



HORNET

Instruction Sheet/ Usage Guide

The Rack's Responsibility

With all SeaSucker vacuum mounts fully engaged, the rack will securely hold bicycles up to 35 pounds each at speeds of up to 75 mph. The rack will indicate if the SeaSuckers are not maintaining vacuum: each SeaSucker has a power indicator band in the pump that will extend out and become visible upon loss of vacuum. If you see the indicator band, you must re-pump the SeaSucker before the rack can be safely used again.

Your Responsibility

You must inspect the indicator bands on all SeaSuckers when entering and exiting your vehicle. A quick glance will tell you if the rack is at full power. If the indicator band is visible, you must re-pump the SeaSucker before the rack can be used. If any of your SeaSuckers do not hold vacuum for at least 4 hours, they may need to be cleaned, repaired, or replaced. You must always use the included safety strap.

WARNINGS

- Do not exceed the posted speed limit.
- Do not use if the indicator band is exposed on any of your SeaSucker's pumps.
- Do not use if all of your rack's vacuum cups cannot maintain a full vacuum seal for at least 4 hours at a time.
- Check the indicator band during use.
- Clean the mounting surface before attaching.
- Clean SeaSuckers before attaching.
- Clean and lube your SeaSuckers' pumps regularly.
- **The Hornet rack can not be used on a roof top - it is for use on cars with hatchbacks only.**
- **Make sure the safety strap is securely attached to your bike and your hatchback.**
- Attach protective covers when not in use.
- Make sure the vacuum pads are fully seated in the protective covers when not in use.
- Inspect screws, nuts, and bolts regularly and retighten if necessary.
- Do not use for bicycles over 35 pounds.

Preparation

Clean the back window and the rack (if necessary). Open the back hatch. Lay the top of the strap over the top of the hatch so that the black peg will be inside the vehicle when you close the hatch, then close the hatch.

Rack Attachment

Wet the sealing edges of vacuum cups and position them on the rear window so that the ladder straps are positioned a few inches inside the outer edge of each side of your handlebars. Attach them to the window by pumping the plunger until it stays seated inside the pump cylinder and the orange band is not visible. Position the vacuum cups so that the ladder strap buckles are at the top in the 12:00 position, or slightly angled outward to accommodate the bend of MTB handlebars. Slide the strap pads onto the ladder straps making sure that the SeaSucker logo will be facing out when the straps are closed.

Bike Mounting

Press the bike's handlebars up against the SeaSuckers' housings and wrap the ladder straps around the handlebars and into the buckle. Push the strap through the buckle until tight. Adjust the positioning of the mounts if necessary, remembering to support the weight of the bike when detaching and moving the vacuum mount. Wrap the safety strap around the head tube of the bike and push the safety strap's tail through the bottom of the cam buckle. Pull the strap through the other side of the buckle until almost but not quite tight.

Removal

While holding on to the bike, press the top of the buckle to disengage it and pull the strap out. Press the top of the safety strap's cam buckle to disengage it and then pull the strap out.

Check for the Orange Band During Use

Because SeaSucker vacuum mounts are not intended to be permanent fixtures on your car, you should monitor them during use. When getting in or out of your car, check to see if the orange vacuum-strength indicator band is visible. If you see the orange band, simply pump the SeaSucker as described above. If the orange band appears less than two hours after being pumped to full strength, cleaning, maintenance or repositioning may be required. If your rack is mounted on a scratched or dirty surface, clean the mounting surface and vacuum cup or move it to a more suitable position. If these steps don't stop the vacuum cup from losing vacuum prematurely, discontinue use until the problem is resolved.

Care and Maintenance

To get the most out of your SeaSucker rack, inspect it regularly and store it in the included carrying case. Check the vacuum cups for stiffness, cracks, cuts or roughness around the sealing edge. Make sure that the screws attaching the vacuum pads to the SeaSucker housing are tightened securely. Clean the vacuum cups before each use with a sponge or soft cloth, mild dish soap and water. Do not use harsh solvents or abrasive cleaning pads. The vacuum pump should be cleaned regularly. To clean the pump, pull the plunger straight out of the pump cylinder. Clean the inside of the cylinder with dish soap and a soft cloth or paper towel. The plunger should be wiped clean and the black rubber gasket at the tip of the plunger should be re-lubed with a thin layer of silicone-based gel lubricant. After cleaning, push the plunger back into the cylinder and pump it several times to seat it properly and distribute the lubricant.

Warranty

SeaSucker offers a lifetime, non-transferable warranty covering defects in materials and workmanship. Defective products can be returned to SeaSucker for replacement or repair (at SeaSucker's option). Warranty claims must be accompanied by a sales receipt or other proof of purchase document. The cost of transportation to and from SeaSucker for the repair or replacement of any defective part or accessory is not covered by this warranty and is to be paid by the owner. This warranty does not apply to damage or failure resulting from normal use, routine wear and tear, lack of maintenance, user error, alteration of the product, accidents, abuse, or neglect. This warranty is given in lieu of all other written or oral warranties, express or implied, including without limitation implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, and are limited to the duration and specifications of this warranty. SeaSucker's liability for any damages relating to any allegedly defective product, whether arising from the use or the inability to use the product and whether claimed under tort, contract or any other legal theory, shall be limited to the actual price paid for such product and shall in no event include loss of use, loss of time, incidental, consequential, special, or indirect damages of any kind, even if SeaSucker is aware of the possibility of such damages, to the full extent as such may be disclaimed by law.

Products returned to SeaSucker that are determined by SeaSucker (in our sole discretion) to be free of defects or that are no longer within the warranty period may still be repaired or replaced at your expense. Replacement parts, including vacuum pads, pumps, fork mounts and hardware, can be found on-line in the Replacement Parts section at www.SeaSucker.com.

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