

Seatylock Addresses Folding Bike Lock Security Trade-Offs Following Independent Review

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Seatylock, a bicycle-security specialist operating since 2008, has issued new guidance for cyclists weighing portability against theft protection, following an independent review that spotlighted the balance commuters must strike when selecting a folding bike lock.

On October 19, 2026, Cycling Weekly updated its independent review of six lightweight and wearable bicycle locks and named the Seatylock Foldylock Compact its best lightweight and compact folding model. The publication reported that the lock weighs 1 kilogram, provides 85 centimeters of locking circumference, mounts to the bike frame, and holds Sold Secure Silver certification. The same review noted that Silver-level protection and a limited locking circumference are considerations buyers should weigh against their individual parking situations.

The review raises a practical question for cyclists: whether the most convenient folding lock is always the correct one for a given theft risk. Seatylock argues that three separate conditions must be met at once. A lock

requires an independently verified protection level matched to the theft risk, enough usable locking circumference to secure the frame to a dependable anchor, and a carrying system that makes daily use convenient.

A folding bike lock is built from hardened steel plates joined by rivets and a central locking cylinder. The construction of those plates, joints, and the cylinder determines how the lock resists attack, which is why an independent certification carries more meaning than a manufacturer's internal score. Certification bodies such as Sold Secure grade locks across Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Diamond levels. Sold Secure guidance describes Silver as suitable for lower-value bicycles in medium-risk settings, while Gold is intended for higher-value bicycles or high-risk parking environments.

Locking circumference is a second factor that weight-focused shoppers often overlook. A compact lock may prove too short to capture the frame, a wheel, and the available rack or post. The Seatylock Guide to Folding Lock Weight and Security explains that steel thickness and plate count drive weight, and that savings should never come at the expense of the certification level a parking routine demands.

"A folding lock that a rider leaves at home because it feels heavy protects nothing," said Michael Shenkerman, Head of Product Education at Seatylock. "The right choice matches certified strength to the actual theft risk, offers enough reach for the anchors a cyclist uses, and carries comfortably enough to be used at every stop."

Seatylock develops folding locks with hardened steel plates, protected rivets, and integrated carrying solutions across a range of security grades. The Foldylock Compact provides an independently certified Silver option at 1 kilogram, while the Foldylock Elite carries Sold Secure Gold protection and ART 3-Star certification for higher-risk situations. The Seatylock Folding Bike Locks Guide and the Seatylock Folding Lock Commuter Guide outline how riders can map their parking locations and measure the reach they require before purchasing.

"Frame mounting, smooth deployment, and rattle-free carrying are not cosmetic details," Shenkerman added. "They determine whether protection actually happens day after day."

Founded in 2008, Seatylock designs, produces, and assembles bicycle-security products in-house, including folding locks, U-locks, chain locks, seat-lock hybrids, and accessory protection systems. The brand holds independent certifications and international design awards for its engineering and rider-focused design.

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