



# **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

Your BikeStow Original will arrive almost fully assembled. All you need to do is replace the placeholder bolts securing the v-sliders with the included thumbscrews and nylon washers.

1.



**Carefully** remove the placeholder bolt.

2.



Take two nylon washers and place onto thumb screw (included in the brown paper bag).

3.



Thread the thumb screw into the hole.

Repeat for each v-slider!

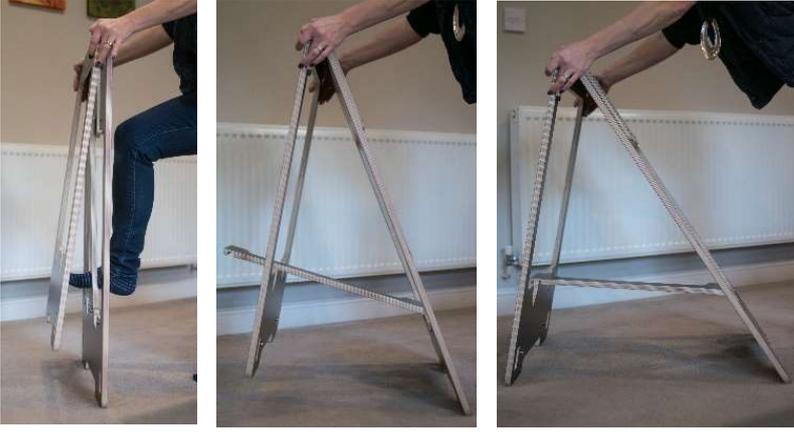
4.



Periodically apply a small amount of anti-seize grease to each thumb screw's thread.

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

# USE



## UNFOLDING

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



## FOLDING

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

### FINGER TRAP WARNING

Take care to keep your fingers away from moving parts and closing surfaces.

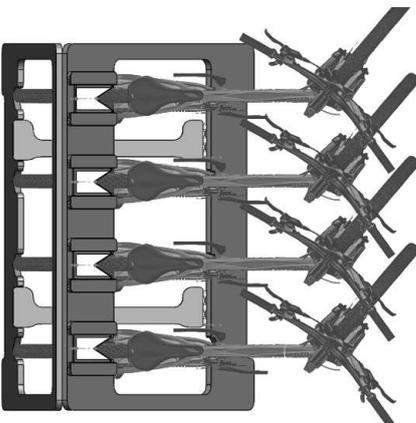


## STOWING A BIKE

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

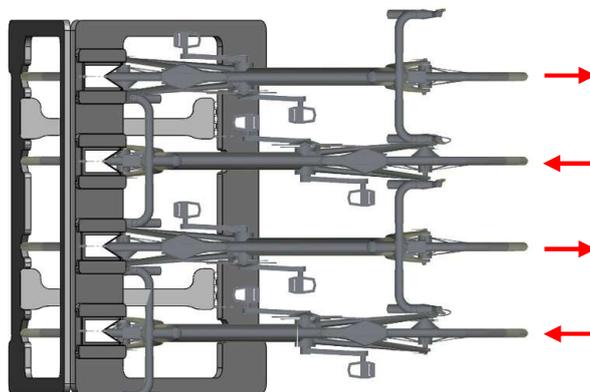
### MTB

Rearwards with the handlebars turned.



### Road / Track / CX etc:

Alternate between front wheel in and rear wheel in first.

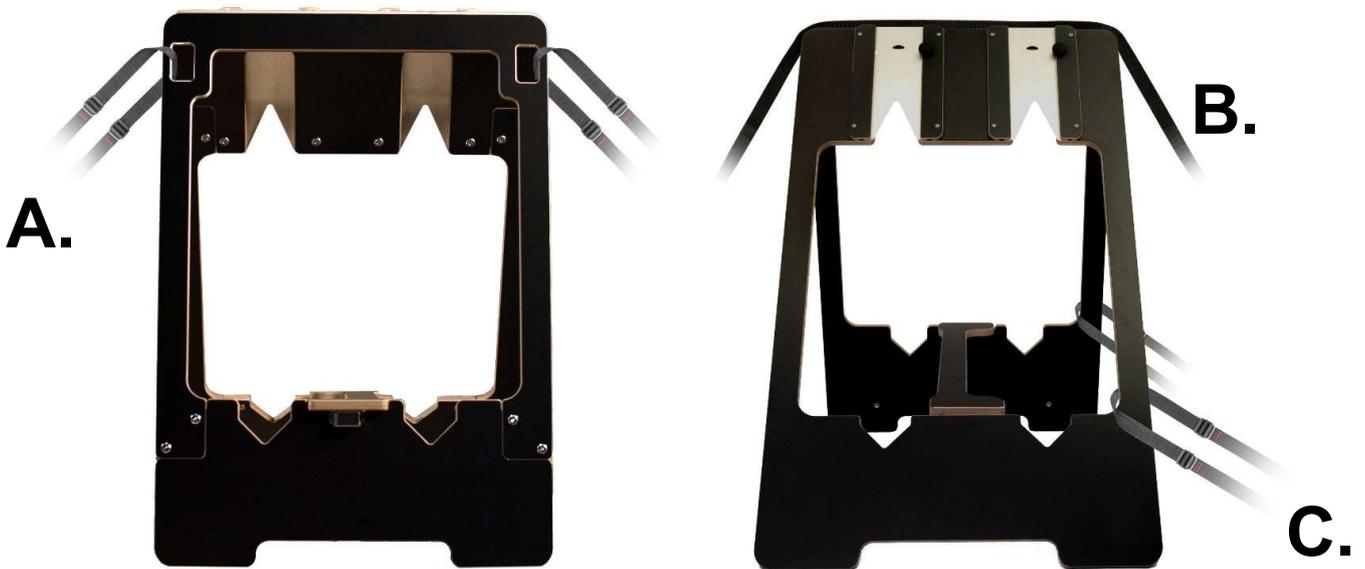


If putting a bike in backwards, change the gears into the smallest chainring and mid cassette. This minimises contact between the chain and plywood.

# SECURING METHODS

Provided with your rack are two tie-down straps.

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



- 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.

When using the BikeStow Original rack to transport bikes in a vehicle, you are responsible for securing it in the cargo area of the vehicle.

# CLEANING

## LAMINATED FLAT SURFACES

Use a slightly damp microfibre cloth to clean any fingerprints, smudges, or other marks. Sticky Stuff Remover, or similar, can be used in **small** amounts for more stubborn marks.

This is only applicable for laminated racks, **not** raw.



## ALUMINIUM V-SLIDERS

Remove from the rack and gently wash and rub clean with warm water and a drop of soap. Do **not** use a scouring-pad or scouring-sponge as these will scratch. Rinse with clean water and thoroughly dry before re-inserting into the rack.



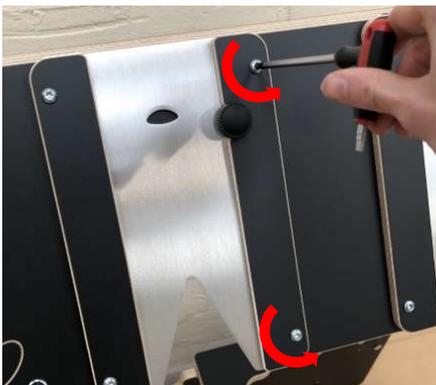
## SLOTS & PLYWOOD EDGES

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

- Apply a small amount of anti-seize grease to each thumb screw's thread every 6-12 months (See right photo). This will stop them seizing or becoming stiff in the long term.
- Regularly check all bolts around the rack are tight using an allen key.
- 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 inwards, re-tighten the two bolts.



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