

## SwissBike FAQ

### ***How does a SwissBike compare to other folding bicycles?***

Wheel size, frame integrity and ease of folding are the primary differences between folding bike technologies. Most folding bikes have small wheels that are not designed for performance or comfort. SwissBikes have 26" wheels, designed to handle serious off-road riding and urban commuting with comfort and ease.

All SwissBikes use the patented "Folding Integrated Technology" system in which the bicycle frame utilizes the seat tube as the pivot point, allowing the frame to pivot around and fold neatly into the rear frame. Some competitors cut the frame tube of their bikes, compromising the structural integrity of the frame.

SwissBikes fold in less than 30 seconds, no tools required. Some folding bicycles can take upwards of 20 minutes and multiple tools to fold to their compact size.

### ***In terms of performance, how does a SwissBike compare to non-folding bicycles?***

The performance of a SwissBike is comparable to that of well-known, high-performance, non-folding bicycles that are in the same price range.

### ***How do your bikes fold?***

The SwissBike is designed to fold and unfold without the use of tools. Simply remove the front wheel and unlock the frame quick release. This can be done in a matter of seconds, allowing the bike to be stored with ease in your car, boat, closet, office, or anywhere else you stash your gear.

### ***How is SwissBike's folding system different from that of other folding bike manufacturers?***

The award-winning, patented folding frame design, Folding Integrated Technology: F.I.T. utilizes the seat tube as the pivot point frame, secured by a quick releases lever, which allows the front frame to pivot around and fold neatly into the rear frame. Unlike other folding bikes on the market that sever frame tubes to accomplish folding, no tubes are cut or altered, giving you rock solid performance.

### ***Is the frame strength or rigidity compromised by the folding feature?***

The SwissBike frame is stronger than other folding bikes and as strong as a non-folding bike. How? The folding element of our bikes compromises nothing, as no tubes are altered to allow our bikes to fold. They pivot at the seat post, whereas other folding bikes pivot in the middle of the top tube, which severs and weakens the frame.

### ***Could the bicycle fold while being ridden?***

Not a chance. A safety lip is engineered into the folding mechanism, which automatically locks the frame into place when it unfolds, making the bike virtually impossible to fold when in the riding position.

### ***What is the folded size of the bicycle?***

Approximately 3' X 3' X 1' (varies slightly depending on frame size).

### ***How much do the bikes weigh?***

29 lbs.

***Why should I buy a SwissBike?***

SwissBike is dedicated to providing high-performance, innovative folding bike designs; that's all SwissBike produces so it's their specialty. The patented frame design is the most innovative and technologically advanced in the industry. With three unique models available, there's a SwissBike for every riding style.

Industry standard components mean maintenance is as simple and convenient as it would be with a conventional bike. Quickly folding down to a compact 3' X 3' X 1', without the use of tools, they can be conveniently stored in a car, boat, office, closet or anywhere else you stash your gear. Folded in their carry bag, they can be taken as stored luggage on trains and buses. They can also be taken onto most mass transit systems, and fit transit bicycle racks when not folded.

***Do SwissBikes follow the same sizing parameters as non-folding bikes?***

Yes. They follow the same standard sizing as full-size, non-folding bikes, utilizing a center-to-top measurement system, measuring from the center of the bottom bracket to the top of the seat tube.

***Are folding pedals available? Why aren't they included with the bike?***

Folding pedals are not readily available at any dealer for replacement or service. The TX and LX come with quality pedals and give consumers the option of adding folding pedals as an accessory. Note: when ordering folding pedals, you will receive the standard set of pedals as well.

The XO does not come with pedals, so that you can purchase pedals of your choice from your local bike shop, or order the SwissBike folding pedals.

***Where can I buy replacement parts and accessories?***

All SwissBikes use standard equipment and components that any of the 6,000 + bike shops in the USA have in stock or can get easily.

***How well does a SwissBike hold up in a saltwater environment?***

When on a boat, we suggest that the bike be stowed below deck in its water resistant carrying case. Our custom paint process helps protect the chromoly frame from rust allowing our bikes to hold up extremely well in the marine environment. Our bikes are very popular among boating enthusiasts.

***How often should I get my SwissBike tuned?***

Your SwissBike should be tuned as often as you would tune a non-folding bike. A general rule of thumb is every 60-90 days for frequent riders.