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Model: Judd

1. INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing the Retrospec Judd Single-Speed Folding Bike. This manual provides essential information for the safe assembly, operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your bicycle. Please read this manual thoroughly before using your bike and retain it for future reference.

Important Safety Information

- Always wear a helmet when riding.
- Ensure all quick releases and fasteners are securely tightened before each ride.
- Familiarize yourself with the coaster brake operation before riding in traffic.
- Do not ride at night without proper lighting.
- Regularly inspect your bike for wear and tear, especially tires, brakes, and chain.

2. PACKAGE CONTENTS

Upon unpacking, please verify that all components are present:

- Retrospec Judd Folding Bike frame (partially assembled)
- Front wheel
- Handlebar assembly
- Seat post with saddle
- Pedals (left and right)
- User Manual (this document)

- Basic assembly tools (may vary)

3. ASSEMBLY AND SETUP

Your Retrospec Judd bike requires some assembly before its first use. Please follow these steps carefully.



Image 3.1: The Retrospec Judd Folding Bike in its fully unfolded state, ready for assembly.

3.1 Unfolding the Frame

1. Place the folded bike on a flat surface.
2. Locate the main frame hinge mechanism, usually in the middle of the main tube.
3. Release the safety latch and open the quick-release lever.
4. Carefully unfold the frame until it forms a straight line.
5. Close the quick-release lever and engage the safety latch to secure the frame. Ensure it is tight and there is no play.

3.2 Attaching the Handlebar

1. Insert the handlebar stem into the head tube of the frame.
2. Adjust the handlebar height to a comfortable position. Ensure the minimum insertion mark on the stem is not visible.
3. Tighten the quick-release lever or bolt on the stem to secure the handlebar.
4. Align the handlebars straight with the front wheel.

3.3 Installing the Seat Post and Saddle

1. Insert the seat post with the attached saddle into the seat tube.
2. Adjust the saddle height for comfortable pedaling. Ensure the minimum insertion mark on the seat post is not visible.
3. Close the quick-release lever on the seat tube to secure the seat post.

3.4 Attaching the Pedals

Note: Pedals are typically marked 'L' for left and 'R' for right. The left pedal has a left-hand thread (tightens counter-clockwise), and the right pedal has a standard right-hand thread (tightens clockwise).

1. Apply a small amount of grease to the pedal threads.
2. Thread the 'R' pedal into the right crank arm (side with the chainring) and tighten clockwise with a wrench.
3. Thread the 'L' pedal into the left crank arm and tighten counter-clockwise with a wrench.
4. Ensure both pedals are securely tightened to prevent loosening during use.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Riding Your Bike

The Retrospec Judd is a single-speed bike designed for simplicity and ease of use. It features a coaster brake for stopping.

4.2 Using the Coaster Brake



Image 4.1: Detail of the rear wheel hub, highlighting the integrated coaster brake mechanism.

The coaster brake is activated by pedaling backward. To engage the brake:

1. While riding forward, stop pedaling.
2. Gently push the pedals backward.
3. The harder you push backward, the stronger the braking force will be.
4. Practice using the coaster brake in a safe, open area before riding in traffic.

4.3 Folding Your Bike for Storage/Transport

To fold your Retrospec Judd bike:

1. Lower the seat post completely.
2. Release the handlebar stem quick-release and fold the handlebar down.
3. Release the main frame hinge safety latch and quick-release lever.
4. Carefully fold the frame in half.
5. Secure the frame with the safety latch.
6. Some models may have folding pedals; if so, fold them in.



Image 4.2: The Retrospec Judd Folding Bike in its compact, folded configuration, ideal for storage or transport.

5. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance ensures the longevity and safe operation of your Retrospec Judd bike.

5.1 Pre-Ride Check

Before each ride, perform the following checks:

- **Tires:** Check tire pressure. Inflate to the recommended PSI found on the tire sidewall. Inspect for cuts or punctures.
- **Brakes:** Ensure the coaster brake engages smoothly and effectively.
- **Quick Releases:** Verify all quick-release levers (frame, handlebar, seat post) are securely closed and tightened.
- **Bolts & Nuts:** Quickly check that all visible bolts and nuts are snug.

5.2 Cleaning and Lubrication

- **Cleaning:** Wash your bike regularly with mild soap and water. Avoid high-pressure washers directly on bearings. Dry thoroughly.
- **Chain:** Keep the chain clean and lubricated. Apply bicycle-specific chain lubricant every 100-200 miles or after riding in wet conditions. Wipe off excess lubricant.

5.3 Professional Servicing

It is recommended to have your bike professionally inspected and serviced by a qualified bicycle mechanic at least once a year, or more frequently if you ride often or in harsh conditions.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

Here are some common issues and their potential solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Tires feel soft or flat	Low tire pressure, puncture	Inflate tires to recommended PSI. Inspect for punctures and repair/replace inner tube if necessary.
Coaster brake feels weak	Internal hub issue, brake arm loose	Ensure the brake arm is securely attached to the frame. If the issue persists, consult a bike mechanic.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Bike makes creaking noises	Loose bolts, dry chain, bottom bracket issue	Check and tighten all bolts. Lubricate the chain. If creaking continues, professional inspection is advised.
Difficulty folding/unfolding	Hinge mechanism stiff, debris	Clean hinge area. Apply a small amount of lubricant to the hinge pivot points. Ensure quick releases are fully disengaged.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Key technical specifications for the Retrospec Judd Folding Bike:

- **Bike Type:** Folding Bike
- **Model Name:** Judd
- **Number of Speeds:** 1 (Single-Speed)
- **Brake Style:** Coaster Brake
- **Suspension Type:** Rigid
- **Wheel Material:** Aluminum
- **Power Source:** Pedal power
- **Special Feature:** Foldable
- **Assembly Required:** Yes

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

8.1 Warranty Information

The Retrospec Judd Folding Bike comes with a **Limited Warranty**. Specific terms and conditions of the warranty, including coverage details and duration, are typically provided with your purchase documentation or can be found on the official Retrospec website. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

8.2 Customer Support

For technical assistance, spare parts, or warranty inquiries, please contact Retrospec customer support through their official website or the contact information provided with your purchase. When contacting support, please have your bike's model name (Judd) and ASIN (B07N7YVFTK) ready.

