

# Thule ezHitch™

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### PARTS DESCRIPTION



### **GENERAL WARNING**

These instructions contain many WARNINGS. Read and understand all of the WARNINGS. Use of a trailer changes the handling characteristics and requirements of your bicycle. Failure to assemble and use this Thule child carrier correctly may lead to serious personal injury or death to you or your passenger.

- Always use a safety flag.
- Do not operate a Thule child carrier without reading and understanding this manual.
- Use extreme caution while trailering, never exceed 25 km/h, and slow down to less than 10 km/h around corners and on rough roads.
- When turning right, the angle between the towing bicycle and the Thule child carrier must not exceed 45°. When turning left, the angle must not exceed 90°.
- Passenger(s) must always use seat belts and wear an approved helmet.

- Follow the instructions that came with your Thule child carrier for proper child placement and seatbelt use.
- Child(ren) must be old enough to wear a helmet and to sit upright unattended. Consult pediatrician if child is less than one year old.
- Child's head, including helmet, must not project above the upper frame.
- Never leave your child unattended in the Thule child carrier.
- Only park the Thule child carrier on flat surfaces and secure it with the parking brake.
- Have your bicycle checked by a qualified bicycle mechanic before attaching it to this trailer kit.
- Maximum capacity for a single Thule child carrier is 75 lb (34 kg) and for a double Thule child carrier it is 100 lb (45 kg) including children and cargo.
- Cyclist must be an experienced, strong rider.

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### INSTALLING THE THULE eZHITCH™ WITH A QUICK-RELEASE





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### WARNING

The quick-release knob must be tightened on the quick-release skewer completely with at least two screw threads showing past the end of the quick-release knob to ensure the rear wheel of the bicycle does not loosen off.

Always make sure that the quick-release is correctly attached. An incorrectly tensioned quick-release may lead to accidental loosening of the rear wheel.

### **NOTICE**

If you have an Internally Geared Hub, you will require an Thule Internal Hub Hitch Adapter.

- A. Verify that the quick release skewer is compatible with your bicycle.
- B. Completely unscrew and remove the quick-release knob from the quick release skewer.
- C. Remove one of the springs from the guick-release skewer.
- Insert the quick-release skewer through the Thule ezHitch™.
- E. Insert the quick-release skewer into the bicycle axle from the left side (if standing beside bicycle) pointing right.
- F. Replace the spring back onto the quick-release skewer, narrow end pointing inwards, towards the bicycle.
- G. Close the quick-release lever.
- H. Replace and tighten the quick release knob until thumb tight.
- I. Open the guick-release lever.
- J. Tighten the guick-release knob another full turn.
- K. Close the quick-release lever.
- L. Verify that the bicycle wheel is securely attached to the bicycle by giving it a sharp pull.

## INSTALLING THE THULE eZHITCH™ ON A SOLID AXLE

- A. Verify that the ezHitch™ is compatible with your bicycle.
- B. Remove the nut and washer(s) from the left end of the axle, the end opposite of the sprockets.
- C. Put the ezHitch™ on the left side of the axle.
- D. Reinstall the nut and washer(s) onto the axle.
- E. Tighten the nut to the bicycle manufacturer's recommended torque.



### **WARNING**

The nut on the rear axle must be tightened by at least 5 full turns to ensure adequate clamping force. You may discard the original washer on some axles to make room for the ezHitch. Check with your bicycle retailer to be certain.

Depending on the hub type, the existing torque support washer for the hub must stay on the frame. Please follow the assembly instructions for the hub and the manufacturer's torque specifications when fastening the axle nut.

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