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## Thule 3097

# Thule 183097 Fixpoint Fitting Kit

Instruction Manual

## PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Thule 183097 Fixpoint Fitting Kit is a specialized accessory designed to enable the secure installation of a Thule roof rack system on vehicles that do not come equipped with pre-existing roof rack attachment points or factory-installed racks. This kit provides the necessary components for a custom, precise fit, ensuring the stability and safety of your roof rack and any mounted cargo.

## WHAT'S IN THE Box



The image displays the retail packaging for the Thule 183097 Fixpoint Fitting Kit, a black box with the Thule logo and 'KIT' prominently displayed.

Upon opening the Thule 183097 Fixpoint Fitting Kit, you will find the following components:

- Metal brackets: These are the primary structural components that connect the roof rack to your vehicle's specific attachment points.
- Rubber pads: Designed to protect your vehicle's paintwork and provide a secure, non-slip interface between the metal brackets and the vehicle roof.
- Fasteners and small hardware: Various screws, bolts, and washers necessary for assembly and secure attachment.
- Detailed instruction manual: Provides step-by-step guidance for proper installation.

## SETUP AND INSTALLATION

Proper installation of the Thule 183097 Fixpoint Fitting Kit is crucial for the safety and performance of your roof rack system. Always refer to the detailed instructions provided within your kit, as specific steps may vary slightly depending on your vehicle model.

1. **Preparation:** Ensure your vehicle's roof is clean and dry where the fitting kit will be installed. Identify the designated fixpoint

locations on your vehicle, typically under removable covers or within door frames.

2. **Attach Rubber Pads:** Carefully place the provided rubber pads onto the vehicle's roof at the designated fixpoint locations. These pads protect the vehicle's finish and provide grip.
3. **Position Metal Brackets:** Align the metal brackets from the kit with the fixpoint locations, ensuring they sit flush against the rubber pads and the vehicle's surface.
4. **Secure Brackets:** Use the supplied fasteners to securely attach the metal brackets to your vehicle's fixpoints. Tighten all fasteners according to the torque specifications provided in your kit's manual to ensure a firm and safe connection. Do not overtighten.
5. **Mount Roof Rack Feet:** Once the fitting kit is securely installed, you can then attach the Thule roof rack feet (sold separately) to the newly established attachment points provided by this kit. Follow the instructions for your specific roof rack feet for proper mounting.
6. **Final Check:** Before use, double-check all connections and fasteners to ensure they are tight and secure. Gently pull on the installed roof rack to confirm its stability.

## OPERATING PRINCIPLES

The Thule 183097 Fixpoint Fitting Kit operates by creating a robust and custom-fit interface between your vehicle's roof and a Thule roof rack system. Once installed, the metal brackets and rubber pads work in conjunction to distribute the load evenly and provide a stable platform for carrying cargo. The kit ensures that the roof rack is securely anchored to the vehicle's structural points, preventing movement and ensuring safety during transit. Always adhere to the maximum load capacity specified for your vehicle and your Thule roof rack system.

## MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance of your Thule Fixpoint Fitting Kit will ensure its longevity and continued safe operation.

- **Periodic Inspection:** Routinely check all fasteners and connections for tightness, especially after the first few uses and before long trips. Vibrations and road conditions can sometimes loosen components.
- **Cleanliness:** Keep the fitting kit components clean from dirt, dust, and road grime. Use a mild soap and water solution, then rinse thoroughly and dry. Avoid harsh chemicals that could damage the rubber or metal finishes.
- **Rubber Pad Condition:** Inspect the rubber pads for any signs of wear, cracking, or degradation. Damaged pads should be replaced to maintain proper grip and protect your vehicle.
- **Storage:** If removing the roof rack and fitting kit for extended periods, store the components in a dry, clean place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your Thule 183097 Fixpoint Fitting Kit, consider the following common problems and solutions:

- **Kit Does Not Fit Vehicle:**

**Issue:** The kit components do not seem to align with your vehicle's fixpoints or the overall fit is incorrect.

**Solution:** Double-check that you have purchased the correct Thule fitting kit for your specific vehicle make, model, and year. Thule kits are highly vehicle-specific. Refer to Thule's official fit guide or contact Thule customer support for verification.

- **Loose or Wobbly Roof Rack After Installation:**

**Issue:** Despite installation, the roof rack feels unstable.

**Solution:** Re-check all fasteners on the fitting kit and the roof rack feet. Ensure they are tightened to the specified torque settings. Verify that all components are correctly seated and aligned according to the instruction manual.

- **Damage to Vehicle Paintwork:**

**Issue:** Scratches or marks appear on the vehicle's roof after installation.

**Solution:** Ensure all rubber pads are correctly positioned and are not folded or displaced during installation. Always clean

the vehicle's surface thoroughly before installation to prevent trapped debris from causing scratches.

- **Missing or Damaged Parts:**

**Issue:** Components are missing from the box or appear damaged upon arrival.

**Solution:** Contact the retailer or Thule customer support immediately to arrange for replacement parts.

## SPECIFICATIONS

<b>Brand</b>	Thule
<b>Model</b>	Kit 3097 Fixpoint XT
<b>Item Model Number</b>	3097
<b>Item Weight</b>	1.98 pounds (0.9 kg)
<b>Product Dimensions (L x W x H)</b>	6.3 x 6.3 x 2.95 inches (16 x 16 x 7.5 cm)
<b>Mounting Type</b>	Roof Rack (Fixpoint)
<b>Manufacturer</b>	Thule GmbH

## WARRANTY INFORMATION

Thule products are known for their quality and are often backed by a manufacturer's warranty. For specific warranty terms, conditions, and duration applicable to your Thule 183097 Fixpoint Fitting Kit, please refer to the warranty documentation included with your product or visit the official Thule website. Retain your proof of purchase for any warranty claims.

## CUSTOMER SUPPORT

Should you require further assistance, have questions regarding installation, or need to report an issue, please contact Thule customer support directly. You can typically find contact information, including phone numbers and email addresses, on the official Thule website or within the product packaging.

Visit the official Thule Store for more information and support: [Thule Store on Amazon](#)