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Feel the Powa!

Market-leading trolley-maker Powakaddy hits back with a leaner, meaner and easy-to-assemble dream machine...

Think back to 1983 – Maggie Thatcher won her second general election, Bjorn Borg retired and Microsoft Word was launched. But 1983 was also the year when Powakaddy produced its first electric trolley. Twenty six years on, they've launched the latest addition to the family in the form of the Freeway II.

If looks could kill

One thing many of you will notice about most trolleys, especially without a bag on them, is that they look as sturdy as a drunk anorexic. But the Freeway II is different. The swanky elliptical frame has obviously been designed with good looks in mind and it's fitted with awesome new sport wheels as standard. And, you can also buy wide wheels as an extra. We've also heard a whisper the FW II might be available in white – we'll keep you posted!

Controlling interest

One of the things we love the most about the new Freeway II is the Playstation/Xbox-esque handle. The soft-to-touch power pad has an integral multi-function control pad and display which features a distance-measuring facility. The Digital Distance Function lets the golfer set the trolley to travel a certain distance in front of you, and then stop. You can set the trolley to distances of 10, 20 or 30 yards.

Assemble with ease

TG Equipment Editor Jon Greathead is an electric trolley virgin and a DIY muppet, but even he managed to get the trolley into working order quickly. The battery sits neatly between the two wheels and the Lithium option weighs just 2.5kg, 75 per cent lighter than standard. The trolley packs down neatly too and will fit into the smallest of car boots.

Silence is golden

Noisy electric trolleys are about as appealing as a warm pint of lager – happily, the new FWII features a hidden 200 watt motor which not only sets the product gliding over all sorts of taxing terrain but does so without making a racket.

Like Ricky Hatton at fight-time...

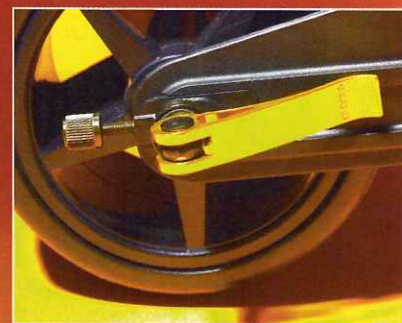
The Freeway II is incredibly sturdy, but also pretty light too. The chassis is made of ultra-lightweight aluminium so the perennial problem of breaking your back lugging your trolley out of the boot is happily a thing of the past.

Okay, so how much?

The basic FWII with a Lead acid 18-hole battery will set you back £449. The FWII with a Lead acid 36-hole battery will cost £479, while the brilliant Lithium battery option will retail at £699. Expect the FWII to hit the shops at Easter.



Easy-to-use digital control pad



This clip helps the trolley run true



Light, powerful Lithium battery



Form and function combined

UNVEILED:
THE NEW
POWAKADDY
FREEWAY II

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Freeway II in numbers

- 10** The years the Freeway's been the world's best-selling trolley.
- 2.5** The weight in KGs of the new Powakaddy Lithium battery.
- 75** The percentage reduction in weight of the new Powakaddy Lithium battery compared to a lead acid battery.
- 6** The number of seconds it takes to assemble the Freeway II from folded.
- 9** The number of speed settings on the Freeway II.
- 40** The percentage of UK club champions that use a Powakaddy.
- 28** The average age of UK Club Champions that use a Powakaddy.
- 30** The most number of yards you can send a Freeway II using the electronic distance function.

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