

# STRIDER BIKES UNIVERSAL OWNER'S MANUAL

#### **PROPER USE**

This bicycle is intended for use safe areas, free of traffic, with surfaces that are in good condition. These surfaces are smooth paved or smooth unpaved surfaces.

### WHAT SHOULD BE AVOIDED?

Avoid bicycling in wet, slippery, or muddy conditions. Strider bikes are not intended for stunts, tricks, jumps, downhill, or any other extreme sport.

WARNING: Tires may unintentionally lose ground contact. It is the guardian's responsibility to ensure that the child is wearing proper safety gear and riding in safe areas on appropriate surfaces.

#### PREPARE TO RIDE

For riding safety and success take the time to check that the Strider bike fits your child properly.

#### **SEAT HEIGHT**

Adjust the seat so that it sits slightly lower than the top of the rider's inseam when they are standing next to the bike. Open the quick release clamp on the seatpost and slide the seat to the appropriate position. When the rider is seated comfortably on the bike with shoes, there should be a slight bend in their knee. The dash lines on the seatpost represent the minimum insertion point. For the rider's safety, insert the post far enough into the frame until the dash lines do not show.

# HANDLEBAR HEIGHT

The best starting point for handlebar height is to set it with respect to the seat. If the seat is at its lowest setting, set the handlebar to its lowest setting, etc. Strider bikes allow for handlebar reach adjustment as well as height. When your child is sitting comfortably on the bike their reach should be a distance where there is only a slight bend to the elbows. The dash lines on the handlebar post represent the minimum insertion point. For your child's safety, insert the post far enough into the frame until the dash lines do not show.

### **USING THE BRAKES**

Hand Brakes: the front and rear brakes are actuated separately by the left and right brake levers. The front and rear brakes should be applied at the same.

- 14x is left-hand rear brake, right-hand front brake.
- 20x is left-hand front brake, right-hand rear brake.

Coaster Brakes: rotate the pedals in reverse until the brake engages.

To become familiar with the brakes, practice using in a safe environment free from vehicle traffic or other hazards.

The rider must be properly instructed in the use of this bicycle, especially the braking system. Please refer to the assembly guide.

## **SADDLE AND HANDLEBAR HEIGHT**

It is safe to lower the seat on all Strider Bikes as far as it will physically go.

### **SAFETY INFORMATION**

Make sure the rider is wearing appropriate attire and safety gear when riding. This includes, but is not limited to, a helmet, close-toed shoes, and knee and elbow pads.

#### CHECK THE TIRES

Use a tire pump with a gauge to make sure the tires are inflated within the recommended pressure range. Do not exceed the pressure limit as stated on the side of the tire or rim; whichever is lowest.

NOTE: It is better to use a hand or foot pump than a service station pump or an electric compressor. The latter is more likely to over-inflate, which can cause the tire to blow out.

### CHECK THE CABLES

Make sure all cables and housings are properly secured to the frame or fork so that they cannot interfere with or get caught on moving parts.

# CHECK REFLECTORS, LIGHTS, AND ACCESSORIES

Check that the reflectors are clean and positioned perpendicular with the rim.

#### CHECK THE PEDALS

Make sure your pedals and shoes are clean and free of debris that could affect your grip or interfere with the pedal system.

Grab your pedals and crank arm and wiggle to see if there is anything loose. Spin the pedals to make sure they rotate freely.

### CHECK THE BRAKES

While standing still, make sure you can apply full braking force without the brake lever touching the handlebar. (If the lever touches, your brakes may need adjustment.)

For hand brakes, check that the front wheel brake is working properly. Ride the bike at a slow speed and gradually apply the front wheel brake. The bike should come to a complete stop. Repeat the process with the rear wheel brake.

WARNING: Brake force applied to the front wheel suddenly or too forcefully could lift the rear wheel off the ground. This could decrease your control and cause you to fall. For best results, gradually apply both brakes at the same time.

For coaster brakes, start with the back pedal crank slightly higher than horizontal. Apply pressure downwards on the back pedal. When you move the pedal downward, the brake should engage.

# CHECK THE CHAIN

Make sure your chain has the correct tension so that it can't fall off. There should be between 6-12mm (0.25-0.50 in) total vertical movement in the middle of the chain, see the diagram under the Chain Maintenance section.

Check that the chain has no kinks, rust, broken pins, plates, or rollers.

### **MAXIMUM WEIGHT LIMITS**

Product	Rider	Rider + Bicycle
14x	36 kg/ 80 lbs	43 kg / 95 lbs
20x	136 kg / 300 lbs	149 kg / 328 lbs

Strider products are not intended to fit a luggage carrier or child seat.

### **SAFETY ADVISORY**

This product is not intended to be ridden on public roads or any places used by automobiles.

Always check and abide by local laws before using this product.

This bike has inherent hazards associated with its use that could lead to injury or death. Never ride this bike near curbs, stairs, steep slopes, swimming pools, or places used by automobiles. Doing so could result in an accident resulting in death or serious injury. Ride in a flat, safe area under adult supervision.

Fastener Torque Specifications			
Item		Torque (N-m)	
14x Stem and Seat Binder Clamp Bolt		4.6	
20x Quill Stem Bolt		20	
Wheel Axle Nuts		22	
Rear Stay Guard Mounting Screw		2.7	
14x Footrest Bolt		20	
20x Footrest Bolt		20	
14x Handlebar Clamp Bolt		20	
20x Stem Faceplate Bolts		20	
Rear Brake Arm Bolt/Nut		2.7	
Rear Brake Cable Clamp Bolt/Nut		10	
Front Brake Center Mount Bolt/Nut		10	
Front Brake Pad Nuts		10	
Front Brake Cable Clamp Bolt/Nut		10	
Brake Lever to Handlebar Bolts		2.9	
14x Saddle to Seatpost Bolt/Nut Mounting Bolt		4	
20x Saddle to Seatpost Bolt/Nut Mounting Bolt		20	

Strider Bikes are not designed to be used in conjunction with any type of stabilizer system.

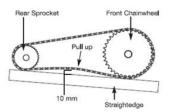
# **ASSEMBLY**

When putting your Strider bike together, refer to assembly guide.

# **CHAIN MAINTENANCE**

The chain should be lubricated with light oil at least every month, or after use in wet, muddy, or dusty conditions. Take care to wipe off excess oil, and not to get oil on tires or rim braking surfaces.

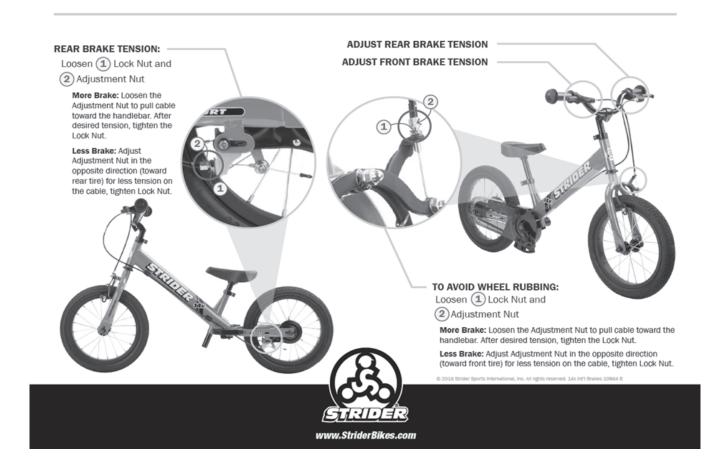
When correctly adjusted, the chain should have approximately 10mm of vertical movement when checked in the center between the chainwheel and rear sprocket. Center the wheel in the frame and re-tighten the axle nut after adjustment.



Chains require a special tool to fit and remove chain links or to change the length. We recommend that you go to a local bicycle mechanic to replace or change the length of your chain.

Strider bikes do not have gears.

#### **BRAKE ADJUSTMENTS**



### **GENERAL MAINTENANCE**

Keep your bike clean and replace worn parts as needed.

WARNING: servicing your bike may require special tools and skills. If a repair or adjustment is not specifically listed in the user manual, for your safety, have it repaired at a bike shop.

For your safety, only genuine Strider parts are recommended for this bike.

The Strider 14x Sport and Strider 20x Sport use Schrader valves. If, for any reason, you decide to use different kinds of valves during an inner tube exchange, familiarize yourself with the correct way to handle those.

Rims are friction components that are exposed to large loads. Deformed, cracked, or broken wheels must be replaced immediately.