

Kid-hauling bike accessories and cargo bikes summary

	Child Age											Example Brands/Models (if applicable, not necessarily recommended brands)	Multiple kids?*	Weather cover?	Stability (1=poor, 5=great)	Used Market Availability
	6m	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
Bike Trailer												Burley, Chariot, many others	yes	yes	5	great
Front mounted bike seat					1							Yepp Mini, Bobike Mini, Ibert	no	no****	4	good
Rear mounted bike seat												Yepp Maxi, Co-Pilot, Bobike Maxi	no	no	3	great
Rear bike seat for older kids												Yepp Junior, Bobike Junior	no	no	2.5	almost none
Trailer-bike				2								Adams, Burley Piccolo, Wee-hoo	maybe**	no	1(adams)/3(picc)	adams-great, picc-poor
Follow-me tandem coupling													no	no	4	none
Midtail cargo bike												Yuba Boda Boda, Kinn, minUTE	sort of***	no	4	poor
Workcycles Fr8/Gr8		3	3										yes	no	5	none
Longtail cargo bike												Xtracycle, Yuba Mundo, Kona Ute	yes	no	5(1 kid)/3(2-kid)	poor
Box-bike/long-john/bakfiets												Workcycles, Cetma, Bullitt, Babboe	yes	yes	5	almost none
Cargo trike (box in front)												Christiana, Sorte, Babboe	yes	yes	5	almost none
Madsen													yes	? *****	4	almost none
Kid-specific tandem				4								Bike Friday, Kidztandem, Onderwater	no	no	4	almost none
Tandem with kidback												Most bike manufacturers	no	no	3	some

Notes:

1 - A handful of front-mounted bike seats work for kids 3 and up, but the vast majority do not. Front seats that do work for preschoolers do not work for babies/toddlers

2 - Weehoo works for some 2/3-year-olds

3 - Fr8 works for toddlers with a yepp maxi on rear deck, front saddle not appropriate for very young kids

4 - Onderwater tandem may work for some 3-year-olds

* For accessories, this indicates multiple-child capability of the single device itself, for cargo bikes it indicates there is a stock way to make the bike multi-kid, though it may require an additional component

** Adams sells a two-kid trail-a-bike, but reports are that handling is extremely poor. Wee-hoo also makes a two-kid option, but I have yet to hear reports on handling

*** You can fit two kids on the back of most midtails in a pinch, but it's probably not best for regular riding

**** Basil does make a raincover for the bobike mini

***** Madsen has been promising to make a rain cover for years...

The above is general guidance based on personal riding experience. These general guidelines about compatibility between types of bikes and bike accessories are not a guarantee of safety or comfortable handling for a particular rider or setup. Suggested age ranges vary widely between children depending on weight, physical development and temperament. Use your knowledge of your child's behavior and development to guide your choices. The experience, size and strength of the adult rider will impact the handling and safety of various setups, and different models within a class can handle very differently. Practice with a test weight is highly recommended until the adult feels comfortable with the handling of a particular bicycle setup. Compiled by Nathan V-C with Brian Postlewaite, Megan Ramey & Carice Reddien 5/2014.

Compatibility between cargo bikes and accessories for carrying children by bike

Front mounted bike seat	Green				
Rear mounted bike seat	Green	Yellow			
Trailer-bike	Red	Green	Red		
Follow-me	Yellow	Green	Green		
Midtail cargo bike	Green	Green	Green	Blue	Blue
Longtail cargo bike	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red
Box-bike/bakfiets	Blue	Blue	Green	Green	Green
Madsen	Blue	Green	Red	Red	Red
Tandem (kid-specific or kidback)	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
	Bike trailer	Front mounted bike seat	Rear mounted bike seat	Trailer-bike	Follow-me

- often compatible, though this varies by model(s)
- not compatible
- can probably get some models to fit, but use cautiously, handling likely very iffy depending on adult rider and exact set-up
- may be possible for specific carefully chosen models