



## DISC BRAKE PAD AND ROTOR BED-IN PROCEDURE

All new brake pads and rotors should be put through a wear-in process called 'bed-in'. The bed-in procedure, which should be performed prior to your first ride, ensures the most consistent and powerful braking feel along with the quietest braking in most riding conditions. The bed-in process heats up the brake pads and rotors which deposits an even layer of brake pad material (transfer layer) to the braking surface of the rotor. It is this transfer layer that optimizes braking performance. Rest assured that your brakes will perform better and more reliably if you follow this procedure.

### IMPORTANT:

To safely achieve optimal results, remain seated on the bike during the entire bed-in procedure.

1: Accelerate the bike to a moderate speed, and then firmly apply the brakes until you are at walking speed. Repeat approximately twenty times.

2: Accelerate the bike to a faster speed. Then very firmly apply the brakes until you are at walking speed. Repeat approximately ten times.

**I M P O R T A N T:** Do not lock up the wheels at any point during the bed-in procedure.

3: Allow the brakes to cool prior to any additional riding

The full brake-in period for disc brakes can take some time. The 'bed in' procedure above is only the first step of the break-in. The rest happens as you continue to ride normally. It is not uncommon for "break squeal" to occur during this period. Be patient and do know that your brakes will become stronger once they are fully broken in.

If your rotors become dirty, try clean them as soon as possible using water or alcohol. Never use solvent, lubricants, etc. This will only result in contaminated brake pads. Even touching your rotors with your fingers can result in contamination.

**ONE FINAL IMPORTANT TIP FOR HYDRAULIC DISC BRAKES:** Don't ever squeeze the brake lever if you have removed the wheel from the bike. This will force the brake pads to bottom out against each other and it is very difficult to get the pads open again so you can reinstall the wheel. Always use the brake pad spacers that were provided with your bike when you remove a wheel.

Be patient, safe, and have fun riding your new bike!!