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going and being human



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**Thank you for purchasing a Citizen® folding bike!
Welcome to *going and being human*. Enjoy!**

Before using your new Citizen Bike, please follow the setup steps and practice proper folding and unfolding procedures. With a bit of practice, you should be able to fold your bicycle quickly and easily.

Be sure to follow the sequence of steps carefully. Proper operation of your bicycle is important for your safety and enjoyment. To avoid injury and maximize your riding performance and enjoyment, read this manual completely.

Also, please visit www.citizenbike.com/setup for information regarding the setup and operation of your folding bike.



Please visit
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for instructions for setting up
and using your new folding
bike. **Enjoy!**

for your records

Before reviewing this owner's manual, we suggest that you locate the serial number which is stamped into the bottom bracket shell or head tube of your bicycle frame.

Record the serial number in this manual in the event your bicycle is lost or stolen.

In addition, you may want to register your serial number with your local police department.

Model name & color:

Serial number:

Date of purchase:

Order number:

safety

Like any sport, bicycling involves risk of injury and even death. Proper use and maintenance of your bicycle reduces the risk of injury and damage.

A bicycle is smaller and less powerful than other vehicles, so bicycle safety cannot be over-emphasized. This manual explains how to ride your new bicycle safely, and how to maintain your bicycle to keep it operating safely.



Even if you consider yourself familiar and comfortable with riding a bicycle, it is important to read this manual completely.

This manual is not intended to function as a bicycle repair manual. It is to function as a basic introduction to safety, assembly and maintenance.

special notes

for parents

Due to the extra care that is required to setup your bicycle for safe operation, our folding bicycles are recommended for adults only.

As a parent or guardian, you are responsible for the activities and safety of your minor child, including bicycle safety. In general, it is imperative to always make sure that a bicycle is properly fitted to a child; that it is in good repair and safe operating condition; that you and your child have learned and understand the safe operation of a bicycle; and that you and your child have learned, understand and obey not only the applicable local motor vehicle, bicycle and traffic laws, but also the common sense rules of safe and responsible bicycling.

assembly by a professional

It is always advisable to have your bicycle properly assembled by a bicycle professional.

Proper setup and ongoing maintenance will ensure safe setup and long life for your new folding bike.

your bicycle's break-in period

Every new bicycle has a break-in period where your control cables and wheel spokes may stretch and settle.

A break-in period is expected on new bicycles after the first few weeks of use. After the break-in period, your brake cables, shifter cables and wheel spokes may need to be adjusted. We strongly suggest that you have a professional bicycle mechanic make any necessary adjustments after your initial rides.

quick safety tips

- Before your first ride, be sure you know all local traffic regulations.
- Remember to comply with all bicycling safety laws and use common sense, especially in adverse weather conditions.
- Before riding your folding bike for the first time, make sure to comprehensively familiarize yourself with the location and operation of all the quick release levers on your folding Citizen Bike.
- Before each ride, check to make sure all latches and quick releases are properly secured.
- Before each ride, always check your brake system and tire pressure. Proper inflation for your tires is indicated on the tire's sidewall.
- Do not over-tighten the quick release levers. Always hand tighten until clamping is snug. Never use a tool or wrench to tighten the quick release levers.
- Never operate the folding bicycle if the frame, wheels or quick release levers are damaged.
- Rider's weight including luggage should not exceed 100 kg or 220 lbs.
- Make sure that the seat post quick release is securely fastened and that the seat post does not slip or move before you ride.
- Proper maintenance and adjustment of your Citizen Bike will greatly increase riding safety and performance.
- To keep bicycle in optimum operating condition, always dry the bicycle after use in wet riding conditions.
- Reflectors alone are not adequate for riding at night. Front and rear lighting systems are recommended to increase visibility.
- Your Citizen Bike is designed for adult riders only.
- Always wear a helmet when riding your Citizen Bike.

know your folding bike



Get to know your folding bicycle. Please refer to the diagram above for the names and basic function of various components on your Citizen Bike folding bicycle regularly referred to in this manual.

1. **handlebar** (includes grips, brake levers and shifter)
2. **handlebar height adjustment quick release** (some models)
3. **handlebar folding stem** (joint for handlebar folding)
4. **frame rest** (protects chainwheel when folded and resting on the ground)
5. **crank & chainwheel**
6. **folding pedal**
7. **chain**
8. **seatpost height adjustment** (quick release for adjusting seat height)
9. **seatpost**
10. **saddle**
11. **frame folding box** (the main folding mechanism for your frame)

initial folding bike setup

Thanks for purchasing a folding bike by Citizen Bike. Review these instructions completely to get your bike set up for your first ride.

Please note that the directions left, right, front and rear are used here as seen by a rider while seated on the bicycle.

WARNING: Bicycling can be a hazardous activity even under the best of circumstances. Proper assembly and maintenance of this bicycle is your responsibility, as it helps reduce the risk of injury. Riding a bicycle which is improperly assembled or maintained can result in possible injury or death.

It is always advisable to have your bicycle properly assembled by a bicycle professional. This setup and ongoing maintenance will ensure a proper and safe setup and long life for your new folding bike.

unpacking

Please remove your Citizen Bike folding bike from the delivery package.

Carefully remove all other packing material from the bicycle. This includes all zip ties, axle caps and material protecting the frame. You can cut the zip ties with scissors, a knife, or with wire cutters, but please use caution not to cut or damage any of the bicycle components or cables.



Your bike is also shipped with a disposable shipping protector attached to the bicycle frame rest. This is used only for shipping and should be removed before riding and may be discarded.

Depending on the level of pre-assembly, your Citizen Bike may include loose components.

Some loosely packed components may include your plastic bolt caps (for wheel hub bolts), folding bike pedals, bell, tightening tools (if required), reflectors, touch-up paint (some models), and two Velcro binding straps. Also packed in your bike carton, you will find your seatpost and saddle. Your seatpost may have your saddle already connected and secured to the seatpost.

Many of these items may be pre-installed or attached to your bike. However, if any item requires installation, the following will guide you through the required setup. For instance, your model may have one or both pedals already attached to your folding bike, as well as the reflectors, bell and bolt caps. Different models arrive with different levels of shipping assembly.

Please follow the instructions for assembly only if required for your model.

using the Velcro binding straps

The Velcro binding straps may be attached to the bicycle. These straps are designed to secure your bike in the folded position. The longer strap is used to secure the folded handlebars to the bicycle frame. The shorter strap is used to bind the two halves of the bike when folded. See the folding guide for more information on using your Velcro binding straps.

connecting/tightening the seat to the post

Insert the seatpost into the bike frame.

Close the quick release to lock the seatpost in position. The quick release should close with sufficient force to securely lock the seatpost into position.

To tighten the quick release mechanism, open the quick release, hold the nut opposite the lever with one hand and rotate the quick release lever clockwise a complete rotation while holding the nut firmly. This will tighten the entire quick release mechanism. Now close the quick release lever. You will notice that the quick release lever is more difficult to tighten.



If the quick release requires more tightening, unlock the quick release and continue to rotate the quick release lever while holding the bolt opposite the lever until the quick release mechanism is appropriately tightened. Repeat if necessary.

Please note, your seatpost has imprinted minimum insertion or maximum extension markings. Do not adjust your seatpost beyond this marking.

WARNING: Never ride with the seatpost beyond the marked minimum insertion or maximum extension mark. If your seat post projects from the frame beyond the minimum insertion or maximum extension, your seatpost or frame can be damaged, which could cause you to lose control and fall and result in serious injury or death.

WARNING: Riding with an improperly tightened seat post can allow the saddle to move and cause you to lose control and fall.

connecting/tightening the handlebar extension

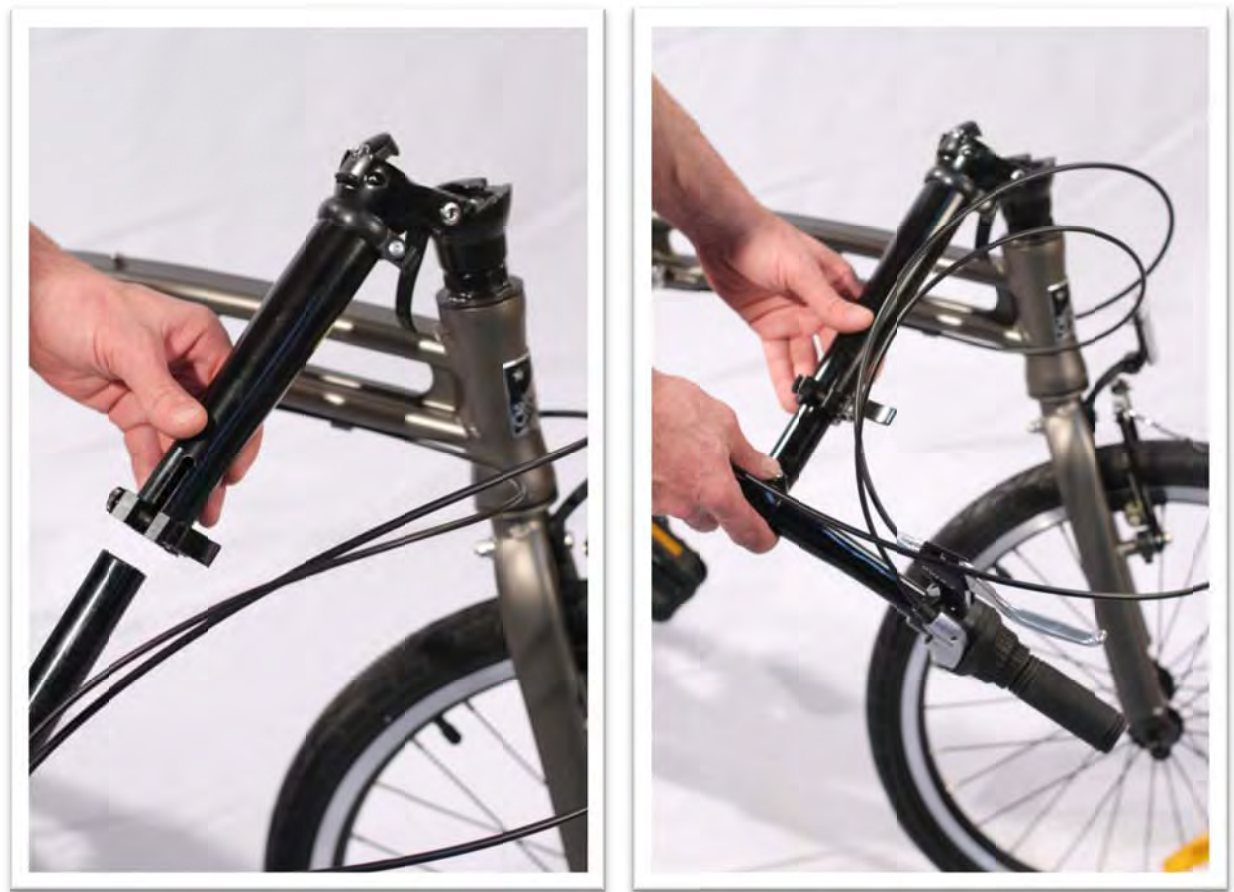
Your new Citizen Bike may arrive with the handlebar extension detached from the handlebar stem.

Remove the handlebar extension from the center of the folded bike frame. Make sure the brake and shifter cables are not twisted or tangled around your frame before repositioning the handlebar extension.

Open the handlebar height adjustment lever quick release before inserting the handlebar extension.

With the handlebars in the folded position insert the handlebar extension into the handlebar stem.

Close and tighten the quick release mechanism to lock the handlebars into the stem.



Please note, your handlebar extension has an imprinted minimum insertion or maximum extension marking. Do not adjust your handlebar extension beyond this marking.

WARNING: If your handlebar extension projects from the stem beyond the minimum insertion or maximum extension mark the handlebars may be damaged, which could cause you to lose control and fall and result in serious injury or death.

WARNING: Riding with an improperly tightened handlebar post can allow the handlebar extension to move and cause you to lose control and fall.

connecting the pedals

Your Citizen Bike includes a set of folding pedals. Your bike may have one or both pedals pre-installed.

The pedals are marked on the end of the pedal axle: "R" for "Right" and "L" for "Left." Look for the letter "L" or "R" on the side or end of each pedal spindle.

When seated on the bike, your right foot would correspond to the right pedal and your left foot would correspond to the left pedal.

If your pedals are not pre-installed, first apply a small amount of grease to the threads of each pedal.

Bicycle pedals always tighten in the direction of the front wheel.

Turning the spindle clockwise by hand, thread the pedal marked "R" into the crank arm on the right (drive) side of the bicycle. Make sure that you are not "cross-threading", which can strip the threads in the crank arm. If the threads do not turn easily, don't force them. Back the spindle out and start over. Once the pedal is threaded into the crank, tighten the spindle securely to the crank arm with a 15mm open end or an adjustable wrench.

Turning the spindle counterclockwise by hand, thread the pedal marked "L" into the crank arm on the left side of the bike. Make sure that you are not "cross-threading", which can strip the threads in the crank arm. If the threads do not turn easily, don't force them. Back the spindle out and start over. Once the pedal is threaded into the crank, tighten the spindle securely to the crank arm with a 15mm open end or an adjustable wrench.

WARNING: Improperly installed and tightened pedals can work loose, damaging the bicycle and causing possible serious injury or death to the rider.

adjusting the angle of your handbrake levers

Your Citizen Bike has front and rear hand brake levers. These levers may require angle adjustment and tightening for comfort and safety.

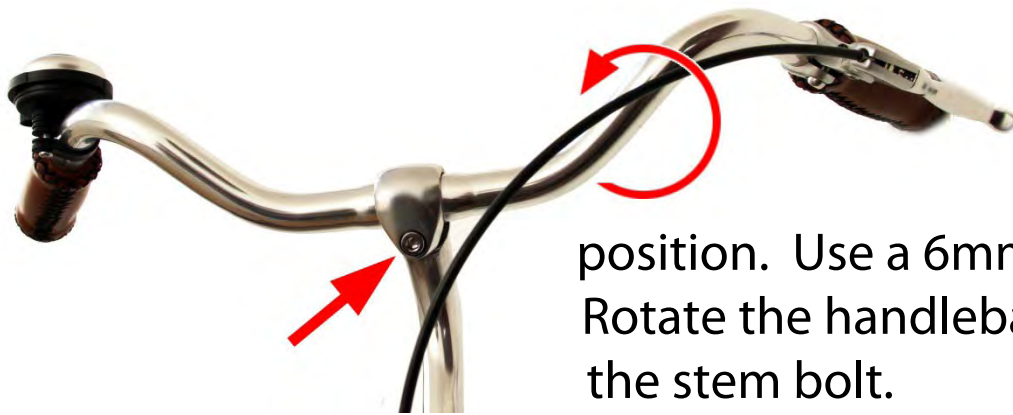
When your handlebars are properly set up, adjust the angle of the handbrake so that they are easily accessible when your hands are on the handlebars.

The angle of the handbrake levers is generally a straight line from your shoulders through your hands to the brakes. Tighten the position of the handbrake levers in this position by tightening the hex nut with a 5mm hex key or Allen wrench.

attaching your free bell

Your Citizen Bike folding bike comes with a free bell. It is recommended to attach the bell to the left side of the handlebars. Loosen the screw on the attachment ring completely with a screwdriver. Place the attachment ring around the handlebars and replace and tighten the screw. The bell is rung by flicking the small tab. Ding!

handlebar angle



For models with a raised handlebar, you can rotate the handlebar to a comfortable position. Use a 6mm hex key to loosen the stem bolt. Rotate the handlebar to the desired angle. Retighten the stem bolt.

Check to insure that the stem bolt and handlebar clamp are completely secure by placing the front wheel of the bicycle between your legs and attempt to twist the handlebar/stem assembly. If you can twist the stem in relation to the front wheel or turn the handlebars in relation to the stem, tighten the appropriate bolts. **WARNING: Failure to properly tighten the handlebar stem and clamp bolt may compromise steering action, which could cause you to lose control and fall.**

reflectors

WARNING: Do not fail to install the reflectors on your bicycle. They are an integral part of the bicycle's safety system.

If not pre-installed, securely fasten the front white reflector to the bracket using the mounting screw. Securely fasten the reflector bracket to the handlebar. If not pre-installed to your seatpost, attach the rear reflector to the seatpost. If your bike has fenders, your rear reflector may be integrated into your rear fender. For bracket reflectors, adjust each reflector's angle so that it is at 90 degrees to the ground.

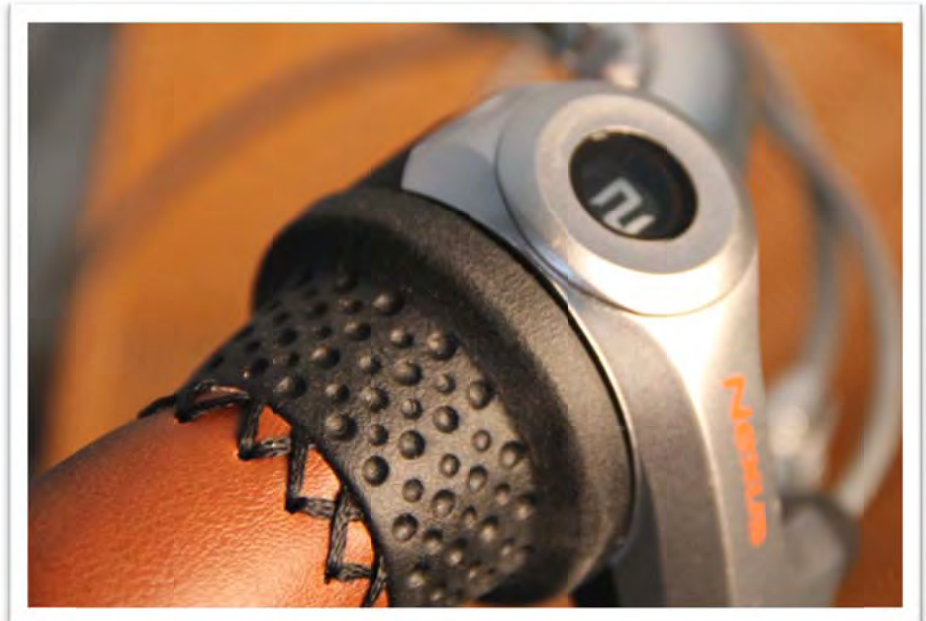
If not already attached, attach the two amber wheel reflectors to a pair of adjoining spokes of each wheel in a position opposite the tire valve stem and as close to the wheel rim as the mounting clips allow.

your internal hub system (for 3-speed systems only)

Your 3-speed Citizen Bike includes a Shimano *Nexus* internal hub.

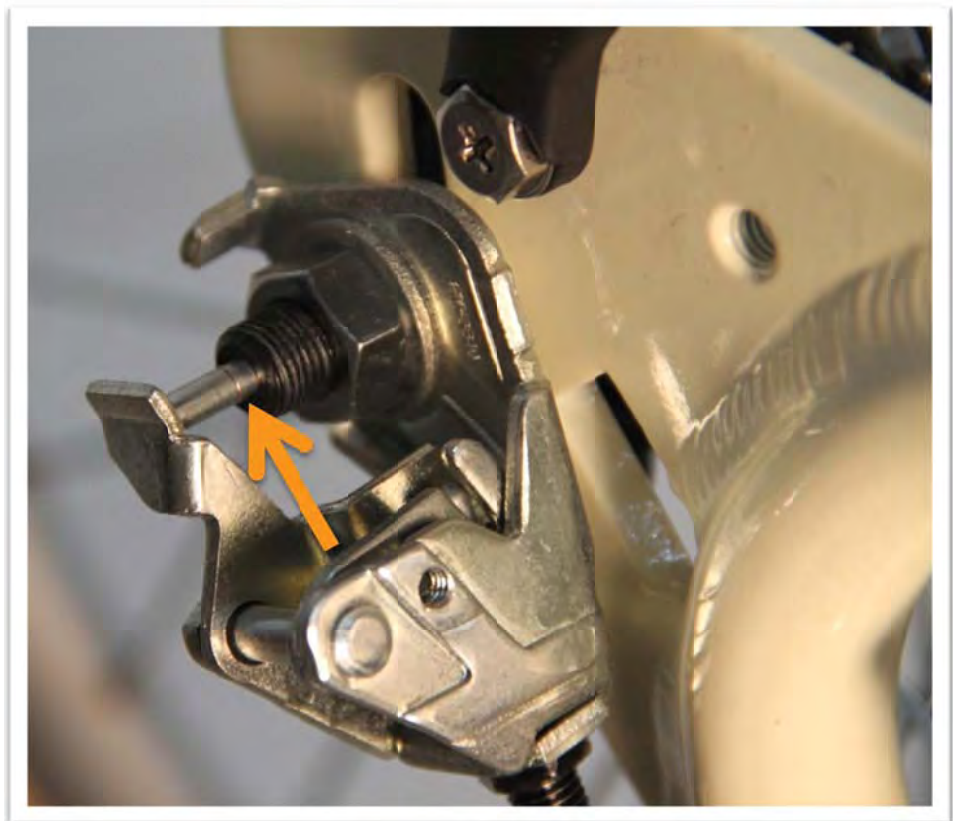
Though your hub system is relatively maintenance free, this system requires regular inspection to ensure proper shifting. If your shifting requires adjustment or is not operating properly, please check for the proper adjustment.

To adjust the hub, first set your grip shifter to second gear.



Next, remove the protective cover to expose the hub pulley by removing the retaining screw and cover.

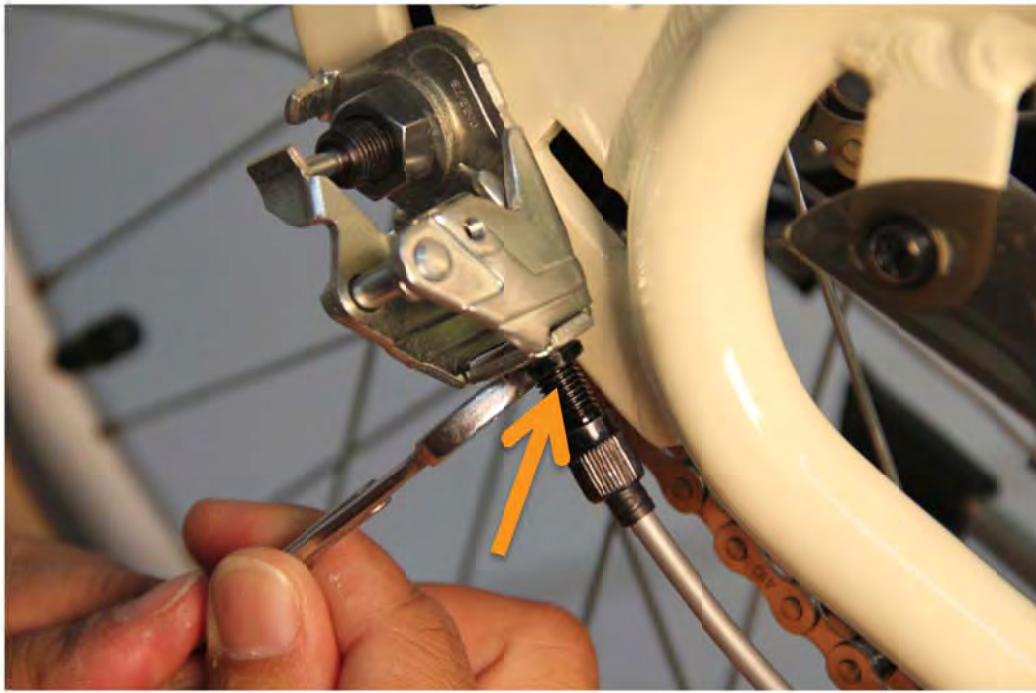
Note that the hub pulley has a red indicator line that may or not be visible in the 2nd gear position.



For a properly adjusted hub, this red indicator line will be evenly aligned with the threaded axle end.

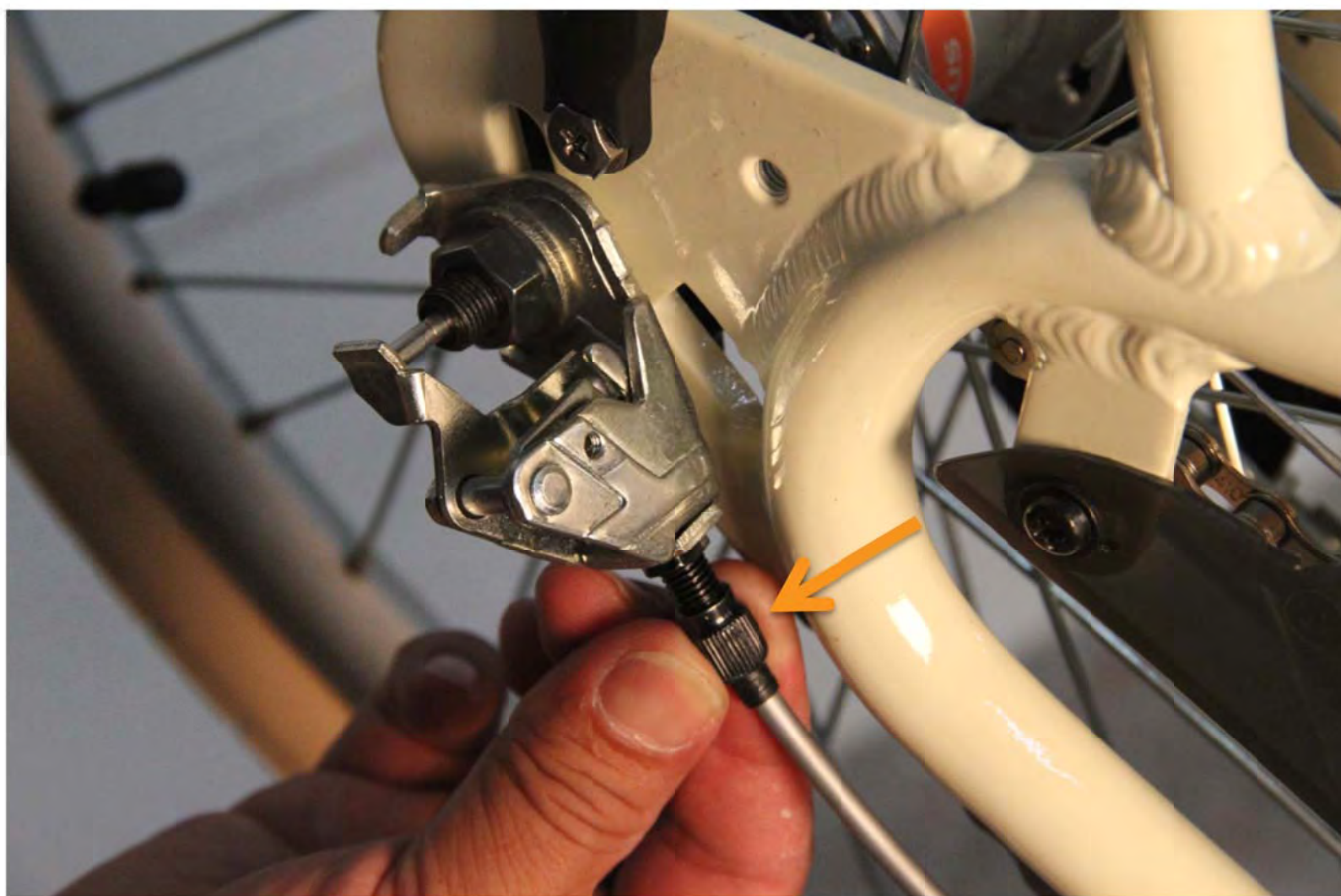
Shift your grip shifter between gears to note the travel of the pulley and to reveal the position of the red indicator line if needed. Return the grip shifter to 2nd gear.

To adjust the position of the red indicator line, you will need to adjust the gear cable tension by rotating the barrel adjuster until proper alignment is achieved.



You may need to release the lock nut on the barrel adjuster before making any adjustments.

After completing your adjustment, tighten the lock nut and replace the pulley cover.



final check

While this bicycle has been pre-assembled, some loosening of components may have occurred during shipping and handling. Before attempting to ride this bicycle, check all nuts, bolts and other hardware and tighten if necessary.

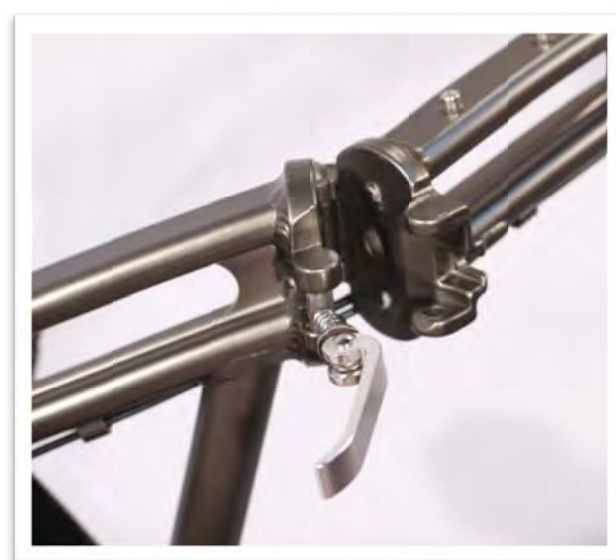
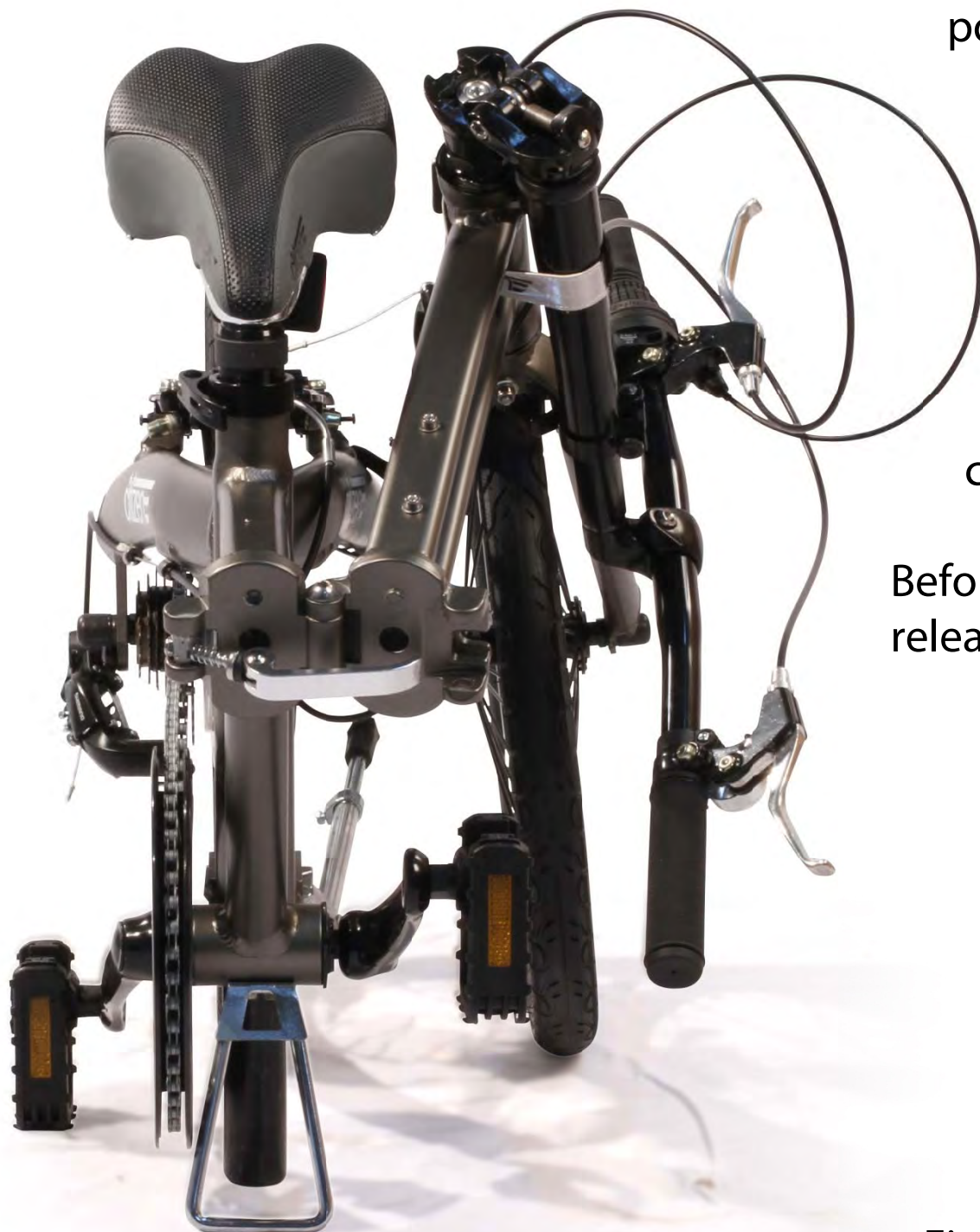
folding/unfolding guide

With a little practice, you should be able to fold your Citizen Bike quickly and easily.

Your bike arrives in the folded position.

Properly folded, your handlebars should be positioned on the outside of the frame. Your frame should be resting on the frame rest, protecting the chainwheel from the ground.

Before unfolding your frame, release any Velcro binding straps.



First, swing your frame together.

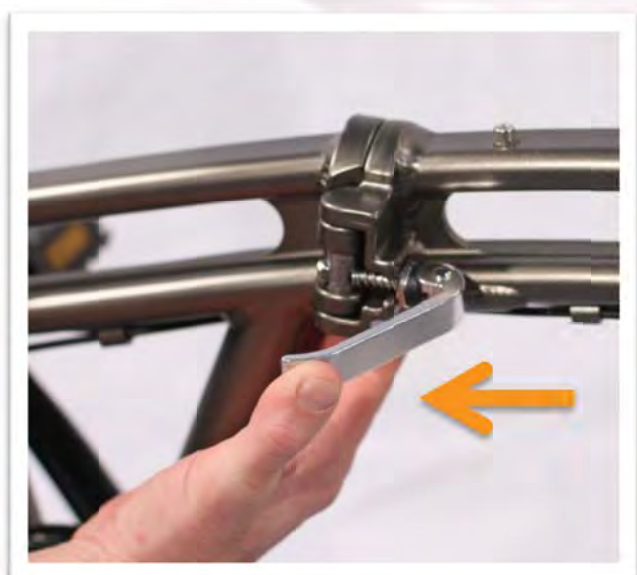
Make sure the quick release bolt snaps into the frame folding box.

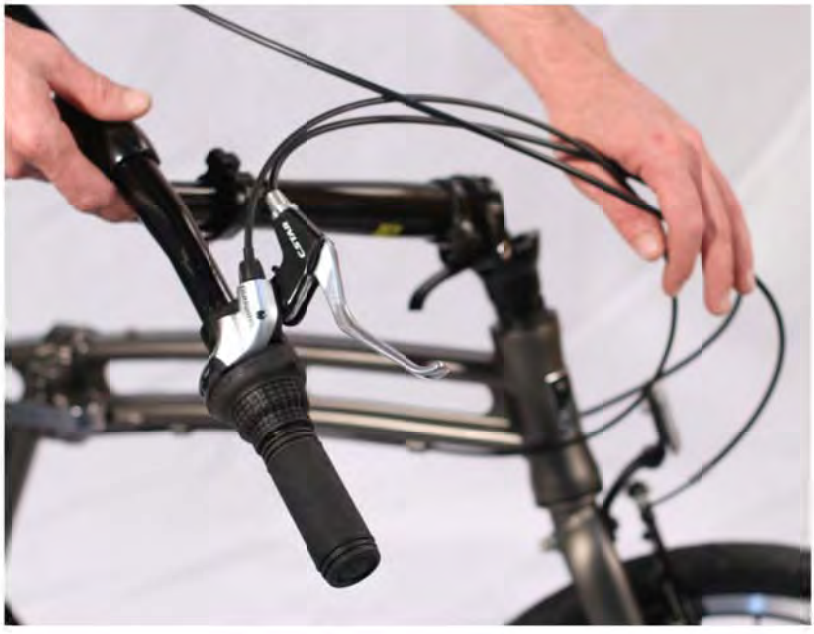
Tighten the quick release latch by pressing down the lever firmly.

This lever should be tightened horizontally as

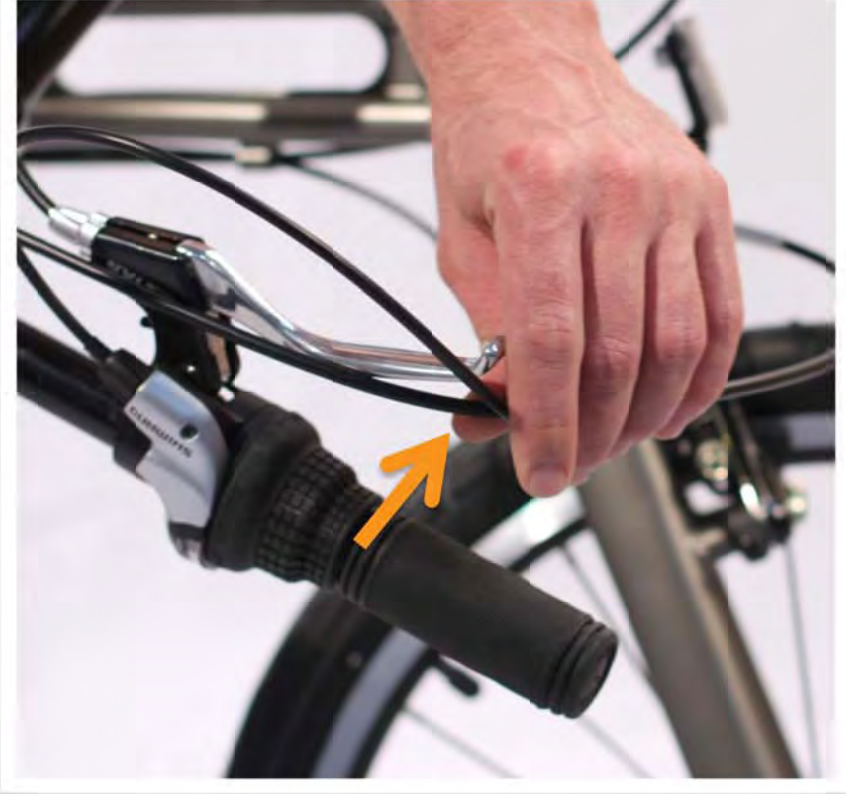
pictured to avoid interfering with your legs while pedaling.

You can adjust the tension on the quick release levers by loosening or tightening the lever mechanism itself. **Do not overtighten.**





Swing handlebar post up to vertical.

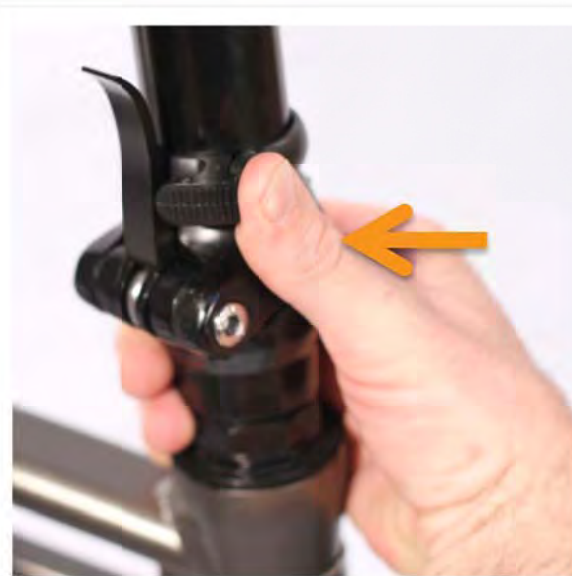


To avoid damaging your folding bike, make sure not to stretch or tangle the cables. Tangled cables may cause braking and shifting issues.



Lift the locking lever to the vertical position, securing the release button into the locked position.

Push the locking hook into the locked position to secure the locking lever.



Raise handlebars to an appropriate height and tighten the quick release lever to lock in place.

Do not raise the handlebar beyond the maximum

extension safety line. Tightening the handlebar extension beyond the maximum extension could damage your handlebars, which may cause you to lose control and fall.

Please note, you can adjust the tension on the quick release levers by loosening or tightening the lever mechanism itself. **Do not overtighten.**

Release quick release lever to adjust seat post height.

Raise the seat post to a comfortable height and tighten the quick release lever to lock in place.

Adjust the tension on the quick release, if necessary.

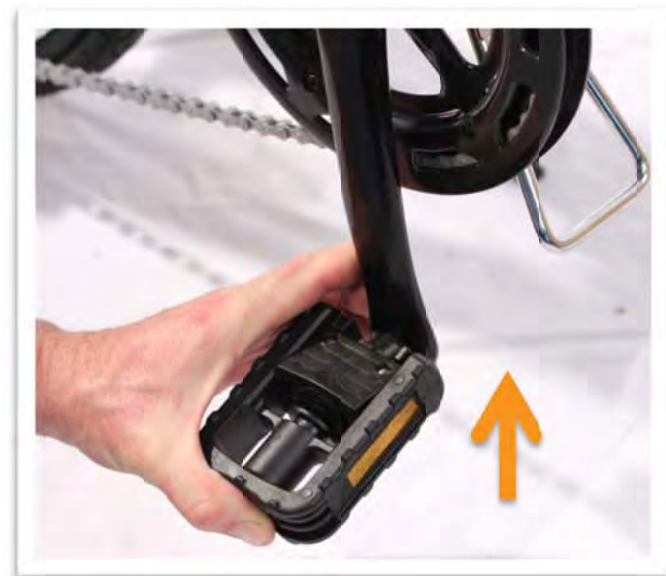
Do not raise the seatpost beyond the safety line. To avoid serious injury, before you ride make sure that the seat and seatpost are securely fastened so they won't slip.

To unfold the pedals, lift the pedal step upward. **Keep fingers clear of the pedal step interior to avoid serious injury.**

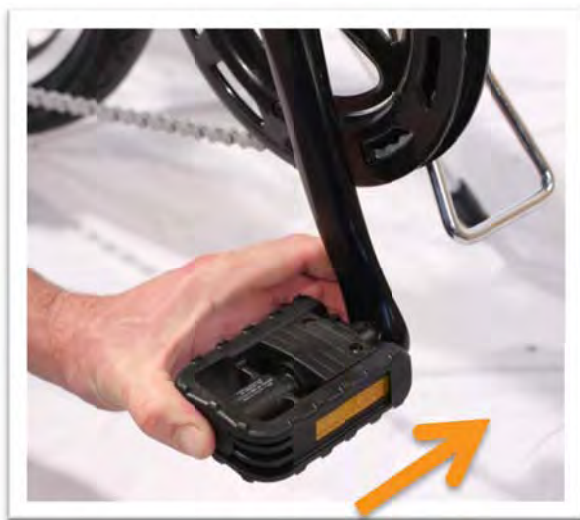
Make sure that both pedals are securely locked into place before riding to avoid possible serious injury.

Congratulations!

Your **Citizen Bike** is ready to ride!



folding your bike

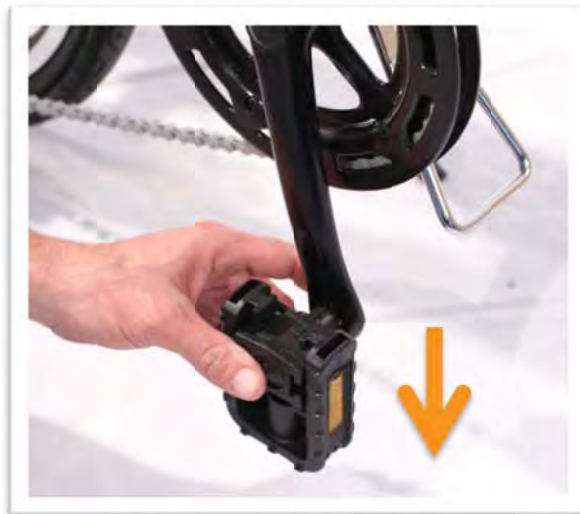


pedals

To fold the pedals, push the pedal end toward the bicycle axle then flip the pedal platform down.

Pushing the pedal in will release the pedal from the locked position.

Please make sure to keep your fingers clear of pedal platform interior to avoid injury.



seatpost

Release the seatpost height adjustment quick release. Lower the seatpost and lock back into position.



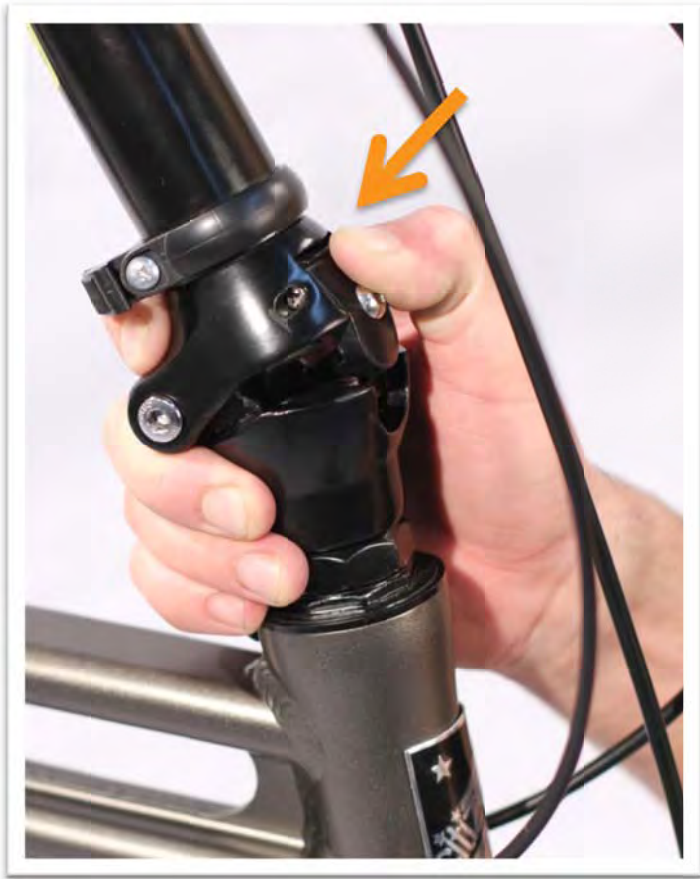
handlebar stem

To fold your handlebars, first release the locking hook.

Next, lower the locking lever completely.



Next, firmly press the wedge release button to unlock the handlebar stem wedge. Once released, fold the handlebar stem to the side of the bike.

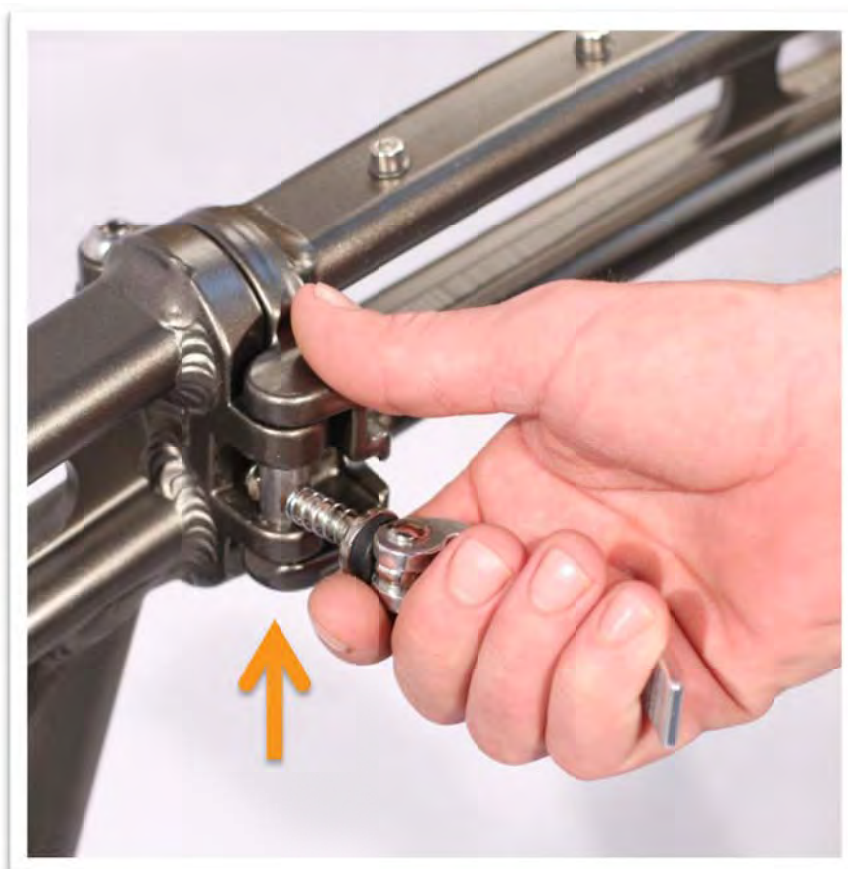


frame

The frame folding quick release is attached to a vertical locking pin for safety.



To unfold the frame, position the unlocked frame quick release perpendicular to the bike frame.



While the quick release is perpendicular to the frame, push up the lever to release the vertical locking pin from the frame.

The frame lock will release and open.

Swing frame into folded position.

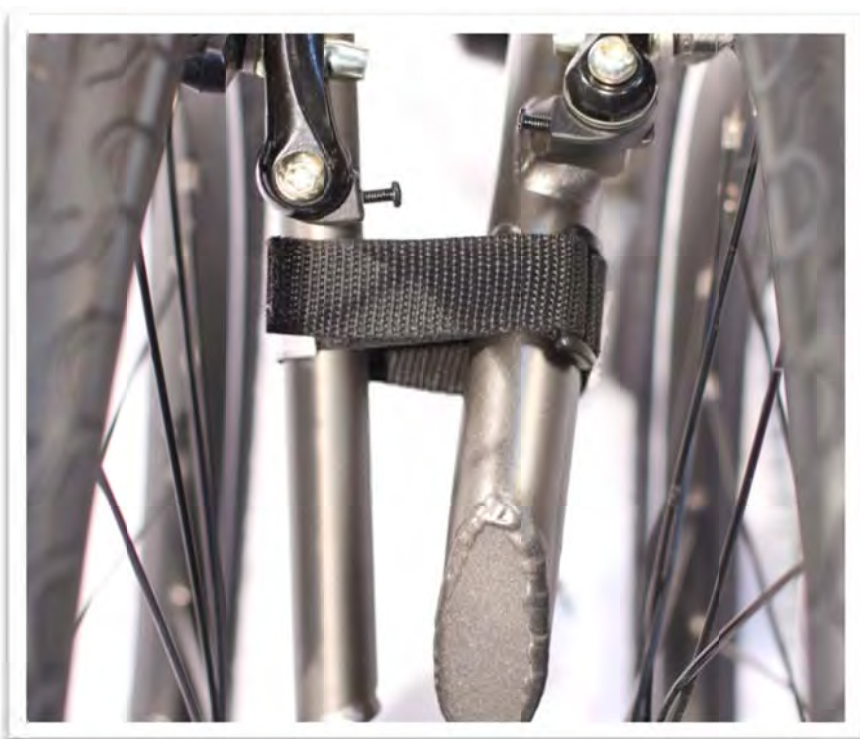


Velcro binding straps

If you'd like to carry the bicycle in the folded position outside of the carrying case, you can use the provided Velcro straps to secure the bike in the folded position.

Use the longest Velcro strap to secure the folded handlebars to the frame of the bike.

Use the shorter strap to secure the folded bicycle frame together.



Practice the folding and unfolding procedure and it will become easy and intuitive.

Now you can enjoy the additional possibilities of folding convenience with your new Citizen Bike.

tangled cables

Use extra caution when unfolding the bike before each ride to make sure that your brake and shifter cables are not tangled or pinched.

Tangled brake and shifter cables can cause complications with the braking and shifting functions of your bike. A tangled brake cable may cause your brakes to clinch your wheel and prevent it from rolling smoothly. Also, a tangled brake cable may also prevent you from being able to properly engage the braking system. If your shifting cable becomes pulled, pinched or tangled, it may prevent the bike from properly shifting.

Always make sure that your brake and shifter cables are not tangled when folding and unfolding your bike.

tire pressure

For easy reference, the recommended tire pressure is always printed on the sidewall of your tire. Look on your tire's sidewall for tire pressure recommendations for your model.

Make sure to maintain the recommended tire pressure. Do not exceed the maximum tire pressure listed.

Make sure to check your tire pressure before every ride. Poorly inflated tires are much more likely to suffer a puncture caused by the inner-tube being pinched by the rim.

Low tire pressure can also cause excessive wear on the tread and sidewall of the tire, where the tire is least protected. Over time, this can lead to premature tire wear. An underinflated tire also greatly increases the “rolling resistance,” requiring more pedaling effort.

Maintaining proper tire pressure will make for a more enjoyable, efficient ride and extend the life of your tires.

CAUTION: A gas station hose may inflate a bicycle tire too rapidly, and the pressure indicated is often inaccurate. Excessive pressure can cause the tire to explode or fail. Use a hand-operated pump with an appropriate gauge.

saddle height/fit

Saddle adjustment is crucial in obtaining maximum comfort and performance out of your Citizen Bike. Improper saddle height can cause unnecessary strain on your body and reduce overall performance and enjoyment.

To find the optimal saddle height, first sit on the saddle.

Next, rotate the crank until one of the pedals is in the down position and the crank arm is parallel with the seat tube.

Place your heel on the pedal that is in the down position. If your knee is bent and your leg is not completely straight when in this position, your saddle needs to be raised. The proper saddle height will allow for your leg to be fully extended when your heel is on the lowermost pedal. The goal is that when



you are pedaling with the ball of your foot there should be a slight bend in your knee. This allows for your legs to work at maximum efficiency and comfort while riding your bike.

bicycles, accidents and safety

Your bicycle can be fun when used for transportation, recreation and exercise. But riding a bicycle can also be dangerous, especially if you try to ride beyond the limits of your ability or the limits of your bicycle. The skill of bicycle riders can vary greatly, just like the skill of automobile drivers. Do not ride in a manner that exceeds the limits of your ability.

The first rule in safe bicycle riding is to use common sense. A bicycle is vulnerable –it cannot protect you in a crash, impact, or loss of control in the way a car can. A bicycle can tip over sideways or pitch you over the front wheel.

Most dangerous situations are obvious. For example, a bad accident can occur if an object gets caught in your bicycle's spokes. But not all dangerous situations are obvious. However, you add to your risk when you make modifications to your bicycle, ride in an unusual location, ride over obstacles or debris, or ride in any other high-risk manner.

an impact can weaken your bicycle

Each bicycle and its parts have limits because of many properties: design, material, maintenance, use, surface of the road and more.

If you crash or apply force that is higher than the limits of your bicycle or its parts, you are very likely to cause damage. If your bicycle or a part has damage and you crash or load it again later, this additional impact can cause a failure at a much lower load.

a bicycle cannot protect you in an accident

Bicycles are not designed to withstand every situation. In a crash or impact, it is not uncommon for the bicycle to have damage, and for you to fall. If you fall, your bicycle cannot prevent injury. Cars have bumpers, seat belts, air bags, and crumple zones. Bicycles do not, so even a fall at slow speed or an impact with a small object can cause serious injury. Higher speeds and larger impacts will only be worse.

before your first ride

Check your bicycle fit and operation. You should make sure your bicycle fits before you ride it, and you should know how it works.

Practice at slow speeds first. Before riding fast or in more difficult conditions, learn the function and performance of all the mechanisms of your bicycle by riding at slower speeds in a flat, empty parking lot.

Use your pedals safely. The pedals are where your feet are placed on a bicycle; control and safety demand that your feet be secure on the pedals.

Familiarize yourself with the braking system. Misuse of the braking system, including over-use of the front brake, can cause you to lose control and fall. Avoid improper braking by understanding and practicing proper application of your brakes.

Make sure accessories are compatible and safe. To make your bicycle more personally useful, you may choose to change parts or add accessories. Not all parts or accessories are compatible or safe. If you choose to add accessories, read any instructions that are supplied with those accessories before riding your bicycle.

CAUTION: Improper components or improper assembly can place unknown stress, or fatigue stress, on your bicycle or components. Stress can lead to failure, which can cause you to lose control and fall.

for your every ride

Wear a helmet and safety equipment. An unprotected head is highly susceptible to injury, even from the slightest contact, but wearing a helmet that meets appropriate safety testing standards may help prevent injury.

Helmets should be removed when not riding the bicycle. If the helmet is caught or stuck on or between objects, the wearer could choke.

Eye protection and appropriate cycling clothes are also recommended. Wear light, bright, or reflective clothing, especially at night, to make yourself more visible.

Ride in an appropriate area. Avoid riding in conditions that are beyond the design of your bicycle. Also try to avoid high-traffic or congested areas where you are smaller than other vehicles and might be hard to see.

Always keep a safe stopping distance between you and other vehicles or objects. Adjust stopping distances and braking forces to suit the riding conditions.

Do not overuse the front-wheel brake. Apply both brakes at the same time. Over-use or misuse of a front-wheel brake, such as using only the front-wheel brake in an emergency, could cause the rear wheel to lift from the ground which could cause you to lose control.

WARNING: Applying sudden or excessive stopping force with the front-wheel brake may cause the rear wheel to lift off the ground or the front wheel to slip out from under you, which can cause you to lose control and fall. Apply both brakes at the same time and shift your weight backward on the bicycle while braking.

Know and observe local bicycle riding laws. Most state and local areas have specific laws for cyclists, and you should follow them. Local cycling clubs or your state's Department of Transportation (or equivalent) should be able to supply this information to you. A few of the more important rules of riding include the following:

- Use proper hand signals
- Ride single file when riding with other cyclists
- Ride on the correct side of the road; never ride against traffic
- Ride defensively; expect the unexpected. A cyclist is hard to see, and many drivers simply are not trained to recognize the rights and special considerations of a bicycle rider

Ride defensively. To motorists, pedestrians, or other bicyclists, you are not as visible as a car. Always watch for hazardous situations, and be ready to stop or take evasive action at all times.

Avoid road hazards. Watch for and avoid potholes, drain grates, soft or low shoulders, and other deviations which could cause your wheels to slip or create an impact.

When crossing railroad tracks or drain grates, do so carefully at a 90° angle. If you are not sure of the condition of the riding surface, walk your bicycle.

Avoid debris. If your tires contact debris such as sticks, rocks, trash, or any other loose object on the road, the debris can flip up. If the debris gets into your wheels, it could cause you to lose control or crash. It could also get caught in your spokes or chain, possibly damaging your bicycle.

Watch the cars you are preparing to pass. If a car suddenly enters your lane, or someone unexpectedly opens the door of a parked car, you could be involved in a serious accident. Mount a horn or bell on your bicycle, and use it to alert others of your approach.

Be careful when riding in low light conditions. Your bicycle is equipped with a full set of reflectors. Keep them clean and in position. As useful as these reflectors are, they do not help you see, nor do they help you be seen, unless light is directed on them. Use a working headlight and tail light when you ride in poorly lighted or low visibility conditions. Also wear light, bright, and reflective clothing, especially at night, to make yourself more visible.

The important thing is to see and be seen. If you do any amount of riding at dusk, at night, or in any conditions with poor visibility, find appropriate products to aid your vision and make you more visible.

WARNING: A bicycle rider without proper lighting and safety precautions may not have good vision and may not be visible to others, which can cause a collision resulting in severe injury. Use front and rear bicycle lights and additional safety procedures when riding in poor visibility conditions. Failure to provide visibility for yourself and be visible to others will increase your chance of being involved in an accident in low light conditions.

Avoid unsafe or harmful conditions. Bicycles are not designed to be used in all conditions. Be careful when riding in wet conditions

No brakes, whatever their design, work as effectively in wet weather as they do in dry. Even properly aligned, lubricated, and maintained brakes require greater lever pressure and longer stopping distances in wet weather; anticipate the extra distance it will take to stop.

Wet weather causes reduced visibility for both you and motorists, and reduced traction. Use slower cornering when traction is reduced, like when riding over wet leaves, painted crosswalks, or manhole covers.

Avoid introducing water to any bearings of your bicycle. The metal bearings in your bicycle allow the parts to rotate smoothly. Water in contact with metal causes corrosion, which will make the bearings lose their

smoothness. If any bearings on your bicycle get submerged in water, take your bicycle to a professional for service.

Avoid high-pressure washing systems, like those at most car washes. The high pressure may force water into the bearings.

As with anything mechanical, every part of a bicycle has a limited useful life due to wear. Avoid riding in a manner that is beyond the design of your bicycle, and avoid riding practices that increase stress and fatigue.

Do not use unsafe riding practices. Do not ride "no hands." The slightest road imperfection could initiate a wheel shimmy or cause the front wheel to turn unexpectedly.

Do not ride with a loose object attached to the handlebar or any other part of the bicycle. It could get caught in the wheel spokes, cause the handlebar to turn unexpectedly, or in other ways cause loss of control.

Do not ride while intoxicated or while using medications which might make you drowsy. Bicycles require good coordination to ride in control, and riders must be alert for hazards.

Do not "ride double." Standard bicycles are not designed to carry the additional load of a second rider. Also, extra weight makes a bicycle much harder to balance, steer, and stop.

Do not ride with headphones or anything else which might prevent you from hearing traffic noise. In some areas, riding with headphones is illegal. In all areas, being aware of traffic is an important part of bicycle safety.


before every ride, check your bicycle

Check your bicycle and its components against the following checklist before every ride. This is not a comprehensive maintenance program. If you are not certain if your bicycle has a problem, take your bicycle to a professional mechanic for service.


In addition, if you have an impact, crash, or accident, even a minor one, always have the bicycle inspected thoroughly by a professional before riding the bicycle again.

WARNING: A bicycle that does not work properly can cause you to lose control and fall. Inspect the entire bicycle thoroughly before every ride, and do not ride it until any problem has been corrected.

 **Check the frame, fork, and components.** Carefully inspect your frame and components for signs of fatigue before and after each ride.


 **Check that the wheels are straight.** Spin each wheel and watch the rim as it passes through the brake pads or the frame. If the rim wobbles, moving up and down or from side to side, take your bicycle to a professional for service.


 **Check the tire inflation.** Inflate your tires to the air pressure recommended on the tire sidewalls.


 **Check the brakes.** If your brakes are not working properly, you can lose control and fall. Inspect the brakes thoroughly before every ride, and do not ride the bicycle until any problem has been corrected.

Squeeze each brake lever toward the handlebar to make sure the brake moves freely and stops the bicycle. If the brake lever can be pulled to the handlebar, the brake is too loose.

When the brakes are not applied, the brake pads should be 1 to 2mm from the rim. If the brake pads are too close to the rim, the brake is too tight. Brake pads should be aligned with the rim surface. If the brakes are not properly adjusted, take your bicycle to a professional for service.

 **Check the attachment of both wheels.** To be ridden safely, the wheels of your bicycle must be firmly attached to the frame and fork. **WARNING:** A wheel that is not properly attached may allow the wheel to be loose or come off unexpectedly, causing you to lose control and fall. Make sure the axle-nuts are properly tightened before riding the bicycle.

 **Check the handlebar and stem.** Carefully inspect your handlebar and stem for signs of fatigue before and after each ride. Also check that the handlebar ends are properly covered—by grips with closed ends, or handlebar plugs inserted into both ends of the handlebar.

 **Check folding mechanisms.** Carefully inspect your folding mechanisms for signs of fatigue before and after each ride. Also check that the quick release levers are properly tightened and completely closed and secure. Do not over-tighten the quick release levers. Always hand-tighten until clamping is snug. Never use a tool or wrench to tighten the quick release levers. Inspect each component of the folding mechanisms for damage and to verify that each component is properly functioning.

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additional support

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