# Minimalist Rack Installation

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MINIMALIST RACK—FRONT INSTALLATION

WARNING
Installing this Salsa rack on a bicycle requires in-depth knowledge of bicycle mechanics and professional-grade tools. If you do not have the proper tools or knowledge to perform this installation, please take your bicycle to your local bicycle dealer. Failure to appropriately install this rack may lead to component failure, resulting in serious injury or death. We recommend that you have this product installed, adjusted and maintained by a professional bicycle mechanic.

- **Minimalist racks are compatible only on Salsa Fargo and Enabler forks. For rear mounting, frames must have seatstay mounts AND a Salsa Rack-Lock**
- **Threaded mounts on the Minimalist rack are designed for mounting headlights only**
- **Minimalist racks are not designed to attach decks or “flatbeds” of any kind**
- Do not exceed the load capacity of 10 lb (5kg)
- Do not modify the Minimalist rack. Doing so will void the warranty (see below)
- Check hardware for tightness before every ride
- Front and rear racks may change the steering and handling of your bike, especially when loaded. Be sure to test the handling out in a safe area before riding
- Make sure your load is evenly balanced and secure before riding (i.e. no loose straps to get caught in the wheels)
- Position reflectors and lights so that they are not obstructed when the racks are loaded

MINIMUM FITMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR FRONT MOUNT

- This rack was designed for use with Salsa Fargo and Enabler forks
- For proper installation the deck of the Salsa Minimalist rack must be set up to rest parallel with the ground when installed (figure 3)
- Your bicycle fork must have a thru-hole crown mount (figure 1)
- Your bicycle fork must have mid-blade rack mounts (figure 2)
- A minimum of 19mm clearance is required between the deck of the Salsa Minimalist rack and the highest point of the tire or fender (figure 3)

DETERMINING FRONT MOUNT FIT

The Minimalist rack requires a minimum of 19mm clearance between the bottom of the rack deck and the tire or fender.

To determine compatibility:
1. Place your fully assembled bicycle on a flat, level surface.
2. Hold a level above the front tire or fender. Align the bottom of the level with the center of the thru-hole in the fork crown and check that it is level (figure 4).
3. Using a tape measure or ruler, measure the distance from the highest point of the front tire or fender to the bottom of the level. This distance must be a minimum of 19mm for proper installation.
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TOOLS REQUIRED

4mm hex wrench
5mm hex wrench
10mm box-end wrench
Torque wrench

FRONT MOUNT INSTALLATION

NOTE: The Minimalist Rack is designed only for use with Salsa Fargo and Enabler forks.

1. Mount the included Minimalist thru-hole alloy block to the fork crown using the 50mm bolt, M6 washers, and M6 nut (figure 5). Do not fully tighten yet, this will be done at the end.

2. Loosen the rack’s struts and line up the mounting holes with the mid-blade fork mounts. Install the struts with M5 x 16mm screws and washers. Tighten but do not fully torque until the end (figure 6).

3. Now attach the rack body to the Minimalist thru-hole alloy block using the two M5 x 12mm screws and washers. Do not fully tighten yet (figure 7).

4. Double check that the rack is level and that you have adequate clearance between the tire and/or fender (figure 3).

5. With the rack level, secure the rack to the thru-hole bar alloy block by tightening the M5 bolts to 3 Nm (figure 8). Torque the thru-bolt to 4–6 Nm.

6. Secure the rack struts to the mid-blade mounts by tightening the M5 bolts to 4–6 Nm (figure 8).

7. Using a 10mm box-end wrench, tighten the strut hardware to 2–3 Nm (figure 8).

8. Finally, using a 5mm hex and a 10mm box-end, tighten the M6 lock nut to 4–6 Nm.

9. Although not required, you may want to cut down the mounting struts to ensure they do not interact with the rack when loaded (figure 9). It is recommended that all cutting and filing be done by a qualified bicycle mechanic. Take a measurement of the struts (leaving enough room to reinstall the plastic end caps). Mark for cutting and remove struts. Using a vise and a hacksaw designed to cut aluminum, cut the struts to length and smooth edges with a file. Reinstall, being sure to achieve the proper torque requirements for all fasteners, and replace the end caps.
MINIMALIST RACK—REAR INSTALLATION

MINIMUM FITMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR REAR MOUNT

- This rack was designed for use with the Salsa Rack-Lock (figure 10)
- Your bicycle seatstays must have rack mounts (figure 14)
- A minimum of 19mm clearance is required between the deck of the Salsa Minimalist rack and the highest point of the tire or fender (figure 14)

REAR MOUNT INSTALLATION

2. Mount the Minimalist to the Rack-Lock seat clamp using two M5 x 12mm screws and two M5 washers (figure 11).
3. Loosen the mounting struts and align the struts with the frame’s seatstay mounts. Attach the rack stays with two M5 bolts (figure 12).
4. Secure the Minimalist rack to the Rack-Lock by torquing the M5 bolts to 2–3 Nm (figure 11).
5. Secure the Minimalist rack struts to the seat stays by torquing the M5 bolts to 4–6 Nm (figure 12).
6. Using a 10mm wrench, torque the strut mounting hardware to 2–3 Nm (figure 13).
7. Although not required, you may want to cut down the mounting struts to ensure they do not interact with the rack when loaded. It is recommended that all cutting and filing be done by a qualified bicycle mechanic. Take a measurement of the struts (leaving enough room to reinstall the plastic end caps). Mark for cutting and remove struts. Using a vise and a hacksaw designed to cut aluminum, cut the struts to length and smooth edges with a file. Reinstall, being sure to achieve the proper torque requirements for all fasteners, and replace the end caps (figure 14).
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- Normal wear and tear
- Labor required to remove and/or refit and re-adjust the product within the bicycle assembly

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