

# Study: Roof racks great for bikes, bad for mileage

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For snowboarders, surfers and mountain bikers, the car roof rack is an indispensable accessory, essential for weekend getaways.

Unfortunately, it's also a bit of a gas hog.

A study published Monday found that a seemingly innocuous rack can cut mileage by as much as 25 percent, depending on its configuration and whether it's fully loaded.

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