Hollywood Racks F1B

Hollywood Racks F1B The Original 3-Bike Trunk Mount Rack

Model: F1B

Introduction

The Hollywood Racks F1B is the original fully pre-assembled and foldable trunk rack, designed to transport up to three bicycles. Its classic design and easy-to-use multi-position hinges make it a versatile and durable solution for most cars, vans, and SUVs. This manual provides detailed instructions for the safe and effective use of your F1B trunk mount bike rack.

Key features include:

- Carries up to three bikes.
- Fits most vehicles (check vehicle fit guide for compatibility).
- Easy to use multi-position hinges for quick setup.
- Comes fully pre-assembled for immediate use.
- Folds flat for convenient storage.
- Integrated tie-down strap for enhanced security.
- Generous 14.5-inch spacing between bike support arms to prevent bike-on-bike damage.
- Maximum capacity: 35 lbs per bicycle (not for use with E-Bikes).

Setup and Installation

Before installation, ensure both the vehicle's trunk surface and the rack's pads are clean to prevent scratches and ensure proper grip.

1. **Unfold the Rack:** Simply rotate the rack frames and select one of the three available positions. The hinges will lock the rack securely into place.
2. **Position on Vehicle:** Place the bottom pads of the rack near the vehicle's bumper. Rest the upper pads on the trunk lid.
3. **Attach Upper Straps:** Attach the two upper hooks to the top edge of the trunk lid.*Do not attach straps to glass surfaces.* Tighten these straps by pulling the loose strap ends forward until they are snug.

4. **Attach Lower Straps:** Take the lower hooks and attach them to the bottom edge of the trunk lid. Once the hooks are in place, tighten the straps by pulling down on the loose strap ends.
5. **Secure Side Straps:** (If applicable, based on rack design) Attach the side hooks to the side edges of the trunk or hatch and tighten.
6. **Verify Security:** Double-check all straps and connections to ensure the rack is firmly attached to the vehicle before loading bikes.



Image: The Hollywood Racks F1B bike rack securely mounted on the trunk of a black hatchback vehicle, demonstrating proper positioning.



Image: The Hollywood Racks F1B bike rack mounted on the trunk of a silver sedan, showing its adaptable fit for various vehicle types.

Operating Instructions (Loading Bikes)

For optimal stability and safety, follow these guidelines when loading bicycles:

1. **Re-tighten Straps:** Before installing any bikes, go back and re-tighten all the mounting straps. The initial positioning might cause slight slack.
2. **Load Heaviest Bike First:** Always load the heaviest bicycle closest to the vehicle. This helps maintain the rack's balance and stability.
3. **Alternate Handlebars:** When mounting multiple bikes, alternate the direction of the handlebars (e.g., first bike handlebars facing left, second bike handlebars facing right). This helps prevent handlebars from interfering with each other and allows for closer spacing.
4. **Secure Bikes with Tie-Down Straps:** Once all bikes are on the support arms, use the provided extra bike tie-down straps. Wrap the strap through the bike frame(s) and back into the buckle, pulling until snug. This prevents bikes from swaying or shifting during transit.
5. **Final Check:** After all bikes are loaded, re-check and re-tighten all rack mounting straps and bike tie-down straps. The weight of the bikes may have caused further shifting.



Image: A top-down perspective of the F1B rack, highlighting the design of the bike support arms and the strap mechanisms.



Image: The F1B rack shown in its folded configuration, demonstrating its compact design for easy storage when not in use.

Official Product Video

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Video: An instructional video demonstrating the setup and bike loading process for the Hollywood Racks F1B Trunk Mount Rack. This video covers unfolding the rack, attaching it to the vehicle's trunk, and securing bicycles onto the rack.

Maintenance

Regular maintenance ensures the longevity and safe operation of your Hollywood Racks F1B.

- **Cleaning:** Periodically clean the rack, especially the pads and contact points with the vehicle, to prevent dirt and debris from scratching your car's finish. Use mild soap and water.
- **Strap Inspection:** Regularly inspect all straps for fraying, cuts, or wear. Replace any damaged straps immediately.
- **Hinge Lubrication:** Apply a small amount of lubricant to the hinges occasionally to ensure smooth operation and prevent rust.
- **Storage:** When not in use, fold the rack flat and store it in a dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures to prolong its life.

Troubleshooting

Here are some common issues and their solutions:

- **Rack feels loose after installation:** Re-check all strap connections. Ensure they are routed correctly and pulled as tight as possible. The weight of the bikes can cause initial settling, so re-tighten after loading.
- **Bikes swaying during transit:** Ensure the integrated tie-down strap is properly secured through the bike frames and tightened. Additional tie-down straps (not included) can be used for extra security if needed.
- **Scratches on vehicle paint:** Always clean the vehicle's trunk surface and the rack's pads before installation. Ensure pads are free of debris. If scratches occur, they may be due to improper installation or dirty contact points.
- **Difficulty fitting certain bikes:** Kids' bikes, ladies' frame bikes, and some mountain bikes may require a top tube adapter (sold separately) to fit properly on the rack's support arms.

Specifications

Attribute	Detail
Brand	Hollywood Racks
Model Number	F1B
Capacity	Up to 3 Bicycles
Max Capacity per Bicycle	35 lbs (Not for E-Bikes)
Distance between Bike Support Arms	14.5 inches
Product Dimensions	18.7 x 10.6 x 27.2 inches
Item Weight	11 Pounds
Assembly	Fully Pre-assembled
Storage	Folds flat
Origin	Imported
First Available Date	October 18, 2001

Warranty and Support

The Hollywood Racks F1B Trunk Mount Rack is backed by a**lifetime warranty**, reflecting the manufacturer's confidence in its high-quality build and durability.

For detailed warranty information, product support, or to access the official user guide in PDF format, please visit the Hollywood Racks Store on Amazon or refer to the official user guide available atHollywood Racks F1B User Guide (PDF).

Always check the vehicle fit guide to ensure the rack is compatible with your specific vehicle model.

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