

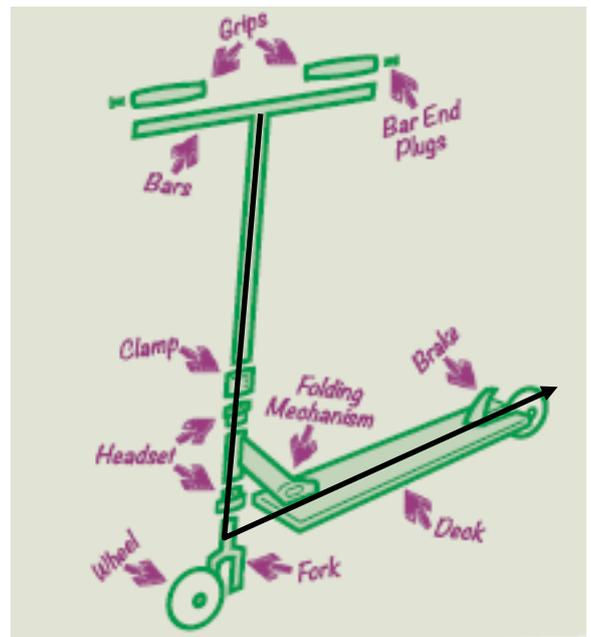
# Scooter safety: the L-Check

The L-check is a quick way to check over a scooter to assess whether it is fit to use.

Starting from the handlebars you check each part of the scooter, working through it in an 'L' motion from handlebars through to the back wheel.

Most scooters can be adjusted and tightened with a 5mm Allen key, and a pair of spanners.

Work through the instructions below to complete the L-check.



Check the handlebars are securely fastened by pulling on them. Make sure any push buttons have clicked into place. Check the grips – are they in good condition? Check the bar end plugs – are they there? If the grips or bar end plugs are missing or in bad condition, replace them!

Look at the clamp. Is it closed around the tube? Are any push buttons beneath it clicked into place? Make sure the quick release clamp is doing its job properly by pushing down on the handlebars. They should not push down. If they do, you can tighten the quick release with an Allen key.

Hold the scooter base steady between your feet and try and wobble the handlebars back and forth. If they wobble, you may need to tighten the headset. Check the bolts and tighten any that are loose. The headset should be tight enough to stop movement, but not so tight that the handlebars don't turn. If the scooter is a folding scooter, check that it is fully locked in the riding position (try and fold it up – you shouldn't be able to). Also check the quick release is closed.

Hold the front scooter wheel between your feet and try and turn the handlebars. They should not turn. Check the wheel spins freely and is not about to come away from the scooter.

Look at the deck. Is there grip tape on the deck? Is it in good condition?

If the scooter has a brake, check that it can be pressed down onto the back scooter wheel to make it stop. Tighten any loose bolts.

Finally check the back wheel spins freely and does not wobble.

## Golden rules:

- Bar end plugs and grips should be in place
- Bolts should be tight
- Wheels should not be wobbly
- The brake should work
- Quick release levers should be closed ->

