

# Safety & Use Instructions

#### Warning

Failure to follow these warnings may result in damaged equipment, injury or death.

Read and understand all information provided by Extreme Max™ Products and the Manufacturers of other products with which you will be using the ramp.

Do not modify the Ramp, its components, hardware or the included Safety Straps and Hooks in any way. Extreme  $Max^{TM}$  is not responsible for accidents, occurrences, losses or injuries and losses to any person or property whatsoever which arise as a result of Purchaser's alteration,

modification, assembly or reassembly of this product.

- Never exceed the rated capacity of your ramp.
- Never exceed the capacity of a loading surface (i.e. Tailgate).
   Always know the Manufacturer's load capacities.
- Use caution at all times when loading and unloading.
- Only load and unload onto a stable, level surface.
- Never stand in the path of equipment or vehicle. Keep bystanders and children away.
- Do not leave attached ramps unattended.
- Do not step between rungs.
- Be aware of hinged areas. Keep all body parts clear of hinged areas.
- Ramp surfaces will have less traction when wet. Use caution.
- If Ramp surface bows during loading or unloading, it is overloaded. Remove the load immediately.
- Get proper OEM Dealer ramp loading training.

#### Use

It is essential that you properly attach the provided safety straps before loading. Correct strap location on both the ramp and on the transport vehicle is critical to maintain safety. The looped end of the strap is designed to be attached to the main structural beam of the ramp. This is done by passing the hook and buckle through the sewn loop. The loop location is typically on the top third of the ramp. Exact location is dependent on your loading vehicle ramp angle and other conditions.

The hook end of the strap needs to be attached to a secure location on the loading vehicle that prevents both side to side movement and ramp slippage. If unsure of a suitable location please contact your vehicle manufacturer. When the straps are properly attached the ramps should not be able to slip off of loading vehicle. If you cannot achieve this condition abort loading process until the problem is resolved. Because each loading application is unique attachment points and loading procedures will vary.

If unsure about proper safe attachment points and or loading procedures contact technical support before proceeding. Improper attachment of the straps is dangerous and can result in injury or death. Always replace damaged straps before using.

#### Ramp Ratings

Do not overload the ramp. Overloading the ramp puts you and your vehicle at risk. All ramps will bend if overloaded. Once bent there is no way to re-bend the ramp back to its original form and no longer safe to use. Bending the ramp will void the warranty.

Using an undersized ramp can cause injury or death. Most ramps on the market are rated for a "Static Distributed Weight." This is the capacity of the ramp with the weight spread out evenly across the ramp and not moving. Loading a vehicle with two, three or four wheels at an incline is considered a "Dynamic Non Distributed Weight". This is a weight that is moving with changing concentrated pressure points. In this situation it is recommended to select a ramp that has at least twice the distributed load rating of the total load net weight. This is necessary to handle the concentrated and moving weight that occurs while loading a moving vehicle.

Remember the safest way to load equipment using a ramp is to winch the machine into place without rider. Choosing any other method, including riding, can put you at high risk of injury or death. We highly recommend that you obtain proper training from your factory authorized dealer before using any loading ramp. User assumes all responsibility for injuries or damages for using this product.

### **Lifetime Limited Warranty**

Extreme Max™ Aluminum Sport Ramps are warranted to the original retail purchaser to be free from defects in material and workmanship, ordinary wear and tear expected. This warranty shall not apply to any defects caused by: (I) overloading, (II) physical abuse of goods or any component or any acts of vandalism by any person, (III) alterations, modifications, additions or repairs made during the warranty period, (IV) improper installation or use contrary to Extreme Max instructions, (V) accidents or damage resulting from fire, water, wind, rain, hail, lightning, electrical surge or failure, earthquake, theft or similar causes, (VI) commercial use. The sole remedy under this warranty is the replacement of the same or similar product or the refund of the original purchase price. Extreme Max is not responsible for any consequential or incidental damages. Any and all freight charges to handle any warranty claims is the responsibility of the customer. Warranty valid only in the USA.

Riderless Winching Is The Safe & Proper Way To Load Any Vehicle. Riding A Vehicle On Any Ramp Is Dangerous.

Loading any vehicle using a ramp is inherently dangerous due to numerous factors which include user experience and ability, ramp angle, terrain, weather conditions, vehicle design and weight plus numerous other factors. It is highly recommended to obtain loading procedure training and ramp selection approval from your local factory authorized vehicle dealer. In any case you must always follow your vehicle manufacturer's recommendations for proper ramp loading and ramp selection.

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#### Safety:

Here at Extreme Max we are concerned first and foremost with your safety. That is why our ramps include a heavy duty adjustable ATV safety strap which must be properly attached to the vehicle. We recommend that you hook the cables and straps directly under the ramp to the bumper. DO NOT attach safety straps to the sides of the truck bed. Failure to use the safety strap in the correct manner will void the warranty.

Any of the guidelines listed below should be taken into consideration when purchasing and using Extreme Max Ramps. Failure to adhere to these guidelines could result in damage to your vehicle, damage to your ramp, injury or even death. Please use caution with our ramps.

When loading or unloading any equipment with the Extreme Max Products Ramps, please use caution in both directions. The recommended method to load any vehicle using ramps is by riderless winching. Riding up or down any ramp is never recommended and places yourself and others at risk of injury or death.

Ramp Alterations: Any ramp that is altered or damaged will void the guarantee of the ramp.

**Width of Ramp:** The width of the ramp must accommodate the full width measurement from the outside of the tire to the outside of the other tire. For runners, the width should be at least as wide as the tire.

**Length of Ramp:** For the length of ramp we recommend AT LEAST 2.25 inches (5.715 cm) of length for every inch of height.

Example, to load a machine into a truck bed with 32 inches (81.28 cm) of height you should have a ramp that is at least 72 inches (182.88 cm) (ex: 32"in(81.28 cm) x 2.25"in(5.715 cm) = 72"in(182.88 cm) in length.

Ramp selection is ultimately determined by your vehicle OEM manufacturer. Please determine their recommendations before choosing a ramp or attempting to load.

**Straps:** The Extreme Max Safety Strap is designed to secure the ramp, while loading and unloading equipment. The straps are the best heavy duty push button straps available. They have large rubber dipped hooks that helps to create a secure hold for taller tailgates found on newer model pickup trucks. The strap must be used to secure the ramp from kicking out during the loading process.

**Hinges:** Our Heavy-Duty hinges allow for a more durable product. All joints are welded for easy storage and creates stability and security for your ramp.

**Tubing:** Our tubing is made from Extruded 6063 Aircraft Aluminum, which provides a strong lightweight ramp with a non-corrosive performance.

**Mesh:** Our mesh has a perforated plate aluminum top that provides traction and a smooth look. This adds to the stability and is not found in competitor model ramps.

**Serrated Rungs:** Our serrated traction rungs provide horizontal support and allow for better traction and grip in muddy or wet conditions. Serrated rungs are evenly spaced apart to ensure even and secure grip.

Poly Coated Aluminum Fingers: Many of the Extreme Max ramps have multiple Poly Coated aluminum fingers.

These fingers give the ramps more contact surface with the truck gate or trailer. This provides a non-slip, non-marring, hold and creates a low profile smooth transition from ramp to truck bed. This creates more security and stability for loading and unloading your equipment.

Solid Aluminum Contact Plate: Certain ramps have a poly coated aluminum fingers with a solid aluminum plate instead of extended aluminum plate. Used on our heavy duty ramps to create a larger contact area with the tail gate and allows for more strength and a smooth transition when loading or unloading.



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## Caution

To avoid injuries, attach ramp straps to the vehicle/trailer before loading. This prevents the ramps from slipping.

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1) Fasten to ramp.
Select a ramp rung or bar about 1/3 down the ramp.

2) Hook securely to vehicle or trailer and tighten strap.

When not in use.Hook can be attached to ramp for storage.



Pass the hook and buckle through the sewn loop and pull.





Note: Ramp shown may not be the product you purchased.

#### Warning

Read and understand instructions and labels found on each ramp BEFORE using the ramp. Failure to do so may result in Property Damage and/or serious personal injury. After reading all instructions and labels, if you have any further questions please call 651-357-1862.

Safety strap must be present and used. Do not clutch or accelerate equipment while loading or unloading. Do not exceed maximum height limit: see manufacturer's limit of incline for vehicle being loaded.

Do not use loading ramps by driving on the ramp. See your dealer for proper demostration of loading and unloading. Rear engine equipment should be loaded in reverse to avoid front-end rear-up.

Before transport be sure the vehicle being hauled is fastened and secured to truck or trailer.

Before loading any vehicle with the ramps, inspect all aspects of the process. IF ANYTHING LOOKS UNSAFE, DO NOT LOAD VEHICLE.

Exercise extreme caution when using ramps.

- 1) Inspect ramps for damage before using. If damage or stress is evident. DO NOT USE THE RAMP.
- 2) It is very important that the weight of the equipment is evenly distributed on the ramps and that the load capacity listed on each ramp is not exceeded.

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