

CLAVEY Paddlesports Car Rack Essentials



Installing a rack on your vehicle will allow you to transport your kayak, stand up paddle board or canoe anywhere you want to go, safely and securely. In addition, it will make your vehicle much more versatile for carrying anything from cargo boxes to bikes, to a load of 2 x 4 lumber.

At Clavey Paddlesports, we've been selling, servicing and installing rack systems for years. We carry the top-notch brands in the industry: Thule, Yakima and Malone.

Rack System

The type of rack system you'll need will depend on a few things: the make, model and year of your vehicle, if the vehicle comes with factory side rails, and what you'd like to carry.

- A **"Naked" Roof** is your typical sedan; it has no rails or other fixed attachment points.

Options for this type of roof include:

Temporary System

The Malone Versa Rack; secures with straps and suction cup pads; solid and reliable but only for temporary use. **Cost Range:** \$169 - \$179.

Installed system: Most common system, can be removed but typically is left on your vehicle. **Cost Range:** \$414 - \$507 depending on type of bar you choose. (See other side.)



- **"Rail or Tracks"** that run the length of the vehicle roofline are very common on many SUV's. We'll attach a foot or base to the rail which will allow for crossbars to be installed.

Cost range: \$149 - \$394 depending on type of bar you choose. (See other side.)



- **"Fixed-Point"** - Some vehicles will have attachment points already built in. We'll attach a foot or base directly bolted to the points, which will then allow for crossbars to be installed.

Cost Range: \$414 - \$507 depending on type of bar you choose. (See other side.)



Types of Cross Bars

Decide on what type of cross bars you'd like for your rack. Choices vary:

Steel Square Shaped



Steel Aero Shaped



Aluminum Aero Shaped



Installation Recommendations

If you're somewhat mechanically inclined, have basic tools, don't mind reading instructions and have an hour or so to spare, you can certainly try installing a rack system yourself. Some are easier than others and we'll advise you of that.



We've also installed dozens of racks, and are happy to do it for you. A typical installation takes an hour or so, and costs \$80. We are able to install most rack systems, however a few require drilling holes in your roof and we are not able to do that.

Our goal is to make it as easy as possible for you to enjoy your kayak or sup. One way to accomplish this is to have a rack system that is easy to use, stays on your vehicle and is ready to go when you are. For this reason we typically prefer the installed systems over the temporary systems.

Rack Attachments - After your choice of rack system has been decided, rack attachments specific to your watercraft will need to be installed. There are a lot of choices and we'll work with you to find the best attachments for your specific situation. Below are examples of three common attachments:

Foam Saddle Pads & Cam Straps



Yakima Sweet Roll



Yakima Jay Low



Don't worry about the size of your craft and/or car. We've put a 20' kayak on a VW beetle and everything else in between.

When you purchase a board or boat from us and add a rack system, we'll provide instruction on loading and securing your craft so that you feel comfortable and safe doing it yourself.