



Big Bear LS 2017 Ed.

Please read this manual.

It contains important information regarding your safety, the correct use of the bike and how to avoid expensive repair fees in the future .

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Thank you for buying a Woosh Sirocco Big Bear electric bike.

Our bikes are named mainly after either winds or mountains.

The Sirocco Big Bear is a mountain in New England, US - just so you know!

Please read this manual completely before putting your bike together and riding it. As well as instructions on assembly and maintenance it also contains essential information that may affect your consumer rights.

The Woosh Ethos

Our aim is to supply decent quality electric bikes but at very affordable prices.

This inevitably means importing from China, selling direct rather than through dealers and working on much lower profit margins than many of our competitors. It also means working hard with our suppliers to constantly improve quality and ensure that each bike is checked before leaving us - not something all mail order electric bike companies do.

There is however only so much we can offer within our price range.

We would for example like our bikes finished to German standards, with every nut and bolt fully tightened, immaculate paintwork and superb quality plastic on things like handlebars and battery cases. But this alas would also push the prices up to those of German bikes - starting at £1800 - which clearly we don't wish to do.

That said, we are always happy with sensible comments for future improvements, so please do email me with feedback, good or bad.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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Expectations: please read this before riding

Pedalling: E-bikes are designed to be primarily pedalled, with use of the throttle occasionally i.e. to rest for a short period. Using the throttle constantly will run the battery down far more quickly.

Speed: Our bikes are designed for sensible use in accordance with UK law. The motor will power you **up to** 15.5 mph and no faster, though you can still pedal harder to achieve greater speeds.

Models: Some of our bikes are more suited for recreational use rather than commuting. If you need a bike for commuting, check with us to see which models would be suitable.

Care: Electric bikes need more regular maintenance than standard bikes. Spokes and other mechanical fixings need tightening every 2 to 3 weeks and tyres need regular pumping. We also advise trying to ride your bike as often as possible.

Not riding your bike for several months may cause the motor to seize up and if you do not use the bike for several weeks and forget to charge the battery during this time you could cause damage to it.

Identical bikes: No two bikes are identical, even if they are the same model and purchased at the same time. One may be a little quicker or one motor may be quieter than another. This is normal. Please make allowances.

Hill climbing: If you are heavy, have steep hills or both, you may have difficulty getting uphill, and in extreme cases the bike may not get you up at all. The motor is limited by law to 250 watts and there is only so much it can propel up an incline. If you weight over 17 stone and have a steep hill you will have to pedal very hard and may have to get off and push the bike for part of the incline.

Distance and performance The distance you can cover on a single charge will vary significantly from person to person and bike to bike. It is affected by weight, how much effort is put in, hills, headwinds, city traffic etc. with constant starts and stops at traffic lights. The bike may cut out on steep hills and the battery **will** cut out when exposed to extreme cold.

Paint quality: please see overleaf

Costs: we ask you to contribute towards costs when returning the bike or a part for repair and additional costs apply if you take your bike abroad (see later).

If you are not happy with any of the above, please do not ride your bike. Call us to arrange return and a refund.

Warning:

Electric bikes are heavy and two people are required when lifting/moving the carton. Woosh Bikes Ltd will not be liable for personal injury caused through mishandling.

Your Woosh electric cycle will come mostly assembled, but to make shipping easier, some parts of the cycle may require a small amount of assembly to be completed before use. This manual assumes you are reasonably competent with and have your own toolkit (though a very basic one is supplied).

Disclaimer:

You are responsible for the correct assembly and on-going maintenance of your cycle. Woosh Bikes Ltd. accepts no responsibility for any incidents that may arise as a result of bikes which have been poorly assembled/maintained by the end user. **All** steps in this booklet must be completed to ensure trouble-free and safe operation.

IMPORTANT MAINTENANCE:

You must check your bike regularly and ensure all fixings are correctly tightened and have not worked loose. This is critical as failure to maintain

This includes checking and tightening spokes, saddle, wheel nuts, handlebars, cranks and pedals.

You should also regularly check brakes and brake pads

Please read the relevant sections later in this manual.

Failure to carry out essential maintenance on a regular basis could cause a cycle malfunction and result in safety issues for which Woosh Bikes Ltd. will not be held responsible.

Important Safety Notice — please read

Your bike has had a full electrical check before despatch.

It has also had a general mechanical check but this is by no means a full PDI (pre delivery inspection) which is required to get the bike ready for the road and safe to ride.

You should therefore be prepared to do this yourself or if you are not sufficiently experienced ask a local bike shop to do this for you for a fee (usually around £35). The aim of the PDI is to ensure safety, and should include:

- Checking that the brakes are correctly installed, set correctly and work properly.
- All nuts, bolts, major fixings, spokes and cranks etc. are correctly tightened.
- Both wheels are trued and spokes checked.
- Pedals, saddle and handlebars are correctly fitted and properly secured.

These checks should be repeated after the first month and regularly thereafter to ensure your safety.

Please note that failure to carry out these checks properly could result in serious injury for which Woosh Bikes Ltd will not be held liable.

If you have any doubts about your own ability to do them, we strongly recommend you visit your local bike shop and pay their fee. If you are unable to take your bike to a local bike shop there will almost certainly be a mobile bike technician in your area who will come to your home or office and do this for you.

Visit www.cycletechuk.com for a full national listing.

The type of motor used on this model may become noisier over time, if this is the case, you will need to periodically send your wheel in to be serviced. The cost of servicing the wheel is £25 plus return postage. This servicing is not covered by the warranty.

Unpacking:

Two people are required to unpack the bike.

Stand the carton upright as shown.

Remove the shipping straps, cut the tape seals and then remove all of the polystyrene packaging.

Keep the carton/bike in the upright position, and then lift the bike out of the carton and then lean it against a sturdy surface. **DO NOT** destroy the carton as it will be required if the bike needs to be returned for any reason in the future.



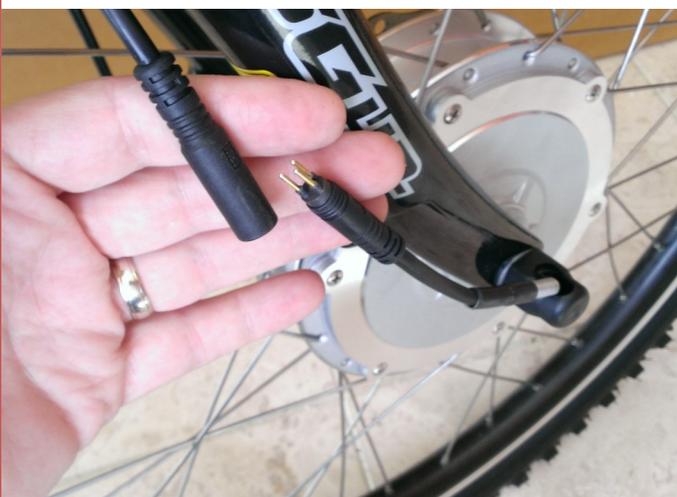
Once you have the bike out of the box, detach the wheel and remove all of the remaining packaging (if applicable). Some times this model comes almost fully assembled meaning that the front motor wheel and torque arms are already fitted, if this is the case you can skip those sections.

Slide the handlebars into the frame but don't fully tighten them yet, this step is just to ensure that the handlebars are out of the way and cannot scratch the frame whilst you are fitting the front wheel.

You are now ready to fit the front wheel to the forks. This is done by simply lowering the forks onto the spindle. As you lower the frame, **ensure that the brake disc lines up correctly within the calliper's**. You must also **ensure that the motor cable is pointing upwards**. Once in position, tighten the nuts either side to secure the wheel in position.

See next page for how to fit the "torque arm" - a necessary additional safety device.

Plug the cable coming from the motor on the right side of the wheel into the receptacle on the bike—see below.



When attaching the motor cable, ensure that the arrow on each side of the connectors line up with each other, otherwise you may damage the connector.

You may find that the cables from the handlebar components are detached when you receive the bike. If this is the case, line up the arrows on the connectors and re-attach them to their corresponding coloured connector.

Now that the front wheel has been fitted, you can use the stand to keep the bike in the upright position.

Fitting the torque arms (if not already fitted):

The torque arm is an additional safety measure which we have included with the Big Bear. The torque arms should be fitted to both sides of the bike as shown. Remove the wheel nut and slide the arm into position on the axle and then refit the nut to secure it in position.

Protect the frame using the rubber piece supplied and then loosen the jubilee clip and slide it through the hole on the torque arm and around the fork as shown. Tighten the jubilee clip ensuring that the rubber piece stays in place.



Front mudguard:

To fit the front mudguard, the upper mounting tag is fitted to the rear of the forks as shown. The upper mounting tag has an elongated hole which is used to adjust the height of the mudguard. Once the mudguard has been secured, you can then attach the hangers (silver arms) to the forks as shown. Once attached it may be necessary to adjust the height and/or flex the hangers to get a little extra clearance between the mudguard and the tyre.



Handlebars:

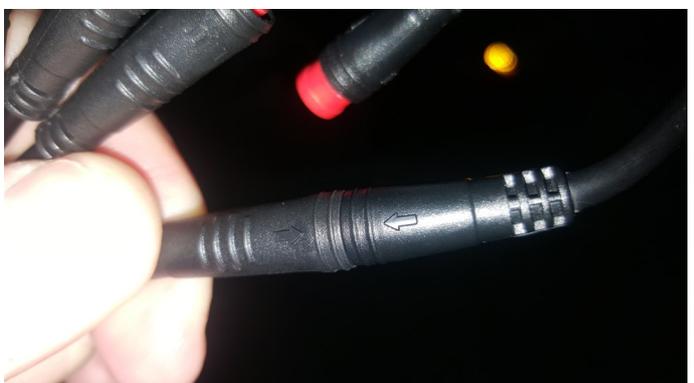
Next, set the handlebar stem at the desired height and then **tighten the Allen bolt indicated below-left** to secure the stem in position. Ensure that the handlebars line up correctly with the front wheel.



Once the stem has been secured, you can now fine tune the positioning of the handlebars. The handlebars can be brought upwards and closer to the rider, simply loosen the bolt on the underside of the stem—see above-right, adjust the position, and then tighten the bolt to secure them in the desired position. Once this is done, you will need to loosen one of the bolts on the clamp so that you can then rotate the bars into a suitable/comfortable position—see below-left. Don't forget to tighten the bolts when you're



In some cases the cables from the various handlebar components may not be plugged in, this is to avoid the cables being pulled/stretched while in transit. Locate the cables coming up towards the handlebars and then plug in the leads from the handlebars. The plugs/sockets are colour-coded, so you just need to match the colours of each connector and plug them in. Line up the arrows on the connectors (see below-right) and then push them firmly together.



Warning:

It is critical to ensure that the handlebars are properly secured. If they were to rotate or otherwise move unexpectedly during use, it could result in an accident and/or serious injury. If you have any doubts regarding the correct configuration of this part (or any other part of the bike), you should take your bike along to your nearest bike shop and have them prepare it for you at your own cost.

Seat-post/saddle:

The seat-post simply slides into position and then the clamp is used to secure it. To adjust the height of the saddle, simply open the clamp and position the seat-post at the desired height and then close the clamp to lock it into position. It may be necessary to tighten the thumb screw a little to ensure that when the clamp is closed the seat-post is properly secured. Adjust the thumb-screw as needed. There are a couple of different seat-post options on this model, but the clamp works in the same way regardless of which post you have.



Pedals:

Important—the pedals fit a specific side of the bike. If you attempt to fit the pedals to the wrong side, you will damage the threads of the pedals and also possibly the cranks as well. Also if you force the pedals on to the wrong side of the bike, it is very likely that they will come loose suddenly and unexpectedly.

The pedals are marked 'L' (left) and 'R' (right) which indicates the side of the bike the pedal is for. To determine which pedal is for which side, see the pictures below showing where this marking is found.

Fit each pedal into position and finger-tighten, then use the supplied 15mm spanner to fully secure the pedals in place.



Charging/locking the battery:

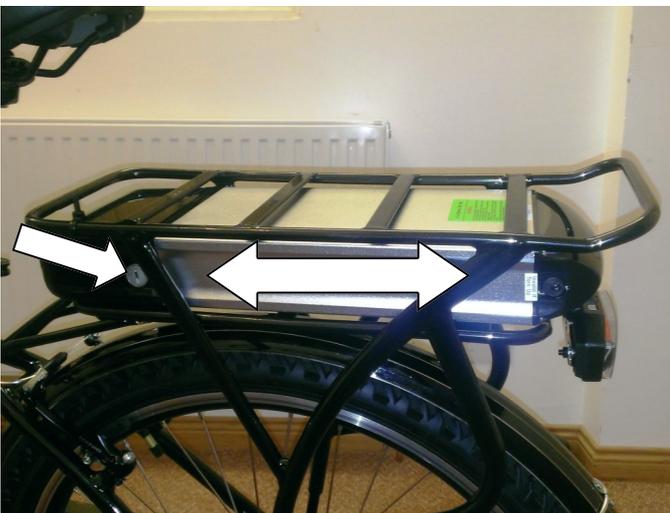
When the bike is shipped, the battery is sometimes secured with cable-ties instead of being locked with the key. This is done to avoid damage to the battery locking mechanism in transit. Some delivery drivers take more care than others, so by securing the battery in this way, we can prevent this issue from occurring. Simply remove the cable-ties and lock the battery in place using the key when you unpack the bike.

The battery may not leave us fully charged. **You should fully charge the battery before using your bike.** The battery can be charged on the bike or it can be removed and charged separately. The socket used to charge the battery is located at the left rear of the battery as shown below. **Ensure that the charger is switched OFF before attaching the charger to the bike.** You should keep the battery topped up and not let it go completely flat to ensure it lasts as long as possible.



To charge the battery, simply lift the weatherproof cover and connect the charger to the socket and then plug the other end into a regular mains socket. On the charger is a small light which is red while charging. When charging is complete, this light will turn green.

The battery can be removed from the bike and charged in a convenient location such as in your home or office. To remove the battery from your electric bike, use the supplied key to unlock the battery by turning it anti-clockwise. Once unlocked remove the key and then slide the battery from the bike using the grip at the rear underside of the battery. A full charge can take up to 10 hrs.



Turn the battery ON/OFF using the switch on the rear right of the battery—see above-right photo.

On the rear of the battery is a meter which gives you a rough idea of the remaining battery capacity. To activate this meter, simply press the button in the middle as shown below. The more lights that come on, the greater the remaining capacity. For a more accurate idea of the battery status, you should look at the battery indicator on the display module on the handlebars—this module is covered in more depth later in the manual. As the battery depletes, the green lights will go out first, until only the red ones remain.



Important:

Although our bikes are checked prior to despatch, you must fully inspect your bike again yourself before riding it, and satisfy yourself that it is correctly assembled and safe to ride. If you are not absolutely sure about any aspects of your bike, you should take it to your nearest bike shop to have it checked before riding it. Obviously the bike shop will charge you for this service. Woosh Bikes do not reimburse you for these costs.

Before riding your bike, check the tyre pressures. The tyres should be inflated to approximately 50psi.

Check that all fixings and major components are tightened sufficiently. Check that all nuts, bolts, rear carrier fixings, handlebars and seat-post/saddle are also sufficiently tightened.

You must also ensure that your brakes are working correctly before you set off. If you are unsure how to adjust your brakes yourself, there are guides on our website to help you with this. If you prefer, you can have your local bike shop adjust them for you. The brakes are the same as you would have on a regular bike and so any bike shop should be able to adjust them for you. You would obviously have to pay them for this service.

The support articles on our website can be accessed at www.wooshbikes.co.uk/?support

Battery care:

The Big Bear comes with a modern light-weight lithium polymer battery.

Some care is needed to ensure your battery performs at its best and lasts as long as possible. All batteries age over time and become less effective, so to ensure you get the most from your battery, follow the instructions below.

Charge the battery once or twice per week as needed, it is better to keep the battery topped up than to allow it to run completely flat as this will shorten the lifespan of the unit.

Do NOT charge the battery in extremely cold conditions. The battery can be easily removed from the bike and charged indoors if it's more convenient. Remember to allow the battery to warm up to room temperature before charging.

If the battery is not in regular use i.e. over the winter, you should charge the battery for around 20 minutes ever two to three weeks. This will slow the aging process and will help the battery last as long as possible. When the bike is to be put back into service, fully charge the battery to prepare it regular use.

General battery care:

Do not attempt to open the outer casing of the battery.

Do not attempt to repair the battery.

Do not immerse the battery in water.

Keep the battery away from children.

Do not drop, pierce or otherwise damage the battery.

Ensure the battery is not exposed to temperatures above 55 degrees Celsius or extreme humidity.

Do not use the bike in an environment where temperatures are less than minus 5 or greater than 55 degrees Celsius.

Riding the bike

To begin using the bike, press (and hold) the top 'Mode' button to switch on the display. The bike is now effectively on, and if you ride it in this state, the motor will provide assistance when pedalling and you will also be able to use the throttle if you wish. To vary the amount of assistance provided from the motor, use the plus(+), minus(-) buttons to choose from the 5 assistance levels.



There are several other features available on this 'display and these will be covered later in the manual. The information provided so far is just enough to get you up and running as quickly as possible.

Important note about the maximum speed.

You may not reach the maximum speed on throttle alone.

You can increase the maximum speed on throttle by setting the assistance level to high but to achieve the maximum speed, you need to use pedal assist mode. Your maximum speed will be then limited by your highest cadence or by the motor.

The motor will only assist you up to 15mph. Though of course you are free to pedal as fast as you like, beyond 15mph if you wish, but the motor will not help you beyond the 15mph limit. This limit is in accordance with current UK law.

The Big Bear LS comes with a thumb-throttle control to allow you to vary the amount of assistance from the motor. The thumb-throttle is located on the right side of the handlebars as shown below. When the throttle is pushed fully, the motor will provide the most assistance.



Riding the bike cont.

Your bike features 7 speed Shimano index shifting gears which are changed using the thumb selector on the right side of the handlebars. When the thumb stick is fully extended, the bike is in first gear (the easiest to pedal). To move up through the gears press the black (+) button as shown.

To move back down the gears, simply push the thumb selector again.

Most of the time, you will likely use the bike in it's highest gear, but to get the best performance out of your bike on hills, you should change down to the 3rd or 4th gear **before** you start your ascent.



IMPORTANT:

LOOK AFTER SPOKES, TYRES AND KEYS!!

The vibrations on an electric bike can cause the fixings and also the spokes to become loose more quickly than on a standard bike. You must maintain them (or have a local bike shop maintain them for you if it's something you cannot do yourself). If you do not regularly maintain your bike, you may damage the bike and also there are likely to be safety issues for which Woosh Bikes would not be held liable.

Please read the following:

Your spokes will have been checked before despatch, but if you have a look, you will find some less tight than others. This variation ensures the wheel is straight (or 'trued'). If all the spokes were equally tight, or all very tight, the wheel would not be straight. So it is normal that some spokes are tighter than others.

In future, check your spokes regularly, every two or three weeks if you ride daily, or once every couple of months if you only ride occasionally. We normally supply a spoke tool (small round metallic device) normally included in the same box as the battery charger.

How to check? Lightly 'ping' each spoke like a harp string with your index finger. If it feels very loose insert the spoke key onto the nipple of the spoke in question, using gauge number 13. The nipple is the metal connector at the base of the spoke where it joins the wheel rim. Give it a quarter turn or so. Don't over-tighten the nipple as the spoke may then be too rigid and snap during riding.

If you have not received a spoke key, one can be sent to you for £4 including postage.

You can also give your wheel a quick visual check by spinning it and making sure the brake pads are equal distances from the wheel when it spins and that it seems to spin in a straight line. Get someone to help hold the bike if necessary. If the wheel is not true, then the wheel rim will likely rub on the brake pads at various points as it rotates, use the spoke key to tighten or loosen the spokes at the point where it rubs to bring the wheel back in to line. You may want to have this done at your local bike shop if you are not experienced.

Also check and inflate your tyres to the correct PSI regularly, the pressure range of the tyres is printed on the side wall of the tyre. For heavier riders, you would generally inflate the tyre towards the upper range, for lighter riders, less.

These maintenance steps aren't always needed as often on a standard bike but they are for an electric bike.

If you are not able to perform these checks yourself, you should have your local bike shop do them for you at your cost.

Lastly, separate all your keys and keep them in a safe place. We do not hold spares here.

Operating the lights:

The rear light is already fitted, to operate the rear light, simply press the button on the top of the light as shown below.

To change the batteries in this unit, simply reach under the bottom edge and then pull the lower edge of the light rearwards.

If your light doesn't work initially, it is likely that the insulating material fitted at the factory to stop the battery going flat is still in place. Simply access the battery compartment and remove the small plastic insulator that sits between the battery and terminal. This light uses 2x AA battery.



To change the batteries on the front light, press down gently on the tab at the bottom to release the lens. Then lift it clear of the housing. Behind the lens there are 2x AA batteries. To operate the light, press the button located on the top of the light, to turn it on, press it again to flash, and once more to turn it off.



Adjusting the brakes:

The Big Bear comes with disc brakes at the front, and v-brakes at the rear. These are checked and set up before the bike is dispatched but you must check that the brakes are working properly before you ride the bike.

There are guides on our website to help you adjust your brakes, but if you aren't able to manage this yourself, you should take it to your local bike shop and have them adjust them for you. Obviously you would have to pay them for this.

The various support articles can be found on our website at www.wooshbikes.co.uk/?support

Discs brakes do need a certain amount of bedding in, so be aware of this when you ride the bike for the first few miles.

Essential maintenance:

The Big Bear is a low maintenance bike, however it is essential that you carry out some maintenance regularly to ensure that your bike is both safe and going to last for years to come.

You must check your spokes as outlined earlier.

You must regularly check and tighten as necessary ALL nuts/bolts/fixings.

You must ensure that the handlebars are tight, if the handlebars are not checked and they work loose, they may move suddenly and unexpectedly which could be very dangerous.

You must check that the saddle clamp is sufficiently tight and also that the saddle itself is properly secured to the post. The bolt for this is located under the seat.

You must monitor the cranks, if they work loose or there is movement in the bottom bracket, do not continue to ride the bike until the issue has been resolved.

Failure to carry out essential maintenance on your bike on a regular basis could result in an injury, for which Woosh Bikes Ltd will not be held liable.

Please ensure this is done to ensure your own safety.

Control Module—Advanced

The display has many advanced features and modes, these include back-lit display (for night riding), indicator options for max speed, average speed and current speed and a battery power indicator. It also features a walking mode which is used when you want to wheel/push the bike, this is basically a very low speed mode which is activated by pressing and holding the minus (-) button, this can also be used as a start-aid.



Warning:

The display comes pre-configured specifically for your bike. Incorrect settings could cause damage to the bike components and also result in a bike that is not UK road legal. Any modifications made to the controller configuration will void your warranty.

Turning Control Module On/Off

To turn on the control module press and hold the top (Mode) button. Press and hold the same button to turn off the module and disable all electric features of the bike.

Turning Backlight On/Off

To turn on the display backlight, press and hold the “Up” button. Press and hold the same button to turn it off.

Varying Pedal Assist Level

To alter the level of assistance provided simply press the Up/Down arrows to cycle through the 5 levels of assistance. Level 1 offers the least assistance while level 5 offers the greatest assistance.

Speed Display Mode

There are three different modes for the speed display, these are current speed, average speed and maximum speed. To switch between these modes, press and hold the “Up and Mode” buttons for approx. 1 second to cycle through the modes.

Walking Mode/Start- Aid

The bike also supports a walking mode which is basically a very slow mode allowing you to walk next to the bike at approx. 6m/h. This is activated by pressing and holding the “Down” button. As soon as the button is released, the bike will stop. This can be used to start off, if you find it difficult from a stand-still.

Display Mode

To switch between Odo (overall distance travelled) and Trip mode (current trip distance travelled), press the “Mode” button. To reset the trip computer press and hold both the top and bottom buttons.

Woosh Support:

Be sure to check the FAQ section on our website before calling as the answers to the most common queries are there and you may find that the solution to your problem is already online. If you *do* need to get in touch, our contact details are below.

It can sometimes be useful to see the issue you have, so if possible, email a couple of photos illustrating the problem and we'll normally get back to you within an hour or two (on weekdays).

Support staff are not available at the weekends, though if you send an email, it will normally be read on the following Monday morning.

If you need support on a bike purchased in Cambridge please note that you should call our Southend office.

Support articles and FAQ's: www.wooshbikes.co.uk/?support

Email: support@wooshbikes.co.uk

Telephone: [01702 684444](tel:01702684444) (If there is no answer, leave a brief message and contact no. and someone will call you back asap).

Support staff are available 10am to 5pm Monday to Friday.