



BikeStow Original INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for your order! Please read the following instructions carefully to get the most out of your BikeStow Original. If you have any questions or feedback, please don't hesitate to contact us:

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Assembly

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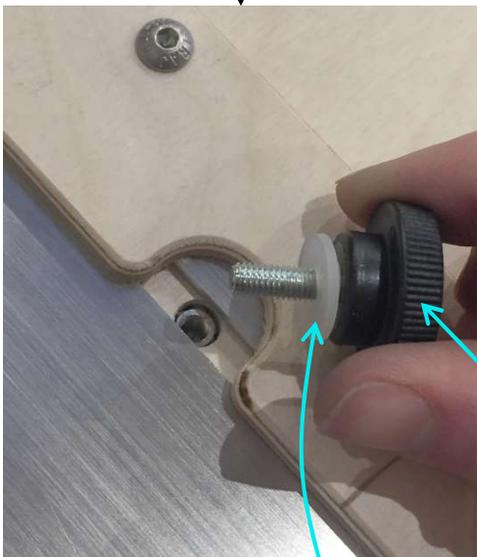
Your BikeStow Original will arrive almost fully assembled, like this.

2.



First, use the included allen key to undo and remove the placeholder bolts holding the v-sliders in place. Keep hold of the nylon washers.

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Take the nylon washers and place onto the included thumb screw.

As with most bolts, it can be beneficial to apply a small amount of grease or anti-seize lubricant to the thumb screw's thread.

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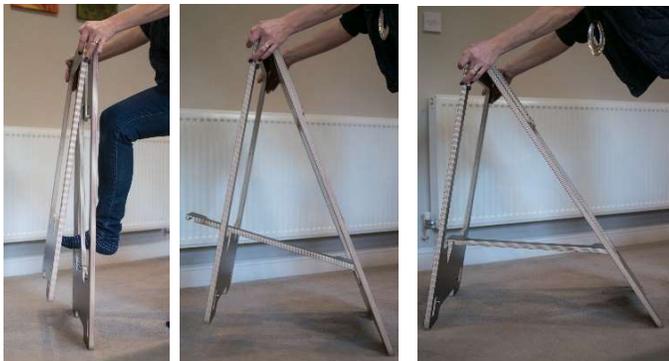
This can stop the thumb screw from seizing or becoming stiff in the long term.

Insert the thumb screw and nylon washer into the threaded hole as shown. Repeat for all v-sliders.

Use

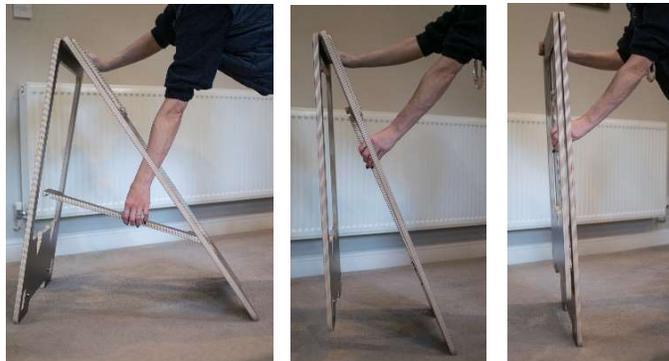
Unfolding the rack:

1. Use your foot to break the magnets.
2. Carefully swing open the back panel until the “dogbone” drops into place. Push down on the “dogbone” to make sure it is firmly seated.



Folding the rack:

1. Lift up the “dogbone”.
2. Gently pull the front panel towards you, allowing the rear panel to fold inwards.



Finger trap warning: When handling the BikeStow Original, take care to keep your fingers away from moving parts and closing surfaces. It hurts, a lot, if it closes on your fingers!

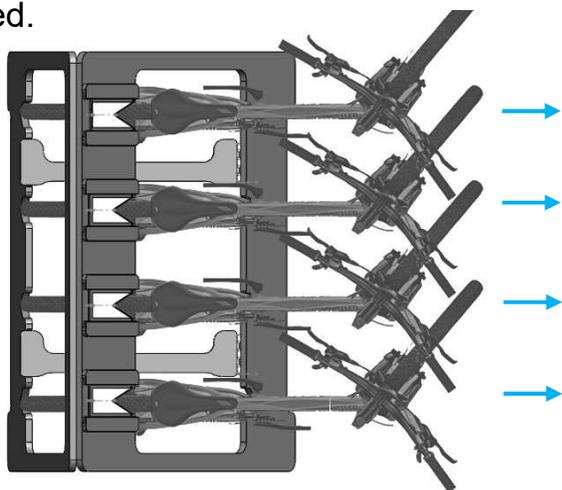
Stowing a bike:

1. Raise the v-slider.
2. Drop the bike into the slot.
3. Lower the v-slider and turn the thumb screw to lock it in place.

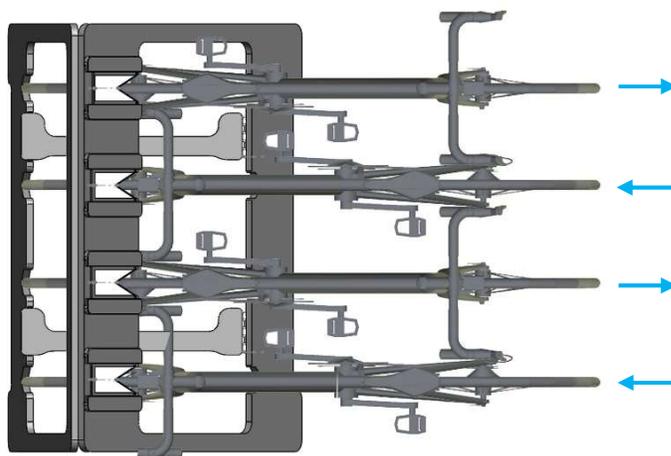
If putting a bike in backwards, change the gears into the smallest chainring and mid cassette. This minimises contact between the chain and plywood.



MTB: in rearwards with the handlebars turned.

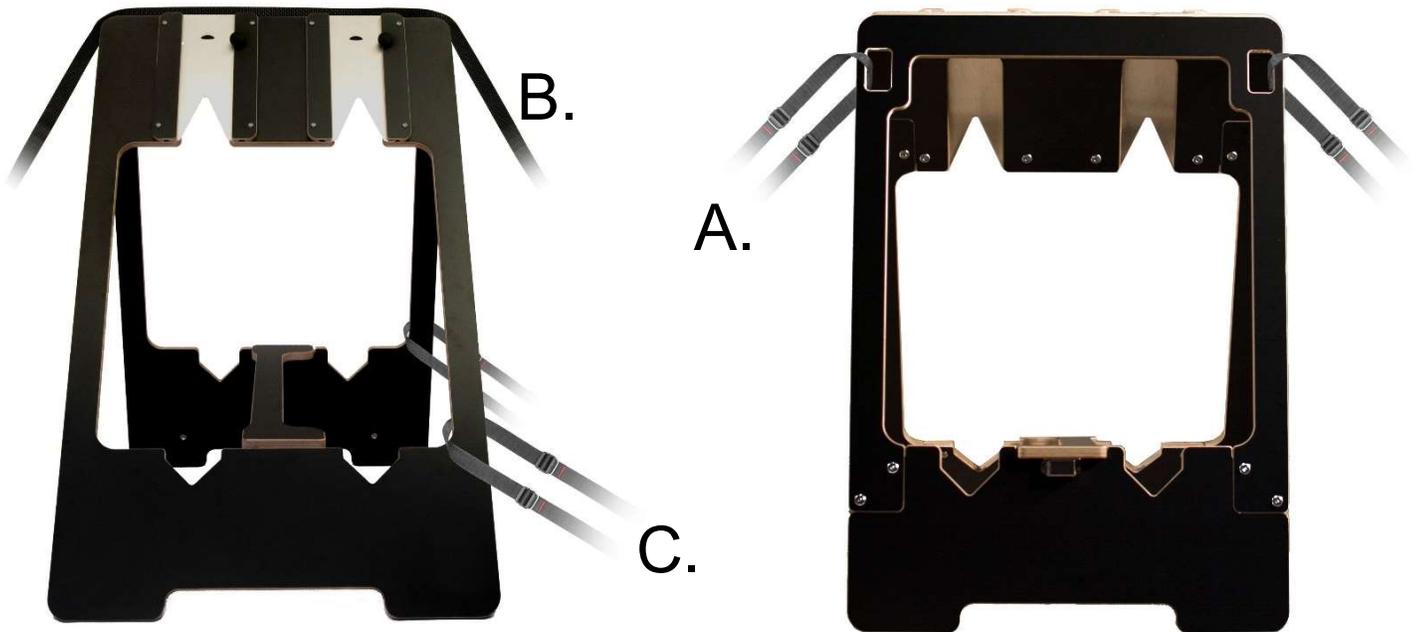


Road / Track / CX etc: alternate between front wheel in and rear wheel in first.



If using the BikeStow Original to transport bikes in a vehicle, **you are responsible for securing it to the cargo area of the vehicle.** See the next page for information. The BikeStow Original **is not waterproof**, however, wet tyres are fine). If you want to use it outside for long periods, we recommend applying sealant or varnish to the exposed wooden surfaces.

Securing Methods



Provided with your rack are two tie-down straps.

- A. There are two cut-outs on each side of the back panel, straps may be passed through. (Recommended method).
- B. A single strap over the top of the bike rack, secured to anchor points either side.
- C. Straps may be passed through the large middle cut-out.

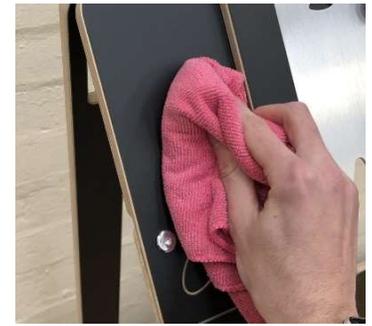
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Customers have secured the provided straps between their bike rack and their vehicle's **cargo loops** or **seat anchors**. Shown above are some different securing points on the bike rack that customers have used depending on their vehicle and situation.

Cleaning

Laminated Flat Surfaces:

If you own a laminated BikeStow Original (i.e. coloured and not the raw plywood finish), the main surfaces can be cleaned using a slightly damp microfibre cloth to wipe away fingerprints, smudges, or other marks. For anything more stubborn, we recommend Sticky Stuff Remover or similar. Again, apply this in small amounts using a microfibre cloth.



Aluminium V-Sliders:

To clean the aluminium v-sliders, remove them from the rack and gently wash with warm water and a drop of soap. Do **not** use a scouring-pad or scouring-sponge as these will scratch the slider. Rinse with clean water and thoroughly dry before re-inserting into the rack.



Slots and Other Plywood Edges:

If you wish to really make your rack look brand new, you can use some fine grit (240 or above) sandpaper to clean up the plywood edges, particularly around the slots where there may be mud or grime. Be extra careful not to scratch the laminated faces with the sandpaper.



Maintenance

- Regularly check all bolts around the rack are tight using an allen key.
- It can be beneficial to occasionally apply a small amount of grease or anti-seize to the thumb screws' threads. This can stop them seizing or becoming stiff in the long term.
- If your aluminium v-sliders are becoming loose and droop by themselves under gravity, then perform the following steps:



1. Loosen the two slider-guide bolts by one turn.



2. While firmly pushing the slider-guide towards the v-slider, re-tighten the two bolts.



3. Repeat for the slider-guide on the other side, and for all other slots.