



Using Your Bike Friday®







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### The story behind pakiT





A Bike Friday pakiT on tour in Europe.

### A note from Bike Friday Co-Founder Alan Scholz:

Thank you for purchasing our Bike Friday PakiT. Your bike is an example of the wonderful empowering relationships we have with our customers.

#### Why we created the pakiT

More and more people are living busy lives in the city, stuck inside buildings, trains, buses, cars and airplanes for 95% of each day. We wanted to build a bike that clearly fits a busy city lifestyle, while offering people more joy and health with a super-convenient design that allows a bike to always be with them wherever they are.

We believe people are happier and healthier when they are free to roam under their own power, and do it daily. The right bike is what makes this possible. For 21st century city life, the bike needs to easily travel, be compact, light enough to carry, sized to fit the rider, and have a high quality ride. The pakiT, equipped with all of these traits, will truly liberate a busy person in the urban jungle.

I hope you enjoy your ride, Alan Scholz

### The growth of pakiT



### We have found the limitations of most folding bikes are:

- Heavy Hard to take up stairs, into buildings, onto public transit.
- Have Greasy Chains Hard to keep nice clothes clean.
- Come in Only 1 Size Doesn't fit most people well for regular riding.
- Few Gear Options Hard to ride on hills or at a fast pace.
- Proprietary Components Makes customizing impossible or costly.

## The pakiT bike is a breakthrough that addresses each of these areas:

- Light Easily carried with a single arm, or in the backpack.
- Belt Drive Option- Grease free, maintenance free, lasts longer than a chain.
- Come in Multiple Sizes Fits a wide range of riders from 54" to 76".
- Many Gear Options Great for whatever style of riding you prefer!
- Standard Industry Components Easy to upgrade & customize.

### Anatomy of a pakiT





### Welcome to the Community SIKE FRIDAY



#### Congratulations!

You have just purchased the finest travel bicycle available today. Your bike has been carefully designed and constructed for your personal travel needs. All of our bikes are manufactured in our Eugene, Oregon factory by real cyclists who care about our customers and our products.

Please take your time reviewing this manual before you assemble your new Bike Friday. You will find your new bicycle to be simple and reliable anywhere you go!

#### 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 call us and a Service Technician will help you get back on the road. 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 4 p.m. Monday through Friday Pacific Time. You can also email service questions to service@bikefriday.com.

### Extra Accessories

We also sell bicycle and travel accessories. Whether you are riding the local back roads or venturing into foreign lands we have the gear you need. Call or email us for information on spare tires, tubes, replacement parts, fenders, racks, bags, or other items to complete your Travel System.

#### More Information

To check out our products, find other useful information, discover Bike Friday events and Yak with other Bike Friday owners on the bulletin board, go to our main website at: www.bikefriday.com

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### A Word on Safety



Bicycles are a lot of fun, but improper use can result in harm. Please, always ride safely!

- Always wear a helmet.
- Follow the rules of the road, and be courteous.
- Use front and rear lights after dark.
- Dress appropriately for the weather, the season, and lighting conditions. Be seen!
- Always carry a spare tube, patch kit, pump and a tool kit.
- Keep your bicycle in good shape.
- Check your tire pressure before every ride.
- Make sure all quick releases are secure.
- Have your bicycle routinely serviced for trouble-free travels.

#### **Your Tools**

All Bike Friday bicycles are delivered with a combination 5/6mm S-wrench [right]. This wrench should get your new bike on the road (along with your own pedal wrench). Leave it in your bike tool bag so that you always have it handy.



All bikes ordered with a TravelCase™ suitcase also come with

a tool pouch [right]. In the tool pouch you will find some cotton gloves to keep your hands clean, a folding tool set, and a 4mm ball-end driver.

We encourage you to learn how to work on your own bike. If you are not familiar with bicycle maintenance, consider taking a local class. It will improve your confidence and



self-sufficiency as you venture across the globe.

### Using a Quick Release



### **Using Those Nifty Quick Releases**

On a cold and snowy day in the 1927 Gran Premio della Vittoria, a tired and numb Tullio Campagnolo struggled with the frozen wing nuts on his rear wheel while trying to change gears. In a moment of frustration and inspiration Campagnolo envisioned the modern quick release. The bicycle world was transformed.

The quick release is one of those simple but great inventions that really makes life better. However, if used incorrectly, you can potentially endanger yourself. Although a reliable and safe product, some people have been injured because they didn't know how to properly use this elegant device. Your Bike Friday PakiT has several of them. If you are not familiar with their operation, PLEASE study these directions carefully. If you are still unclear on their operation, call us or contact your favorite local bike shop before you ride!

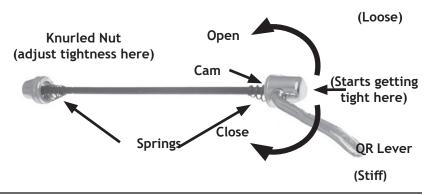
### **Quick Release Operation**

A quick release is a simple cam with a lever that swings through an arc that is square to the axle. As the lever moves, the cam clamps the wheel to the frame, or secures the frame joint. It is not a wing nut to be rotated around the axle.

The tension on the quick release is controlled by how tight the knurled nut on the other end is set. Only wheel quick releases have the small cone-shaped springs. Note that the small ends of the springs face toward the center of the hub.

### **Quick Release Maintenance**

We recommend adding a few drops of light oil to the lever where it enters the cap several times per year. This will keep your quick release working smoothly for years.



### Using a Quick Release



#### **Adjust Knurled Nut**

With the wheel installed and the axle properly seated in the frame (or the frame joint closed), position the quick release lever so that it is in line with the axle. Then turn the knurled nut on the other side clockwise until it is snug. When the guick



Fig. 1 Quick release operation.

release is properly adjusted, you should be able to freely swing the quick release lever for the first half of its arc, at which point the lever should offer resistance.

### **Continue Closing QR**

Using the palm of your hand press the quick release lever through the rest of its arc until the lever is closed and parallel to the wheel. You should feel very firm resistance when the quick release is properly adjusted (the lever may even leave a



Fig. 2 Setting quick release tightness.

light imprint in the palm of your hand).

#### Double-Check!

Ideally, the quick release lever should be facing the rear, or upward. Levers that are facing forward can catch on any number of things and be accidentally opened.



Fig. 3 Closed QR points toward rear.



### Unpacking Your PakiT From a Box or TravelCase

Opening your box or TravelCase may present an intimidating sight, particularly if you ordered many accessories.

Do not worry; we work hard to keep our products as simple as possible. We recommend finding a quiet area and some room to spread out.

This manual will address the fundamentals of packing, assembly and adjusting techniques. However, because your bicycle was built for you, you might discover that your bike was packed at the factory slightly different than the one in this manual.

You do not, however, have to repack your bike in exactly the same fashion as this manual suggests. You may find a better way of stowing your accessories and we encourage you to experiment.

Your PakiT should only require minimal assembly. It will take approximately 15-45 minutes and require a basic level of technical skill.

You will need a 5/6mm hex wrench (included), a 15mm open wrench (or pedal wrench) and a pair of scissors (or better yet wire cutters, snips or diagonal cutters) to cut zip ties.

Take care not to damage the frame while cutting zip ties.

[Note: Depending on the components you have purchased with your Bike Friday, your specific model may require other tools for adjustments.]



Fig. 4 Disassembled PakiT (without Packing Materials)





Fig. 5 Remove packing materials

Remove packing materials and loose parts (Saddle & seatpost, stem riser, pedals, etc.)



Fig. 6 Unbox frame

Lift bike frame out of box. Cut zip ties to free bike frame from cardboard/bubble wrap.



Fig. 7 Unfold Frame

**Unfold frame**, clicking rear snap button into place.



Fig. 8 Frame snap button



Fig. 9 Mount Stemriser

Mount Stemriser
Slide bottom of stem riser
into the fork steerer tube,
aligning the safety button
with the hole on the stem
riser. Gently press the stem
all the way down and listen
for the safety button. Then
tighten the quick release.





Fig. 10 Install handlebars

# Install handlebars

Using the appropriate Allen wrench (4, 5, or 6mm), tighten the handlebar clamp bolts securely. (Make certain the attached cables are not tangled).



Fig. 11 Install seatmast

#### Install seatmast

The PakiT bicycle models have a seatmast that telescopes out of the lower seat tube. Place the seatmast into the seat tube and close the quick release. Note the minimum insertion mark etched at 4" from the bottom on the mast. This is the minimum amount of the mast that must be inserted (overlapped) in the frame.



Fig. 12 Install seatpost/saddle

### **Install Seatpost**

Insert the seat post into the seat mast and close the quick release. Once the bike is completely assembled, you can set the seat height.



Fig. 13 Install pedals



Fig. 14 Remove fork spreader



Fig. 15 Install QR



Fig. 16 Install front wheel

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#### Install pedals

Thread the right pedal in a clockwise direction; thread the left pedal in a counter-clockwise direction. Pedals are usually stamped with a R or L on the pedal axle near the threads. A little grease is always a good idea on pedal threads.

#### Remove Fork Spreader

The PVC tube between your fork legs is intended to help prevent frame damage when traveling. It is held in place by the wheel's quick release. Open the quick release, un-thread the knurled nut, and put the fork spreader in the tool pouch for future use.

#### Install Wheel QR

See page 9 for proper quick release operation.

Install Front Wheel
Open Front Brake
Slide wheel onto front fork
until it's seated, then tighten
the quick release.
Close the front brake.
(Note: if your bike has disc
brakes, slide the disc into
position between the brake
pads.)

### **Pedal Installation Tips**



#### **Pedal Thread Directions**

Bike pedals have two different thread directions. The right pedal has a right-hand (clockwise) thread, and the left pedal has a left-hand (counterclockwise) thread. Pedals are usually stamped with an R or L on the pedal axle near the threads.

Always grease your pedal threads on new pedals before their first installation.

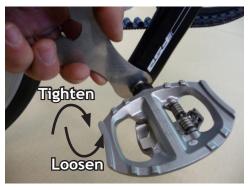


Fig. 17 Pedal tightening for drive side. Reverse direction for non-drive side.

#### **Installing Pedals**

Mechanic's Tip: The quick and easy way to remember which way to thread your pedals on is applicable to either side of the bike [SEE PHOTO ABOVE]. You can put a wrench on the pedal's wrench flats, and using a back pedaling motion will screw the pedals on. Use grease before threading pedals.

Note: We recommend starting thread engagement with your hands instead of a wrench (see below), so use this tip as a practical way to know which way to begin threading the pedals.

#### Thread in the Pedals

Using your finger, start the pedal threads into the proper crank arm. Be careful not to cross-thread the pedals! Once the pedal threads are started, you may use a wrench to finish threading them in, and then tighten securely.

Mechanic's Tip: The threads on a pedal are steel (hard) and the threads on a crank arm are aluminum (soft). It is very important that the pedal is tightly secured to the crank arm. With grease on threads there is no need to over tighten. If the pedals are not tightly secured, the "slop or play" in the connection will allow the steel threads to rip out the aluminum crank threads. Your bicycle may have shipped with a set of pedal washers. For some cranks, the use of the washer in between the pedal and the crank arm creates a more solid and secure base or foundation for the pedal to contact the crank arm with. If included, use them!

### **Double Check Your Friday**



### Double Check Your Bike Friday!

At this point your bike should be ready to ride. However, before you ride away, be sure to double-check your assembly.

Are the handlebars tight?

Try standing in front of your bike with your front wheel between your legs. Twist the bars to make sure everything is secure, that the bars do not turn independent of the fork /front wheel.

- · How about the stem and pedals?
- Are the quick releases all secure?
- Is the saddle secure and at a reasonable angle?
- Are the handlebar and control levers in a proper place and clamped tight?

Check your tire pressure for proper inflation. Under-inflated tires not only wear faster and are more prone to flats, but they also add rolling resistance.

Be sure to carry at least the 5/6mm S wrench for quick roadside adjustments. If you have the folding multi-tool, take it with you. You will probably want to stop and adjust saddle height and the angle, as well as perhaps adjust a few other items during your first ride or two.

### pakiT quickfold Instructions •



1. From a standing position, press the rear latch button and lift slightly







Closeup of rear latch release button

2. Twist the front wheel backward while swinging the rear wheel underneath. Lower bike to the ground for next step.



### pakiT quickfold, continued



3 Undo the quick release latch on the seat mast, slide seatmast down throught the post until it stops, tighten quick release again.





4. Undo the quick release latch on the stem riser, push the button, and pull up on the handle bar unit.



Handlebar Release Button Closeup of handle bar release button





### pakiT quickfold, continued



5. Attach handle bar unit to the main frame with the attachment pin.







### Packing your PakiT into a TravelCase

As you might already know, your Bike Friday conveniently packs into a hard shelled airline accepted suitcase. As you pack your bike more often and become more familiar with the process, your packing times will likely decrease over time. Expect to spend between 15-60 minutes packing your bike in a TravelCase (once you are familiar with the process).

### Remove your Accessories, Set your Derailleur

Before disassembling and packing your PakiT, remove all extra accessories including racks and water bottle cages. Items that may remain on the bike include your cycle computer mount, or pump.

Shift the rear derailleur to its smallest cog, [hardest gear].

#### Remove the Pedals

Loosen your pedals with a pedal wrench. The right pedal unthreads in a counter-clockwise direction and the left pedal un-threads in a clockwise direction. (Remember that both pedals turn toward the rear of the bike.) Place the pedals in the blue felt bag labeled "pedals."



Fig. 18 Remove pedal

### Remove the Seatmast (and seatpost as one complete unit)

Loosen the seatmast quick release and remove the mast. The saddle can remain attached to the seatpost and the seatpost in the mast.

The mast, however, will fit better in the TravelCase if you collapse the seatpost in the mast (loosen the seatpost collar bolt, collapse the seatpost into the mast and then lightly tighten the seatpost collar clamp).



Fig. 19 Remove Seatmast



### **Open Front Brake**

If you have Caliper brakes, lift the brake lever up so the brake pads move away from the wheel.

No action is needed if you have disc brakes.



Fig. 20 Open Front Brake

#### Remove the Front Wheel

Loosen the quick release lever and the wheel should come out of the fork dropouts. Remove the quick release from the axle by undoing the knurled nut. Be careful not to lose the small cone-shaped springs. Put the quick release through the fork spreader (the short PVC dowel), thread on the knurled nut



Fig. 20 Remove the front wheel.

again. Both small cone shaped springs should be on the quick release shaft (with the cone points oriented inward).

#### Install the Fork Spreader

Slip the fork spreader between the dropouts on the fork, and lightly tighten the quick release. The fork spreader will help prevent damage to your fork when traveling.



Fig. 21 Install fork spreader.



#### Remove handlebars

Loosen the bolts holding your handlebars to the stem and lay them to the side, cables connecting to the bike.



Fig. 22 Remove handlebars

#### Remove Stem Riser

Undo the quick release latch on the stem riser, push the snap button, and pull up on the riser. Store the snap button in a safe spot such as your tool pouch.



Fig. 22 Remove stem riser

#### Remove Seatmast/Post

Loosen the seat mast quick release and pull up on the saddle to remove the seat mast, seat post & saddle.



Fig. 23 Remove seat mast/post

### Install Packing Materials on:

- Fork
- Stem Riser & top of headset
- Handlebars
- Seatmast
- Saddle
- Pedals
- Chainstays & Seatstays (use the clear plastic piece of tubing)





Fig. 24 Example of packing materials

#### Fold the bike

From a standing position, press the rear latch button and lift slightly so the rear wheel can swing under the frame, next to the front fork.

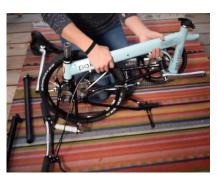


Fig. 25 Fold the bike Next Steps: (see fig. 4 on page 10)

- Place the bike, drive side up, with the head tube in the Northeast corner. Allow the handlebars to dangle outside, to the right of the case.
- Place the crush protector flange underneath the frame, nearest the center of the case. (See Fig. 26)
- Place the handlebars on the side of the case closest to the fork.
- Place saddle / seatpost on West wall with the mast pointing East, through the rear end. You may need to collapse the seat post into the seat mast.
- Pack the front wheel on top, close to the center of the case.
- Insert the crush protector dowel into the flange in the bottom of the case.
- Pack the stem/riser, pedals, etc. where they fit best.
- Close the travel case.



### **Inserting Crush Protector**

Place one of the crush protector flanges into the bottom of the case soon after the bike was set in place. Thread the crush protector dowel through the front wheel, rear wheel, frame and into the socket on the lower flange. The exact position is



Fig. 26 Crush protector.

not critical, as long as it is about the middle of the case, and the top flange is close to the highest point of the bike.

### Bike Friday Maintenance



#### Maintenance

Like all bikes, your Bike Friday travel bike will go through a break-in period. After the first few weeks of riding you may find that your drive train doesn't shift as crisply as it did when new, or perhaps the brakes are slightly loose. This happens as new cables stretch, housing compresses and parts wear in.

After the initial break-in period, but before a significant tour, it is important to have your Bike Friday bicycle professionally serviced at your local favorite bike shop. A new bike tune up takes very little time and the small cost for the work is minor considering the improved performance and reliability it provides. Then at least once a year and before any major tour, take your bike back to your local shop for another tune-up to be sure that it runs smoothly.

After a few years of use and a few thousand miles of riding, you may notice that the decals on your bike are starting to look worn and the paint has some scratches. Perhaps your bike doesn't ride as smoothly as it used to, and the local bike shop can't get it to function as well as you would like. We offer factory service programs including tune-ups, overhauls, and other repair work by our expert mechanics. A month or two before your next big ride, you may wish to send the bike back for a complete overhaul.

Visit our web site for repair packages, costs, and details at <a href="https://www.bikefriday.com/service-menu">www.bikefriday.com/service-menu</a>. For those who plan ahead, we can generally offer the quickest repair turn-around during the winter months.

### Ongoing Maintenance:

- Keep chain lubed.
- Maintain recommended tire pressure (prevents flats and provides the best ride feel).
- A few drops of oil around the hinges—where the bikes move when folding--will keep your fold smooth.

### Every Time You Fold or Unfold:

- Cable housing routing—ensure that there are no kinks, none are pinched, or looped around a crank, etc.
- Bolts and quick releases are secure.
- Brake adjustment. Verify that the brake adjustment is proper.

### Travel Tips & Airport Security BIKE FRIDAY



#### Traveling with your PakiT

Traveling with your Bike Friday travel bike on the airlines today will, for the most part, be as convenient as it was just a few years ago in the good old days. However, because of the need for extensive inspections required by the TSA, there are a few points to be aware of.

- Do not lock your TravelCase when traveling by air. All luggage must be inspected by TSA agents when checking in your luggage. TSA agents can, and have, broken open locked TravelCases. Even after the initial inspection do not lock your case, we have had reports of subsequent inspections where the TravelCase lock was broken open.
- You may ask to be present during the inspection, however you may not touch your bike or TravelCase once you have handed it over to the TSA. By asking to be present, you may be able to give some repacking tips to a very busy agent.
- When traveling by air, you might consider not over packing your TravelCase. With some practice it is quite possible to get a tremendous amount of gear into your TravelCase; however this only obscures the inspectors view and they will deconstruct your carefully packed case.
- Consider using extra straps, bungee cords, or toe straps to bundle the packed bike. This way an inspector can remove the bike as one piece, look it over, and replace it into the case quickly and accurately.
- Observe airline luggage weight limitations. For domestic flights (including domestic legs of international flights), the checked luggage needs to weigh less than 50 pounds. For international flights, the checked luggage limit is 70 pounds. Luggage which exceeds these limitations may be charged an excess baggage fee.

Check with the airlines for regulation updates.

### **Warranty Information**



Bike Friday® Guarantee

We at Green Gear Cycling, Inc. (Bike Friday) want you, the customer, to be happy with your new bicycle. For direct orders shipped from the factory if your bike does not meet your expectations, you may return the bicycle to us for a full refund, less all shipping charges and a 15% restocking fee (as of 06-01-18). For bikes ordered through a dealer we allow the dealer to use their own return policy. This applies to the purchase of new Custom and Stock bicycles. In all cases, the return shipping charges are your responsibility. To take advantage of this guarantee, you must notify our service department (800.777.0258 / service@ bikefriday.com) within 30 calendar days of your receipt of your bike of your intent to return the bike, and we must receive it in our possession within 35 calendar days of you taking delivery of the bike. We also accept returns on parts within 30 days as long as the part is unused and undamaged. Processing your refund usually takes 2-6 weeks from the time that we receive back your returned item(s).

We want your bicycle to work for you, and in order for your bicycle to work well, it should fit. We'll need some help from you to ensure that your new Bike Friday fits you well, specifically by providing us with the measurements of your best fitting bike (if you own a bike that fits well) and a description of how you feel on this bike. Additionally, you will be asked for some personal measurements with a required accuracy within 1/4" (5mm) and 3 pounds (1.35kg) - yes of your current weight and not your ideal weight - as well as a description of your riding style and the places you most likely envision riding your new Friday. Our Consultants can guide you through the process of obtaining and interpreting this information. This guarantee does not apply to Stock Bikes, which are not custom built to your specifications, but come in standard small, medium and large sizing.

Armed with this data, we can guarantee the fit of your new Friday if (1) we are matching exactly the dimensions from your current, best fitting bicycle, or (2) we build a Friday from your body measurements that includes our optional "fit stem" program. If you choose to have us build a bike for you that is sized in any other way, the bike will be sized per that method and built in a manner that allows for later fine-tuning of the sizing should you choose, at your expense, to pursue a more exacting fit.

### **Warranty Information**



#### **BIKE FRIDAY WARRANTY**

As part of the consideration for buyer's purchase, buyer understands and agrees to the following: Green Gear Cycling warrants your bicycle frame set, including fork purchased from Green Gear Cycling or an authorized Green Gear dealer against defects in workmanship and materials for 10 years. This does not cover paint or powder coat finishes. Green Gear Cycling honors the original manufacturer's warranty on parts and components against defects in manufacturing. Tubes and tires are sold as-is.

This warranty is expressly limited to the repair or replacement of the defective frame, fork, or defective part at the discretion of Green Gear Cycling. This is the sole remedy of the warranty. This warranty applies only to the original owner and is not transferable.

Claims must be made through Green Gear Cycling or an authorized dealer. Proof of purchase is required. This warranty covers bicycles and components purchased outside of the United States only if purchased through an authorized Green Gear Cycling dealer.

This warranty does not cover normal wear and tear, improper assembly or maintenance, or installation of parts or accessories not originally intended or compatible with the bicycle as sold. Under no circumstance shall Green Gear Cycling be responsible for incidental or consequential damages.

This warranty gives you specific rights, and those rights may vary from place to place. This warranty does not affect the statutory rights of the consumer. The warranty applies to bicycles and parts purchased directly from Green Gear Cycling, Inc., or from its authorized dealers. Except as provided herein, this product is provided "as is" without any additional WARRANTY of any kind, including the WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY and the WARRANTY of FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, whether EXPRESSED or IMPLIED.



#### Pre-Owned Bike Guarantee

We at Green Gear Cycling, Inc. (Bike Friday) want you, the customer, to be happy with your preowned bicycle. If the bike does not meet your expectations, you may return the bicycle to us for a full refund, less shipping charges. This applies to the purchases of pre-owned bicycles. In all cases, the return shipping charges are your responsibility. To take advantage of this guarantee, you must notify our service department (800.777.0258 / service@bikefriday.com) within 30 calendar days of you originally receiving the bike. We must receive it within 35 calendar days of you taking delivery of the bike. We also accept returns on parts within 30 days as long as the part is unused and undamaged. Processing your refund usually takes 2-6 weeks from the time that we receive back your returned item(s).

The sizing of the pre-owned bicycles are limited by their current construction. Bike Friday will, as part of the purchase price, replace the stem if necessary before shipping to you or allow for an upgrade to the "fit stem" program for a more exacting fit. No other modification to a pre-owned frame (including SatRday boom) is allowed. Any expenses for future corrections to the sizing will be borne by the purchaser.

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