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Brand: Thule | Model: 538XT

INTRODUCTION

The Thule 538XT 6-Foot One-Key System Cable Lock is designed to provide reliable security for your bikes, boats, and other gear. This robust cable lock helps prevent theft by allowing you to secure your equipment to a rack or other fixed anchor points. Its 6-foot length accommodates multiple items, and the plastic coating protects surfaces from scratches. The self-coiling design ensures easy storage when not in use.

Key Features:

- **6-Foot Braided Steel Cable:** Offers extended reach for securing multiple items or larger objects.
- **One-Key Lock Cylinder:** Integrates with Thule's One-Key System for convenience, allowing you to use a single key for multiple Thule products.
- **Protective Plastic Coating:** Prevents scratching and damage to your equipment and vehicle surfaces.
- **Self-Coiling Design:** Facilitates easy storage and portability.
- **Versatile Application:** Suitable for securing bikes, boat seats, and other gear to racks or fixed structures.

PRODUCT OVERVIEW



Figure 1: The Thule 538XT Cable Lock in its coiled state, showing the lock mechanism and cable ends.

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Video 1: Product Overview - This video demonstrates the features and basic operation of the Thule 538XT Cable Lock, including how to insert the key and secure the cable.

SETUP

1. **Unpack the Lock:** Carefully remove the Thule 538XT cable lock and its keys from the packaging. You should have one cable lock and two keys.
2. **Inspect Components:** Ensure all parts are present and undamaged. The lock cylinder is typically pre-installed or included separately for insertion.
3. **Familiarize with Key Operation:** The lock operates with a key. Insert one of the provided keys into the lock cylinder and turn it to ensure smooth operation. The lock mechanism should retract or extend as the key is turned.
4. **Optional: Thule One-Key System Integration:** If you have other Thule products that use the One-Key System, you can replace the included lock cylinder with a matching cylinder from your existing system. Refer to your Thule One-Key System instructions for detailed steps on cylinder replacement.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Prepare the Cable:** Uncoil the 6-foot braided steel cable. Its self-coiling nature will allow it to extend easily.
2. **Position Your Gear:** Place your bicycle, boat, or other equipment next to a secure, immovable object such as a bike rack, sturdy pole, or tree.
3. **Thread the Cable:** Pass the cable through the frame of your bicycle, around the seat post of your boat, or through any secure point on your gear. Ensure the cable also wraps around the immovable object you are securing to. The 6-foot length allows for securing multiple bikes or larger items.
4. **Engage the Lock:** Bring the free end of the cable back to the lock mechanism. Insert the metal pin of the free cable end into the receiving port on the lock body until it clicks securely into place.

5. **Lock the Mechanism:** Insert the key into the lock cylinder and turn it to the locked position. Remove the key. The cable should now be firmly secured and unable to be pulled apart.
6. **Verify Security:** Gently tug on the cable and your secured item to ensure the lock is fully engaged and cannot be easily removed.
7. **Unlock and Remove:** To unlock, insert the key into the lock cylinder and turn it to the unlocked position. The cable end will release. Pull the cable free from your gear and the anchor point.
8. **Store the Lock:** Allow the cable to self-coil for compact storage. Keep the keys in a safe and memorable location.

MAINTENANCE

- **Cleaning:** Periodically wipe down the cable and lock mechanism with a damp cloth to remove dirt and grime. Avoid harsh chemicals that could damage the plastic coating.
- **Lubrication:** If the key mechanism becomes stiff or difficult to turn, apply a small amount of graphite lubricant or a silicone-based spray lubricant specifically designed for locks into the keyhole. Do not use oil-based lubricants as they can attract dirt.
- **Inspection:** Regularly inspect the braided steel cable for any signs of fraying, cuts, or damage to the plastic coating. Check the lock mechanism for any loose parts or unusual wear. If significant damage is found, consider replacing the lock for optimal security.
- **Key Care:** Keep your keys clean and dry. Avoid bending or forcing them into the lock. If a key is damaged, use your spare key and consider ordering a replacement if available.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Key is difficult to insert or turn.	Dirt or debris in the keyhole; lack of lubrication; bent key.	Clean the keyhole with compressed air. Apply graphite or silicone lubricant. Try the spare key. Do not force a bent key.
Cable end does not fully engage/lock.	Obstruction in the receiving port; lock mechanism misalignment; key not fully turned.	Check for debris in the receiving port. Ensure the key is fully inserted and turned to the locked position.
Lock cylinder feels loose or falls out.	Improper installation of the lock cylinder; wear and tear.	Ensure the lock cylinder is correctly seated and secured. If it continues to be loose, contact Thule support.
Cable appears damaged (frayed, cut).	Physical wear or attempted tampering.	A damaged cable compromises security. Replace the lock immediately.

SPECIFICATIONS

- **Model:** 538XT
- **Brand:** Thule
- **Lock Type:** Cable Lock
- **Cable Length:** 6 Feet
- **Material:** Braided Steel Cable with Plastic Coating
- **Color:** Black

- **Special Feature:** Portable
- **Recommended Uses:** Cycling, securing boats/gear to racks
- **Included Components:** 1 Cable Lock, 1 One-Key Lock Cylinder, 2 Keys
- **Item Weight:** Approximately 0.88 Pounds (0.4 Kilograms - Package Weight)
- **Country of Origin:** China

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

The Thule 538XT One-Key System Cable Lock comes with a **Limited Warranty**. For specific warranty details, claims, or technical support, please refer to the official Thule website or contact Thule customer service directly. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase for warranty purposes.

For further assistance, visit the [Thule Store on Amazon](#) or the official Thule website.