RATCHET EXP HUBS
CONVERSION OF THE RATCHETS FROM 36 TO 54 TEETH

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1. GENERAL

1.1 VALIDITY
This manual describes the component specified on the front page and the footer. It is valid for the construction level of the component on the 07.10.20. Deviations are possible and all items are subject to technical changes.

1.2 SAFETY
The safety instructions are classified as follows:

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<td>CAUTION</td>
<td>...indicates a hazard with a medium level of risk which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury.</td>
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<td>NOTE</td>
<td>...indicates a potentially hazardous situation that may result in damage to property.</td>
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1.3 TARGET GROUP
This manual is intended for the user of the component and dealers. This manual offers the experienced user the possibility to carry out minor service work himself. If you have any doubts about your own abilities, you should definitely contact a specialist or a DT Swiss Service Center. If the work is not carried out properly, any warranty claims expire.

1.4 LAYOUT
The cover page and the footing provide information about the type of product and manual as well as the version of the manual. On the back you will find the DT Swiss contact details. A list of all DT Swiss service centers can be found at www.dtswiss.com.

This manual is intended for being printed as an A5 booklet. Only print this manual if electronic usage is not possible.

1.5 DT SWISS MANUAL CONCEPT
The DT Swiss manuals are split into the following types of manuals:
- User Manual: Information for the end user on how to install and use the component.
- Technical Manual Detailed information for the end user and the dealer on how to maintain the component, spare parts and technical data.
1.6 USING THIS MANUAL
The steps described in this manual must be carried out in the order they are shown. If steps are ignored or executed in a wrong order, the function of the component cannot be guaranteed.

1.7 GENERAL MAINTENANCE INFORMATION
Unless otherwise specified, moving parts, threads, O-rings and seals must be greased before assembly.

CLEANING
For an optimal result of the maintenance works, every component that will be disassembled must be cleaned. Only use cleaners which do not damage the components. Especially the cleaning of O-rings and sealings requires mild cleaners. Observe the instructions for use of the respective cleaning agent.

DT Swiss recommends the following cleaning products:
- Motorex Rex
- Motorex Swissclean
- Motorex OPAL 2400, 3000 OPAL, OPAL 5000

Use soap water or similar mild cleaners for external cleaning.

TOOLS
To ensure a damage-free mounting and dismounting of the components, only use the tools which are mentioned in this manual. Special tools are indicated at the beginning of a chapter in the table “Required tools”.

The use of different tools is at the discretion of the user. If components are damaged by the usage of differing tools, the user is liable.

DT Swiss special tools are precision tools. Damage-free mounting and dismounting of the components can only be ensured if the tools are working properly and if the conditions of the tools are perfect. Always keep the tools in their original packaging or adequate devices to save them from damages.

1.8 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
The statutory regulations shall apply. Whenever possible, avoid creating waste. Waste, especially carbon, lubricants, cleaners and any other fluids must be disposed in an environmentally compatible manner. Only print this manual if electronic usage is not possible.

1.9 EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY
The activities listed in this manual may only be carried out by persons with sufficient specialist knowledge. The user is liable for any damage or consequential damage caused by wrong maintained or wrong installed components. If you have doubts, please contact your allocated DT Swiss pro level service center.

1.10 WARRANTY
Warranty conditions, see www.dtswiss.com
2. CONVERSION OF THE RATCHETS FROM 36 TO 54 TEETH

2.1 OVERVIEW

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* The tool kit can be purchased as a complete set or the included tools can be purchased separately.
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2.5 REMOVING END CAPS, FREEWHEEL BODY AND FREEWHEEL SYSTEM

1. Pull off both end caps by hand.
   If the end caps cannot be pulled off by hand, clamp the end caps carefully into a vice with ground clamping jaws and pull the hub / wheel upwards.

2. Pull the freewheel body off the hub.

3. Pull the spacer off the axle.
4. Remove the ratchet the washer and the spring from the freewheel body.

2.6 DISMOUNTING THE BALL BEARING ON THE NON DRIVE SIDE

To ensure correct bearing clearance, the ball bearing at the non drive side must also be removed.

1. Tap out the ball bearing on the non drive side with a plastic hammer with slight hammer strokes onto the axle.

2. Remove the ball bearing from the axle.
2.7 DISMOUNTING THE 36 TEETH THREADED RATCHET

Due to the torque which acts on the threaded ratchet during pedaling, the threaded ratchet tightens during riding. We recommend loosening the ratchet only when the wheel is complete as the lever is much larger.

1. Clamp the mounting / dismounting tool for the threaded ratchet into the vice.
2. Fit the hub or wheel onto the tool in such a way that the teeth of the tool engage in the teeth of the threaded ratchet.
3. Insert the axle into the hub and through the threaded ratchet.

4. Push the installation cylinder onto the non drive side of the hub.
5. Loosen and screw off the ratchet by turning the hub counterclockwise.
6. Remove the hub from the tool.

7. Remove the ratchet with the ball bearing.

The threaded 36T ratchet and the pressed-in ball bearing are no longer needed in the further course of the conversion process.
2.8 PRESSING THE BALL BEARING INTO THE THREADED 54 TEETH RATCHET

1. Slightly grease the contact surface of the new ball bearing and the 54 teeth threaded ratchet.
2. Put the threaded ratchet with the toothing facing downwards onto the mounting / dismounting tool.
   → Put the ratchet on the side of the tool with the fitting diameter. The ratchet may only move minimally in the tool.
3. Put a new ball bearing with the colored side facing downwards onto the ratchet.
4. Carefully press the bearing into the ratchet with light hammer strokes on the outer ring of the ball bearing until the bearing protrudes 1 to 2 mm beyond the ratchet.
   → The ball bearing must not be pressed further into the ratchet.

2.9 SCREWING THE 54 TEETH THREADED RATCHET WITH THE BEARING INTO THE HUB SHELL

1. Slightly grease the threaded ratchet and the thread of the hub shell with universal grease.
2. Put the mounting tool into the vice.
3. Insert the axle into the installation cylinder with the short side first.
4. Push the hub shell onto the installation cylinder with the drive side facing upwards.
5. Slide the threaded ratchet with the ball bearing onto the axle.
   → The toothing of the threaded ratchet must face upwards.

6. Push the mounting tool into the toothing of the ratchet and screw the ratchet into the hub shell by a few turns with light pressure.
   → Before the ratchet engages in the thread of the hub shell, it must be pushed over the sealing with a little pressure.
   → While screwing in, make sure that the ratchet is screwed in straight and does not cant!
   → It must be possible to screw in the ratchet without effort until a high resistance is created. Now the ball bearing is in contact with the hub shell and the ratchet must be brought into the end position with greater force. Continue with next step.

7. Remove the mounting tool, remove the hub from the installation cylinder and unclamp the installation cylinder from the vice.

8. Clamp the mounting / dismounting tool for the threaded ratchet into the vice.

9. Slide the axle with its long end through the ball bearing.

10. Put the hub / the wheel with the mounted ratchet onto the mounting tool.
11. Push the installation cylinder onto the non drive side of the hub.
   → By using the axle and the installation cylinder, the hub shell is guided when the ratchet is screwed on. The ratchet cannot cant.

12. Tighten the threaded ratchet as tight as possible by turning the hub clockwise by hand.

13. Remove the hub from the mounting / dismounting tool and put the tool out of the vice.

2.10 MOUNTING THE BALL BEARING AT THE NON DRIVE SIDE

1. Make sure that the axle is in the hub with the long side first.

2. Grease the bearing seat and the axle with universal grease.

3. Push a new bearing on the axle with the colored side facing outwards.
4. Clamp the mounting / dismounting tool for the threaded ratchet into the vice.

5. Put the hub on the tool in the vice.

6. Put the installation cylinder onto the bearing.

7. Tap in the ball bearing carefully with slight hammer strokes.

8. Check the ball bearings.
   → It must be possible to turn the hub with slight resistance.
   → The hub must not have axial play.

9. Tap the ball bearing on the non drive side in or out and repeat previous steps until the hub is turning smoothly.
2.11 MOUNTING THE FREEWHEEL SYSTEM

**DANGER**

**RISK OF INJURY DUE TO LIMITED FREEWHEEL FUNCTION DUE TO INCORRECT LUBRICATION!**

If too much grease is applied on the ratchets, the actuation of the ratchets may not work. The ratchets may slip during pedaling.

- Only apply a thin, even layer of grease.
- Only use the red DT Swiss special grease.

1. Apply DT Swiss special grease evenly to the outer and the inner toothing of the ratchets using a fine brush.
   → For an optimal functionality of the freewheel system, a thin layer of grease is sufficient.

2. Put the spacer onto the axle.
3. Put the spring onto the washer and put the ratchet onto the spring.

4. Put the washer, spring, and ratchet into the freewheel body.
2.12 PUTTING ON THE FREEWHEEL BODY AND THE END CAPS

1. Put the freewheel body onto the hub.

2. Check if the freewheel body can be turned and if the ratchets are engaging.

3. Grease both ball bearings and the inside of the end caps with universal grease.

4. Put on the left and the right end cap.
   → The shorter end cap must be placed on the drive side.

2.13 CHECK THE FUNCTIONALITY

1. Turn the freewheel body in both directions.
   → The freewheel body can be turned counterclockwise easily.
   The ratchets engage audibly and perceptibly.
   → The freewheel body cannot be turned clockwise.

2. Check the tightness of the end caps.
   → The end caps are firmly seated on the axle and are fully pushed on.
3. TROUBLE SHOOTING

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<td>Check correct assembly, see &quot;2.1 Overview&quot;, page 5.</td>
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<td>Spacer was compressed by overtightening the thru axle.</td>
<td>Measure the length of the spacer. If the spacer is shorter than 10.7 mm, it must be replaced.</td>
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<td>Freewheel does not engage / slips</td>
<td>Loose ratchet is mounted upside down.</td>
<td>Check correct assembly, see &quot;2.1 Overview&quot;, page 5.</td>
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<td>Too much or wrong grease on the ratchets.</td>
<td>Clean and grease ratchets, see &quot;2.11 Mounting the freewheel system&quot;, page 16.</td>
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<td>Ratchets are worn.</td>
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<td>Ball bearings are worn out.</td>
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<td>quiet.</td>
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