

XPORT[™]

Essential II Trunk Rack

Thank you for purchasing the XPORT Essential II Trunk Rack. This rack is designed to install easily on most vehicles and will carry up to 2 bicycles. The Essential II incorporates rubber bike mounts to protect your bicycle's finish and an additional security strap to keep the bikes secure on the rack.

CAUTION:

The XPORT Essential II is designed to securely attach to most cars, vans and sport utility vehicles. However, it is not intended for use with vehicles listed in the attached list.

Improper attachment or misuse of this rack may result in damage to the bicycles, your vehicle, or the vehicles behind you on the road. IT IS THE USER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO INSURE THE SAFE AND PROPER USE OF THIS PRODUCT!

SAFE USE OF THE XPORT ESSENTIAL II TRUNK RACK:

- To avoid damage to your vehicle, make sure all vehicle contact points are clean before installing the rack.
- Never place more than 2 bicycles with a maximum weight of 70 lbs. on the XPORT Essential II rack.
- Inspect and check your rack, both before and after placing bicycles on the rack. The weight of the bicycles may cause the straps to loosen initially. Tighten all straps and hubs each time you inspect or use the rack.
- If a strap or hook appears worn replace it as soon as possible. Replacement hooks and straps are available by calling Performance Technical Service (1 800-727-2453).
- Check the tightness of the webbing straps at regular intervals during use, more frequently on bumpy roads and immediately if the bicycles shift position.
- Make sure that all hooks are attached to metal, not fiberglass, plastic or glass.
- Do not position the bicycles such that the tires are close to the exhaust pipe.
- The use of additional shock cords or tie down straps is recommended to prevent the bicycle wheels from turning and frames from swaying into each other.
- If you have compatibility questions please contact our **Technical Service Department 1(800)727-2453**.

XPORT Essential II installation:

1. Identify the upper and lower support legs. The upper support leg is narrower and has the webbing security strap attached to it.
2. Loosen the two hub assemblies by untightening the two ribbed knobs. Do not remove completely. Note that the XPORT name on the lower support leg should be able to be read from the rear of the vehicle.
3. Move the upper support leg to the appropriate angle that corresponds to your vehicle as shown in figure 1.

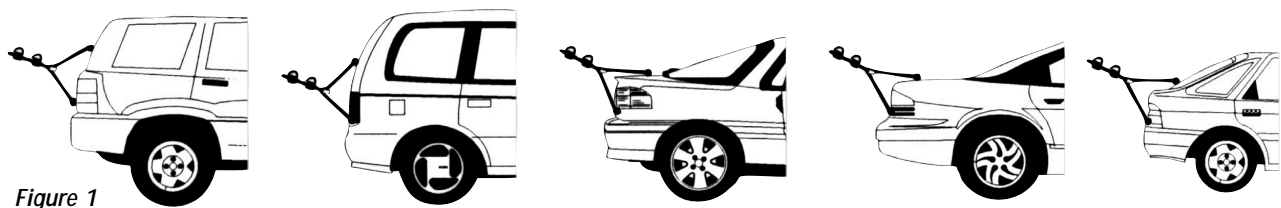


Figure 1

4. Hold the rack up to your vehicle. If the back of your vehicle has a glass window only the upper support leg may rest on glass. The lower leg must rest against a solid part of the back of the vehicle. Rotate the bike support arms such that they are at a 15-degree angle above horizontal (angled slightly upwards). See figure 2.

5. Tighten the two hub assemblies.

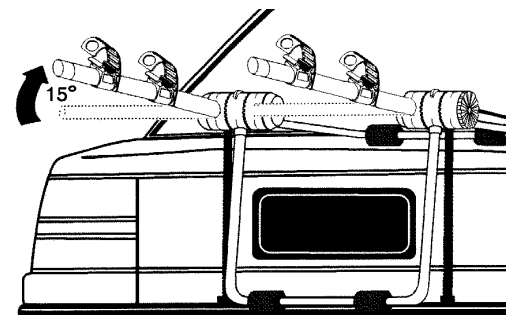


Figure 2

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6. Place the XPORT Essential II on your vehicle. Attach the two upper hooks into the gap at the leading edge of the trunk or hatch lid. Adjust the length of the straps so as to correctly position the rack. See figure 3. Do not attach top hook to glass or metal trimmed glass.

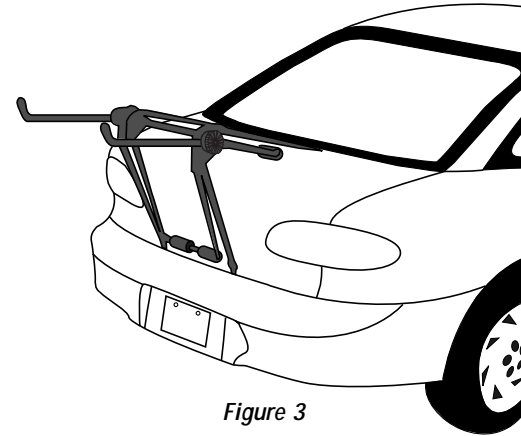


Figure 3

7. Attach the lower strap hooks to the bottom edge of the trunk or hatch. If this location does not work on your vehicle, attach the hook to the underside of the bumper or frame member under the vehicle. Make sure that the straps are not rubbing against something sharp that could damage them. Hooks are to be attached to metal, not glass or plastic. Keep straps away from the exhaust pipe to avoid damage to them.

8. Tighten all four of the straps, making sure the rack is in the proper position on the vehicle.

9. Rotate the Bike Blocks such that the U shaped cradle is pointed up. The Bike Blocks may be rotated 90 degrees to accommodate a variety of bicycle frame styles. Place the bicycles in the Bike Blocks in alternating positions. (Second bike facing the opposite direction from the first). Use care to locate the crank arms in such a way to prevent damage to your vehicle or to the adjacent bike.

10. Secure the bikes onto the Bike Blocks with the rubber strap by pulling it tight around the bike frame. Make sure the hook portion of the Bike Block cradle is inserted completely into the oval of the rubber strap (see figure 4). Use care to not cut or tear the rubber strap. Do not use a Bike Block that is cut or torn. Replacement Bike Blocks are available.

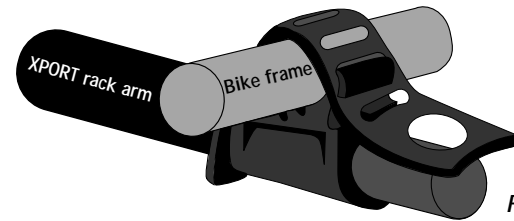


Figure 4

11. Retighten all of the straps and the hub assembly, since the load of the bicycles may have caused loosening.

12. Slide the webbing security strap (located on the upper support leg) over the top of the bikes and back through the bike frames. Thread the strap through the metal buckle and tighten. The security strap should be tight enough to keep moderate tension on the bikes, but not so tight as to cause the Bike Blocks to move.

13. Slide the security strap rubber sleeve over the metal buckle to prevent the buckle from damaging your vehicle's finish. See figure 5. **ALWAYS SECURE SAFETY STRAP WITH SLEEVE OVER THE BUCKLE!**

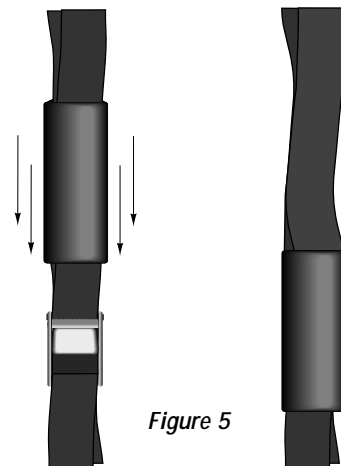


Figure 5

The following vehicles are not recommended for use with the XPORT Essential II Trunk Rack:

Reason codes:

- 1- Lower hooks cannot be attached securely
- 2- Possible deforming of the bumper
- 3- Upper hooks may damage the glass

Acura

'94-'97	Integra	3dr. Hatch	2
'91-'97	NSX	Sports	3

AM General

'93-'97	Hummer	Utility	3
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Audi

'97	A4	4dr. Sedan	3
'97	A8	4dr. Sedan	3
'94-'97	Cabriolet	Convertible	3

BMW

'96-'97	3-Series	4dr. Sedan	3
'96-'97	3-Series	3dr. Hatch	3
'95-'96	740i	4dr. Sedan	2

Chevrolet

'97	Camaro	Sports	2
All	Corvette	Sports	2

Chrysler

'95-'97	LHS	4dr. Sedan	1
'97	Sebring	2dr. Sedan	1
'96	Sebring	Convertible	1

Dodge

'95-'97	Stratus	4dr. Sedan	1
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Eagle

'93-'97	Vision	4dr. Sedan	3
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Ford

'94-'97	Mustang GT	3dr. Hatch	3
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Geo

'95-'97	Metro	3dr. Hatch	1
'95-'97	Metro	4dr. Sedan	1

GMC

'97	Jimmy	Utility	3
'97	Savanah	Van	3

Honda

'95-'97	Odyssey	Wagon	3
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Jaguar

'97	XK8	2dr. Sedan	3
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Lexus

'94-'97	GS300	4dr. Hatch	1
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Mazda

'97	626	4dr. Sedan	1
'95-'97	Millenia	4dr. Sedan	1
'93-'96	MX-6	2dr. Sedan	2

Mercury

'92-'97	Grand Marquis	4dr. Sedan	2
'97	Tracer LTS	2dr. Sedan	2

Mitsubishi

'90-'94	Eclipse	3dr. Hatch	2
'95-'97	Eclipse	Sports	3
'95-'97	Eclipse GS-T	Sports	3
'97	Mirage	4dr. Hatch	1
'95-'97	Spyder	Sports	2

Nissan

'94	240SX	Convertible	2
'95-'97	Maxima	4dr. Sedan	3

Oldsmobile

'95-'97	Bravada	Utility	3
'94-'96	Cutlass Supreme	Convertible	2
'90-'96	Cutlass Supreme	4dr. Sedan	3

Pontiac

'92-'97	Firebird	Sports	3
'90-'97	Trans Sport	Van	1

Porsche

'90-'97	911	All models	3
'85-'96	928	3dr. Hatch	3
'90-'91	944	2dr. Coupe	3
'94-'96	968	3dr. Hatch	3
'97	Boxster	Convertible	3

Rover

'95-'97	Discovery	Utility	3
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Saab

'90-'94	900	Convertible	3
'95-'97	900	Convertible	2

Saturn

'97	SC	2dr. Sedan	2
'97	SW	Wagon	2

Subaru

'93-'97	Impreza	4dr. Sedan	2
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Suzuki

'92-'94	Swift	4dr. Sedan	2
'95-'97	Swift	3dr. Hatch	2

Toyota

'90-'95	MR-2	2dr. Sedan	3
'96	Paseo	3dr. Sedan	3
'97	Paseo	3dr. Sedan	3

Volkswagen

'86-'95	Cabriolet	Convertible	3
'90-'95	Corrado	3dr. Hatch	3