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USER GUIDE

# STRAP-ON BAG CAGE, 5 L

A cradle in technical polymer that bolts to the fork or to the bottle cage bosses, two straps with YKK buckles and a 5 L bag with a reflective logo: a way to carry on the bike what will not fit in a pannier. This guide covers fitting, loading and care.



**REF. SAC2** · THREADED OR SUSPENSION FORK, BOTTLE CAGE BOSSES · CAGE 21 × 12 CM, 5 L BAG INCLUDED

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## FITTING THE CAGE

### What it is for

- Carrying a water bottle, a sleeping mat, a tent or a clothes bag on the fork or frame: the weight moves to the front, the panniers stay for the essentials.
- The **5 L bag supplied** straps straight into it; without it, the cage holds any object the two straps can wrap around.
- The YKK buckles tighten and release **with one hand**.

### Fitting, step by step

1. **Pick the spot:** fork leg with threaded bosses, suspension fork or the frame's bottle cage bosses. Hold the loaded cage in place first: nothing must touch the wheel, the cranks or the brake cable.
2. **Bolt the cage on** using bottle cage bolts, tightened moderately: the bolts bite into polymer. On a carbon frame or fork, keep to the torque given by the bike maker.
3. **Thread the two straps** through the slots in the cage, buckles facing outwards, at the same height.
4. **Place the bag or the object** in the cradle, heaviest part at the bottom, then pull the straps tight one after the other until nothing moves when you shake it.
5. **Turn the bars fully** both ways and, on a suspension fork, compress it: the load must not touch the tyre, the frame or the head tube.

### Specifications

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| Contents | **1 cage, 1 bag 5 L, 2 YKK straps** | Material | **Technical polymer** |
| Dimensions | **21 × 12 cm** | Bag | **approx. 5 L, reflective logo** |
| Mounting | **Threaded or suspension fork, bottle bosses** | Colour | **Black** |

**BEFORE RIDING**

- A load at the front **changes how the bike steers**: ride a few easy kilometres before a descent or a committed corner.
- Never any contact with the wheel, even with the fork compressed and the bars turned.
- Retighten the straps after the first few kilometres: the load settles.

**TWO CAGES RATHER THAN ONE**

One cage on each fork leg spreads the weight and keeps the bike tracking straight. With a single cage, give it the lightest of what you carry.

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# LOADING, RIDING, CARE

## Loading well

1. **Heavy at the bottom,** close to the wheel axle, light at the top: the centre of gravity stays low and the steering stays light.
2. **Balance both sides** if you fit two cages: a full bottle on one side and a jacket on the other, and the bike pulls to one side every time you accelerate.
3. **Tighten, then tighten again.** Pull each strap fully; tension again after a few kilometres, then at every stop.
4. **Tuck away the loose strap ends:** a dangling end ends up in the spokes.

## With or without the bag

The 5 L bag protects what minds water and dust: clothes, food, a wash kit. Its reflective logo makes you visible from the side at night. Without the bag, the cage takes a large bottle, a rolled sleeping mat or an extra bidon directly, as long as both straps can wrap around it.

## Care

Rinse the cage with water after a muddy ride and let the straps dry open. Check the bolts and the straps from time to time: a frayed strap or a cracked buckle gets replaced, not patched up.

### IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG

- **The bag turns or slips**: straps not tight enough, or the object not seated at the bottom of the cradle. Reload heavy side down, retighten.
- **The cage moves on the fork**: loose bolts. Retighten moderately; if a bolt spins freely, the boss is damaged, have the bike checked.
- **Something rubs**: the load sticks out of the cradle on the wheel side, or the fork compresses more than expected. Pack more compactly or move the cage higher.



*The cradle and its two YKK-buckle straps: the straps run through the slots in the cage, buckles facing outwards.*

## On video

Independent tutorials on fork cages, scan to watch.

**How To Mount Cages to Forks**
Troy and Andrea's Little Adventures · English

**How to Mount Cages on a Suspension Fork**
Goodwin Biking · English

## Need help?

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