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Auto Racks: Get the Gear Where You're Going  
Featuring: ShowDown, LongArm and JayHook

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## AUTO RACKS: GET THE GEAR WHERE YOU'RE GOING

The team tests out a variety of auto racks for hauling their fish finding crafts. Here's the first rundown of gear available.

### AUTO RACK RUNDOWN

Over the past year, the *Kayak Fish* team has tested out a variety of auto racks and accessories on numerous vehicles for getting kayaks and SUP's out on the water to chase the bite. The following is a rundown of auto racks and rack accessories that we've been a fan of. There are plenty more solutions out there, and we'll be testing more them and reporting in once that's complete.

For now, have a look and see if any of these solutions work for you.

#### YAKIMA SHOWDOWN



The Yakima ShowDown is a lift assisted product designed to help owners get their kayaks or SUP onto the roof of the vehicle. The Showdown lowers the mounting level two feet and supports up to 80lbs.

The set up for the ShowDown onto a set of Yakima crossbars was incredibly easy. The installation process took approximately 10-15 minutes, one of the easiest to set up for the assistance gained by the rack.



The ShowDown was given to our most vertically challenged tester to mount onto his Land Rover Discovery. The rack worked the best for mounting SUPs into place and getting to high elevation lakes for post-work strike missions.

Whether a welcomed solution is a lowered mounting height or ease of assisted lifting, the Yakima ShowDown exceeds expectations for both. Do take care to keep the guides clean and clear to avoid sticking when in the mounting process. A simple spray off at the car wash will suffice in keeping things clean and fully functional.

Available at [Yakima.com](http://Yakima.com) or your local retailer for \$449.00

#### YAKIMA LONGARM



The Yakima LongArm is a new hitch-mounted system that allows you to extend carrying capacities out of your truck and adjust to the carrying positions of the bed, bed rail height, or with the extension accessory to the height of your cab.

For those looking to get your favorite kayak in your truck and on the move, this is the easiest solution we've utilized so far. Lift the nose of your kayak up and onto the load-bearing bar, then walk to the back to lift and slide the boat into your truck bed. Finish it up with a 12' or 15' strap through the included slots on the bar and tighten the kayak down.

Don't waste your time straining on lifting a kayak over your head if you're solo. The Yakima LongArm empowers the solo angler to get the job done, with ease. A recommended accessory with the LongArm is the [LongArm Pad](#) for an additional \$19.



Available at [Yakima.com](http://Yakima.com) or your local retailer for \$219.00

#### YAKIMA JAYHOOKS



The Yakima JayHooks is an update to a classic design. These side-loading kayak hooks are a tool-less option that connects to most any crossbar on the market today. Simple, and easy to use.

The JayHook comes packaged with a bow and stern strap that mount to the bumper further securing the craft. You'll also receive heavy duty straps to cinch the kayak down. This product is a great option for owners of a vehicle with crossbars already mounted and looking to maximize space.

Once the racks are set in place, it is recommended to utilize [Loctite](#) or often check the tightening bolts.

Available on [Yakima.com](http://Yakima.com) or your local retailer for \$149.00