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Thule 184074 Roof Racks Instruction Manual

Model: 184074

Introduction

This manual provides detailed instructions for the installation, operation, and maintenance of your Thule 184074 Roof Racks. The Thule 184074 is a custom fit kit designed for mounting a Thule roof rack system to vehicles that do not have pre-existing roof rack attachment points or factory-installed racks. Please read this manual thoroughly before beginning installation to ensure proper and safe use.

Package Contents

Before starting the installation, please verify that all components are present:

- Metal brackets
- Rubber pads
- *(Additional components may be included depending on the specific vehicle fitment. Refer to the Thule Buyer's Guide for your vehicle.)*



Figure 1: Image showing the Thule 184074 roof rack fit kit components, including a black metal bracket and a black rubber pad. These components are essential for securely attaching the roof rack system to your vehicle.

Setup and Installation

Proper installation is crucial for the safety and performance of your Thule roof rack system. Always refer to the detailed instructions provided with your specific Thule roof rack system and the Thule Buyer's Guide for your vehicle model.

1. **Vehicle Preparation:** Ensure your vehicle's roof is clean and free of debris where the fit kit components will be placed.
2. **Identify Attachment Points:** Locate the designated attachment points on your vehicle's roof as specified in the Thule Buyer's Guide for your make and model.
3. **Attach Rubber Pads:** Place the rubber pads onto the vehicle's surface at the identified attachment points. These pads protect your vehicle's paint and provide grip.
4. **Install Metal Brackets:** Secure the metal brackets over the rubber pads and onto the vehicle's attachment points. Ensure they are firmly seated.
5. **Connect to Roof Rack System:** Once the fit kit components are securely in place, attach your Thule roof rack bars and feet according to their respective instruction manuals.
6. **Tighten and Verify:** Carefully tighten all fasteners to the specified torque settings. Double-check all connections to ensure the entire system is secure before use.

Important: The Thule 184074 is a component of a larger roof rack system. It must be used in conjunction with compatible Thule foot packs and load bars. Consult the Thule Buyer's Guide for compatibility with your specific vehicle.

Operating Guidelines

Once installed, the Thule 184074 fit kit facilitates the secure attachment of your Thule roof rack system. The operation primarily involves the use of the full roof rack system.

- **Load Capacity:** Adhere strictly to the maximum load capacity specified for your complete Thule roof rack system and your vehicle's roof. Overloading can cause damage and is unsafe.
- **Weight Distribution:** Distribute cargo evenly on the roof rack to maintain vehicle stability.
- **Secure Cargo:** Always ensure all cargo is securely fastened to the roof rack using appropriate straps or carriers.
- **Driving Considerations:** Be aware of increased vehicle height and potential changes in handling, especially in strong winds or when cornering.
- **Regular Checks:** Periodically check the tightness of all mounting bolts and connections, especially after the first few miles of driving and before long trips.

Maintenance

Regular maintenance will prolong the life of your Thule 184074 fit kit and ensure continued safe operation.

- **Cleaning:** Clean the metal brackets and rubber pads with mild soap and water. Avoid harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners that could damage the finish or material.
- **Inspection:** Periodically inspect the components for any signs of wear, corrosion, or damage. Pay close attention to the rubber pads for cracks or deterioration.
- **Storage:** If removing the roof rack system for extended periods, store the fit kit components in a dry, cool place away from direct sunlight.
- **Replacement:** If any component of the fit kit is damaged or shows significant wear, replace it immediately with genuine Thule parts.

Troubleshooting

This section addresses common issues you might encounter with the Thule 184074 fit kit.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Fit kit does not seem to fit vehicle.	Incorrect fit kit for vehicle model; improper alignment.	Verify the Thule Buyer's Guide for the correct fit kit for your specific vehicle. Ensure components are aligned correctly with vehicle's attachment points.
Roof rack feels loose after installation.	Bolts not tightened to specification; components not seated properly.	Re-check all bolts and fasteners, ensuring they are tightened to the recommended torque. Confirm all fit kit components and roof rack feet are fully seated.
Scratches on vehicle paint after installation.	Rubber pads not used or improperly placed; debris under pads.	Ensure rubber pads are correctly positioned and free of debris before installation. Always clean the vehicle's surface thoroughly.

Specifications

- **Model:** Thule 184074
- **Manufacturer:** Thule
- **Item Weight:** Approximately 2.42 pounds (1.1 kg)
- **Product Dimensions:** Approximately 6.3 x 2.95 x 8.66 inches (16 x 7.5 x 22 cm)

- **Mounting Type:** U-Bolt (specific to fit kit design)
- **Material:** High-quality metal and rubber components
- **Color:** Black

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Customer Support

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