

SALSA EXP SERIES ANYTHING CRADLE, DRY BAG, & FRONT POUCH INSTRUCTIONS

At Salsa, we believe that a sense of adventure makes life better. The bicycle can be so much more than just a bike; it's a path to new places, new people, and amazing experiences.

Thank you for your purchase. We hope it makes a good riding experience even better!

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⚠ WARNING: Cycling can be dangerous. Bicycle products should be installed and serviced by a professional mechanic. Never modify your bicycle or accessories. Read and follow all product instructions and warnings including information on the manufacturer's website. Inspect your bicycle before every ride. Always wear a helmet.

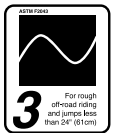
EXP Series Anything Cradle Instructions

⚠ WARNING:

- The combined weight of the EXP Series Front Pouch and the EXP Series Anything Cradle Dry Bag must not exceed 3.6 kg/8 lb on the EXP Series Anything Cradle
- Entanglement of your cargo or the straps in your wheel could stop the rotation of the wheel causing a loss of control or crash that could lead to serious injury. Be sure to secure all straps before riding
- The bicycle may behave differently (particularly with regard to steering and braking) when the luggage carrier is loaded
- Do not modify the luggage carrier in any way. Hardware included with the rack must be used. Do not use hardware included on your bike
- Make sure your load is evenly balanced and secure before every ride (i.e. no loose straps to get caught in the wheels)

INTENDED USE

The EXP Series Anything Cradle creates carrying capacity off of and in front of your handlebars.



Intended for ASTM 3 conditions, defined as rough trails, rough unpaved roads, rough terrain, and unimproved trails that require technical skills. Jumps and drops should not exceed 24" (61 cm).

They are NOT INTENDED for hardcore freeriding, extreme downhill, dirt jumping, slopestyle, or very aggressive or extreme riding.

COMPATIBILITY

The EXP Series Anything Cradle is compatible with 35.0 mm and 31.8 mm (with included shim) diameter drop handlebars and mountain handlebars that have passed ISO 4210 aero bar load test 4.7.6.7. See salsacycles.com for approved Salsa handlebars. Please contact the handlebar manufacturer to see if their handlebar can be used.

The EXP Series Anything Cradle is designed to be used with Salsa EXP Series Anything Cradle Dry Bags, EXP Series Rubber Straps, and EXP Series Front Pouch. If using your own dry bag, we recommend that it have a lateral holding feature (e.g. daisy chain) to keep straps in place on the dry bag and to prevent the bag from ejecting from the rack.

⚠ WARNING:

- Check with your bicycle's manufacturer to verify proper fit, mounting points, bicycle cargo load capacity, and compatibility for carrying cargo. Do not exceed the bicycle manufacturer permissible load
- Always maintain at least 6 mm of clearance or more between the EXP Series Anything Cradle/cargo and any rotating mass (i.e. tire and wheel). This cradle is designed to be compatible with wheel sizes up to 29 x 3.0" and 26 x 5.0"
- Do not exceed the load capacity of 3.6 kg/8 lb for the EXP Series Anything Cradle

TOOLS

4 mm hex wrenches

COMPONENTS

- EXP Series Anything Cradle (1)
- EXP Series Anything Cradle clamps with shims (2)
- Stainless steel 20 mm flat head M6 bolts (4)
- Stainless steel 20 mm M5 bolts (2)
- EXP Series Rubber Straps (2)

INSTALLING THE EXP SERIES ANYTHING CRADLE

1. Determine whether you want to run your cable housing above, below, or inside of the EXP Series Anything Cradle Arm cutouts before installing.
2. With the 4 mm hex wrench and the four flat head M6 bolts provided, assemble the EXP Series Anything Cradle brackets to the cradle so the hinged cradle arms open from the bottom (Fig. 1, Steps 1–2). Tighten the M6 bolts to 4–5Nm.



Figure 1, Step 1



Figure 1, Step 2

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- Put the EXP Series Anything Cradle Arms around the 35.0 mm bore of the handlebar (with stem directly in the middle of the clamp arms, (Figs. 2, 3). If installing on 31.8 mm bar, use included clamp shims. To install the shims, insert a shim into each side of the clamp aligning the tab with the groove in the clamp and snap into place. With the 4 mm hex wrench, thread the two 20 mm M5 bolts into the unhinged end of the cradle brackets. Position the EXP Series Anything Cradle slightly downward from level and make any cable routing considerations.



Figure 2



Figure 3

- We recommend rotating the cradle down as much as possible while still maintaining proper tire clearance. Proper clearance to the tire should be no less than 6 mm and ideally at least 10 mm. If using a suspension fork, check the clearance at full bottom out. You must have at least 6 mm of clearance from the tire and 10 mm is recommended. The further the cradle is rotated downward the less it is cantilevered over your front axle, which improves handling.

Once load is secured, make sure the cargo, straps, and EXP Series Anything Cradle do not interfere with the function of your bicycle BEFORE attempting to ride. Ensure even cargo distribution, and confirm lights and reflectors are not obstructed.

Position reflectors and lights so that they are not obstructed when the rack is loaded.

- Tighten the M5 bolts to 4–5Nm.

⚠ WARNING: Do not exceed handlebar manufacturer recommended torque, 5Nm maximum.

Ongoing Maintenance

⚠ WARNING: Improper installation of bolts may lead to product failure, causing serious injury. Do not exceed specified torque values. Periodically inspect bolts and retighten if required. Frequently check to make sure that all of the rack hardware is properly torqued per these instructions. Check to make sure that the rack mounting bolts are properly tightened and secure the rack to the bicycle frame. Periodically check for any signs of cracking or failure and discontinue use if rack is damaged.

EXP Series Anything Cradle Dry Bag Instructions

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INTENDED USE AND COMPATIBILITY

EXP Series Anything Cradle Dry Bags are tailored to fit the EXP Series Anything Cradle, attached via a pair of our EXP Series Rubber Straps. Bags may also be used with the EXP Series Front Pouch.

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

EXP Series Anything Cradle Side-load Dry Bag

- Fill the EXP Series Anything Cradle Side-load Dry Bag with your desired gear. Do not overstuff the bag. Close one end of the bag by pulling the buckles apart from each other and “closing” the end. With the ends laying flat together, fold over the rigid end of the bag at least three times, and pull the buckles together to close them.
- If the same steps for closing the end of the bag cannot be repeated on the other end, re-evaluate your load as it may be too big. As you close the EXP Series Anything Cradle Side-load Dry Bag, open the purge valve and purge the air out to make the bag more compact.

EXP Series Anything Cradle Top-load Dry Bag

- Fill the EXP Series Anything Cradle Top-load Dry Bag with your desired gear. Do not over-stuff the bag. Close the open top of the bag by pulling the buckles apart from each other and “closing” the top. Open the purge valve. With the top edges laying flat together, fold over the rigid top of the bag at least three times, and pull the buckles down to the lower buckles and latch. Compress the EXP Series Anything Cradle Top-load Dry Bag and purge out the air to make the load more compact. Adjust tension so straps are tight, and top does not unroll. Close the purge valve.

NOTE: If these steps cannot be completed, re-evaluate your load as it may be too big.

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TO ATTACH THE EXP SERIES ANYTHING CRADLE DRY BAG TO THE EXP SERIES ANYTHING CRADLE

1. Run the two hook-and-loop attachments on the EXP Series Anything Cradle Dry Bag through the large rectangular openings at the top of the EXP Series Anything Cradle to suspend the bag.
2. Loop EXP Series Rubber Strap around the bag and cradle, ensuring that the strap is centered in strap groove. Feed the end back through the buckle.
3. Pull to desired tension and allow hook to seat in closest strap hole. Feed excess strap through the strap keeper loop.
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4. Use the same process to secure the second EXP Series Rubber Strap. After both straps are secure and the EXP Series Anything Cradle Dry Bag is loaded, tension the straps until the load cannot move and secure the straps.



Figure 4

2. Now feed EXP Series Rubber Straps and nylon head tube strap through the slots in the back of the EXP Series Front Pouch as shown (Figs. 5–7) making sure buckle hooks on straps are facing the front of the pouch (Fig. 8).



Figure 5



Figure 6

ONGOING MAINTENANCE

Fabric Care

Hand wash with warm water and all purpose detergent. Air dry.

EXP Series Front Pouch Instructions

- ⚠ **WARNING:** The combined weight of the EXP Series Front Pouch and the EXP Series Anything Cradle Dry Bag must not exceed 3.6 kg/8 lb on the EXP Series Anything Cradle.
- ⚠ **WARNING:** Entanglement of your cargo or the straps in your wheel could stop the rotation of the wheel causing a loss of control or crash that could lead to serious injury. Be sure to secure all straps before riding.

INTENDED USE AND COMPATIBILITY

The EXP Series Front Pouch adds easy accessibility to gear. The EXP Series Front Pouch may be used in conjunction with our EXP Series Anything Cradle Dry Bag and Cradle, or independently.

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE WITH EXP SERIES ANYTHING CRADLE SYSTEM

1. Secure the EXP Series Anything Cradle Dry Bag to the EXP Series Anything Cradle by using the two hook-and-loop straps and wrapping them around the slots in the top of the cradle as shown (Fig. 4).
 - ⚠ **WARNING:** The small hook-and-loop straps are to make installation easier and are not meant to carry a load. EXP Series Anything Cradle Bags must be secured additionally with EXP Series Rubber Straps before riding!



Figure 7



Figure 8

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3. Position pouch (Fig. 9) to desired location for easy access. Loop the straps around the dry bag and cradle (Fig. 10), ensuring that the strap is centered in strap groove (Fig. 11).



Figure 9



Figure 10



Figure 14



Figure 11

- Feed the end back through the buckle (Fig. 12). Pull to desired tension and allow hook to seat in closest strap hole (Fig. 13).



Figure 12



Figure 13

4. Feed nylon head tube strap through the middle slot in the cradle and adjust until tight (Fig. 15). NOTE: This is not a load bearing strap and is only designed to prevent the pouch from slipping when on rougher terrain. Do not use the EXP Series Front Pouch without the EXP Series Rubber Straps.



Figure 15

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INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING EXP SERIES FRONT POUCH INDEPENDENTLY OF THE EXP SERIES ANYTHING CRADLE SYSTEM

1. Insert supplied TPU-coated nylon straps into the upper slots on either side of the EXP Series Front Pouch (Fig. 16).
Make sure buckle locking mechanisms of straps are facing the front of the pouch [Fig. 17].



Figure 16



Figure 17

2. Insert the supplied nylon head tube strap through the slots at the bottom of the pouch (Fig. 18).



Figure 18

3. Wrap both TPU-coated nylon straps around handlebar as tightly as possible running through the buckle (Fig. 19). Once tight, close the buckle to secure the strap (Fig. 20). Take care to position the pouch so that it does not interfere with any of the cables and housing on the bicycle.



Figure 19



Figure 20

4. Wrap the nylon head tube strap behind the head tube of the bicycle frame and tension (Fig. 21).



Figure 21

5. Pouch should be secured to front of bike prior to riding.

ONGOING MAINTENANCE

Zipper Care

To ensure reliable performance from EXP Series accessory zippers, do not try closing the zipper if the bag is overstuffed or excessive force would be required to close it. Do not force a zipper in an overstuffed pack as this may cause irreparable separation of the zipper teeth from the pack. Do not force a slider that has fabric or thread caught in it. Gently pull the slider back and remove the trapped fabric or thread.

NOTE: Excessive force applied to zippers may not be covered by warranty.

Do not force a zipper slider that does not open or close smoothly. The zipper should be closed with the slider all the way to the top before cleaning to prevent clogging the teeth of the zipper. Apply paraffin wax or ZIPPYCOOL® to the front and back side of the zipper teeth, and move the slider up and down several times to work in the lubricant.

Fabric Care

Hand wash with warm water and all purpose detergent. Air dry.



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Warranty

Salsa Cycles warrants this new Salsa product against defects in materials and workmanship for two (2) years from the original date of retail purchase by the consumer. This limited warranty is expressly limited to the repair or replacement of the original product, at the option of Salsa Cycles, and is the sole remedy of the warranty. This limited warranty applies only to the original purchaser of the Salsa product and is not transferable. In no event shall Salsa Cycles be liable for any loss, inconvenience or damage, whether direct, incidental or consequential or otherwise resulting from breach of any express or implied warranty or condition, of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose, or otherwise with respect to this product except as set forth herein.

This warranty does not cover the following:

- Damage due to improper assembly or follow-up maintenance or lack of skill, competence or experience of the end user
- Products that have been modified, neglected, used in competition or for commercial purposes, misused or abused, involved in accidents or anything other than normal use
- Damage or deterioration to the surface finish, aesthetics or appearance of the product
- Normal wear and tear
- Labor required to remove and/or refit and re-adjust the product within the bicycle assembly

To the extent not prohibited by law, these warranties are exclusive and there are no other express or implied warranties or conditions including warranties or conditions of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose.

Proof of purchase is required before a warranty claim is processed. Salsa Cycles therefore strongly encourages warranty registration at salsacycles.com. Failure to register will not affect consumer rights under the limited warranty stated above, so long as the consumer can show in a reasonable manner proof of original ownership and the date the Salsa Cycles product was purchased.

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