



RUNNERS

CHARGER 12

BIG FOOT 12

USER MANUAL

# IN THE BOX



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- A** Frameset
- B** Wheels
- C** Handlebars
- D** Hex-head Bolt (x2)
- E** Washers (x2)
- F** Allen Keys (x2)



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**N.B.** The rear wheel comes pre-attached to the frame.

Your Early Rider has been part assembled for your convenience. These instructions are intended to guide an adult through the final assembly and adjustment of the bike to fit your child. It also details some important points vital for the safe and efficient running of your bike and to run through the adjustment of the bike to accommodate your child's development.

Please retain these instructions for future reference.

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**Thank you for choosing one of our awesome bikes!  
They are brought to you by a small team of passionate  
life-long bikers based in Henley-on-Thames, UK.**

We simply love what we do and we hope that shows in the amazing Runner bike you have selected. If you have any questions simply speak to your retailer or drop us a line at:

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# SETTING UP YOUR RUNNER

## 1 FIT THE HANDLEBAR

Using the allen key provided, remove the hex head bolts securing the front plate of the stem.

Place the handlebar on the front of the stem and re-attach the front plate to secure.

Be sure that the stem clamps the centre of the handlebar length and that you don't over-tighten the hex bolts.

### IMPORTANT STUFF

Do not over-tighten the stem bolts, you could strip the thread from the stem or the bolt. Recommend torque setting is 9Nm.



## 2 FIT THE FRONT WHEEL

Grab the front wheel (B), 2 x hex head bolts (D) and the 2 x metal washers (E).

Slide a large washer over each of the hex head bolts and loosely thread them into the wheel axle.

Then place the wheel axle into the fork drop outs with the washers between the fork drop out and the bolt head. Tighten the bolts with the supplied allen key. Ensure that the wheel is straight and that it spins freely.



# SETTING UP YOUR RUNNER

## 3 ADJUST THE SEAT

Loosen the hex head bolt on the seat post clamp, with the supplied allen key, to allow height adjustment of the saddle.

Adjust the height so that your child's feet rest comfortably on the ground, flat and with a slight bend in the knee.

**NOTE:** Do not adjust the saddle height beyond the marked safety line on the seatpost.



# SETTING UP YOUR BIKE

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### CHECK YOUR BRAKES (BIG FOOT 12)

You can adjust the reach to the lever using the allen head screw as shown in the picture to find the perfect reach for your child's hands.

Squeeze the brakes before setting off on a ride. It's easy to forget to reconnect brake cables after transporting the bike or repairing a puncture. Ensure the brake blocks are not worn and contact the rim uniformly when the brake lever is pulled. If in doubt, ask your dealer.

Your bike is equipped with a short reach, high performance brake. Encourage your child to pull the brake lever smoothly and gradually. Remember that braking will throw the rider's weight forward and so when the brakes are applied, extend or tense the arms to resist this motion. Regularly inspect the brakes for adjustment and wear. A worn or loose brake pad won't work well and may be more dangerous than no brake pads at all.



### IMPORTANT STUFF

Your bike is set up so the left hand brake lever operates the rear brake. If the destination country drive on the right, the right hand brake will operate the rear brake. Please check before the first ride.



ENJOYING YOUR BIKE EVERY RIDE

# SIMPLE MAINTENANCE



**Your Early Rider Belter is designed to be low maintenance but it will still benefit from care and attention.**

## CLEANING & STORING

Cleaning your bike regularly means you are more likely to notice any loose or worn components and possible frame damage. A clean, well maintained bike will also run more smoothly.

We recommend using a bicycle or car shampoo, a sponge and a brush. Wash, rinse and dry before lubricating it.

**DO NOT JET WASH** as this may damage your bike's cartridge bearings.

Store your Early Rider in a dry place when not in use. Never leave your bike outside for prolonged periods of time.

## REGULAR CHECKS

- Periodically check wheels and tyres for damage.
- Ensure that tyre pressures are at the recommended psi level on the side of the tyre.
- Regularly check and tighten all bolts.
- If broken in any way discontinue use immediately and refer to your authorised Early Rider retailer.





## IMPORTANT STUFF

It is important that the parents or carers ensure that the child is properly instructed in the use of the bicycle, particular in the safe use of the braking systems.

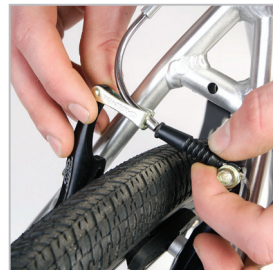
### V-BRAKES (BIG FOOT 12)

To disconnect the brakes (to remove the wheel for example) you need to release the curved metal tube (the guide pipe or noodle) from its retainer connected to the brake arm. Grab both brake arms with one hand and squeeze the brakes onto the rim. There should now be enough slack in the cable to unhook the lead pipe. If not, use the barrel adjuster on the brake lever to add a little slack, but remember to take up this slack before riding.

The brake pads on V-brakes have grooves in them to clear water from the rim, replace pads before the pad is worn to the bottom of these grooves. The pads can be simply unbolted to replace. When unbolting be sure to keep the washers and shims in the correct order. Slip these onto the post of the new pad.

Hold the bed flat against the rim and tighten up the Allen bolt. Double check the pad hits the rim squarely without overlapping the edge of the rim.

To reconnect the brakes, squeeze the brakes against the rim and hook the lead pipe back into the retainer. Make sure that the lead pipe is correctly located and that the outer cable is properly seated in the brake lever. As the pads wear, you can take up additional cable slack with the barrel adjuster on the brake lever. Keep an eye on the pads though, make sure that they still hit the rim squarely. It only takes a few moments to correct and may avoid problems later.





GET READY FOR YOUR FIRST RIDE & EVERY RIDE

# SAFETY FIRST

## RIDING IN THE DARK

If you and your child will be riding in dull or dark conditions we recommend that you use a set of reliable battery powered lights. We also strongly recommend your child wears reflective clothing when riding, but especially in low light conditions.

## RIDING ENVIRONMENT

Children should be under adult supervision at all times.

Be aware of potential dangers in their riding environment. For example; do not use near swimming pools, bodies of water, near steps, on steep hills, on stairways or on the open road.

## NOT FOR ADULT USE

The Runner is a small child's bike. As such, it is not intended for use by kids over 6, teenagers or adults.

An adults weight on the bike could result in damage to parts on the bike including, but not exclusive to, the frame, forks, saddle and wheel set.

### IMPORTANT STUFF

When riding a bicycle, a child should wear a correctly fitted helmet at all times. **Failure to do so may result in serious injury.** There, we've told you twice.

In addition to a helmet, we strongly recommend arm and knee protectors together with appropriate clothing.



**PLEASE RIDE WITH CARE!**

No matter how experienced your child is, it's worth spending some time allowing your child to get used to riding their new bike in a quiet, open area, free from traffic.

The Early Rider Runner is a performance bicycle, built for speed and awesomeness. Ensure that your child is properly protected at all times and above all...

**ALWAYS WEAR  
A HELMET!**



THE SERIOUS STUFF

# LIMITED WARRANTY

**Warranty coverage on your Runner frame and components extends for ONE YEAR from the date of purchase while owned by the original retail purchaser.**

This warranty does not cover:

1. Normal wear and tear. Including consumables such as tyres, grips and inner tubes.
2. Any damage, failure or loss caused by accident, misuse, neglect, abuse, failure to follow instructions or warnings in the owners' manual or manuals supplied with the bike referring to original equipment fitted.
3. Any damage, failure or loss caused by use of bicycles for stunt riding, acrobatics or other similar activities or in any other manner for which they were not designed. Bending of frames, forks, handlebars, seat posts or wheel rims can be a sign of misuse or abuse.
4. The original owner shall pay all labour charges connected with the repair or replacement of all parts. Under no circumstances does this limited warranty include the cost of shipment or transportation to or from an authorised Early Rider distributor or retailer.

## Useful product life cycle

Every Early Rider bike and frame set has a useful life cycle. The useful life cycle is not the same as the warranty period. The warranty identifies the period of time that Early Rider will replace the product if this becomes necessary, this does not guarantee that the product will last forever. The length of the useful life cycle will vary depending on the type of bike, riding conditions and care the bike receives. Any non-standard use can substantially shorten the useful product life cycle of an Early Rider bicycle or frame set. All Early Rider bicycles and frame sets should be annually checked by an authorised Early Rider dealer for indications of potential failures including cracks, corrosion, dents, deformation, paint peeling and any other indications of potential problems, inappropriate use or abuse. These are important safety checks and very important to help prevent accidents, bodily injury to the rider and shortened useful product life cycle of an Early Rider frame set.



## Limitations

Only bikes sold, assembled and collected from an authorised Early Rider dealer will be eligible for warranty. The foregoing warranties are in lieu of and exclude all other warranties not expressly set forth herein, whether express or implied by operation of law or otherwise, including but not limited to any warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose. Early Rider shall in no event be liable for incidental or consequential losses, damages or expenses in connection with its bicycle products. Early Rider's liability hereunder is expressly limited to the replacement of goods not complying with this warranty or, at Early Rider's discretion, to the amount equal to the purchase price of the product in question.

## Procedures

- Warranty service will be performed by Early Rider or an Early Rider authorised dealer. **Proof of purchase must be provided.** Transportation to and from Early Rider, an Early Rider distributor or an Early Rider authorised dealer is the responsibility of the purchaser.
- Early Rider will have the option of either repair or repayment of an amount equal to the purchase price of the product.
- In the event Early Rider elects to replace a defective frame, a new frame of equal or greater value will be provided. The new frame may not be the exact model purchased. Early Rider is not responsible for dealer labour charges for component changeovers when a frame is replaced.
- If you elect to repair a defective product yourself or use the services of someone other than an Early Rider authorised dealer, Early Rider will not be liable for any damage, failure or loss caused by the use of such unauthorised service or parts.



WARNING



- Please remove all packaging material before giving the toy to a child. This toy has plastic packaging which is not a toy and must be kept away from children.
- Please keep this packaging and the instructions for future use or return.
- This toy must be assembled by an adult in accordance with the instructions in the user manual before being given to a child to ride.
- This toy should be checked before every ride to ensure all bolts are securely fastened and the toy is in good working order.
- This toy requires adult supervision at all times whilst in use.
- This toy requires protective equipment such as a safety helmet to be worn when in use.
- This toy should not be used in traffic at any time.
- This toy should not be used on public highways.
- This toy may have brakes pre-installed. Brakes must be used in accordance with the instructions given in the user manual.
- Please wipe down this toy, freeing it from all dirt. Once clean please store in a dry place. This toy should not be left outside.



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**Age 3 - 4.5 years**

**WARNING:** CHOKING HAZARD - Small Parts. Not suitable for children under 36 months.  
Protective equipment should be worn. Do not use in traffic.



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