

THE ROBERT AXLE PROJECT

Our story is one of those “started in the garage” stories, as we sought a solution to a problem that we discovered when we tried to attach trailers to our own bikes.

Our mission is to provide the highest quality products that allow families, adventurers, commuters and recreational riders to enjoy traveling by bicycle.

Our vision is for everyone to experience adventures big and small. We believe that the bicycle is not just a two-wheeled vehicle, but also a tool for you to explore your community, your country, or the whole world.

We understand there are two priorities for you. Our product must provide a seamless fit between your beloved bike and your precious cargo. And it must be durable and secure to bring you home from your adventures, whether around town or around the world. We do not accept any compromises in safety or fit of our products.

Our products are designed, tested and manufactured in the USA.

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FollowMe Thru Axle for R.A.T.

Part Number

Description

FOL114.F

FOCUS R.A.T. 12x148 and BOOST

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INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS: FOLLOWME THRU AXLE FOR R.A.T. THRU AXLE BIKES

Tools Required:

- 5 mm hex wrench
- Grease
- “Blue” Loctite #242
- 2.5 mm or 3 mm hex wrench depending on your bike model year

Install your Robert Axle on your Bike

1. Remove your stock R.A.T. axle from your bike.

2. On the derailleur side of the bike, remove the R.A.T. nut from the frame. Set aside the small bolt (Figure 1), which you will use to secure the Robert Axle nut. Included with your Robert Axle are two R.A.T. nuts for different bike model years.

3. Grease shaft and threads of the Robert Axle.

4. Hold the Robert Axle nut on the drive side of the bike while hand tightening the axle into the nut. Align the nut on the frame so the small hole lines up with the hole on the dropout. Doing so in this order will ensure that the nut is properly aligned for easy threading of the axle. (Figure 2)

5. Apply a small amount of Loctite #242 to the small bolt that holds the nut in place. Reinstall the bolt and torque to 3 to 4 Nm.

6. Tighten the Robert Axle to the equivalent of 12 Nm. Do not over tighten. The Robert Axle will be a bit short of the end of the nut, but there is adequate engagement of the threads.

Assemble the FollowMe Axle:

1. Thread the remaining loose FollowMe axle end to the derailleur side of the bike. The end should tighten flush against the R.A.T. nut and there should NOT be any gap between the nut and the FollowMe axle (Figure 3). However, do NOT over tighten - only tighten to the equivalent of 6 Nm. If there is a gap between the nut and FollowMe axle end, you will need to insert a washer.

6. Follow the FollowMe Coupler instructions for securing the FollowMe to the axle. It may be necessary to slightly spread and “cold set” the yoke to fit the additional width of the axle.

Always double-check your torque settings, the snugness of the rear wheel and the trailer attachments before every ride.



Figure 1

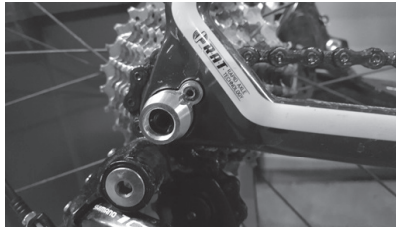


Figure 2



Figure 3

▲ WARNING ▲

- Your Robert Axle must be installed with proper torque specifications before operating a bicycle and trailer. Proper installation to specified torque values is important to ensure safe use of this axle. If you do not have access to a properly calibrated torque wrench, please have your local bike shop install the axle for you.
- Always follow the limits, instructions and warnings provided by the product you are attaching to your Robert Axle.
- It is the user's responsibility to check the thread pitch on the Robert Axle before installing on your bike. Do not attempt to install a Robert Axle with a different thread pitch from your stock axle. Incorrect thread pitch can damage your bicycle.
- Check all torque settings and inspect all parts before each use.
- Never exceed your the weight and speed limits posted by the FollowMe Coupler.
- Robert Axles must only be used when accessory is attached. Do not use a Robert Axle on your bike without the attached FollowMe Coupler. Wider axles can strike trailside objects, providing unnecessary risk of personal injury or death.
- Understand that the sport you choose to pursue has risks. When using a Robert Axle in your bike you are accepting the responsibility to ensure they are properly installed and maintained.

ROBERT AXLE LIMITED WARRANTY:

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