

What is the Turbo Levo?

As far as we can tell, the Levo looks to be an adaptation of Specialized's new Stumpjumper 6Fattie, with a 3-inch x 650b tyres to deliver absolutely bag loads of traction. If you didn't see our coverage from the launch of the new Stumpy, [take a look here](#). We also tested Specialized's new [Fuse 6Fattie hardtail just a few weeks ago](#) and came away really, really surprised.

But of course the tyre size is completely secondary to the real talking point of the Levo, its electric motor which should help you crest the nastiest hills like feeling like Lance in his most turbo-charged era.

Specialized have been developing electric bikes for a while – their Turbo electric assisted commuter bike is an impressive piece of work – but e-mountain bikes are a different kettle of fish, and the hub-drive motors found on many commuter bikes aren't appropriate off road. Instead the Levo uses a centre-mounted motor, that has been custom built exclusively for Specialized.

Of all the electric assisted mountain bikes we've seen so far, this has to be most cleanly executed from a visual standpoint. It actually looks like a normal bike at first glance, which can't be said of all e-bikes. Fitting in a motor, battery and associated electro-droids can make it hard to create a bike with decent geometry – the Levo's geometry figures all look relatively standard, with the exception of the chain stays which are a lengthy 459mm to allow the motor to be squeezed in.