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Model: SKY325 | Brand: Best Choice Products

## INTRODUCTION

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This manual provides detailed instructions for the safe and effective use of your Best Choice Products SKY325 4-Bicycle Hitch Mount Carrier. This carrier is designed to transport up to four bicycles, accommodating both adult and children's bikes, on vehicles equipped with a 1.25-inch or 2-inch hitch receiver. Please read all instructions carefully before installation and use.

## SAFETY INFORMATION

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- Always ensure the bike rack is securely attached to the vehicle's hitch receiver before loading bicycles.
- Verify that all bicycles are firmly secured to the rack using the provided hold-downs and straps.
- Do not exceed the maximum weight capacity of the bike rack or your vehicle's hitch receiver.
- Regularly inspect the rack for any signs of wear, damage, or loose components before each use.
- Be aware of the increased length and width of your vehicle when the bike rack is installed and loaded. Exercise caution when backing up or maneuvering in tight spaces.
- Ensure that the vehicle's taillights and license plate are not obstructed. If they are, consider using auxiliary lighting or license plate relocation.
- Avoid using the rack if any part is bent, broken, or compromised.

## PACKAGE CONTENTS

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The Best Choice Products SKY325 4-Bicycle Hitch Mount Carrier package typically includes:

- Main hitch mount frame assembly
- Bicycle support arms with hold-downs
- Hitch pin bolt and clip (or similar securing hardware)
- 1.25-inch to 2-inch hitch adapter sleeve (if applicable)

If any components are missing or damaged, contact customer support.

## SETUP AND INSTALLATION

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1. **Prepare the Hitch Receiver:** Ensure your vehicle's hitch receiver is clean and free of debris.
2. **Insert the Rack into the Hitch:**
  - If your vehicle has a 2-inch hitch receiver, slide the provided plastic adapter sleeve (if included) over the rack's hitch bar, then insert the hitch bar into the receiver.
  - If your vehicle has a 1.25-inch hitch receiver, insert the hitch bar directly into the receiver.
3. **Secure the Rack:** Align the hitch pin hole on the rack with the hole on your vehicle's receiver. Insert the hitch pin bolt through both holes. Tighten the bolt firmly with a wrench to eliminate any slack and ensure a snug fit. Attach the clip to secure the bolt.
4. **Adjust Support Arms:** The support arms may need to be unfolded or adjusted. Ensure they are locked into their horizontal position, ready to receive bicycles.



Image: The Best Choice Products SKY325 4-Bicycle Hitch Mount Carrier, showing its main frame, support arms, and hitch bar. This image illustrates the rack's structure prior to bicycle loading.

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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## Loading Bicycles

1. **Prepare Bicycles:** Remove any loose items from bicycles (e.g., water bottles, pumps, bags) that could fall off during transport.
2. **Position First Bicycle:** Lift the first bicycle and place its top tube onto the support arms. The individual cradles are designed to separate and firmly hold the bike frame.
3. **Secure Bicycle:** Use the integrated hold-downs and straps to firmly secure the bicycle frame to the support arms. Ensure the bike is stable and does not swing or make contact with other bikes or the vehicle.
4. **Load Additional Bicycles:** Repeat the process for additional bicycles, alternating their direction (e.g., handlebars facing left, then right) to optimize space and prevent contact. The rack can accommodate up to four bicycles.
5. **Final Check:** After loading all bicycles, perform a final check to ensure all bikes are securely fastened, and the rack itself remains stable in the hitch receiver.

## Unloading Bicycles

To unload, reverse the loading procedure, releasing the hold-downs and carefully removing each bicycle.



Image: The Best Choice Products SKY325 Bike Rack installed on a vehicle's hitch receiver, with one bicycle loaded. This demonstrates how a bicycle is positioned and secured on the rack.



Image: Rear view of the Best Choice Products SKY325 Bike Rack installed on a vehicle, showing its position relative to the vehicle's bumper and tailgate. This view highlights the rack's profile when attached.

## MAINTENANCE

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- **Cleaning:** Clean the bike rack periodically with mild soap and water to remove dirt, road grime, and salt. Rinse thoroughly and dry.
- **Lubrication:** Apply a light lubricant to any moving parts or pivot points (if applicable) to ensure smooth operation.
- **Inspection:** Regularly inspect all bolts, straps, and plastic components for wear, cracks, or damage. Replace any worn or damaged parts immediately. Pay close attention to the hitch pin bolt for rust or corrosion, especially if exposed to elements for extended periods.
- **Storage:** When not in use, store the bike rack in a dry, protected area to prevent corrosion and prolong its lifespan.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

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### Rack Wobbles in Hitch Receiver

Ensure the hitch pin bolt is fully inserted and tightened securely with a wrench. The bolt is designed to

eliminate slack. If wobbling persists, verify the hitch receiver size and adapter sleeve (if used) are correct.

## Bikes Not Secure

Confirm that all individual hold-downs and straps are properly engaged and tightened around the bicycle frames. Ensure bikes are positioned correctly in the cradles. Consider using additional bungee cords or straps for extra security, especially for longer trips or rough roads.

## Difficulty Loading Certain Bikes

Some bicycle frame designs (e.g., full suspension, women's step-through frames) may require a top tube adapter bar (sold separately) to sit properly on the rack's support arms.

## SPECIFICATIONS

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- **Model:** SKY325
- **Capacity:** Up to 4 bicycles (accommodates adult and children's bikes)
- **Hitch Compatibility:** 1.25-inch and 2-inch hitch receivers
- **Overall Dimensions (L x W x H):** Approximately 15" x 8" x 31"
- **Weight:** Approximately 17 lbs
- **Material:** Durable steel frame, thermoplastic rubber (TPR) hold-downs
- **Assembly:** No assembly required for the rack itself, only installation onto vehicle.

## WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

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Specific warranty information for the Best Choice Products SKY325 is not provided in this manual. For warranty details, technical support, or to inquire about replacement parts, please refer to the product packaging or contact Best Choice Products customer service directly.

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