



[Manuals.plus](#) /

› [Thule](#) /

› [Thule Roof Rack System Fit Kit 1488 Instruction Manual](#)

Thule KIT1488

Thule Roof Rack System Fit Kit 1488 Instruction Manual

Model: KIT1488

[Introduction](#)

[Setup](#)

[Operating](#)

[Maintenance](#)

[Troubleshooting](#)

[Specifications](#)

[Warranty & Support](#)

1. INTRODUCTION

The Thule Roof Rack System Fit Kit 1488 is a vehicle-specific component designed to provide a secure and precise attachment point for your Thule foot pack and load bars. This fit kit is an integral part of the Thule Traverse system, ensuring the strongest hold and safest fit for your roof rack. Please note that the foot pack and load bars are sold separately and are required to complete your Thule roof rack system.

This manual provides essential information for the correct installation, safe operation, and proper maintenance of your Fit Kit 1488. Adhering to these instructions will ensure optimal performance and longevity of your Thule roof rack system.



Image 1.1: Example of Thule Fit Kit components, including custom-molded rubber pads and metal brackets.

2. SETUP AND INSTALLATION

Proper installation of the Fit Kit 1488 is crucial for the safety and stability of your entire roof rack system. Always refer to the detailed instructions provided with your Thule foot pack and your vehicle's owner's manual for specific guidelines.

2.1 Safety Precautions

- Ensure your vehicle is parked on a level surface and the parking brake is engaged.
- Do not exceed the maximum load capacity specified by both Thule and your vehicle manufacturer.
- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment if necessary.

2.2 Required Tools (Not Included)

- Torque wrench (often included with Thule foot packs)
- Measuring tape
- Soft cloth for cleaning

2.3 Installation Steps

1. **Identify Vehicle-Specific Points:** Locate the designated mounting points on your vehicle's roof. These may be naked roof edges, fixed points, flush rails, or mounting tracks, as specified for Fit Kit 1488.
2. **Clean Mounting Surfaces:** Thoroughly clean the areas on your vehicle's roof where the fit kit components will make contact. This ensures a secure grip and prevents damage to your vehicle's paint.
3. **Assemble Fit Kit Components:** Attach the custom-molded rubber pads to the metal brackets of the Fit Kit 1488. Ensure they are correctly oriented and seated firmly.
4. **Integrate with Foot Pack:** Securely attach the assembled fit kit components to the Thule foot packs

according to the foot pack's instruction manual. Pay close attention to any specific alignment or fastening requirements.

5. **Mount to Vehicle:** Carefully place the foot packs with the attached fit kits onto the designated mounting points on your vehicle's roof. Adjust their position to match the measurements provided in the foot pack manual.
6. **Tighten and Torque:** Using a torque wrench, tighten all fasteners to the specifications provided in the foot pack manual. Ensure even tightening on both sides of the vehicle.
7. **Final Check:** Double-check all connections to ensure they are tight and secure. Gently pull on the assembled roof rack to confirm stability.

3. OPERATING GUIDELINES

Once your Thule Roof Rack System, including Fit Kit 1488, is correctly installed, observe the following guidelines for safe operation:

- **Load Capacity:** Never exceed the maximum load capacity specified for your Thule roof rack system or your vehicle's roof. Refer to both manuals for the lower of the two limits.
- **Weight Distribution:** Distribute cargo evenly across the load bars. Secure all items firmly to prevent shifting during transit.
- **Regular Checks:** Periodically check the tightness of all mounting bolts and connections, especially before long trips and after driving on rough roads.
- **Driving Habits:** Be aware that a loaded roof rack can affect your vehicle's handling, braking, and fuel economy. Drive cautiously, especially in crosswinds and when cornering.
- **Height Clearance:** Remember the increased height of your vehicle with the roof rack and any mounted accessories. Be mindful of low clearances in garages, car washes, and drive-thrus.

4. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance will help preserve the condition and functionality of your Thule Fit Kit 1488 and the entire roof rack system.

- **Cleaning:** Clean the fit kit components and surrounding roof areas regularly with mild soap and water. Avoid harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners that could damage the materials or your vehicle's finish.
- **Inspection:** Routinely inspect all parts of the fit kit for signs of wear, damage, cracks, or corrosion. Pay close attention to rubber pads and metal brackets. Replace any damaged components immediately.
- **Fastener Check:** Ensure all bolts and fasteners remain tight. Re-torque them to the specified settings if they feel loose.
- **Seasonal Removal:** If the roof rack is not needed for extended periods, consider removing it to reduce wear and tear on the components and improve fuel efficiency. Store components in a dry, protected area.

5. TROUBLESHOOTING

Here are solutions to common issues you might encounter with your Thule Fit Kit 1488:

5.1 Loose Fit or Movement

- **Solution:** Re-check all installation steps. Ensure the Fit Kit 1488 is correctly matched to your specific

vehicle model and year. Verify that all fasteners are tightened to the recommended torque specifications. Inspect rubber pads for wear or damage that might compromise grip.

5.2 Excessive Wind Noise

- **Solution:** While some wind noise is normal with any roof rack, excessive noise might indicate improper installation or incorrect positioning of load bars. Ensure the fit kit and foot packs are installed symmetrically and at the correct distances. Check for any loose components.

5.3 Damage to Vehicle Surface

- **Solution:** This usually occurs due to improper installation, overtightening, or failure to clean mounting surfaces. Ensure rubber pads are correctly seated and free of debris. Always follow torque specifications to avoid overtightening.

5.4 Missing or Damaged Parts

- **Solution:** If any components of your Fit Kit 1488 are missing or damaged upon receipt, do not attempt installation. Contact Thule customer support or your retailer for assistance.

6. SPECIFICATIONS

Brand	Thule
Model Number	KIT1488
Product Dimensions (L x W x H)	15.24 x 15.24 x 7.62 cm
Item Weight	1.1 kg
Material	Durable metal brackets and custom-molded rubber pads
Mounting Type	Vehicle-specific attachment for roof-mounted systems
Compatible Vehicle Type	Car (specific models as per Thule Buyer's Guide)
GTIN/UPC	091021114883

7. WARRANTY & SUPPORT

7.1 Warranty Information

The Thule Roof Rack System Fit Kit 1488 is covered by Thule's Limited Lifetime Guarantee. This warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship. For full details regarding the terms and conditions of the warranty, including how to make a claim, please refer to the official Thule website or contact Thule customer service.

7.2 Customer Support

For any questions, technical assistance, or support regarding your Thule Roof Rack System Fit Kit 1488, please visit the official [Thule website customer service section](#) or contact their support team directly. When contacting support, please have your product model number (KIT1488) and purchase information readily available.

