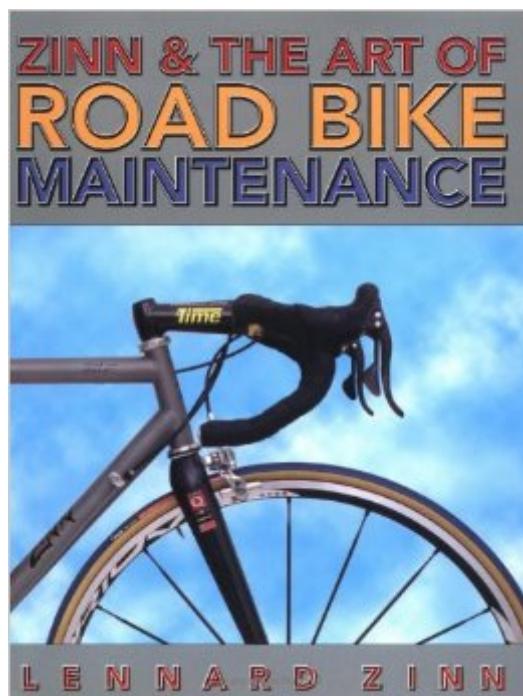


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# Zinn & The Art Of Road Bike Maintenance



## Synopsis

From shifters to derailleurs, pedals to handlebars, this book covers every component of a road bike. It helps new bike owners tackle simple to advanced projects, listing the tools needed, explaining bike components, and demonstrating with detailed illustrations how to work on each part.

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All in all the book is not too bad but there aren't many books against which to compare it. I think that many adjustments and some repairs could be successfully undertaken from following the author's guidelines. But the book is uneven. Throughout the book there is a shortage of technical detail or information that could have easily been given. Sometimes it is critical, sometimes not. For example in dealing with chains, there is no mention of chain identification such as a Hyperglide or HG chain despite the ubiquity of Shimano chains. Or it is stated that nine speed chains are more narrow than those for 7 or 8 speeds. Well, what is the measurement? Or the author instructs to drive the old pin all the way out in doing chain maintenance on an HG chain. Usually it is much easier to reconnect the chain with part of the old pin still in. It is stated that a Shimano tool does not damage the plates of a Shimano chain but others do. Well, Park tools are by the most purchased tool by home enthusiasts. Does a CT3 chaintool tool cause damage? The reader or future home repair person is left to wonder. In fact there is almost total absence of exact tool identification in the entire book. That is the kind of thing that a beginner needs to know. In adjusting derailleurs presetting the barrel adjusters is not done. Setting the front derailleur limit screws before tightening the cable is not done. It is this kind of inconsistency in most every chapter that plagues this book. But the beginner would

have no way on knowing this. So that is why I must qualify the chances of a person following this book having success in his or her repair. A more complete book is the Barnett's Manual. But of course it is about four times as expensive and it too is not without its problems.

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