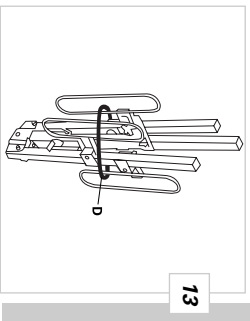


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- Locking Bicycles**
1. A standard cable lock (not included) of 18mm diameter or less can be used to secure the bicycles to the rack.
 2. Once the bicycles are attached, thread a cable lock through the bracket plate at the base of the upright tube (See Figure 12) and loop it through the bicycle frames.
 3. Keep in mind that locks deter theft but cannot guarantee the security of your bicycles.



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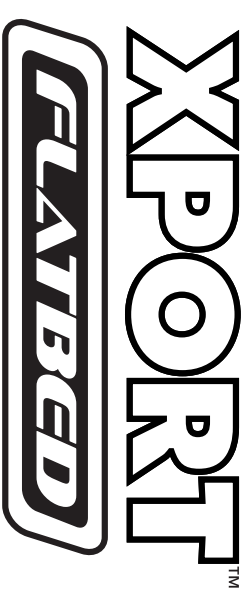
- Driving without Bicycles**
1. When driving without bicycles attached, raise the left and right platform tubes (E), and secure them to the upright tube (A) with the security strap (D). See Figure 13.

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2-bike hitch rack (1 1/4" and 2")



Congratulations on your purchase of an XPORTR Flatbed hitch rack. This rack will securely carry up to 2 bicycles and tilts down (without bikes attached) to allow convenient access to the rear of your vehicle. Please read these instructions thoroughly before using your new hitch rack.

CAUTION

IT IS THE USER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THE SAFE AND PROPER USE OF THIS PRODUCT. Improper attachment or misuse of this product may result in personal injury and serious damage to the bicycles, the hitch rack, your vehicle or vehicles following behind you on the road.



Minimum Hitch Requirement:

Class I receiver hitch, bolted to the vehicle chassis.



Maximum Bicycle Limit:

2 bicycles

Maximum Load Limit:

35 lb MAX per bicycle (70 lb MAX total)



CAUTION

DO NOT EXCEED THE MAXIMUM BICYCLE LIMIT OR LOAD LIMIT.

I. Parts List

Part	Part Code	Quantity
Upright Tube.....	A.....	1
Upright Securing Knob.....	B.....	1
Tilt Release Lever.....	C.....	1
Security Strap.....	D.....	1
Platform Tube.....	E.....	2
Hitch Tube.....	F.....	1
2" Hitch Sleeve.....	G.....	1
Long Frame Hook.....	H.....	1
Short Frame Hook.....	I.....	1
Locking Knobs.....	J.....	6
Wheel Hoops.....	K.....	4
1" Hitch Bolt (for 1½" hitch).....	L.....	1
1½" Hitch Bolt (for 2" hitch).....	M.....	1
Slotted Washer.....	N.....	1
Standard Washer.....	O.....	1
Assembly Bolts.....	P.....	2
Locknuts.....	Q.....	2
Nut Caps (⅝").....	R.....	6
Nut Caps (½").....	S.....	2

II. Assembly

Assembling the Hitch Rack

Note: All references to left or right are from the driver's perspective.

1. Remove the hitch rack and all other contents from the box.
2. Unclip the shock cord (D) and fold down the left and right platform tubes (E). See Figure 1.
3. Insert the hitch tube (F) into the bracket at the base of the upright tube (A) as shown in Figure 2.
4. Thread both assembly bolts (P) through the bolt holes, and tighten securely with locknuts (Q). See Figure 3.
5. Slide the long frame hook (H) onto the upright tube (so the hook faces the rear of the vehicle) and tighten in place with the locking knob (J). See Figure 4.
6. Slide the short frame hook (I) onto the upright tube (so the hook faces away from the vehicle) and tighten in place with the locking knob (J).
7. Install the plastic nut caps (R and S) on all exposed nuts. See Figure 5.

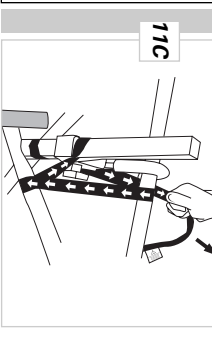
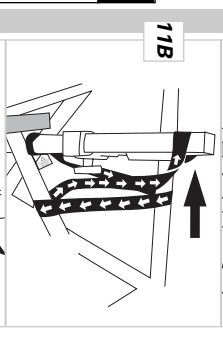
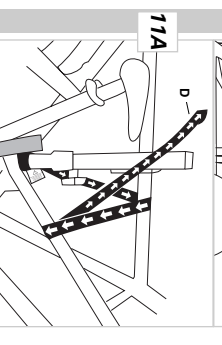
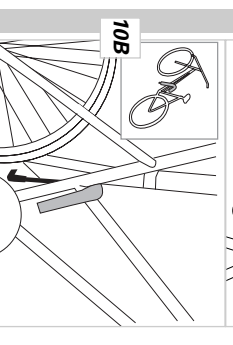
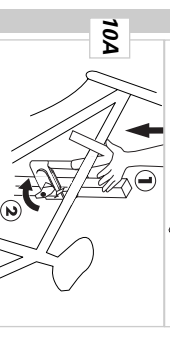
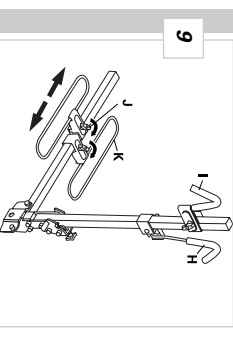
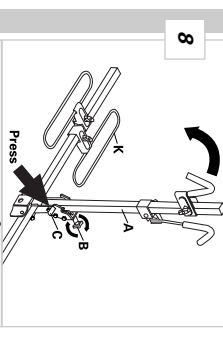
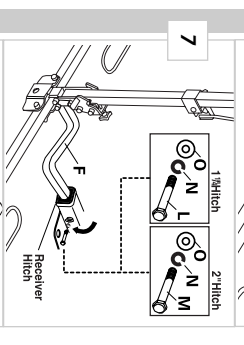
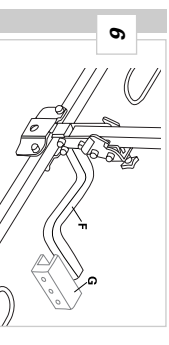
Installing the Hitch Rack

1. To use the XPOR T Flatbed in a 2" receiver hitch, attach the 2" hitch sleeve (G) to the end of the hitch tube (F). See Figure 6. Tap the sleeve onto the RIGHT side of the hitch tube with a mallet, so that the middle hole in the sleeve is aligned with the bolt hole in the hitch tube.
2. Slide the hitch tube (F) into the vehicle receiver hitch. See Figure 7.
3. Align the bolt hole in the vehicle receiver hitch with the bolt hole in the hitch sleeve and hitch tube. Slide the slotted washer (N) and standard washer (O) onto the appropriate hitch bolt (L or M), thread the bolt through the receiver hitch and hitch tube, and tighten securely.

III. Using the Hitch Rack

Loading Bicycles

1. Loosen the upright securing knob (B), depress the tilt release lever (C) and lower the upright tube (A). See Figure 8.
2. The first bicycle will be positioned closest to the vehicle. Lift the bicycle into place, and set the front and rear wheels into the wheel hoops (K). Each wheel should be well supported by both ends of each hoop.
3. Reposition the wheel hoops as necessary until both wheels are well supported. Loosen the locking knobs (J), slide the wheel hoops left or right along the platform tube, and retighten the locking knobs securely. See Figure 9.
4. Raise the upright tube. As you do so, slide the long frame hook (H) toward the top of the upright tube to provide clearance for the bicycle frame. You should hear an audible "CLICK" when the upright tube is latched securely.
5. Slide the long frame hook down until it applies secure pressure to the bicycle's top frame tube, and then tighten the locking knob securely. See Figure 10A.
6. For bicycles with sloping top tubes, position the bicycle so the hook is as low on the sloping tube as possible. See Figure 10B.
7. Tighten the upright securing knob (B) firmly against the upright tube to reduce movement.
8. Slide the short frame hook (I) to the top of the upright tube to provide clearance, and lift the second bicycle into place. Adjust the position of the wheel hoops as necessary so that both wheels are well supported. Slide the short frame hook down until it applies secure pressure to the bicycle's top frame tube, and then tighten the locking knob securely.
9. Secure bicycles with the security strap (D). Pass the loop end of the strap around the top tube of the frame furthest from the vehicle, and then around the top tube of the frame closest to the vehicle. See Figure 11A.
10. Slip the loop end of the strap over the top of the upright tube (A). See Figure 11B. To tighten the strap, depress the metal buckle lever and pull the end of the strap with the yellow tag. See Figure 11C.



CAUTION

FOR SAFE AND PROPER USE OF YOUR HITCH RACK:

1. Keep bicycle tires clear of the exhaust pipe. Hot exhaust can melt or burn bicycle tires.
2. Inspect your hitch rack before each use, both before and after loading bicycles. Ensure all bolts and knobs are installed and tightened properly.
3. Check the security of all bikes at regular intervals during use, more frequently on bumpy roads, and immediately if the bicycles shift position.
4. Never exceed the maximum bicycle limit or load limit listed in this owner's manual.
5. Remove the hitch rack from vehicle when not in use.