

## General Safety Information

**WARNING**

**"Maintenance interval depends on the usage and riding circumstances. Clean regularly the chain with an appropriate chaincleaner. Never use alkali based or acid based solvents such as rust cleaners. If those solvent be used chain might break and cause serious injury."**

- In order to obtain good gear shifting performance, applicable chains have a forward side and a reverse side, and the sides are marked so that the chains will face the correct way when installed. The proper design performance will be obtained when the chains are installed so that they face the correct way. If the chains are installed so that they face the opposite way, they may come off and the bicycle may fall over and serious injury may occur as a result.
- The two left crank arm mounting bolts should be tightened alternately in stages rather than each bolt being fully tightened all at once. Use a torque wrench to check that the final tightening torques are within the range of 12 - 14 N·m. Furthermore, after riding approximately 100 km (60 miles), use a torque wrench to re-check the tightening torques. It is also important to periodically check the tightening torques. If the tightening torques are too weak or if the mounting bolts are not tightened alternately in stages, the left crank arm may come off and the bicycle may fall over.
- Before riding, you should carefully check your crankset to make sure that there are no cracks, and if you find any sign of a crack or any other unusual condition, do NOT use the bicycle.
- Be careful not to let the cuffs of your clothes get caught in the chain while riding, otherwise you may fall off the bicycle.
- Check that the tension of the chain is correct and that the chain is not damaged. If the tension is too weak or the chain is damaged, the chain should be replaced. If this is not done, the chain may break cause serious injury.
- If the inner cover is not installed correctly, the axle may rust and become damaged, and the bicycle may fall over and serious injury may occur as a result.
- Obtain and read the service instructions carefully prior to installing the parts. Loose, worn or damaged parts may cause the bicycle to fall over and serious injury may occur as a result. We strongly recommend only using genuine Shimano replacement parts.
- Obtain and read the service instructions carefully prior to installing the parts. If adjustments are not carried out correctly, the chain may come off and this may cause you to fall off the bicycle which could result in serious injury.
- Read these Technical Service Instructions carefully, and keep them in a safe place for later reference.

**CAUTION**

- If the chain is on the smallest or intermediate chainring, there is the danger of injury from the tips of the teeth on the largest chainring.

**Note**

- Make sure that the chainring combination matches the front chainwheel tooth configuration in the Product specifications table. If other combinations are used, the distance between the chainrings will be incorrect and the chain might slip off and get caught in between them.
- When the chain is in the position shown in the illustration, the chain may contact the front chainrings or front derailleur and generate noise. If the noise is a problem, shift the chain onto the next-larger rear sprocket or the one after if the chain is in the position shown in Figure 1. Shift the chain onto the next-smaller sprocket or the one after if it is in the position shown in Figure 2.
- For frames with suspension, the chain stay angle will vary depending on whether the bicycle is being ridden or not being ridden. When the bicycle is not being ridden and the chain is positioned on the largest/larger chainring and on the smallest sprocket, the chain guide outer plate of the front derailleur may touch the chain.
- If the bottom bracket shell is not parallel, gear shifting performance will drop.
- Before riding the bicycle, check that there is no play or looseness in the connection. Also, be sure to retighten the crank arms and pedals at periodic intervals.
- If a squeaking noise is heard coming from the bottom bracket axle and the left crank arm connector, apply grease to the connector and then tighten it to the specified torque.
- Use a neutral detergent to clean the crank arm and the bottom bracket. Using alkaline or acidic detergents may cause discoloration.
- If you feel any looseness in the bearings, the bottom bracket should be replaced.
- In addition, if pedaling performance does not feel normal, check this once more.
- Do not wash the bottom bracket with high-pressure jets of water.
- When installing the left and right adapters, be sure to install the inner cover too, otherwise the waterproofing performance will drop.
- Apply grease to the left and right adapters before installing them.
- If the chain keeps coming off the chainrings during use, replace the chainrings and the chain.
- You should periodically wash the chainrings in a neutral detergent and then lubricate them again. In addition, cleaning the chain with neutral detergent and lubricating it can be an effective way of extending the useful life of the chainrings and the chain.
- The cuffs of your clothing may get dirty from the chain while riding.
- When installing the pedals, apply a small amount of grease to the threads to prevent the pedals from sticking. Use a torque wrench to securely tighten the pedals. Tightening torque: 35 - 55 N·m {305 - 479 in. lbs.}. The right-hand crank arm has a right-hand thread, and the left-hand crank arm has a left-hand thread.
- Parts are not guaranteed against natural wear or deterioration resulting from normal use.
- For maximum performance we highly recommend Shimano lubricants and maintenance products.
- For any questions regarding methods of installation, adjustment, maintenance or operation, please contact a professional bicycle dealer.

**Be sure to read the service instructions for the Front Drive System in conjunction with these service instructions.**

## Technical Service Instructions

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**FC-T551**

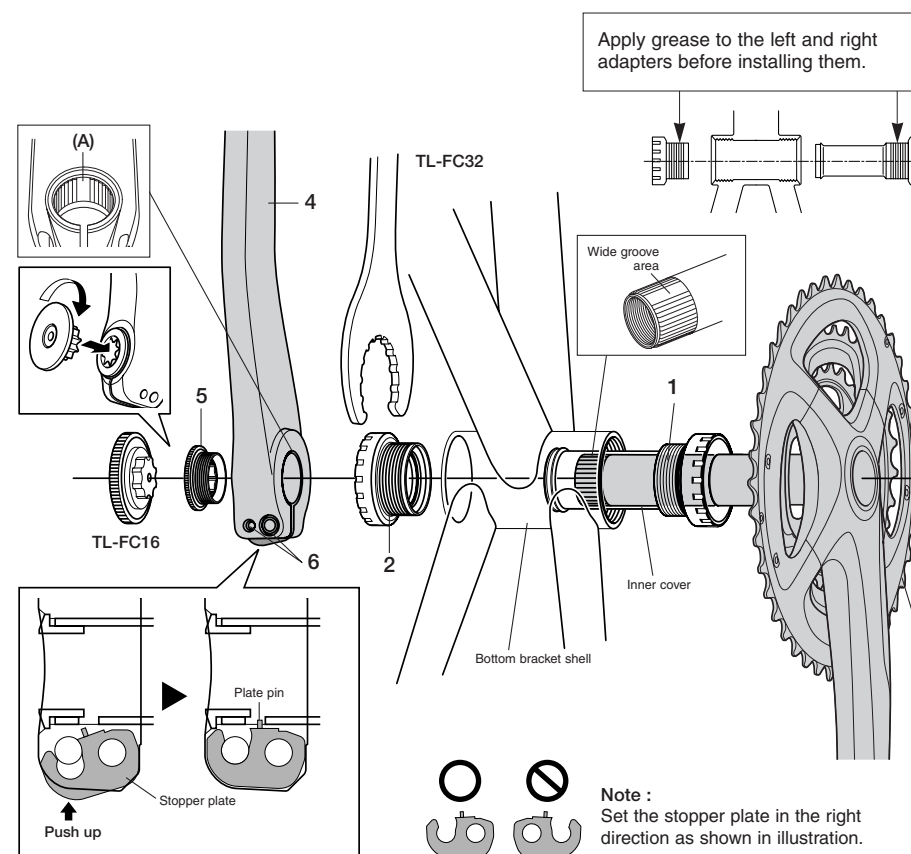
Front chainwheel

**Specifications**

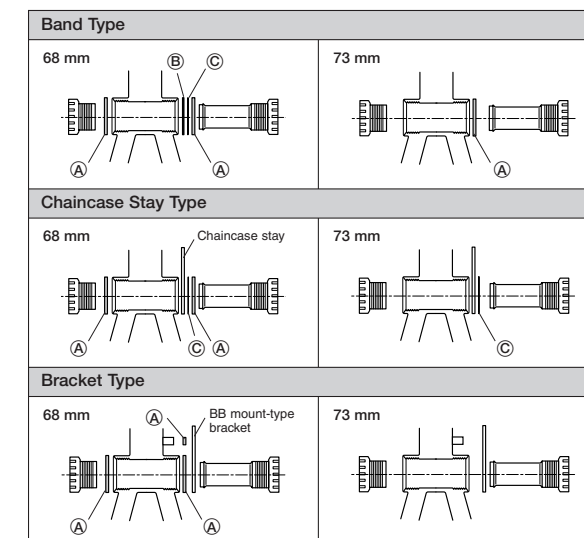
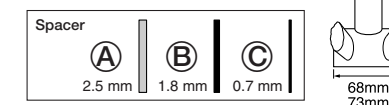
Model number	FC-T551
Chainwheel tooth combination	48-36-26T, 44-32-24T
Bolt circle diameter	104 mm / 64 mm
Chain line	50 mm
Bottom bracket shell width	68, 73 mm
Thread dimensions	BC1.37 (68, 73 mm)
Bottom bracket adapters	SM-BB51
Applicable chain	CN-HG94 / CN-HG74

**Installation of the Front Chainwheel****Follow the procedure in the figure.**

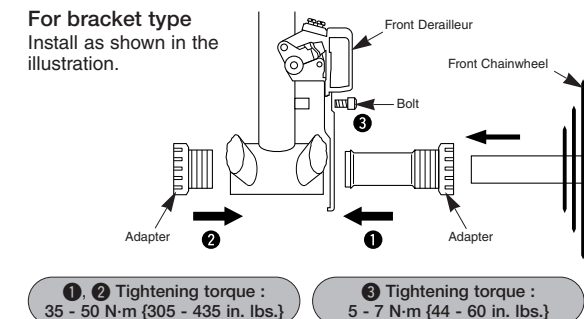
- 1, 2 Use the TL-FC32/33/36 special tool to install the right adapter (counterclockwise thread) of the bottom bracket, the inner cover and the left adapter (clockwise thread) of the bottom bracket.  
Tightening torque: 35 - 50 N·m {305 - 435 in. lbs.}  
**Note** : Spacers may be necessary depending on the bottom bracket shell width. For details, refer to "Spacer installation method".
- 3 Insert the right crank arm unit.
- 4 Set section A of the left crank arm into the axle of the right crank arm unit where the groove is wide.
- 5 Use the TL-FC16/18 to tighten the cap.  
Tightening torque: 0.7 - 1.5 N·m {6 - 13 in. lbs.}
- 6 Push in the stopper plate and check that the plate pin is securely in place, and then tighten the bolt of the left crank arm. (5 mm Allen key)  
**Note** : Each of the bolts should be evenly and equally tightened to 12 - 14 N·m {106 - 122 in. lbs.}

**Spacer installation method**

- 1 Check whether the width of the bottom bracket shell is 68 mm or 73 mm.
- 2 Next, install the adapter while referring to the illustrations below.



**For bracket type**  
Install as shown in the illustration.

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