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**Intended Use: Condition 2**

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<th>DESCRIPTION</th>
<th>SALSA MODELS</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>This is a set of conditions for the operation of a bicycle on a regular paved surface where the tires are intended to maintain ground contact.</td>
<td>Colossal, Fargo, Vaya, Warbird</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>This is a set of conditions for the operation of a bicycle that includes Condition 1 as well as unpaved and gravel roads and trails with moderate grades. In this set of conditions, contact with irregular terrain and loss of tire contact with the ground may occur. Drops are intended to be limited to 15cm (6&quot;) or less.</td>
<td>Beargrease, Blackborow, El Mariachi, Mukluk, Spearfish</td>
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<td>This is a set of conditions for operation of a bicycle that includes Conditions 1 and 2 as well as rough trails, rough unpaved roads, and rough terrain and unimproved trails that require technical skills. Jumps and drops are intended to be less than 61cm (24&quot;).</td>
<td>Bucksaw, Horsethief</td>
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<td>This is a set of conditions for operation of a bicycle that includes Conditions 1, 2, and 3, or downhill grades on rough trails at speeds less than 40 km/h (25 mph), or both. Jumps are intended to be less than 122cm (48&quot;).</td>
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<td>This is a set of conditions for operation of a bicycle that includes Conditions 1, 2, 3, and 4, extreme jumping; or downhill grades on rough trails at speeds in excess of 40 km/h (25 mph); or a combination thereof.</td>
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**Frame Compatibility**

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<th>Attribute</th>
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<tr>
<td>Wheelsize</td>
<td>29&quot;</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tire clearance</td>
<td>Designed for 29 x 2.3&quot; tire</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fork</td>
<td>Salsa Firestarter Carbon or Steel Fork included with bike. Designed for 100mm travel 29er suspension forks. Frame Only offering does not include fork</td>
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<tr>
<td>Headset-Upper</td>
<td>1-1/8&quot; zero stack (ZS44/28.6)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Headset-Lower</td>
<td>For tapered: 44mm external cup (EC44/40) For straight: zero stack (ZS44/30)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Seatpost</td>
<td>27.2mm</td>
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<tr>
<td>Seat Collar</td>
<td>32.0mm. Salsa Lip-Lock included</td>
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<tr>
<td>Front Derailleur</td>
<td>Problem Solvers Direct Mount clamp included, high direct-mount front derailleur</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bottom Bracket</td>
<td>73mm BSA</td>
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<tr>
<td>Crankset</td>
<td>Compatible with 1x, 2x, and 3x mountain cranksets; max chainring sizes 1x (34t), 2x (42/28t), 3x (44/32/22t)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Front Brake</td>
<td>74mm post mount, minimum rotor size 160mm, maximum rotor size 200mm</td>
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<tr>
<td>Rear Brake</td>
<td>51mm I.S., minimum rotor size 160mm, maximum rotor size 180mm</td>
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<tr>
<td>Front Spacing</td>
<td>15 x 100 thru-axle or 9 x 100 quick-release</td>
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<td>Rear Spacing</td>
<td>Alternator dropouts, multiple configurations: 135 x 10mm QR; 142 x 12mm thru-axle; 135 x 10mm Rohloff</td>
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<td>Bottle Mounts</td>
<td>5 per frameset (3 frame, 2 fork) on sizes SM–XL, 4 per frameset (2 frame, 2 fork) on size XS</td>
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<td>Derailleur Hanger</td>
<td>Replaceable Alternator plates: driveside QR geared FS1312; driveside QR singlespeed FS1318; non-driveside QR FS1313; non-driveside Rohloff FS1331; 12 x 142mm thru-axle FS1330</td>
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<td>Cable Routing</td>
<td>Full housing, under toptube. Clean Rohloff routing down seatstay</td>
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Frame Geometry

Measurements based on:
- a Salsa Firestarter Carbon fork which is equivalent to an average 100mm fork at 20% sag.
- a 29 x 2.25" tire measuring 740mm in diameter.
- standover (P) measured vertically to top of toptube from a position 50mm forward of BB center.

WITH FIRESTARTER FORK OR 100MM SUSPENSION FORK

Recommended Rider Height 152–163 cm 160–175cm 173–183cm 180–191cm 188cm–UP
A. Toptube Effective 525 545 565 580 600
B. Seat Tube Length 355.6 406.4 457.2 508.0 558.8
C. Headtube Angle 69° 70° 70.5° 71° 71°
D. Seat Tube Angle 74.5° 74° 73° 73° 73°
E. BB Drop 70 70 70 70 70
F. Chainstay Length 455–472 455–472 455–472 455–472 455–472
G. Headtube Length 100 100 125 150 170
H. Fork Length 483 483 483 483 483
J. Fork Offset 45 45 45 45 45
M. Stack 608.3 612.7 638.4 664.2 683.1
N. Reach 356.3 369.3 369.8 376.9 391.2
P. Standover - 2 & 3 690.3 728.5 774.8 818.1 856.8
P. Standover - Ti 697.0 735.3 781.0 824.1 862.6

All measurements in mm unless noted

Care & Maintenance

Keep your frame clean. Dirt and road grime lead to oxidation and fading of the finish, and they make it hard to do a thorough inspection. Dirt will accelerate any abrasion of the paint that comes from rubbing, such as places where the cable housing touches the frame. In extreme cases, this type of abrasion could remove frame material.

When your bicycle is not being ridden, store it where it will be protected from rain, snow, sun, etc. Rain or snow may cause the metal on your frame to corrode. For CroMoly frames we recommend applying J.P. Weigle’s Frame Saver to the inside of the tubes before the frame is assembled into a bike.

If your bicycle was exposed to moisture during a ride, thoroughly dry the bicycle before storing it. If water got inside the frame, tilt the bicycle to drain the water. If necessary, remove the seatpost and turn the bicycle upside down. This is especially critical if there is a large amount of water inside. If water freezes inside your frame, the expansion of the ice can crack and rupture the structure.

Before storing your bicycle for an extended period of time, clean and lubricate the frame with a frame wax, polish, or protectant. Do not store the bicycle near electric motors, as ozone from motors destroys paint. Before riding the bicycle again, follow the pre-ride checklist to be certain it is in good working order.
Inspection

Before every ride carefully inspect your frame for signs of fatigue. If any frame part shows signs of damage or fatigue, consult your dealer or replace the frame before riding the bicycle.

⚠️ WARNING: An improperly modified frame, fork, or component can cause you to lose control and fall. NEVER MODIFY YOUR FRAMESET.

⚠️ WARNING: Attaching incompatible clamping devices to a fork can lead to fork breakage, causing a loss of control. If you are not sure if a device is compatible, consult your dealer.

SERIAL NUMBER: ____________________________

Get a pen and write down the serial number of your Salsa immediately. The number is stamped into the bottom of the bottom bracket shell. Having this number is imperative if your bike ever gets stolen or if you ever have questions about your frame...we are constantly improving our products and sometimes the serial number is the only way to tell one generation of product from another.

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Compatibility

Alternator Dropouts are only compatible with Salsa frames designed for Alternator Dropouts. The swing plates featured on the Alternator Dropout are part of a modular design system which allows for replacement in the event of damage/loss and also to accommodate various different hub and drivetrain configurations. Available aftermarket swing plate options are:

[Refer to figure below]

- Driveside, 10mm QR, geared
- Non-driveside, 10mm QR
- Driveside, 10mm QR, single-speed
- Non-driveside, Rohloff OEM2
- 142 x 12 thru-axle set with Rock Shox Maxle
- 177 x 12 thru-axle set with DT Swiss RWS axle

**NOTE:** Due to differing thread pitch, driveside thru-axle plates are not cross compatible.

Required Tools

- 10mm box-end wrench
- 3, 5, & 6mm hex wrenches
- Torque wrench with 5 & 6mm hex bits
- Thread-locking compound

Hardware Kit(s)

There are 2 different hardware kits for attaching swing plates to frame plates based on frame material:

- SHORT (16 & 22mm) for steel and MY13+ titanium frames, and
- LONG (18 & 24mm) for aluminum and 2011 and 2012 model-year Ti frames, and 2013 Mukluk Ti frames. If you’re unsure, measure the thickness of your Alternator frame plate.

- Cup washer (qty 2)
- Swing plate fixing bolt (qty 2), M8 x 1.25, 16 or 18mm
- Upper pivot bolt, driveside, M6 x 1.0 w/ washer, 16 or 18mm
- Lock Nut, M6 x 1.0
- Upper pivot bolt, non-driveside, M6 x1.0 w/ washer, 22 or 24mm

Tension Screws

- Set screw (qty 2) M4 x 0.7, 18mm

Not Included but Needed for Assembly

- I.S. disc brake adaptor (per brake manufacturer’s specifications)
- Disc brake adaptor fixing bolt (per brake manufacturer’s specifications)

**NOTE:** Alternator dropouts are not compatible with 140mm rotor/disc brake setups.

For additional product and safety information go to salsacycles.com/safety
**ALTERNATOR DROPOUT INSTRUCTIONS**

⚠️ **WARNING:** Only use hardware with the Salsa Alternator Dropout that is provided with the Alternator Dropout kit, or sold by Salsa specifically for the Alternator Dropout. Do not use any other hardware.

⚠️ **WARNING:** Use only the appropriate length hardware according to frame material to attach swing plates. Using the incorrect or different length hardware could lead to damage, failure, or interference of moving parts, all of which could cause serious harm to bicycle and also to the rider.

### Disc Brake Mount Installation

**Tools:** 5 & 6mm hex wrench, 10mm box-end wrench, thread-locking compound

1. Remove the nut used for shipping from the non-driveside upper pivot bolt. Set it aside as a spare to the driveside nut (fig 1).

2. Mount your disc brake adapter using the same upper pivot bolt and 1 of the 2 bolts supplied with the brake adapter. Apply thread locking compound to both bolts. Secure the lower adapter bolt to the brake according to manufacturer’s specification. Tighten the upper pivot bolt just enough to complete brake caliper installation. You will fully tighten it later after dropout adjustment is completed (fig 2).

3. Install the rear brake caliper, rear wheel, and then align and secure the brake caliper to the rotor per the brake manufacturer’s instructions (fig 3).

4. Proceed to Dropout Adjustment section.

### Dropout Adjustment

**Tools:** 3, 5, & 6mm hex wrenches

1. Slightly loosen the upper pivot bolts and the lower fixing bolts on both the driveside and non-driveside dropouts (fig 4).

2. Install and secure the rear wheel properly into the dropouts.

3. For geared setups using thru-axle or QR swing plates:
   - Push the swing plates all the way forward (fig 5)
   - Check for adequate (~6mm min) tire clearance to the stays and front derailleur
   - If clearance is adequate, proceed to Securing Dropouts
   - If clearance is not adequate, proceed to the next step

4. For singlespeed, Rohloff, and geared setups with clearance issues:
   - Install the provided tension screws into the swing plates
   - Turn the driveside tension screw until proper chain tension is achieved and/or adequate tire clearance is reached (fig 6)
   - Turn the non-driveside tension screw until proper wheel alignment is reached
   - Proceed to Securing Dropouts
Securing Dropouts

Tools: 3mm hex wrench, torque wrench with 5 & 6mm hex bits

With the wheel properly installed and secured and the dropouts properly adjusted:
1. Tighten the upper fixing bolts and both lower fixing bolts to 8Nm (fig 4).
2. If present, tighten both tension screws 1/8 turn to prevent them from rattling out during use (fig 4).
3. Check wheel alignment and tire clearance again.
4. If applicable, check for proper chain tension again.
5. Check brake caliper alignment and security.

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