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MTB Brake Levers

Congratulations on your purchase of the Forté Team MTB Brake Levers. The Team Levers function with either linear pull or non-linear pull brakes. To install and adjust your Team MTB Brake Levers you will need:

- 5mm hex wrench
- 2mm hex wrench

! WARNING

Proper brake operation is critical to your safety. Brakes or Brake Levers that are improperly installed or adjusted could lead to an accident resulting in serious injury or death. To ensure that you have installed these components correctly, consult a qualified bicycle mechanic.

Installation:

1. Remove bar ends (if any) and grips from your current MTB handlebar.
2. Identify the right and left lever. When Installed, the Forté logo should face up.
3. With a 5mm hex wrench, loosen the clamp bolt on the lever bracket until it turns freely. Do not remove the bolt completely.
4. Slide the brake levers onto the handlebar, and adjust them so that they are angled downward at approximately a 45° angle from horizontal. This position can be adjusted later to suit individual preference.
5. The levers should be installed far enough inboard on the handlebar to allow space for the grips and bar ends (if any) to be reinstalled. When the lever is depressed, it should not extend beyond the end of the handlebar.
6. Once the lever position is adjusted, tighten the 5mm clamp bolts securely (36-60 inch/lbs. of torque recommended).
7. Reinstall grips and bar ends.

Reach Adjustment:

1. The reach distance between the handlebar and lever can easily be adjusted to accommodate smaller hands. To reduce the reach, tighten the 2mm hex bolt on the inside of the lever bracket. Make any adjustments to reach before installing brake cables.

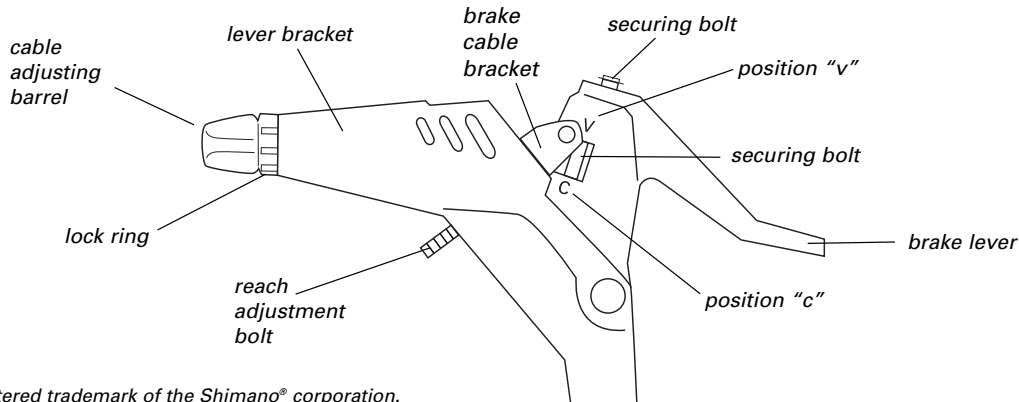
Linear Pull/Non-linear Pull Brakes:

Your Team MTB Brake Levers are set at the factory for use with Linear Pull or V-Brake® style MTB brakes. In order for the levers to be compatible with non-linear pull brakes, you must make the following adjustment. Make this adjustment before installing brake cables.

1. Depress the lever to expose the brake cable bracket.
2. With your fingers, turn the securing bolt until the flat surface of the bolt faces the brake cable bracket.
3. Move the brake cable bracket from the 'V' slot (linear pull) and firmly seat it in the 'C' slot (non-linear pull)
4. Make sure the cable bracket is firmly seated in the 'C' slot, and then turn the securing bolt 180° so that the curved surface of the bolt locks the cable bracket in position.

Cable Installation:

1. Lightly grease the threaded portion of the cable adjusting barrel.
2. Rotate the cable adjusting barrel and lock ring so that the slot in each aligns with the slot in the lever bracket.
3. Depress the brake lever, and seat the cable in the cable bracket.



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