

Does Perfect Pedalling Exist?

Unravelling bike fitting biomechanics

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There are many bike fitting systems and many (very loud!) voices in the bike fitting space. The human body is an immensely complicated organism and the process of fitting to the bike is complicated and deserves time, space, common sense and a thorough understanding of the anatomy involved. There is an infinite number of variations to the human form and no system can effectively deal with all of those. I take an anatomy first approach to bike fitting and what follows is an insight to my process.

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Your Biomechanics

The Foot

The Pelvis

The Saddle

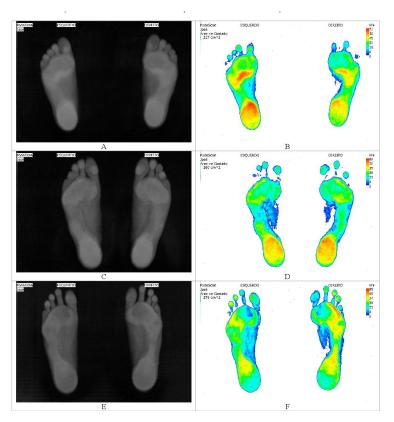
The Hands

Case Studies





What's your body's story?





Posture in all 3 planes of motion

Finding centre



Shining the light

Cogs

The Foot

Evolution vs Cycling

Pronation and supination - the spectrum

Foot shape

Cleat position and muscle recruitment

Cleat position and morphology

Common foot issues





The Hips

Relevant pelvic anatomy

The forward fold test

The pelvic fulcrum

Saddle shape vs pelvic anatomy

Saddle position - what are we looking for?

Common issues



The Hands

Centre of Mass

Reach

Mobility

Performance concerns

Respect the pelvic fulcrum



Case studies:





















In conclusion



Fit the bike to the body - not the other way around!

Performance factors are secondary to your biomechanical needs.

A bike fit is snapshot in time. Your body changes - and as it does, your position should too.

You can alter your body's 'perception of centre' and this will affect your interaction with the bike.

If it doesn't feel 'right' - it's probably not!

Thanks for coming!

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