



# Choosing a chain guide - overview (read this first)

Basics of choosing a guide. Start here.

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## Step 1 — Choosing a chain guide - overview (read this first)



- Choosing a chain guide can be a complicated process, we hope that these walkthroughs will demystify the process
- There are a few steps to choosing a chain guide and the following walkthroughs in this series will visit that in greater detail, but as a first step let's narrow down the selection process
- We also recommend reading through the [Chainline explained](#) walkthrough so you can better understand how to properly install your guide. Chainline (CL) is a term we will use often, so it is important that someone who is deciding on, or installing a chainguide knows what that means

## Step 2



- Step one is deciding on which type of guide you need
  - Do you want a single (1x) or dual ring (2x) guide?
  - Do you want bash protection?

## Step 3



- For dual ring guides visit our [TRS dual ring guide picker](#)
  - We offer dual guides both with and without bash protection

## Step 4



- For single ring guides, visit the [Single ring guide picker](#)
  - XCX and TRS guides offer just upper guidance and are our lightest weight, most minimal guide. Perfect for Trail, Enduro and XC.
  - XCX guides do not have bash protection and are unable to be run with a chainring mounted bashguard. We offer them in a seat tube or BB mount
  - TRS guides offer direct mount bash protection in the ISCG models. We also offer D-type and E-type mounting
  - We also make a cyclocross specific version of the XCX with a chainline spec designed around road cranks

## Step 5



- For single ring guides with bash protection, check out the LG1 and TRS guides in our [LG1 guide picker](#)
  - This walkthrough goes over our DH guides including the legendary LG1+
  - These guides can also be used for trail/enduro riders

Thanks for reading, now get out there and ride!