BikeStow Original
INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for your order!

Please read the following instructions carefully.

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ASSEMBLY

Your BikeStow Original will arrive almost fully assembled.
Follow the below steps to finish it off.

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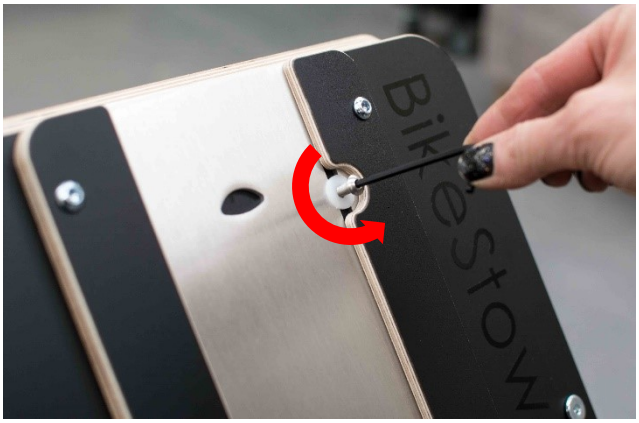


Carefully remove the placeholder bolt.

This bolt has anti-seize grease on it, so be sure to wipe clean any you accidentally smear on the rack or v-slider.

2.

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

3.

Thread the thumb screw into the hole.

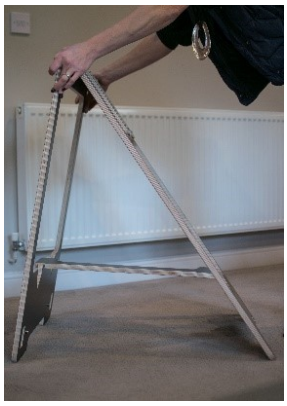
Repeat for each v-slider!

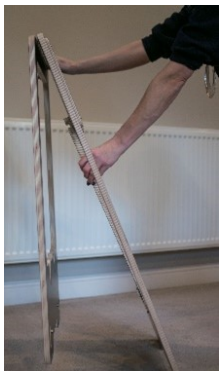
4.

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

This can stop the thumb screw from becoming stiff in the long term. We use Fenwick's PTFE Anti-Seize grease.

FOLDING





UNFOLDING

1. Use your foot or fist 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.

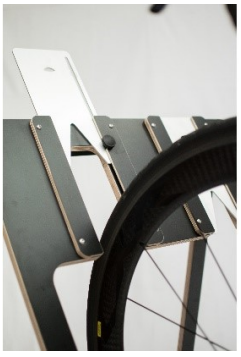
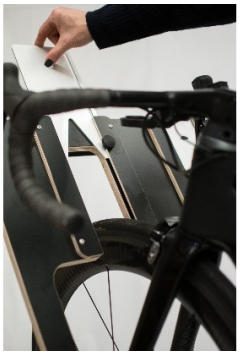
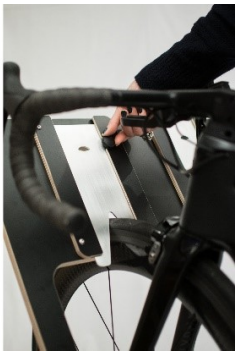
FOLDING

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.

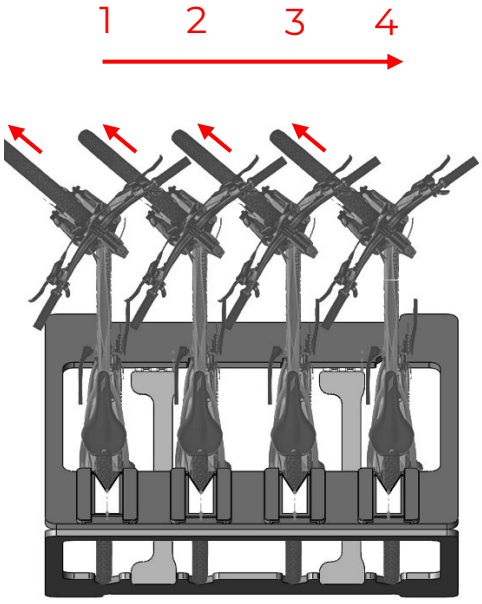
STOWING A BIKE

Ensure the thumb screws are inserted as per the previous page.

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.

STOWING MULTIPLE BIKES

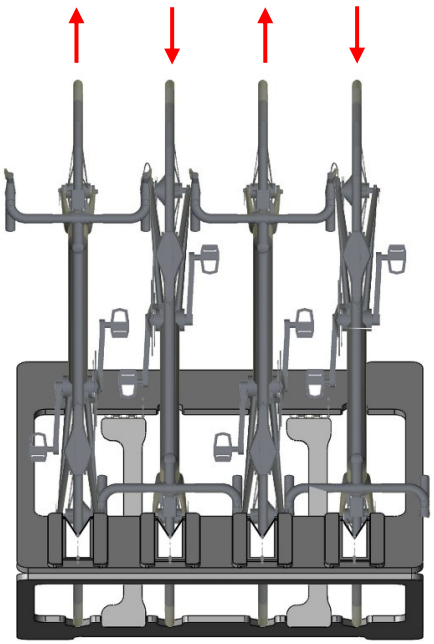


MOUNTAIN BIKES

Stow mountain bikes rearwards with the handlebars & front wheels turned.

Start with the lowest top-tube bike, and finish with the tallest bike. Stow each bike with its front wheel turned away from the next empty slot along.

Lift handlebars over or around the previous bike's and ensure cranks & pedals are all in the same position to avoid clashes.



ROAD / TRACK / CX

Bikes with drop bars should be stowed heads-and-tails, alternating between forwards and rearwards.

If putting a bike in rearwards, change gears into the smallest chainring and mid-cassette to minimise contact between the chain and plywood.

MUDGUARDS

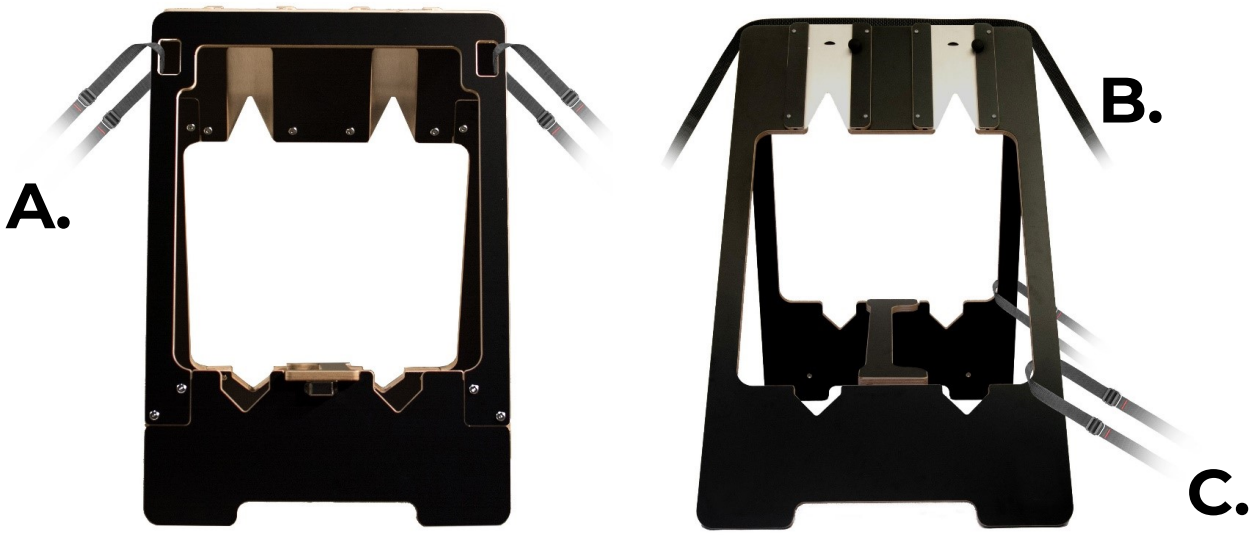
In general, bikes with mudguards must be stowed forwards. Front mudguards don't tend to interfere with the aluminium 'v'-slider, whereas rear mudguards are more likely to.

If you're wanting to stow multiple bikes with mudguards all forwards, you may have to loosen the stem-bolts and turn the handlebars to stop them from clashing.

SECURING THE RACK

Provided with your rack are two tie-down straps.

The straps can be used between the 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.

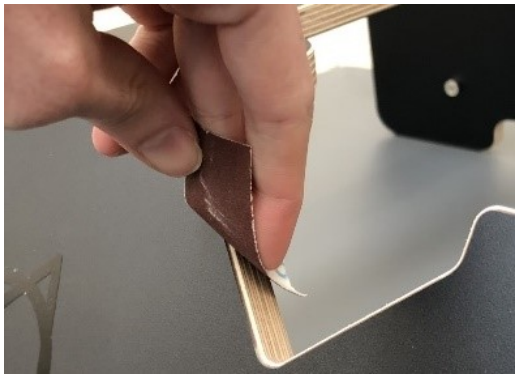
CLEANING

Check out our Love Thy Ply Kit to look after your rack!

SLOTS & PLYWOOD EDGES

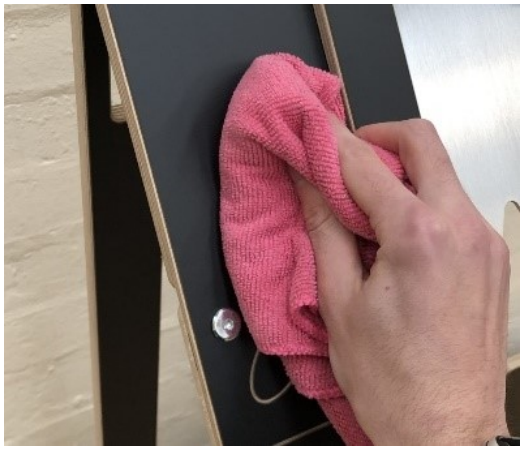
Use fine grit sandpaper (240 or above) to clean any dirty plywood edges. Be careful not to scratch the laminated faces.

Although we use exterior-grade birch plywood which is suitable for wet-tyres, applying the Beeswax Polish in our Love Thy Ply Kit to the exposed plywood edges can add another level of protection. Wood sealer or varnish can also be used for heavier duty protection.



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.



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 as this will scratch. Rinse with water and thoroughly dry before re-inserting into the rack.

MAINTENANCE

For spare or replacement parts, please email info@bikestow.com

General

- Periodically check all bolts on the rack are tight.
- For the longest life, keep your rack clean, dry, and in a suitable environment.

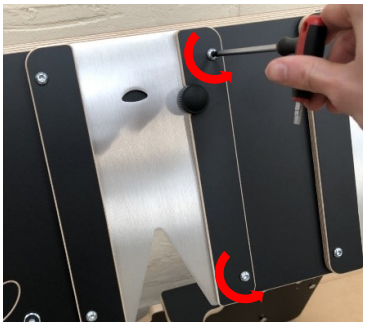
Thumbscrews

To stop the thumbscrews seizing or becoming stiff long term, apply a small amount of anti-seize grease to each thumb screw thread every 6-12 months.

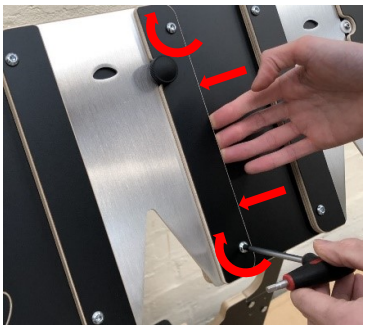
We recommend PTFE grease, such as Fenwick's PTFE Anti-Seize.

Sliders

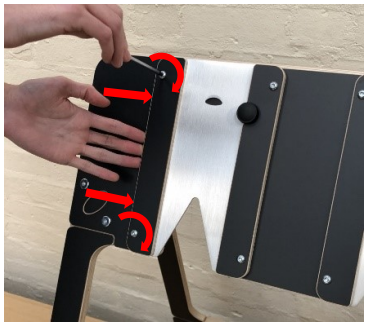
If your aluminium v-sliders become loose and droop by themselves under gravity, then perform the below steps to re-tighten them.



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.