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Model: 1039800

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential instructions for the safe and effective use of your Highland 1039800 Expandable Car Top Bag. Please read all instructions thoroughly before installation, operation, and maintenance to ensure proper usage and longevity of the product. Retain this manual for future reference.

SAFETY INFORMATION

Adhering to these safety guidelines is crucial for preventing accidents and damage to your vehicle or cargo.

- **Weight Limits:** Do not exceed the maximum weight capacity of the car top bag or your vehicle's roof rack system. Refer to your vehicle's owner's manual for roof load limits.
- **Proper Securing:** Always ensure the car top bag is securely fastened to your vehicle's roof rack using all provided straps. Regularly check strap tension during long trips.
- **Even Weight Distribution:** Distribute cargo weight evenly within the bag to maintain vehicle stability and handling. Place heavier items at the bottom and center.
- **Driving Speed:** Reduce vehicle speed, especially in strong winds, during heavy rain, or on rough terrain, when the car top bag is in use.
- **Clearance:** Be aware of increased vehicle height when the bag is installed, especially when entering garages, car washes, or low-clearance areas.
- **Proposition 65 Warning:** This product may contain chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. Wash hands after handling.

PACKAGE CONTENTS

Verify that all components are present before proceeding with installation:

- Highland 1039800 Expandable Car Top Bag
- Mounting Straps (pre-attached or included separately)

SETUP AND INSTALLATION

The Highland 1039800 Car Top Bag is designed for mounting on most factory and aftermarket roof racks.

1. **Prepare the Roof Rack:** Ensure your vehicle's roof rack is clean, dry, and securely installed according to its manufacturer's instructions.
2. **Position the Bag:** Place the empty car top bag centrally on your vehicle's roof rack. Ensure it does not obstruct your view or interfere with vehicle components.
3. **Expand the Bag (Optional):** If additional capacity is needed, locate the expansion zipper around the base of the bag. Unzip it to increase the bag's volume from 10 to 15 cubic feet.



Image: Expanding the Highland 1039800 Car Top Bag. The zipper allows for an increase in storage capacity.

4. **Secure the Bag:** Utilize the integrated mounting straps. Route each strap around a crossbar or side rail of your roof rack and back to its buckle on the bag. Tighten all straps firmly and evenly to prevent movement during transit. Ensure no loose strap ends are flapping.



Image: Highland 1039800 Car Top Bag installed on a vehicle's roof rack. Note the secure strap placement.

5. **Final Check:** Before driving, gently push and pull on the bag to confirm it is rigidly attached and does not shift. Re-tighten straps if any movement is detected.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Loading Cargo:** Open the main zipper. Place items inside, distributing weight evenly. For optimal performance and stability, place heavier items towards the center and bottom of the bag.
2. **Securing Cargo:** Close the main zipper completely. Ensure the rain flap covers the zipper entirely to provide weather resistance.
3. **Driving with Cargo:** Periodically check the security of the bag and the tension of the straps during your journey, especially after the first few miles and at rest stops. Adjust as necessary.



Image: Highland 1039800 Car Top Bag on a vehicle, demonstrating its profile when loaded.

MAINTENANCE

- **Cleaning:** Clean the car top bag with mild soap and water. Do not use harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners, as these can damage the material and water-resistant coating. Rinse thoroughly and allow to air dry completely before storage.
- **Storage:** When not in use, fold the bag neatly and store it in a dry, cool place away from direct sunlight. This will help preserve the material and extend the product's lifespan.

TROUBLESHOOTING

- **Cargo Shifting:** If cargo shifts during transit, pull over safely, open the bag, and redistribute the weight more evenly. Re-tighten all straps.
- **Water Entry:** While the bag is weather-resistant, it is not fully waterproof. Ensure the main zipper is fully closed and the rain flap is properly positioned over it. For sensitive items, consider placing them in additional waterproof bags inside the carrier.
- **Strap Loosening:** If straps loosen, re-tighten them firmly. Ensure straps are routed correctly through buckles and not twisted.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Number	1039800
Item Volume	10-15 Cubic Feet (Expandable)
Mounting Type	Roof Mount
Shell Type	Soft
Item Weight	5.49 pounds
Product Dimensions (Expanded)	39"L x 32"W x 21"H
Material	Oxford Cloth, Nylon, Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC), Vinyl
Color	Black/Gray
Water Resistance Level	Water Resistant

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information or technical support regarding your Highland 1039800 Expandable Car Top Bag, please refer to the product packaging or contact Highland customer service directly. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase.