

TOOLS FOR THE ROAD

1. Know your ability

- Take tools for work that you can perform
- Try to fix things if you are sure that you can improve how they work
- Do not depend on others for your mechanical needs

2. Know your bike

- Maintain your bike or let a bike shop do it for you; twice a year for heavy use
- Catch problems before they happen on the road with regular inspections
- If you have hard to find items on your bike, stock up when you can

3. Know your ride

- If you are going to be far from civilization, prepare with extra tools or parts
- For short rides, you might not carry any tools if you don't mind walking
- Urban areas may have more glass in the roadway; bring patches and a tube

4. Know your tools

- Tire levers, tube, pump and patch kit for flats
- Allen wrenches, chain tool and screwdriver for mechanicals
- Understand which tools are needed for your bike; tools don't fix things, people do

5. Know your options

- If you carry a phone for emergencies, make sure you have reception on your ride
- First-aid can be an important part of a tool kit; know how to use it
- Stop to help others but only attempt to fix what you know you can

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