

## Thule XADAPT14

# Thule Xsporter Adapter - Tepui Instruction Manual

**Model:** XADAPT14

**Brand:** Thule

## INTRODUCTION

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The Thule Xsporter Adapter (model XADAPT14) is designed to facilitate the secure mounting of Tepui rooftop tents onto Thule TracRac and Xsporter truck and van racks. This kit provides the necessary hardware to replace the standard mounting components typically included with your Tepui tent, ensuring compatibility and a stable attachment to Thule rack systems.

## INCLUDED COMPONENTS

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The Thule XADAPT14 kit includes the following components:

- **Long Hex Bolts:** Used to secure the tent's mounting rails to the adapter brackets.
- **Nyloc Nuts:** Self-locking nuts for secure fastening of the bolts.
- **T-Slot Brackets:** These slide into the T-slots of Thule TracRac and Xsporter bars.
- **Flat Bar Brackets:** These provide the lower clamping surface against the tent's mounting rails.

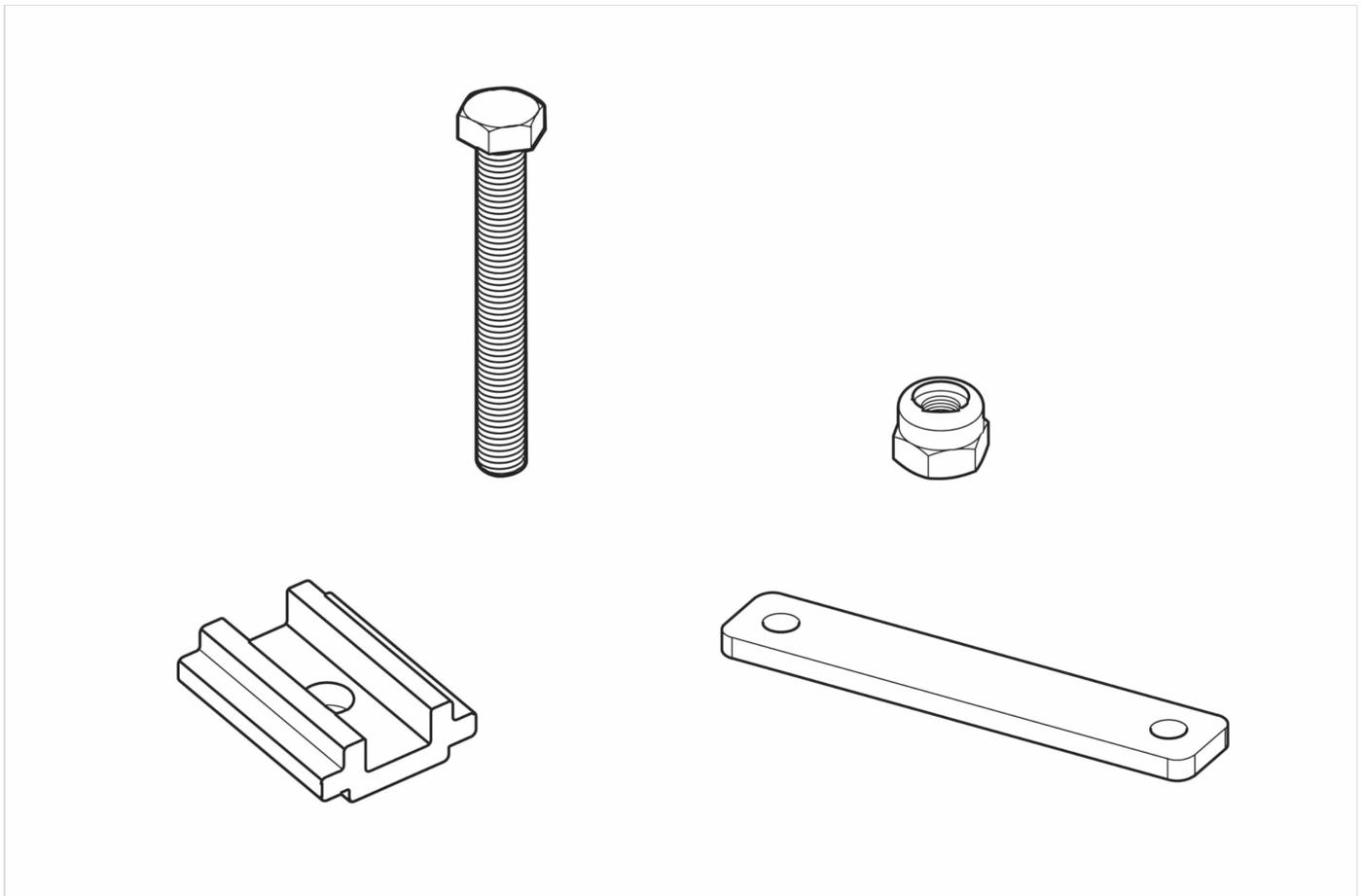


Figure 1: Components of the Thule Xsporter Adapter kit, including bolts, nuts, T-slot brackets, and flat bar brackets.

## SETUP AND INSTALLATION

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Follow these steps to properly install your Tepui rooftop tent using the Thule Xsporter Adapter kit:

1. **Prepare the Tent:** Remove any existing mounting hardware from your Tepui rooftop tent. Ensure the tent's mounting rails are clean and free of obstructions.
2. **Position T-Slot Brackets:** Slide the T-slot brackets into the T-channels of your Thule TracRac or Xsporter crossbars. Position them to align with the mounting points on your rooftop tent.
3. **Place Tent on Rack:** Carefully lift the rooftop tent and place it onto the Thule rack system, aligning the tent's mounting rails over the T-slot brackets.
4. **Insert Bolts:** From inside the tent (or from the top of the tent's mounting rails), insert the long hex bolts down through the tent's mounting rails and through the holes in the T-slot brackets.
5. **Attach Flat Bar Brackets:** Underneath the crossbars, place the flat bar brackets onto the exposed threads of the bolts.
6. **Secure with Nuts:** Thread the Nyloc nuts onto the bolts and tighten them securely. It is recommended to tighten them evenly across all mounting points to ensure a balanced and stable connection. Do not overtighten, but ensure there is no movement.
7. **Verify Security:** After tightening all hardware, gently shake the tent to confirm it is securely attached to the rack system and there is no play.

### **Important Safety Note:**

Always ensure all bolts and nuts are securely tightened before driving. Periodically check the tightness of the mounting hardware, especially after the first few uses and before long trips.

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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Once the Thule Xsporter Adapter kit has been used to securely mount your Tepui rooftop tent, the operation of the tent itself follows the manufacturer's instructions. This adapter kit primarily facilitates the connection between the tent and the Thule rack system.

### Pre-Trip Checks:

- Before each trip, visually inspect all mounting points to ensure the adapter components are still securely fastened.
- Check for any signs of wear or damage to the bolts, nuts, or brackets.
- Ensure the tent is properly closed and secured according to its own manual before driving.

## MAINTENANCE

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Regular maintenance of your Thule Xsporter Adapter kit will ensure its longevity and continued safe operation:

- **Cleaning:** Clean the metal components with a damp cloth and mild soap as needed. Avoid abrasive cleaners that could damage the finish.
- **Inspection:** Periodically inspect all components for corrosion, cracks, or deformation. Pay close attention to the threads of the bolts and the integrity of the nuts.
- **Lubrication:** While not typically required for these components, if any part feels stiff or difficult to assemble/disassemble, a small amount of silicone-based lubricant can be applied to threads, avoiding contact with the Nyloc portion of the nuts.
- **Storage:** If removing the adapter kit for storage, clean and dry all components thoroughly before storing them in a dry place to prevent rust or degradation.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

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Here are some common issues and their potential solutions:

### Issue: Tent feels loose or shifts on the rack.

- **Solution:** Re-tighten all Nyloc nuts. Ensure they are tightened evenly. If the issue persists, inspect the T-slot brackets and flat bar brackets for proper seating and alignment within the rack system and against the tent rails.

### Issue: Bolts appear too long or too short.

- **Solution:** The Thule XADAPT14 kit is designed for specific Thule and Tepui compatibility. Verify that you are using the correct adapter kit for your specific tent and rack models. In some rare cases, minor adjustments (e.g., adding washers if bolts are too long, or ensuring proper compression) might be needed, but generally, the provided hardware should fit.

### Issue: Difficulty sliding T-slot brackets into rack channels.

- **Solution:** Ensure the T-slot brackets are oriented correctly. They should slide smoothly into the T-channel. Check for any debris or obstructions within the rack channel.

## SPECIFICATIONS

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Feature	Detail
Model Name	XADAPT14

Brand	Thule
Product Type	Transport Rack Adapter
Mounting Type	Roof Mount
Color	SILVER
Item Package Dimensions (L x W x H)	6.7 L x 14.6 W x 20.1 H (Cm)
Item Dimensions (L x W x H)	8 x 5 x 2 inches
Item Package Weight	0.897 kgs (1.98 lbs)
Included Components	Bolts and brackets
Country of Origin	United States
UPC	091021234727

## WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

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### Warranty Information

The Thule Xsporter Adapter (Model XADAPT14) comes with a **Limited Lifetime Warranty**. This warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship for the original purchaser. Please refer to Thule's official warranty policy for full details, terms, and conditions.

### Customer Support

For technical assistance, missing parts, or warranty claims, please contact Thule customer support directly. You can find contact information and additional resources on the official Thule website: [www.thule.com](http://www.thule.com)

When contacting support, please have your product model (XADAPT14) and purchase information ready.

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### [Thule Adapter Kit XADAPT14 Installation Instructions](#)

Official installation instructions for the Thule Adapter Kit XADAPT14, detailing the components and step-by-step assembly process for mounting rooftop tents to vehicle roof racks.

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