



EXP RUBBER STRAP 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.

⚠ WARNING: Entanglement of cargo or straps in your wheel could stop the rotation of the wheel, causing a loss of control or crash that could lead to serious injury. Loose ends of the EXP Rubber Straps must be tucked inside the included strap band and kept away from any moving parts of the bicycle. Periodically make sure that the EXP Rubber Straps are properly tensioned and loads are secure.

Intended Use & Compatibility

The Salsa EXP Rubber Strap is intended to hold your cargo on the Salsa EXP Series Anything Cradle or Salsa EXP Series Anything Cage, as well as most front or rear bicycle racks. The EXP Rubber Strap can also be used to attach an EXP Series Anything Cage Bag or inner tube onto the top tube or down tube of a bicycle frame. The Salsa EXP Rubber Strap is designed to be used in pairs.

Take care to properly tension the straps so the load is well-secured before riding. Once the strap is wrapped through the buckle and has slight tension, pull the strap an additional 2-3 hook slots to provide adequate tension without over stretching the strap. Be sure to familiarize yourself with the strap and your cargo to ensure you are achieving the proper tension for your load (Fig. 1).



Figure 1

Unintended use

Salsa EXP Rubber Straps are designed for bicycle use only. The strap is not intended for use with sporting equipment other than mounting cargo to bicycles. The strap is NOT intended for securing skis (Fig. 2). **⚠ WARNING:** Securing sharp cargo could cut or damage the EXP Rubber strap. The EXP Rubber Strap is not intended for securing bicycles to car racks (Fig. 3). Always use with the recommended racks and cages listed above and follow the specified weight limits for those products.



Figure 2



Figure 3

Assembly

Orient the hook on the buckle head away from the load for easy assembly and tensioning (Fig. 4). Place the strap band over the strap prior to feeding the strap through the buckle (Fig. 5).



Figure 4



Figure 5



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Insert the strap end through buckle slot (Fig. 6). Pull the strap back so the strap hole lays over the buckle hook (Fig. 7).



Figure 6



Figure 7

Once the strap is wrapped around the cargo and through the buckle and has slight tension, pull the strap an additional 2-3 hook slots to provide adequate tension without over stretching the strap. Slide the strap band along the strap in order to capture the strap end (Fig. 8).



Figure 8

⚠ WARNING: Use extreme caution when attaching irregular loads or loads with hard edges. Irregular cargo may shift during transport and hard edges could damage the cargo strap. Load loose cargo into stuff sacks and dry bags with webbing loops so that it can be properly secured. Cargo can shift under continued compression, so check straps periodically for adequate tension.

Instructions for Use with Salsa EXP Series Anything Cage and Anything Cage HD

(See EXP Series Anything Cage instructions for specifics of assembly)

1. Place the EXP Series Anything Cage Bag in the EXP Series Anything Cage or the Anything Cage HD. Pass the Salsa EXP Rubber Straps through the webbing on the outside of the bag (Fig. 9).



Figure 9

2. Route the top strap through the upper portion of the Anything Cage (Figs. 10, 11). Route the top strap through the second daisy strap (Fig. 12). Follow assembly instructions on page one to secure the strap and your cargo.



Figure 10



Figure 11



Figure 12

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- Route the bottom strap through the lower portion of the Anything Cage and securely around your cargo, ensuring both straps sit flat and do not interfere with the wheel, tire or anything else. Follow assembly instructions on page one to secure the strap and your cargo.
- Before riding, ensure both EXP Rubber Straps are buckled and properly tensioned, and the loose ends are placed through the strap band (Figs. 13, 14). Ensure that loose strap ends are facing away from the wheel, and that the strap is positioned around the load such that if the loose end did come out of the band, it would flap away from any rotating mass.



Figure 13



Figure 14

- Ensure that your load does not shift out from under the straps before riding, and re-check the load periodically during use.

Instructions for use with Salsa EXP Series Anything Cradle

(See EXP Series Anything Cradle instructions for specifics of assembly)

- Use two EXP Rubber Straps with our EXP Series Anything Cradle Dry Bags or similar dry bags. Loop around the bag and through the cradle, ensuring that the strap is centered in the strap groove (Fig. 15).



Figure 15

- Feed the strap end through the buckle and refer to page one on instructions for securing the strap (Fig. 16).



Figure 16

- Ensure both straps sit flat and do not interfere with the wheel, tire or anything else.
- Before riding, ensure both EXP Rubber Straps are properly tensioned, and the loose ends are placed through the strap band. Ensure that loose strap ends are facing away from the wheel, and that the strap is positioned around the load such that if the loose end did come out of the band, it would flap forward and away from any rotating mass.
- Ensure that your load does not shift out from under the straps before riding, and re-check the load periodically during use.

Instructions for Use with Front or Rear Rack

- Place cargo on top of the rack. We recommend using a dry bag or stuff sack to keep your load together and to keep hard edges away from the strap.
- Using two or more EXP Rubber Straps, wrap the load and feed strap through deck rack (Fig. 17).



Figure 17

- Pull the strap tight through the buckle and refer to pages one and two for instructions on securing the rubber strap.
- Ensure EXP Rubber Straps are properly tensioned and the loose ends are placed through the strap bands so that they do not flap, and re-check periodically during use.
- Ensure that your load does not shift out from under the straps before riding, and re-check periodically during use.



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Instructions for Use on a Frame Tube

1. Wrap the EXP Rubber Strap around the frame tube and pull the strap through the buckle and hook, leaving plenty of slack (Fig. 18).



Figure 18

2. Place cargo onto the desired frame tube location and pull strap end to tighten around cargo. Cargo should never exceed 1 lb in weight when mounting on a frame tube. We also suggest using our Salsa Anything Pack to keep your contents protected and easier to attach to a frame tube (Fig. 19).



Figure 19

Assemble strap as normal and tension onto cargo load and refer to pages one and two for instructions on securing the rubber strap.

3. Put loose strap end through the strap band so that it does not flap and does not interfere with rider or rotating mass. Ensure that if loose end came out of strap band it would move away from rotating mass.
4. Ensure that the strap buckle and strap end are not protruding into the rider's leg zone (Fig. 20).



Figure 20

5. Ensure that cargo does not interfere with rotating mass through travel of frame or fork (e.g. cargo on underside of down tube should not touch the front wheel when fork is at full bottom-out). Also ensure that cargo and strap do not interfere with rider in anyway during use.

Ongoing Maintenance

The EXP Rubber Strap has been designed for years of service, but it should be inspected regularly for wear and tear. Periodically check the strap for cuts or voids and examine slots for cuts or cracks around edges. To reduce risk of UV damage, do not store the straps in the sun.

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- Damage or deterioration to the surface finish, aesthetics or appearance of the product
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