

Inspection Checklist: Micromobility Devices and Batteries

Does your business distribute, sell, lease, or rent powered bicycles, powered mobility devices, or the storage batteries used in them?

Businesses are prohibited from selling, leasing, or renting motorized scooters in NYC.

Definition: A **motorized scooter** is any device that has wheels and handlebars, is designed for an operator to sit or stand on, and is powered by an electric or gasoline motor.

Exception: A motorized scooter is *not* a device that can be registered with the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (NYS DMV), a personal mobility device designed for persons with disabilities, a powered bicycle (see below), or an e-scooter that weighs less than 100 pounds and has a maximum speed of 20 mph.

Definition: A **powered bicycle** is a bicycle with an electric assist that is less than or equal to 36 inches wide, an electric motor of less than 750 watts, and a maximum speed of 25 mph.

Exception: A powered bicycle is *not* a device that can be registered with NYS DMV or a personal mobility device designed for persons with disabilities.

Definition: A **powered mobility device** is any personal mobility device that is powered by a lithium-ion or other storage battery. Examples include e-scooters, hoverboards, segways, e-uniwheels, and e-skateboards.

Exception: A powered mobility device is *not* a device that can be registered with NYS DMV, a personal mobility device designed for persons with disabilities, or a powered bicycle (see above).

Definition: A **storage battery** is a lithium-ion battery or other rechargeable storage battery used to power micromobility devices.

Definition: An **accredited testing laboratory** is any laboratory that is an ISO (International Organization for Standardization)/IEC (International Electrotechnical Commission) 17025 Accredited Independent Testing Laboratory, an ISO/IEC 17065 Accredited Certifying Body, or identified as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory by the U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Use this checklist to learn what our inspectors look for and help avoid violations. For your convenience, each Requirement includes the relevant section of law and/or rule, so you can refer to it for more information. The KEY below describes the legal citations and symbols used in this checklist.

KEY	
NYC Code: NYC Administrative Code	
§: Section	
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Requirement		Do you meet this requirement?
1	You may not sell, rent, or lease any motorized scooters.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
	NYC Code § 20-762	

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<p>Important note about Requirements 2–4: If you’re not sure whether a device is certified, ask the manufacturer or distributor for proof of certification. Also visit nyc.gov/dcwp for a list of accredited testing laboratories that test devices to the legally required safety certifications.</p>	
<p>2 You may only distribute, sell, rent, or lease powered bicycles that have been certified to Underwriters Laboratories (UL) standard 2849 by an accredited testing laboratory. The logo, mark, or name of the laboratory that completed the required safety certification must be on the package, in documentation given to the customer at the time of sale, or on the powered bicycle.</p> <p><i>Exception:</i> Powered bicycles do not have to display the certification if they are sold or leased secondhand or rented and don’t include packaging or documentation. However, the powered bicycle still must be certified.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<p>NYC Code §§ 20-610(a), 20-610(d)</p>	
<p>3 You may only distribute, sell, rent, or lease powered mobility devices that have been certified to UL standard 2272 by an accredited testing laboratory. The logo, mark, or name of the laboratory that completed the required safety certification must be on the package, in documentation given to the customer at the time of sale, or on the powered mobility device.</p> <p><i>Exception:</i> Powered mobility devices do not have to display the certification if they are sold or leased secondhand or rented and don’t include packaging or documentation. However, the powered mobility device still must be certified.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<p>NYC Code §§ 20-610(b), 20-610(d)</p>	
<p>4 You may only distribute, sell, rent, or lease storage batteries that have been certified to UL standard 2271 by an accredited testing laboratory. The logo, mark, or name of the laboratory that completed the required safety certification must be on the package, in documentation given to the customer at the time of sale, or on the storage battery.</p> <p><i>Exception:</i> Storage batteries do not have to display the certification if they are sold or leased secondhand or rented and don’t include packaging or documentation. However, the storage batteries still must be certified.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<p>NYC Code §§ 20-610(c), 20-610(d)</p>	

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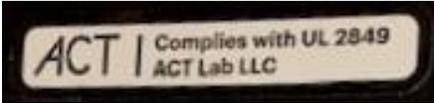
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Accredited Testing Laboratory List

In New York City, it’s illegal to sell, distribute, lease, or rent micromobility devices and batteries without required safety certifications and disclosures.

The laboratories listed in this document meet the definition of “accredited testing laboratory” and are known to test powered bicycles, powered mobility devices, and their storage batteries to the relevant Underwriters Laboratories (UL) safety standards required by Local Law 39 of 2023. The list is in alphabetical order. It shows the laboratory name and its mark/sticker/tag.

Note: This list should **not** be considered a complete listing.

Laboratory Name	Mark(s), Sticker(s), and/or Tag(s)
ACT Lab LLC	  
CSA Group Testing & Certification Inc.	
Intertek Testing Services NA, Inc.	
SGS North America, Inc.	

Laboratory Name	Mark(s), Sticker(s), and/or Tag(s)
Shenzhen ZKT Technology Co., Ltd.	
TUV Rheinland of North America, Inc.	
UL LLC	   

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