

# Hitch Mounted Cargo Carrier:

A cargo carrier is an essential thing to have when you love camping, going on road trips, or tailgating. Sometimes you just don't have enough space in your car for everything, especially if you're taking your whole family and pets with you. Even when you have enough space, some stuff are better off hauled outside the car. For instance, when you need to take spare cans of gas along with a portable power generator. Loading the cans in the car will make your whole car reeks of gasoline. It's annoying and dangerous at the same time. A hitch mounted cargo carrier is a versatile and multi-purpose contraption that you can use to haul everything imaginable.

Transporting trash cans, diving gears, luggage, cooler, garden supplies, tools, tree stumps, beach chairs, and everything else is made easier when you have a good hitch cargo carrier attached to the back of your car.

If you want one that's sturdy and able to withstand mountainous terrain as well as not-so-smooth highways, then you just came to the right place. Here.

**High load capacity:** A 500 pounds weight capacity is the norm here, and that's a lot. You will most likely take about 200-300 pounds of load on any trip, but that 500 pounds maximum capacity is sure a nice insurance to have. Should something happen, and you need to haul more than you used to, you know the carrier will hold out just fine.

**No rattles:** When you're traveling over 1,000 miles, the least you want to hear is constant rattles from the cargo carrier. The noise will make you anxious all the way. A good hitch carrier will have a tight fit between the receiver and the main shaft. Tight fit means no extra wiggling space that will make those rattling noises.

**Ease of assembly:** When assembly is straightforward and takes minutes instead of hours, everybody is happy. Carrier racks that come pre-assembled help cut down the assembly time and also the stress that comes with it.

**Ease of installation:** Attaching the hitch carrier to the receiver is as easy as one-two-three when you have the correct receiver size. Even when you don't, an adapter is always easy to find. Lightweight carrier construction also helps a lot in making installation easy.

**Build quality:** Excellent build-quality sparks confidence. You know that it won't suddenly break while going through harsh roads. Build quality extends to the painting and coating. You're confident that the frame, mesh wires, connectors, and everything won't rust after just a couple trips to the mountains.

**Sidewalls:** Railings or sidewalls surrounding the tray help keeping the load secure. Yes, you may still need to tie/strap down your load for security purposes, but having those metal railings do give you extra peace of mind. You know the load won't slide off the rack when you're climbing steep hills.

# PROS & CONS

## Hitch Mounted Cargo Carrier **Pros:**

More versatile. It makes more sense carrying firewood, trash can, or cans of gas on a hitch cargo carrier than on a rooftop rack.

Easy to install. Most cars are already equipped with standard hitch receivers.

Easy to access. When you need frequent access to your cargo, the hitch carrier makes a better.

Better aerodynamics. No adverse effect on your car's mpg.

Can be converted into a bike rack.

## Hitch Mounted Cargo Carrier **Cons:**

You need to worry about ground clearance, visibility.

The heat from the exhaust pipe may melt any plastic part on the carrier or your load.

Your load may get dirty from all the mud, grime, and dirt.

Blocks rear camera. Parking sensors are useless too because they'll always sense something is too close to the bumper.

Parking in tight parking spaces becomes a problem.

License plate may need to be relocated.

May need to install tail lights on the carrier.

Remember that how good or bad the pros and cons are depend on your own preferences and conditions. For example, if gas is so cheap in your area, you may not worry too much about the mpg stuff.

# USEFUL TIPS FOR SHOPPERS:

Use receiver adapter to increase the mounting height so that when you're going through steep climbs or ramps, the carrier won't get dragged on the road. If you have a sedan or minivan with low ground clearance, this is something to consider seriously.

Side rails. They help to prevent things from sliding off, though you can fix that with proper fastening too.

Steel vs. aluminum. Depending on the fabrication method, both steel and aluminum racks can display excellent load-bearing capability. However, they do have different characteristics. A tray that's made of steel is strong but heavy. It makes attaching the carrier onto your car a challenge. Steel rack also requires more thorough painting or coating to prevent corrosion. Aluminum is

lightweight, doesn't rust, but gets scratched easily.

Aluminum cargo carriers don't need any special treatment to prevent rust. If you're the type that hates extra maintenance work, perhaps an aluminum carrier will be a better choice for you.

## ACCESSORIES

In a perfect world, anything you buy will have all the features that you need and want. However, we live in a less-than-perfect world and need to deal with it accordingly. If the hitch mount cargo carrier you just bought lacks a feature or two, there are accessories available to improve the situation.

Waterproof bag to protect your load from the elements. Two suitcases of wet clothes can seriously dampen your family's holiday mood. In a pinch, garbage bag or a simple tarp works too.

Reflectors/Light Cargo carriers are usually painted black or gray. In low-light situations or at nights, they can be very hard to see. For your safety and also others', you should consider adding reflectors or a light kit. A cargo carrier light kit with plug-n-play wiring is preferable. With a light kit, you'll have tail and turn lights functions. Added visibility is always a good thing. But you don't have to worry about that because we have matching taillights and reflective strips for you to choose from.

Anti-rattle/ trailer hitch tie down / hitch tightener. They come in various names, but they're basically just U-shaped bolt-on devices. This simple device it applies pressure on the points of contacts to minimize and eliminate any rattling, wobbling, wiggling, or shifting. The simple design means it will work with any hitch and carrier.

Curve-type hitch bar. For cars with low ground clearance, adding a curve-type hitch bar will prevent many cases of the carrier rubbing or hitting the road. It also prevents the exhaust from heating up your cargo.

Hitch adapter. When you bought a cargo rack with 2-inches hitch but your car uses 1.25-inches receiver, a hitch adapter can make it work. Some hitch adapters are raised, so you get extra ground clearance for the rack. Large bumps and steep incline will no longer be a problem.

## MORE TIPS:

If you want to going heavily off-road, choose the roof rack,because the environment doesn't work with it,it will become a burdon to you.

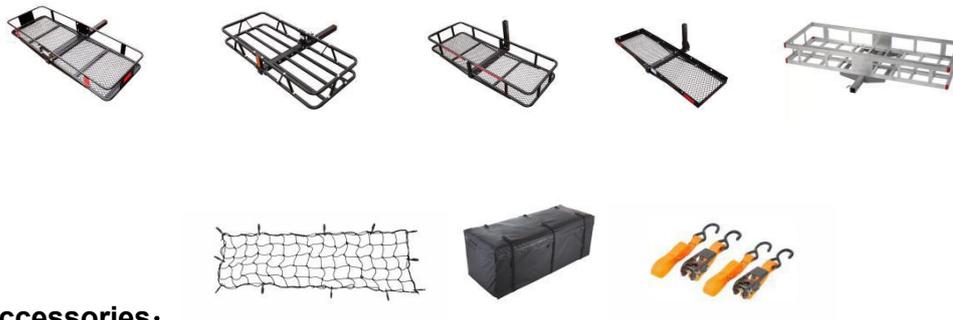
Don't test the maximum load capacity right off the bat. If you buy a cargo carrier with 500-pounds capacity, try with 100 pounds first and see how it fares. There's always a possibility that you get a lemon or some nuts and bolts aren't properly tightened. Go for a test ride before the big day. You may notice a thing or two that you didn't realize early on.

When installing, make sure the exhaust is not pointing directly toward the rack or basket. The heat could melt your suitcase, box, cooler, or anything made of plastic. Use an adapter to increase the rack's height and move it away from the heat. You can also use exhaust tip to redirect the exhaust away from the cargo basket.

When you spot rusts, don't worry about it too much. Something made of metal that gets used outside will get rusty sooner or later. A quick spray of Rustoleum will do well to prevent the rust from spreading. Keep using the carrier and keep having fun adventures with your loved ones.

### **Relevant recommendation:**

We have products for different usage scenarios, The styles and sizes are different, and the materials are available in iron and aluminum. If your demand is large, we can also customize the service according to your drawings.



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