



SALSA EXP SERIES DIRECT MOUNT CUTTHROAT FRAME PACK INSTRUCTIONS

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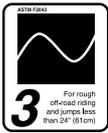
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⚠ WARNING: Cycling can be dangerous. Bicycle products should be installed and serviced by a professional mechanic. Never modify your bicycle or accessories. Read and follow all product instructions and warnings including information on the manufacturer's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

Intended Use

This Salsa EXP Series Direct Mount Cutthroat Frame Pack is designed to fasten directly to the frame of Salsa Cutthroat models equipped with Direct Mounts. This bikepacking and touring frame pack creates storage capacity in the main triangle of your frame, keeping weight centered and gear out of the way of off-road obstacles.



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" (61cm).

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

Compatibility

The Salsa EXP Series Direct Mount Cutthroat Frame Pack is compatible with Cutthroat frames and bicycles equipped with direct mounts. See salsacycles.com for bag and frame compatibility.

Maximum load capacity of the Frame Pack is 13 lb/5.9kg.

Installation Instructions

1. Press 4mm long spacers into the middle of each rubber disc insert (fig. 1). This will be a tight fit.



Figure 1

2. Rotate 4mm long spacers within each rubber disc insert so that the spacer hole faces the outside of the insert (fig. 2).



Figure 2

NOTE: Failure to properly install the spacers may result in damage to the rubber inserts of the bag. Do not skip steps 1 and 2.

3. Remove all unnecessary or unused hardware and plugs on the inside surface of the front triangle to prevent excess wear on your Frame Pack.
4. The number of mounting locations used on your Cutthroat frame depends on the size of the frame and bag. Hold up the Frame Pack to the bicycle and note the mounting locations that will be used by the bag. Take care to ensure that all bag mounting points have been used. Use removed frame plugs or electrical tape to cover any other unused mounting locations. Remove the elastic cord from the top of the frame pack.
5. Holding the bag in place on the frame, thread an EXP Series Direct Mount Thumb Screw through each rubber insert in the bag, ensuring that each Thumb Screw passes through the 4mm long spacer (fig. 3). You may need to adjust the position of the spacer to properly align with the threaded inserts on the frame. Loosely thread the Thumb Screws into the threaded inserts on the frame, taking care not to cross-thread them.



Figure 3

NOTE: See special instructions on page 2 for installing bags on bikes with a front derailleur.

NOTE: It is easiest to work your way around the frame pack in a star-like pattern (see fig. 4 for example) until all threaded inserts on the frame have a Thumb Screw.



Figure 4

6. Once all Thumb Screws are in place and started, proceed to tighten each Thumb Screw to finger-tight. Work around the frame pack in a star-like pattern. After all Thumb Screws have been tightened, you may install the middle divider into the pack and the elastic cord over the top tube if desired.

⚠ WARNING: Make sure that the Frame Pack does not interfere with the function of your bicycle BEFORE attempting to ride.



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For Use with Front Derailleur

To mount the Frame Pack on a frame with a front derailleur, perform steps 1–4. Next, you will need to remove the front derailleur hanger bolt or bolts that share mounting locations with the frame pack (fig. 5).



Figure 5

NOTE: Do not remove the derailleur hanger bolt located on the back of the seat tube (fig. 6).



Figure 6

Once the front derailleur hanger bolts are removed, replace them with Thumb Screws to hold both the Frame Pack and front derailleur hanger. Now continue with steps 5 and 6 as described above.

NOTE: Thumb Screws that pass through the front derailleur hanger must be torqued to 3Nm to ensure proper front derailleur operation.

Using the Hydration Port

1. Insert a hydration bladder in the right side of the Frame Pack. We recommend bladders up to 3L/100 oz.
2. Exit the hydration bladder hose through the port on the down tube panel of the pack, and run it up to where it is easily accessible.
3. Secure hose to keep it out of the front wheel.

▲ WARNING: Entanglement of cargo or hydration hoses in your wheel could stop the rotation of the wheel, causing a loss of control or crash that could lead to serious injury.

Ongoing Maintenance

Zipper Care

To ensure reliable performance from EXP Series bikepacking accessories' 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 the zipper teeth to come undone from the pack itself and be irreparable. 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 or ZIPPYCOOL® to the front and back side of the zipper teeth, and move the slider up and down several times to work the lubricant in.

Fabric Care

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

Warranty

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.

If you have any questions contact warranty@salsacycles.com or visit salsacycles.com/support for more warranty information.

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