

# HANDLEBAR INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS



Thanks for buying a Whisky Parts Co. product. Whisky makes parts designed to deliver, ride after ride, year after year.

**⚠ WARNING:** Cycling can be dangerous. Bicycle products should be installed and serviced by a professional mechanic. Never modify your bicycle or accessories. Read and follow all product instructions and warnings including information on the manufacturer's website. Inspect your bicycle before every ride. Always wear a helmet.

We recommend that you have this product installed and maintained by a professional bicycle mechanic. Please read all instructions thoroughly before installing and using your new handlebar.

Additional safety info can be found at: [whiskyparts.com/safety](http://whiskyparts.com/safety)

## Compatibility

Compatible with aerobars up to 400mm in length	No.7 6F Dropbar No.7 12F Dropbar No.7 24F Dropbar No.9 6F Dropbar No.9 12F Dropbar No.9 24F Dropbar
Not compatible with aerobars	No.9 MTN Bars (Flat and Riser)

## ⚠ WARNING:

- Whisky Parts Co. handlebars are not compatible with bar-ends
- Make certain your stem clamp is compatible with the handlebar before proceeding

## Intended Use

Condition		Description	Sample Models
2		This is a set of conditions for the operation of a bicycle that includes Condition 1 as well as unpaved and gravel roads and trails with moderate grades. In this set of conditions, contact with irregular terrain and loss of tire contact with the ground may occur. Drops are intended to be limited to 15cm (6") or less.	No.7 6F Dropbar No.7 12F Dropbar No.9 6F Dropbar No.9 12F Dropbar
3		This is a set of conditions for operation of a bicycle that includes Condition 1 and Condition 2 as well as rough trails, rough unpaved roads, and rough terrain and unimproved trails that require technical skills. Jumps and drops are intended to be less than 61cm (24").	No.7 24F Dropbar No.9 24F Dropbar No.9 MTN Bars

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## Tools:

- Allen wrenches: 4, 5, or 6mm
- Torque wrench that measures in Newton Meters (Nm)

## Installation

1. Remove the bolts from the stem faceplate.
2. Center the handlebar on the stem and replace the faceplate.
3. Tighten the faceplate bolts according to the stem manufacturer's specifications. If no torque ratings are given, tighten 4–5Nm.
4. Reinstall shifters and brake levers according to manufacturer specifications and following instructions.

## Flat Bar Shifter and Brake Lever Positioning

1. With the shift and brake levers loose, sit on the bike.
2. When seated on the bike, the back of your hands should form a straight line with your forearms; adjust the levers accordingly.
3. Tighten the lever clamp bolts according to manufacturer specifications, up to a maximum of 5Nm.

## Drop Bar Shifter and Brake Lever Positioning

1. With the shift and brake levers loose, position the hoods to create a flat surface across the top of the handlebar. Angle the levers so they are approximately parallel to the angle of the drops.
2. Tighten lever clamp bolts according to manufacturer specifications, or up to a maximum of 5Nm whichever is less.

## Cutting Handlebars (Mountain Bars Only)

1. When cutting handlebars, determine the appropriate width.
2. Remember to cut BOTH ends evenly.
3. Always use a cutting guide.
4. For carbon handlebars, use a carbon-specific blade. For aluminum handlebars, use a metal-specific blade.
5. Remove any burrs or sharp edges. For aluminum handlebars, use a metal file. For carbon handlebars, use a fine-grit sandpaper.

▲ **WARNING:** Unprotected handlebar ends may cause serious injury. Install an appropriate handlebar plug or grip.

## Carbon Handlebars

▲ **WARNING:** Regularly inspect your carbon handlebars for:

**Cracks**—Inspect for cracks, broken or splintered areas. Any crack is serious. Do not ride any bicycle or component that has a crack of any size.

**Delamination**—Composites are made from layers of fabric. Delamination means that the layers of fabric are no longer bonded together. Do not ride any bicycle or component that has any delamination.

These are some delamination clues:

1. A cloudy or white area. This kind of area looks different from the ordinary undamaged areas. Undamaged areas will look glassy, shiny or “deep,” as if one was looking into a clear liquid. Delaminated areas will look opaque and cloudy.

2. Bulging or deformed shape. If delamination occurs, the surface shape may change. The surface may have a bump, a bulge, soft spot, or not be smooth and fair.
3. A difference in sound when tapping the surface. If you gently tap the surface of an undamaged composite you will hear a consistent sound, usually hard and sharp. If you then tap a delaminated area, you will hear a different sound, usually duller, less sharp.

**Unusual Noises**—Either a crack or delamination can cause creaking noises while riding. Think about such a noise as a serious warning signal. A well-maintained bicycle will be very quiet and free of creaks and squeaks. Investigate and find the source of any noise. It may not be a crack or delamination, but whatever is causing the noise must be fixed before riding.

▲ **WARNING:** Over-tightening the stem or brake/shifter clamps can damage your handlebar. Tighten the stem bolts to the recommended torque spec for the stem or 5Nm, whichever is less. Tighten shifter and brake levers to recommended torque spec or 5Nm, whichever is less.

## Ongoing Maintenance

▲ **WARNING:** Improper installation of mounted component bolts may lead to product failure, causing serious injury. Do not exceed specified torque values. Periodically inspect bolts and retighten if required.

- Clean with light soap and water. Dry with a rag
- If your rag snags on something, it could be a sign of damage. Carefully listen for uncommon sounds when riding, such as creaking, cracking, or popping, which could mean there's a problem. If you're not sure, don't take chances. Visit your bicycle shop and ask an expert to take a look

▲ **WARNING:** Any crack or damage to a handlebar is serious. Do not ride any bicycle if the handlebar has a crack of any size or is damaged. A cracked or damaged handlebar may fail suddenly, leading to a crash and serious injury.

## Limited Warranty

Whisky Parts Co. warrants this part against manufacturing defects in materials, craftsmanship and design for a period of five years from the date of purchase for only the original owner with accompanying proof of purchase. This warranty applies to and covers only Whisky Parts Co. branded product.

TO THE EXTENT NOT PROHIBITED BY LAW, THESE WARRANTIES ARE EXCLUSIVE AND THERE ARE NO OTHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES OR CONDITIONS INCLUDING WARRANTIES OR CONDITIONS OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

## Warranty Exclusions:

- Damage due to improper installation or follow-up maintenance or lack of skill, competence or experience of the user or assembler
- Products that have been modified, neglected, used in competition or for commercial purposes, misused or abused, involved in accidents or anything other than normal use
- Installation of components, parts, or accessories not originally intended for or compatible with Whisky Parts Co. products
- Damage or deterioration to the surface finish, aesthetics, or appearance of the product including but not limited to paint damage
- Normal wear and tear
- Labor required to remove and/or refit and re-adjust the product within the bicycle assembly
- Damage to carbon fiber caused by any carbon assembly paste

This limited warranty is expressly limited to the repair or replacement of a defective product, at the option of Whisky Parts Co. and is the sole remedy of the warranty. This limited warranty applies only to the original purchaser of the product and is not transferrable. This warranty applies only to products purchased through an authorized dealer or distributor.

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Whisky Parts Co. products are warranted against manufacturing defects in materials and workmanship from the date of retail purchase of the product, subject to the limitations detailed above.

## Submitting a Claim

Claims can be made anywhere Whisky Parts Co. products are sold. When in doubt, contact your local shop. Please provide details about what happened including but not limited to other components used in conjunction with the alleged defective Whisky part. Proof of purchase is required before a warranty claim is processed. Failure to register will not affect consumer rights under the limited warranty stated above, so long as the consumer can show in a reasonably manner proof of original ownership and the date the Whisky Parts Co. product was purchased.

If you have any questions contact [warranty@whiskyparts.com](mailto:warranty@whiskyparts.com) or visit [www.whiskyparts.com/warranty](http://www.whiskyparts.com/warranty) for more warranty information.