## WIDE BODY' INSTRUCTIONS & USER TIPS

This package includes 2 Wide Bodies and the hardware needed for most installations.

USE RUBBER "BOOTS" WHEN FITTING YAKIMA TOWERS

The Yakima Wide Body is designed to be used on pick-up truck camper shells or other vehicles that may lack rain gutters, enabling the use of a Yakima carrier or other car-top carriers. The Wide Body should be mounted such that the carrier crossbars have the same height front and rear or such that the rear bar exceeds the front bar in height. Both airflow and safety will be maximized if this rule is followed.

When mounting the Wide Body, the following steps are recommended:

- Select a location on the vehicle that will allow the crossbars to clear the roof but will not result in the middle portion of the bracket angling upward (see Figure 1).
- 2. Check to determine the location of any struts, braces, or other objects that may interfere with the installation of the brackets.
- 3. Drill four 1/4" diameter holes through the surface of the vehicle using the bracket as a template.
- IMPORTANT: Some camper shells have insulation between the outer surface and an inner liner. Special precautions must be taken to avoid the crushing of this insulation and attendant deformation of the shell material. Sheet metal screws will usually solve this problem.
  - 4. Install the brackets using ¼" diameter machine screws and nuts of an appropriate length. Be sure to use large flat washers between the nut and the inside surface of the shell.
  - 5. Use some type of silicone, gasket material, or other sealant around the scews and screw holes to prevent the entry of water.

When using the **Wide Body**, remember that the weakest link in the system may be the strength of the material to which the bracket is attached. Use caution with regard to load weight and be sure to secure any long heavy loads securely to the crossbars **and** use a front tie down line to secure the load to the front bumper of the vehicle. Failure to do so will void any warranty of this product.



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