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Thule ProRide 598001 Roof Bike Rack Instruction Manual

Model: 598001 | Brand: Thule

Product Overview

The Thule ProRide 598001 is an upright bike carrier designed for quick and convenient mounting of bikes up to 20 kg. It features a uniquely designed frame holder and wheel tray that automatically position your bike for secure transport. The torque limiter dial ensures correct mounting force, and large, soft claw pads minimize the risk of frame damage. Stable wheels are firmly fixed with diagonal quick-release wheel straps.



Figure 1: Thule ProRide 598001 Roof Bike Rack

Setup and Installation

Follow these steps to properly set up and install your Thule ProRide 598001 roof bike rack on your vehicle's roof bars.

1. **Attach to Roof Bars:** Place the bike carrier onto your vehicle's roof bars. Ensure the carrier is centered and aligned.
2. **Secure the Carrier:** Use the integrated mounting system to firmly attach the carrier to the roof bars. Tighten the clamps until secure.
3. **Adjust Wheel Tray:** The wheel tray can be adjusted to accommodate different bike wheelbases. Ensure it is set to the appropriate length for your bike.
4. **Position Frame Holder:** The frame holder arm should be in an upright position, ready to receive the bike frame.



Figure 2: Side view of the Thule ProRide 598001, showing its profile on roof bars.



Figure 3: Close-up of the mounting mechanism for securing the carrier to roof bars.

Installation Video Guide

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Roof Bike Rack - Thule ProRide 598_Trim

Video 1: Official Thule ProRide 598 Installation and Usage Guide. This video demonstrates the complete setup process, from attaching the rack to loading and securing a bike.

Operating Instructions

Loading and securing your bike on the Thule ProRide 598001 is designed to be quick and easy.

1. **Lift and Position Bike:** Lift your bike onto the carrier. The uniquely designed frame holder and wheel tray will automatically position the bike.
2. **Secure Frame:** Use the frame holder arm to clamp onto your bike's frame. The torque limiter dial controls the force, providing a clear sign of correct mounting when it clicks.
3. **Strap Wheels:** Secure both front and rear wheels using the diagonal quick-release wheel straps. This ensures stable positioning during transport.
4. **Lock the Bike:** For added security, use the integrated lock to secure the bike to the carrier and the carrier to the roof bars.



Figure 4: A person demonstrating the ease of loading a bike onto the Thule ProRide 598001.



Figure 5: Detailed view of the frame holder with soft claw pads, designed to protect the bike frame.



Figure 6: A bike securely mounted on the Thule ProRide 598001, ready for transport.

Maintenance

Regular maintenance ensures the longevity and safe operation of your Thule ProRide 598001.

- **Cleaning:** Clean the carrier regularly with mild soap and water, especially after exposure to dirt, salt, or harsh weather conditions. Rinse thoroughly and dry.
- **Lubrication:** Periodically lubricate moving parts, such as the frame holder mechanism and locking cylinder, with a silicone-based lubricant to ensure smooth operation.
- **Inspect Straps and Pads:** Check the wheel straps and frame pads for any signs of wear, tear, or damage. Replace if necessary to maintain secure bike transport and frame protection.
- **Check Fasteners:** Before each use, ensure all bolts, nuts, and clamps are securely tightened.

Troubleshooting

Here are some common issues and their potential solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution

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Bike not stable on carrier	Improper frame clamping or loose wheel straps.	Ensure the torque limiter dial clicks when tightening the frame holder. Verify wheel straps are tightly secured.
Difficulty locking/unlocking	Dirt or corrosion in the lock cylinder.	Apply a small amount of lock lubricant (e.g., graphite powder or silicone spray) to the keyhole and work the key.
Carrier feels loose on roof bars	Mounting clamps are not sufficiently tightened.	Re-tighten all mounting clamps to the roof bars according to the installation instructions.

Specifications

- **Brand:** Thule
- **Model:** 598 Pro Ride (598001)
- **Color:** Silver
- **Load Capacity:** 44.1 Pounds (20 kg)
- **Mounting Type:** Wheel Mount, Strap Mount
- **Product Dimensions (L x W x H):** 57.09 x 12.6 x 3.35 inches
- **Item Weight:** 9.24 pounds
- **Key Features:**
  - Automatic bike positioning with frame holder and wheel tray.
  - Torque limiter dial for correct mounting force.
  - Large, soft claw pads to minimize frame damage.
  - Extended lower jaw to prevent bike from falling.
  - Diagonal quick-release wheel straps for stable wheels.

Optional Accessories

Enhance your Thule ProRide 598001 with these compatible accessories:

- **Thule Carbon Frame Protector 984:** For safe transport of bikes with carbon frames. This adapter distributes pressure over a larger surface area, preventing damage to sensitive carbon frames.
- **Thule ProRide Fat Bike Adapter 5981:** Allows transport of fat bikes with wider tires. This adapter replaces the standard wheel straps and cradles to accommodate larger tire sizes.



Figure 7: Thule Carbon Frame Protector 984 installed on a bike frame.



Figure 8: Thule ProRide Fat Bike Adapter 5981 for wider tires.

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