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How to Care for Your Upright Bike

OWNER CARE GUIDE | SEAT POST, PEDALS & DRIVE SYSTEM

Upright bikes are simple machines, which is exactly why they get neglected. The two things that shorten their life are sweat and loose pedals. Sweat drips straight down the seat post and handlebar post into the frame, where it corrodes the posts until they seize and can no longer be adjusted. Pedals work loose gradually and, if left alone, strip out the crank arm entirely. Both problems are completely preventable with a few minutes of routine attention.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

A Clean Cloth

Soft microfiber for wiping down frame, rails, and contact surfaces.

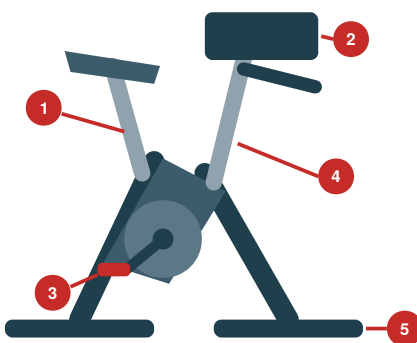
Mild Cleaner

Water with a small amount of mild soap, or a fitness-equipment-safe cleaner. Never bleach or ammonia.

About Ten Minutes

No tools required for routine care. Nothing needs to be taken apart.

KEY SERVICE POINTS



Side view of a typical upright bike showing the points that need routine owner attention.

- 1 Seat post and collar — the most sweat-exposed part
- 2 Console and battery compartment
- 3 Pedals, straps, and crank arms
- 4 Handlebar post and adjustment collar
- 5 Leveling feet and stabilizers

STEP-BY-STEP OWNER CARE

1 Wipe down immediately after every use

On an upright bike you sit directly over the frame, so sweat lands on the seat post, the handlebar post, and the top of the shroud. Wipe all of it dry after every ride. This single habit prevents the seized seat post that is by far the most common complaint we see on home bikes.

2 Clean the seat post and handlebar post

Once a month, lower the seat post fully, wipe the exposed section clean and dry, then raise it and wipe the rest. Do the same with the handlebar post. If the post shows white or rusty residue, clean it thoroughly — that is corrosion beginning, and it will only get worse.

A very light wipe of silicone on the post helps it slide, but keep it minimal and never use grease or petroleum products, which attract grit and make the problem worse.

3 Check the pedals every week

Grip each pedal and rock it. Any looseness or clicking should be corrected immediately. Pedals loosen slowly and then strip the crank arm all at once — catching it early is the difference between a minute of attention and replacing a crank. Also confirm the toe straps are secure and not torn.

4 Confirm the adjustments lock properly

Move the seat and handlebars through their full range. Each should slide smoothly and lock firmly with no rocking once tightened. A pop-pin that will not fully seat, or a collar that will not hold position under load, needs attention before someone is riding on it.

5 Level the bike and check hardware

Rock the bike at the handlebars. If it moves, adjust the leveling feet until it sits solidly. Check that visible hardware on the stabilizers, handlebars, and seat is snug. Do not overtighten — snug and secure is the goal.

6 Care for the console

Wipe the console with a cloth dampened away from the machine — never spray it directly. If the display becomes dim or erratic on a battery powered console, change the batteries before assuming a fault, and remove them if the bike will sit unused for months.

RECOMMENDED SCHEDULE

HOW OFTEN	WHAT TO DO
After each use	Wipe down the seat, posts, handlebars, console, and shroud.
Weekly	Check pedals, straps, and that seat and handlebar adjustments lock firmly.
Monthly	Clean the full length of both posts; check leveling and visible hardware.
Every 3–6 months	Listen for new noise and confirm resistance changes across all levels.
Annually	Schedule a professional preventive maintenance service.

PLEASE AVOID

- ✗ Letting sweat sit on the frame or posts — this is the leading cause of seized posts.
- ✗ Grease or petroleum products on the seat post.
- ✗ Bleach, ammonia, or alcohol cleaners on upholstery and overlays.
- ✗ Spraying any liquid directly onto the console.
- ✗ Riding with a loose pedal — it will strip the crank arm.
- ✗ Leaving the seat at maximum extension past the safety mark on the post.

WHEN TO CALL US

STOP USING THE EQUIPMENT AND SCHEDULE SERVICE IF YOU NOTICE

- ▶ The seat post or handlebar post will not move or has seized
- ▶ Clicking, grinding, or knocking from the crank or drive
- ▶ The console is blank, frozen, or dropping readings with fresh batteries
- ▶ Resistance does not change, or is inconsistent between levels
- ▶ A pedal is loose, wobbling, or stripped
- ▶ The frame rocks or creaks even after leveling

Would you rather we handle it?

Owner care keeps your equipment running between visits, but it is not a substitute for professional service. A full preventive maintenance visit includes internal cleaning and inspection, drive system and wiring checks, hardware torqued to manufacturer specification, calibration, and full operational testing — so small issues are caught long before they turn into expensive repairs.

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