

Thule XADAPT7

Thule XADAPT7 Xsporter/Rapid Aero Adapter Instruction Manual

Model: XADAPT7

INTRODUCTION

The Thule XADAPT7 adapter kit is designed to facilitate the secure connection of certain Thule ski and snowboard carriers to Thule Rapid or Xsporter load bars. This kit ensures compatibility and proper fitment, allowing for safe transportation of your gear. Please read these instructions carefully before installation and use.

SAFETY INFORMATION

- Always ensure all components are securely fastened before driving.
- Do not exceed the maximum load capacity specified for your roof rack system or vehicle.
- Regularly check the tightness of all bolts and connections, especially after initial installation and before each trip.
- Drive at reduced speeds, especially on rough roads or in strong winds, when carrying loads on your roof.
- Be aware of the increased height and width of your vehicle when the carrier is installed, particularly when entering garages or low-clearance areas.
- Refer to your vehicle's owner's manual for any specific roof load recommendations.

PACKAGE CONTENTS

Verify that all parts are present before beginning installation. The Thule XADAPT7 kit typically includes:

- Adapter bolts (8 pieces, often longer than standard bolts)
- Associated washers and nuts (if applicable)
- Instruction sheet (this document)

Note: A star Allen key with a center pin may be required for installation and is typically not included with

this adapter kit. Ensure you have the necessary tools before starting.

SETUP AND INSTALLATION

This adapter kit is used to mount Thule ski and snowboard carriers (such as the Thule 91725 or 91726) onto Thule Rapid or Xsporter load bars, which often have thicker or uniquely shaped crossbars (e.g., WingBar Evo, Xsporter Pro). The XADAPT7 provides the necessary longer bolts for a secure fit.

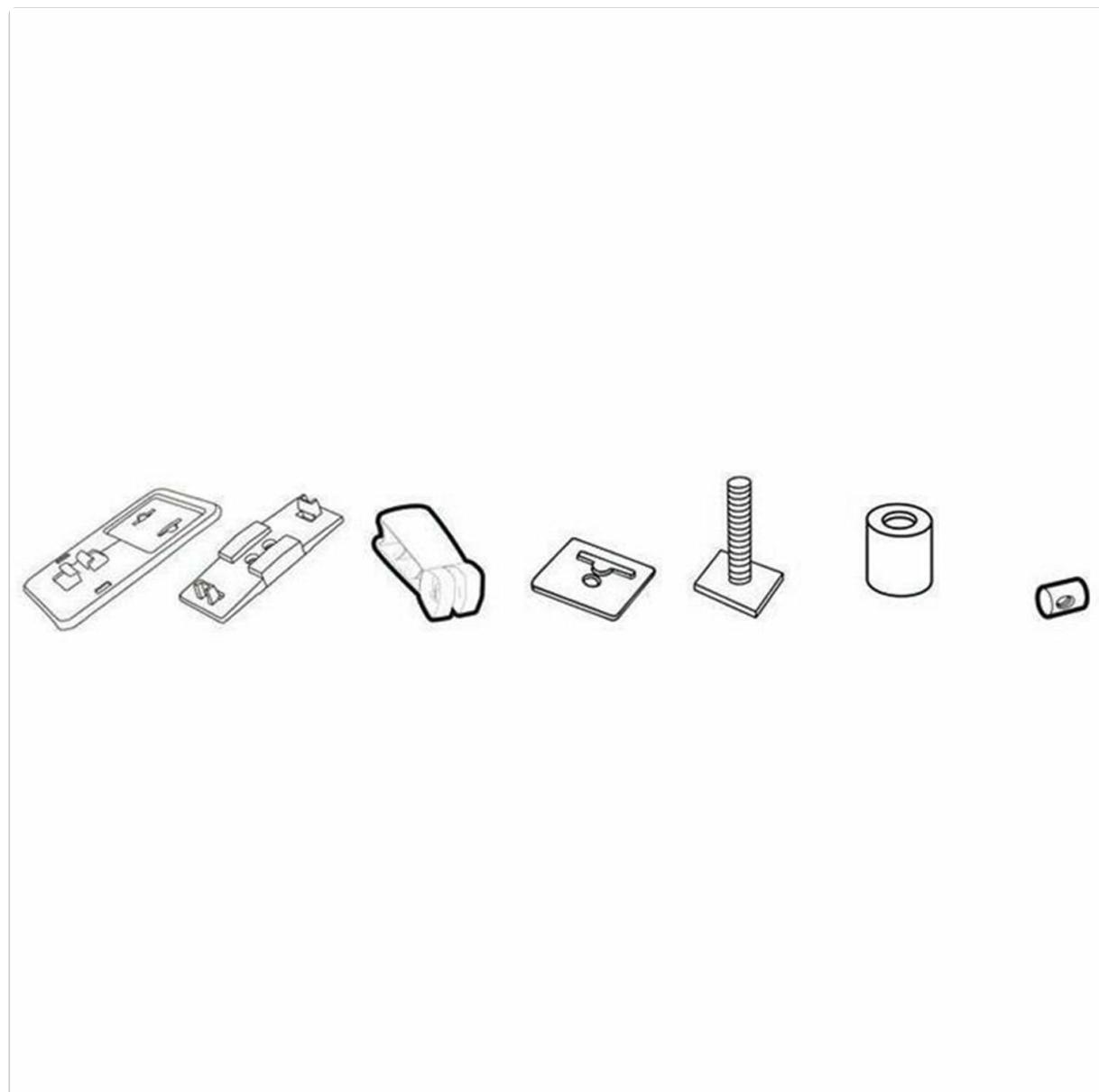


Image: Thule XADAPT7 adapter kit, showing the bolts and components used for securing carriers to load bars.

- 1. Prepare the Carrier:** If your ski or snowboard carrier is currently equipped with shorter bolts or a different mounting system, remove those components according to the carrier's instructions.
- 2. Position the Carrier:** Place the ski or snowboard carrier onto your Thule Rapid or Xsporter load bars in the desired position. Ensure it is centered and does not obstruct vehicle functions (e.g., sunroof, rear hatch).
- 3. Insert Adapter Bolts:** Insert the longer adapter bolts from the XADAPT7 kit through the designated mounting points on your ski/snowboard carrier and through the load bars.
- 4. Secure the Bolts:** Attach the corresponding nuts and washers (if provided) to the underside of the load bars. Hand-tighten all bolts initially.
- 5. Final Tightening:** Using the appropriate tool (e.g., star Allen key), progressively tighten all bolts

evenly. Ensure the carrier is firmly secured to the load bars without overtightening, which could damage components. Refer to your carrier's manual for specific torque specifications if available.

6. **Check Security:** After tightening, gently attempt to move the carrier to confirm it is rigidly attached to the load bars.

For visual guidance on Thule product testing and quality, consider the brand's commitment to safety and durability:



Image: Thule test center, illustrating rigorous testing procedures for carriers and racks to ensure product reliability.

OPERATION

Once the XADAPT7 kit is installed and your ski/snowboard carrier is securely mounted, operate your carrier according to its specific instruction manual. The adapter kit itself does not have operational components; its function is to provide a secure mounting interface.

- Ensure skis or snowboards are properly secured within the carrier before driving.
- Distribute weight evenly to maintain vehicle stability.

MAINTENANCE

Proper maintenance ensures the longevity and safe operation of your adapter kit and carrier system.

- **Regular Inspection:** Periodically inspect all bolts, nuts, and adapter components for signs of wear, corrosion, or damage.
- **Tightness Check:** Re-tighten all mounting bolts as needed, especially after long trips or exposure to vibrations.
- **Cleaning:** Clean the adapter components with mild soap and water. Avoid harsh chemicals that could damage materials.
- **Storage:** If removing the carrier and adapter for storage, keep all components together in a dry place.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues during installation or use, refer to the following common solutions:

- **Carrier Not Fitting:** Ensure you are using the correct Thule ski/snowboard carrier model that is compatible with the XADAPT7 kit. Verify that your load bars are Thule Rapid or Xsporter series.
- **Bolts Too Short:** If the bolts provided in the XADAPT7 kit still seem too short, double-check that you

have the correct adapter kit for your specific carrier and load bar combination. Contact Thule support if unsure.

- **Loose Connection:** Re-tighten all bolts. If bolts repeatedly loosen, consider using thread-locking compound (e.g., Loctite blue) on the threads, ensuring it is safe for the materials.
- **Missing Tool:** The XADAPT7 kit typically requires a star Allen key with a center pin. This tool is usually not included and must be acquired separately.

SPECIFICATIONS

Thule XADAPT7 Adapter Kit Specifications

Model Number	XADAPT7
Part Number	XADAPT7
Compatibility	Thule ski and snowboard carriers (e.g., 91725, 91726, 575) with Thule Rapid or Xsporter load bars
Material	Aluminum (for certain components, bolts may be steel)
Item Weight	Approximately 2.88 ounces (0.08 kg)
Item Package Dimensions	5.98 x 2.99 x 0.75 inches (15.19 x 7.59 x 1.91 cm)
Country of Origin	United States

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Thule products are tested and are subject to strict quality controls. Thule offers a limited warranty on its products. For specific warranty details, claims, or technical support, please visit the official Thule website or contact their customer service department. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty purposes. For further information and to explore the full range of Thule products designed to help you "Bring your life," please visit www.thule.com.



Image: Thule's philosophy, "Bring your life," emphasizing the brand's commitment to enabling active lifestyles.