Swagman 64675

Swagman Original 4 Towing Bike Rack User Manual

Model: 64675

Introduction

This manual provides detailed instructions for the safe and effective use, assembly, and maintenance of your Swagman Original 4 Towing Bike Rack. Please read this manual thoroughly before installation and operation to ensure proper function and safety.
The Swagman Original 4 Towing Bike Rack is designed to carry up to 4 bicycles while simultaneously allowing for the towing of a personal watercraft, boat, or trailer. It is compatible with 2-inch receiver hitches and offers a towing capacity of 3000 lbs and a tongue weight capacity of 300 lbs.

Safety Information

Always adhere to the following safety guidelines to prevent injury or damage to property:

- Ensure all components are securely fastened before each use.
- Do not exceed the maximum load capacity of 35 lbs per bike or 100 lbs total for bikes.
- Do not exceed the maximum towing capacity of 3000 lbs or tongue weight of 300 lbs.
- Verify that the bike rack does not obstruct vehicle lights or license plates.
- Drive cautiously, especially over bumps or uneven terrain, as the added weight can affect vehicle handling.
- Regularly inspect the rack for signs of wear, damage, or corrosion.

Package Contents

Verify that all components are present before beginning assembly:

- Main Bike Rack Assembly
- Hitch Receiver Bar
- Bike Cradles (V-shaped)
- Securing Straps/Ties
- Mounting Hardware (bolts, nuts, washers)

- Instruction Manual

Note: Towball is not included and must be purchased separately.

Setup and Assembly

The Swagman Original 4 Towing Bike Rack requires minimal assembly. Follow these steps for proper setup:

1. **Attach the Main Rack to the Hitch Receiver Bar:**

   Align the main vertical arm of the bike rack with the pre-drilled holes on the hitch receiver bar. Insert the provided bolts through the aligned holes and secure them with nuts and washers. Tighten all fasteners firmly using appropriate tools.



Image: The Swagman Original 4 Towing Bike Rack showing the main vertical arm connected to the horizontal hitch receiver bar, with the four bike cradles visible at the top.

2. **Install the Rack onto Your Vehicle's Hitch:**

   Slide the assembled bike rack's hitch receiver bar into your vehicle's 2-inch hitch receiver. Align the pin holes and insert your hitch pin (not included) to secure the rack. Ensure the pin is fully inserted and secured with a clip or lock.



Image: The Swagman Original 4 Towing Bike Rack mounted on the rear of a vehicle, demonstrating its position when installed.

3. **Prepare for Towing (Optional):**

   If you intend to tow a trailer, boat, or personal watercraft, attach your towball (not included) to the designated towball mount on the hitch receiver bar. Ensure it is securely tightened according to the towball manufacturer's instructions.

Operating Instructions

Loading Bicycles

1. **Prepare the Cradles:**

   Ensure the V-shaped cradles are properly oriented to receive the bicycle frame. The generous spacing between cradles is designed for easy loading.

2. **Place Bicycles:**

   Lift each bicycle and place its top tube into the V-shaped cradles. For optimal stability, alternate the direction of the bicycles (e.g., first bike facing left, second bike facing right) if carrying multiple bikes.

3. **Secure Bicycles:**

   Use the provided securing straps or ties to firmly fasten the bicycle frames to the cradles and the vertical mast of the rack. Ensure there is no excessive movement or swaying. Double-check all connections before driving.

Towing Operation

When towing, ensure your trailer's coupler is securely attached to the towball on the bike rack's hitch receiver bar. Connect all necessary trailer lights and safety chains. Always verify that the combined weight of the trailer and its contents does not exceed the 3000 lbs towing capacity and the 300 lbs tongue weight capacity of the rack.

Maintenance

Regular maintenance will extend the life of your Swagman bike rack:

- **Cleaning:**

Clean the rack periodically with mild soap and water to remove dirt, road grime, and salt. Rinse thoroughly and dry to prevent corrosion.

- **Lubrication:**

  Apply a light lubricant to moving parts, such as the folding mechanism (if applicable) and hitch pin area, to ensure smooth operation.

- **Inspection:**

  Before each use, inspect all bolts, nuts, and fasteners for tightness. Check for any signs of wear, cracks, bends, or corrosion on the metal components and cradles. Replace any damaged parts immediately.

- **Storage:**

  When not in use, store the bike rack in a dry, protected area to prevent exposure to harsh weather conditions.

Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Rack wobbles in hitch receiver	Loose hitch pin; incorrect hitch size; worn receiver.	Ensure hitch pin is fully inserted and secured. Verify hitch receiver is 2-inch. Consider an anti-wobble device if excessive play persists.
Bikes are not stable on the rack	Improper loading; loose securing straps; bikes too heavy.	Re-position bikes for better balance. Tighten all securing straps. Ensure bike weight does not exceed 35 lbs per bike.
Difficulty attaching/detaching rack	Corrosion; bent components; debris in hitch.	Clean hitch receiver and rack bar. Apply lubricant if corrosion is present. Inspect for damage and replace parts if necessary.

Specifications

- **Model:** Swagman Original 4 Towing Bike Rack (Part Number: 64675)
- **Capacity:** Up to 4 Bicycles
- **Mounting Type:** 2-inch Hitch Receiver
- **Max Bike Weight:** 35 lbs per bike
- **Overall Bike Load Capacity:** 100 lbs
- **Towing Capacity:** 3000 lbs
- **Tongue Weight Capacity:** 300 lbs
- **Dimensions (L x W x H):** Approximately 45 x 19 x 5 inches (rack only)
- **Material:** Steel

Warranty Information

The Swagman Original 4 Towing Bike Rack comes with a 1-year limited warranty from the date of purchase. This warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship under normal use. It does not cover damage resulting from misuse, abuse, accidents, modifications, or normal wear and tear. For warranty claims or service, please contact Swagman customer support with your proof of purchase.

Customer Support

For further assistance, technical support, or to inquire about replacement parts, please visit the official Swagman website or contact their customer service department. Refer to the contact information provided on the product packaging or the Swagman website.

Note: Always refer to your vehicle's owner's manual for specific towing and hitch capacity guidelines.

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