



### **QUICK START GUIDE**

## FULL SUSPENSION



### WELCOME TO THE GT FAMILY

Ok, let's get to the point....We want to get you out riding your new GT. Our simple assembly process makes it possible to use your skills to assemble your GT on your own, and it's even easier to do with a friend. This guide will walk you through the steps, and you can also follow along with a video as you build your bike, **visit: help.gtbicycles.com** 

Still have questions? GT rider support staff are ready to help you. Feel free to give 'em a ring at **(800) 245-3872** a great source of help is at your local GT retailer or other professional bicycle retailer.

Don't forget to tag #gtbicycles in your social media when your new bike is all assembled and ready to ride. We can't wait to check it out.



This is a Quick Start Guide, intended to accompany the assembly video, not an Owner's manual.

Bicycling is an active sport with inherent risk. A wide range of injuries are possible. Due to the nature of bicycle riding, the situations you encounter while riding, you will be exposed to the risk of serious injury, paralysis or death. This risk cannot be eliminated. You can minimize the risk in many ways. Begin by reading the complete GT Bicycle Owner's manual accompanying this bike and available online at www.gtbicycles.com.

## THE 4 MAJOR STEPS TO GETTING YOUR BIKE READY TO RIDE



1. INSTALL HANDLEBARS



2. INSTALL FRONT WHEEL



3. INSTALL THE PEDALS



4. ADJUST THE SADDLE HEIGHT

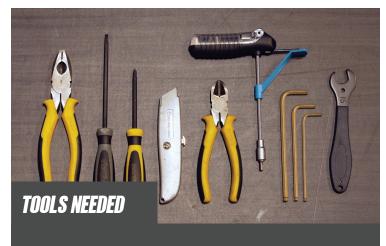


## GETTING YOUR BIKE READY FOR ASSEMBLY

- + This assembly video applies to all LTS platform full suspension bikes.
  - Force
  - Sensor
- Open the box with a screwdriver.
   Be careful of the staples.

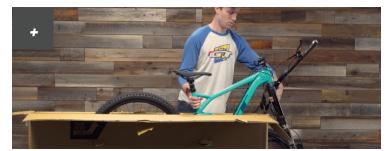
Inside the box, you'll find a smaller box of parts, tools and manuals. Once you have assembled the bike, but before you ride, please read the owner's manual.

- Remove the front wheel from the packaged bike by removing the zip ties or velcro. Then remove all additional packaging.
- Set the bicycle down with the rear wheel inside the box and the fork hanging off the front.



- Pliers or Screwdriver
- Philips head Screwdriver
- Boxcutter
- Cable Cutters or Scissors
- Torque Wrench
- Allen keys
- Pedal Wrench





### KEY PARTS OF THE BIKE REFERENCED IN THIS GUIDE



## INSTALL HANDLEBARS

- 1. Remove the four bolts that connect the faceplate to the stem. The stem is what connects the handlebar to the fork. Set your bolts and faceplate in a safe place, so you don't lose them.
- 2. Place the handlebar onto the stem. Ensure the brake and shifter cables are not twisted or kinked.
- 3. Center the handlebar in the stem using the markings on the bar.
  - Roll the handlebar back into a comfortable position, then hand-tighten the stem bolts using the Allen key. We'll tighten them properly later.
- 4. Ensure the gap between the faceplate and stem is equal all the way around the handlebar.







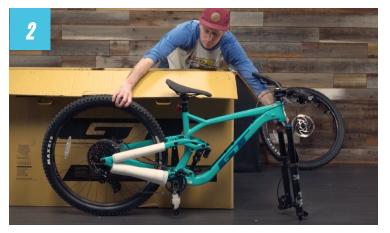


# INSTALL FRONT WHEEL

- 1. Using an included Allen wrench, loosen and remove the fork through-axle.
- 2. Remove the bike from the box.

  NOTE: YOU WON'T NEED THE BOX ANYMORE, SO GO AHEAD AND RECYCLE IT.
- 3. Notice that the through-axle has one threaded end and one end for the Allen key.



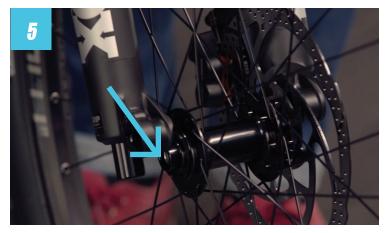




## STEP 2 CONTINUED

- 4. The disc brake rotor on the wheel goes on the left side of the bike, and it slides inside the brake caliper on the fork. Roll the wheel into the fork, ensuring that the brake rotor goes inside the caliper.
- 5. The fork dropouts will rest on the wheel hub.
- 6. Insert the through-axle into the brake side of the wheel. Push it in snugly, and then tighten it down with the Allen key. Torque this through axle to specification maked on the through axle



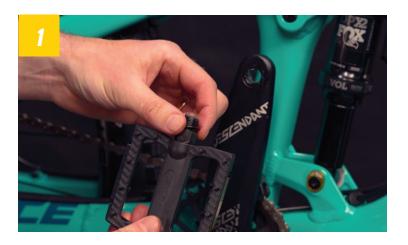




# INSTALL THE PEDALS

PEDALS MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED IN YOUR BIKE'S BUILD.

- 1. Install your preferred pedals using the included washers in the small box. There's one for each pedal.
- 2. Locate the left and right pedals (marked 'L' and 'R' on the axle), and install them on the appropriate side of the bike by screwing them into the crank. Tighten the pedals in the direction of the front wheel.
- 3. Tighten both pedals very firmly using the pedal wrench included in the box.





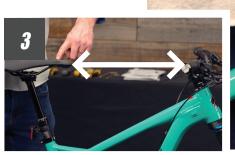


# ADJUST THE SADDLE HEIGHT

- 1. In order to adjust your seat height, first you'll want to loosen the cable guides.
- 2. The proper height of your bicycle seat is about where your hip is. With the dropper post fully extended, move the seat to the correct height.
- 3. You may have to feed in some of the dropper cable to enable you to raise the saddle up as high as you need. *ENSURE YOUR SADDLE IS IN LINE WITH THE TOP TUBE*.
- 4. Tighten the seat collar back down.









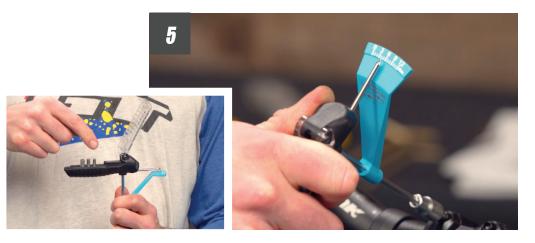


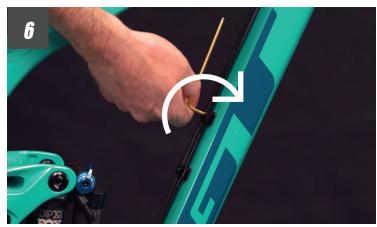
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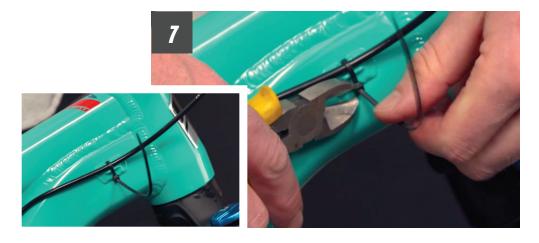
5. Using the provided torque wrench, first select the correct bit and install it into the wrench. Look for the torque specification markings located on the front and back of the stem, as well as on the seatpost.

If these markings are absent, torque all stem and seatpost bolts to 7 Nm.

- 6. Use the included Allen key to tighten the cable guides.
- 7. Use the included zip ties to attach the brake and shifter cables to the frame on either side.







### **CONGRATULATONS!**

# YOUR NEW GT BIKE IS NOW ASSEMBLED

#### BEFORE YOU RIDE, IT'S IMPORTANT TO PERFORM A FEW PRE-RIDE CHECKS.

- 1. Your front reflector should be pointing straight ahead, perpendicular to the ground. The rear reflector must be pointing straight back. Ensure that the wheel reflectors are snug, by pulling them out slightly.
- 2. Secure the front wheel between your legs and twist the handlebars. If the handlebars and the front wheel move independently, your stem fixing bolts at the fork steerer are not tight enough.
- 3. Push down on the handlebar; it shouldn't move. If it rotates forward or backward, tighten the stem faceplate bolts.







### CHECK LIST CONTINUED

4. Now check the front brakes. Make sure that they don't pull back too far. There should be a gap between a fully compressed brake and the grip.

Ensure that the brakes are working by rolling the bike back and forth slightly while squeezing the brakes. Make sure they grip.

- 5. Vigorously twist the saddle back and forth to make sure it won't move while you're riding.
- 6. Inflate the tires to the manufacturer's recommended pressure, which is marked on the side wall of the tire.
- 7. Refer to the included fork, shock, and dropper post manuals to ensure that you get them set up properly for your weight and riding style.
- 8. Finally, give the bike a final bounce to make sure nothing is loose.

HAVE FUN!







### **OUR STORY**

Since 1972 GT Bicycles has proudly been developing bikes, for every type of rider, with a consistent mission. That mission is the same reason everybody throws a leg over their very first bike – pure fun, plain and simple. GT Bicycles remains true to sharing the stoke on two wheels which the brand was founded on because, after all, you can't have Good Times without 'GT'!

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