motor vehicles."

Check before riding!



The vehicle must have headlights, turn signals, and other safety accessories.



The vehicle must be covered by compulsory automobile liability insurance (mutual liability insurance).



Number plates must be displayed on the vehicle.

Be sure to follow the various other traffic rules.



To ride an EAPC, you must have a driver's license that allows you to ride a "general motorized bicycle" or drive a "motor vehicle."



EAPCs are not allowed on sidewalks. Ride on the roadway. Obey vehicle traffic signals.



Follow the traffic signs when riding the vehicle.



Be sure to wear a helmet.



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