

IMPORTANT!

Read and understand the owner's manual before attempting to install or use your new DiamondBack product.



Owner's Manual Honda Big Red - Bed Cover

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Important hauling information:

1. **Load Capacity:** Do not exceed the smaller of a **250 lb evenly distributed load** or the vehicle manufacturer's specified load capacity. Distributed load means that the load should not be concentrated in a small area. Never place a load more than **250 lbs** on top of the cover.
2. **ANY** load **WILL** increase your vehicle's center of gravity, and **WILL** significantly hinder your vehicle's ability to maneuver, stop, and turn. Avoid sharp turns and excessive speeds as this will increase these risks.
3. **Securing top loads:** Failure to properly secure cargo, or hauling inappropriate cargo, may result in property damage, personal injury, or death.
4. Locking rod brackets, and locking rod set-screws may become loose due to regular road vibration. Check and tighten these **every** time you haul with the cover.

Cover Installation

Parts:

- (2) Turnbuckles
- (1) Tailgate Panel
- (1) Stationary Panel (with bulkhead cap attached)
- (2) 1" hard plastic grommets
- (2) 30# Gas springs

Tools Needed:

- 1" hole saw
- 7/16" ratchet wrench or socket and ratchet
- 1/8" Allen Wrench

Positioning of Panels

1. Because the bulkhead of the Big Red is taller than the bedrails, it must be capped to improve the weather resistance of the cover. The bulkhead cap is bolted to the rear of the stationary panel. Place this cap over the bulkhead and center the stationary panel on the bed.
2. Next, install the turnbuckles to the eye bolts on the underside of the stationary panel and connect them to the cargo hooks in the floor of the bed as shown in **Figure 1**. Tighten the turnbuckles slightly by hand to allow for final adjustments to the cover.

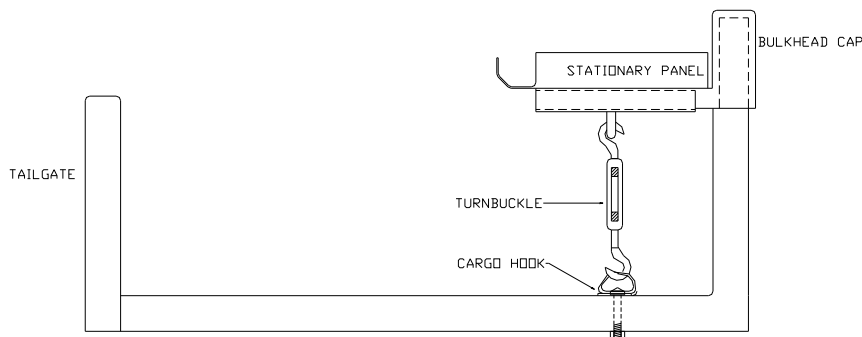


Figure 1

3. Next, attach the tailgate panel. To attach the tailgate panel, hold the panel with hinges facing down, and perpendicular to the stationary panel. Align the hinges of the tailgate panel with those of the stationary panel, and slide the tailgate panel into position. (**Figure 2**) Make sure to align the tab of the male hinge with the "slot" of the female half of the hinge.
4. Once the hinges are fully mated together, hold the lock in the "open" position, and close the panel slowly. Adjust cover front to back so that it overlaps the tailgate evenly and is sealing on the sides of the bed. Tailgate overlap should be approximately 1/4" from touching the tailgate.



Figure 2

DO NOT close the panel until the hinges are fully mated to avoid damaging the hinge knuckle retention tabs.

***Note: DO NOT operate cover if retention tabs are damaged. Panels may slide apart and cause injury or damage to the vehicle.** Under normal operation, the hinge knuckle retention tab holds the female hinge leaf in place. If the panel is to be removed, the panel must be tilted to approximately 90 degrees for the tab to pass through the slotted female leaf. At greater than or less than 90 degrees, the tab will hold the panels together. If the panels are closed before the hinges are fully mated, the retention tabs may be damaged.

- Once the cover is centered on the bed and overlaps the tailgate evenly, tighten the turnbuckles of the stationary panel to compress the weather strip of the stationary panel.

Attaching Gas Springs

Caution: Always support an open cover panel while installing or removing gas springs.

To prolong spring life, each gas spring **must** be oriented so that the exposed metal stem of the gas spring is facing down (Figure 3).

- Attach one end of each of the gas springs to the ball stud located on the ball stud arm by pushing the open end of the gas spring onto the ball stud. (Figure 3).
- The unattached end of the spring has a quick release cap that permits easy installation and removal. Attach the spring to the ball stud bracket on the underside of the panel by pushing the open end of the gas spring onto the ball stud.
- To remove the gas springs, open the key as shown in Figures 4- 5 and pull the spring from the ball stud. On the other end of the spring, pry up gently on the metal spring clip with a small, flat object (screwdriver or key) while pulling the gas spring from the ball stud.



Figure 3



Figure 4

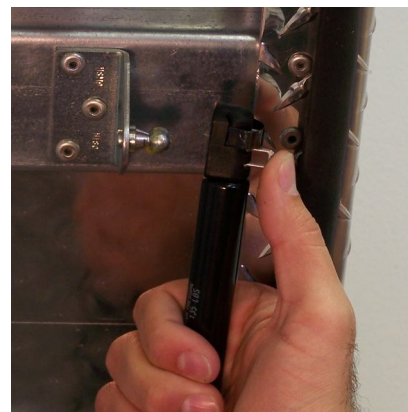


Figure 5

Lock Rod Adjustment

- Locking rod lengths can be adjusted by using an allen wrench to loosen the set-screw on the rod linkages.
- Adjust the rod lengths so that the tip of the lock rods is approximately 1/8" from the side walls of the bed when the lock is in the open position.
- Mark the position where the lock rods will strike the side walls of the bed. Using a 1" hole saw, cut a 1" hole through the side wall of the bed on either side. Make sure the top of the hole is approximately 3/4" from the top of the bedrail.
- Insert the 1" plastic grommets into the drilled hole. Grommet should push and lock into the hole.
- Rod guide bracket location can be adjusted using a 7/16" socket. Adjust the rod guide bracket so that the rod will pass through the grommet hole when the cover is in the closed position. It may be necessary to lightly grease the rod ends and grommets for further ease of operation.
- Be sure that all weather strip is compressed while you adjust the rods to the proper height.
- When the rods are in the proper position, tighten the nuts to 10 ft.-lbs on the rod guide bracket to secure rod placement.

NOTE: New hinges, springs, and weatherstrip may initially be tight or difficult to compress. Adjust all locking rods so that all weatherstrip is compressed. The weatherstrip will "wear in" over a short time.

⚠ WARNING

Locking rod brackets, and set-screws may become loose due to regular road vibration. Check and tighten **every** time you haul with your cover.

⚠ WARNING

Never drive without properly securing panel. Panel must be **key-locked** before vehicle is placed in motion.

Proper Hauling



Important hauling information:

Do not attempt to transport cargo on top of the DiamondBack Cover before reading and understanding the following instructions

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2. **ANY** load **WILL** increase your vehicle's center of gravity, and **WILL** significantly hinder your vehicle's ability to maneuver, stop, and turn. Avoid sharp turns and excessive speeds as this will increase these risks.
3. **Securing top loads:** Failure to properly secure cargo, or hauling inappropriate cargo, may result in property damage, personal injury, or death.
4. When hauling cargo on top of the DiamondBack Cover, always use secure ratchet straps. Do not use bungee cords to secure gear.
5. Always make sure cargo is supported in *all* directions.
6. Always make sure ratchet straps, or other tie down mechanisms, are sufficiently tight. Loose straps will result in cargo movement and possible damage or loss of goods, or injury.
7. **DO NOT TRANSPORT PEOPLE ON TOP OF THE DIAMONDBACK COVER.**

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For Warranty Registration, complete the form located at the end of this owner's manual or visit www.diamondbackcovers.com/owners.

Care and Maintenance

Inspect your DiamondBack Cover every time you haul for:

1. Loose, damaged, or mis-aligned locking rods, couplers, set screws, and brackets.
2. Loose, damaged, bent or worn hinges
3. Worn or damaged cargo cleats and bolts
4. Weak or damaged gas springs
5. Excessive weatherstrip wear

Scheduled Maintenance:

1. Lock key cylinders must be lubricated every three months with a Teflon based spray lubricant.
2. Locking rods and rod guide brackets may require additional adjustment at 100 miles after initial installation due to weatherstrip and panel hinge wear-in.

Wash your DiamondBack as you would your ATV:

1. Never use abrasive cleansers.
2. If desired, use an aluminum polish when finish appears dull. Polish works best when it is applied sparingly and removed completely.

Warranty

DiamondBack Automotive Accessories Incorporated Limited Warranty

This LIMITED WARRANTY, made by DiamondBack Automotive Accessories Incorporated, is issued to the original retail purchaser of any DiamondBack Automotive Accessories Inc. product.

DiamondBack Automotive Accessories Inc. hereby warrants that our products will be without defect in material or manufacture for a period of (3) years after the original retail purchase date. This warranty covers gas springs, locks and locking mechanisms, weather seal, trim, and cleats. DiamondBack Automotive Accessories warrants all powder coated covers to be without defect in adhesion for a period of (3) years following the retail purchase of the cover. This warranty does not apply to ATV packages or coatings damaged by abrasion due to loading or unloading materials on the cover.

Diamondback Automotive Accessories, Inc. hereby warrants that our products will be without structural and manufacturing defects for a period of (3) years following the original retail purchase. This (3) year warranty covers only the structural components and does not include any parts or materials used in the workings of the cover. This warranty does not apply if structural damage is caused by over-loading the cover beyond either the load capacity specified by DiamondBack Truck Accessories, or the load capacity of the truck with which the DiamondBack product is used.

If the purchaser discovers that a DiamondBack Automotive Accessories Inc. product is defective in material or manufacture within the period of (3) years of purchase or is structurally defective in manufacture within a period of (3) years, that person shall contact DiamondBack Automotive Accessories, Inc. and a representative of the company will inspect the product. If a material or manufacturing defect is determined to exist, DiamondBack Automotive Accessories, Inc. shall exercise its option to either repair or replace the defective part(s).

This Warranty shall be considered void if the product is shown to have been abnormally used, misused, improperly maintained, or altered in any way by anyone other than an authorized DiamondBack Automotive Accessories, Inc. dealer or manufacturer. This warranty does not cover damaged material or structure due to accident or misuse of the DiamondBack product.

This Warranty is the only warranty applicable to the purchase of a DiamondBack Automotive Accessories, Inc. product. DiamondBack Automotive Accessories, Inc. hereby disclaims any and all other warranties, express or implied, including the implied warranty of fitness for a specific use. Diamondback Automotive Accessories, Inc. is not liable for any damages incurred, whether incidental or consequential, due to a breach of this Warranty. The terms of this Warranty shall not be changed in any way, by any person or party. This Warranty guarantees you certain rights. Other rights may vary from state to state.

Warranty Registration

(Want an easier way? Register your warranty online at www.diamondbackcovers.com/owners)

Promotional Code: _____ (Please fill in if your purchase was associated with a mail-in-rebate)

Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Products Purchased

UTV Make _____

Cover (Serial Number under center panel) _____

Roof

Floor Mat

Other _____

Date Purchased _____ Purchased From _____

How was your dealer experience? Excellent Satisfactory Poor Other: _____

How did first hear about DiamondBack? Please complete section below.

Website (be specific): _____

Truck Sighting: _____

Print Ad (be specific): _____

Dealer (be specific): _____

Show Appearance (be specific): _____

Other: _____

Referral/Friend: _____

Please give us your comments:

Installation: _____

Use and function of products: _____

Additional Comments: _____

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