



Using Your Bike Friday®:  
Packalope Handlebars



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## **Congratulations!**

You have just purchased the Bike Friday Packalope Handlebars. Green Gear travel accessories have been carefully designed, constructed and refined for your personal travel needs. All of our goods are manufactured in our Eugene, Oregon factory by real cyclists who care about our products and our customers.

Please take your time reviewing this manual. You will find Green Gear travel gear to be simple and reliable for adventures the world over.

## **If You Need Help**

If you need technical assistance with any Green Gear Cycling product or are unclear on the proper operation of your Bike Friday, please contact us. Our email address is **service@bikefriday.com** and our toll-free number in the US and Canada is **800-777-0258**, international is **+1-541-687-0487**. Normal business hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, Pacific Standard Time.

## **Extra Accessories**

We also sell an extensive line of bicycle and travel accessories. Contact us at **service@bikefriday.com** for info on spare tires & tubes, replacement parts, fenders, racks, bags, or other items.

To check out our products, find other useful information, discover Bike Friday events, go to our main web site at [www.bikefriday.com](http://www.bikefriday.com) or the YAK forum for Bike Friday owners.

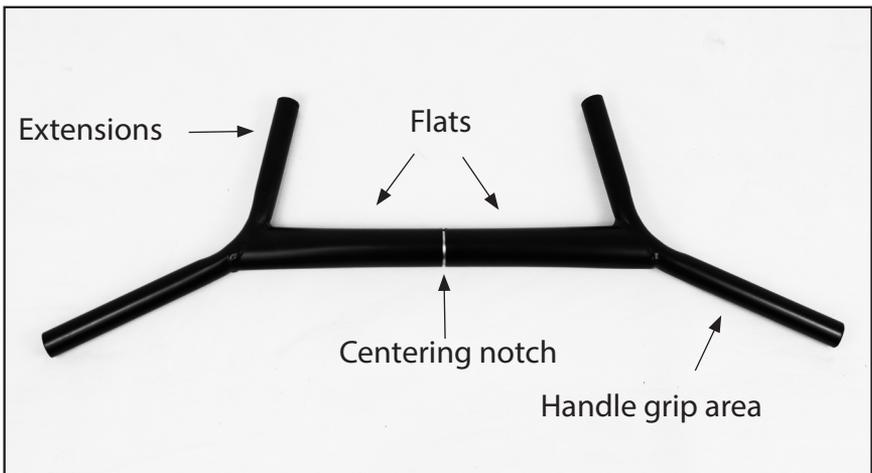
Blue skies and happy trails from the gang at Bike Friday.

## Read This Manual Before You Ride

Please read this instruction manual thoroughly before using your new Packalope handlebars, as it contains important safety and maintenance information. These detailed handlebar installation instructions are written for an experienced mechanic. If you do not have the proper tools for handlebar installation, contact your local dealer or bike shop. If you do not understand the information in this manual, or have any questions about your Packalope handlebars that this manual does not cover please contact us at **service@bikefriday.com**.

## Inspect your Handlebars Regularly

As with anything mechanical, every part of a bicycle has a limited useful life due to wear, stress, and fatigue. The length of the life of a part varies according to its design, materials, use, and maintenance. Regularly inspect your handlebars for signs of fatigue, stress, dents, cracks, scratches, deformation, or discoloration. Large forces can accelerate the fatigue of a material. As an example, a crash may add a great deal of extra stress to your bike. These bars are not made for stunts.



## 1. Your Bike Friday “Packalope Handlebars”



## 2. Before You Begin

The Packalope bars work best when the main grip area is approximately the same height as the saddle, and far enough back toward the saddle to allow you to sit upright when holding the rearmost portion of the grip area, so that you have easy access to the front positions as well. To achieve this, you may need a significantly shorter and/ or higher rise stem. As with any new handlebar or stem installation, you may also need longer cables, housing, and/ or hydraulic lines in order to accommodate the new position and width of the Packalope bars.

## 3. Bar and Stem Setup

Make sure the stem is in alignment with the wheel. Test the stem connection to the fork by attempting to turn the handle bar from side to side with the front wheel locked between your knees.

Test the security of the handlebar by attempting to rotate it in the stem. Make sure that no brake or gear cables are stretched or pinched when rotating the handlebar.

Check that all the bolts are tight. The correct tightness varies according to the type of stem on your bike. Check your stem owner’s manual for these specifications. If you are unsure how to tighten these bolts, consult your dealer or local bike shop.

**NOTE:** It is easy to thread the bolt into the frame at an improper angle (cross threading the bolt into the frame). If you feel resistance when screwing the bolt in, stop and verify the bolt is being threaded in

## **4. Replacing An Existing Handlebar**

### **To remove the old grips:**

1. Lift the edge of a grip with a thin flat head screwdriver or similar tool.
2. Spray some alcohol or water under the grip.
3. Remove the screwdriver.
4. Rotate the grip back and forth, while pulling toward the end of the handlebar, until the grip slides off the handlebar.

### **Remove the controls:**

Before removing controls, note the order of the brake levers and shift controls on the handlebar and also the path of the cables.

1. Use an allen wrench (usually 5mm or smaller) to loosen the clamp bolts on the controls.
2. Slide the levers off the handlebars.

### **Remove the old handlebar:**

1. Loosen and remove the handlebar stem-clamp bolts.
2. Remove the handlebar from the stem.

### **Install the new handlebar:**

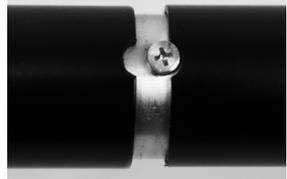
1. Apply a small amount of grease to the threads of the clamp bolts.
2. Slide the two halves of the handlebar together. NOTE: Each half of the handlebar should be aligned together using centering notch. (See Photo's Below)
3. Adjust handlebar so that the extensions angle slightly upward when handlebar is horizontal. However, exact positioning is up to the riders comfort.



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## Install the control and grips:

1. Slide the right-hand controls onto the right side of the Packalope bars, keeping the order the same as on the old bar. Push the inner control clamp all the way to the curve, but not on the curve or weld. **NOTE:** *If the cables are too short to get the levers on it, may help to rotate the handlebar first. Sometimes it may be necessary to remove the bar from the stem to gain enough cable slack.*
2. Using the same procedure as above, slide the left-hand controls onto the left side of the handlebar and tighten the shift and brake lever clamps enough to hold them in place for riding, but keep them loose enough to move in the event of an impact to protect your levers and Packalope bars. **NOTE:** *Once the bars are installed, make sure the brake and the shift cables and housing allow the handlebar to be turned 90 degrees to the right and left without tugging on the cables, housing, and/ or hydraulic lines as necessary. Leaving the cables and housing longer will also make it easier to mount a bag underneath the handlebar.*
3. Slide the grips onto the bar following the manufactures instructions. **NOTE:** Make sure the grip covers the entire bar at the end. The extensions can be wrapped with bar tape, use a mtb-style grip, or may be left bare. Bar end plugs must be installed to prevent serious injury during a crash.
4. Inspect the assembly as described in **Inspect your handlebars regularly section.**



