



**QUICK START GUIDE**  
**ROAD**

**MODELS**

Grade  
GTR



# 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](http://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](http://www.gtbicycles.com).

# THE 5 MAJOR STEPS TO GETTING YOUR BIKE READY TO RIDE



**1. INSTALL HANDLEBARS**



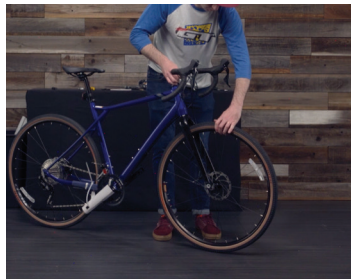
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**2. INSTALL SEAT POST**



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**3. INSTALL THE FRONT WHEEL**



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**4. INSTALL PEDALS**



**STEP 3**

**5. ADJUST THE SEAT HEIGHT**



**STEP 4**

**CONGRATS!**



# GETTING YOUR BIKE READY FOR ASSEMBLY

- + This video applies to all GT Grade and GTr models.
- + 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.

- + Pull the seat out and set it aside for later.
- + Remove the bicycle from the packaging and set it on top of the box.
- + Remove the front wheel from the packaged bike by removing the zip ties and/or Velcro. Then remove all additional packaging from the bike.
- + Lift the front of the bike out of the box, so the rear wheel is in the box and the fork is hanging off the front of the box.



## 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

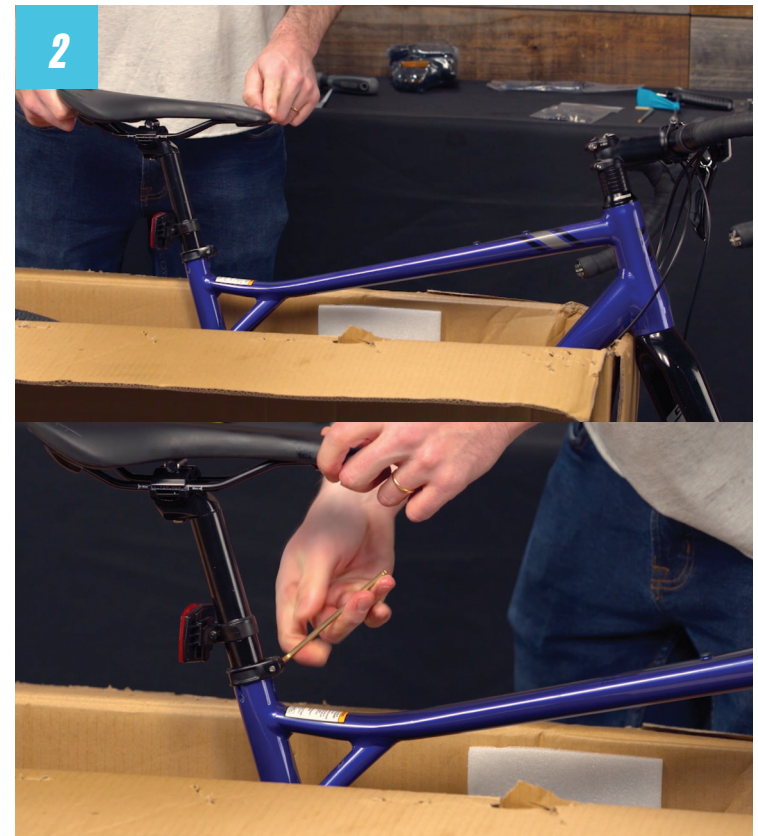
1. Remove the four bolts that connect the faceplate to the stem. The stem is the part that connects the handlebar to the fork. Set the bolts and faceplate aside in a safe place so they aren't lost.
2. Take the handlebar and place it on top of the stem, ensuring the brake and shift cables are not twisted or kinked.
3. Install the faceplate. Center the handlebar on the stem using the markings on the handlebar. Rotate the handlebar into a comfortable position and use the Allen key to hand tighten the faceplate bolts. They will be fully tightened later.
4. Ensure the gap between the faceplate and stem is equal all the way around.



## STEP 2

# INSTALL THE SEATPOST

1. Locate the minimum insertion line on the seatpost. Install the seatpost into the frame, ensuring it is inserted beyond the minimum insertion line.
2. Align the seat with the top tube and tighten the seat collar snugly for now. It will be fully tightened later.

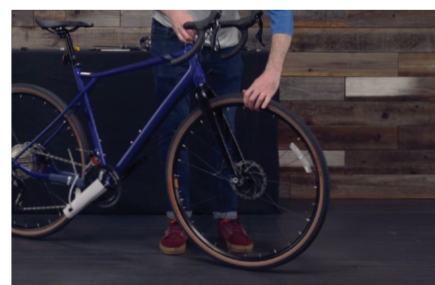




## STEP 3

# INSTALL THE FRONT WHEEL

1. Remove the bike from the box. Recycle or dispose of the box, as you will not need it anymore.
2. Locate the front thru-axle in the parts box. It requires an Allen key to tighten or loosen.
3. Roll the front wheel between the fork legs with the disc brake rotor is on the left (non-drive) side of the bike. Ensure the disc brake rotor goes into the brake caliper smoothly, without binding on the brake pads, and the fork dropouts settle around the wheel hub.
4. Insert the through axle into the right side of the wheel and turn clockwise until tight. Then torque the through axle to 8Nm

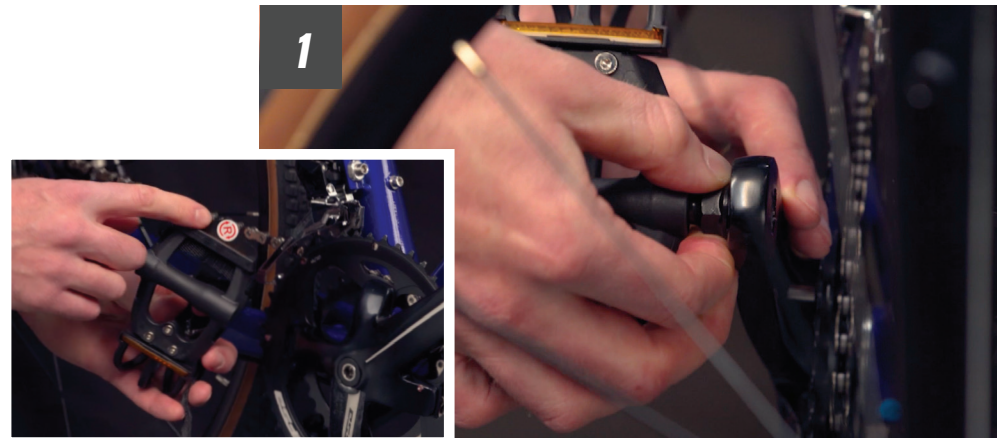


## STEP 4

# INSTALL PEDALS

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

1. Locate the pedal with the 'R' sticker and screw it into the right-side crank arm. Tighten the pedal clockwise, or toward the front of the bike.  
  
Spin the bike around to the left side and locate the pedal with an 'L' sticker on it.
2. Insert the pedal into the left-side crank arm and tighten it counterclockwise, toward the front of the bike.
3. Tighten both pedals very firmly using the supplied pedal wrench.





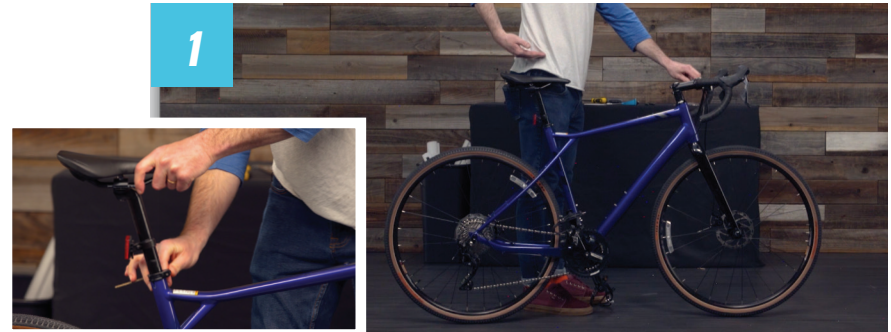
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# ADJUST SEAT HEIGHT

1. The proper seat height is approximately where your hip is. Stand next to the bike and use an Allen key to loosen the seat collar. Adjust the seat up or down, so it's about in line with the point of your hip. Tighten the seat collar. The seat will most likely be at about the same height as the stem.
2. While holding the brakes to ensure it does not move, sit on the bike to verify seat height. At the correct height, your knee should have a slight bend in it when your leg is fully extended.
3. Tighten the stem and seatpost bolts using the provided torque wrench and the appropriate Allen bit.

Locate the torque specification on the front and rear of the stem, and on the seatpost head. If these markings are absent, torque all stem and seatpost bolts to 7 Nm.

4. Verify the reflectors are tight and are positioned correctly. The rear reflector must point straight back, and the front reflector should be perpendicular to the ground.



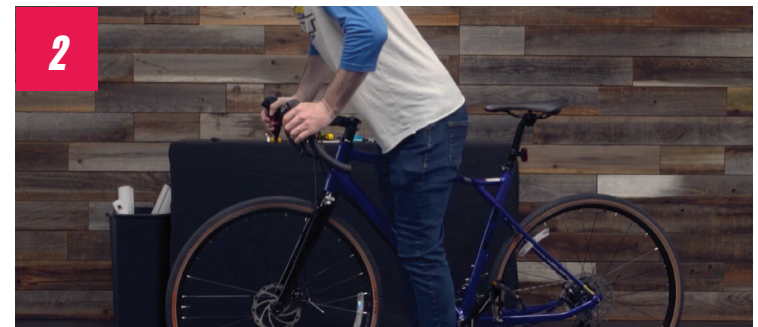


# ***CONGRATULATIONS!*** **YOUR NEW GT BIKE IS NOW ASSEMBLED**

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

1. 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.
2. Push down on the handlebar; it shouldn't move. If it rotates forward or backward, tighten the stem faceplate bolts.
3. Vigorously twist the saddle back and forth to ensure it will not move while riding.
4. Confirm the front and rear brakes engage when the levers are pulled. There should be a gap between the brake lever and the grip when the brakes are fully compressed.
5. Inflate the tires to the manufacturer's recommended pressure, which is printed on the sidewall of the tire.
6. 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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