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One Gear: Converting And Maintaining Single Speed And Fixed Gear Bicycles



Synopsis

A simple, appealing aesthetic and ease of maintenance has made fixed gear bicycles (fixies) and single-speeds a favorite of urban cyclists in a growing movement spanning from San Francisco to Melbourne and Tokyo to Berlin. The appeal of single-gear bikes is undeniable; creating your own bike by recycling a grimy old road bike stripping unneeded parts, adapting new components, and perhaps even re-painting is a rewarding experience. Getting greasy while customizing and building one's own ride is an essential part of the process. One Gear is a unique, much needed contribution to the culture that explains in simple, easy to understand language the steps required for a beginning or intermediate bike mechanic to learn how to rebuild and convert a geared bicycle into a slick, personalized fixie or single-speed. One Gear also contains chapters on single-speed variants such as flip-flop hubs, torpedo hubs and modern coaster brakes, as well as pictorial essays featuring frame builders ranging from classic standard bearers such as Cinelli and De Rosa to contemporary practitioners like Icarus Frames.

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Customer Reviews

Unlike any repair or fixit book you will likely every read. It's a "Graphic Design" look at bicycle building. The photography is mostly in color and very well done, photos of lots of bikes and street scenes. The entire book is well designed, page wise, a coffee table book on building your Fixie or Single-speed bike. Everything you need is there for building, from tool selection to the bike to the parts, all in order for you to follow. I didn't want to refer to it while doing working on my bike for fear I would get grease on the pages. It's not a real in-depth book for repairs, for that you made need to

go to another book or to You Tube, depends on you. The book is a treat and I do refer to it often and will do so more when I find that elusive frame with horizontal drop out so that I can finally build my single speed.

If there is any book you NEED to get if you're new to bike conversion, it's this one! It has everything from picking out a bike to convert including which bikes are the easiest for newbies. It lets you know about all the different tools you'll need including how to use them step by step WITH pictures. It has awesome pics and cool fixie art to inspire the entire process which makes it fun and less scary to do this on your own.

This book is a complete run through of a start to finish fixed gear conversion. I found it has more to offer than just that. It's a mix of brief histories, culture, know how, and art. It's a book I go back to, for how-to references then find myself thumbing back through the captivating artwork and photos too. Well done.

Book is awesome informative all around. Just by it, if your maintaining a track bike or looking to convert that beater this will break the process down in a simple way all can understand

Great book, however this seems to cover only the conversion of road bikes.

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