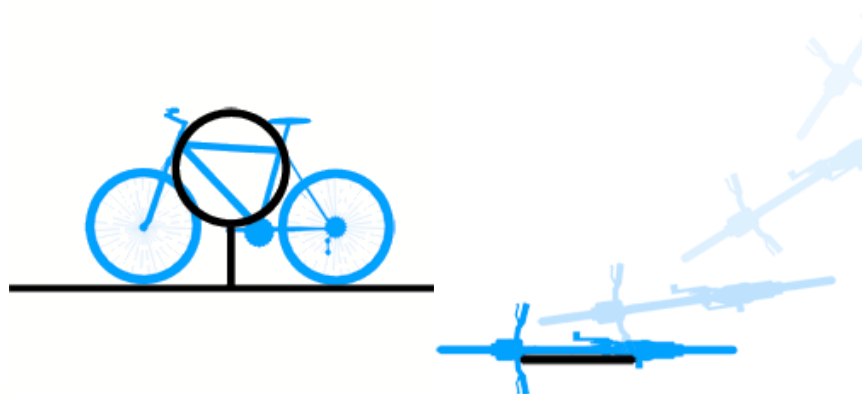




Hoops and Loops



Hoops and Loops stands are similar in characteristics to U-type parking stands that offer a closed loop or hoop have the added advantage of preventing the lock resting on the ground, where it is more vulnerable. The tradeoff is that some do not permit locking of both wheels and are more costly to buy. Stands are installed using fixing bolts into ground surface sunken shaft into concrete.

Typical Context of Use:

Open Access or Semi Restricted Access. Short stay urban areas, commercial precincts, park, Business and Educational premises etc.

Typical Length of Stay:

Short-Medium (0-5 hours).

Number of Bikes per Unit:

1-2 bikes.

Approximate Cost per Bike:

From £65 - £180.

Locking Opportunities / Lock Compatibility:

Good- one wheel and frame (most models). Sometimes with both wheels./ All types.

Ease of Use / Time to Lock:

Typically very easy to use. Locking times can vary from < 30sec to a couple of minutes if stands are crowded and more than one lock is being used.





Strengths:

- Maintenance costs are virtually nil
- 5-30 years, depending on finish and context of use
- Relatively cheap cost
- Supports a wide range of bicycles

Weaknesses:

- Stands allow users to resort to poor locking techniques, i.e. only locking the wheel. It is very easy for a bike to be locked incorrectly.