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Model: 934100

1. INTRODUCTION

The Thule EasyFold XT 3B is a compact and lightweight towbar-mounted bicycle carrier designed for convenient daily use. This carrier is engineered to transport up to three bicycles safely and efficiently. It features an advanced towbar coupling for easy mounting and immediate stability, removable frame holders for simple bike loading, and extendable wheel trays to accommodate various bicycle wheelbases. The carrier also includes a practical tilt mechanism, operated by a foot pedal, allowing easy access to your vehicle's trunk even with bikes loaded.

This product is pre-assembled, requiring no tools for initial setup. It has undergone City-Crash testing, is TÜV/GS certified, and holds EuroBE type approval, ensuring high safety standards.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

- **Vehicle Compatibility:** This carrier is not suitable for vehicles with low tailgates, such as the VW T6 or Mercedes Viano. Always verify compatibility with your vehicle's towbar and tailgate design before use.
- **Load Capacity:** Do not exceed the maximum load capacity of 60 kg for the carrier or the maximum permissible towbar load of your vehicle, whichever is lower.
- **Secure Attachment:** Ensure the carrier is securely attached to the towbar and the locking lever is fully engaged before loading any bicycles.
- **Bike Securing:** Always use all provided frame holders and wheel straps to secure bicycles firmly to the carrier. Check that bikes are stable and do not obstruct vehicle lights or license plate.
- **Electrical Connection:** Ensure the 13-pin electrical connector is properly inserted and all lights are functioning correctly before driving.
- **Driving Behavior:** Adjust your driving speed and style to account for the added weight and dimensions of the carrier and bikes. Avoid sudden braking or sharp turns.
- **Regular Checks:** Periodically check all connections and fastenings during longer journeys.

3. SETUP AND INSTALLATION

Follow these steps to correctly install your Thule EasyFold XT 3B bicycle carrier:

1. **Unfolding the Carrier:** Carefully unfold the carrier from its compact storage position. Ensure all components click into place.
2. **Mounting on Towbar:** Place the carrier onto the towbar. The design allows for immediate stability, making it easier to adjust the carrier before fully locking the tension lever.
3. **Securing to Towbar:** Push down the locking lever firmly until it engages. Verify that the carrier is securely fixed and cannot be easily removed from the towbar.
4. **Connecting Electrical Plug:** Insert the 13-pin electrical plug into your vehicle's towbar socket. Check that all rear lights (brake, indicators, tail lights) on the carrier are operational.
5. **Adjusting Wheel Trays:** Extend the wheel trays as needed to match the wheelbase of your bicycles.
6. **Installing License Plate:** Attach your vehicle's license plate to the designated area on the carrier.



Image 1: The Thule EasyFold XT 3B carrier unfolded and ready for use.



Image 2: Front view of the carrier, highlighting its structure and bike attachment points.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Loading and securing your bicycles:

1. **Prepare the Carrier:** Ensure the carrier is securely mounted and the wheel trays are extended.
2. **Position Bicycles:** Place the first bicycle onto the carrier, positioning its wheels in the designated trays.
3. **Secure Frame:** Use the removable frame holders to grip the bicycle frame. Adjust the holder's position and tighten the knob until the bike is firmly held.
4. **Secure Wheels:** Use the long ratchet straps to secure the bicycle wheels to the wheel trays. Pull the straps tight to prevent movement.
5. **Load Additional Bikes:** Repeat the process for the second and third bicycles, ensuring proper spacing and secure attachment for each.
6. **Tilt Function:** To access your vehicle's trunk, press the foot pedal located at the base of the carrier. The carrier will tilt, allowing clearance for the tailgate. Return the carrier to its upright position until it locks securely before driving.



Image 3: Detail of the removable frame holder securing a bicycle frame.

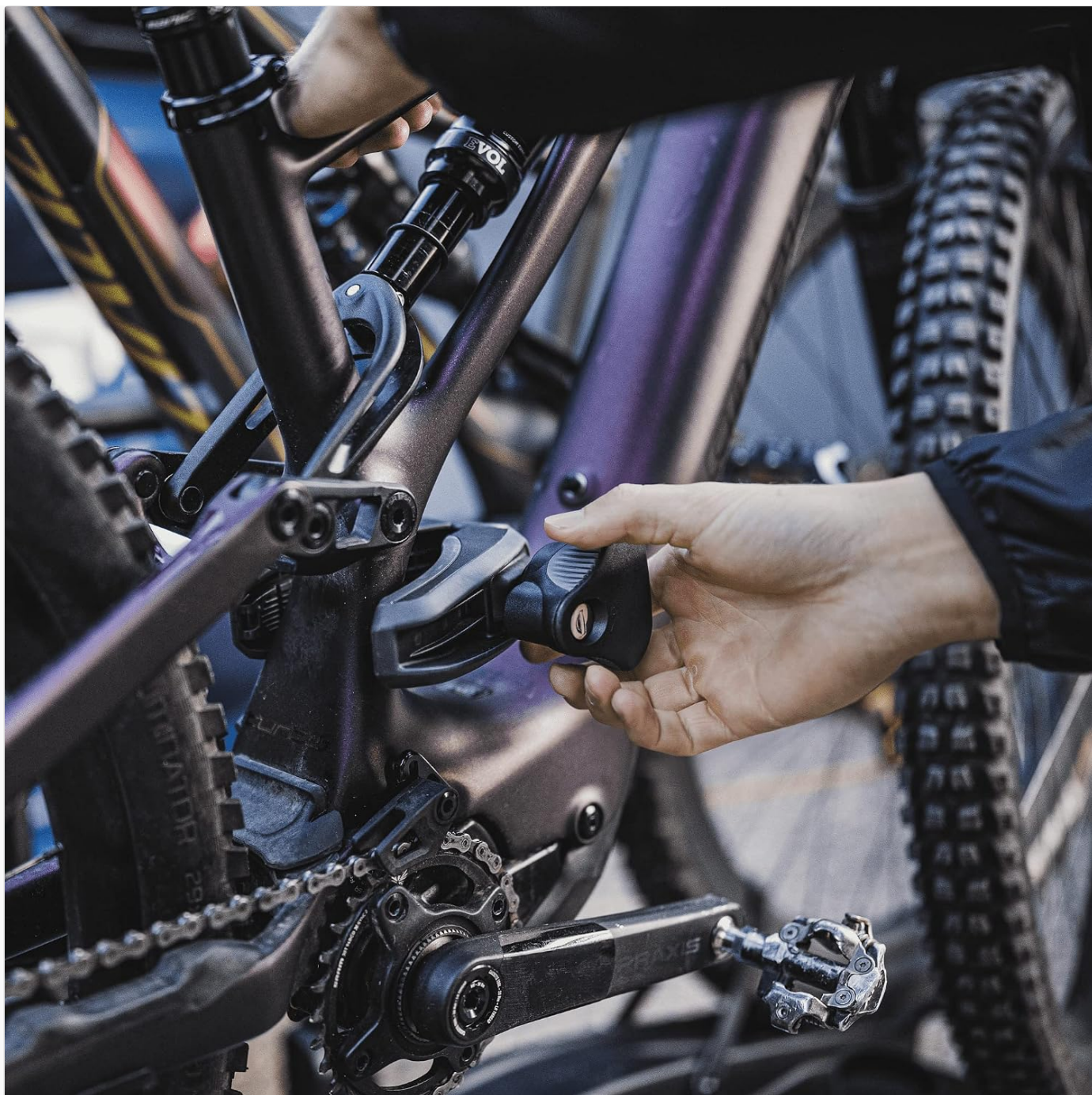


Image 4: Securing a bicycle wheel with the provided ratchet strap.



Image 5: The carrier fully loaded with three bicycles.

5. MAINTENANCE

Proper maintenance ensures the longevity and safe operation of your Thule EasyFold XT 3B carrier:

- **Cleaning:** Clean the carrier regularly with mild soap and water, especially after exposure to road salt or dirt. Avoid abrasive cleaners.
- **Lubrication:** Periodically lubricate moving parts, such as the tilt mechanism and locking points, with a suitable lubricant to ensure smooth operation.
- **Inspection:** Before each use, inspect all straps, knobs, and locking mechanisms for wear, damage, or proper function. Replace any worn or damaged parts immediately.
- **Electrical Connection:** Keep the 13-pin electrical connector clean and free of corrosion.
- **Storage:** When not in use, fold the carrier into its compact form and store it in a dry, protected area. The integrated wheels facilitate easy transport and storage.



Image 6: The carrier folded for compact storage.



Image 7: Storing the folded carrier in a vehicle's trunk.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

Common issues and their solutions:

- **Carrier feels loose on towbar:** Ensure the locking lever is fully engaged and tightened. Check the towbar ball for proper dimensions and condition.
- **Bicycles are not stable:** Verify that all frame holders are securely tightened and wheel straps are pulled taut. Ensure bikes are positioned correctly in the wheel trays.
- **Carrier lights not working:** Check the 13-pin electrical connection for proper insertion and cleanliness. Inspect vehicle's towbar socket and fuses. Ensure the carrier's light bulbs are intact.
- **Difficulty tilting the carrier:** Ensure the foot pedal is fully depressed. Check for any obstructions or dirt in the tilt mechanism. Lubricate if necessary.
- **Noise during driving:** Re-check all bike attachments and carrier connections. Ensure no parts are loose or vibrating.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Specification
Model Number	934100
Brand	Thule
Number of Bikes	3
Max Load Capacity	60 kg
Weight	23.1 kg
Dimensions (L x W x H)	123 x 83 x 86 cm
Foldable	Yes
Electrical Connection	13-pin
Safety Certifications	TÜV, City-Crash Tested, EuroBE Type Approval
Material	Other (Durable composite and metal construction)

8. WARRANTY INFORMATION

Thule products are tested and are subject to strict quality controls. Thule guarantees all products against defects in material and workmanship. For specific warranty terms, conditions, and duration, please refer to the official Thule warranty policy available on their website or contact Thule customer service directly. Keep your proof of purchase for any warranty claims.

9. CUSTOMER SUPPORT

For further assistance, technical questions, or spare parts, please contact Thule customer support. You can find contact information, FAQs, and additional resources on the official Thule website. When contacting support, please have your product model number (934100) and purchase details ready.

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