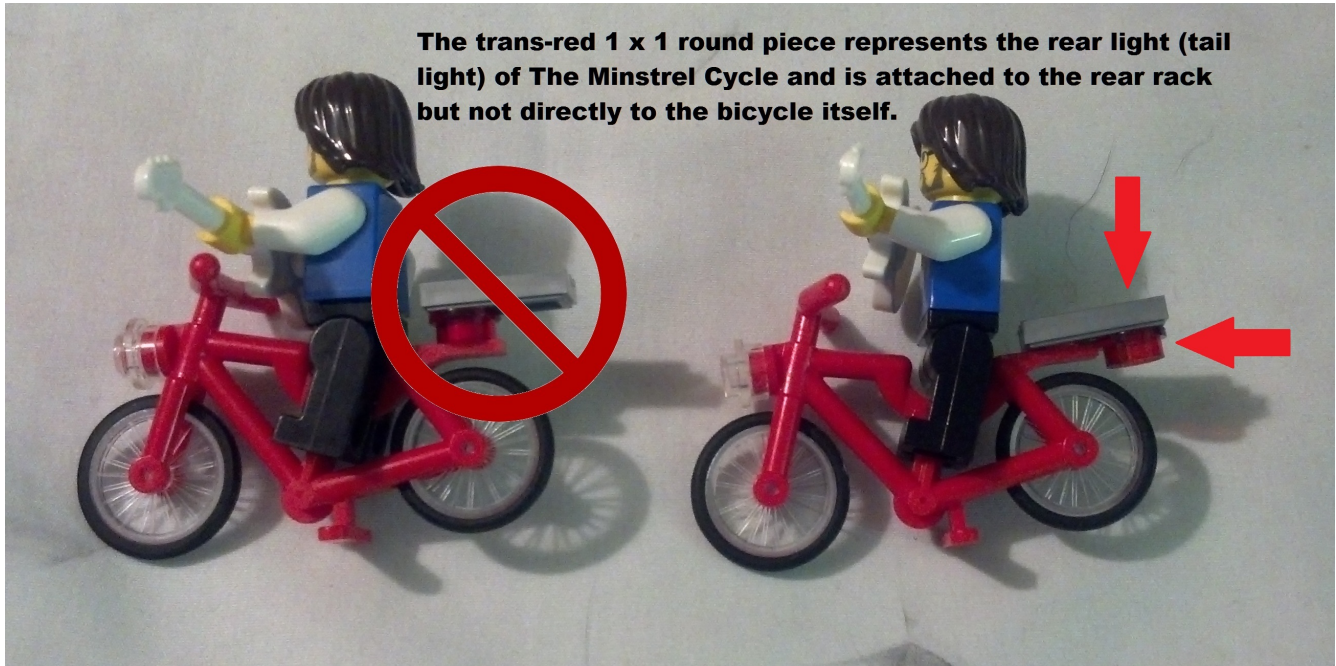


Congratulations on receiving a model of **The Minstrel Cycle**, the 1977 Schwinn Sportabout ten-speed bicycle on which **The Bicycling Guitarist** has ridden “no hands” tens of thousands of miles since the early 1980s while playing guitar at the same time. I personally selected the pieces and colors to design and build this model. All parts are genuine Lego but this model is neither made nor endorsed by the Lego company.

I offer the following recommendation regarding how to attach the bicycle rack. This is not carved in stone. I did not glue the pieces together, and they can be recombined or used in any other Lego creations you might dream of. However, following this recommendation enables this model to more accurately represent my bicycle as thousands of people have seen me over the years. *Please note that the following photograph shows a minifig and guitar that are **not included** with this model but are sold separately. The photograph is to show the proper placement of the bicycle rack and tail light pieces.*



Here is a photograph of the actual bicycle. It is now a “Super Sportabout” because of some upgrades to better and lighter parts from more expensive Schwinn bicycle models of similar (1970s) vintage.

Read this bicycle's history at <http://www.TheBicyclingGuitarist.net/schwinn/>

This bicycle is also featured several other places on the internet, including Velospace (the place for bikes) at <http://velospace.org/node/22098>

The Bicycle Museum of America (New Bremen, Ohio) has expressed interest in displaying this bicycle after I die. I want it to be taken care of.