Traveler 3 & 4 Bike Hitch Rack

Assembly and Installation instructions

MODEL #: HR6000/6500/8000/8500

WARNING! THIS PRODUCT IS NOT TO BE USED ON ANY TRAILER

PLEASE FOLLOW THESE IMPORTANT POINTS:
- Drive slowly when using the rack on bumpy or dirt roads.
- Check the rack, bikes and straps regularly during use.
- If you have any questions or installation problems, please see your retailer or contact us at 800-747-4085.

TRAVELER Rack box contents:
1. Upper Assembly per Fig. 1
2. Lower Beam per Fig. 2
3. Receiver Tube per Fig. 3
4. Hardware bag per Fig. 4, including
   4A: Threaded hitch pin bolt, washer, lock-washer and "R" clip
   4B: 1/2"-13 bolt, nut & washers for connection of lower beam to receiver tube.
   4C: Two 5/16"-18 carriage bolts, nuts & washers for connection of upper beam to lower beam.
   4D: Allen key
5. Rubber Straps (9 straps for 3 bike, 12 straps for 4 bike)

HR6000: 3 bike capacity, 2" hitch
HR6500: 3 bike capacity, 1 1/4" & 2"
HR8000: 4 bike capacity, 2" hitch
HR8500: 4 bike capacity, 1 1/4" & 2"

Fig. 1

Fig. 2: lower beam

Fig. 3

HR6000/HR8500
FITS BOTH 1 1/4" & 2"

HR6000/HR8000
FITS 2" ONLY

Fig. 4: hardware

Fig. 5
3 bike: 9 straps
4 bike: 12 straps
Assembly step 1: Attach Lower beam to Upper Assembly

Tools required: two adjustable wrenches or equivalent.

1. Insert the lower beam's side with 2 square holes into the upper assembly.
2. Align the holes.
3. Insert carriage bolts (C) through holes.
4. Install washers and nuts.
5. Tighten securely using a wrench.

Assembly step 2: Attach receiver tube Fig. 6

1. Locate ½” bolt, washers and locknut (B).
2. Place a washer on the end of the bolt, and insert through the lower hole of the receiver tube's bracket and lower beam as shown in fig. 6a.
3. Attach other washer to bolt end, and install nut. Tighten nut onto bolt end using both wrenches.
4. Insert "lynnch pin" through upper holes of bracket and tube, then fasten clasp on the pin per fig. 6b.

Setting Up & folding the Support Arms

Rotate the support arm and align the plate holes with the tube holes per Fig. 7a. Insert pin and close safety clasp over pin end. To return the support arm to it's folded position, undo the safety clasp, then hold the arm with one hand and remove the pin so the arm doesn't drop quickly). Re-insert the pin per Fig. 7b.

Hitch Installation for models HR6000/HR8000 (2” only)

Place lock washer on hitch pin bolt, then place flat washer on hitch pin bolt. Insert the rack's 2” square receiver tube into trailer hitch. Align the holes, then insert the hitch pin bolt and tighten securely with wrench. Attach hitch pin "R" clip or padlock through hole in bolt. Locking threaded hitch pin sold separately.
HR6500 or HR8500 (1 1/4” or 2” hitches)

Installation into the hitch
Insert the receiver tube into the hitch and align the holes. Thread and tighten the bolt securely through the hitch and receiver tube using a wrench (adjustable, 3/4” or 19mm) then insert the safety clip. The rack should now be solidly mounted to your hitch. Note for 2” hitches: When inserting the hitch pin bolt, the bolt should pass through the aluminum spacer first then through the receiver tube per Fig. 11.

Be sure to install safety R clip after tightening bolt.

Attach one end of the rubber straps to the rubber cradles (Fig. 12 & 13). Start with the round (end) hole of the strap stretched over the diamond shaped anchor on the cradle.

Place the heaviest bike onto the rack first (closest to the vehicle), putting the bike’s top tube (usually) into the rubber cradles on the support arms. Be sure to note the location of the pedal, as you may have to rotate the crank in order to keep the pedal from hitting the vehicle.

Pull the rubber strap across the bike’s frame tube and attach it to the anchor on the opposite side of the cradle for both right and left cradles. Straps should be snug, but do not over-tighten the straps since this may shorten the useful life of the strap.

Next, rotate the Anti-Sway cradle so that it rests against the bike’s seat tube (this is the frame tube into which the seat post fits) Fig. 14 (preferred) or 15 (when frame clearance is an issue). Pull the strap across the bike’s seat tube in a similar snug manner.

Put the next bike on the rack with the handlebars on the other side of the vehicle and attach the straps. Be sure not to route straps over any cables (Fig. 16), but rather under them (Fig. 17). This will protect the bike’s finish.

Once all the bikes are mounted and all the rubber straps are pulled snug (but not over-stretched), route the attached safety strap around all the bikes and re-attach to the buckle. Remember to re-check all straps after the bicycles have been mounted. Re-tighten straps as necessary.

SPECIAL NOTES: On a bike with a slanted top tube, place top tube on rear cradle, and down tube on front cradle to keep bike as “level” as possible. For “ladies” style and non-conventional frames, it may not be possible to keep bike “level”. On a road bike with a level top tube, place top tube on both cradles, with anti-sway on seat tube.
Hollywood Racks BA-Pro is an artificial top tube adapter that allows ladies bikes and bikes with non-traditional frames to be used with the Traveler rack (sold separately).

After all the bikes have been installed, use the safety tie down strap (attached to the lock point and wrap it through the frames all of the bikes. Attach to the buckle then tighten securely.

REMOVING THE BIKES AND RACK

To remove the bikes, simply undo the straps and gently lift the bikes off. If you're in a parking lot, be sure to fold down the support arms and fold up the wheel brace so as to minimize the length of the rack when not in use. To remove the rack from the vehicle, fold the support arms and lower brace, and remove the threaded hitch pin. Then slide the rack out of the hitch receiver.

BACKING OUT OF DRIVEWAYS AND GOING OVER BUMPS

Please keep in mind that when transporting bikes, you will be carrying more weight on your hitch. This means the rear of your vehicle will be lower to the ground. When going up driveways or over bumps, drive slowly and at an angle if possible. If you have a car or minivan where the hitch is low to the ground, the rack may hit the ground.

TILTING THE TRAVELER RACK DOWN: Refer to Fig. 5 (page 2): Remove lynch pin clip and lynch pin to tilt the rack down for easy access to the rear of your vehicle.

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