User Manual

# **Gar Top Gargo** 9 Cu. Ft. Cargo Carrier

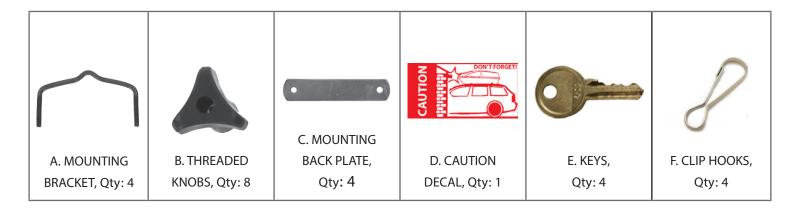




## **PARTS**

Roof rack and cross rails are not included. Carrier must be mounted on a roof rack with cross rails.

## **COMPONENTS**



PIC	PART #	QTY	DESCRIPTION
	CTC-PARTS BAG	1	Complete Parts Bag
А	CTC-MOUNTING BRACKET	4	Mounting Bracket
В	CTC-KNOB	8	Threaded Knobs
С	CTC-MOUNTING BACK PLATE	4	Mounting Back Plate
D	LABEL-2x1-LOW CLEARANCE	1	CAUTION Low Clearance Reminder Decal
Е	CTC-CAMLOCK KEY XXXX	4	Replacement Keys; Key Number Can be found on Key & Lock
F	CTC-CLIP HOOK	4	Clip Hooks

• Cleaning: Clean with mild soap and water.

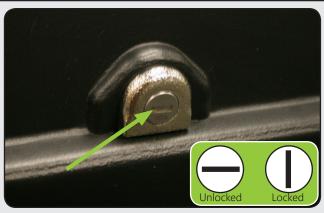
#### **CAUTION**

#### **READ INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE ASSEMBLY OR WARRANTY IS VOID**

- Prior to assembly and installing the cargo carrier carefully read and follow all instructions printed below. Assembly and installation is your
  responsibility. The manufacturer's warranty is exclusively limited to material and workmanship defects and is exclusively limited to replacement
  of a defective cargo carrier. Any damage to your vehicle, its contents, or to any person or property is excluded from the warranty.
- Due to the size and structural differences between vehicles, we rely upon your discretion in attaching the cargo carrier to your roof rack cross rails.
- Consult your owner's manual for recommended roof rack load capacity, however in no case should more than 100 lbs. of evenly distributed cargo be transported in the cargo carrier.
- All hardware should be properly attached, tightened and locked prior to all use. Periodically inspect hardware to ensure they are fastened securely.
- The cargo carrier is moisture resistant, not waterproof. Protect the contents accordingly.
- Remove the cargo carrier when not in use and before entering automatic car washes and low clearance areas.
- All latches and locks must be engaged (and key removed) prior to putting vehicle in motion. When locking the cargo carrier, check to make sure lock is fully engaged by attempting to lift top.
- High speed travel with an empty or lightly loaded cargo carrier should be avoided. In these conditions make certain the cargo carrier is properly secured and attached.
- Install CAUTION Low Clearance reminder static cling decal on rear view mirror when using cargo carrier.

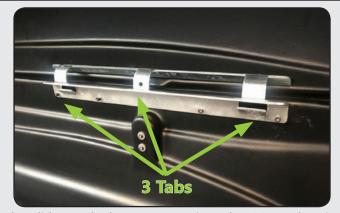
Back of Base

Place base on a flat surface. Remove all **FOUR** clip hooks (F) located on cargo carrier. You will reinstall them on the cargo carrier in steps #2, #3 & #7.



On the passenger side of the top lid, locate key and turn it to be parallel with the ground to the "unlock" position, and then remove the key (key will be needed in step #8).

2.



Place lid onto the base at approximately a 30° angle. It is important to lower the top to allow the tabs to be placed into the slots.



Pull the center tab forward to allow the three tabs to slide down into the corresponding slot. May require some force to pull forward.



Squeeze the top and bottom hinges together.



Hinge tabs NOT fully engaged.

# IMPORTANT!

All three tabs must be in corresponding slots.



Insert one clip hook through center hinge tab hole to secure.

3.



Close the cargo carrier. Pull up on the lid on the hinge side of the cargo carrier to be sure hinge tabs are engaged.



Engage the bale latch on the **hinge side** of the cargo carrier. This bale latch stays in the closed position going forward. Then secure with clip hook.

4.



Set cross rails at 22" on center.\*



Carefully place the assembled cargo carrier on the top of roof rack cross rails and center on vehicle. Check for clearance of rear hatch and antennas.



Be sure to align the mounting holes in the box bottom on each side of the cross rails.

\*Cross rails on some vehicles are not adjustable and may require additional holes drilled into the bottom of the cargo carrier to match the fixed position width. If this is the case, center the carrier on your cross rails and mark the holes using the mounting plate. Drill the holes with a 5/8" drill bit and be sure to drill holes while not on vehicle. Mounting plate must be on a flat area and parallel with the other hole patterns.

5.



Be sure to place each lid upright in the slotted position to keep from falling during loading and unloading.



Raise the **TWO** uprights and place into locked position on the bracket as shown.

6.



Place the mounting bracket (A) through the pre-drilled holes from below the vehicle cross rails as shown above.

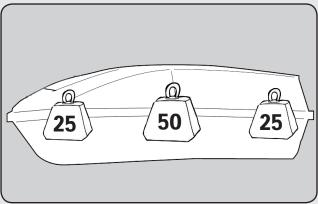


Then slide the mounting plate (C) over the threaded posts inside the cargo carrier.



Thread two knobs (B) evenly and loosely – do not tighten all the way at this point. Repeat steps until all 4 mounting brackets (A), all 4 mounting plates (C) are in place and the 8 knobs (B) are loosely in place. Make sure cargo carrier is centered on vehicle. Then tighten all 8 knobs evenly and securely.

7.



Load cargo carrier with travel gear paying careful attention to proportionately distribute weight and not to exceed the maximum allowed weight of either the box or cross rails.



Close cargo carrier. Be sure that BOTH side alignment brackets are NOT visible. Be sure front and back bale latches are in closed position and that the safetly clip hooks are attached.

8.



Be sure cargo carrier is fully closed. When this occurs, the yellow warning label will no longer be visible.



Close up of warning label which should NOT be visible when cargo carrier is properly closed. Be sure both lock alignment brackets are inside the cargo carrier bottom lip to allow for proper lock engagement and a complete seal. **NOTE:** the metal lock alignment brackets should not be visible when the cargo carrier is closed.



Place key in lock and turn to vertical position as shown. Then remove key. The cargo carrier is now locked. .



Once key is removed, verify that the lock is properly engaged by trying to lift the lid from the base. Pull up on top to ensure locks are engaged.





Clip hooks can be replaced by padlocks for greater security. (sold separately)

#### **WARNING**



#### CAUTION

Check that all THREE bale latches are closed and secured with THREE clip hooks. Be sure a FOURTH clip hook is placed on center hinge tab on the inside front of cargo carrier. Lid will not lift up when pulled. Lock alignment brackets must NOT be visible. All locking devices must be engaged (and keys removed) whenever the vehicle is in motion.

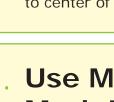
#### ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS

Stationary Mounting Hole Instructions for 9 Cu Ft Carrier



#### 1. Measure Cross Rails

When cross rails are stationary or in a fixed position and not 22" on center, measure the distance between the front and back cross rails from center to center of roof rails.



# 2. Use Mounting Plate to Mark Back of Carrier

We recommend taking the top off the carrier, then place mounting plate as far back on the carrier as you can, then mark two holes and drill with a 5/16" drill. Make sure the mounting plate is on a flat surface.



# 3. Measure Cross Rail Distance & Mark

Measure that cross rail distance from the back center of the new hole and use mounting plate to mark two holes. Make sure mounting plate is on a flat surface and stay parallel with the back set of holes.



#### 4. Drill New Holes

Use a 5/16" drill and drill the new holes in front of the carrier. Material won't chip or crack. You will not be using the existing set of front holes.



# Repeat on Other Side

And now you are ready to install your Car Top Cargo Carrier!