

Georgena Terry



heart of steel

How to Protect the Finish of your Georgena Terry Bicycle Frame.

The finish on your new Terry bicycle frame contains the most advanced urethane polymers available. Properly cared for, your frame's finish will retain its deep luster and gloss through years of hard service. However, even the most advanced finishes can absorb water and sweat and allow corrosion to begin beneath the surface. The following procedures can significantly extend the life of your finish:

Do not wax your frame for the first 30 days so it can cure completely.

Once the cure period is complete, apply a Carnauba-based wax such as Turtle Wax®. Check the label to make sure the wax is safe for clear coat finishes. Be sure to apply wax underneath the cables and on the insides of the cable stops.

Use only a soft cloth when buffing. 100% cotton cloth is preferred. Avoid paper towels which can contain plastic fibers that can abrade the finish.

Keep your bike clean. Once your frame is properly waxed, regular washing or at least fresh water rinsing prevents sweat, road salt, sports drinks and/or salt air from corroding the finish.

Keep your bike drained. Water can accumulate inside the frame after a wet ride or overly-zealous washing. To drain the frame, lift up the front wheel and hold it up above the rear wheel as though you were hanging the bike up by the front wheel. This lets any water drain out of the various drain holes on your frame. Once drained, these holes allow residual moisture to evaporate.

Re-wax as necessary. Rule of thumb: when water stops beading up on your frame, it's time to re-wax.

Touch up scratches soon after they occur, either using Waterford touch up paint or, in a pinch, nail polish. Before applying touch-up, rub the affected area with a clean ink eraser to remove any light surface rust.

If you crash....The beauty of steel is that structural failure is typically slow. If you have a crash, a crack might not be visible. Continue to inspect the frame during the period after the crash to see if any small cracks appear. Luckily, steel frames are repairable!

Do not plug the drain holes! Plugging drain holes prevents the release of moisture which inevitably forms inside the frame. This moisture may result from condensation when the frame moves from one temperature to another. Moisture trapped in a sealed section of the frame will accelerate corrosion.

Drain holes allow any moisture inside the frame to evaporate. When riding in extremely wet or flooded conditions, hang your bike by the front wheel to let the water drain out. Normal evaporation will take care of any residual residue.