



We make packing your sports equipment easy!

#### **PACKING TIPS!**

To compliment the instructions enclosed with your TRICO SPORTS IRONCASE....

- 1. Always a good idea to wrap a towel, bubblewrap or pipe foam around the more sensitive areas of your bike (ie: derailer, handlebars & frame) to prevent nicks and scratches from components rubbing together during transport.
- 2. Make sure *all* components and tools are positioned securely. Use the Fork Spreader Bar Set as directed. PS: For tools, pedals and your mini-pump etc. ask about our handy Pump and Pedal Pak.
- 3. Using extra luggage tags, some customers tape their name to the top and bottom 'halves' of the bike box both inside and out. Always secure all exterior latches. PS: It's also recommended that you mark both sides of the exterior of your bike case in a distinctive manner (ie: colored tape, stickers etc) so that it can be easily identified from a distance. Have you ever seen 20 people rummaging through 20 bike boxes that look identical? Definitely, *not* a pretty picture!
- 4. Do a 'test pack'. This is EXTREMELY IMPORTANT! You don't know the meaning of aggravation until you've tried removing your pedals and discovered that the mechanic who assembled your bike at the bike store never used any lubricate. Not uncommon for frustrated customers to take their bike to a bike shop for help. Familiarize yourself with disassembly and allow ample time to pack before departure.
- 5. Pay attention when placing the lid over the bottom. For ease of closure, ensure that the riveted wire mechanism for locking at each end of the lid rests outside the bottom before compressing the lid over the bottom.
- 6. When travelling with your bike, arrive at the airport earlier than normal with your bike packed. Some airlines request at least two hours before departure. Ask your travel agent or airline reservations clerk.. Extra travel insurance is a good idea too. Pls Note! Also suggested that you may wish to unlock your bike box in response to recent changes in airport baggage inspection regulations. Many customers use zip-ties instead of padlocks. Best to inquire upon airport check-in.

- 7. Depending on where you're flying (international or domestic) and what airline, there *may be* an additional charge for your bicycle. There are tons of stories as to how customers try to beat this extra charge (ie: "trade show parts", "musical instrument" etc.) but we firmly believe that 'honesty is the best policy'! Besides, most airline employees know a bike box when they see one!
- 8. Always examine your bike box upon arrival at your destination. Should you notice damage to your bike case and/or bike and suspect it was the fault of the airlines, report it immediately to an airline official *before* leaving the airport.
- 9. TRICO SPORTS, INC. guarantees all its products for one year from the date of purchase for workmanship and materials. Damage incurred during use is *not* warranted and neither TRICO SPORTS, INC. nor RETRAKS CDN/USA are responsible for any damage sustained to personal property inside a bicycle box while in use.
- 10. TRICO SPORTS, INC. bike boxes are manufactured from Triconium plastic. Should your bike box develop a crack, contact us (RETRAKS CDN/USA) for repair instructions or visit your local luggage repair shop.
- 11. **BEWARE!** If you plan on shipping your IRONCASE ahead, normally UPS will **not** insure the primary package (ie: your bike box). They will insure the contents of the primary package (bike etc.) but not the primary package itself (the bike case). UPS prefers that **all** items be shipped in a cardboard box. By including a cardboard outer shipper, you can insure both your bike box and the contents! Best to check with UPS in your area directly when packing.

Although some customers have never had a problem shipping their bike via UPS in advance of their own departure, as a general rule, we do *not* encourage this practice. We feel its better to take your bike on the plane/train with you especially when dealing with tight travel deadlines and crossing international boundaries.

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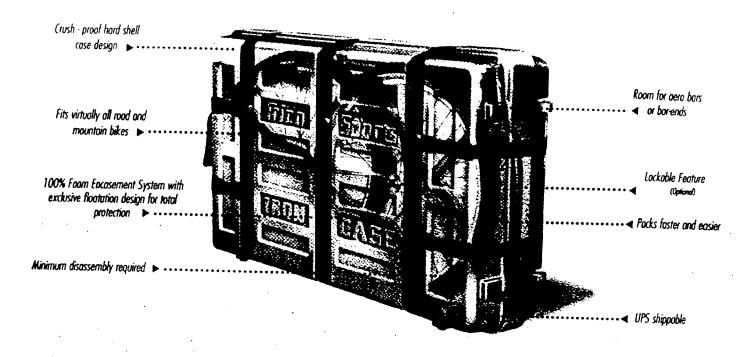
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## The #1 Selling Bicycle Travel Case, Worldwide.

Introducing the IRONCASETM from Tricosports\*. It's the ultimate in quality, value and protection for your bike. The IRONCASE is constructed from virtually bulletproof Triconium<sup>TM</sup>, the toughest material for a case you can buy. It's large enough to hold virtually any mountain or road bike

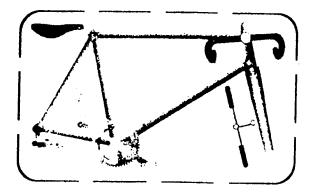
with aero bars or bar-ends, yet still meets UPS size requirements. Plus, there is also room for tools clothes, helmet and full wetsuit. So take the worry out of flying with your bike. Get the IRONCASE. It's the only way to fly.

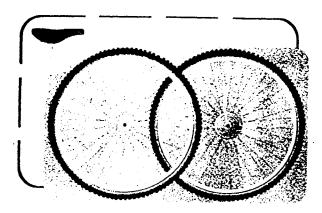
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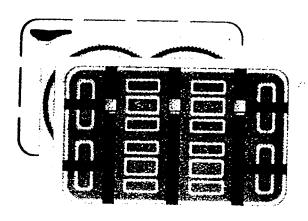




#### Instructions







#### Set-Up:

- Unbuckle and separate two halves of froncase bicycle carrier (capacity: one complete mountain, touring, or road bicycle including aerobars).
- Lay the carrier flat on floor in its open position-Position three belly straps away from carrier.
- Place one regular foam piece inside shell half making sure foam and case are properly aligned

#### Preparation:

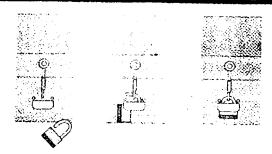
- Remove both front and rear wheels from your bicycle
- Install the front and rear fork spreaders (very important).
- Remove skewers from wheel hubs (optional).
  Remove pedals.
- Depending on frame style either 1.) Loosen and turn your handlebars until they rest against the top tube for road bike frames, or 2.) Remove and place the handlebars inside the case parallel to the forks for mountain bike frames-wrap bars with towel to prevent scratching (cable removal is not required).
- Depending on frame size either lower or remove your seat. (You may want to mark your position on the post with a piece of tape).
- Line up the right crank arm (chain side) with the chain stay tube. Take up the slack in the chain with a bungee cord or nylon string provided-make sure rear derailer is as close to chain stay tube as possible to prevent damage.

#### ? Placement:

- Lay bike on non-drive side in bottom half of case, front of bike towards handle.
- Place second regular foam piece over frame.
- Lay wheels on top of foam, rear wheel first (free wheel up, then overlap front wheel).
- Place third foam sheet over wheels, (make final check so no bicycle parts or wheels are touching sides of case).

### Closing:

- Close case by placing top shell over bottom half of carrier-make sure both halves fit easily together.
- Fasten and cinch the three strap buckles-adjust for proper snug tightness-make sure all extra accessories (clothing, tools, etc.) are properly wrapped and secured to prevent scratching or denting of bike part.



#### **Optional Locking Instructions**

#### Recommended Lock Size:

Master Size # 7 Type Lock.