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QUICK START GUIDE

HARDTAIL DISC BRAKE



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

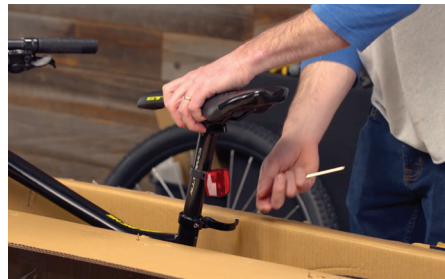


1. INSTALL HANDLEBARS



SETUP

2. INSTALL SEATPOST



STEP 1

3. INSTALL FRONT WHEEL



STEP 3

4. INSTALL PEDALS



STEP 4

CONGRATS!

GETTING YOUR BIKE READY FOR ASSEMBLY

- + This assembly video applies to multiple Hardtail disc brake platforms.
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- + 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.



TOOLS NEEDED

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



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KEY PARTS OF THE BIKE REFERENCED IN THIS GUIDE



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STEP 1

INSTALL HANDLEBARS

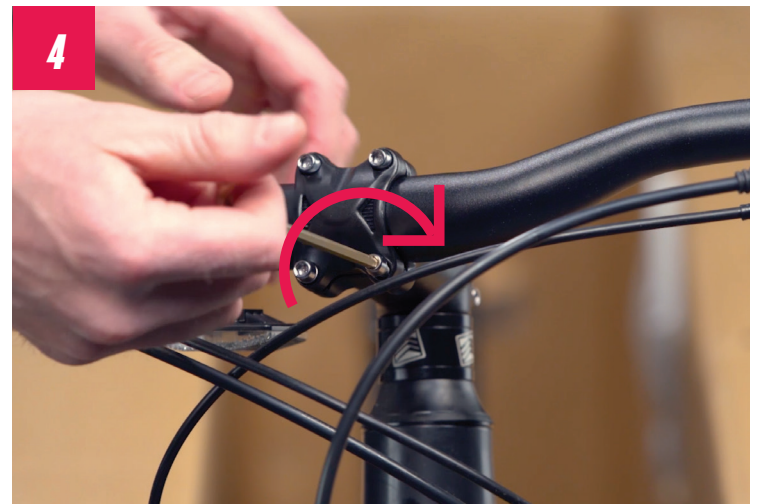
1. Using the included Allen wrench, remove the bolts and the faceplate from the stem. The stem is what connects the handlebar to the fork. Set them aside together, so you don't lose anything.
2. Insert the handlebar into the stem, and put the faceplate back on, loosely tightening one of the bolts.
3. Ensure that the brake and the shifter cables wrap around the frame in the correct manner. You don't want any kinks or twists. Center the handlebar in the stem using the markings on the bar.



4. Screw in the remaining three bolts in a crosswise fashion. Don't tighten them down too much yet.

Roll the handlebar back into a comfortable position, then hand-tighten the stem bolts, using your Allen key. We'll tighten these later.

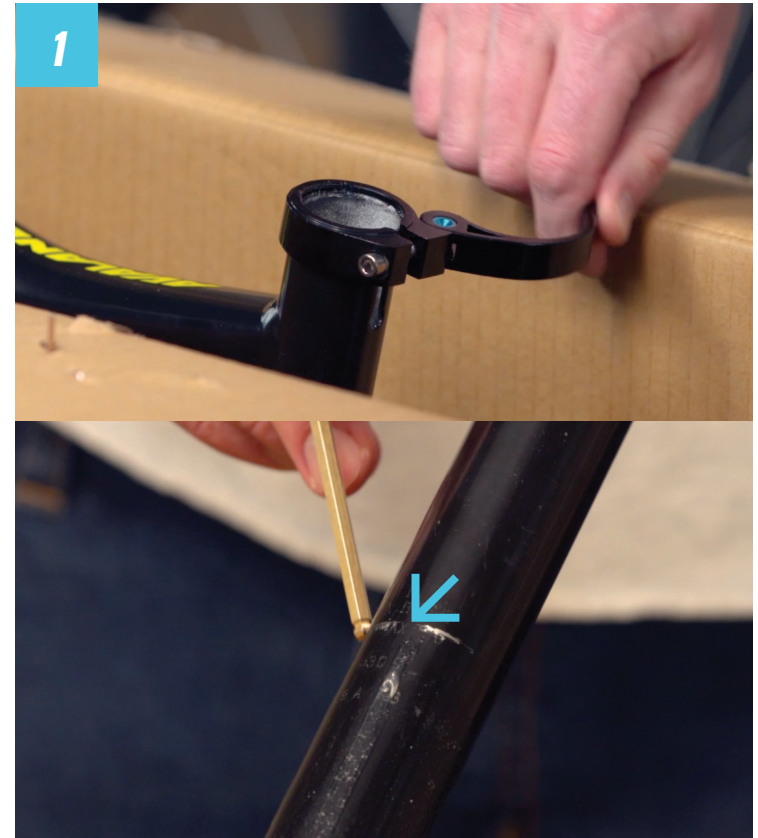
5. Ensure that the gap on the faceplate is the same on the top and the bottom of the handlebar.



STEP 2

INSTALL SEATPOST

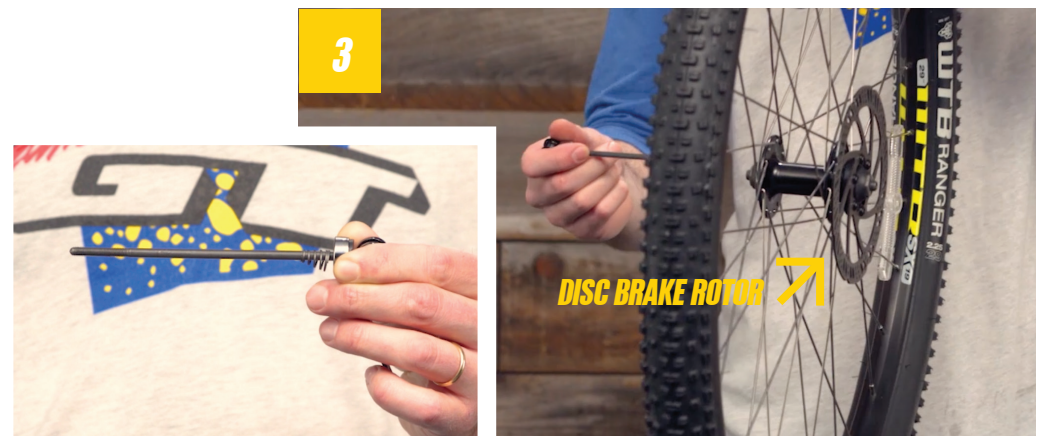
1. Loosen the seatpost clamp. On the seatpost, locate the minimum insertion mark. .
2. Insert the seatpost into the frame and tighten the quick-release clamp.



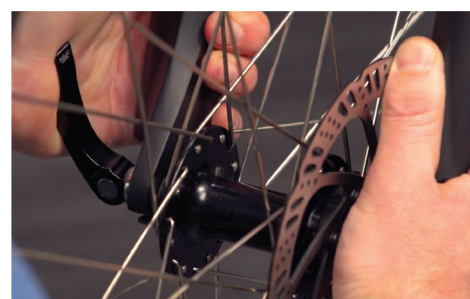
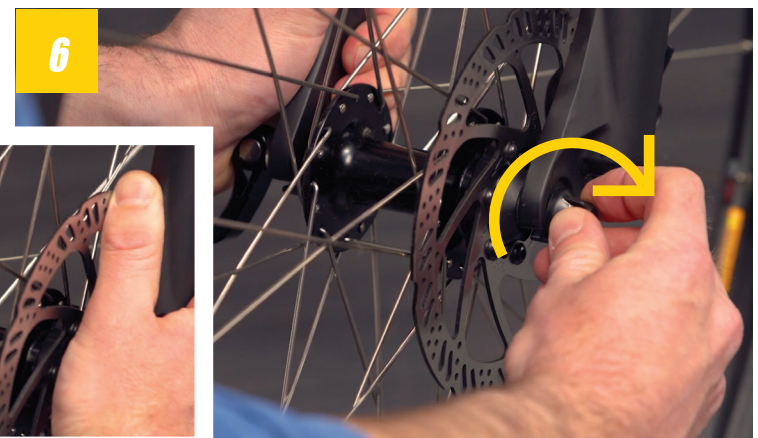
STEP 3

INSTALL FRONT WHEEL

1. Remove the fork spacer that was shipped with the bike.
Now you can remove the bicycle from the box and set it on the ground. *YOU CAN RECYCLE THE BOX NOW.*
2. Find the quick-release skewer that came in your box of parts. There will be an adjusting nut, two springs, the quick release lever.
3. Remove the adjusting nut and the spring. Locate the disc brake rotor on your wheel and insert the quick-release skewer through the opposite side.



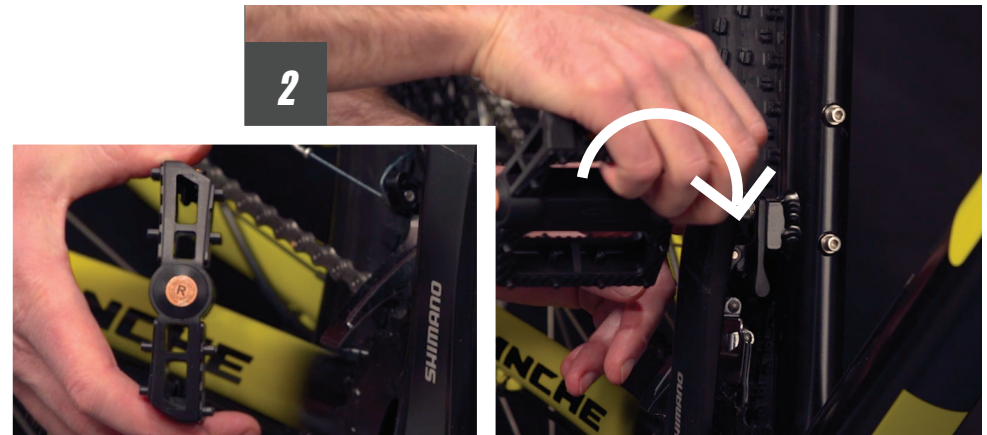
- Put the spring back on, narrow end first, and lightly tighten the nut. The order in the axle should be: quick release lever, spring, the wheel, another spring and then the adjusting nut.
- Lift up the bike and roll the wheel back. Set the fork dropouts onto the axle.
- Slowly tighten the adjusting nut on the outside and check the quick-release lever to ensure it's tight enough. If it's too loose, open the quick release lever back up, tighten the adjusting nut more and then close the quick release lever again. The quick-release is properly tight when it requires a lot of effort to close the lever, and the lever leaves a mark on your hand.



STEP 4

INSTALL PEDALS

1. Insert the left pedal (marked L on the axle) into the hole in the crank, then slowly tighten it with your fingers. Screw the pedals in the direction of the front wheel.
2. Turn the bike around to the right side where you'll find the derailleurs and gears, and then find the right pedal (with an R on it). Insert that into the other hole in the other crank, and lightly tighten it.
3. Locate the pedal wrench that came in your box of goodies and use it to snugly tighten down both of your pedals.

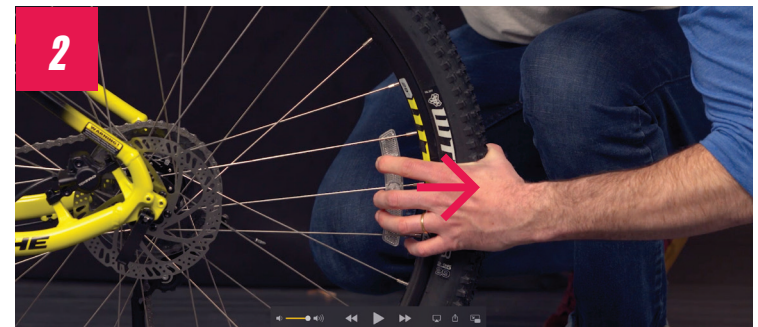


CONGRATULATIONS! **YOUR NEW GT BIKE IS NOW ASSEMBLED**

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

1. The front reflector should be pointing straight ahead, perpendicular to the ground. The rear reflector must be pointing straight back.
2. Ensure that the wheel reflectors are snug by pulling them out slightly on the spokes.
3. The proper height of your bicycle seat is about where your hip is. Stand next to the bike, loosen the quick-release collar, pull the saddle up or down, and then tighten it back up. The saddle will probably be about the same height as your stem.

Sit on the bike, holding the brakes to make sure it doesn't move. When your leg is fully extended, it should have a slight bend in it.



4. Using the provided torque wrench, first select the correct bit and install it into the wrench. Tighten each stem bolt in that same crosswise fashion as before. 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 bolts and seatpost bolts to 7 Nm.)
5. Ensure that quick-release on the saddle is tight. If it needs tightening, use the included Allen wrench to tighten the bolt, then check to ensure that the quick-release lever is tight enough.
6. Do the same with the quick-release on the front fork. The lever should also leave a slight indent on your hand when properly tightened. Ensure that the final position of the quick-release lever is behind or below your fork.
7. Straddle the front wheel and vigorously try to twist the bars back and forth to make sure they don't twist. Then, straddle the bike and try to roll your bars back and forward, to make sure they don't move.
8. Check the front brakes; make sure that they don't pull back too far. There should be a gap between a fully compressed brake lever and the grip. Ensure that the brakes are working by rolling back and forth slightly while squeezing the brakes, making sure that they grip.
9. Vigorously twist that saddle back and forth to make sure it will not move while you're riding.
10. Slightly bounce on the bike to check tire inflation. If necessary, inflate the tires to the pressure marked on the tire sidewall.
11. 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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