

CARE FOR YOUR ROOF RACK

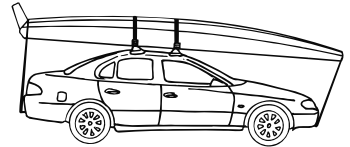
IMPORTANT - Please Read Thoroughly Before Use.

Please ensure that Roof Racks are fitted in accordance with the Fitting Instructions.

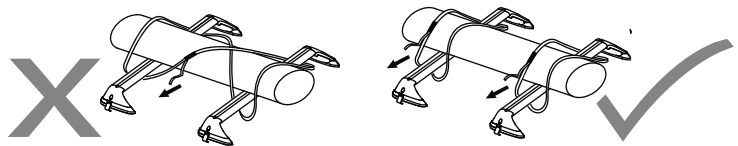
It is important that you observe all recommendations outlined below.

SAFE USAGE

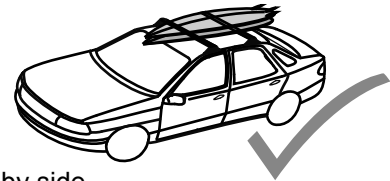
- It is essential for the proper assembly, operation and use of the Roof Rack that the instructions and safety precautions supplied are strictly observed. Read any fitting, use and care instructions carefully.
- When loading, pay particular attention to weight distribution. Always ensure that the load has a low centre of gravity. Fasten the load securely against sliding and check regularly for correct positioning.
- The Roof Rack and roof load must not project beyond the body of the carrying vehicle. The load must not extend beyond the sides of the Roof Bars. Long loads should be positioned centrally on the Roof Rack and securely fastened at the front and at the rear. Narrow and heavy loads should be carried as close to the end supports as possible. **It is your responsibility to comply with statutory requirements regarding the projection of your load.**



- Always secure the load with sufficiently strong synthetic or textile straps.
- Do not use elasticised or "occy" straps.
- Do not use damaged or frayed straps and replace immediately before subsequent use.



- When carrying heavy loads, the addition of extra crossbars has proven to be the most successful way to minimise vehicle roof deformation. However, increasing the number of crossbars does not increase the vehicle's maximum permissible roof loading.
- Check the security of your load and the tension of the bolts and fastenings of the Roof Rack before departing and at regular intervals during your journey.
- Specialised systems: where applicable, a specialised Roof Rack and accessories should be used to carry or secure your load (eg, Bike Carrier, Water Craft Carrier). **The maximum permissible load for your Roof Bar is the lower of the maximum load capacity specified in your vehicle operation manual, or specified as applying to the Roof Rack. Do not exceed the maximum specified load capacity.**
- **Maximum permissible load = weight of the Roof Rack + weight of accessories + weight of load (cargo).**



- **Surfboards:** surfboards should be loaded on top of each other rather than side by side.
- **Skis:** skis should be loaded with the front tips facing towards the rear of the carrying vehicle.
- **The mounted & loaded Roof Rack will affect your vehicle's handling characteristics, particularly relating to crosswind sensitivity, corners, bends and braking behaviour. Exercise extreme care when driving and adjust for the change in vehicle handling and braking behaviour by always driving safely and at a speed appropriate to travel conditions and the load being carried.**
- Wind resistance is the number one cause of Roof Rack failures. Prior to securing a load, consider the surface area of the load to determine the suitability of carrying the load on the Roof Racks. Extra caution should be taken when travelling in high winds, at high speed, or when carrying loads with large surface areas (eg tables, bed bases and mattresses, sheets of wood).

MAINTENANCE

- When not used to carry load, the roof-rack **shall** be removed.
- The Roof Rack should be removed regularly to clean adjoining vehicle surfaces, attaching locations and the Roof Rack itself. It is your responsibility to ensure that the Roof Rack is adequately maintained.
- You should routinely and regularly check the proper functioning of your Roof Racks, and tighten all screws, bolts, connections and straps. Immediately replace any worn or damaged components.
- Remove Roof Rack before entering an automatic carwash.
- To increase fuel efficiency, remove Roof Rack from carrying vehicle when not in use.
- We recommend that you store the Roof Rack Security Key and Fitting Instructions in the glove compartment of your vehicle.