

# **SR Base Rails**



part	description	part number	qty.
Α	base rail (left & right)	-	2
В	base rail endcap	854-2536-001	4
С	plastic wedge/shim	852-7645-001	4/6
D	rubber expansion block	RB-11032-1	4/6
	1/8" strips for trucks that do not require plastic wedge/shim (not shown)	RB-20002-1	1
	hardware kit	HD-21000-A (full size )	1
Е	pocket nut	-	4/6
F	3/8" safety bolt	_	8
G	3" socket head cap screw (SHCS)	_	4/6
н	plastic access plug	_	30
1	nylon washer	-	6

IMPORTANT: All Thule TracRac products require specific torque during assembly and install to safely and consistently secure racks and components. Following these torque specifications is required to maintain functionality and safety, and failure to properly secure will void warranty. Make sure to use a torque wrench or gun providing allowing specific torque settings. Ensure cordless torque guns are fully charged.

## TOOLS THAT YOU WILL NEED

part	description
Α	6 ft. straight edge
в	tape measure
С	9/16" open-end/box wrench
D	3/16" allen wrench
Е	1/4" allen wrench
F	torque wrench

### TOOLS INCLUDED

pa	rt	description
A		Ball point allen driver

## WARNINGS / LIMITATIONS

- Install parts as shown on illustrations.
- Carrying high loads over rough roads with excess speed may damage the system. Good judgment must be exercised at all times.

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#### CONTINUED: TRUCKS WITH STAKE POCKETS (AND WITH BEDLINERS USING POCKET TABS)

TIP: Tape or glue pocket nuts to rubber expansion blocks before inserting into stake pockets. This will prevent nuts from dropping into stake pockets should base rails need to be removed.

- 5. For trucks with bedliners and removable pocket tabs, carefully remove pocket tabs per manufacturer instructions.
- 6. Place assembled rail on top of bedrail ensuring rubber blocks are inserted into stake pockets. Leave base rails loose on top of bedrail and repeat for second base rail (Image B).
- 7. To make parallel, and starting with the cab (front) end of truck, measure inside width at front and rear of bed, and confirm difference is no more than +/-1/16" (Image C). Adjust as necessary.
- To make plane (flat on top), use a straight edge or crossbar to ensure all four tracks touch the straight edge within +/-1/16" (Image D).
   Move the shims inside and out as necessary, or use the supplied rubber tape strips until plane.
- 9 Partially tighten left/right assemblies at cab (front) end of truck. Use a 5/16" socket wrench on the ball point Allen driver supplied. Press down to keep rail in position while tightening.
- 10 At the tailgate (rear) end of truck, repeat steps 7-9.





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WARNING: If proper torque is not achieved rack can loosen and cause failure. Ensure bolts are tightened using a calibrated torque wrench. Re-torque non-adhesive fasteners to proper specification after 500 miles and every 10k miles thereafter.

- 11. Reconfirm measurements to verify base rail locations. Fully tighten to 9 ft lbs torque while keeping straight edge / crossbar on tracks to ensure base rails remain parallel and in plane.
- 12. For 8' beds, tighten middle assembly to 9 ft lbs, and reconfirm torque at 9 ft lbs for all assemblies.
- 13. Thread and tighten (4) 1/4-20 x 3/8" safety bolts onto the "T" at the cab (front) end of the base rails.

CAUTION: All safety bolts must be installed and all knobs tightened prior to operating the vehicle.

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#### BASE RAIL INSTALLATION: TRUCKS WITHOUT STAKE POCKETS

The Thule TracRac SR sliding rack base rail is a drill-through assembly for trucks without stake pockets and with or without bedliners.

- 1. Confirm all parts are included, and reconfirm base rail part number corresponds to your pickup truck make, model and year.
- 2. Locate correct hole pattern in base rails for your truck by referring to enclosed base rail layout drawing. Use plastic access plugs to cover holes that do not correspond to your truck.
- 3. For bedliner applications, and before drilling holes, ensure the bedliner is properly installed and in correct position per manufacturer instructions.
- 4. Secure base rails to truck using c-clamps or other temporary method, and making sure base rails are in correct position for drilling. Labels at end of each base rail identify correct orientation of base rails on truck. Rails must remain parallel within 1/16".

NOTE: Some truck beds taper towards interior of bed and outside plane of base rails which is normal.

5. Using holes specified for your truck, mark each center and set base rails aside.



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- 6. Drill 13/32" diameter holes at each marked point and fasten.
- 7. Insert plastic washer onto 3/8-16 x 3" SHCS, and insert SHCS through base rail hole, through shim (if necessary), through truck bed. Ensure shim is positioned with thickest side facing outside truck.

TIP: Tape or glue pocket nuts to rubber expansion blocks. This will prevent nuts from dropping into bedrail should base rails need to be removed.

8. Hand tighten pocket nut to loosely hold rail in place against shim. Repeat on other ends of base rail. Repeat for second base rail.

NOTE: Base rails must be parallel and in plane, and must be adjusted separately front to back.

- 9. To make plane (flat on top), use a straight edge or crossbar to ensure all four tracks touch the straight edge within +/-1/16". Move the shims inside and out as necessary, or use the supplied rubber tape strips until plane (Image C).
- 10. Partially tighten left/right assemblies at cab (front) end of truck. Use a 5/16" socket wrench on the ball point Allen driver supplied. Press down to keep rail in position while tightening.
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- 12. Reconfirm measurements to verify base rail locations. Fully tighten to 9 ft lbs torque while keeping straight edge / crossbar on tracks to ensure base rails remain parallel and in plane.
- 13. For 8' beds, tighten middle assembly to 9 ft lbs, and reconfirm torque at 9 ft lbs for all assemblies.
- 14. Thread and tighten (4)  $1/4-20 \times 3/8''$  safety bolts onto the "T" at the cab (front) end of the base rails.

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#### BASE RAIL INSTALLATION: TRUCKS WITH BEDLINERS "COVERING RAIL"

The Thule TracRac SR sliding rack base rail is a drill-through assembly for trucks using bedliners without pocket tabs.

- 1. Before drilling holes, confirm bedliner is properly installed and in correct position per the manufacturer's instructions.
- 2. Confirm all parts are included, and reconfirm base rail part number corresponds to your pickup truck make, model and year.
- 3. Locate correct hole pattern in base rails for your truck by referring to enclosed base rail layout drawing. Use plastic access plugs to cover holes that do not correspond to your truck.
- 4. Place base rails on truck bed rails. If bedliner flange is flat and in plane, shims are not required. Otherwise position shims on top of bedliner with thickest side facing outside truck.
- Locate center front left / right stake pockets and drill a 3/8" hole through bedliner. Temporarily place 3/18-16 x 3" socket head cap screw (SHCS) through corresponding base rail holes and newly drilled bedliner holes.
- 6. Measure width between base rails at the same location front and rear to ensure they are equal within 1/16" and C-clamp in place. Using base rail's rear hole as a template, drill a 3/8" diameter hole in the center of each stake pocket.



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- NOTE: Some truck beds taper towards interior of bed and outside plane of base rails which is normal.
- 7. Unbolt bedliner and lift to gain access to stake pockets (a small wooden block in between bedliner flange and truck bed rail will provide hands-free stake pocket access).
- 8 Insert plastic washer onto each 3/8-16 x 3" SHCS, and insert SHCS through base rail hole, through shim (if necessary), bedliner, rubber expansion and into nut (Image A). Ensure shim is positioned with thickest side facing outside truck.

TIP: Tape or glue pocket nuts to rubber expansion blocks. This will prevent nuts from dropping into bedrail should base rails need to be removed.

 Hand tighten pocket nut just enough to hold rubber expansion block in place against shim (without compressing the rubber block). Remove wooden blocks and insert entire assembly into stake pockets. Repeat on other ends of base rail. Leave base rails loose on top of bedrail and repeat for second base rail.

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10. To make parallel, and starting with the cab (front) end of truck, measure inside width at front and rear of bed, and confirm difference is no more than +/-1/16". Adjust as necessary.



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The Thule TracRac SR sliding rack base rails require periodic maintenance to maintain functionality and safety.

- 1. Periodically retighten all fasteners and check the torque on the rubber expansion blocks (every 3-4 months on average). Over time with repeated use the Thule TracRac base rails may loosen slightly.
- 2. Salt, soap, scum and other debris may inhibit the slide of the racks and accessories. Periodically clean to ensure proper functionality.
- a) Base rails are parallel. Re-measure, adjust and re-tighten.
- b) Crossbars are parallel and tight. If crossbars feel loose, fasteners / socket head cap screws may not have been properly tightened. Do not re-tighten; call customer service for new fasteners with fresh adhesive and replace ensuring they are tightened to proper torque settings.

TIP: Spray rails occasionally with Armor-All or Son-Of-A-Gun will enhance sliding.



#### THULE RACK GUIDELINES

When using Thule Load carriers and accessories, the user must understand the precautions. The points listed below will assist you in using the rack system and will encourage safety.

- For quality fits and safety, use only the recommended rack or accessory as stated in Thule's current Fit Guide. Do not assume a rack will fit, always check the current Fit Guide when obtaining a new vehicle.
- The maximum load specified in the assembly instructions is not to be exceeded. However, this limit is always subordinate to the maximum load recommended by the manufacturer of the car itself. It is always the lower maximum recommended load that applies. Max roof load = load carrier weight + any fitted carrier accessories + the weight of the load itself.
- Always make sure all doors are open when mounting a roof rack system. Make sure all knobs, bolts, screws, straps, and locks are firmly attached, tightened and locked before every trip. Knobs, bolts, screws, straps and locks must be periodically inspected for signs of wear, corrosion, and fatigue. Check your load at stops during the trip to ensure continued fastening security.
- Check local and state laws governing projection of objects beyond the perimeter of a vehicle. Be aware of the width and height of your cargo since low clearance branches, bridges, and parking garages can affect the load. All cargo will affect the vehicle's driving behavior. Never drive with any lock, knob or rack in an open or unlocked position. All long loads such as, but not limited to, sailboards, surfboards, kayaks, canoes, and lumber must be tied down front and rear to the bumpers or tow hooks of the vehicle.
- Remove your Thule rack and accessories when they are not in use and before entering automatic car washes.
- All locks must be turned and moved periodically to ensure smooth operation. Use graphite or dry lubricant to help this. Thule locks are designed to deter
  vandalism and theft but should not be considered theft proof. Remove valuable gear if your vehicle is unattended for an extended period. Place at least
  one key in the glove compartment.
- For safety to your vehicle and rack system, obey all posted speed limits and traffic cautions. Adapt your speed to the conditions of the road and the load being carried.
- Do not use Thule load carriers and accessories for purposes other than those for which they were designed. Do not exceed their carrying capacity. Failure to follow these guidelines or the product's instructions will void the warranty.
- All loads must be secured using the provided straps.
- Consult with your Thule dealer if you have any questions regarding the operations and limits of Thule products. Review all instructions and warranty information carefully.
- Not for use on trailers or towed vehicles.
- Not for offroad use.
- · Keep bicycle tires away from hot exhaust.

