



THERAPEUTIC TRICYCLE USER GUIDE

Congratulations on choosing a TheraTrike™ Tricycle!

The unique, patented pedaling motion on TheraTrike tricycles utilizes the hip extensor muscles (the buttock muscles used in walking) to strengthen and develop gait. Use of the tricycle has proven to enhance gait and improve self-esteem.

Your tricycle has been carefully fabricated and assembled to provide a long-lasting product. We have used the best materials including a Chrome-Moly frame, Shimano bottom bearings and Skyway rims to assure that you are receiving a well-constructed cycle. We strongly encourage you to read this manual thoroughly, paying special attention to the cautions for safe use. Please contact TheraTrike if you have any questions concerning your new cycle.

Before You Ride: Cautions/Rules/Safety

1. Make sure the cycle is adjusted to the user. See the Adjustment section in this manual.
2. Know your local laws for cyclists. Contact your state's highway department for information concerning local laws and safety requirements.
3. The design of this cycle is not intended for use on any rough terrain or slopes that can cause the rider to be unable to stop.
4. Always make sure your cycle is ready to ride through a safety inspection. Check the entire cycle out carefully.
5. Adult supervision is recommended at all times.

General Checklist

Tires and Wheels

Make sure the tires are inflated to the recommended air pressure recommended on the tire sidewalls. Spin each wheel to see that it doesn't have any flat spots and is centered on the cycle front forks. Make sure outer nut on each side of the front tire hub is tightened.

Brakes

Press the brake lever to make sure that there is no binding and that the brake shoes press hard enough on the rims to stop the cycle. Instruct and verify that your child knows how to operate the brakes and can exert enough pressure to the brake lever to stop the cycle. If your brakes are too tight or too loose, an adjustment should be made. **CAUTION: Riding in wet or inclement weather will decrease braking effectiveness. If riding in these conditions, use extra caution and allow for increased stopping distance for your riding safety.**

Helmet

Each cycle purchased will come with a complementary helmet. Please refer to owner's manual included with the helmet. Viewpoint recommends wearing an ANSI or Snell approved helmet and bright colored clothing while riding any cycle. Because the child is strapped in, use of the helmet is recommended at all times.

Adjustments

Saddle, Sandal and Leg Length

This tricycle has two adjustments to accommodate the changing size of its user. Depending on the length of the user's leg, the foot pad may be extended up or down to accommodate the user. The foot pad should be adjusted so the user's shoes fully contact both foot pads. **CAUTION: An over-adjustment in the downward direction will cause the rider to rock back and forth during operation.** By removing the screw, washers and nut, the position of the foot pad can be adjusted to the desired height by aligning the nearest holes and fastening. Be sure to fasten screws tightly (see figure 3.1). The sandal holding straps may be fastened either straight across or in a criss-cross fashion to provide adequate restraint. The height of the seat is important for riding comfort, safety, and efficiency. To set this position, loosen the seat post clamp and adjust the height of the seat for optimum comfort and support. After adjustment is made to the seat, secure the seat post clamp (see figure 3.2).

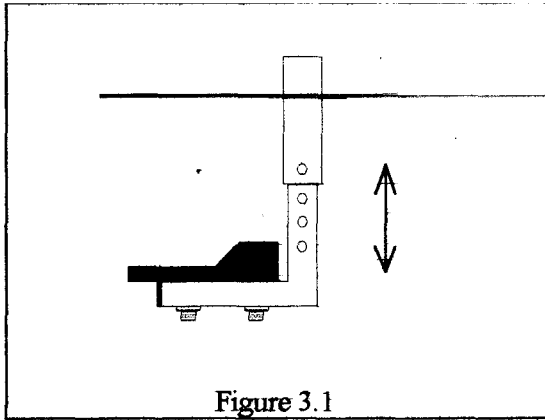


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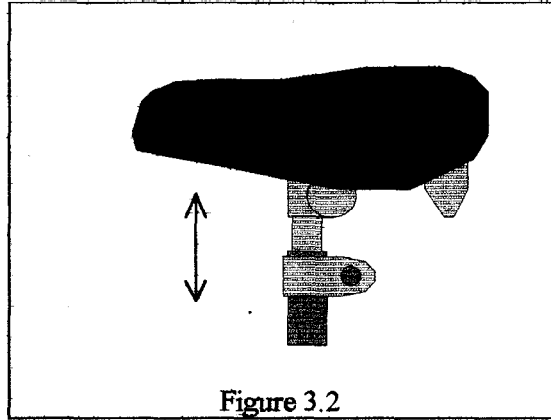


Figure 3.2

Handlebars

Handlebar position is crucial to rider control and comfort. Always position the handlebars to accommodate to assure the riders stability and comfort. When you adjust the handlebars, keep them centered in the stem. Adjust the handlebars to the desired position and secure tightly. Test the security of the handlebars within the stem and the stem within for fork tube by attempting to move the handlebars up and down and from side to side.

Brakes

Brake action should be smooth and easy to operate at all times. Periodically check the cables for kinks, rust, broken strands, and frayed ends. If you see any of these things, replace the cable and/or housing as soon as possible. When brake shoes become noticeably worn or hard, they must be replaced. Remove the old shoes with the appropriate wrench, put the new ones on, and align them so that they strike the rim completely. Make sure they don't touch the tire. You will need to readjust the cable to accommodate the difference in pad width as shoes get thinner with wear. Always maintain the 1/16" to 1/8" clearance between the shoes and the rim.

Maintenance/Care

Keeping your cycle properly maintained is extremely important. Continually inspect your cycle. The condition of your cycle changes every time you ride it. Inspect any component that does not seem to be operating correctly. How often and how aggressively the cycle is used will determine the frequency of the maintenance and care.

Caliper Brakes

Oil the caliper brakes lightly at the pivot bolts of the brake arms. Be sure not to over-oil. Regularly check the brake pads for wear and replace them as necessary. Keep the lubricant off the tire and rim.

Wheel Rims

You must clean the sides of the wheel rims to be sure that rim brakes will work. Clean wheel rims and tire sidewalls with a mild detergent solution and a scrub brush. Be sure to keep rims free of lubricants and road grime. Check rims for dents and straightness. Check tires for cuts and road wear. If necessary, replace or repair.

General Care Checklist

- Wipe off your cycle with a damp rag.
- Check tire pressure.
- Tighten any loose nuts and bolts.
- Clean and wax finish as necessary.
- Verify that the straps are still able to support the user's needs.

Always take every precaution you can with security. Store your cycle in a safe place. Use an effective lock. Never leave your cycle unlocked.

Warranty: TheraTrike Limited Warranty

TheraTrike warrants the entire frame against defects in workmanship and materials for the period of two (2) years from date of purchase, subject to the conditions of warrant listed below. If frame failure should occur due to faulty materials or workmanship during this period, the frame will be replaced or repaired at TheraTrike's option. TheraTrike likewise warrants all original component parts against faulty materials and workmanship for a period of one (1) year from date of purchase, subject to the conditions of warrant listed below. If failure of any component due to faulty materials or workmanship should occur during the warranty period, the component will be replaced or repaired at TheraTrike's option. There will be no cost to you except for shipping charges, if any.

Limitations and Exclusions

This warranty is issued to, and for the exclusive benefit of, the original purchaser, and is not assignable to subsequent purchasers or users. This warranty does not cover any bodily injuries; consequential or resulting damages; or failure of the cycle as a result of accident, abuse, neglect, normal wear and tear; improper maintenance; installation of parts or accessories not originally intended or incompatible with the cycle as sold; power-propelled or assist of any kind; or anything other than normal use. Wear and puncture of tires and tubes is excluded from the warranty. TheraTrike shall not be liable for incidental or consequential damages, except as required by laws in particular jurisdiction. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and your rights may vary from state to state.

Claims

No returns will be accepted without prior approval from TheraTrike. If a return is required, please contact us at:

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Thank you for purchasing a TheraTrike tricycle.