INSTRUCTION SHEET

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INSTRUCTIONS:

1. The Trailhead rack requires one bolt for assembly (fig A).

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- 2. Rotate the receiver bar so that the hole in the receiver bar lines up with the hole in the foot (fig B).
- 3. Insert 1/2" bolt, washer and nut (fig C). Tighten to 45 lbs. Check to ensure all bolts are tight.
- 4. Insert the rack into your receiver style hitch.
- 5. Secure the rack with the threaded hitch pin and clip (diagram 1). Tighten to 40/ft.lbs.
- 6. Grab the top of the rack and move back and forth. The rack should not move in the hitch.

LOADING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. The rack comes folded in the box. To fold the bike support arms up simply pull the pin all the way out of the rack. Raise the arms of the rack until they are at 90° to the rack and then replace the pin which will hold the arms in place (diagram 2).
- 2. The bikes are loaded on to the rack alternating the direction of each bike.
- 3. Position one of the anti-sway cradles close to the seat tube.
- 4. Secure the bikes by pulling the strap over the top tube of the bike frame (diagram 3).
- 5. You should check the straps periodically and after stopping to insure they are still tight and that someone has not released them. Failure to do so will void warranty.



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IMPORTANT NOTES:

- This bicycle rack (depending on the model) has been designed to carry 1, 2, 3 or 4 bikes, as long as the maximum weight on the rack does not exceed 45 kgs or 140 lb.
- This rack is designed for typical use and applications (on paved or smooth gravel roads). Do not use this rack on a vehicle that will be driven on rough roads or where the rack (and bikes) will be subjected to significant or constant jarring and/or shock, or any vehicle with very stiff springs that will transfer the load shocks directly to the rack and the bikes.
- Proper fitting and installation of this carrier to your specific vehicle is critical, and is the owner's sole responsibility.
- Improper use of this product may result in damage to your rack, your vehicle, your bicycles, or even other vehicles driving behind you (as a
 result of colliding with or trying to avoid fallen bicycles and/or the rack).
- The purchaser should be aware that the load created by a rack and bicycles can exceed the maximum rating on the hitch or bumper.
- Swagman racks are powder coated to help prevent rust. As with any metal equipment it is recommended that you keep the rack clean and remove road salt and debris.
- When leaving them outside for extended periods of time the finish will loose its luster. It is recommended that when not in use the rack is stored indoors.
- Take care to add padding on any area of the bikes that touches another bike or any part of the vehicle. Damage can and will happen (to your bikes and/or to the vehicle) if care is not taken during the loading and transporting of your bikes, and padding used where necessary.
- Bicycle tires should be kept at least 6" away from the exhaust pipes of the vehicle. The high temperature exhaust exiting from the exhaust pipes is hot enough to melt or damage tires. Keep all bike tires totally away from the direct exhaust flow.
- Bikes fitted with large accessories (such as child carrying seat) will greatly increase the wind resistance and therefore the pressure on the rack and all vehicle-mounting points. Reducing vehicle speed will reduce the chance of any problems occurring because of this situation.
- After reading this manual, should you have any additional questions regarding the compatibility, fitting and/or use of this rack, please call your nearest Swagman authorized retail dealer or Swagman Customer Service.

A Mounting the Trailhead on a Trailer or 5th Wheel:

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- 1. The purchaser is advised that the load created by the rack and bicycles may exceed the strength of a trailer or 5th wheel bumper, mounting location and the bike rack. Improper mounting will void the rack warranty.
- 2. The recommended ground clearance of 14" may not be sufficient on trailers and 5th wheels. Ground clearance must exceed 15" and will vary depending on the application. Damage to bicycles or rack due to ground clearance problems are not covered by warranty.
- 3. Excessive movement can cause damage to the rack or bike. This is not covered by warranty. Pull the rack back and forth and if the rack has excessive movement a separate tether strap should be purchased, the rack should not be used.
- 4. Make sure you have sufficient distance between your handlebars and the back of the trailer.