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BICYCLE HISTORY



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What is a bicycle ?

- ▣ Vehicles for human transport that have two wheels and require balancing by the rider date back to the early 19th century.
- ▣ The first mean of transport making use of two wheels arranged consecutively, and thus the archetype of the bicycle, was the German *draisine* dating back to 1817.



First BIKE

The first verifiable claim for a practically used bicycle belongs to German Baron Karl von Drais, a civil servant to the Grand Duke of Baden in Germany.

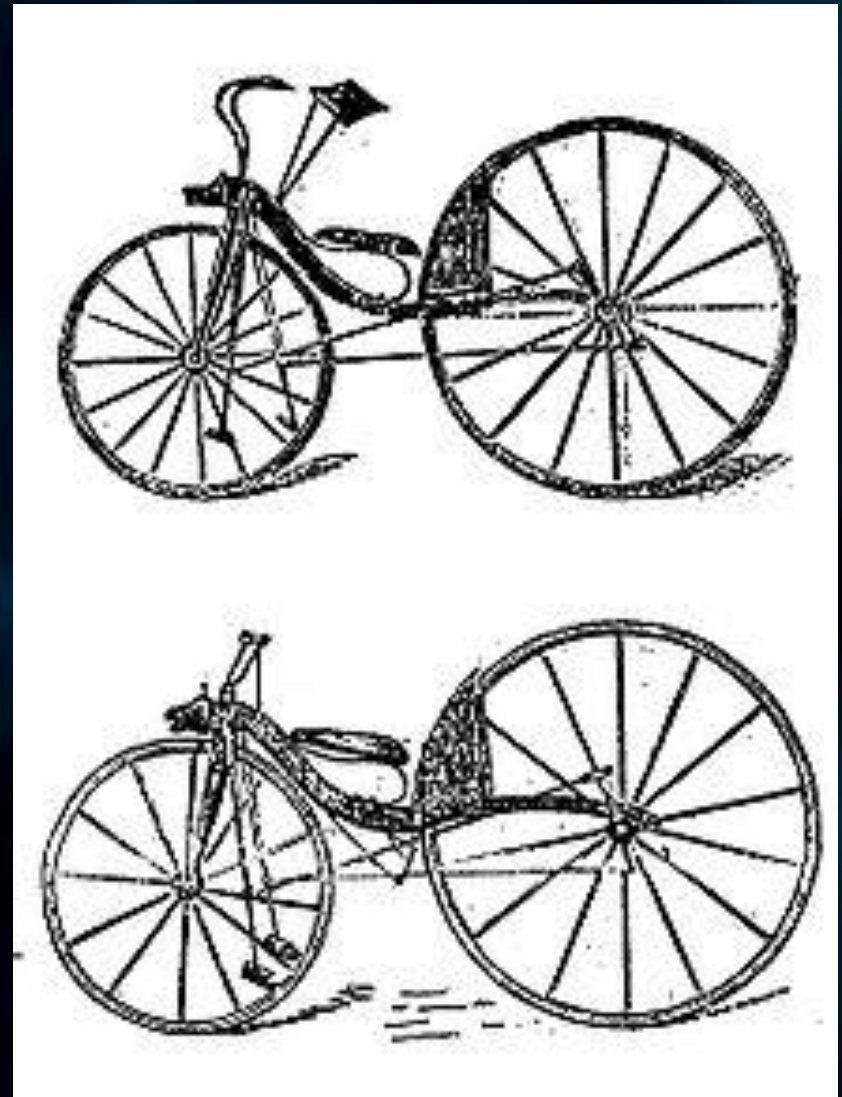


▣ 1820s–1850s

New machines had three wheels (tricycles) or four (quadracycle) and came in a very wide variety of designs, using pedals, treadles, and hand-crank, but these designs often suffered from high weight and high rolling resistance



- ▣ The first mechanically propelled two-wheel vehicle is believed by some to have been built by Kirkpatrick Macmillan, a Scottish blacksmith, in 1839.



TYPES OF BICYCLES

- ▣ Road Bikes
- ▣ Cyclocross Bikes
- ▣ Touring Bikes
- ▣ Triathlon/Time Trial Bikes
- ▣ Mountain Bikes
- ▣ Hybrid Bikes
- ▣ BMX Bikes
- ▣ Folding Bikes



EVENTS WITH BIKES

- ▣ **Tour de France**-The race was first organized in 1903
- ▣ **Tour de Pologne**- The race was first held in 1928
- ▣ **Giro d'Italia**-The first race was organized in 1909



Tour de Pologne

