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## Thule FastRide

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

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The Thule FastRide is a versatile, fork-mounted bike rack designed for secure and convenient transport of bicycles on your vehicle's roof. This manual provides essential information for the safe and correct installation, operation, and maintenance of your Thule FastRide bike rack.

It accommodates both standard quick-release bikes and, with optional adapters, a wide range of thru-axle bikes. Key features include the Thule AcuTight torque limiter for precise tightening and an integrated steel cable for added security.

## 2. SAFETY INFORMATION

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- **Read all instructions:** Before installation and use, carefully read and understand all instructions provided in this manual and any vehicle-specific instructions.
- **Check fit:** Ensure the bike rack is compatible with your vehicle's roof rack system and your bicycle type.
- **Secure attachment:** Always ensure the bike rack is securely attached to the vehicle and the bicycle is securely fastened to the rack before driving.
- **Weight limits:** Do not exceed the maximum load capacity of the bike rack (40 lbs / 18 kg) or your vehicle's roof load capacity, whichever is lower.
- **Height and width:** Be aware of the increased height and width of your vehicle when the bike rack and bicycle are installed, especially when entering garages, car washes, or driving under low clearances.
- **Regular checks:** Periodically check all bolts, straps, and knobs for tightness during your journey, especially after driving on rough roads.
- **Driving speed:** Adjust your driving speed to road conditions, especially when carrying a load. Avoid sudden braking, acceleration, or sharp turns.
- **Maintenance:** Keep the product clean and well-maintained. Refer to the maintenance section for details.

## 3. COMPONENTS (WHAT'S IN THE BOX)

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The Thule FastRide Roof Mounted Bike Carrier includes the following main components:

- Thule FastRide Bike Carrier unit
- Mounting hardware for standard roof bars
- Rear wheel strap
- Integrated steel cable (for locking, lock cores sold separately)

## 4. SETUP AND INSTALLATION

### 4.1 Mounting the Carrier to Roof Bars

The Thule FastRide is designed to mount to all Thule rack systems, round bars, and most factory racks. Follow these steps for secure installation:

1. **Position the carrier:** Place the FastRide carrier on your vehicle's roof bars. Ensure it is centered and positioned correctly according to your vehicle's and roof rack's instructions.
2. **Attach front mount:** Secure the front section of the carrier to the front roof bar using the provided mounting hardware. Tighten the fasteners evenly until the carrier is firmly attached.
3. **Attach rear mount:** Secure the rear section of the carrier to the rear roof bar. Ensure the carrier is parallel to the vehicle's centerline.
4. **Final tightening:** Double-check all mounting points and tighten any loose fasteners. The carrier should not move when pulled or pushed.



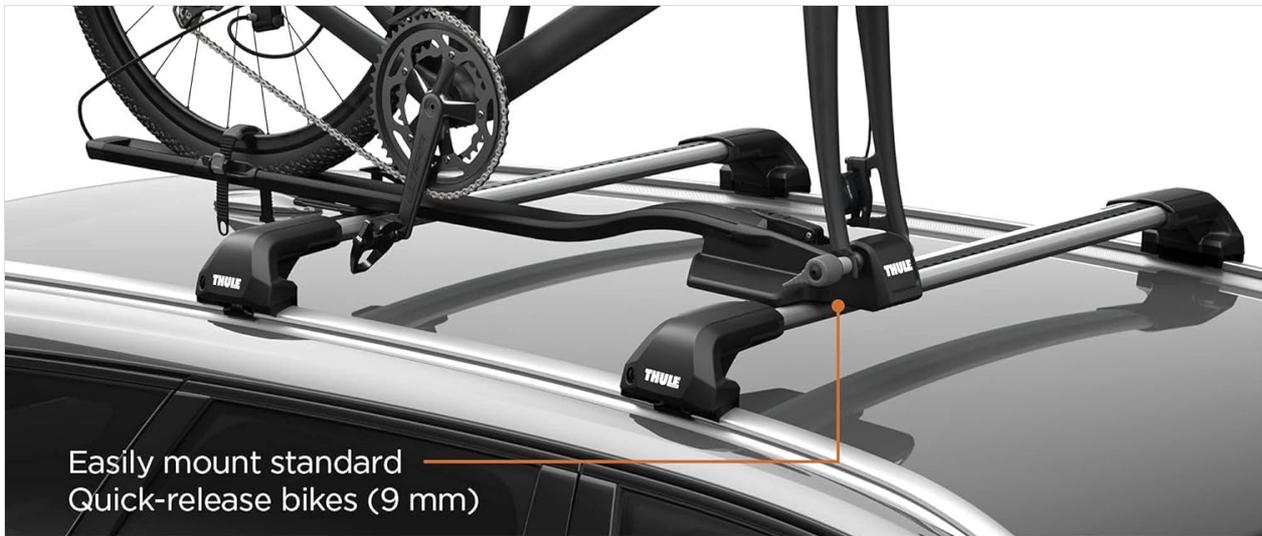
*Image: The Thule FastRide bike rack is compatible with various roof bar systems, including Thule's own and most factory-installed racks.*



*Image: An overview of the Thule FastRide roof-mounted bike rack with a bicycle securely in place.*

#### **4.2 Thru-Axle Bike Compatibility (Adapters Sold Separately)**

The Thule FastRide fits 9mm standard quick-release bikes out of the box. For thru-axle bikes, adapter accessories are required and sold separately. These adapters allow compatibility with various thru-axle sizes, including 9mm captive, 12x100mm, 12x110mm, 15x100mm, 15x110mm, and 20x110mm.



Easily mount standard  
Quick-release bikes (9 mm)



Fits Thru-axle bikes (9-15mm) and 20x110mm Thru-axle bikes with additional adapters (sold separately)

*Image: Various thru-axle adapters (sold separately) for the Thule FastRide, enabling compatibility with different bike fork standards.*

## 5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

### 5.1 Loading a Bicycle

1. **Remove front wheel:** Detach the front wheel from your bicycle.
2. **Lift bike onto rack:** Carefully lift the bicycle onto the roof rack, aligning the fork dropouts with the fork mount on the FastRide carrier.
3. **Secure fork:** Insert the fork into the mount. For quick-release forks, close the quick-release lever and then tighten the Thule AcuTight torque limiter knob until it clicks, indicating optimal torque. For thru-axle forks, use the appropriate adapter and secure it according to the adapter's instructions.



Thule AcuTight knob clicks when a quick-release bike is mounted securely

*Image: The Thule AcuTight knob ensures precise and secure tightening of the quick-release mechanism, clicking when the correct torque is achieved.*



Easy release lever  
(lock sold separately)

Fits 9mm standard  
quick-release bikes

*Image: The fork mount is designed for 9mm standard quick-release bikes, featuring an easy-release lever for convenience.*

- 4. Secure rear wheel:** Position the rear wheel in the adjustable wheel tray. Use the protective wheel strap to firmly secure the rear wheel. Ensure the strap is tight and the wheel cannot move.

Adjustable rear wheel strap is easy to use



*Image: The adjustable rear wheel strap provides secure fastening for the bicycle's back wheel, preventing movement during transport.*

## 5.2 Securing the Bicycle (Locks Sold Separately)

The Thule FastRide features an integrated steel cable for locking your bike to the rack. Lock cores are sold separately. To use the locking system:

1. **Install lock cores:** Insert Thule lock cores (sold separately) into the designated slots on the rack and the integrated cable.
2. **Engage cable lock:** Once the bike is mounted, pull the integrated steel cable out from the wheel tray. Weave it through the bicycle frame and wheel.
3. **Lock the cable:** Insert the end of the cable into the locking mechanism and turn the key to secure it.
4. **Lock rack to vehicle:** For additional security, ensure the bike rack itself is locked to your vehicle's roof bars (requires separate lock cores).



Fully integrated  
locking system  
(two locks sold  
separately)

*Image: The integrated steel cable provides a convenient way to lock your bike to the rack, deterring theft. Lock cores are required and sold separately.*

### **5.3 Converting Carrier Side**

The Thule FastRide can be conveniently converted to mount on either the left or right side of your vehicle. Refer to the detailed instructions included with your product for the specific steps to reconfigure the carrier for the desired side.



*Image: The design of the Thule FastRide allows for easy conversion to be mounted on either the left or right side of the car, and it is compatible with disc brake-equipped bikes.*

#### 5.4 Official Product Video

Watch the official product video for a visual guide on the features and operation of the Thule FastRide Roof Mounted Bike Rack.

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*Video: Official video demonstrating the features and ease of use of the Thule FastRide Roof Mounted Bike Rack, including installation and bike loading.*

## 6. MAINTENANCE

- **Cleaning:** Clean the bike rack regularly with mild soap and water. Avoid harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners.
- **Lubrication:** Periodically lubricate moving parts, such as the quick-release mechanism, with a suitable lubricant to ensure smooth operation.
- **Inspection:** Before each use, inspect the rack for any signs of wear, damage, or corrosion. Pay close

attention to straps, bolts, and the fork mount.

- **Storage:** When not in use, store the bike rack in a dry, protected area to prolong its lifespan.

## 7. TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Bike feels unstable on the rack.	Fork mount or rear wheel strap not tightened sufficiently.	Ensure the AcuTight knob clicks for quick-release forks. Tighten the rear wheel strap firmly. Recheck all connections.
Rack does not fit vehicle roof bars.	Incorrect mounting hardware or incompatible roof bar profile.	Verify compatibility with your specific roof bar system. Ensure correct hardware is used and installed as per instructions.
Thru-axle bike does not fit.	Missing or incorrect thru-axle adapter.	Purchase the correct Thule thru-axle adapter for your bike's axle size (sold separately).
Integrated lock not working.	Lock cores not installed or damaged.	Ensure Thule lock cores are correctly installed. If damaged, replace lock cores.

## 8. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Name	FastRide
Model Number	564005
Load Capacity	40 Pounds (18 kg)
Mounting Type	Fork Mount (Rack)
Dimensions (L x W x H)	53 x 9 x 4 inches (134.6 x 22.9 x 10.2 cm)
Item Weight	7.3 Pounds (3.3 kg)
Material	Aluminum
Color	Black
Compatibility	9mm standard quick-release bikes; Thru-axle bikes with adapter (sold separately)
Security	Integrated steel cable lock (lock cores sold separately)

## 9. WARRANTY INFORMATION

The Thule FastRide Roof Mounted Bike Rack comes with a Limited Lifetime Warranty. This warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship. For full details regarding warranty terms, conditions, and how to make a claim, please refer to the official Thule website or contact Thule customer service.

## 10. CUSTOMER SUPPORT

Should you have any questions, require assistance with installation, or need to troubleshoot an issue not covered in this manual, please contact Thule customer support. You can typically find contact information, FAQs, and additional resources on the official Thule website.