



## Canoe Block Instructions

### Using blocks without cross bars directly on the roof

- Determine where on the vehicle roof the blocks will be placed and clean that area. To ensure the most support, position the blocks near the front and back of the roof where there is the most reinforcement.
- With the canoe lying on its hull on the ground, clip on the blocks to the canoe gunwales where you want the blocks to support the canoe when loaded on the roof.
- With the blocks clipped onto the gunwales, carefully load the canoe onto the roof with the No-Skid™ surface down, supporting the canoe.
- Once loaded, adjust the boat and block position to create the optimum stability.

### Clipping blocks onto a rack system with cross bars

- Before loading make sure your rack is tightened, secured in place and able to handle the weight of the boat.
- With the canoe lying on its hull on the ground, clip on the blocks to the canoe gunwales where you want the blocks to support the canoe when loaded on the roof.
- With the blocks clipped onto the

gunwales, carefully load the canoe onto the roof with the No-Skid™ surface down, supporting the canoe.

- Once the canoe is resting on the cross bars, clip on the blocks to the cross bars at each contact point.
- Once loaded, adjust the boat and block positions to create optimum stability.

## Bow & Stern Straps

- Starting with the front or bow of the boat, thread one end of the V-Style strap through or around a secure thwart, eyelet, carrying handle or tie shackle.
- Hook the two G-Hooks to an appropriate place on the underside of the front bumper. The G-Hooks must be attached to a secure part of the vehicle frame, metal tow hook or metal bumper. The tow G-Hooks should be placed as far apart as possible.

Move to the rear or stern of the boat and repeat steps 1 and 2.



**Bow Straps**



**Stern Straps**

## Over-The-Hull Straps

*Your kit includes ONE Over-the-hull strap (OTH). When installing a single OTH, center the strap between the two sets of blocks (front and rear blocks), so you are applying downward pressure to both sets of blocks evenly. If you choose to use an additional OTH strap, adjust the placement of each strap directly above the front and rear sets of blocks.*

- Lay the buckle pad on the hull of the boat and string the non-buckled end of the strap over and around the boat, through the car and back up to the buckle. If you have side rails, you may secure the strap through the rails rather than through the car.



**Example of placement of two OTH straps. If using one OTH strap, place in center between sets of blocks**

- Thread the non-buckled end of the strap through the buckle and lightly tighten while holding buckle in place.

## Final Tightening

- Moderately tighten the Over-The-Hull Strap(s).
- Move to the rear or stern of the boat and tighten the stern strap to an appropriate tension.
- Do the same for the bow strap.
- Go back to the Over-The-Hull Strap(s) and tighten one final time.

- Check to see that the boat is securely fastened by shaking the bow or stern back and forth. Tighten as necessary.

## Helpful Hints

- To eliminate any humming sound while driving, put a few twists in the straps. This works for both the Bow/Stern and Over-The-Hull Straps.
- If using one OTH strap, position in center of vehicle. If using two OTH straps, place directly over the front and rear blocks.
- Clean your roof before using the blocks to help prevent slipping.
- Recheck your tie downs and block positions at convenient points throughout your trip.

## Warning

- Always inspect your equipment carefully before each use.
- Sherpak blocks are not for use with soft tops or convertibles.
- Do not place blocks directly on a sunroof.
- If attached incorrectly, your boat may twist and/or slip off your vehicle, potentially causing damage to your goods and/or injury to others.
- Proper use is the responsibility of the customer and/or person using the equipment.
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