

How to Triage a Bike

Appearance:

- Can this be a good looking bike?
- Are there excessive scratches, rust, stickers, repaint?

Complete:

- We do not have the budget in time and money to replace too many parts.
- Our ideal bike will at least be all there to start with.
- Parts should not be bent, broken or missing.

The Ten Second Inspection:

- Spin each wheel and look for bent, broken or missing.
- Squeeze each brake lever one at a time while looking at the brakes.
- Again look for bent, broken, missing parts.
- Move each shift lever one at a time and look at the derailleurs.
- Look for bent, broken or missing.

Subjective:

- There is no absolute point of pass and fail.
- Some bikes will be obvious.
- Some will come down to opinion.
- The purpose of triage is to fix the easiest bikes first.