Congratulations!
You have just purchased what many people regard as the finest headset in the world. Since 1976 Chris King has been supplying serious cyclists with the best made, most reliable headsets you can buy. With proper installation and maintenance you can expect to enjoy the many years of the legendary quality and performance built into each and every component we make.

Installation
Please Note:
To ensure proper installation, adapter kits are recommended. Sizes are available to fit all popular headset pressing and setting tools. Our press adapters help to correctly align the cups with the head tube and prevent damage to the bearings by directing pressure only and evenly over the cups. The crown race adapters prevent pressure from being focused on the bearing contact surface from the crown race setting tool.

Preparation of Head Tube and Installation of Bearing Cups
Proper preparation of the head tube is essential for best head tube performance. Ream and face the head tube as necessary to ensure that the ends are square and parallel to each other, and that the bore is the proper diameter (see chart below).

- Using a small file or sand paper, carefully remove any sharp edge of burrs and slightly round or chamfer the inside edge of the head tube. The bore should be with no more than .004” of interference.
- Slide the bearing cups onto the head tube bore size. Do not file or otherwise remove material from the cups to make them fit.
- Press in both bearing cups using a headset installation press fitted with our adapters. Check to assure the cups are seated flatly against the ends of the head tube.

Preparation of Fork and Installation of Base Plate
Proper preparation of the fork is also important for best headset performance. Ream and face the crown race seat as necessary to ensure that the face is square with the steer tube and the press diameter is the proper dimensions (see chart below).

- Clean to remove any chips, shavings, and/or cutting oil. The proper press fit should be with no more than .004” of interference. See chart below for correct crown race seat size.
- Slide the base plate, conical side up, onto the steerer tube. With the beveled side of the base plate installation adapter against the base plate, use a crown race setting tool to set the base plate.
- When sizing steerer length, make sure there are at least 5 full threads above the adjusting nut available for the lock nut.

Final Assembly and Adjustment
- Insert fork into frame.
- Thread adjusting nut onto fork.
- Thread lock nut onto fork, making sure the lock nut has at least 5 full turns of thread contact.

- Check headset for proper adjustment. When properly adjusted, the fork will rotate smoothly without play or restriction. Some settling may occur after a few rides; readjust if necessary.

PLEASE NOTE:
New seals will produce some resistance in rotation for the first 50-100 hours of use. Avoid confusing this with rubbing or binding that may result from improper installation or stems that are not properly faced.

Maintenance
CHRIS KING HEADSETS are designed for a lifetime of use. If your headset is given a reasonable amount of maintenance, it will last longer and give the best performance possible. The only service necessary is occasional cleaning and regreasing of the bearings. Cleaning conditions will dictate how often you should perform this procedure. In wet conditions, service may be necessary as often as every 6 months; in dry conditions, up to every 5 years.

Service of Bearings
Our tested bearings have reasonable energy hinder to the sides of the races.

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Carefully remove snap ring and then seal to gain access to the bearings. Flush with solvent, blow dry, then lubricate with a waterproof grease and reassemble. Reuse seals and snap rings unless damaged.

If necessary, seals and snap rings are available through your dealer or directly from Chris King Precision Components.

PLEASE NOTE: Water is the most common cause of problems with any sealed bearing. When water enters the frame through a breather or other hole, it can enter the sealed bearing and ruin the bearings and the headset bearings. High pressure water washing, blow drying, or riding the bicycle in the rain, or submerging it in water while drying it on a quality dryer, can cause these problems. Although the stainless steel bearings will withstand the pressure, the waterproof grease will ultimately fail. Moisture will enter the bearing if found in an area with an open or torn seal. If you decide to repair the situation it possible or service it is not worth doing.

Removal and Reinstallation

- Remove cups from head tube with a standard cup removal tool, taking care that tool contacts the inside edge of the cup, not the bearing.
- To remove base plate from fork, recommend using a 1/4" or 3/8" drift punch alternating strikes on either side of the base plate to lessen the possibility of warping or bending.
- After removing base plate from fork, replace it carefully to prevent damage. Some warpage may be evident; nonetheless, the base plate has not become damaged, replace.
- Base plates and other parts are available and can be reinstalled through your dealer or directly from Chris King Precision Components.

Warranty

Chris King Precision Components warrants its bicycle headsets to be free from defects in materials or workmanship for a period of 10 years from the original date of purchase. Any Chris King product that is found by Chris King Precision Components to be defective in materials or workmanship shall be repaired or replaced at Chris King Precision Components sole discretion. This warranty does not cover damage or failure resulting from misuse, abuse, alteration, neglect, normal and reasonable wear and tear, crash or impact, failure to perform routine maintenance as instructed, or use other than that for which the product was intended.

If a defect is found, our entire liability and your sole remedy shall be, at our option, free repair or replacement. Chris King Precision Components shall not be responsible for any consequential damages. The warranty does not cover any Chris King Precision Components product where the serial number has been altered or removed. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary state to state.