

Japan re-invents the skateboard

Tokyo tech startup Cocoa Motors is taking pre-orders for its *WalkCar*, an electric vehicle it dubs the world's first "laptop-sized super car"

WALKCAR

Body material: Carbon fibre

Size: 33cm (like 13in laptop)

Max speed: 16km/h (10mph)

Weight: 2.8kg (6.2lbs)

Drive time: 60 mins

Charge time: 60 mins

Cost:
\$1,280
(€1,200
£1,040)

Orders ship:
Sep 2017

Revolving castors:
Similar to shopping cart

Drive wheels: Electric motor powered by battery pack

CONTROLS

WalkCar can handle relatively uneven urban terrain and inclines or ramps

Brake:
Lean back slightly

Accelerate:
Lean forwards slightly

Sources: Cocoa Motors, wire agencies

Direction:
Applying pressure to left or right foot, by leaning over slightly, steers WalkCar in similar way to skateboard

Pictures: Cocoa Motors

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