

- Open the boot lid.
- **OR:** opening the load-through hatch from the luggage compartment: push the release lever down in the direction of the arrow → Fig. 135 and push the cover of the load-through hatch forward.
- Push long objects through the load-through hatch from the luggage compartment.
- Secure the objects with the seat belt as required.
- Close the boot lid.

#### Closing the load-through hatch

- Fold back the cover of the load-through hatch until it engages in position. The red marking on the luggage compartment side must no longer be visible → page 262, *Load-through hatch*.
- Close the boot lid.
- If necessary, fold back the centre armrest.

#### WARNING

Objects in the deployment zone of the centre airbag can prevent it from functioning properly and cause serious injuries.

- Never push objects forward into the deployment zones of the centre airbag → page 56.

#### WARNING

Injuries could be caused if the load-through hatch is folded forwards or backwards carelessly or in an uncontrolled way.

- Never fold the load-through hatch forwards or backwards while the vehicle is in motion.
- Ensure that the seat belt is not trapped or damaged when folding back the load-through hatch.
- Always keep hands, fingers, feet and other body parts away from the seat area when folding the load-through hatch forwards and backwards.

- The load-through hatch has not been secured properly if the red marking can still be seen on the locking indicator. Always ensure that the red marking is never visible when the load-through hatch is in the upright position.
- Passengers, particularly children, must not use this seat if the load-through hatch is folded forward or is not engaged securely into place.

## Roof carrier

### Introduction to the topic

Some vehicle models are designed for fitting a roof carrier.

Roof carriers can be used to transport bulky items on the roof of the vehicle.

If you are unsure whether a roof carrier can be fitted on your vehicle, please contact a qualified workshop. Volkswagen recommends using a Volkswagen dealership for this purpose.

Only roof carriers that have been approved by Volkswagen for the vehicle must be used.

If the vehicle is *not* approved for use with a roof carrier, do *not* use or retrofit a roof carrier.

#### WARNING

When transporting heavy or bulky objects on the roof carrier, the vehicle's handling will change due to a shift in the centre of gravity and an increased susceptibility to crosswinds.

- Always secure loads properly using suitable and undamaged lashing, retaining or securing straps.
- Cargo that is large, heavy, bulky, long or flat will have a negative effect on the vehicle aerodynamics, centre of gravity and overall handling.

- Avoid abrupt and sudden driving and braking manoeuvres.
- Always adapt your speed and driving style to suit visibility, weather, road and traffic conditions.


### WARNING

A roof carrier that has *not* been approved for the vehicle or a roof carrier that is fitted to a vehicle that is *not* approved for use with a roof carrier may cause accidents or injuries.

- Use only roof carriers that have been approved by Volkswagen for your vehicle.
- Never use a roof carrier on a vehicle that has not been approved for use with a roof carrier.
- A roof carrier that is fitted nevertheless may become loose whilst the vehicle is in motion and fall from the vehicle roof.


### NOTICE

Securing a roof carrier of any kind to a vehicle that is *not* approved for use with a roof carrier may lead to severe damage to the vehicle.

 Driving with a fitted roof carrier increases the air resistance of the vehicle and thus also the energy consumption of the electric drive. This reduces the possible range of the vehicle considerably. This applies to all roof carriers and the objects transported on them, e.g. bicycles and skis.

## Securing roof carriers

 Please refer to  and  at the start of the chapter on page 262.

Special roof carriers must be used to transport luggage, bicycles, skis, surfboards or boats safely → . Suitable accessories are available from your Volkswagen dealership.

## Securing the roof bars and load carrier

Mount roof bars on the roof railings according to the installation instructions provided.

Once you have fitted the roof bars, you can then secure the respective carrier system on them.

### WARNING

Incorrectly securing and using the roof bars and load carrier could cause the whole roof carrier system to fall off the roof. This could cause accidents and injuries.

- Only use roof bars and load carrier systems when they are undamaged and fitted correctly.
- Always fit roof bars and load carriers correctly. Always observe the installation instructions provided by the manufacturer.
- Attach the roof bars only at the specified mounting points.
- Special roof carriers for items such as bicycles, skis, surfboards, etc. should always be properly installed. Always observe the installation instructions provided by the manufacturer.
- Check that the roof carrier is secured before starting your journey and tighten as necessary after driving a short distance. During a long trip, check all bolts and fasteners at each stop.
- Do not carry out any changes or repairs to the roof bars or the load carrier system.

## Loading roof carriers

 Please refer to  and  at the start of the chapter on page 262.

### Maximum permissible roof load

The maximum permitted roof load is **75 kg (165 lbs)**