

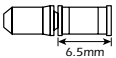
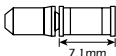
# RD-5501 RD-5500

## Rear Derailleur

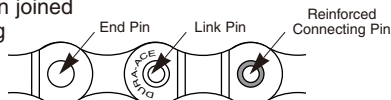
### General Safety Information

#### ⚠ WARNING

- Use neutral detergent to clean the chain. Do not use alkali-based or acid based detergent such as rust cleaners as it may result in damage and/or failure of the chain.
- Use the reinforced connecting pin only for connecting the narrow type of chain.
- There are two different types of reinforced connecting pin available. Be sure to check the table below before selecting which pin to use. If connecting pins other than reinforced connecting pins are used, or if a reinforced connecting pin or tool which is not suitable for the type of chain is used, sufficient connection force may not be obtained, which could cause the chain to break or fall off.

Chain	Reinforced connecting pin	Chain tool
9-speed super narrow chain such as CN-7701 / CN-HG93	 Silver 6.5mm	TL-CN31 / TL-CN22
8- / 7- / 6-speed narrow chain such as CN-HG50 / CN-IG51	 Black 7.1mm	TL-CN31 / TL-CN22 and TL-CN30 / TL-CN21

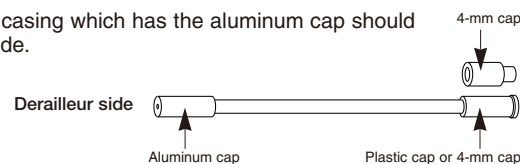
- If it is necessary to adjust the length of the chain due to a change in the number of sprocket teeth, make the cut at some other place than the place where the chain has been joined using a reinforced connecting pin or an end pin. The chain will be damaged if it is cut at a place where it has been joined with a reinforced connecting pin or an end pin.



- Check that the tension of the chain is correct and that the chain is not damaged. If the tension is too weak or the chain is damaged, the chain should be replaced. If this is not done, the chain may break and you may fall off the bicycle.
- 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.
- 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.
- You should periodically clean the derailleur and lubricate all moving parts (mechanism and pulleys).
- If gear shifting adjustment cannot be carried out, check the degree of parallelism at the rear end of the bicycle. Also check if the cable is lubricated and if the outer casing is too long or too short.
- If you hear abnormal noise as a result of looseness in a pulley, you should replace the pulley.
- 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.
- Because the high cable resistance of a frame with internal cable routing would impair the SIS function, this type of frame should not be used.
- The end of the outer casing which has the aluminum cap should be at the derailleur side.



- 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.

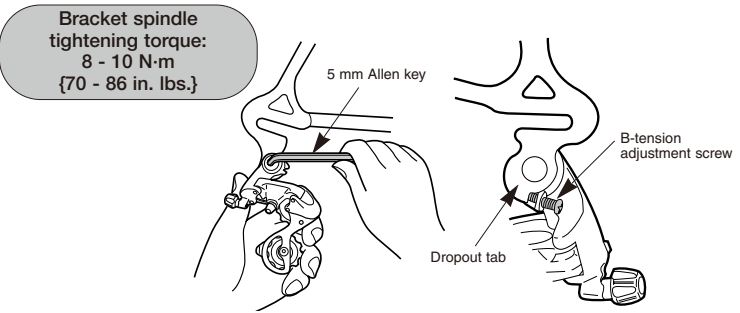
Series	SHIMANO 105	
Shifting lever	ST-5510 / ST-R600 / ST-5500-CA	
Gears	18	27
Outer casing	SIS-SP40	
Rear derailleur	RD-5501 RD-5500	RD-5501-GS RD-5500-GS
Type	SS	GS
Freehub	FH-5501 / FH-5500	
Cassette sprocket	CS-HG70-9	
Chain	CN-HG73	
Bottom bracket cable guide	SM-SP17	

Specifications

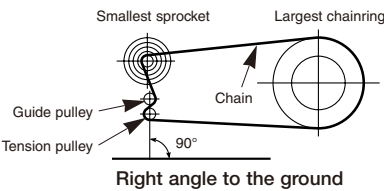
Type	SS	GS
Total capacity	29 teeth or less	37 teeth or less
Largest sprocket	27T	27T
Smallest sprocket	11T	11T
Front chainwheel tooth difference	14T	22T

Installation of the rear derailleur

When installing, be careful that deformation is not caused by the B-tension adjustment screw coming into contact with the dropout tab.



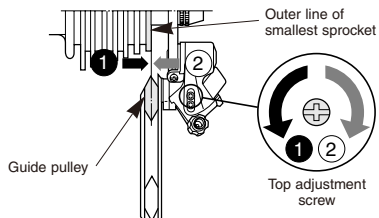
Chain length



# Stroke adjustment and cable securing

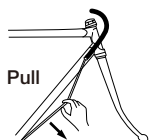
## 1. Top adjustment

Turn the top adjustment screw to adjust so that the guide pulley is below the outer line of the smallest sprocket when looking from the rear.



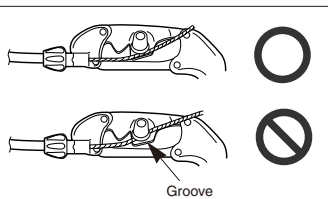
## 2. Connection and securing of the cable

Connect the cable to the rear derailleur and, after taking up the initial slack in the cable, re-secure to the rear derailleur as shown in the illustration.



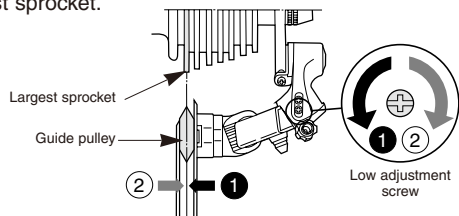
**Tightening torque:**  
5 - 7 N·m {44 - 60 in. lbs.}

**Note:**  
Be sure that the cable is securely in the groove.



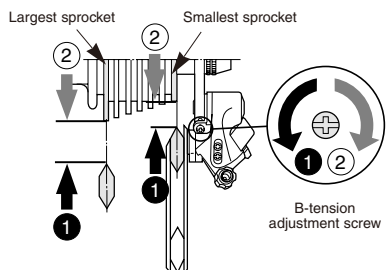
## 3. Low adjustment

Turn the low adjustment screw so that the guide pulley moves to a position directly in line with the largest sprocket.



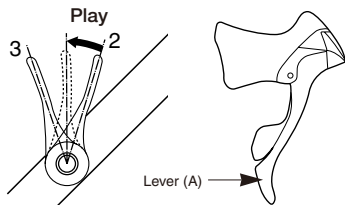
## 4. How to use the B-tension adjustment screw

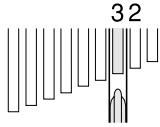
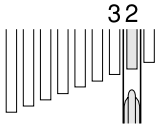
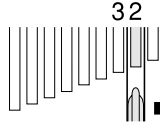
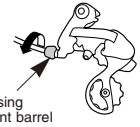
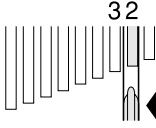
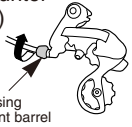
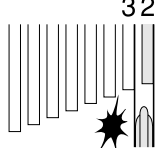
Mount the chain on the smallest chainring and the largest sprocket, and turn the crank arm backward. Then turn the B-tension adjustment screw to adjust the guide pulley as close to the sprocket as possible but not so close that it touches. Next, set the chain to the smallest sprocket and repeat the above to make sure that the pulley does not touch the sprocket.



## 5. SIS Adjustment

Operate the shifting lever several times to move the chain to the 2nd sprocket. Then, while pressing the lever just enough to take up the play in the lever, turn the crank arm.



<p>When shifting to 3rd</p> 	<p>When no sound at all is heard</p> 
 <p>Tighten the outer cable adjusting barrel until the chain returns to the 2nd sprocket. (clockwise)</p>  <p>Outer casing adjustment barrel</p>	 <p>Loosen the outer casing adjustment barrel until the chain touches the 3rd sprocket and makes noise. (counter clockwise)</p>  <p>Outer casing adjustment barrel</p>
<p><b>Best setting</b></p> <p>The best setting is when the shifting lever is operated just enough to take up the play and the chain touches the 3rd sprocket and makes noise.</p> 	

\* Return the lever to its original position (the position where the lever is at the 2nd sprocket setting and it has been released) and then turn the crank arm clockwise. If the chain is touching the 3rd sprocket and making noise, turn the outer casing adjustment barrel clockwise slightly to tighten it until the noise stops and the chain runs smoothly.

For the best SIS performance, periodically lubricate all power-transmission parts.

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