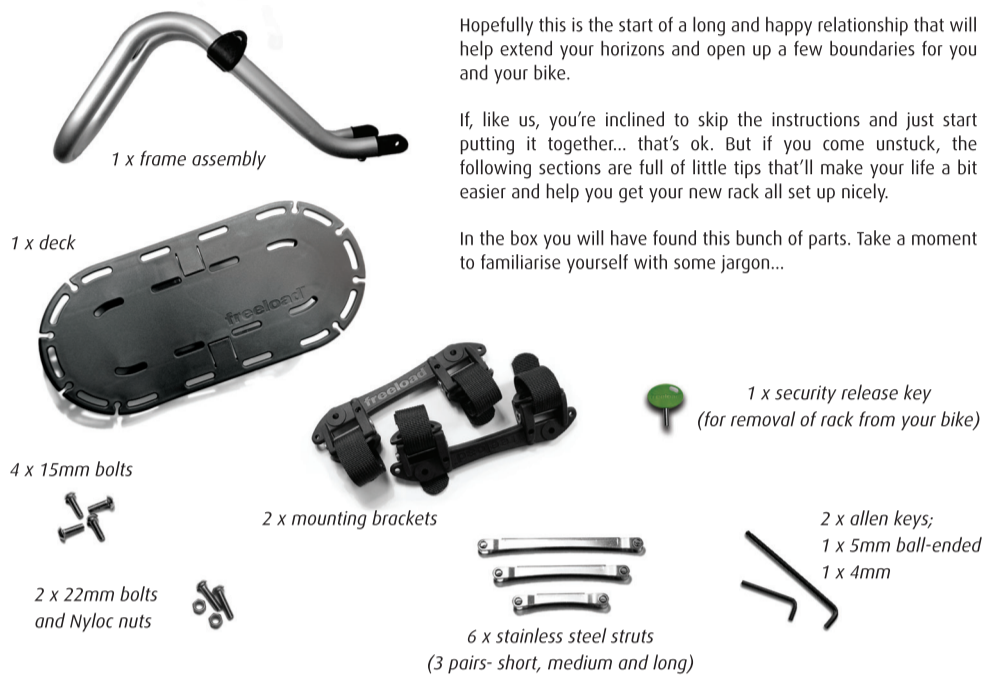




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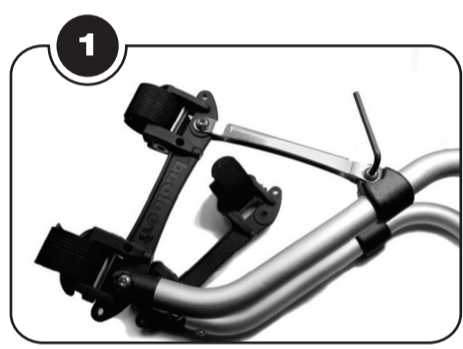
Thanks for choosing a **freeload**™ rack.

Hopefully this is the start of a long and happy relationship that will help extend your horizons and open up a few boundaries for you and your bike.

If, like us, you're inclined to skip the instructions and just start putting it together... that's ok. But if you come unstuck, the following sections are full of little tips that'll make your life a bit easier and help you get your new rack all set up nicely.

In the box you will have found this bunch of parts. Take a moment to familiarise yourself with some jargon...

initial setup



Select the correct length stainless strut for your bike.

- short** (80mm) fits forks, and the rear of some road, cyclocross and touring bikes.
- medium** (120mm) fits the rear of hardtails and some full suspension bikes.
- long** (150mm) for low-angled stays on some full suspension frames.

With the threaded side of the strut facing inwards, line up with the holes in both the mounting bracket, and the plastic clamp on the frame. Thread a 15mm bolt into each, but don't tighten fully.

Repeat on the other side.



Now you can clip on the deck.

Flip it upside down, and if closed, push the green release buttons and open the two attachment hooks.

Bring the deck and the frame assembly together with the U-shaped part of the tubing coming to rest in the big green 'toe-plate'.



Turn the rack right-side up again.

Rest the corners of the attachment brackets on the floor so that the deck is now parallel to the floor.

With the heel of your hands centred on the deck, press down firmly. You should hear a resounding 'click' as the hooks engage and lock the deck to the frame.

This can all be done just as easily with the rack mounted on your bike, but we recommend doing it this way first to become familiar with how things work.



By now your rack should look something like this (though probably not levitating)...Turn over to learn how to fit, and remove the rack from your bike.

We're passionate about discovery and adventure, whether it be in the design studio, or exploring by bicycle.

We hope you like the rack as much as we do; we put every effort into making it the best one you've seen, heard about or ridden with.

We use the best materials, and design things to last. We're so happy with them, we guarantee against any defects in materials or workmanship- please see our website for full warranty details.

Barring accidents, and assuming you're using it for its intended purpose, we expect it will be the last rack you ever have to buy.

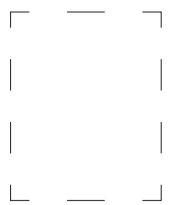
If however, you do hit a tree at speed or get hit by a speeding bus, we offer all parts as spares so your rack can be rebuilt like new again... no need to replace the whole thing if you don't have to.

Or, if you have any cool ideas for new products, or new uses for this one, we're all ears and would love to hear from you.



For full warranty details and further information visit our website, Or if you have any queries or problems please get in touch: team@freeload.co.nz

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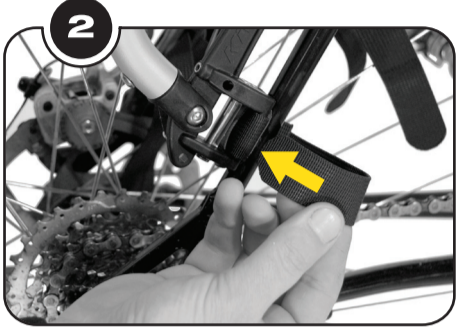
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fitting instructions



Start by placing the rack in position on the front or rear of your bike.

Position the attachment points of the mounting brackets to avoid any obstacles including brake mounts, cable guides or clips. You may need to push cables and housing to one side to allow the mounting bracket to sit directly on your frame.



Feed the free end of strap around fork leg or seat stay and back through the slot in the stainless ratchet pin.

Leave some slack in the strap before tightening - this means you won't end up with a long tail flapping around when the ratchet is fully tightened.

You may need to try this a couple of times with various amounts of slack to get it right for the diameter of tubing on your bike.



Use the ball-end of the 5mm allen-key to tighten and take up the slack in the strap.

Tighten all four attachment points.

Step back and take a look to see that you've got it on straight before you tighten it up fully.

Try and position both mounting brackets at even heights on the frame.



Now turn the 5mm allen-key over and use the short end to tighten securely.

It should be tight enough with 2-3 clicks.

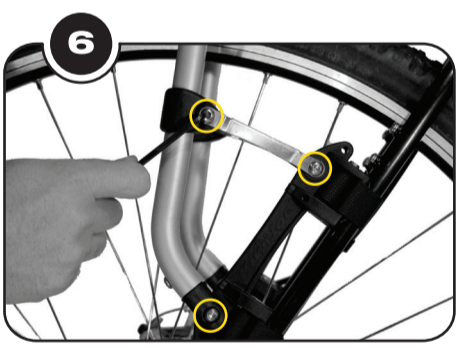
Do not over tighten. The webbing attachment system is deceptively strong so it is best to err on the side of caution.



Now you can position the deck where you want it.

Adjust it forward or backward by allowing the plastic clamps to slide up or down the aluminium tubes.

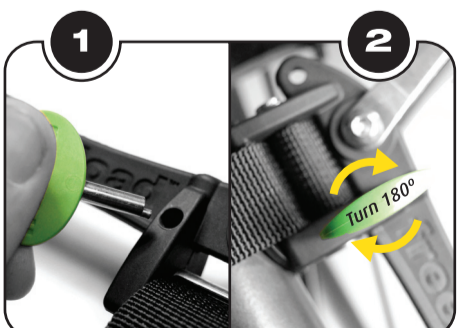
If adjustment is difficult, check that the stainless steel bolts are loose and try again.



When you're happy with the position, give it a quick look from directly above to make sure you've lined it up straight.

Lock in position by tightening all 3 stainless bolts on each side as shown. Do not over tighten.

removal instructions



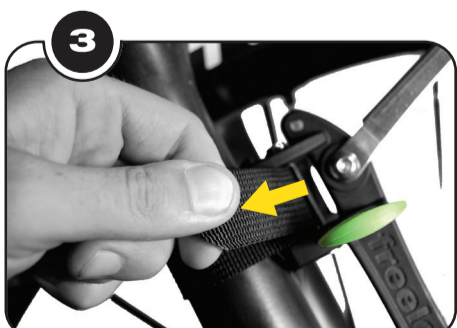
Insert the security release key into the hole in the mounting bracket above the ratchet pin.

Position the small protrusion on the key at the bottom of the hole (see photo), and push firmly in to engage.

Turn the handle through 180 degrees to release the ratchet lock pin. There should be a loud 'Click' and webbing tension will be released.

You can now leave the key in this position, and use both hands to free the strap.

*Note: If you lose your key, you can still release the webbing by inserting a small bladed screwdriver or similar pointed tool, and lifting the pin.



You are able to remove the strap by pulling firmly on the free end, and un-threading from the slot.

If the rack has been on your bike for a significant amount of time, or used in particularly muddy or dusty conditions, you may need to give the webbing a good yank- grip the end of the webbing with a pair of pliers to get good purchase.

If you accidentally wound the end of the webbing into the mechanism, simply use the 5mm allen- key to wind the ratchet backwards. When you remove the key, the ratchet is engaged again and will only turn one way.

Complete for all 4 points, and the rack may now be removed from the bike.