

4. PERPARING TO RIDE

4.1 Safety Points And Parts Inspection

To ensure your safety and protect your new product from unnecessary wear or damage, carefully check all of the following points before riding DAHON Folder. A conscious inspection of these items is essential before every ride.

Provided for your convenience is a "reference" to places in this manual where detailed adjustment and repair information is located. Make all needed corrections at once!

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| 1. Latches and clamps firmly fastened, no slipping or cracks. | () | () | (6.3.6) |
| A. Mid-frame latch | () | () | (6.3.5) |
| B. Upper and lower seat post clamps | () | () | (6.3.8) |
| C. Handlebar clamp | () | () | (6.3.10) |
| D. Handlebar brace latch | () | () | (6.3.3) |
| E. Right crank latch | () | () | |
| 2. Tires, front and rear: | () | () | (4.4;6.3.13) |
| A. Inflation pressure | () | () | (6.3.13) |
| B. Valve straight | () | () | (6.3.18) |
| C. Adequate tread, no cuts | () | () | (6.3.13) |
| D. No uneven wear, bulges | () | () | (6.3.13) |
| E. Properly seated on rim | () | () | (6.3.13) |
| 3. Wheels, front and rear: | () | () | (6.3.12;6.3.11) |
| A. No wobble side-to-side | () | () | (6.3.12) |
| B. No "hop" up-and-down | () | () | (6.3.12) |
| C. No dents or bulges | () | () | |
| D. Freedom of rotation, no tight spots | () | () | (6.3.14;6.3.13;6.3.2) |
| 4. Spokes, front and rear: | () | () | (6.3.12) |
| A. Even tension | () | () | (6.3.12) |
| B. None missing or broken | () | () | |
| 5. Frame, fork and brace: | () | () | (6.3.6;6.3.8;6.3.9) |
| A. No bent components | () | () | (6.3.6;6.3.8;6.3.9) |
| B. No cracks | () | () | (6.3.6;6.3.8;6.3.9) |

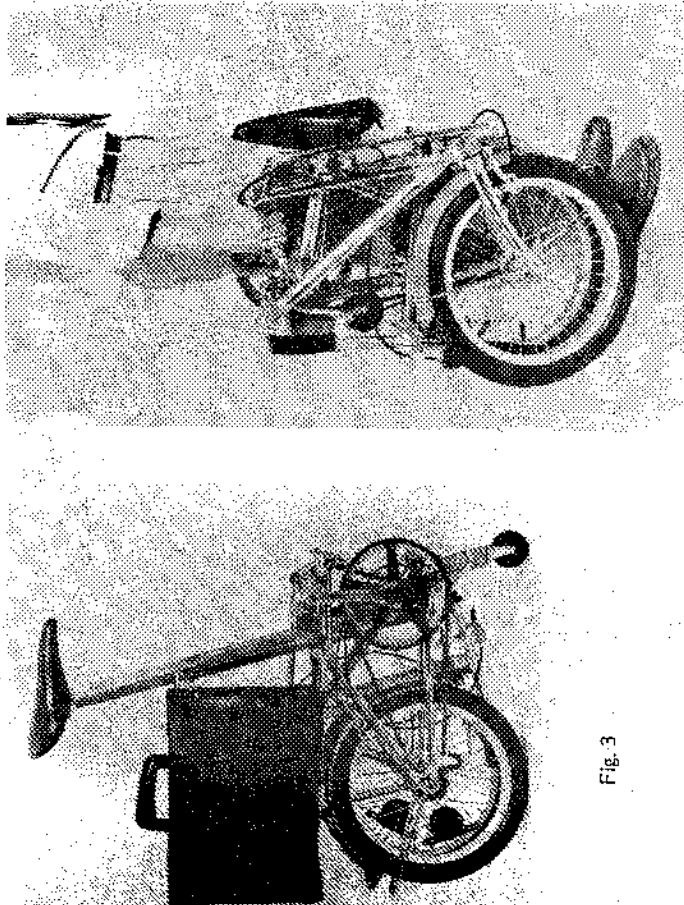


Fig. 3

3.3 Transporting

There are two modes of transporting DAHON Folder: Pushing and Carrying.

1) DAHON Folder can be pushed along beside you in a folded state by using the caster wheel and by extending the seat post to a convenient height (Fig. 3). As the caster wheel is not designed for rough terrain, the bike should either be lifted, or tilted backwards, to run on the 2 large wheels when crossing rough areas.

2) In some areas where DAHON Folder cannot be pushed, it can be easily carried by hand. By completely folding the bike and raising it to a standing position, you can grasp the carrying bar with either hand and easily carry the bike with you anywhere (Fig. 4).

DAHON Folder in its folded state is very portable, and can be placed compactly lying, standing or leaning in all sorts of small convenient places. It is easily fitted under bus seats, subway seats, in car trunks, lockers, and any space measuring at least 8" x 18" x 28".

Note: In both the pushing and standing modes, greater stability can be obtained by keeping the wheels slightly wider apart.

Fig. 4