

BIKE MATE

FITTING INSTRUCTIONS

3 Bike Bumper Bar Carrier

VEHICLES THAT DO NOT HAVE SUPPORTING METAL UNDER THE PLASTIC BUMPER BAR MAY NOT BE SUITABLE FOR USE WITH THIS CARRIER.

To determine the suitability of the vehicle, fit the carrier into position on the bumper bar and apply pressure to the carrier as if it were holding 3 bicycles. If the plastic bumper bar bends or distorts then it may not have supporting metal underneath and the carrier may not be suitable for the vehicle. If in doubt, please check with your local dealer.

STEP 1:

- A. Clean the surface of the bumper bar to reduce the amount of abrasion between the bumper bar and the pads.

IMPORTANT: The bumper bar must have at least 50mm of horizontal surface for the rack to rest on.

- B. Set the rack on top of the bumper bar with the foam pads up against the vertical part of the vehicle. Hook the two (2) upper straps into the space at the hinge line of the boot lid, hatchback or van door, as shown in Fig. 2.

IMPORTANT: Be sure the hooks are attached to solid structures; Do not attach straps to trim or glass.

- C. Press the lever on the spring lock buckle and pull the carrier back about 20-25 degrees past vertical (angled away from the car).

- D. ATTACH THE LOWER STRAP HOOKS TO THE HOLES IN THE FRAME OR ON THE VEHICLE TOW HOOKS.

IMPORTANT: LOWER STRAP HOOKS SHOULD BE MOUNTED ON SOLID METAL ATTACHING POINTS AS SHOWN IN FIG. 3.

NOTE: Nylon straps should be kept as least 50mm away from exhaust pipes.

FIG. 2

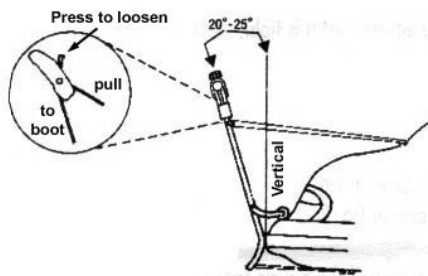
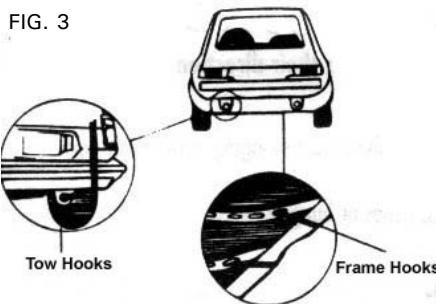


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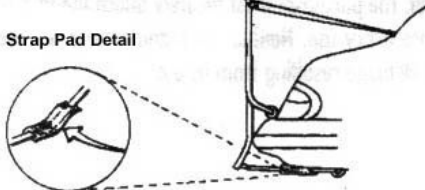


STEP 2:

- A. Tighten the bottom straps evenly, ensuring the strap pads are against the bottom edge of the bumper bar as shown in Fig. 4. This must be done before tightening the top straps.

IMPORTANT: This step must be done before proceeding to Step 3.

FIG. 4



STEP 3:

- A. Push the rack forward while tightening the upper straps as shown in Fig. 5. With the rack just past vertical the lower straps should be very tight.

- B. Grab the rack frame and pull hard sideways - The rack should be mounted firmly and should rock the vehicle.

- C. If the carrier feels loose, loosen the upper straps and tilt back 35 degrees off vertical and repeat steps 2 & 3 until the correct position and tension is achieved.

- D. Tie off extra strap around the buckle for added safety and to prevent straps from slipping.

IMPORTANT: Check all straps for proper tension at regular intervals during use.

FIG. 5

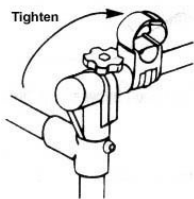
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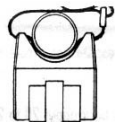
LOADING BICYCLES ON THE CARRIER

FIG. 6



- A. Loosen knobs and swing arms outwards until they stop as shown in Fig. 6.
- B. Turn the top knob clockwise until the support arms are tightened into position.
- C. Check the top knob on the bike support arms to ensure that it is tight.

FIG. 7



- A. Undo the velcro bike securing straps on the holders, as shown in Fig. 7. Place the bicycle into the moulded bike support, as shown Fig. 8.

NOTE: When carrying more than one bicycle, alternate their directions and load smaller bicycles last.

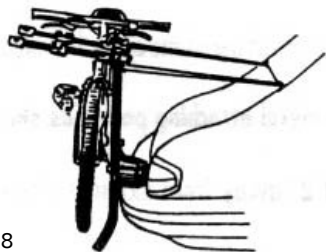


FIG. 8

- B. Place the Velcro tie over the bicycle frame and through the D-ring. Tighten Velcro straps fully, making sure the bicycle is secure.

NOTE: Shorter velcro straps are available for smaller frames.

- C. Ensure hot exhaust pipe is at least 50mm away from tyres and straps.

IMPORTANT: The rated capacity of this carrier is 45KG

WARNING: This product was designed to attach to the bumper bar of a vehicle. If the rack does not appear secure even if the above steps are followed, or you are unsure about correct installation, please check with your nearest dealer before using. This rack may not be suitable for some vehicles. Attaching the carrier to a specific vehicle is beyond the control of the manufacturer. The purchaser must securely attach the rack to the vehicle as set out in the instructions. Check all hooks, straps and buckles for wear before every use. Neither the manufacturer, the distributor or the dealer is responsible for the attachment of the carrier to any vehicle; nor are they liable for any damage resulting from its use.

DISPLAYING NUMBER PLATE: The law requires the vehicle rear number plate to be relocated if it is in any way obscured from view. It is also necessary to illuminate the number plate at night.

RTA Bicycle Rack number plates are available from your local motor registry. A light system is also available to illuminate the number plate—enquire at your local bicycle or auto accessories store.

In the case of this carrier, the number plate can be hung in the top bar of the last bicycle.
