



**FD-5500**  
**FD-5501**

Front derailleur

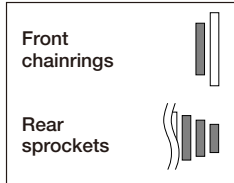
**General Safety Information**

**⚠ WARNING**

- Obtain, read and carefully service instructions when installing parts. A loose, worn, or damaged parts may cause injury to the rider. We strongly recommend that only genuine Shimano replacement parts be used.
- Be careful not to let the cuffs of your clothes get caught in the chain while riding, otherwise you may fall off the bicycle.
- Read these Technical Service Instructions carefully, and keep them in a safe place for later reference.

**Note**

- If gear shifting operations cannot be carried out smoothly, clean the derailleur and lubricate all moving parts.
- If the amount of looseness in the links is so great that adjustment is not possible, you should replace the derailleur.
- When the chain is in the position shown in the illustration, the chain may contact the front chainrings or front derailleur and generate noise. If the noise is a problem, shift the chain onto the next-larger rear sprocket or the one after.
- For smooth operation, use the specified outer casing and the bottom bracket cable guide.
- Grease the inner cable and the inside of the outer casing before use to ensure that they slide properly.
- Parts are not guaranteed against natural wear or deterioration resulting from normal use.
- For maximum performance we highly recommend Shimano lubricants and maintenance products.
- For any questions regarding methods of installation, adjustment, maintenance or operation, please contact a professional bicycle dealer.



In order to realize the best performance, we recommend that the following combination be used.

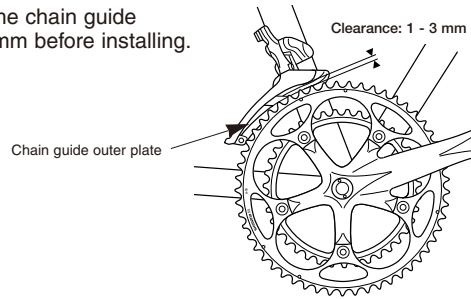
Series	SHIMANO 105
Shifting lever	ST-5500-CA / ST-5510-CA / ST-R600
Outer casing	SP40
Gears	18
Front derailleur	FD-5500 / FD-5501
Front chainwheel	FC-5501 / FD-5502
Bottom bracket	BB-5500
Rear derailleur	RD-5500 / RD-5501
Freehub	FH-5500 / FH-5501
Cassette sprocket	CS-HG70-9
Chain	CN-HG73
Bottom bracket cable guide	SM-SP17

**Specifications**

Type	Band type / Brazed on type
Front derailleur installation band diameter	S (28.6mm), M (31.8mm)
Front chainwheel tooth difference	15 teeth or less
Chainstay angle ( $\alpha$ )	61° - 66°
Chain line	43.5mm

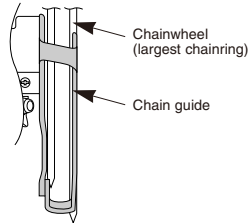
## Installation of the front derailleur

1. Adjust so that the clearance between the chain guide outer plate and the large gear is 1 - 3 mm before installing.



2. The level section of the chain guide outer plate should be directly above and parallel to the largest chainring.

3. Secure using a 5mm Allen key.

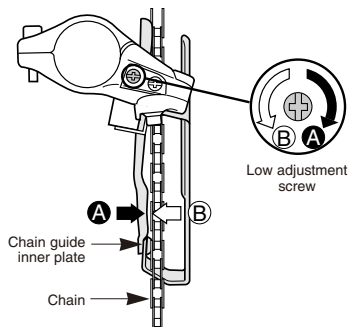
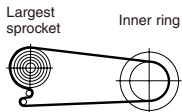


Tightening torque:  
5 - 7 N·m  
{44 - 60 in. lbs.}

## SIS adjustment

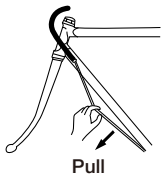
### 1. Low adjustment

Set so that the clearance between the chain guide inner plate and the chain is 0 - 0.5 mm.



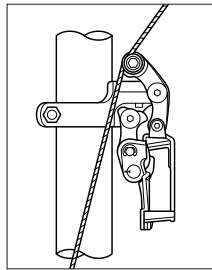
### 2. Connection and securing of cable

While pulling the inner cable, tighten the wire fixing bolt with a 5 mm allen key to secure the cable.



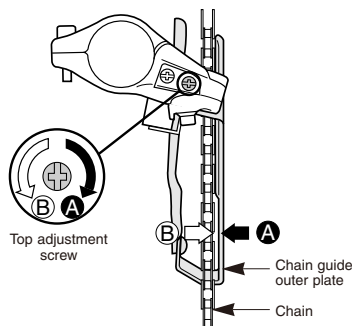
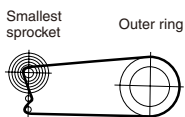
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After taking up the initial slack in the cable, re-secure to the front derailleur as shown in the illustration.



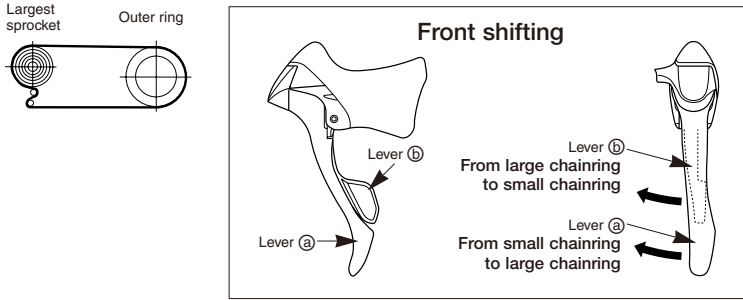
### 3. Top adjustment

Set so that the clearance between the chain guide outer plate and the chain is 0 - 0.5 mm.



#### 4. Adjustment of the cable tension

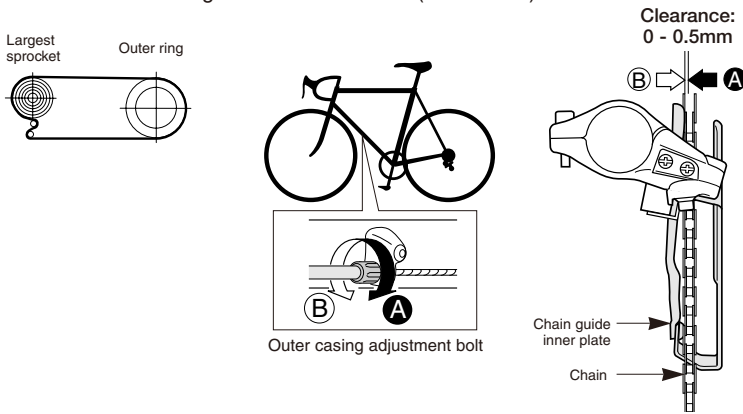
- (1) Set the chain to the largest rear sprocket, and shift the front to top gear.



- (2) Perform the trimming.

■ **Trimming (noise-prevention mechanism)**  
Gently press the lever ①.  
(A "click" sound will be heard.)

- (3) After trimming, adjust the clearance (by using the cable-adjustment bolt) of the chain and chain guide to the minimum (0 - 0.5 mm).



Be sure to read these service instructions in conjunction with the service instructions for the ST-5500-CA / 5510 / R600 before use.

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