

CycleTote[®]

BICYCLE TRAILERS

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OWNER'S MANUAL

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OWNER'S MANUAL

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

Assembly Instructions for your CycleTote bicycle trailer are enclosed separately. Please read and follow them carefully. The Owner's Manual, Guarantee, and Warranty information apply to all trailers or jogging strollers that CycleTote manufactures.

Safe Operating Requirements

Bicycling with your trailer is very different than riding without it. Make sure you completely understand these safe operating requirements.

Understand the Trailer

Assembly

Assemble the trailer according to the directions. Please call us if you have any questions.

Bicycle's Condition

The bicycle must be in safe working order, with good brakes and secure wheels. Inspect and maintain your bike and trailer regularly.

Load Limits

A CycleTote Child trailer, a small or cozy dog trailer, a small cargo trailer or a small utility trailer holds up to 100 lbs. Small Jogger-Strollers also hold up to 100 lbs.

A Special Needs trailer, a large dog trailer, a large cargo trailer or large utility trailer holds up to 175 lbs. Large Jogger-strollers also hold up to 175 lbs.

Keep loads balanced in the center of the trailer. Dog's tend to prefer the front of the trailer. To compensate, carry items such as food or water in the

back, strapped in with a bungee cord.

Loading the Trailer

Load the trailer so that the weight is carried as low as possible (consider adding secured weight to a light load to improve stability),

Hitch

The hitch should be correctly fastened to the bike and trailer. The hitch and tow bar should not rub against bags, panniers, or any part of the bike.

Safety Strap

Trailers without brakes have a safety strap to catch the trailer if it disconnects from the bike. Please use it.

The Safety Flag

The flag attracts driver's eyes, making them more aware, and you safer.

Fabric Care

Cordura fabric is one of the strongest fabrics used on trailers. It can be cleaned with a mild soap and warm water.

Do not use bleach on the fabric or put in a washing machine or dryer. It will fade quicker if stored outside.

Riding

Rules of the Road

Follow the rules of the road. For the most part, bicycles follow the same rules as cars. Obey all traffic rules and regulations, and be a careful cyclist.

Bicycling can be risky, even deadly. You need to be an experienced adult rider in fit condition.

Width

The trailer is wider than the bicycle's handlebars by about 2-1/2 inches on each side when traveling in a straight line. But, when taking a curve, the trailer can extend far inside the path of the bicycle wheels.

Become familiar with the trailer's path and width so you can safely avoid curbs, obstructions, and pedestrians.

Starting and Stopping

Practice slowing and stopping with the trailer attached and loaded, at various speeds, and in various riding conditions. Extra distance is needed to safely handle the trailer.

Envision a "safe zone" ahead in which you can safely stop at the speed you intend to travel. Always stay within this "safe zone" speed. Also, remember that the trailer will take longer to start up, and to pass through an intersection than a bike alone.

Cornering

The CycleTote trailer is designed so that it will trail and corner with the least possible likelihood of rolling. But a two-wheeled trailer doesn't lean like your bicycle, and with the right combination of speed, turning radius, and road irregularities, it can and will roll. Work to minimize this risk by not ride over curbs or through holes.

Slow Down

...especially when turning. Always slow down to 5 miles an hour to turn corners. Recognize that excessive speed compounds anything that might go wrong. Slow down and be safe.

Dealing with Cars

Never assume that cars will give you the right of way or act in your best interest. Avoid busy streets, and assume that drivers may be distracted. Be especially diligent at intersections.

Your Safety

Both the cyclist and all human passengers should wear an approved bicycle helmet. Their value has been shown in numerous studies. Do not bicycle while wearing headphones or talking on the phone.

Enjoy your ride, but be alert and well rested. Take your safety and your responsibility to ride safely seriously.

Road Conditions

Roadway Holes, Cracks, Etc.

Watch for irregularities in the roadway and avoid them when you can safely do so.

Weather

Your passenger or pet may not be able to tell you if they are too cold or too hot. Carry extra supplies to take care of them. In cool or cold weather, any pet or passenger will be colder than the rider. In hot weather, the trailer's interior may be hotter than the rider experiences.

The bicyclist should dress in layers that can be removed or added as weather changes

Nighttime and dusk

It is safest to avoid roadways at dawn or after dusk, or when visibility is poor. If you must ride at night, use lights.

Jogger Option

When using the stroller wheel and handle, check the trailer, front wheel and the handle on a regular basis. Use the Maintenance check list on page 6, substituting the jogger's handle and front wheel for the hitch and tow bar.

Follow the rules of the road, and move defensively when on a street. When on a sidewalk or path, remember that you are wider than any bike or pedestrian. If a dog is in the trailer, be aware that an unexpected bark may startle people passing you. Read through the entire manual. Most items that pertain to bike-pulled trailers also apply to a jogger-strollers.

Motorcycles

CycleTote trailers are not designed to be pulled by motorcycles or scooters.

MAINTENANCE CHECK LIST

Suggested intervals for checking the components of the trailer are listed below. Note that heavier than normal usage requires an accelerated maintenance schedule. Service, repair or replace all components as necessary.

Component	Items to Check	Interval
Bike	Check all components especially brakes.	Each Use
Bicyclist	Be alert, sober, fit, and wearing a helmet.	Each Use
Passenger	Human passengers need helmets and to be strapped in with safety straps. Prepare for all weather.	Each Use
Dogs & Cargo	Both should be secured in the trailer	Each Use
Trailer Brakes	Check Adjustment	Weekly
	Grease Actuator Bolt	Quarterly
Fabric	Check for tears, abrasions, holes	Quarterly
Frame	Check for cracks, breaks, or other damage	Weekly
Hitch Mount	Check for damage or looseness on seat post	Each Use
Hitch Receptacle	Check for damage or wear to retention slide, proper fit of receptacle over hitch ball, and that retention slide holds hitch ball firmly	Each Use
Hitch Bolt	Grease	Yearly
Tires	Check Air Pressures-Follow tire recommendations.	Each Use
	Check for wear, cuts, or separations	Monthly
Wheels	Check that wheels are secure in drop outs	Each Use
	Check for broken spokes	Semi-annual
	Check for proper alignment	Monthly
	Grease wheel bearings	Yearly

PRE-RIDE CHECK LIST (complete before every ride)

Bicycling is an activity bearing the potential for serious injury or death. Trailer passengers are subject to the same conditions and hazards as the cyclist pulling them. It is the responsibility of the cyclist to minimize the risk.

The following checklist can help cyclist avoid potential problems on the road. However, no set of instructions can substitute for the cyclist's awareness of potential conditions and their hazards, and the forethought necessary to deal with them.

- ◇ **Route** Take advantage of bicycle paths, bicycle rights-of way, and roads with plenty of shoulder room. Avoid close automobile and truck traffic.
- ◇ **Tow Bar Weight** The tow bar should bear down on the hitch with about 5 pounds of pressure. If the pressure is too high:
 - ◇ Correct the pressure by moving the objects in the trailer slightly toward the rear.
- ◇ **Negative Tow Bar Weight** If the tow bar pulls upward on the hitch, it can eventually pull the hitch or ball joint apart. A sign that this is happening is that the ball joint tends to rattle. Rearrange the load.
 - ◇ Strap a wrist or ankle jogging weight to the tow bar or to the front of the trailer to help increase the weight in the front.
- ◇ **Tow Bar to Trailer** Tightly depress the tow bar retention screws (red thumb screws) into the tow bar grooves at the front of the trailer.
- ◇ **Hitch**
 - ◇ Tighten the hitch to the seat post so that it cannot move.
 - ◇ Feed the ball joint, top to bottom, through the hitch. The ball joint should rotate freely in the hitch.
 - ◇ Spin the hitch nut onto the ball joint's threads, with the teeth pressing against the hitch. Hand tighten firmly.
- ◇ **Safety Strap** Pass the safety strap around the seat post and clip it back on itself. Make sure that there is slack in the safety strap even when riding around the tightest turn. (not used with Automatic Braking System).

- ◇ **Wheels** Install the wheels at the back of the drop-outs with the quick-release lever tightly depressed. The lever should compress tightly. If it is 'soft' the wheels can fall off. On braking wheels, tighten the wheels with a wrench. Finger tight is not tight enough.
- ◇ **Tires** Check the air pressure in the tires and add more if needed.
- ◇ **Safety Devices** Always use the safety flag, wheel reflectors, and rear reflector (or tail light).
- ◇ **Helmets** The cyclist and all passengers should wear properly fitting and certified bicycle helmets
- ◇ **Yourself** The cyclist must be alert, sober, familiar with the warnings, rules and suggestions contained in the CycleTote owner's manual, and ready to meet dangers that may be encountered.
- ◇ **Pets** Be aware that an unexpected bark may startle people passing you.
- ◇ **Harnesses** Securely fasten all gear, pets and passengers within the trailer.
 - Ensure that the seat harnesses are properly adjusted for fit and securely fastened to passengers.
 - Check regularly to see if a child passenger has managed to unfasten one of the harnesses.
 - Pets should be secured with a short lead, with all restraints properly fitted and fastened, to prevent them from jumping out.

REPLACEMENT PARTS

See Assembly Manuals or Cycletote.com

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GUARANTEE AND WARRANTY

Lifetime Limited Frame Warranty

CycleTote Bicycle Trailers warrants to the original owner that all structural aluminum frame parts of the trailer shall be free of defective materials and workmanship for the lifetime of the trailer, provided that the trailer is operated under normal conditions and use.

During this period, CycleTote shall repair or replace, at its sole option, all structural aluminum frame parts that are found by the company to be defective and subject to this warranty. The owner will be responsible for shipping charges in connection with the repair or replacement.

The frame comprises the basic trailer frame and tow bar. It does not include any non-frame components or structures; wheels, tires, fabric, plastic sides, lights, reflectors, trim or other components or structures attached to the frame.

This limited warranty does not, under any circumstances, cover the replacement or cost of any bicycles, bicycle accessories, or personal property inside or outside of the CycleTote product.

One Year Limited Parts Warranty

CycleTote Bicycle Trailers warrants to the original owner that this new trailer and/or accessories that are original parts of the trailer shall be free of defective materials and workmanship for a period of one (1) year from the date of original purchase, provided that the trailer and/or accessories is operated under normal conditions and use.

During this period, CycleTote Bicycle Trailers shall repair or replace, at its sole option, all parts that are found by the company to be defective and subject to this warranty.

The owner will be responsible for shipping charges in connection with the repair or replacement.

This limited warranty does not, under any circumstances, cover the replacement or cost of any bicycle, bicycle accessories, or personal property inside or outside of the CycleTote product.

30-Day Trial

Try your CycleTote bicycle trailer for 30 day, on us! If you aren't delighted, just pack it in the original box and ship it back to us, return freight prepaid, within 30 days.

Returns

Call CycleTote Bicycle Trailers at:

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to receive a Return Authorization Code. All returns must be authorized before we will accept receipt.

The **Lifetime Limited Frame Warranty** and the **One Year Limited Parts Warranty** are the only express or implied warranties applicable to CycleTote trailers, strollers and accessories.

Any implied warranties, including warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, shall be limited in scope and duration in accordance with this limited warranty.

CycleTote shall not be responsible for indirect, incidental, consequential, or exemplary damages suffered by any party. The forgoing statements of warranty are exclusive and in lieu of all other remedies

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