

## **Installation Instructions**

- 1.) Inspect your vehicle's trailer hitch for damage and debris, replace and/or clean it as necessary.
- 2.) Insert the adapter into the vehicle's hitch. Adjust the position of the adapter in the receiver so the red clamp handle clears your bumper (or anything else in the way). Use the provided locking hitch pin to secure the adapter to the vehicle receiver.
- 3.) Install the Quiet Hitch between the adapter and your vehicle's receiver. Follow the instructions on Quiet Hitch package. The Quiet Hitch will keep the adapter level and reduce sway. Be sure to hold the adapter level as you tighten up the Quiet Hitch. Here's where you need a friend to help!
- 4.) Secure the swing arm by inserting the "T" pin in the sleeve on the receiver and closing the clamp. The clamp must be very snug! Mount your "rack" on the adapter.
- 5.) Once the rack is securely mounted to the adapter, open the clamp and remove the "T" pin. Swing the arm fully open. Look for any clearance issues between your rack and car. Does your vehicle's hatchback, door or tailgate clear your rack when you open it? Check the clearance with the rack folded up if yours does that. Place your favorite toy(s) on your rack and repeat.
- 5a.) Please note that for the best clearance when using a bike rack or motorcycle tray, the bike/motorcycle closest to the vehicle should have the rear tire on the passenger side! You may need to adjust the position of the rack's trays. If you fail to do so, the handlebars will interfere with opening your hatchback, van door or tailgate.
- 6.) If there is a clearance problem first check step 5a (above), then adjust the position of the rack in the adapter. There are two holes on the adapter's receiver. If you still have issues then try to adjust the position of the adapter in the vehicle's hitch. You may need to do both! In some cases you may need to use a short receiver extension.
- 7.) Completely closed the clamp and secure the "T" pin back in the sleeve on the receiver. You must use both the clamp and the "T" pin to secure the RakAttach in the closed position before driving!
- 8.) Double-check all connections.

**Your Safety and Someone Else's Safety Depends On It!!**

## **Installation Extras**

### **Van and Jeep Owners:**

Clearance may vary on vehicles with swinging rear doors. Rear doors may only open to 90 degrees. A spare tire mounted on the door or bumper may affect clearance. Please be aware of this when using the RakAttach adapter.

### **When Driving:**

Severe bumps can damage your vehicle, hitch, adapter and rack. Drive slowly on rough roads. Watch your approach and descent angles. Make sure you have adequate clearance for the hitch, adapter and your rack. Stop and make a thorough inspection if any part of your hitch, adapter or rack strikes the road. Correct any problems and replace any damaged parts before resuming travel.

**SAFE AND SKILLED DRIVING IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.**