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Model: miniFold 16

1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the safe and efficient operation, maintenance, and care of your BENELLI miniFold 16 Electric Assist Bicycle. Please read this manual thoroughly before your first ride and keep it for future reference. Understanding the features and proper handling procedures will ensure a safe and enjoyable experience with your electric bicycle.



This image shows the BENELLI miniFold 16 electric assist bicycle fully assembled and ready for use. The white frame, 16-inch wheels, and compact design are visible, highlighting its urban utility.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

Your safety is paramount. Always adhere to the following guidelines:

- **Wear a Helmet:** Always wear an approved bicycle helmet that fits correctly.
- **Obey Traffic Laws:** Follow all local traffic laws, regulations, and road signs.
- **Pre-Ride Check:** Before each ride, inspect brakes, tires, quick releases, and the battery connection.
- **Visibility:** Use lights and reflective gear, especially when riding in low light conditions.
- **Weather Conditions:** Exercise caution when riding in wet or adverse weather. Braking distances increase.

- **Battery Safety:** Use only the provided charger. Do not expose the battery to extreme temperatures or puncture it.
- **Weight Limit:** Do not exceed the bicycle's maximum weight capacity.

3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

Upon unpacking your BENELLI miniFold 16, please ensure all the following items are present:

- BENELLI miniFold 16 Electric Assist Bicycle
- Battery Charger
- User Manual (this document)
- Any included accessories (e.g., tools, reflectors)

If any items are missing or damaged, please contact your retailer immediately.

4. SETUP

4.1 Unfolding the Bicycle

1. Place the folded bicycle on a stable, flat surface.
2. Release the main frame latch, typically located near the center of the frame. Carefully unfold the main frame until it locks into place. Ensure the latch is securely fastened.
3. Raise the handlebar stem and secure it with the quick-release lever. Ensure the stem is aligned with the front wheel.
4. Adjust the handlebar height to your preferred riding position and tighten the quick-release.
5. Insert the seat post into the frame and adjust the saddle height. Secure it with the quick-release lever. Ensure the minimum insertion mark is not visible.
6. Unfold the pedals if they are foldable.

4.2 Battery Installation and Charging

- Locate the battery compartment. Insert the battery firmly until it clicks into place.
- To charge, connect the charger to the battery charging port and then to a power outlet. The indicator light on the charger will show the charging status.
- Charge the battery fully before your first ride.

4.3 Pre-Ride Checks

- **Tires:** Check tire pressure. Recommended pressure is usually indicated on the tire sidewall.
- **Brakes:** Ensure both front and rear brakes engage firmly and release smoothly.
- **Quick Releases:** Verify all quick-release levers (seat post, handlebar stem) are securely tightened.
- **Battery:** Confirm the battery is securely installed and sufficiently charged.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Powering On/Off the Electric Assist System

- To power on, press and hold the power button on the control panel (usually located on the handlebars). The display will illuminate.
- To power off, press and hold the power button again until the display turns off.

5.2 Selecting Assist Modes

The BENELLI miniFold 16 offers multiple levels of pedal assist. Use the '+' and '-' buttons on the control panel to cycle through the assist modes (e.g., Eco, Standard, Power). Higher assist levels provide more motor assistance, while lower levels conserve battery life.

5.3 Gear Shifting

Your bicycle is equipped with a 3-speed gear system. Use the shifter (typically a twist grip or lever) on the handlebars to change gears. Shift to a lower gear for easier pedaling on inclines and a higher gear for faster speeds on flat terrain. Shift gears smoothly while pedaling.

5.4 Braking

The bicycle has front and rear brakes. The right lever typically controls the rear brake, and the left lever controls the front brake. Apply both brakes simultaneously and gradually for effective stopping. Avoid sudden, hard braking, especially with the front brake, to prevent skidding.

5.5 Folding the Bicycle

1. Ensure the electric assist system is powered off.
2. Lower the seat post to its lowest position.
3. Release the handlebar stem quick-release and fold the handlebars down.
4. Release the main frame latch and carefully fold the frame in half until it locks into its folded position.
5. Fold the pedals if they are foldable.



This image illustrates the BENELLI miniFold 16 in its compact, folded configuration, ideal for storage or transport. The handlebars are folded down, and the frame is collapsed, showcasing its space-saving design.

6. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance ensures the longevity and safe operation of your BENELLI miniFold 16.

- **Battery Care:** Charge the battery regularly, even if not in use, to maintain its health. Store the battery in a cool, dry place. Avoid fully discharging the battery frequently.
- **Tire Pressure:** Check and maintain correct tire pressure weekly. Under-inflated tires can reduce range and increase puncture risk.
- **Brake Inspection:** Periodically check brake pads for wear and brake cables for tension. Replace worn pads promptly.
- **Chain Lubrication:** Keep the chain clean and lubricated to ensure smooth gear changes and prevent rust.
- **General Cleaning:** Clean the bicycle regularly with a damp cloth. Avoid using high-pressure washers directly on

electrical components.

- **Fasteners:** Periodically check all bolts and nuts for tightness.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

Here are solutions to common issues you might encounter:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No power assist	Battery not charged or not properly installed; System not powered on.	Charge battery fully. Ensure battery is securely seated. Press and hold power button to turn on.
Brakes feel weak	Worn brake pads; Loose brake cables.	Inspect and replace brake pads if worn. Adjust brake cable tension.
Gears not shifting smoothly	Dirty or unlubricated chain; Derailleur cable tension incorrect.	Clean and lubricate the chain. Adjust derailleur cable tension (consult a bike mechanic if unsure).
Unusual noises during ride	Loose components; Lack of lubrication.	Check all bolts and nuts for tightness. Lubricate chain and moving parts.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

Key specifications for the BENELLI miniFold 16 Electric Assist Bicycle:

- **Brand:** Benelli
- **Model:** miniFold 16
- **Bicycle Type:** Electric Assist Bicycle
- **Wheel Size:** 16 inches
- **Gear Count:** 3 speeds
- **Battery Capacity:** 5.2Ah
- **Target Age:** Adult
- **ASIN:** B082XPCGSL

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For detailed warranty information, terms, and conditions, please refer to the warranty card or documentation included with your purchase. For technical support, spare parts, or service inquiries, please contact your authorized Benelli dealer or the retailer from whom you purchased the bicycle. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.