

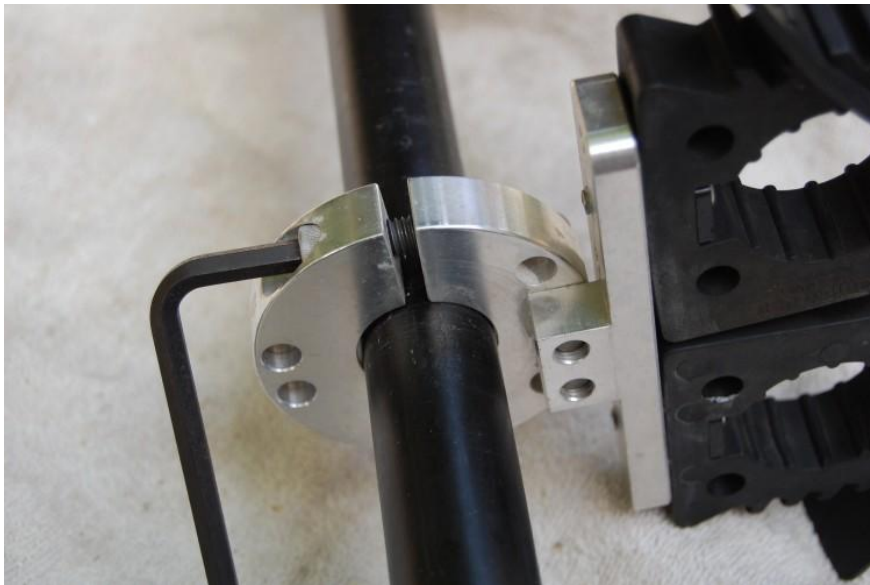
Attaching Fourtreks mounts to Yakima bars

For years I've carried my ax, shovel, & hi-lift in the cargo areas of my 4Runners. Seemed logical, it's dry, lockable and easy to get to. As I've added more toys and longer adventures to my itinerary, keeping those things inside & secure was getting challenging.

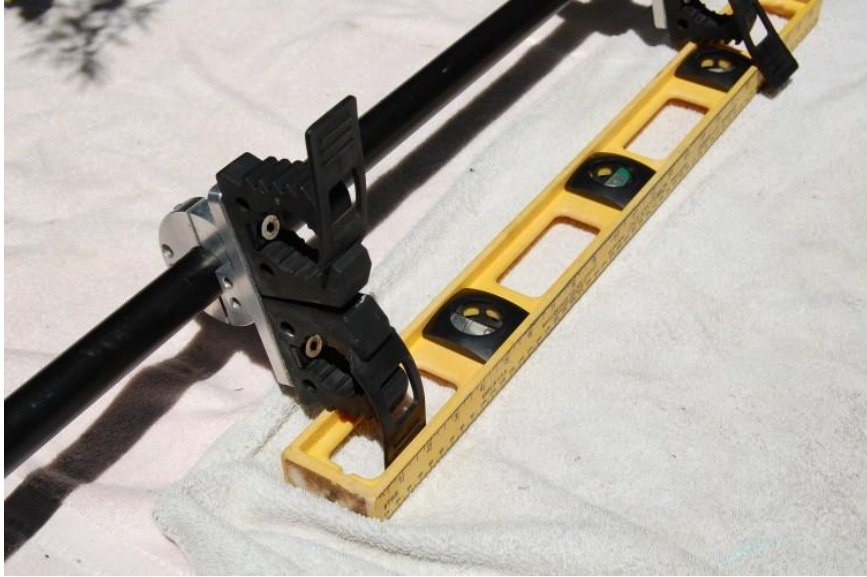
I have a Yakima rack on the roof, so I wanted something to work with that if possible. Fourtreks has hi-lift and combo mounts that fit various sizes of round bars and looked very easy to use. Luke at Fourtreks explained how to accurately measure my bars and soon I had a shiny hi-lift mount and a combo ax/shovel mount.

It's all very easy to setup and can be completed in less than an hour. Follow along as I show how I used my mounts.

I removed the bars from the truck to make it much easier to work with. Using a 6mm allen wrench, tighten the mounts enough to hold in place till you have the exact location.



A level placed under the mounts ensures the mounts are both the same height as well as provides proper space to ensure the tools won't hit the roof.



Once you have determined the final placement on the bars, begin tightening the allen screws on the mounts. You'll need to alternate tightening the screws to properly secure them.



Once secured, test fit your tools to make sure they fit properly. It's a good time to make adjustments prior to putting them on your roof.

The hi-lift mounts are very easy to install. I mounted mine outside of the towers because my wind fairing interfered with the front mount. Also note, you need to mount it out enough so you can unlock the bar from the mount.



Here's how it all looks; easy to access and securely loaded. Perfect...



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