



Minimum Hitch Requirement:

Step bumper or Class I receiver hitch, bolted to the vehicle chassis.



Maximum Bicycle Limit:
3 bicycles

Maximum Load Limit:
225 lb MAX



CAUTION
DO NOT EXCEED THE MAXIMUM BICYCLE LIMIT OR LOAD LIMIT.

I. Parts List

Part	Part Code	Quantity
Upright Tube.....	A.....	1
Top Clamping Plate.....	B.....	1
Knob Bolts.....	C.....	2
Bottom Clamping Plate...D.....	D.....	1
Rubber Cradle Pads.....	E.....	6
Hitch Bolt.....	F.....	1
Square Nut.....	G.....	1
Washer.....	H.....	1

II. Assembly

Assembling the Hitch Rack

1. Remove the hitch rack and all other contents from the box.

Installing the Hitch Rack

1. Align the bolt hole at the base of the upright tube (A) with the mounting hole in the vehicle's step bumper or on the hitch tongue. See Figure 1.
2. Slide the washer (H) onto the hitch bolt (F), and thread the hitch bolt into the square nut (G).

Tighten the hitch bolt to 150-200 ft.-lbs. of torque.

If the hitch bolt is not tightened sufficiently, the hitch rack will rotate on the step bumper or hitch tongue, allowing possible contact between the bicycles and the vehicle.

III. Using the Hitch Rack

Loading the Bicycles

1. Unthread the knob bolts (C) completely and remove the top clamping plate (B). See Figure 2.
2. Load the largest bicycle first and position it closest to the vehicle. Make sure the bicycle is balanced in the bottom clamping plate (D). See Figure 3.
3. Load all additional bicycles, alternately facing the handlebars to the left or right so that alternating bikes face in opposite directions. Ensure all bicycles are balanced in the bottom clamping plate.
4. Install the top clamping plate (B) and fasten the knob bolts (C) securely. See Figure 3.
5. You may want to use an additional strap or shock cord (not included) to secure the bicycles to the hitch rack or to secure the wheels to prevent them from spinning.

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 rack before each use, both before and after loading bicycles. Ensure hitch bolt and knob bolts are installed and tightened properly. Hitch bolt should be tightened to 150-200 ft.-lbs. of torque to prevent rack from rotating on bumper or hitch tongue.
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 maximum bicycle limit or load limit listed in this owner's manual.
5. Remove rack from vehicle when not in use.

Locking the Bikes

1. A standard padlock (not included) can be used to secure the bicycles to the rack.
2. Once the bikes are attached and the top clamping plate is installed, secure a padlock through the holes in the top and bottom clamping plates.
3. Keep in mind that locks deter theft but cannot guarantee the security of your bicycles.

