



Installation instructions

Kayak holders

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1 General notes

Please read these instructions carefully and note the WARNING, Caution and Note descriptions before installing the kayak holders.



WARNING

Text with this symbol contains information concerning your safety and indicates potential accident and injury risks.



Caution

Text with this symbol indicates the risk of damage to your vehicle.



Note

Text with this symbol contains additional information.

AUDI AG will not accept responsibility in the event of failure to comply with these assembly instructions.



2 Safety notes

2.1 General safety notes

 **WARNING**

Please read these assembly instructions carefully before starting installation. Non-compliance with these assembly instructions and safety notes will compromise your safety and that of third parties.

 **WARNING**

The driver is responsible for making sure that his view and ability to hear are not impaired by his load or by the condition of the vehicle.

He must make sure that the load does not prevent the vehicle from complying with regulations and that road safety is not compromised.

 **WARNING**

All bolted connections and connections for the roof bars, kayak holders and add-on components must be checked prior to travelling to make sure they are positioned and installed correctly. Tighten if necessary.

Recheck bolted connections and connections at appropriate intervals and tighten if necessary. The bolted connections and connections must be checked at short intervals if travelling on a poor stretch of road.

If this guideline is not observed, this can result in the kayak holders or the add-on components becoming loose or falling off — risk of accident!

 **WARNING**

For the safety of other road users, the roof bars and any add-on components must be removed from the vehicle when they are not being used.

 **WARNING**

Repairs or the replacement of parts must only be performed by a qualified workshop. It is recommended that genuine spare parts available from your Audi partner are used.



 **WARNING**

The procedures and safety notes detailed in these instructions for the installation, handling and use of the kayak holders must always be observed.

- ◆ ***Deviating from these instructions even slightly can cause the kayak holders or the mounted kayak to come loose.***
- ◆ ***The kayak holders are designed such that the vehicle will not be damaged if components are installed, handled and used properly.***
- ◆ ***The manufacturer is not liable for any damage resulting from failure to comply with the installation procedure or notes specified.***
- ◆ ***All forms of warranty claim against the manufacturer are invalidated if installation, handling or use of the components are not carried out as specified in these instructions.***

 **WARNING**

The kayak holders are only designed for transporting one kayak — risk of accident!

- ◆ ***Replace damaged components immediately.***
- ◆ ***Do not use elasticated straps or bungee cords!***

 **Caution**

Do not enter a car wash with roof bars with/without kayak holders installed.

 **Note**

- ◆ ***Observe the relevant statutory regulations for using kayak holders in other countries.***
- ◆ ***Remove the kayak holders when not in use.***
- ◆ ***We reserve the right to make technical changes.***



2.2 Safety notes to be checked before and after each journey and when in use

WARNING

Check that the kayak holders and the kayak to be transported are securely attached:

- ◆ *before the start of every journey*
- ◆ *After approx. 10 km of the journey,*
- ◆ *approx. every 300 km on good roads*
- ◆ *Frequently on poor roads (due to vibration),*
- ◆ *regularly to make sure that there has been no movement/displacement*

If the kayak holders and the kayak are not checked to make sure that they are secure and to check whether any fasteners need tightening, they could work loose and parts might be lost, even if installation was carried out properly — risk of accident!

In the event of a shift/change in position, drive at a reduced speed until the next opportunity to stop safely and then re-tighten the bolted connections and fixtures on the kayak holders and/or kayak.

2.3 Safety instructions for driving with a kayak on the kayak holders

2.3.1 Altered vehicle height

Caution

Fitting a kayak on the kayak holders changes the height of your vehicle.

Pay particular attention to:

- ◆ *Low-hanging branches*
- ◆ *Passages with reduced head-room clearance*
- ◆ *Entrances to garages with reduced head-room clearance*
- ◆ *Height restrictions in multi-storey car parks and underground car parks.*



2.3.2 Sensitivity to side winds

WARNING

The load affects driving and braking behaviour and the vehicle's sensitivity to side winds. Adapt your driving style accordingly — risk of accident!

Do not exceed the maximum speed of 130 km/h (81 mph).

When driving in strong side winds, make sure that you take extra care:

- ◆ ***when moving into and out of the slipstreams of lorries***
- ◆ ***when driving past hedgerows, trees, walls and buildings as well as any other wind barriers,***
- ◆ ***when driving over bridges***

2.4 Safety notes for loading

2.4.1 Permissible roof load and loading

Caution

The maximum load of the kayak holders is 45 kg (99.2 lbs) and must not be exceeded.

The maximum load of the roof bars must not be exceeded ⇒ Installation instructions for the roof bar.

The maximum roof load for the vehicle must not be exceeded ⇒ Vehicle Owner's Manual. This is calculated by adding together:

- ◆ ***The weight of the load (kayak)***
- ◆ ***The weight of the kayak holder***
- ◆ ***Weight of roof bar system***

You must not attach additional loads to the outside of the kayak or kayak holders, nor inside the kayak. When transporting the kayak on the kayak holders, the hatch must be closed off with a hatch cover.

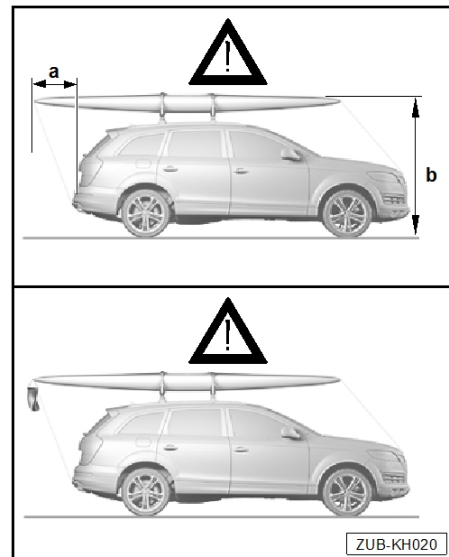


2.4.2 Altered length and height

WARNING

When driving through entrance ways and other passage-ways, the altered vehicle length -a- and altered vehicle height -b- must be observed.

When transporting a kayak, the tips protruding length-ways must be specially marked.



2.4.3 Rear lid opening range

Caution

To prevent damage to the vehicle, make sure that you open the luggage compartment lid carefully when the kayak is fitted to the kayak holders. For vehicles featuring automatic rear lid operation, it is recommended that you adjust the opening angle as required ⇒ Vehicle Owner's Manual.

2.4.4 Opening range of sliding/tilting glass sun-roof

Caution

When installing the kayak holders or when fitting a kayak to the kayak holders, check that there is enough room above the sliding/tilting glass sunroof before opening it.



3 Scope of delivery and overview of components

3.1 Scope of delivery

Quantity	Component
2	Kayak holders
4	T-head
4	Washer, small
4	Washer, large
4	Knurled nut
1	Small tensioning strap
2	Tensioning strap
4	Lock
2	Keys
1	Installation instructions



3.2 Overview of components

1 - Kayak holders

- 2 units

2 - T-head

- 4 x

3 - Washer, large

- 4 x

4 - Washer, small

- 4 x

5 - Knurled nut

- 4 x

6 - Locking element for the tensioning strap

- 2 units

7 - Tensioning strap

- 2 units

8 - Lock

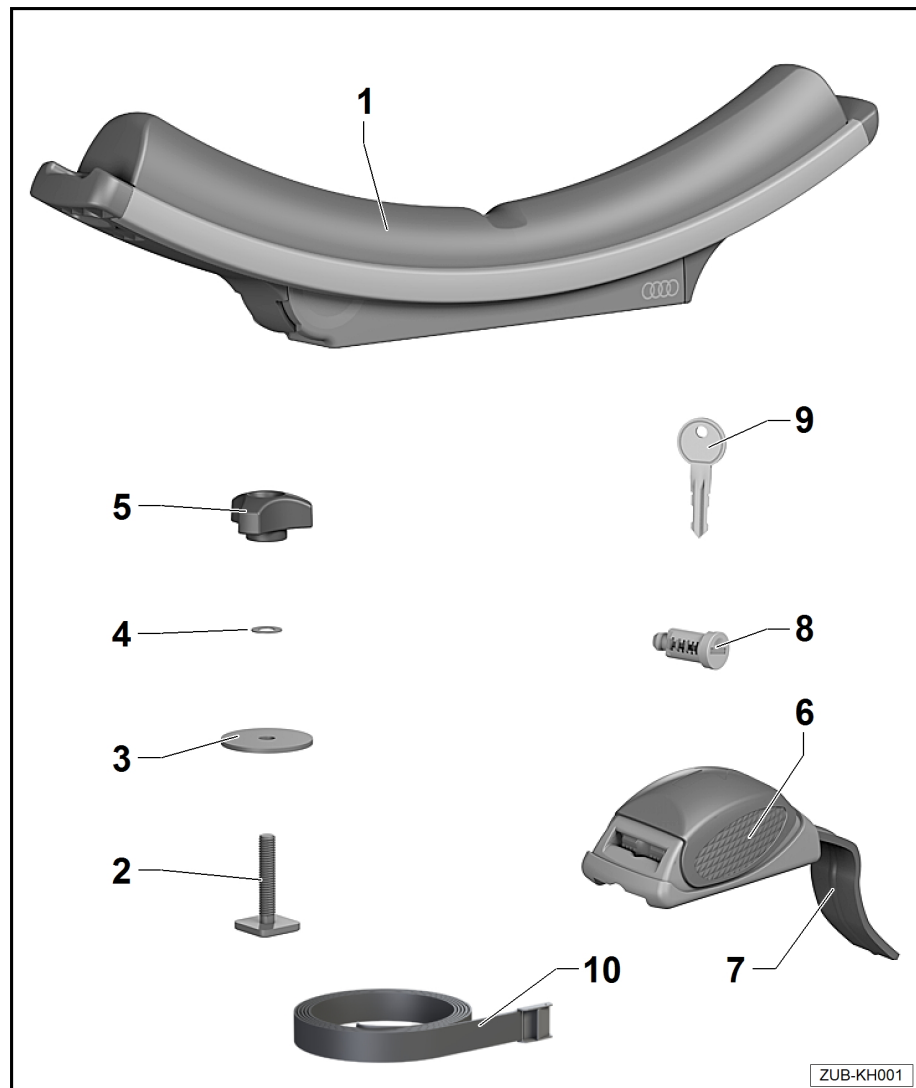
- 4 x

9 - Keys

- 2 units

10 - Small tensioning strap

- 1 units

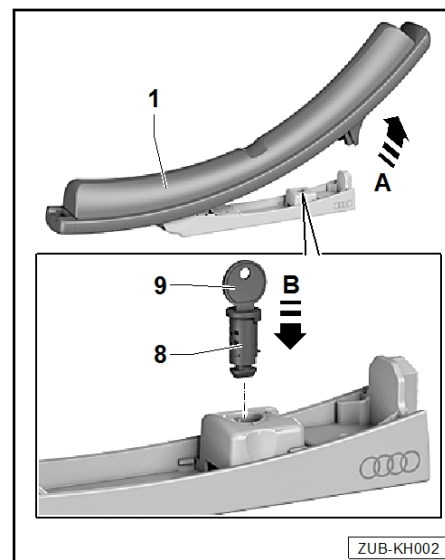




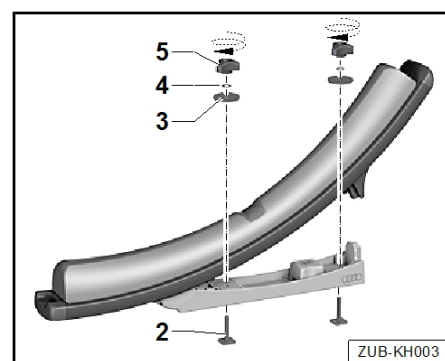
4 Kayak holders

4.1 Pre-assembling the kayak holders

- Prior to installation, check that you have all the components from the scope of delivery.
- Fit the roof bars to the vehicle ⇒ Installation instructions for the roof bars.
- Open the kayak holders -1- in the -direction of arrow A-.
- Insert lock -8- with key -9- in the kayak holders using a gentle rotary motion in the -direction of arrow B-.



- Insert T-head -2- into the kayak holders from below.
- Place washer, large -3- and washer, small -4- in place from above.
- Screw the knurled nut -5- onto the T-head by rotating it 2–3 times.

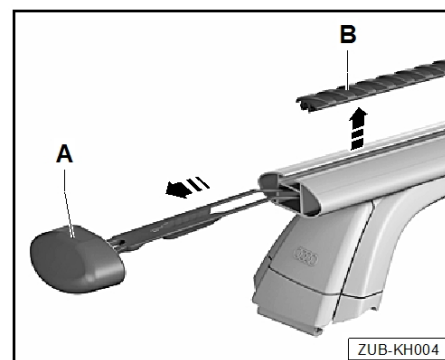


- Pull out profile cap -A- from the roof bar in the -direction of the arrow-.

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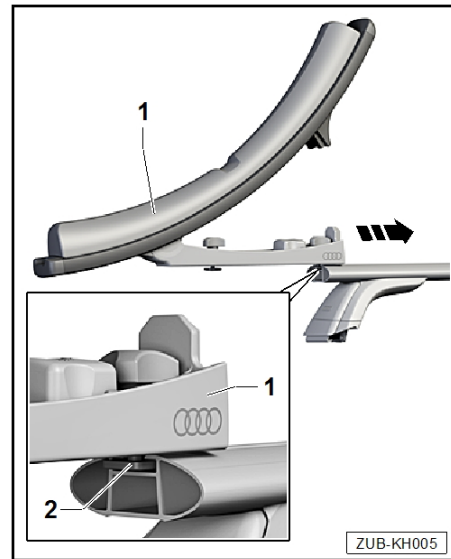
Depending on the design of the roof bar, the profile cap must be pulled out or rotated ⇒ Installation instructions for the roof bars.

- Pull out profile cover -B- from the T-groove on the roof bar.



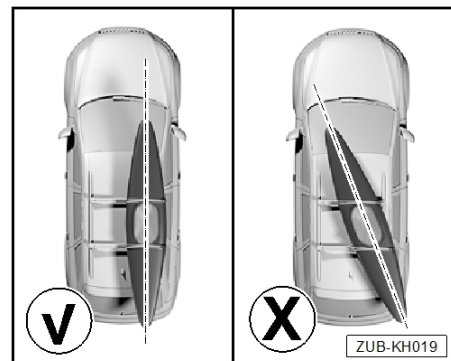


- Insert the kayak holder -1- into the T-groove on the roof bar in the direction of the arrow using the T-heads .



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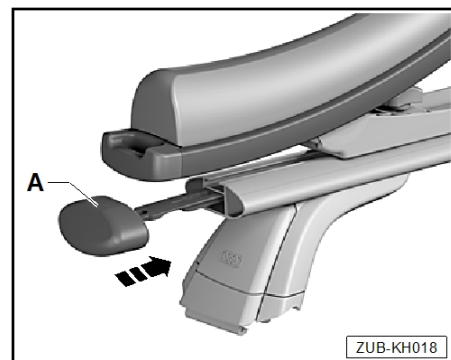
- ◆ *Align the kayak holders parallel to the central axis of the vehicle.*



- Push profile cap -A- into the T-groove on the roof bar.

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Depending on the design of the roof bar, the profile cap -A- must be pushed in or rotated ⇒ Installation instructions for the roof bars.



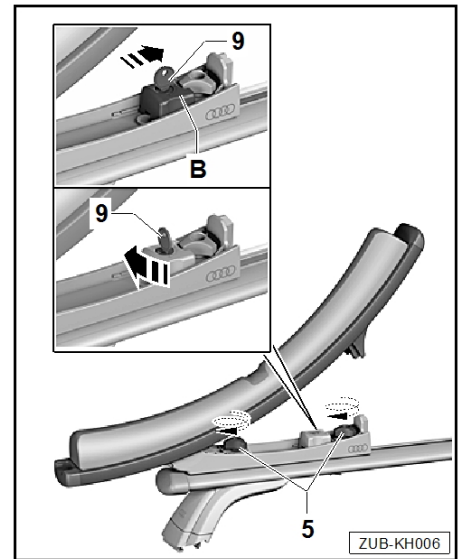


- Tighten the knurled bolts -5-.

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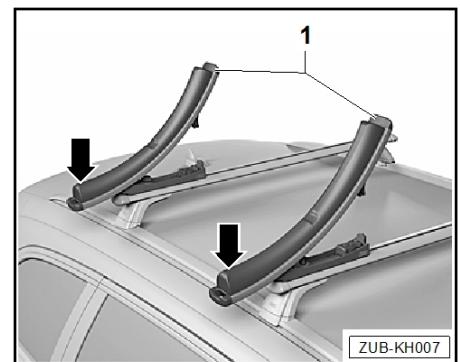
There must be a minimum clearance of 5 mm between the kayak holders and the profile cap -A-.

- Push lock -B- in the -direction of the arrow- as far as it will go and lock with the key -9-.
- Remove the key -9-.

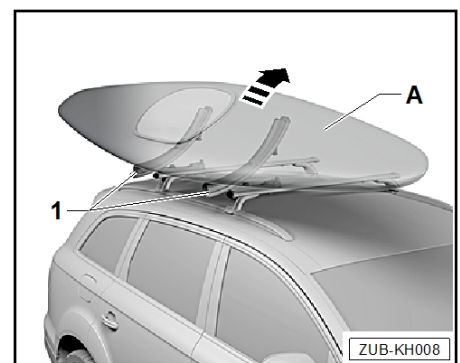


4.2 Loading and unloading the kayak holders with a kayak weighing up to 30 kg

- Set up the kayak holders -1- -arrows-.

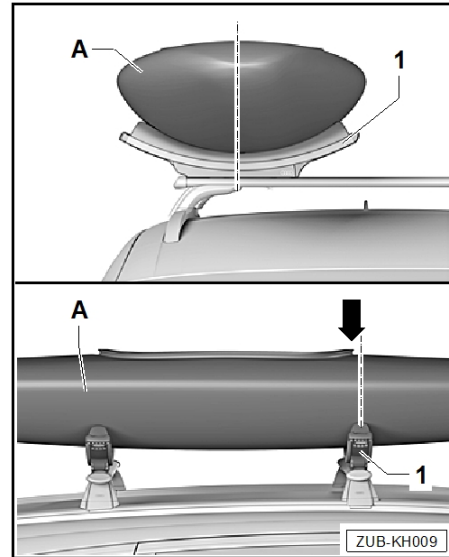


- Place kayak -A- on the kayak holders -1-.
- Fold down the kayak holders along with the kayak.

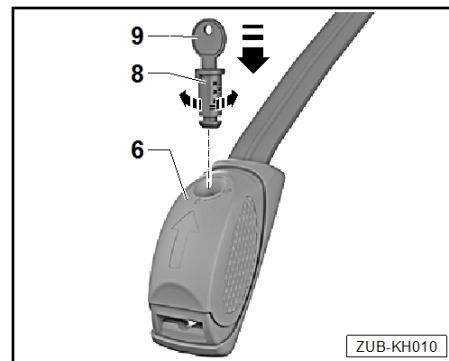




- Position the kayak -A- centrally on the kayak holders -1-.
- If possible, align the kayak so that the front edge -arrow- is located over the front kayak holder -1-.



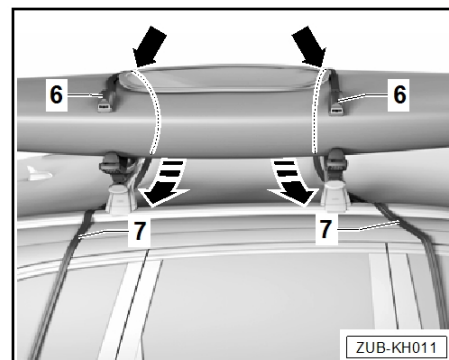
- Insert lock -8- with key -9- in the locking element for the tensioning strap using a gentle rotary motion in the direction of the arrow.



- Place the locking element for the tensioning strap -6- on the kayak.
- Feed the belt -7- behind the kayak and below the roof bars.

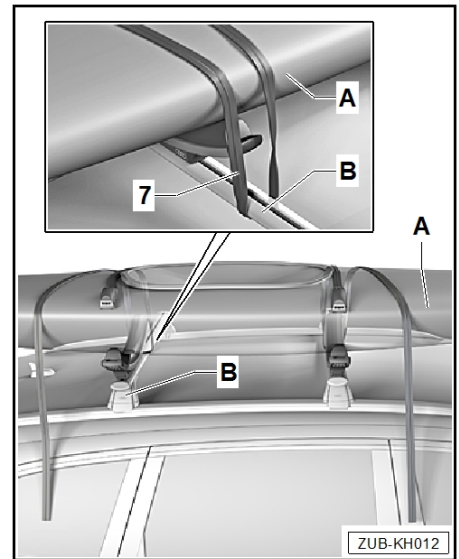
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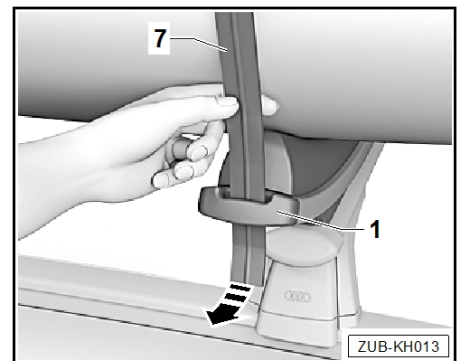




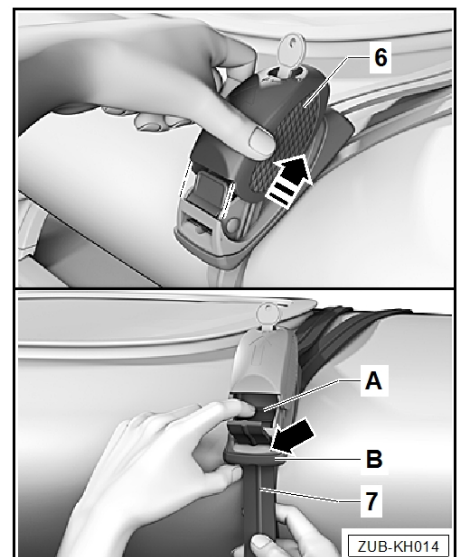
- Place the belt -7- over the kayak -A- and around the roof bars -B-. The belt must not be twisted.



- Pull the belt -7- through the belt guide on the kayak holders -1-.

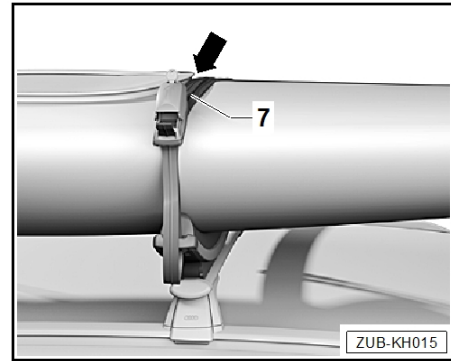


- Open the locking element for the tensioning strap -6- in the -direction of the arrow-.
- Press the lever -A- and feed the belt -7- through the belt guide -B- from behind and pull through.

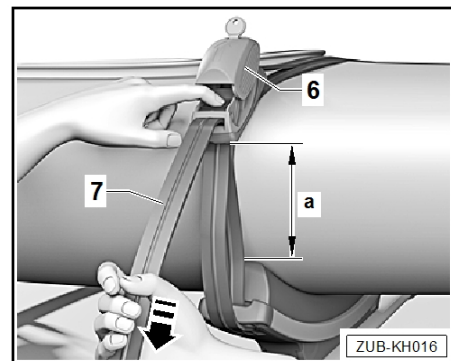




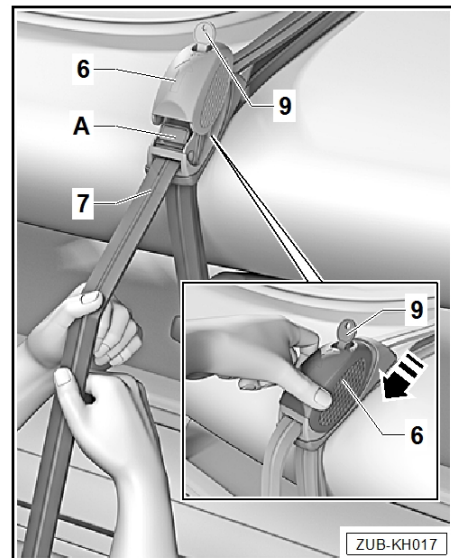
- Before lashing down the belt, position the belt -7- immediately in front of the edge of the kayak hatch -arrow-.



- Pull the belt -7- downward.
 - Position the locking element for the tensioning strap -6- on a relatively flat surface of the kayak and position the locking element at distance -a-.
- a = 15–20 cm



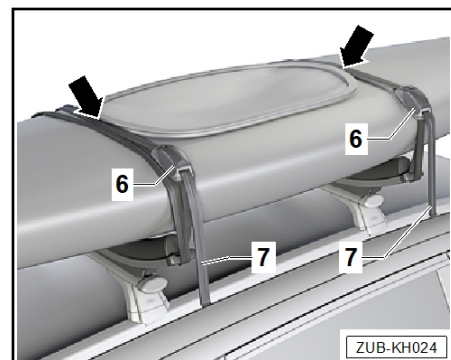
- Lash the kayak down using the belt -7-.
- Push the locking element for the tensioning strap -6- in the -direction of the arrow-, lock with the key -9- and remove the key -9-.



- The illustration shows a kayak weighing up to 30 kg that has been fully secured on the kayak holders.

Removing the kayak holders

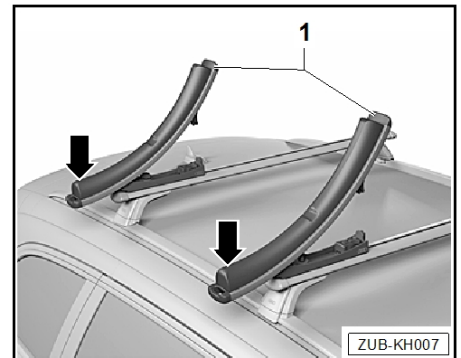
- The kayak holders are removed by following the above steps in reverse order. To loosen the belts, open the locking elements -6-. Press the lever -A- on the locking element for the tensioning strap -6-, thereby loosening the belt -7-.



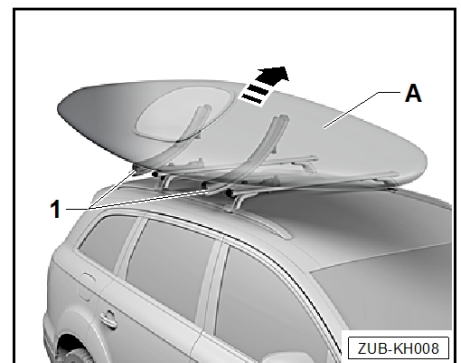


4.3 Loading and unloading the kayak holders with a kayak weighing more than 30 kg

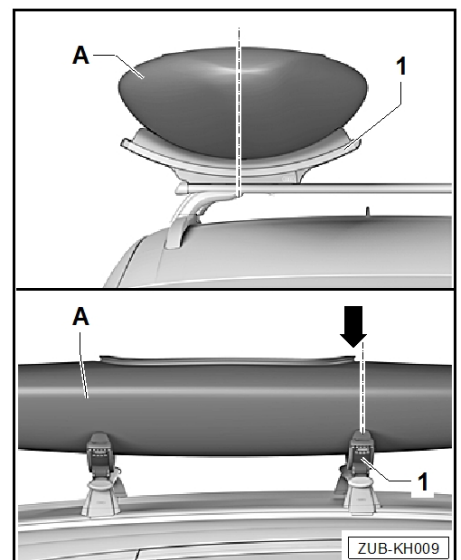
- Set up the kayak holders -1- -arrows-.



- Place kayak -A- on the kayak holders -1-.
- Fold down the kayak holders along with the kayak.

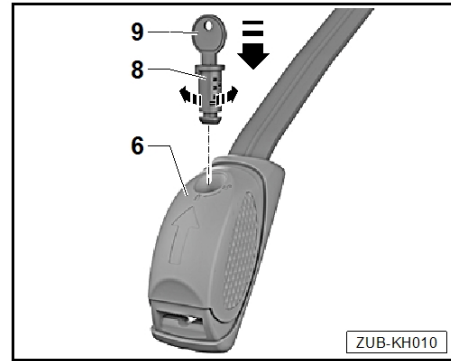


- Position the kayak -A- centrally on the kayak holders -1-.
- If possible, align the kayak so that the front edge -arrow- is located over the front kayak holder -1-.





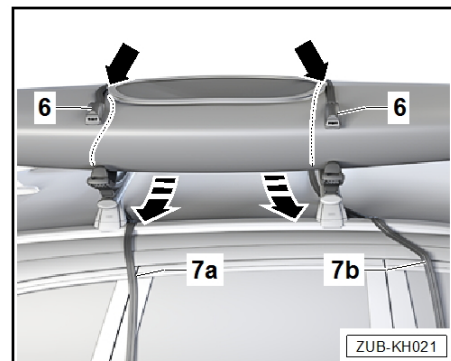
- Insert lock -8- with key -9- in the locking element for the tensioning strap using a gentle rotary motion in the direction of the arrow.



- Place the locking elements for the tensioning straps -6- on the kayak.
- Belts -7a and 7b- must be fed from back to front under the roof bars and laid in position.

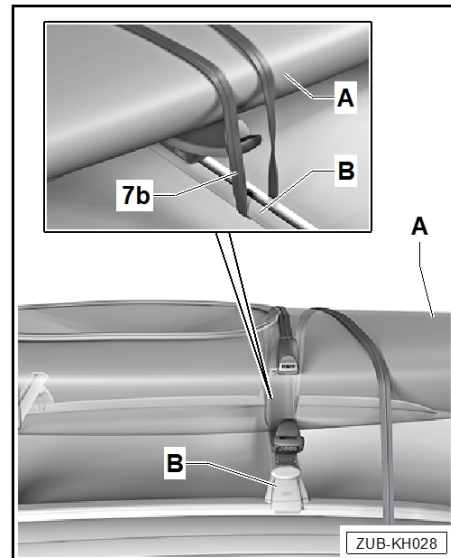
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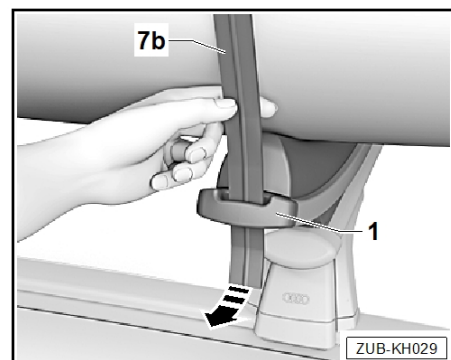


Lashing down the kayak using the front belt -7b-

- Place the belt -7b- over the kayak -A- and around the roof bars -B-. The belt must not be twisted.

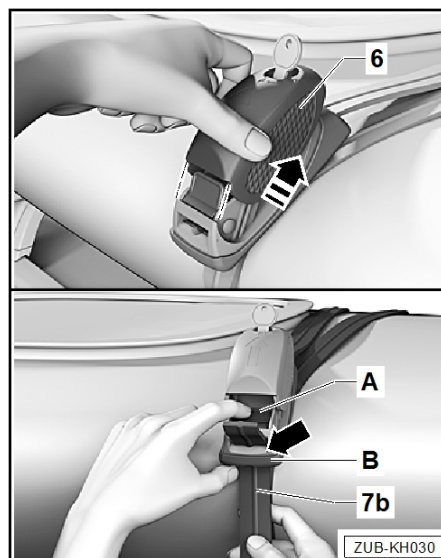


- Pull the belt -7b- through the belt guide on the kayak holder -1-.

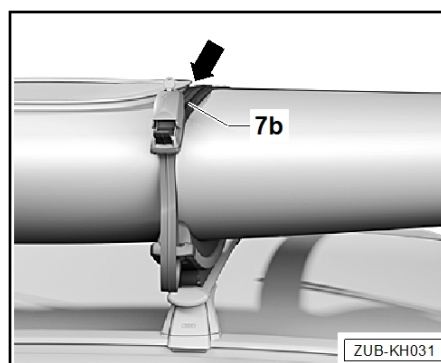




- Open the locking element for the tensioning strap -6- in the -direction of the arrow-.
- Press the lever -A- and feed the belt -7b- through the belt guide -B- from behind and pull through.

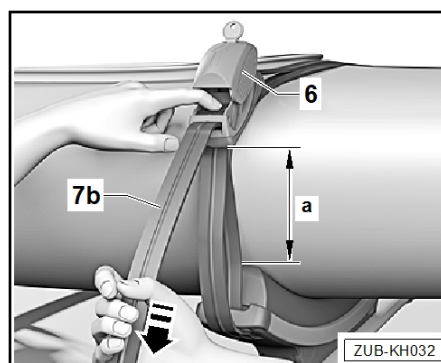


- Before lashing down the belt, position the belt -7b- immediately in front of the edge of the kayak hatch -arrow-.



- Pull the belt -7b- downward.
- Position the locking element for the tensioning strap -6- on a relatively flat surface of the kayak and position the locking element at distance -a-.

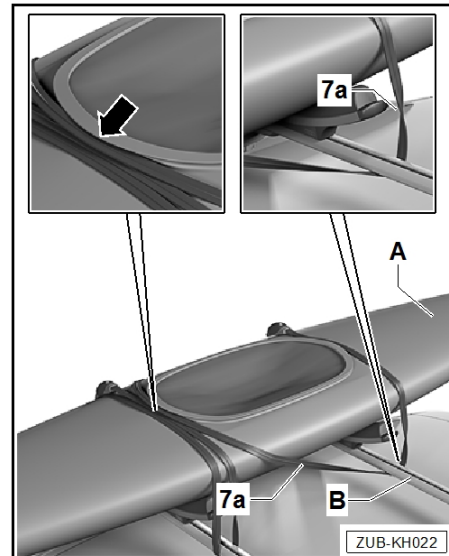
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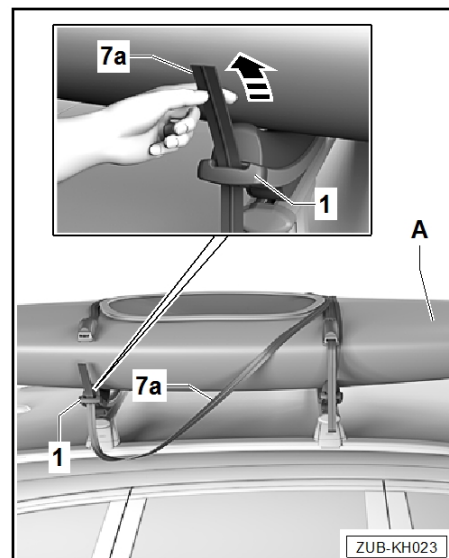


Lashing down the kayak using the rear belt -7a-

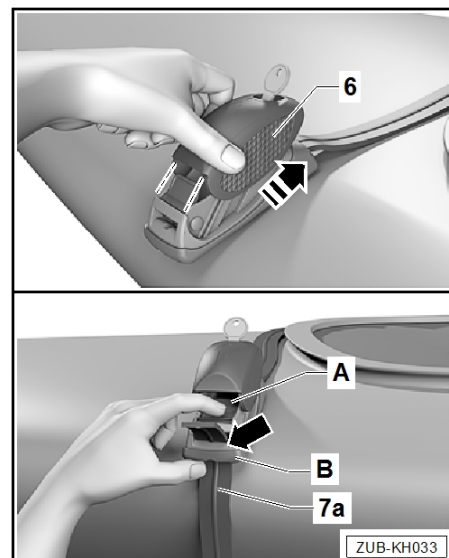
- Place the belt -7a- behind the kayak and diagonally towards the front edge of the kayak hatch -arrow-.



- Then place the belt -7a- diagonally in front of the kayak and back towards the rear kayak holder.
- Pull the belt -7a- from the bottom to the top through the belt guide on the rear kayak holder -1-.

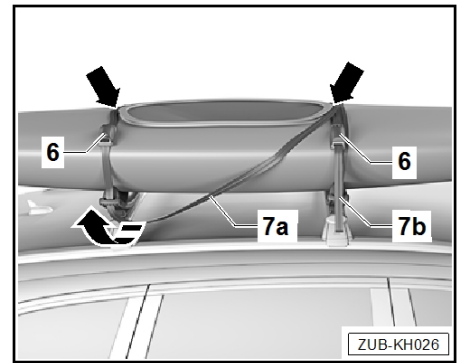


- Open the rear locking element for the tensioning strap -6- in the -direction of the arrow-.
- Press the lever -A- and feed the belt -7a- through the belt guide -B- from behind and pull through.
- Before lashing the rear belt down, check whether the rear belt -7a- is positioned immediately in front of the edge of the kayak hatch -left-hand arrow-.

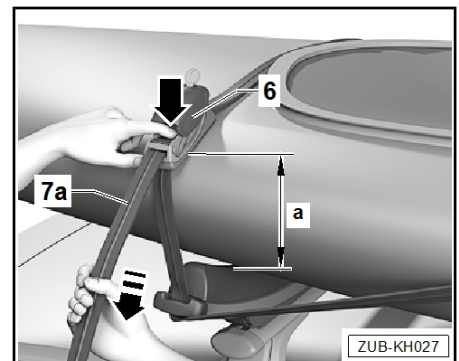




- The rear belt is laid over the top of the front belt -7b-
-right-hand arrow-.

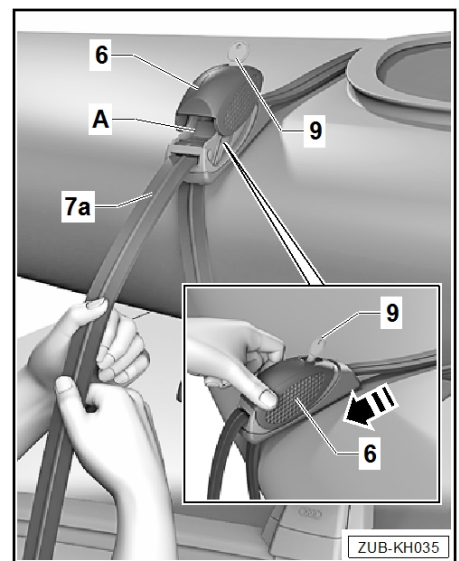


- Pull the rear belt -7a- downward.



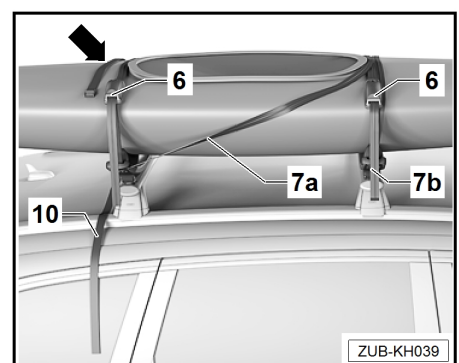
- Position the locking element for the tensioning strap -6- on a relatively flat surface of the kayak and position the locking element at distance -a-.

a = 15–20 cm



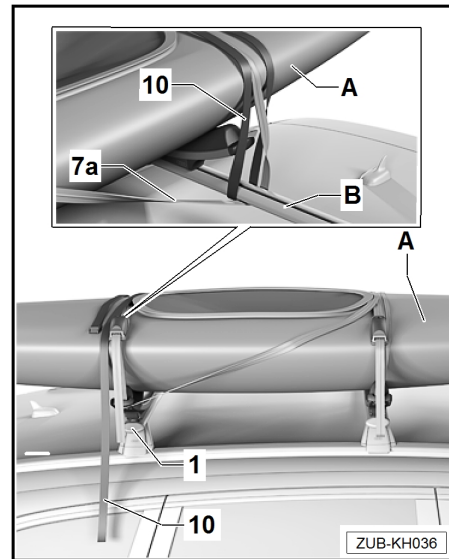
Lashing down the kayak using the small rear tensioning strap -10-

- Move the small tensioning strap -10- into position as indicated by the -arrow-.

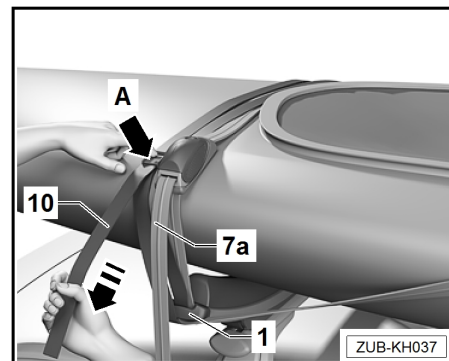




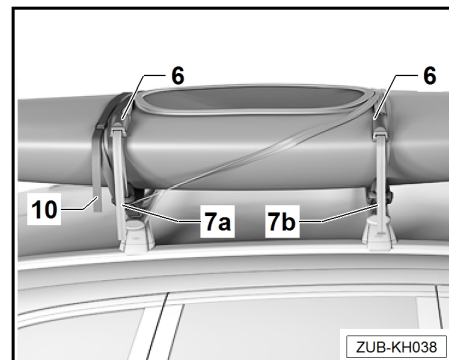
- Place the tensioning strap -10- over the kayak -A- and around the roof bars -B-. The small tensioning strap must not be twisted.



- Pull the small tensioning strap -10- through the belt guide on the kayak holder -1- from top to bottom.
- Press the lever indicated by -arrow A- and feed the small tensioning strap -10- through the belt guide from behind and pull through.
- Pull the small tensioning strap -10- downward as indicated by the -arrow-.



- Securely lash down the kayak using the rear belt -7a-, the small tensioning strap -10- and the front belt -7b-.
- Push the locking element for the tensioning belt -6- on belts -7a and 7b- into place, lock with the key -9- and remove the key -9-.
- The illustration shows a kayak weighing more than 30 kg that has been fully secured on the kayak holders.



Removing the kayak holders

- The kayak holders are removed by following the above steps in reverse order. To loosen the belts, press the lever -A- on the locking element for the tensioning strap -6-, thereby releasing belts -7a and 7b-.
- To loosen the small tensioning strap -10-, press the lever -A- for the locking element, thereby releasing the small tensioning strap -10-.

4.4 Maintenance instructions

Kayak holders

The kayak holders must always be cleaned and kept in good order. It is particularly important to remove any dirt and salt in the winter.



The kayak holders can be cleaned using water and standard car shampoo.

Locks

The locks must be maintained after 100 locking cycles, but no later than after two months. This process involves spraying the dust/dirt guard and the inside of the cylinder with non-resinous oil and then actuating the lock several times using the key.



WARNING

Do not use any lubricants on the bolted connections.

Applying lubricant can cause the bolted connections to loosen independently; this can result in the kayak holders or the kayak becoming detached, causing injury to you or others and/or damage to property.



Caution

Do not use a high-pressure cleaner to clean the kayak holders.