

# PRODUCT: JT Gladiator BakPak Top Tire Carrier

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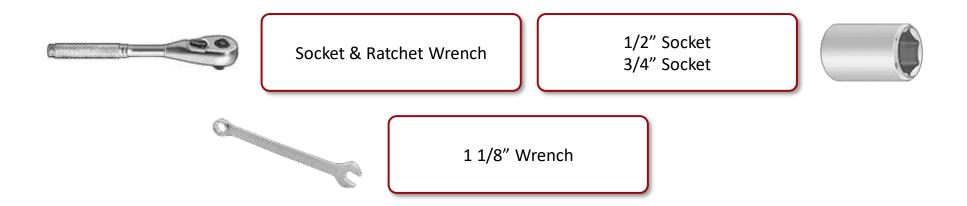
IMPORTANT NOTE: We use Stainless Steel Hardware where possible. Therefore, a tube of Silver Anti-seize is provided and should be used on all bolts—only a small amount is needed.

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#### Section 1: Tools & Notes on Installation



**Tools Required:** This list is the recommended tools for ease of installation. Other versions of the same tool can be used. For example, Allen Wrenches instead of Allen Drive Sockets.



**HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE:** The installation guide contains ALL steps for installation. Please read and follow the instructions in order of each page top to bottom and left to right.

**Jeep Model:** Instructions may apply to multiple Jeep models but are labeled separately where appropriate (i.e. TJ vs. LJ). **Options:** Because of the number of component options we offer, these instructions may contain steps that will not match your configuration. You can skip these steps.

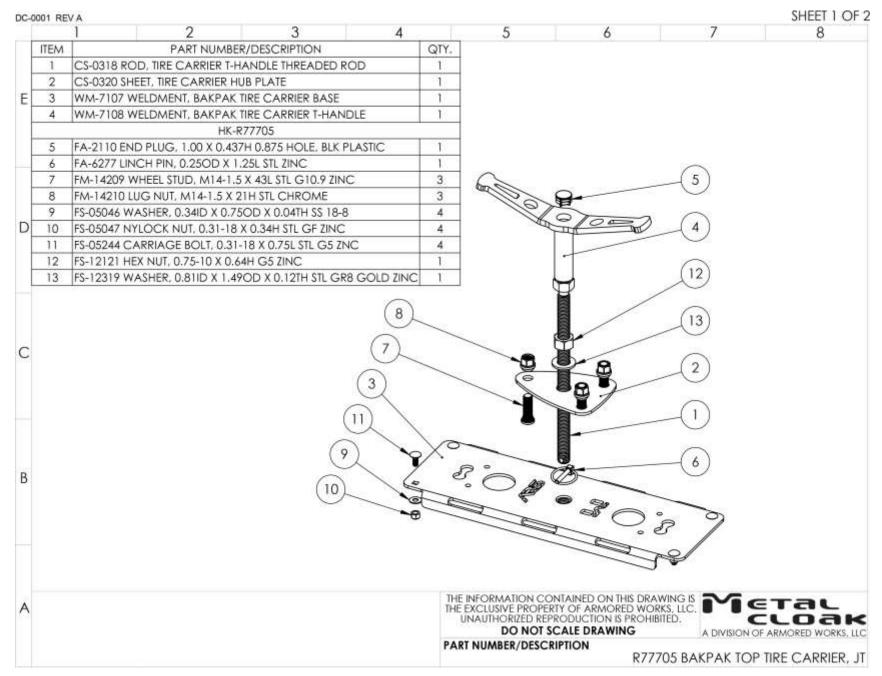
**Images:** Pictures are provided, and parts are labeled throughout the instructions. Each text box contains guidance based on the pictures next to it. The text will refer to alphabetical labels (A, B, etc.) found in the images.

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# **Section 2: Product Components**



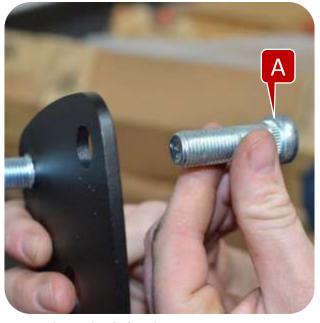


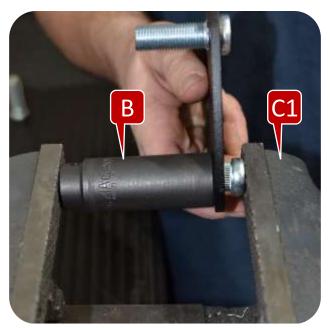
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#### **Step 1:** Press in Wheel Studs

- A. To press the wheel stud into place. Place the wheel stud into the hub plate.
- B. Place a long socket on the other end of the wheel stud. Make sure the socket has enough room for the wheel stud to be pressed in fully.
- C. Place the wheel stud and socket inside a vice and tighten the vice until the wheel stud is completely pressed in. Repeat process for remaining wheel stud.







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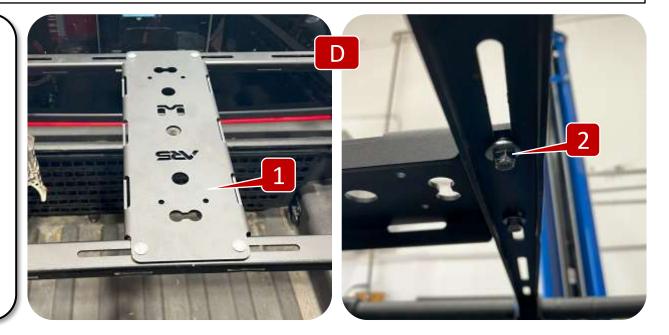
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#### **Step 2:** Preparation for Mounting Tire

- D. Attach the plate to the BakPak bed rack rails using the provided carriage bolts, washers and nuts.

  Tighten nuts using a 1/2" socket.
- E. Using the provided lug nuts and bolts attach the hub plate to the wheel and tighten with a 3/4" socket.
- F. Place the wheel on top of the mount.









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#### Step 3: Secure Tire

- G. Adjust the thread in the handle so it's just long enough to fully engage the weldnut in the main mounting plate and lock the locknut tight with a 1 1/8" wrench.
- H. Thread and tighten the handle through the hub plate on the tire.
- I. Install the provided linchpin into place into the bottom of the threaded rod.





