

SERVICE BULLETIN: BEDDING PADS & ROTORS

The process for bedding is simple and it can be done pretty much anywhere you have consistent grip on your tires. Ideally, you are looking for a long stretch of asphalt or concrete that is flat or has a slight downhill grade to help carry momentum. Make sure you are applying enough pressure on the brakes to consistently slow the wheels without locking the brakes up or coming to a complete stop. The goal of this being to lay down pad material onto the rotor in a consistent and even manner.

Once you have your chosen location, follow the steps below for the perfect bed:

- For new Performance Resin pads (Blue) or Semi-Metallic pads (Red) and new rotors:

Step 1: Shift bike into a climbing gear while bike is in stand. On flat ground, pedal bike while dragging both front and rear brakes at constant pressure for 5 minutes. Do not lock brakes. This will lay an initial material down. They will start to get progressively stickier as you drag them.

Step 2: 5-7 rolling stops going from 15 mph down to 5 mph on the front brake only.

Step 3: 5-7 rolling stops going from 15 mph down to 5 mph on the rear brake only.

Step 4: 3-5 rolling stops going from 20 mph down to 5 mph while pulling both brakes.

Step 5: Go ride!

- For new Sintered Metallic pads (Copper) and new rotors:

Step 1: Shift bike into a climbing gear while bike is in stand. On flat ground, pedal bike while dragging both front and rear brakes at light pressure for 5 minutes. Do not lock brakes, Repeat the process with a heavier pressure for 2-3 minutes. Do not lock brakes. This will lay an initial material down. They will start to get progressively stickier as you drag them.

Step 2: 7-10 rolling stops going from 15 mph down to 5 mph on the front brake only.

Step 3: 7-10 rolling stops going from 15 mph down to 5 mph on the rear brake only.

Step 4: 5-7 rolling stops going from 20 mph down to 5 mph while pulling both brakes.

Step 5: Go ride! The brakes will likely take 1-2 rides to completely bed in.

- For new Performance Resin pads (Blue) or Semi-Metallic pads (Red) on a used rotor:

Step 1: 3-5 rolling stops going from 15 mph down to 5 mph on the front brake only.

Step 2: 3-5 rolling stops going from 15 mph down to 5 mph on the rear brake only.

Step 3: 1-2 rolling stops going from 20 mph down to 5 mph while pulling both brakes.

Step 4: Go ride!

- For new Sintered Metallic pads (Copper) on a used rotor:

Step 1: 7-10 rolling stops going from 15 mph down to 5 mph on the front brake only.

Step 2: 7-10 rolling stops going from 15 mph down to 5 mph on the rear brake only.

Step 3: 5-7 rolling stops going from 20 mph down to 5 mph while pulling both brakes.

Step 4: Go ride! The brakes will likely take 1-2 rides to completely bed in.

****Avoid locking of brakes on bedding-in process or on the first ride****

You'll know you are done bedding your brakes in when you feel a consistent bite and you can see a nice striated and semi-polished track on your rotor.