

SKATEBOARD USER GUIDE



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PERSONAL INJURY DISCLAIMER



WARNING!

Skateboarding is dangerous. Use this product at your own risk.

Please note that skateboarding is dangerous and that any time you step on a skateboard you are assuming a certain amount of personal risk. Injuries are commonplace while taking part in any extreme sport, so evaluate the risks you are facing and weigh up the consequences before you ride.

We want to make you aware that we will not be held liable for any sort of personal injury when using our skateboard products, even if this coincides with a product malfunction or valid warranty claim. It is your responsibility to inspect and maintain your gear before every use and use common sense and caution to anticipate issues before they become a danger.

While it is uncommon, please be aware that unexpected breakages / malfunctions can occur to any component of your skateboard as a result of the extreme forces placed upon this extreme sports product. It is important to ride accordingly to ensure your safety in the event of an unexpected product malfunction.

Always wear protective equipment, ride within your abilities, inspect your gear and all fixtures / fittings carefully before each use and follow our safety guidance on **Page 4** of this user guide at all times.

STAYING SAFE WHILE SKATEBOARDING

Safety and maintenance guidelines

- Always wear full protective equipment (i.e. knee & elbow pads, wrist guards and a helmet) while skateboarding and when around other skateboard users.

- Only ride your skateboard in specifically designated areas, such as skateparks. Never ride your skateboard on public roads, on footpaths, around pedestrians or moving vehicles.

- Always inspect the area where you intend to skate prior to getting on a board. Be aware of any hazards, including steep or long inclines, drops, hard edges, obstacles, rough ground, stones, dirt & debris as well as cracks or imperfections in the riding surface.

- Children under 16 years of age should be closely supervised at all times while skateboarding.

- Be aware of your surroundings and look out for other skatepark users. Watch other riders before you skate to get familiar with the speed and routes they are likely to take around the skatepark.

- Learn to stop and control your board at speed before you attempt to ride down any hills or inclines.

- Test your board carefully and safely prior to riding on any dangerous terrain to make sure you are familiar with how it handles and responds to your riding style.

- Inspect your board before, after and during use to check for loose nuts & bolts or any sign of damage weakness or wear that could compromise the safety of your board. If any fixtures are loose or missing, replace them or tighten them up before you ride.

- Only store your board in a cool, dry location (Do not keep it in a shed, garage or outdoors).

- Never use your board in damp or wet conditions as this will cause damage to wooden and metal components.

- Avoid using lubricants on moving parts like bearings as this may attract more dirt and moisture, reducing the performance and life of your board. Keep your board clean, dry and well maintained to avoid the need for lubricating and moving parts.

- Always ride within your abilities and do not attempt tricks or obstacles that are too advanced for your skill level.

- Anticipate the unexpected while riding, including unexpected malfunctions to your skateboard that may cause injury.

ESSENTIAL CHECKS AND TOOLS

Essential checks before you ride

The majority of the boards we sell are supplied fully assembled, however they will not necessarily be set up and completely ready to ride. You will need to follow some basic steps to become familiar with your board, ensure that it is safe to use and to get it set up the way you want to ride it. Never ride your board straight out of the box without first inspecting it in detail and fine-tuning all of the fixtures and fittings. You can find basic setup guidance on **Page 6**.

Required tools

In order to make the necessary adjustments to your board, you will need a range of spanners, allen keys and a philips head screwdriver. Alternatively, use a universal skateboard multitool, which should include all of these essential tools as standard, although there may be a few exceptions as listed below.

Standard tool sizes (Included with any Universal Skate Multitool)

- Truck kingpin nuts: 14mm socket or spanner
- Wheel nuts: 12mm socket or spanner
- Truck mounting hardware: 8mm socket or spanner, plus a 3mm allen key or philips head screwdriver

Additional tools required for specific skateboard types:

- Some longboard truck kingpins require an additional 5mm allen key to adjust the truck tightness.
- Our surfskate boards require an additional 18mm socket to maintain the main assembly bolt on the front truck.

SETTING UP YOUR SKATEBOARD



Checking mounting hardware

Use your 8mm spanner or socket and your 3mm allen key or philips head screwdriver to check the tightness of the truck mounting hardware. Make sure there is no movement where the trucks meet the deck. If needed, tighten each of your 8 deck bolts slightly so they are secure. Make sure the bolt heads on the top of your board are not protruding, but also do not allow them to sink too far into the board as this can weaken your deck.



Adjusting wheel nuts

Make sure the wheel nuts are loose enough to let the wheel spin, but tight enough that your wheels don't rattle from side to side. You can finetune these bolts to get your board rolling just how you want it to. But note that spinning your wheels by hand is not a good indicator. When the board is being ridden, the weight and momentum of the rider will help to propel the board forwards, even if the wheel bolts are too tight to spin the wheels by hand.



Adjusting truck kingpin nuts

Stand on the board and lean your weight from side to side as if performing a turn. Adjust the kingpin nut accordingly to get the trucks to the right setting so the board feels comfortable under your feet. Tight trucks will be harder to turn, but offer more stability, whereas loose trucks will turn easily, but be unstable at higher speeds. Note that the rubbers in your truck will settle, which may require your trucks to be regularly tightened in the first few weeks of regular use.

AVOIDING WHEELBITE

What is wheelbite and how to avoid it?

Wheelbite happens when your trucks are loose enough that your wheels can make contact with your deck when performing turns. This is why the trucks must be finetuned for the rider, as heavier riders will exert more force on the trucks, allowing the board to turn more sharply, thus increasing the risk of wheelbite for the rider.

Wheelbite is dangerous as when your wheels make contact with your board, your board will stop suddenly. This can cause the rider to be thrown forwards, which may cause injury by falling on the ground or colliding with nearby objects, obstacles or people.

Some riders choose to ride with their trucks very loose and accept that wheelbite may occur. In this situation, it is important to be familiar with your board and to aim to ride within the tolerances of what your board can handle before wheelbite occurs. In this case, wheelbite is not completely avoidable, but is a calculated risk that the rider makes.

When setting up your board it is important to test for wheelbite. To do this stand on your board and shift all of your weight over the toe side of your board. If your wheels make contact with your board then you will need to tighten your trucks to avoid wheelbite happening unexpectedly while riding.



WEARING IN YOUR SKATEBOARD

Wearing your board in

It's worth noting that once your board is set-up, changes to the torque settings of various fixtures can occur during riding as components wear in and settle under the riding forces. You will likely need to perform regular setup and maintenance checks over the first few weeks of regular riding to keep your board performing how you expect.

Truck rubbers in particular are common components that need wearing in. These will compress when first used and may not recoil as expected at first. This can make your trucks pull your board to one side when riding or behave in other unexpected ways. You will also likely find that your trucks will continually become significantly looser and will need to be adjusted to avoid wheelbite or issues with instability.

Be persistent in wearing your board in and you will eventually find that all components settle and that keeping your board configured the way you like it requires less regular maintenance.

Once your board is worn in, remember it is critically important to continually inspect it for signs of damage, weakness and wear and to finetune the setup of your board to make sure it is configured in a way that you are familiar with and that is suitable and safe for your riding style.

YOUR WARRANTY

90 days Warranty from the date of purchase

Upon receiving your board please thoroughly inspect it for defects before use. Claims for imperfections, blemishes or damage can not be credited on used boards.

For all warranty queries please first contact us before returning your board. Please note that we may require supporting evidence for your claim and / or for your board to be returned for inspection.

Email: sales@twobarefeet.co.uk **Phone:** +44 (0) 1803 554695

Follow the link for more information about your skateboard's warranty:

<https://www.twobarefeet.co.uk/skateboard-warranty-policy>

The warranty does not cover damage or defects caused by:

- Improper storage or use in wet conditions.
- Failure to follow the guidance set out in this user guide.
- Wear and tear.
- Breakage to the deck or kingpins, including snaps, cracks, delaminations or pressure crack caused by riding.
- Improper assembly, adjustments, tampering or repairs.
- Abuse, misuse or neglect of the product.
- Improper alterations and a lack of maintenance of the product.
- Intentional and deliberate breakages.
- Anything other than defects in manufacturing or workmanship.

Thanks for Reading!

We hope you enjoy your new gear and want to say thank you for choosing Two Bare Feet for your skateboards.

We are sure you will love the quality, performance and design of our boards, but if you are not completely satisfied, please get in touch to let us know what we can do to improve! If you are happy with your purchase then just drop us a line to tell us more about your experience!

Get in Touch

Remember our team of friendly, knowledgeable staff are always available to help with your queries!

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