



Safe & Reliable Derailer bikes **STOP-CHECK** for mechanics and apprentices

Done by: _____ **Checked by:** _____

Date: 2020/ ____ / ____

Make: _____

Model: _____

S/N: _____

ST: ____ cm **Standover** (at forward crankarm) ____ inches

TT: ____ cm

Wheel size: _____ **BSD:** _____

Tag # _____

S&R bikes *should not* need components replaced, or need frame/fork work, but be alert for things missed in triage, esp. any “fatal” problems (e.g. bent rear derailer hanger). **Replacement tubes, reflectors, grips, seat, pedals etc needed are noted below for parts supplied.**

Bike Prep

- Install seat and pedals, if provided
- Check Prep done (seat/steerer tubes lubed, S/N etc. correct), chain passes .75 test, seat post at min. insert
- Lube and tighten seat binder bolt or quick release
- Ensure seat mounted securely & at proper angle
- Clamp bike in stand by seatpost

Bottom Bracket

- Remove wheels from bike
- Drop chain off rings to rest on bottom bracket shell
- Check bottom bracket turns smoothly, no excess play
- Lube with oil on spindle; adjust if necessary
- Check torque on crank bolts, BB lockring or nut, chain ring bolts, pedals

Stop for Bottom Bracket Check

(tend to wheels while waiting)

BB adj./Locknut/Pedals/Cranks Rings tight-true
Staff Initial: _____

Notes, form edits:

Wheels

- Check rim for cracks, rust, burrs, protruding spokes
- Check rimstrips, tubes & tires (**do not inflate yet**)
- Check axle cones for play. Adjust if needed.
- True wheels (Lube spoke nipples if needed)
- Clean rims

Stop for Wheel & Rimstrip Check

(clean bike frame while waiting)

Cones adj./Locknuts tight/Spoke tension/Nipple condition/Rims true, clean, smooth/Rimstrip sound, seated

Staff Initial: _____

Clean and lube bike with wheels out

- Clean and lube all parts (except chain, to do later)
- Remove unneeded accessories: old mounts, etc.
- Install grips/plugs if provided.

Check & Lube Brake Cables

- “Snap” test brake levers for smooth movement
- If hard to operate, look for obvious problems, e.g. kinks, rust or fraying: **stop work if replacement is needed.**
- Pull brake cables out of cable stops to release tension
- Check barrel adjusters move freely, set all the way in
- Add drops of oil into cable housings
- Check brake levers are secure, set at correct angle
- Calipers mounted securely without excess play
- Lube brake levers and calipers
- Put all cables back into place
- “Snap” test for smooth movement
- Reset quick releases and/or re-tension brake cables
- File pads to clean or replace if worn or contaminated

Stop for brake cable/pad check

(tend to tires and tubes while waiting)

Brake cables operate smoothly; sound and long enough
Brake levers, calipers secure. Pads clean or replaced.

Staff Initial: _____

Notes, form edits:

Replace wheels & Clunk Test

- Inflate tires: valves straight, tires seated, chevrons fwd.
- Replace wheels fully in both dropouts: (“walk-up” nutted axles to ensure both wheels seated correctly)
- Remove bike from stand for “clunk test” (Q/R axles)

Stop for “clunk test” Check

Tires seated, directional, inflation; Wheels seated, secure. Single speed chain tension.

Staff Initial:

Adjust Brake pads

- Put bike back in stand
- Correct pad alignment: hits rim flat with correct toe-in angle; **no part extends above or below rim**
- Ensure pads secure: can;t be twisted by hand counter
- If cantilever, that arms are vertical with brakes applied
- Brake pad posts are horizontal with brakes applied
- Both arms move equally and both pads hit rim together
- If disk, rotor true; piston hits disk first.
- Pads are centered, not rubbing rim or disk
- Adjust cable length at anchor so levers travel ~ 1/2 of range, but do not touch grips when squeezed hard

Stop for brake adjustment check

Pads secure, aligned, centered, toed in. Arms vertical. Levers do not touch grips.

Staff Initial:

Check & Lube Shift Cables

- Test shift levers for smooth movement
- If hard to operate look for cable problems, e.g. routing, kinks, rust or fraying.
- Pull der. cables out of cable stops to release tension
- Add drops of oil into cable housings
- Put all cables back into place
- Test for smooth movement

Chain & Derailleurs

- Check front and rear derailleur alignment
- Tighten derailleur mounting bolts
- Oil chain. Check chain for wear or replace if provided
- Check for correct operation of each derailleur
- Check that limit screws are set correctly. Double check rear low limit.

Stop for Shifter/Derailleur Check

Der. alignment, cables, mounts, limits, index
Chain clean and lubed, not too worn

Staff Initial:

Headset

- Remove bike from stand
- Check that headset turns freely with no excess play
- Lube with oil in races: adjust headset if necessary
- Tighten headset locknut
- Tighten handlebar stem
- Check handlebars and levers are secure, at correct angle
- Install and tighten reflectors
- Check seat and post are secure

Stop for Floor Check

Headset adj, locknut, bars (clamp gap), stem, grips, reflectors, pedals, seat,

Staff Initial:

Test ride, checking:

derailleur limits and indexing with pedal load
brake power, no squeal
drivetrain wear: pedal hard in the most-used gears
fork alignment: ride no-hands
feel for bent pedals

PARTS USED (new) and/or DISCLOSURES:

- Tube (new) _____
- reflectors F R
- grips plugs
- seat
- pedals
- Tire _____
- cables (new) _____
- Rim strip Velox (new)
- Brake pads _____
- _____
- _____
- Acceptable bearing wear on _____
- frozen spoke nipples (x on rim)
- non-critical frame damage _____
- Chain fails .5 test Other _____

Notes:
