

2019-2024 Forester Roof Rack Installation Instructions

Included Parts

Hardware for the following items:



- Roof Brackets(60PCS) -Crossbars(84PCS) -Wind deflector(12 PCS)
- Siderails (30 PCS) - Lightbar (lightbar fairing option only) (16PCS)

Brackets:



6 PCS labeled with corresponding location: (PF)- Passenger front, (PM)-Passenger middle, (PR)- Passenger rear, (DF)-Driver front, (DM)-Driver middle, (DR)-Driver rear
*lightbar wind fairing will come with 2 additional brackets (total 8 pcs)

Roof Rack Pieces:



2 side rails

1 Windfairing

7 crossbars (not pictured)

Supplies (not included)

- Waterproof Clear Caulking
- 5/32 Allen wrench
- 10mm wrench

PLEASE NOTE! Pictures used in these instructions may vary in vehicle model, but install is still the same!



Before getting started with install, you'll need to remove (drop) your interior headliner and remove the stock roof rack. The process is actually fairly simple. We recommend watching a few "how -to" videos on youtube. Just search "Crosstrek remove stock roof rails" or "Crosstrek headliner drop" and watch a few of the videos to learn how to do this part. There are several that demonstrate how to do this.

Installing your NASHFABCO roof rack:



The first step is to locate the 3 brackets for one side of your vehicle (passenger or driver), hardware bag labeled "roof brackets", and your waterproof caulking.

Next, remove 6 nylon spacers from the hardware bag. Next, you will be adding waterproof caulking around each hole. Then you will press nylon spacers firmly down and centered over each hole as shown in the photo below. You will do this for every hole to keep water out of your cabin. Don't be afraid to use a little extra caulking to ensure holes remain leak-free.



Next, you will add waterproof caulking to the TOP of each nylon spacer as shown in the following photo.



Next, you will Install the rear, middle and front roof brackets on top of the nylon spacers in the corresponding spot (rear bracket for the holes closest to the back of the vehicle, mid one in center of vehicle, and front bracket in front of vehicle) using 1 small washer and 1 m6 screw per hole.



Now, you will remove 6 nuts and 6 washers from the hardware bag. Then you will be applying the nut and washer to the inside of the interior/underside of the roof to secure the screws, as shown in the photo. At this time leave these snug but not fully tightened. (allowing movement for slight adjustment...you will tighten later).



Next, take the corresponding side-rail and slide it into the rear, middle and front brackets that you previously installed on the roof. The brackets will slide into the side-rail slots.

All of the brackets should now align with the side-rail holes.

Now you can attach the side rail to front, middle, and rear brackets, using 1 washer, 1 lock washer and 1 screw per hole as shown below.



Once you have installed one side rail for one side of your vehicle, you will **go back to the first steps and repeat this process for the other side of your vehicle.**



After both side rails have been installed, locate the wind fairing and hardware bag labeled “wind fairing”. Slide wind fairing in behind both front corners of the side rails as shown in photo. Line up the holes of the wind fairing and side rails and attach using 1 screw, 1 washer and 1 lock washer per hole. Leave screws loose for now. You will tighten after crossbars are installed.



Now, locate all 7 crossbars and hardware bag labeled “crossbars”. Then, drop all 7 crossbars in between side-rails, aligning them with side-rail slots, as shown in the photo. Add hardware (1 washer, lock washer and screw per hole) and tighten. **** IF YOU HAVE THE LIGHT BAR WIND-FAIRING OPTION BE SURE TO COMPLETE THE FIRST STEP BELOW PRIOR TO INSTALLING THE CROSSBARS, AS THE FRONT CROSSBAR WILL NEED T-SLOTS ADDED FIRST IN ORDER TO**

LATER INSTALL A LIGHT-BAR!

At this time go back and tighten all roof brackets and wind- fairing.



LIGHT BAR WINDFAIRING ONLY (lightbar not included)

If installing a light bar, find hardware bag labeled “light bar” and the two light bar brackets. Add t-slot nuts into the narrow side of the crossbar. Then adjust brackets to fit the light bar of your choosing (add 1 screw and 2 washers into t- slot nuts).

Tighten and adjust light bar to desired location.

After this, installation should be complete.



Enjoy your new roof rack and go on an adventure!