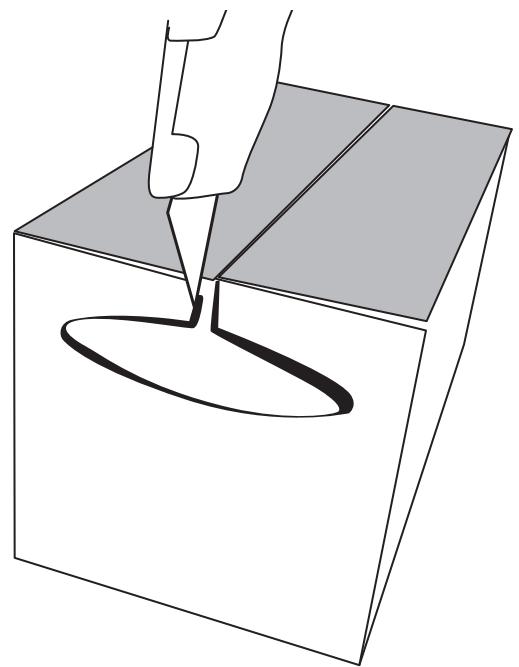




**ABR528**  
**STANDARD 6" CANOE CARRIER**

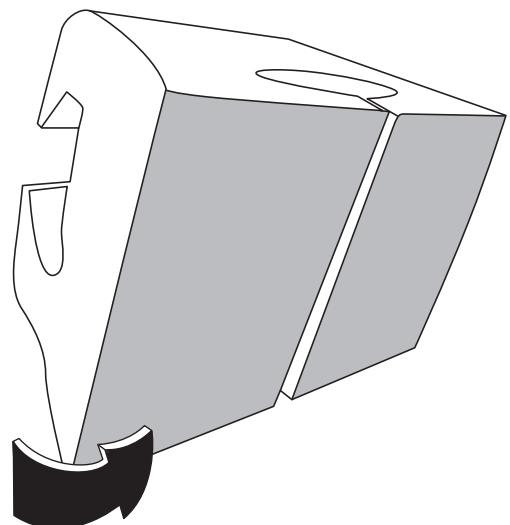
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Foam Blocks	ABR528R	2
15 foot blue straps	ABR702	1
Metal bumper hooks	853-7711	4
20 foot rope Bow/Stern tie-downs /	853-7712	2

The blocks may be placed on a bare roof or wrapped around a factory rack crossbar. If foam is to be wrapped around a crossbar, the foam insert needs to be cut out and removed with sharp blade or scissors.



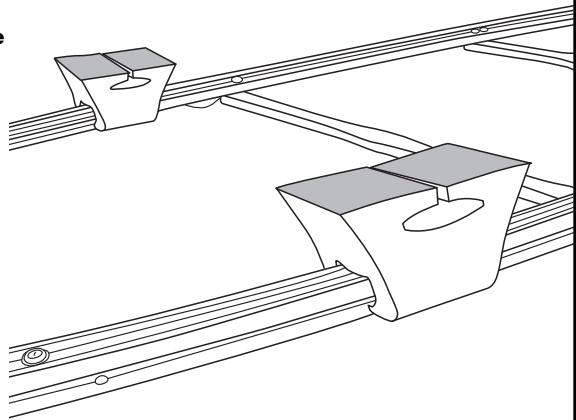
**1**

Clean the bottom anti-skid surface of the foam blocks and top of the vehicle prior to loading canoe.



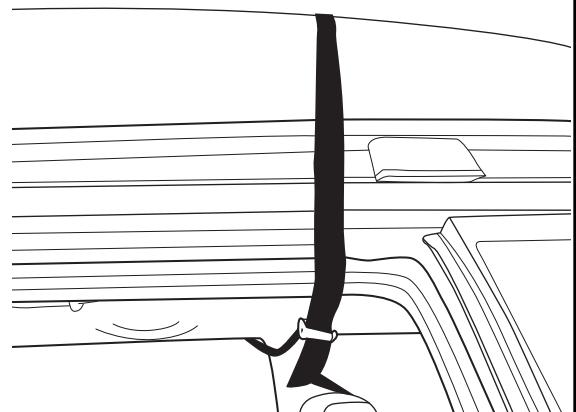
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**Attach 4 foam blocks to top edge of canoe gunwales (2 per side) as shown with anti-skid surface facing up. Blocks should be spaced on canoe so that when canoe is placed on vehicle roof, the blocks are close to the front windshield and rear window while still preventing canoe from touching vehicle.**



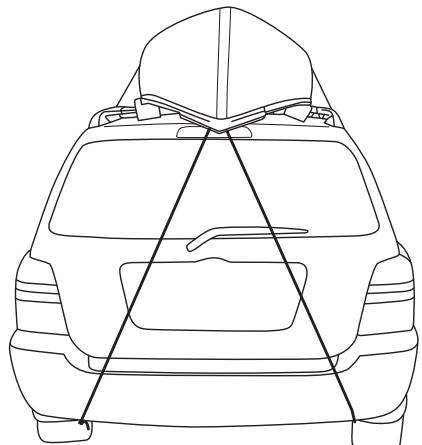
**3**

**Load the canoe onto the vehicle. The bottom of the canoe should face upwards and the weight should be evenly distributed across roof. Place blue strap across top of middle portion of canoe. Open vehicle doors and pull both ends of one strap into the vehicle. Run one end of strap through the buckle and tighten firmly on inside of vehicle. If your car has siderails, you may tie strap(s) to it instead.**



**4**

**Secure front and rear of the canoe with the rope bow/stern tie-down and bumper hooks provided. Avoid running safety lines across sharp edges or near the exhaust.**



**5**

**Check all straps and tie-downs for tightness regularly.**

**6**

## SUGGESTIONS AND WARNINGS

### SUGGESTIONS

1. Twisting the straps a few turns will help prevent strap vibration and noise at high speeds.
2. To prevent vehicle damage with a boat on top, you may need to remove antenna from roof and use caution when opening hatchbacks.



### WARNINGS

1. You are responsible for attaching the racks and accessories to your vehicle securely and periodically inspecting the product for wear and damage. Improper attachment could result in an automobile accident and serious injury.
2. SportRack is not responsible for damage to your gear or vehicle. For heavier loads consider purchasing a full rack system.
3. After driving 5 miles, stop to ensure straps/ropes are still tight. Limit transport distance to 250 miles.
4. Do not place blocks on sunroofs or spoilers.

## **SAFETY PROCEDURES**

**When using Sportrack Load Carries and accessories, the user must understand the precautions.  
The points listed below will assist you in using the rack system and will encourage safety.**

- For quality fits and safety, use only the recommended rack or accessory as stated in Sportrack's current Fit Guide.  
Do not assume a rack will fit, always check the current Fit Guide when obtaining a new vehicle.
- Unless stated otherwise in these instructions, do not carry more than 75 kg (165 lbs.) on Sportrack Load Carriers.  
Sportrack Load Carriers do not increase gutter or roof strength. Sportrack can not warranty loads that exceed this limit.  
Total load = cargo weight plus weight of accessories used to carry cargo.
- Always make sure all doors are open when mounting a roof rack system. Make sure all knobs, bolts, screws, straps, and locks are firmly attached, tightened and locked before every trip. Knobs, bolts, screws straps and locks must be periodically inspected for signs of wear, corrosion, and fatigue. Check your load at stops during the trip to ensure continued fastening security.
- Check local and state laws governing projection of objects beyond the perimeter of a vehicle. Be aware of the width and height of your cargo since low clearance branches, bridges, and parking garages can affect the load. All cargo will affect the vehicle's driving behavior. Never drive with any lock, knob or rack in an open or unlocked position. All long loads such as, but not limited to, sailboards, surfboards, kayaks, canoes, and lumber must be tied down front and rear to the bumpers or tow hooks of the vehicle.
- Remove your Sportrack rack and accessories when they are not in use and before entering automatic car washes.
- All locks must be turned and moved periodically to ensure smooth operation. Use graphite or dry lubricant to help this. SportRack locks are designed to deter vandalism and theft but should not be considered theft proof. Remove valuable gear if your vehicle is unattended for an extended period. Place at least one key in the glove compartment.
- For safety to your vehicle and rack system, obey all posted speed limits and traffic cautions.  
Adapt your speed to the conditions of the road and the load being carried.
- Do not use Sportrack load carriers and accessories for purposes other than those for which they were designed.  
Do not exceed their carrying capacity. Failure to follow these guidelines or the product's instructions will void the warranty.