Front derailleur

DURA-ACE
FD-R9100

ULTEGRA
FD-R8000

105
FD-5801

Procedures for cable tension adjustment and top adjustment differ from those of previous models. Be sure to read this dealer’s manual thoroughly before use, and follow it for correct use.
IMPORTANT NOTICE

• This dealer's manual is intended primarily for use by professional bicycle mechanics. Users who are not professionally trained for bicycle assembly should not attempt to install the components themselves using the dealer's manuals. If any part of the information on the manual is unclear to you, do not proceed with the installation. Instead, contact your place of purchase or a local bicycle dealer for their assistance.

• Make sure to read all instruction manuals included with the product.

• Do not disassemble or modify the product other than as stated in the information contained in this dealer's manual.

• All dealer's manuals and instruction manuals can be viewed on-line on our website (http://si.shimano.com).

• Please observe the appropriate rules and regulations of the country, state or region in which you conduct your business as a dealer.

For safety, be sure to read this dealer's manual thoroughly before use, and follow it for correct use.

The following instructions must be observed at all times in order to prevent personal injury and physical damage to equipment and surroundings. The instructions are classified according to the degree of danger or damage which may occur if the product is used incorrectly.

⚠️ DANGER
Failure to follow the instructions will result in death or serious injury.

⚠️ WARNING
Failure to follow the instructions could result in death or serious injury.

⚠️ CAUTION
Failure to follow the instructions could cause personal injury or physical damage to equipment and surroundings.
TO ENSURE SAFETY

**WARNING**

- Be sure to follow the instructions provided in the manuals when installing the product.
  It is recommended to use genuine Shimano parts only. If parts such as bolts and nuts become loose or damaged, the bicycle may suddenly fall over, which may cause serious injury.
  In addition, if adjustments are not carried out correctly, problems may occur, and the bicycle may suddenly fall over, which may cause serious injury.

- Be sure to wear safety glasses or goggles to protect your eyes while performing maintenance tasks such as replacing parts.

- After reading the dealer’s manual thoroughly, keep it in a safe place for later reference.

Be sure to also inform users of the following:
- Be careful not to let the hemming of your clothes get caught in the chain while riding. Otherwise you may fall off the bicycle.

**NOTE**

Be sure to also inform users of the following:
- If gear shifting operations cannot be carried out smoothly, clean the derailleur and lubricate all moving parts.
- When the chain is in any of the positions shown in the illustration, the chain may come into contact the front chainring or front derailleur and generate noise. If the noise is a problem, shift the chain to the second largest rear sprocket.

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- Products are not guaranteed against natural wear and deterioration from normal use and aging.
- For maximum performance we highly recommend Shimano lubricants and maintenance products.
TO ENSURE SAFETY

For Installation to the Bicycle, and Maintenance:

- Use an OT-SP sealed outer casing and cable guide for smooth operation.
- Grease the inner cable and the inside of the outer casing before use to ensure that they slide properly.
  Do not let dust adhere to the inner cable. If the grease on the inner cable is wiped off, the application of SIS SP41 grease (Y04180000) is recommended.
- If using a full outer casing, connect the end with the outer cap (resin type) to the derailleur.
- If using the bicycle in a cold region, use sealed outer cap (resin type) to protect against freezing.
- If looseness in the links is so great that gear shifting adjustments cannot be made, replace the derailleur.

The actual product may differ from the illustration because this manual is intended mainly to explain the procedures for using the product.
LIST OF TOOLS TO BE USED
The following tools are needed for installation, adjustment, and maintenance purposes.

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**NOTE**

With a carbon frame, even the recommended tightening torque may be too tight and cause damage to the frame, or too loose and not sufficiently attached to the frame. For the appropriate torque value, consult with the manufacturer of the completed bicycle or the manufacturer of the frame.

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**Brazed-on type**

If installing the front derailleur to a brazed-on type frame, a backup plate must be attached to the seat tube. Always be sure to install the backup plate in order to prevent damage to the frame from the pressure applied by the support bolt of the front derailleur.

**Installation of the backup plate**

There is a backup plate with a curved adhesion surface [1] and one with a flat adhesion surface [2], as shown in the illustrations.

Use whichever type matches the shape of the frame.

Check the position where the support bolt directly touches the frame when the support bolt of the front derailleur is being adjusted, and attach the backup plate in that position.

In addition, avoid positioning the tape that attaches the backup plate to the seat tube in the location where the support bolt directly touches the frame.
**Installation of the front derailleur**

1. Adjust so that there is a clearance of 1 – 3mm between the chain guide outer plate and the largest chainring.
   - After this, tentatively tighten the clamp bolt.
   - (z) 1 – 3mm

2. Adjust the low adjustment bolt and align the front end of the chain guide outer plate parallel to the surface of the largest chainring.
   - At this point, adjust the chain guide so that its rear end is 0.5 – 1.0mm inside.
   - (z) 0.5 – 1mm

(A) Chain guide
(B) Largest chainring
(C) Front end of chain guide outer plate
(D) Low adjustment bolt
(C) Largest chainring
(D) Rear end of chain guide
When the adjustment is complete, tighten the clamp bolt.

Adjust the support bolt so that the flat portion of the outer plate of the chain guide is parallel to the surface of the largest chainring. At that time, make sure that the support bolt is in contact with the backup plate.

Check by holding a hexagon wrench against the flat surface of the largest chainring.
**Band type**

1. Adjust so that there is a clearance of 1 – 3mm between the chain guide outer plate and the largest chainring.

   After this, tentatively tighten the clamp bolt.

   *(z) 1 – 3mm*

2. Adjust the low adjustment bolt and align the flat portion of the chain guide outer plate parallel to the surface of the largest chainring.

   *(A) Largest chainring  
   (B) Chain guide  
   (C) Low adjustment bolt*

**NOTE**

Check by holding a hexagon wrench against the flat surface of the largest chainring as shown in the illustration.

**TECH TIPS**

Check by holding a hexagon wrench against the flat surface of the largest chainring as shown in the illustration.
Installation of the front derailleur using a band adapter (SM-AD91)

Use a support bolt even when installing the front derailleur using a band adapter (SM-AD91).

Mount the band adapter (SM-AD91) on to the front derailleur.

When the adjustment is complete, tighten the clamp bolt.

Tightening torque

| 5 mm | 5 - 7 N·m |

For subsequent procedures, refer to the installation procedures for band types.
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Connection and securing of inner cable

Securing the cable

1. Remove the link cover.
Adjust the low adjustment bolt to align the flat portion of the chain guide outer plate with the surface of the largest chainring, and then route the cable through as shown in the illustration.

Make sure to route the cable through the groove.

**NOTE**
- Make sure to check that the inner cable is routed through the cable guide.
- Make sure that the adjustment barrel protrusion is in contact with the input link when securing. If it is not in contact, loosen the cable adjustment barrel until contact is made and then route the cable.

**TECH TIPS**
Fixing the cable with the chain guide outer plate and the surface of the largest chainring aligned, allows you to decrease the amount of cable tension adjustment when adjusting gear shifting.

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When using a full outer casing

Make sure to secure the outer casing to the outer casing holder before use.

(A) Outer casing holder
(B) Outer cap (resin type)
(C) Outer casing

NOTE

- If using a full outer casing, connect the end with the outer cap (resin type) to the derailleur.
- If using the bicycle in a cold region, use sealed outer cap (resin type) to protect against freezing.

Derailleur side
Outer cap (resin type)

Cap with long tongue
Adjustment of cable tension

The gear where the lever is released from the top position (y) to the T-trim position (x) is the tension adjustment position.

Adjust the cable tension with the cable adjustment barrel (C) or cable adjuster on the frame so that the bracket indicator (B) or (E) is aligned with the input link indicator (A) or (D).

If the cable is tightened too much, make sure to release to the low position once while loosening the barrel. After this, check the position of the indicators again by checking the T-trim position.

Attach the chain after completing cable tension adjustment.

NOTE
There are types adjusted with (A) and (B), and types adjusted with (D) and (E). For types with a line, use (D) and (E) to adjust.
### Top adjustment

The gear where the lever is released from the top position (y) to the T-trim position (x) is the tension adjustment position.

Shift the rear derailleur to engage the largest sprocket.

Adjust the top adjustment bolt so that the clearance between the chain guide inner plate and the chain is 0 - 0.5mm.

- **(v)** L-trim
- **(w)** Low
- **(x)** T-trim
- **(y)** Top
- **(z)** Top adjustment position

- **(A)** Largest chainring
- **(B)** Largest sprocket

- **(A)** Chain guide inner plate
- **(B)** Chain
- **(C)** Top adjustment bolt
Low adjustment

The gear where the lever is released from the low position (w) to the L-trim position (v) is the low adjustment position.

Adjust the low adjustment bolt so that the clearance between the skid plate of the chain guide and the chain is 0 - 0.5mm.
Routing and cutting excess cable

1. Pass the end of any remaining cable through the hole in the link cover.

2. Attach the link cover.

3. Route the cable as shown in the illustration.

   Cut the cable and attach a cap to the end.

**NOTE**

When releasing to the L-trim position, make sure that the cable is not caught between the outer link and the input link.
# Troubleshooting chart

After the cable is installed and adjusted, check the gear-shift by operating the shifting lever.

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<td>If the chain falls to the bottom bracket side when the gear is shifted to the L-trim position.</td>
<td>Turn the low adjustment bolt clockwise.</td>
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## NOTE
- First check the indicator to determine whether cable tension is appropriate.
- This method for checking cable tension should also be used when gear shifting becomes difficult during use.
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### Replacing the skid plate

#### Removing the skid plate

- Make a slit in the skid plate at the position illustrated using pliers, and then remove the skid plate.

**NOTE**

The skid plate attached to the outer plate cannot be replaced.

#### Mounting the skid plate

- Insert the skid plate into the mounting holes.
- After insertion, check that the claws of the skid plate are engaged properly on the back side.