

Get A Grip

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How To Make Sure Your Grips Don't Slip

Grips that slip can be more than an annoyance, they can be downright dangerous in certain situations. When it comes to slip-on rubber grips there are as many different methods to get them to stick as there are grip designs—every mechanic out there has their own secret sauce. Results may vary depending on the finish and cleanliness of the bars. *****

Dry – Many people swear by installing grips dry, using an air compressor to blow them on by inserting the air hose into the hole at the end of the grip, or under the edge of it for open-ended varieties, and covering the opposite end of the bar with their hand. *****

Rubbing Alcohol – Applying rubbing alcohol to the inside of the grip and then quickly sliding them on the bar works similar to the dry method above, but without an air compressor. Once the grip is on the bar the alcohol evaporates more or less completely and leaves a clean and dry interface between grip and bar. *****

Glue – Any 24 hour set up time glue or weather strip adhesive is recommended, as noted on the Oury Package.

Wire – Many grips feature grooves on either end of the mold to fit bailing wire. Twist it tight, clip it off and push the end into the grip. It's a fine line between too tight and not tight enough. This method is typically used alongside other adhesives for those particularly prone to twisting their grips off the bars. *****

Hairspray, Solvents and Paint – Are not recommended when installing Oury Grip Slip-on Grips. Hairspray, Solvents and Paint tend to degrade the grip over time from the inside out. Thus, causing the grip to twist and twirl on the bar.

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Remember to always use common sense and practice the safety procedures for your bicycle or motorized vehicle.