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USER GUIDE

BIKE TOW ROPE, 2.5 M

A 240 g housing under the saddle of the towing bike, a self-retracting nylon rope, a hook for the towed bike: a way to help a child or a riding partner who is tiring, uphill or on the flat. This guide covers fitting, use and the safety rules.

REF. TI9 · ALL TYPES OF BIKES, ALL AGES · NYLON ROPE 2.2 TO 2.5 M, HOUSING 15 × 10 × 7 CM



01 · GETTING STARTED

FITTING AND HOOKING UP

What it is for

- **Helping a child** who tires halfway through a ride, or on a climb too long for them: hook up, and the ride goes on.
- Two adults of different ability, or an electric bike towing a regular bike over a hill.
- The housing stays under the saddle and only comes into play when needed: the built-in spring winds the rope in, the hook stows in its slot.

Fitting, step by step

1. **Fix the housing under the saddle** of the towing bike, straps pulled tight around the saddle rails and the seatpost. Centred, it must touch neither the rear wheel nor your thighs.
2. **Pull the rope out** and fasten the hook **to the centre of the handlebar or to the stem** of the towed bike, never to the bar end: pulling on one side twists the steering.
3. **Check the attachment:** hook properly closed on the tube, straps tight, rope clear of the towed bike's front wheel.
4. **Set off gently,** talking to each other: the rope tightens, the spring takes up the slack, the rider being towed keeps pedalling with hands on the brakes.
5. **To unhook,** stop, release the hook, hold the rope back as it winds in, and stow the hook in its slot.

Specifications

Contents	**Housing with rope and hook, straps**	Housing	**Plastic, 15 × 10 × 7 cm**
Rope	**Nylon, 2.2 to 2.5 m**	Weight	**approx. 240 g**
Mounting	**Hook-and-loop straps under the saddle, universal hook**	Compatibility	**All types of bikes**

SAFETY

- **Low speed**, uphill or on the flat only: never on a fast descent, never in dense traffic.
- The rider being towed pedals, looks ahead and **keeps both hands on the brakes**.
- No sharp braking: the rider in front brakes gently and first, so the rope stays taut.
- Unhook before a descent, a junction or a narrow passage.

02 · DAY TO DAY

RIDING UNDER TOW, CARE

Riding well as a pair

- The rider towing calls everything: setting off, slowing, stopping, turning. A child being towed must already ride straight and brake on their own.
- Keep the rope taut: a slack rope drags, snaps tight and catches the rider behind by surprise. The spring takes up slack, not a dab of the brakes.
- Wide, slow turns: the towed bike cuts the corner on the inside.
- On the flat it is a helping hand; uphill, the rider in front really pulls. Set your pace by them, not the other way round.

Why a spring

Without a retractor, a 2.5 m rope drags on the ground as soon as the towed bike closes in, and ends up in a wheel. The built-in spring winds it in as you go: it stays taut between the two bikes, and goes back into the housing as soon as you unhook.

Care

Rinse the housing with clean water after a muddy ride, let it dry with the rope pulled out, then let it wind in. Before each use, check the straps, the rope (no cut or frayed strands) and the hook: a damaged rope gets replaced, not knotted.

IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG

- **The rope no longer winds in**: it is twisted or caked in mud. Pull it all the way out, clean it, let it wind in slowly while guiding it.
- **The housing turns under the saddle**: straps loose. Retighten, housing centred.
- **The hook jumps off**: it was caught on a cable or a part too thin. Refasten it to the stem or the centre of the handlebar.



The hook comes out of the housing, the rope follows; on the way back, the spring winds it in.

BEFORE EVERY START

- Straps tight, hook closed, rope without damaged strands.
- A helmet on every head, the towed bike's brakes in good order.
- The rule for the child: "you pedal, you look ahead, you brake gently when I say stop".

Storing, carrying

Between uses, the housing stays under the saddle, hook in its slot. To take it off, open the straps: at 15 × 10 × 7 cm, it fits in a rucksack pocket or a frame bag.

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