

PitchFork Instructions

This product is intended for use on Thule® rectangular and Yakima® crossbars only. Use on any other crossbar will void the warranty.

- Be sure to use the Quick Release Lever (Skewer) properly.
- Do Not exceed the load capacity of your vehicle or roof rack.
- Remove Baby Seats, Disc Wheels, Panniers, U-Locks or any items which could detach from the bicycle.
- Do Not use full bicycle covers or bike bras.
- DO NOT TAKE THE VEHICLE OFF ROAD! If you must, drive cautiously.
- If mounted on a trailer, drive cautiously, the inferior suspension can damage the rack and/or bike.
- Minimum crossbar spread is 14”.
- To lock your bicycle, RockyMounts’ lock cores can be purchased separately.
- Note on security: even the best locks are only deterrents to well equipped thieves. RockyMounts cannot be held liable for stolen bicycles.

Installation: Please refer to diagrams on following page.

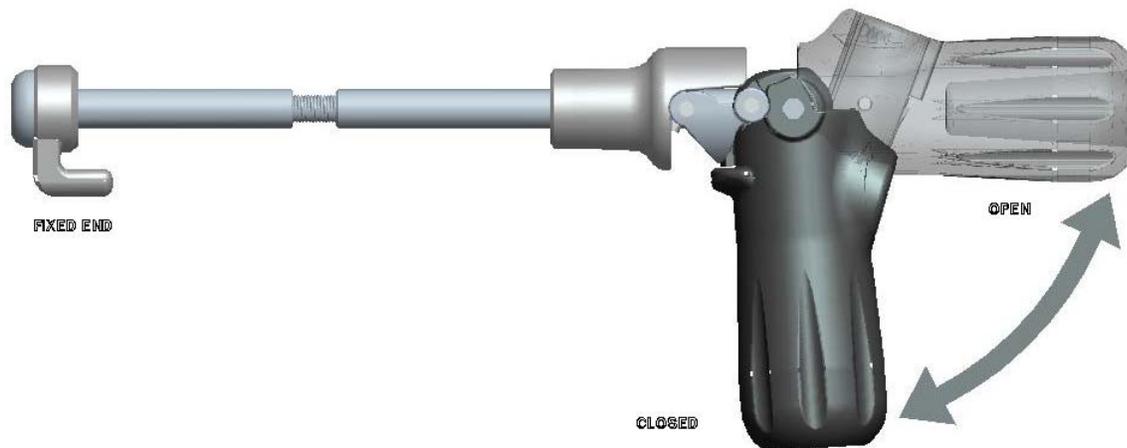
- 1) If you have a Thule® bar, remove the insert (figure #1) in the Bar Clip. If you have a Yakima® bar, nothing is required, the insert is in place.
- 2) Spread the Bar Clip (figure #2) open and place it around the rear bar. Slide the 2” Carriage Bolt (figure #3) into the rear of the Wheel Tray. Note: There is no hole in the tray, the head of the bolt slides into the bottom of the tray. (On some color trays, there is a heavy coat of paint at the end of the tray, use a rubber mallet to tap the head of the bolt into the slot if it does not easily slide in). Hold the Wheel Tray over your crossbars and feed this bolt through the square hole of the Bar Clip (figure #4).
- 3) Place the head over the front crossbar and lay it on the bar (figure #5). Remove the black plastic Cover Plate by pulling on the tab. With the gold, Under Bar Plate, hook it in the front of the head, and pivot it into place (figure # 5). Squeeze the two pieces together, and drop two Allen Bolts with Split Washers through the top of the head and tighten into the Under Bar Plate (figure #6). Get each bolt started first, then tighten both bolts firmly with the 5mm Allen Wrench. Re-install the black plastic Cover Plate (figure #7). Unthread the Quick Release Skewer, and install into the head by threading together inside. Have the handle face towards the outside of the car.
- 4) Thread the plastic WingNut onto the bolt of the Bar Clip and tighten firmly by hand (figure#8).
- 5) Install the Wheel Strap into the slots on the side of the tray with the buckle part facing out (figure #9). If it is a snug fit, a rubber mallet can be used to tap it in. Line up the two sides as shown (figure #10)
- 6) Press the End Cap into the end of the Wheel Tray.

Note: When the Quick Release is closed firmly and locked, it covers the bolt heads and the rack cannot be removed. You must close and lock the Quick Release after removing the bike to re-lock the rack to the crossbar. You will notice a circular tab in the center of the black plastic Cover Plate. If you purchase a second lock, you can break this tab out, install the lock and the rack will ALWAYS be locked to the car.

Locking Note: The quick release handle can be turned (unscrewed) even when locked. To prevent a thief from doing this, the handle of the quick release must hit the crossbar when rotated. To test, try turning the handle counter-clockwise when closed. If it does not hit the bar, loosen the bolts and reposition the bike rack further in on the rack until the handle hits the crossbar when closed.

To Load a Bicycle: 1) Open the handle of the quick release so the black handle is straight (see below). Load the fork onto the quick release so both fork ends are resting straight on the quick release. Close the handle by flipping it 90 degrees to the closed position. If it is too

loose, open the handle and turn it like a screwdriver (clockwise to tighten, counter clockwise to loosen), and close the handle again. You may either turn the handle with or without holding the fixed end of quick release. **Readjust until a firm and positive snap is felt when closed.**



The Quick Release Skewer is not an on/off switch!! You must close the handle with enough tension to hold the bike. Rock the bike side to side to ensure proper mounting. The fork should be properly seated and not move! If at all unsure, please consult your dealer or RockyMounts. Failure to comply could result in the bike detaching with subsequent damage to the bicycle, vehicle, or other motorist.

If your fork has carbon fiber dropouts or does not have "safety" tabs, you must be careful and close the skewer **VERY TIGHTLY**. Carbon fiber dropouts do not have flat machined surfaces and can be difficult to secure in a fork mount. It is imperative you perform the above safety test **EVERYTIME** you load the bike. Do not use if unsure.

2) Fasten the Wheel Strap by looping the end through the wheel and into the buckle. Pull on the end until the strap contacts the wheel.

Maintenance: Once a year, remove the rack from the car, clean and inspect for damage. Replace any worn components. Put a drop of oil (chain lube, motor oil etc.) on the metal pivot points, threads and axle of the Quick Release

Caution:

- 1) Check all fastenings (nuts, bolts, straps, and skewer) before each use.
- 2) Check bicycle/mount stability periodically during use.
- 3) Remove your Rocky Mounts and/or roof rack when entering a car wash.
- 4) BEWARE OF LOW OVERHANGS: GARAGES & TREES!

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