Yakima EXO SwingBase (Model 8002715)

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Model: 8002715

Brand: Yakima

Introduction

The Yakima EXO SwingBase is a versatile and robust hitch-mounted cargo system designed to expand your vehicle's carrying capacity for various outdoor adventures. It transforms your 2-inch hitch receiver into a dynamic platform for attaching a wide range of Yakima EXO accessories, providing convenient access to your vehicle's rear while ensuring your gear is securely transported.



The Yakima EXO SwingBase, a foundational component of the EXO system, shown in its compact, folded state.

Key features include:

- **Versatile Cargo Storage:** Converts your 2-inch hitch into a versatile, foldable base to attach a wide range of Yakima accessories.
- **Easy Rear Access:** Swings away from your vehicle with a simple motion, providing hassle-free access to your car's rear.
- **Secure & Convenient:** Includes HitchLock and 2 SKS locks for security, plus a tool-free EXO Cleat system for quick installation.
- **Durable & Stylish Design:** Crafted with premium materials, supporting up to 100 lbs with a sleek, modern look.

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Official Yakima EXO Series overview video, demonstrating the system's versatility and ease of use with various accessories.

Setup & Installation

Installing the Yakima EXO SwingBase is designed to be straightforward, allowing you to quickly prepare for your adventures. Follow these steps for proper and secure installation:

1. **Prepare Your Vehicle:** Ensure your vehicle has a 2-inch hitch receiver that is clean and free of debris.
2. **Insert SwingBase:** Slide the EXO SwingBase into your vehicle's 2-inch hitch receiver. Align the hitch pin hole.
3. **Secure with HitchLock:** Insert the included HitchLock pin through the hitch receiver and SwingBase. Use the provided crescent wrench to tighten the large bolt, ensuring a snug fit. Secure with the cotter pin or lock. This creates a solid connection to the tow receiver.
4. **Attach Accessories (Optional):** The tool-free EXO Cleat system with locking SpeedKnobs allows for quick and easy attachment of EXO accessories (sold separately) to the SwingBase. Simply align the accessory with the cleats and tighten the SpeedKnobs until secure.



The EXO SwingBase is designed for easy installation, securing to your vehicle with the included HitchLock.



The EXO System base turns your standard 2-inch hitch into a versatile foundation for various accessories.

Operating the EXO SwingBase

The primary advantage of the EXO SwingBase is its ability to swing away from your vehicle, providing unobstructed access to your trunk or tailgate. This feature is crucial for convenience during loading, unloading, or simply accessing your vehicle's rear storage.

Swing Mechanism:

- To swing the loaded SwingBase away, locate the release mechanism (refer to your specific model's detailed diagram for exact location).
- Engage the release and carefully swing the unit outwards until it locks into the open position.
- When finished, simply swing the unit back towards the vehicle until it securely latches into place.



The swing design provides quick and easy access to your vehicle's trunk or tailgate, even with accessories mounted.

Accessory Customization:

The EXO system is designed for modularity. You can easily swap out various EXO components (sold separately) to suit your needs:

- **Tool-Free EXO Cleat System:** This system allows for quick attachment and detachment of accessories without the need for additional tools.
- **Locking SpeedKnobs:** These knobs secure your accessories firmly to the SwingBase, ensuring stability during transit.



The tool-free EXO Cleat system and locking SpeedKnobs allow for easy customization and swapping of EXO components.



Accessory arms fold in when not in use, allowing you to leave the EXO SwingBase on your car, always ready for your next adventure.

Security Features:

The EXO SwingBase comes equipped with security features to protect your investment and gear:

- **HitchLock:** Secures the SwingBase to your vehicle's hitch receiver.
- **SKS Locks:** Two additional SKS (Same Key System) lock cores are included to secure your EXO components, providing peace of mind.



The system includes locks to secure your gear and EXO components with 2 extra SKS lock cores.



Expand your storage capabilities with additional EXO accessories like the EXO TopShelf (sold separately).

Maintenance

Regular maintenance will ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your Yakima EXO SwingBase:

- **Cleaning:** Periodically clean the SwingBase and its components with mild soap and water. Rinse thoroughly and dry completely to prevent corrosion.
- **Lubrication:** Apply a silicone-based lubricant to moving parts, such as the swing arm pivot points and lock mechanisms, to ensure smooth operation. Avoid petroleum-based lubricants as they can attract dirt.
- **Hardware Check:** Regularly inspect all bolts, nuts, and fasteners to ensure they are tight and secure. Re-tighten as necessary.
- **Storage:** If removing the SwingBase for extended periods, store it in a dry, protected area away from extreme temperatures and direct sunlight.

Troubleshooting

Here are some common issues and their potential solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
SwingBase is difficult to swing open/close.	Lack of lubrication on pivot points; dirt/debris accumulation.	Clean pivot points and apply silicone-based lubricant. Ensure no obstructions.
Accessories feel loose on the SwingBase.	SpeedKnobs not fully tightened; improper accessory attachment.	Ensure SpeedKnobs are tightened securely. Re-attach accessory, ensuring it's properly seated in the EXO Cleat system.

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HitchLock is stiff or difficult to operate.	Dirt or corrosion in the lock mechanism.	Apply a small amount of graphite lubricant or a specialized lock lubricant into the keyway. Avoid oil-based lubricants.
Excessive wobble or movement when driving.	HitchLock bolt not fully tightened; worn hitch receiver.	Re-tighten the HitchLock bolt firmly. If wobble persists, inspect your vehicle's hitch receiver for wear or damage.

Specifications

Feature	Detail
Brand	Yakima
Model Number	8002715
Mounting Type	Hitch (2-inch receiver)
Load Capacity	Up to 100 lbs (on SwingBase)
Item Weight	64 pounds
Is Foldable	Yes
Automotive Fit Type	Universal Fit
UPC	736745027155

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