How To Ride a Boosted Electric Skateboard

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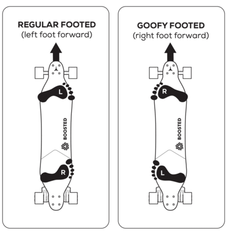
Whether you're a new rider or a seasoned carver, there are some nuances to riding a Boosted electric skateboard. But first, find out which kind of board you should ride by taking our quiz, and then read on.

Are You More Comfortable Regular or Goofy?

If you skate with your left foot forward thats "regular". If you skate with the right foot forward, it's called "goofy". If you snowboard, surf, or have slid on kitchen floors in your socks; it's most likely the same stance. If you are still not sure you can have someone push you from the back or you can lay on your stomach, whichever foot you use to catch yourself or get off the ground will be the one you want to lead with. If it doesn't feel right on the board, try the other way.

ARE YOU A "REGULAR" OR "GOOFY" FOOT RIDER?

If you are unsure, place the foot you kick a ball with in the back.



STANCE:

Your Boosted board has a lot of power. Follow these tips to ensure a safe riding experience:

- Move the Throttle Wheel in small increments.
- Keep a wide stance on the board.
- Keep a low center of gravity.
- Lean forward when accelerating.
- Lean backwards when braking.

How to Stand on Your Board

To practice your stance, place the board on deep carpet or in the grass so that it will not roll away. Stand on the board between the trucks with your feet about shoulder width apart. Angle your front foot about 45 degrees to the board and your rear foot about sideways or perpendicular to the board.

Bend your knees, put your arms out for balance, and look forward towards where you would be moving. If you focus in front of you, your body will naturally control your balance and deck should not wobble from side to side as much. Practice shifting your weight up and down. Keeping your center of gravity low will make you more stable, but you also want to stay comfortable and loose.

How to Turn

To steer the board you need roll the deck in the direction you want to turn. You roll the deck by putting more pressure on the side you want to turn.
Heel side carves: Move your heels downward and turn your shoulders towards the front of the board. This will turn the board in the direction your back is turned towards.
Toe side carves: Move your toes downward and turn your shoulders towards the back of the board. This will turn the board in the direction your chest is turned towards.

How to Find a Safe Practice Area

You are now ready to find a place to skate. Whenever you are skating in a new area you will want to observe the area for negative factors that can make skating more difficult. You are looking out for:

- Uneven pavement (hills, cracks, rough surface, bumps, potholes)
- Debris on the surface (loose gravel, rocks, branches, acorns, water, oil slicks)
- Congestion (traffic, pedestrians, bikes, spectators watching, parked cars, curbs, trees)
- Visibility (dark, blind turns, other motorists blinded by low sun)

For now you want to find a large, empty surface. This could be a park, basketball/tennis court, or nice parking lot. You want to start on a flat surface, but if there is a slight uphill you will want to note what direction that is. When you are in neutral, your board will tend to roll downhill, so if you are going uphill and go into neutral you will slow down. If it is a steep hill you could roll backwards. If you are moving downhill and go into neutral, the board could continue to accelerate if the hill is steep enough. For that reason it is easier to start by always moving uphill and avoiding the downhills by walking back down. You can also move sideways on the hills to decrease the slope. So start with the board on a level ground or uphill if there is a small incline.

How to Use the Remote

Now you are ready to get a feel of the remote. Turn on the board by pressing the power button. Then turn on the remote with the power button. With one foot on the board and one foot on the ground to prevent the board from riding away, hold the trigger down and slowly roll the wheel forward and back to neutral. If the board was shot out from under your foot, you probably rolled the wheel forward too much, try it again.

How to Move Forward

Now that you have a feel for the remote, go ahead and stand on the board like you practiced before. Looking forward, hold the trigger on the remote and roll the wheel forward very gently. To slow down you can release the wheel and the board will coast to a stop. Practice moving forward slowly and coasting to slow down. Once the board has slowed down enough, you can step forward with your rear foot and put it on the ground slightly in front of your other foot.

WARNING: When you move forward you might feel like you are getting pushed off the back of the board, so you lean forward to anticipate this reaction.

WARNING: There is a tendency for beginners to lean backwards when they are going too fast. This is a less stable position. Some beginners find it helpful to put their front hand on the front knee to remind them to lean forward and stay low.

How to Stop

Once you are comfortable moving forward and coasting, you can practice slowing down and stopping using the brakes. To apply the brakes, you will need to have trigger held down. As you are coasting with the wheel in the neutral position, you can apply the brakes by slowly rolling the wheel backwards. Once the board has come to a stop, take you back foot off the board and place it on the ground. You will want to practice quickly putting your foot on the ground to stop, because if you are on a hill you need to put this foot on the ground quicker to prevent the board from rolling backwards.

WARNING: When you slow down it can feel like you are getting pushed off the nose of the board, so you can lean backwards to anticipate this reaction.

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