

# Answer Handlebar Installation Instructions

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## INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

We highly suggest you have a professional bike shop install and service your Hayes Bicycle Group components. Improper assembly and/or adjustment can significantly compromise the strength and life span of your Hayes Bicycle Group Components. If you choose to install your components yourself, be sure to follow the following installation instructions carefully and completely.

1. Carefully inspect the bar and stem of any nicks or gouges as these can create stress risers and severely limit the life span of them. Be sure there are no sharp edges on the stem clamp surfaces.
2. If the stem does not have a removable face plate, you may need to loosen the clamp screw more to allow the bar to slide through. **Caution:** do not twist the bar back and forth to move it through the handlebar clamp. This will gouge and scratch the bar and can significantly weaken the component.
3. Line up the centering marks on the handlebar with the clamping area of the stem. Tighten the stem clamp to the stem manufacturer's recommended torque values.
4. Slide the brake levers and shifters on to the handlebar. Be sure to NOT slide them over the bend and/or taper of the handlebar's midsection as this can shorten the life of the handlebar. ONLY clamp the shifters and levers on the 22.2mm section of the handlebar. Tighten the clamps to the manufacturer's recommended torque values.
5. Install the grips and bar end plugs to finish the installation.

**WARNING:** As with all mechanical components, the bicycle is subjected to wear and high stresses. Different materials and components may react to wear or stress fatigue in different ways. If the design life of the component has been exceeded, it may suddenly fail, possibly causing injuries to the rider. Any form of cracking, scratches or change of colouring in highly stressed areas indicate that the life of the component has been reached and it should be replaced.

## WARRANTY INFORMATION

Any Hayes Bicycle Group component found by the factory to be defective in materials and/or workmanship within one year (two years in European Union countries) from the date of purchase will be repaired or replaced at the option of the manufacturer, free of charge, when received at the factory with proof of purchase, freight prepaid. Any other warranty claims not included in this statement are void. This includes assembly costs (for instance by the dealer), which shall not be covered by Hayes Bicycle Group. This warranty does not cover breakage, bending, or damage that may result from crashes or falls. This warranty does not cover any defects or damage caused by alterations or modifications of new Hayes Bicycle Group parts or by normal wear, accidents, improper maintenance, damages caused by the use of parts of different manufactures, improper use or abuse of the product, or failure to follow the instructions contained in an instruction manual for the specific component. Any modifications made by the user will render the warranty null and void. The cost of normal maintenance or replacement of service items, which are not defective, shall be paid for by the original purchaser. This warranty is expressly in lieu of all other warranties, and any implied are limited in duration to the same duration as the expressed warranty herein. Hayes Bicycle Group shall not be liable for any incidental or consequential damages. If for any reason warranty work is necessary, return the component to the place of purchase. In the USA, contact Hayes Bicycle Group for a return authorization number (RA#) at (888) 686-3472. At that time, instructions for repair, return, or replacement shall be given. Customers in countries other than USA should contact their dealer or local Hayes Bicycle Group distributor.

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