

: FORKS AND COMPONENTS :

Trek has been producing OCLV carbon bicycles since 1992. Our products are rigorously tested and proven in the most brutal race conditions. From the Tour de France to the 24 Hour Mountain Bike World Championships, our OCLV carbon bikes have been ridden to victory in a variety of racing arenas.

Carbon has proven its performance pedigree. However, carbon fiber has unique qualities. Unlike metal parts, carbon fiber parts that have been damaged usually do not bend, bulge or deform; they break. A damaged carbon part may appear normal at a quick glance, but could suddenly fail without warning. Carbon forks, handlebars and stems are most critical.

Trek wants you to be safe. No matter what brand you ride, if you have crashed or impacted your bike (like when you forgot to take it off your roof rack when you drove into the garage), take your bike to your dealer for inspection.

Regularly follow the self inspection tips below. If you suspect any of them are true, stop riding your bike immediately and take it to your local dealer for inspection and evaluation.

**THE VISUAL TEST**

**Frequently inspect your bike frame, fork and carbon components.**

- Look for any gouges or deep scratches, cracks, loose fibers or other surface flaws.
- When cleaning your bike, pay attention to the cloth getting snagged.

**THE AUDIBLE TEST**

**Be careful to listen for uncommon noises.**

- While riding your bike, carefully listen for any uncommon sounds. Creaking, cracking or popping noises could all be indications of a problem.

**THE TACTILE TEST**

**Judging your bicycle's ride quality can be another method for discerning a potential problem. Things to be aware of include:**

- Any degradation in the shifting or braking performance.
- A change in the bike's ride quality or handling characteristics.

**! WARNING**

**Damaged carbon fiber can fail suddenly, causing serious injury or death. Carbon fiber can conceal damage from an impact or crash. If you suspect your bike has been impacted or crashed, immediately stop riding. Take the bike to a dealer for inspection.**

**For more information and to learn about Trek's Limited Lifetime Warranty and Crash Replacement Policy, visit your local dealer or [www.trekbikes.com](http://www.trekbikes.com), or call Trek at 1.800.373.4594**

