

## BEST ULTRALIGHT STROLLERS FOR BABIES LIVING IN THE CITIES

For the experienced or new parents looking for the best stroller for their babies, choosing a stroller that offers better value for your money can be an overwhelming task. When choosing a stroller, there are many factors to consider, but your comfort and your baby's should be prioritized. Also is who you are buying the stroller for, whether newborn babies or older kids. The number of features of the stroller also plays a significant role in selecting the best stroller for your kids. Overall, the selection should be forwarded to making you and your baby's lives simpler and easier. One of the best strollers that fits these requirements is the Ultralight stroller.

As it implies, an ultralight stroller refers to a pushchair that is light in weight- often any stroller under the 6-8kg mark. Sometimes called the "buggies", ultralight strollers are perfect for taking on holiday and nipping to the shops. While these strollers boast of their compactness, they are also easy to fold, store, and steer; unlike the bulkier options, they do not break your back. Day by day, the ultralight strollers are getting more popular. Parents now desire to offer their babies the best, and that is the reason for choosing the ultralight strollers. However, like any other stroller types, it is often a daunting task for parents to choose the best lightweight stroller for their families.

## CHOOSING THE BEST ULTRALIGHT STROLLERS FOR BABIES

Often lighter than the full-size strollers, the ultralight stroller offers more than the umbrella-style stroller for comfort and convenience. Many of these strollers (ultralight) come with large canopies, under seat storage bins, adjustable leg rests, reclining back pads, and cup holders. Because of the convenience and comfort offer by the strollers, they can be used as the only stroller in a household. The strollers are known for the simplicity of a basic umbrella as they bring a lightweight design, compact fold, and are easier to move and transport than their "heavyweight" cousins. Below is a review of some of the ultralight strollers:

### 1. SUMMER INFANT 3D LITE CONVENIENCE STROLLER

As an ultralight stroller, the summer Infant 3D Lite Convenience stroller poses a maximum weight capacity of 50 pounds. For parents that desire an affordable everyday use stroller, the summer infant perfectly fits that request. It also features a stylish and awesome stroller with a lightweight of just 12 pounds frame. This is as a result of the aluminum used in the construction and design of the stroller. This stroller also boasts a curved, sleek rear frame that looks great and different color options. It also comes with a comfortable wide seating and padding, almost flat 4-positions recline that goes back, and a large carrying bin in the bottom. Apart from its weight, the ability to be extremely compact when folded also makes the summer infant 3D stroller more portable. Its shoulder strap also enhances its portability. However, the accessibility of the storage basket is one of the cons of the stroller. Once the stroller seat is configured to face you, it will be difficult to access the storage basket. Additionally, stroller can't stand on its own when folded, and it's a bit hard to learn the folding/unfolding process.

### 2. MOUNTAIN BUGGY NANO

A perfect stroller for off-road pushchairs, the Buggy Nano was introduced about 23 years ago. Its introduction followed the need for a perfect all-terrain pushchair by a Dad in New Zealand. This was as a result of numerous mountain trails that known to be the home of many New Zealand parents. Thus, Mountain Buggy has become a leap to the world of travel strollers as the company now targets the urban parents.

At 56\*31\*51cm when folded, the Nano takes its dimensions and its believed to have the same size as the travel satchel upon folded. Its weight of 6kg makes it easy to carry around, and an

exposed carry handle simultaneously works as pick-up point and a shoulder strap. The stroller is popular for its folding system, and the award-winning Nano makes it unique among other strollers. In addition to its uniqueness, when folded, the Nano is reduced to such tiny proportion that it is difficult to believe that there is something than a minimal comfort, stripped back travel stroller in the bag.

With the award of an outstanding product within the stroller industry, little Caroline aged 14 months was tested with the Mountain Buggy, and she was excited with the comfort of her full-size, multi-position recline, and adjustable leg rest.

Cons

The canopy doesn't offer much sun protection as it is on the smaller side. A lightweight pop-up sun visor would have been better. The large mesh window has no cover, thus exposing the baby to the sun or wind. Although it might be an ideal stroller in a hot summer day but your baby might get cold during the cold and windy period.

### 3. RECARO EASYLIFE

The Recaro presents a fantastic addition to the lightweight industry given its 5.9kg weight. With a decent recline, big seat, and over all, one handed fold and unfold features, the Recaro Easylife has indeed made life easier for many parents. Recaro, a German brand, is popular for producing the best quality car seats and has now come up with a mouth-watering Easylife pushchair for the stroller industry. The Mountain Buggy Nano, the other product from the German company has won different awards in the UK; including the Gold award for the best lightweight stroller, and the bronze award for the best stroller. Unlike many of the strollers which fold like an umbrella, the lengthways folding of the Recaro makes it more compact to store and much easier to carry. With a total of four recline positions, a 21-month old son Michael looks comfortable in the Recaro, as the yellow fabric and the padded seat make it more durable.

Unfortunately, no raincover is included in the Easylife. There is also a shallow basket of the rear coupled with the unclear brake system. The chasis movement is such that the chasis doesn't open at first. The low shoulder harness high can also be a cause of concern for safety implications.

### 4. DOONA

Out of the need to provide travel solution to travelling parents, the simple parenting company aims to develop a safe, yet tactical highly-designed products to make life simpler and easier for both the experienced and new parents. The Doona (shortened from a daughter's name Danielle) was launched in 2014 and has been tipped to be the next generation car seat. Its integrated wheels enable it to be a pushchair at a single touch of a button. It boasts as the first hybrid stroller and car seat in the market, and its features of anti-rebound handle and an adjustable wall structure won many awards.

When compared to the other infant car seats, the Doona is heavier as it weighs 7kg. Your baby is highly secured as the Doona is sturdy and possesses double walls which allow the wheels to be easily fold into the body of the car seat.

One of the cons of the Doona is its lack of storage and the attendant difficulty to fasten the safety harness. It is particularly suited for tall babies as the handle doesn't adjust very well. It's usage also depends on the various car models.

### 5. Babyzen Yoyo

The Babyzen Yoyo is an exciting stroller given its smallest weight and design; even more compact than the famous Mountain Buggy Nano. The Babyzen features a design that perfectly fits into the overhead luggage compartment. The stroller only weighs 13lbs which makes it easy to be carried over the shoulder. The frame is produced from a high-quality aluminum which is durable and light at the same time. Its deep recline makes it suitable for baby from 6 months and up to 11 years. It comes with a feature called the "newborn nest" (attached to the base of the

stroller), a unique feature which is usable right from the birth. The maneuverability is unique with its outstanding small “5” wheels. Overall, the Yoyo is lighter and easy to operate, and navigation through the busy streets and narrow stores become easy.

For parents that travel a lot, the Babyzen Yoyo can be a great investment as the stroller is a bit expensive than the other ones. Also, the small 5 wheels didn't do well on rougher surfaces as they are specifically adapted to flat terrain.

Ultralight strollers are definitely a must buy for all families especially those who travel a lot. The stroller's weight capacity and features are important when choosing the best ultralight strollers for your babies.