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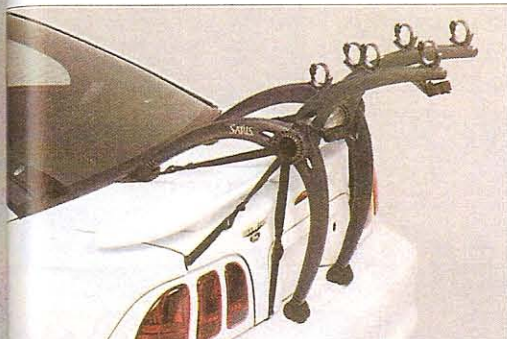
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**Malone Auto Racks AutoLoader, \$92**

Made with a poly-carbon material that is corrosion-resistant and flexible, the AutoLoader provides flex to absorb bumps on the road and cradle your kayak securely on the roof. The rack setup, which includes a pair of C-shape cradles and the necessary straps for securing a boat, lets you conveniently load whitewater or touring kayaks from the side of the car. Malone includes straps, mounting hardware and an adapter system that fits round, square or oval rack crossbars, making it compatible with Yakima, Thule and many factory-installed vehicle racks. Also, because the AutoLoader has several points where webbing can be threaded, the company promotes creative hauling with the rack, such as a Christmas tree, for example. (800) 295-0042; [www.maloneautoracks.com](http://www.maloneautoracks.com)

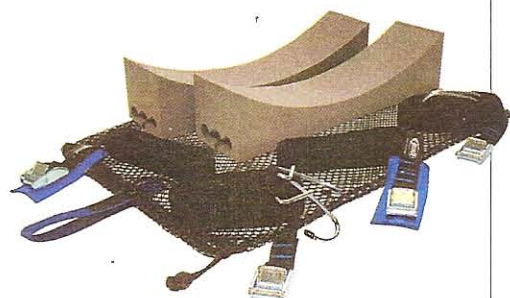


**Saris Bones 3, \$150**

This over-the-trunk rack can transport up to three bikes at a time. It's compatible with mountain-, road-, women's- and children's-bike models, and it comes in various colors to match your car's paint job. Saris says the Bones 3's injection-molded arms and legs, which are made of 100-percent recycled materials, are the strongest on the market. The rack's unique arch design fits over spoilers, and its thermoplastic footpads will not mar the car's paint. Bikes mounted on the rack are set on three different levels for easy management, and a set of ratcheting straps secure and stabilize the bikes. (800) 783-7257; [www.graberproducts.com](http://www.graberproducts.com)

**WINDE Deluxe Universal Kayak Block, \$50**

WINDE's high-density foam blocks create a cushioning barrier between your car's roof and the canoe or kayak you need to haul to the water. The Deluxe Universal Kayak Block is a kit that includes foam blocks and webbing straps needed to secure a kayak. The 16-inch foam blocks have an anti-slip texture on the bottom to keep them in place. Or, the block's cutouts let you mount them to rooftop crossbars to make a quick and low-cost kayak attachment. WINDE sells configurations for canoes, kayaks and other gear. (800) 632-6163; [www.seattlesportsco.com](http://www.seattlesportsco.com)



**Bauer Industries BVG Back Road II, \$300**

The swing arm of this hitch-mounted rack makes it ideal for tall SUVs where roof-mounted racks prove cumbersome to reach. Holding four bikes, the BVG Back Road II, Bauer Industries top-of-the-line hitch rack, is made of steel tubing and specially coated to prevent scratches and wear. It's two arms rotate to carry just about any bike, and give the rack a sleeker profile when not in use. Yet it's the swing arm's ability to smoothly swivel your bikes to the side of the vehicle, allowing easy access to the toys inside, that makes this rack stand out. Includes a lockable hitch pin and an anti-wobble device. (800) 722-5872; [www.bauergear.com](http://www.bauergear.com)

**Sherpak Elite, \$146**

Basically a car-top duffle bag, the Sherpak Elite is a soft-sided carrier case made of thick, waterproof vinyl. It can carry all types of gear inside its 15-cubic-foot compartment, which cinches tight with three compression straps and zippered seals. Once you reach your destination, the case can be quickly removed for lugging and unpacking. The company welds the carrier's seams via a radio-frequency method, which Sherpak says eliminates needle holes and keeps it 100-percent waterproof. The Elite has adjustable, quick-release buckles that loop around a car's rack to secure it to the roof. Alternatively, the company sells a kit to connect the Elite to your car's rain gutters or window channels. (800) 632-6163; [www.seattlesportsco.com](http://www.seattlesportsco.com)

