

BIGFISH FOLDING BIKE

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Bigfish Folding Bike - Owners Manual

Important

It's vitally important that you acquaint yourself with every aspect of your Bigfish, particularly the safety information.

Before using the bike, please read the instructions carefully and fully familiarize yourself with the folding and unfolding procedures.

If you have any questions that are not answered in this manual or the general instructions, please visit the Support section of our website. We will be more than happy to help you find an answer.

Welcome to the Bigfish family!

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IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

Your safety is of paramount importance to us. Only by reading this manual will you be fully aware of what you need to remember when using your Bigfish.

Make sure you follow the folding and assembly procedures exactly. Be sure to follow the proper sequences.

Failure to follow instructions and improper maintenance can lead to physical injury and damage of the bike.

Basic Checks

Bigfish's rear brake is operated by applying backwards pressure on the pedals (this is also known as a Coaster Brake). If you are unaccustomed to this sort of brake we recommend taking a few minutes to become get used to it.

Before riding the bike, make sure it is not damaged in any way. Using a damaged folding bike is unsafe and can lead to physical injury and property damage. In case the bike is damaged or unfit for riding in any way, do not use it but contact a professional repair shop.

A damaged bike is dangerous to use. By riding a damaged folding bike, you risk injury to yourself and the people around you.

Before riding make sure the tyres are fully pumped (should be 2.7BAR - 3.4BAR / 39.1PSI - 49.3PSI)

Ensure the brakes are functioning properly. Remember that Bigfish has a rear pedal-brake (front brake on the left handlebar, rear brake on the pedals).

The Bigfish is a folding bike designed and intended for city riding. It is not a mountain bike and is not fit for fast riding on rough terrain or jumping. The manufacturer cannot be held responsible for any injury or damage caused by improper, extreme usage or use of a damaged bike. This will also invalidate your warranty.

The manufacturer also cannot be held responsible for damage or injury resulting from an improperly executed folding procedure.

We recommend that children under the age of ten do not ride the bike.

If you have bought the bike for your child, review the User Manual with him or her and make sure that he or she will be able to use the bike properly.

If you intend to lend the bike to someone, make sure he or she is familiar with the instructions in this manual and knows how to use the bike properly.

Follow traffic rules and regulations. Use front and rear lights if riding in low light.

Do not ride with a passenger and avoid carrying heavy loads on the Bigfish.

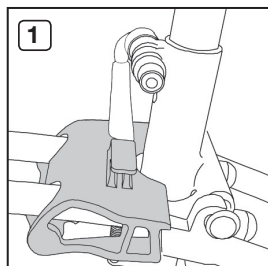
The maximum permitted weight of the rider and luggage is 110 kg.

Regularly service your folding bike and carry out repairs only at professional repair shops. Details on home maintenance can be found in the Basic Maintenance Guide document.

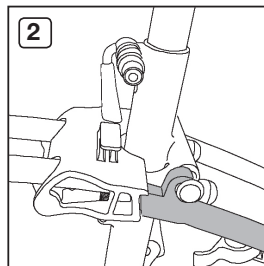
Be very careful when riding on wet surfaces and in rain. Also consider that the brakes may perform less well in wet conditions.

Glossary of terms

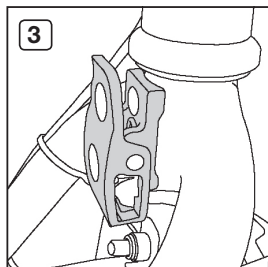
The shaded images below illustrate the important connecting and safety devices on the Bigfish.



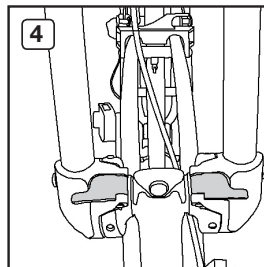
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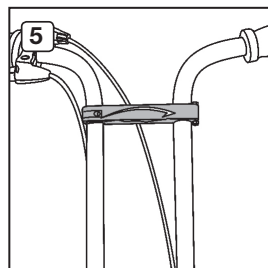
- Frame hooks



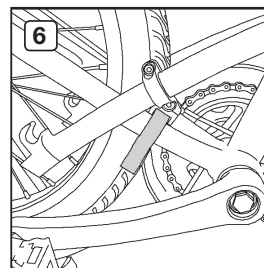
- Front wheel release latch



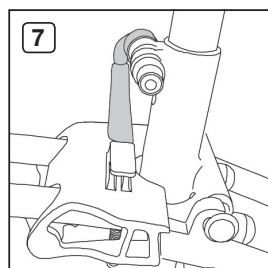
- Handlebar clips



- Handlebar safety fastener



- Rear frame clip - clips the two folded frame parts together



- Seat-post safety lever - very important - this keeps the safety cover tightly in place. This must be pushed as far as it will go, so that it's tight on the safety cover.

UNFOLDING AND FOLDING BIGFISH

Your Bigfish will arrive with you folded in its box. No assembly is required other than inflation of the tyres. We recommend asking a professional bike repair/servicing outlet to give the bike a once-over.

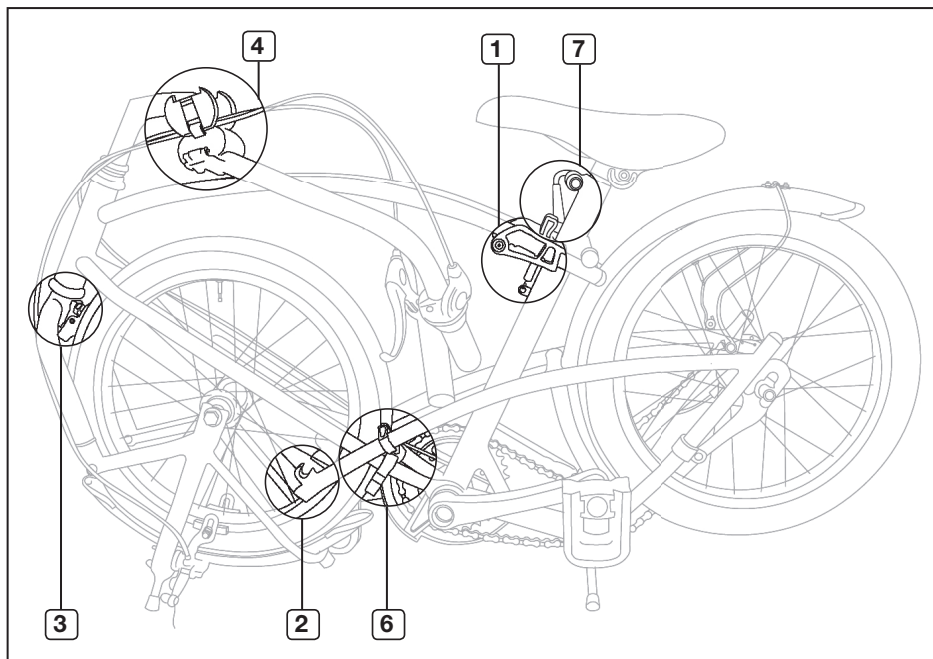
Before using the Bigfish folding bike, make sure you know the complete folding and unfolding procedures. Only the proper methods of folding and unfolding ensure a safe use of your folding bike. All other means of folding and unfolding are incorrect and can lead to physical injury and damage.

With a bit of practice you will be able to fold and unfold it within seconds.

Folding and unfolding does not require any tools, but make sure you follow the instructions.

Regularly check the joints and screws in case they have loosened in transit.

Bigfish reference guide



1 Safety cover under the seat

2 Frame hooks

3 Front wheel release

4 Handlebar clips

6 Rear frame clip

7 Seat-post safety lever

UNFOLDING

Think of it as a circular process

Handlebars >> Front wheel >> Back wheel >> Seat

Step 1: Unfolding the handlebars



Stand on the left-hand side of the bike (no chain on this side). Raise the handlebars to the riding position and make sure the two handlebar clips (4) are closed.



Close the plastic safety fastener (5) so that the fastener clasps both handlebars together. The fastener ensures the rigidity of the handlebars.

Step 2: Unfolding the front wheel



Hold the handlebars, tilt the bike back until the back wheel touches the floor. Press your toe on the nut on the hub of the front wheel and give it a firm shove.



Push the front of the bike down so that the front wheel latch snaps into place.

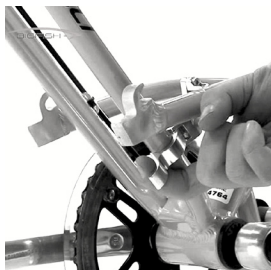


Turn the front wheel 180 degrees clockwise so the handlebars are facing forward as if to ride.

IMPORTANT

Make sure you turned the front wheel clockwise. The brake and gear cables should be quite loose and not tightly twisted around the front of the bike. If they are not tight you turned it the wrong way.

Step 3: Unfolding the rear wheel



Hold the handlebar with your left hand. With your right forefinger release the rear frame clip (6) and pull it up towards the seat with a firm thrust.

Be careful not to hurt your fingers in contact with the safety cover (1).



Make sure the frame hooks (2) snap properly into place under the seat, as shown.

Make sure the safety cover (1) is flat in place and that the frame parts are perfectly aligned. Look at it closely, if it is not tightly aligned repeat the process.

Always make sure the frame hooks (2) and the safety cover (1) are properly assembled.

Step 4: Raising the seat



Lift the seat and find the position that fits your height.

Make sure you do not extend the seat beyond the safety line indicated on the seat post.

Step 4: Releasing the pedals



Unfold the pedals to their riding position.

Your Bigfish is now assembled and ready to ride!

NOTE

Before riding, make sure the Bigfish is properly assembled and that all the locks, latches and elements are properly set, otherwise do not use the bike!

The manufacturers cannot be held responsible for injury resulting from an improperly assembled bike.



IMPORTANT SAFETY ADVICE:

ALWAYS ensure the seat post lever (7) is pressed as far as it will go, to the line marked on the sticker on the safety cover (1). This lever serves as a safety lock and ensures a safe ride.

PLEASE NOTE: This is the main thing preventing the safety cover from opening by itself. If it is not fully in position there is a risk of the bike collapsing.

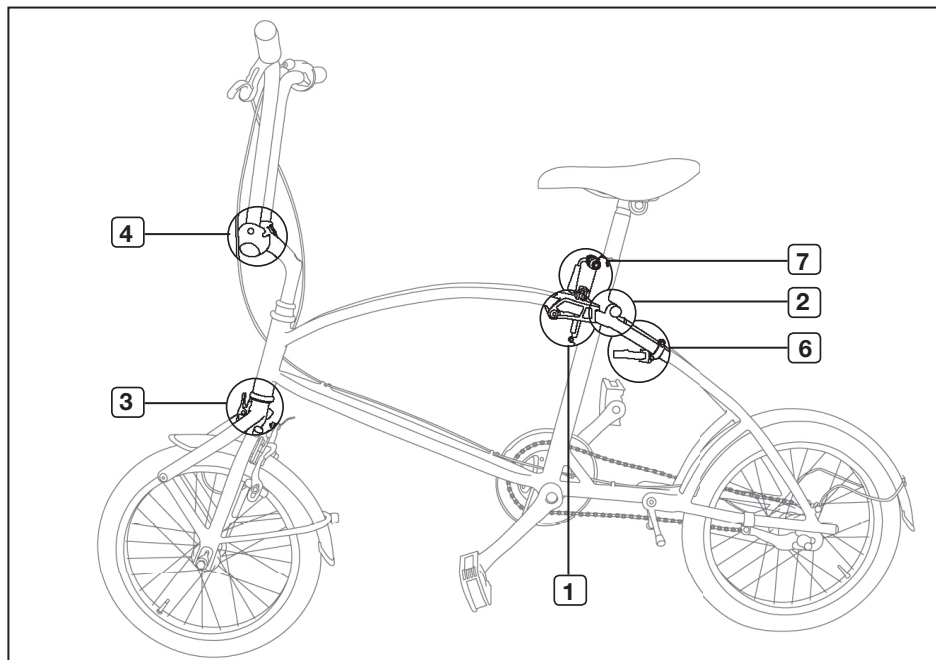


The seat post lever should look like this. If the seat post lever cannot reach this point on the the safety cover, this can mean:

- a) that the safety cover is not properly unfolded meaning the two frame parts are not aligned, or
- b) the screw attaching the seat-post lever is fastened too tightly and you need to loosen it a little.

You should not attempt to ride the bike if the seat-post lever is not in the right position.

Bigfish reference guide



1 Safety cover under the seat

4 Handlebar locks

2 Frame hooks

6 Rear frame clip

3 Latch on the front wheel

7 Seat-post safety lever

FOLDING

Think of it as a circular process

Seat >> Back Wheel >> Front Wheel >> Handlebars

Step 1: Folding the seat and the pedals.



Stand on the left-hand side of the bike (no chain on this side).

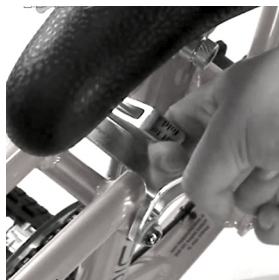
Release the seat-post lever (7) and allow the seat to drop.



Push the pedals towards the bike and fold them in so they are parallel to it.

Step 2: Folding the rear wheel

Hold the handlebar with your left hand. Use the other hand to lift the safety cover (1) holder. Raise the back wheel off the ground and drop down it gently. The weight of the bike will separate the two frame parts.



To fasten the rear wheel in place, tilt the bike backwards on its axis until the frame clip fastens onto the front section of frame at the point shown.



PLEASE NOTE: The rear frame part may not lock into position if the pedals are on the floor. In this case, simply turn the pedals until they are out of the way.

Step 3: Folding the front wheel



Turn the front wheel 180 degrees counter-clockwise so that the handlebars are facing backwards. Check the cables to ensure they are not twisted the wrong way. If they are, you have probably rotated the front wheel the wrong way

Press the front wheel release latch (3) and lift the front of the bike until the wheel swings free. Push the front wheel between the frame tubes until it rests in place.



NOTE: If the front wheel does not rest in place. There is a small rounded screw on the right-hand downtube. If the front wheel does not stay in place, simply loosen the screw until it protrudes further.

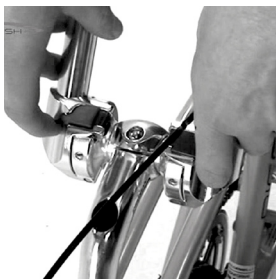
The screw should be tight against the tyre when you push the wheel in, keeping the wheel in place. (if the tyres are not inflated the wheel will not stay in place)

Step 4: Folding the handlebars



Squeeze the plastic safety fastener (5) at the grooved area and pull it open.

Release the handlebar clips (4), and allow the handlebars to drop.



Fold the handlebars into the empty space in the frame.

General Information

RESOURCES

We also have some excellent instructional videos on our website, which will help you learn the folding procedures more quickly. We also hope to make these downloadable for spartphone, so you can keep them with you always. www.bigfishbike.com

MAINTENANCE

Your bike should be cleaned regularly. Do not wash with a jet spray. Clean it with a damp cloth.

Bigfish is a complex piece of engineering and it is important to check all the fixings and joints on a regular basis to ensure continued high performance. You can read more about maintenance in the supplied General Instructions.

We also have small pocket-size folding instructions available for download on our website, as well as a Basic Maintenance Guide.

TRANSPORTATION

When transporting the folded bike, always make sure it is properly folded, as indicated in this User Manual.

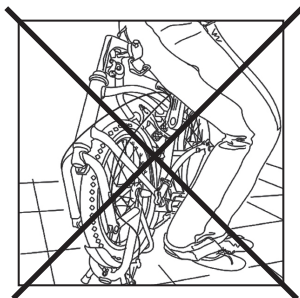
If the bike is properly folded, transport is easy and safe.

WARNING: The manufacturer cannot be held responsible for physical injury or property damage caused by improper folding or assembly of the folding bike and transport of an improperly folded or unfolded bike.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Do not sit on the folded bike. The folded Bigfish's feet are not build to withstand human weight.

The warranty is invalid for all damages to the bike which arise from not properly following the User Manual.



Please also refer to
www.bigfishbike.com/support for folding and
unfolding demo videos

