

## The Emperor

Silver Imperial Frame.

Serial Number: 3328 on bottom bracket shell.



Dear ,

Congratulations on your purchase of *The Emperor*! With the proper love, it should provide you with years of service.

*The Emperor* was given to us in a state of disrepair. With a little love and elbow grease, we breathed some life back into it. We have done our best to ensure that your bike will be safe and fun to ride. As with any used item, *The Emperor* has various quirks (we prefer to call them 'personality traits') that we thought you should know about. These are listed below, and should help you if you ever need to take your bike to one of Montreal's many bike collectives, or to a bike store to get it repaired or tuned up.

We would love for you to come back two weeks after your purchase so that we can do a quick check up to see that everything is still running smoothly.

### ***The Emperor's various personality traits***

The Emperor has 27" wheels, if you ever need to buy tubes or tires, remember this! These are a few millimetres bigger than the newer 700c standard (27" are 630mm in diameter, 700c are 622mm in diameter). You can normally fit 700x23-25c Shrader tubes.

Both shifters (for the front and for the rear derailleur) are continuous (friction) shifters, as opposed to index ('click') shifters. These take a little practice, but are simpler (and thus, often more durable) than index shifters. If the shift lever feels a bit loose (or starts to move on its own just from cable tension), you can tighten the plastic wing nut on the top of the lever with your fingers.

We recommend that you wear a helmet, and ride with lights at night.

### ***The Emperor's new parts***

Sealed Bottom Bracket

Chain

Tubes & Tires

Wheels

Cables & Housing

Rimtape



### **Montreal Bike Collectives**

A bike needs a little love every now and then to keep it running smoothly. Montreal is full of bike collectives where volunteers are available to help you learn how to fix your bike. Some of these require memberships, others don't.

<i>Right To Move/ La Voie Libre</i> <i>rtm-lvl.org</i>	In the alley behind the Hall Building between Bishop and Mackay. \$20/year membership (voluntary but strongly encouraged)
<i>The Flat</i> <i>theflat.wordpress.com</i>	3480 McTavish Room B02. No membership fee.
<i>Mile End Bike Garage</i> <i>bikegarage.org</i>	135 Van Horne, 2nd Floor. \$5/month membership
<i>SantroVélo</i> <i>santropolroulant.org</i>	111 rue Roy E. \$5/visit or \$15/season
<i>BQAM</i> <i>bqam.org</i>	Pavillion SH-r305 Sherbrooke Ouest (UQAM campus, between Saint Urbain and Jeanne-Mance).

In addition, there are of course many commercial bike stores in Montreal; most are small independent businesses staffed by knowledgeable mechanics. Ask at any of the above co-ops if you need recommendations.

Happy riding!