



## BAKFlip Truck Bed Cover FAQ

- [Which BAKFlip is the best?](#)

There are a wide assortment of choices in the BAKFlip line that each carry unique characteristics, depending on your individual needs or climate. The BAKFlip VP is BAK Industries' most lightweight and water-resistant cover, while the BAKFlip F1 premier cover is designed to withstand the harshest conditions. The BAKFlip G2 is superior in harsh UV Sunbelt areas, and the BAKFlip FiberMax performs well in harsh weather conditions (such as hail). Be sure to check out the BAKFlip [COMPARISON CHART](#) to help zero in on what works best for you.

- [How secure is the BAKFlip?](#)

“Out of sight, out of mind” has a significant value in any truck bed cover, so you can securely lock your cargo by simply locking your tailgate. The pull cables, which release the cover, become inaccessible and turn your truck bed into a lockable storage compartment.

- [Does the BAKFlip really sit totally flush?](#)

Yes. The BAKFlip fits inside the bed and follows the inner contours of your truck, allowing the cover to sit flush.

- [Why does the BAKFlip lean forward & contact the cab?](#)

This is done to prevent the cover from slamming forward in the event that your cargo makes contact with the cover, thus preventing damage and helping provide added visibility to the CHMSL (Center High Mount Safety Light: aka Third Brake Light), which is a unique feature patented by BAK Industries.

- [Will BAKFlip damage my cab if it's flipped up against the cab?](#)

No. The BAKFlip features D-shaped bumpers that prevent any direct contact with the truck cab and/or back window.

- [How much weight can a BAKFlip hold?](#)

BAKFlip rails have a load-bearing flange and folding panels that have a solid ½” EPS core. This allows your BAKFlip to carry up to 400 lb of weight on the top, depending on which model you choose.

- [Can I stand on the BAKFlip?](#)

Sure, but a little common sense helps the product last longer. Rather than standing on the top surface, you should fold the cover over a couple times to make the folded top stronger. Then you will be standing on the bottom of the cover, where any scuffing will be unseen when closed.

- [Can I tow a gooseneck trailer with a BAKFlip installed?](#)

Yes.



- **Can I drive when the BAKFlip is in the flipped-up position?**  
Yes. The ability to drive with the BAKFlip flipped up against the cab is a part of BAKFlip's design. Locking prop rods will secure the cover open on each side, allowing you to drive with the cover open at safe highway speeds.
- **Can I drive with the BAKFlip folded open?**  
Yes. New straps and buckles have become the standard on new BAKFlip models. Strapping the cover down flat on the rails behind the cab allows incremental access to the bed and improved rear window visibility.
- **How do I lock the BAKFlip if my truck does not have a tailgate lock?**  
Easy. Every new truck seems to have an OE tailgate lock, but if your truck does not have a locking tailgate then a Pop & Lock (or similar lock) can be added to your truck to complete the bed security.
- **Can I see out the back window with my bed loaded?**  
Yes and no. If the BAKFlip is completely flipped up against the cab, then no; the BAKFlip will block the window... but so will your refrigerator. You may consider re-arranging your cargo and strapping the BAKFlip down in the folded position, which will provide improved rear window visibility. Don't forget to use your side view mirrors for added safety.
- **Is my BAKFlip waterproof?**  
Ultimately, no truck bed cover is 100% waterproof. However, if properly installed, the BAKFlip is a leader in its class at keeping the bed dry. Although gaps at the tailgate and other areas of the bed can allow minimal water in, there are also special installation techniques to achieve the most watertight fit possible.
- **Is it easy to remove the BAKFlip truck bed covers?**  
BAKFlip covers are easy to remove with a simple pin on each side and a thumbscrew underneath. No tools are required.
- **Can my BAKFlip be dented or damaged from hail?**  
If you live in an area with extreme weather conditions, such as hail, we highly recommend the FRP Fiberglass Series, which is the most dent and ding resistant product we have available. The aluminum series product, while providing outstanding UV protection for the sun belt areas, is more susceptible to dents and dings as a result of hail.
- **Where is BAKFlip made?**  
BAK Industries is proud to produce all our truck bed covers in the USA at our manufacturing facility in Springfield, Missouri.
- **Do I need a dealer to install my BAKFlip?**  
No. If you are a weekend mechanic and have some basic tools, BAKFlip is an easy install.



- [How can I get the side seals of my BAKFlip to lay flat?](#)  
Sometimes, the side seals of your BAKFlip cover will appear to be wrinkled shortly after initially installing the cover. That's because it's been folded up in a box for an extended period. But not to worry, the rubber seals used on a BAKFlip have a memory. That means they'll revert to their original shape when exposed to heat. You can leave your truck in the sun, or to expedite, just apply heat with a hair dryer or heat gun.
- [Is my new BAKFlip going to be easy to install?](#)  
Yes. If you can twist a 9/16 wrench, then all it takes is a little time and the step-by-step installation guide included in the box. It typically takes about 30 minutes to install a BAKFlip.
- [Can I use my BAKFlip with a bedliner?](#)  
Yes, the BAKFlip is designed to work with any spray-on liner, BedRug, or under-the-rail bedliner. It will also work with many aftermarket bed rail caps that did not come equipped from the factory.
- [How much does the BAKFlip weigh?](#)  
BAKFlip covers vary in size, depending on whether it fits a short bed or a long bed truck. A typical cover, together with its rails, will weight approximately 55 lb.
- [Do I need to drill my truck to install my BAKFlip?](#)  
No. Your BAKFlip will simply clamp on to the rail of your truck with our specially designed, easy-to-use clamp system. All that's required to install a typical BAKFlip cover is one 9/16 wrench. There are three clamps to tighten on each side to secure the cover. For long bed trucks, there are generally four clamps on each side.
- [What are the BAKFlip panels made from?](#)  
BAKFlip panels are sandwich panels. Although they are relatively light weight, they are extremely strong. Depending on which cover you choose, the exterior will either be made of impact resistant fiberglass polymer, or aircraft grade aluminum. The inner core of the BAKFlip is a high-density EPS (polystyrene). This allows the BAKFlip panels to be insulated and impact resistant. Most importantly, the panels are completely watertight.
- [Does BAKFlip work with an overhead rack?](#)  
Yes. You should look into the BAKFlip CS Series. This is a 500 lb lifestyle rack that is integrated with the BAKFlip and offers a special rail design.
- [Does BAKFlip work with a toolbox?](#)  
Yes, BAK offers the BAKBox2 – a convenient, fold-away toolbox that is concealed underneath the BAKFlip cover and clamps into the BAKFlip rails to hold over 200 lb of assorted small cargo. The BAKBox2 provides the organization of a toolbox, while the BAKFlip secures the contents of your entire truck bed when the cover is closed.



- [Can I add a rack to my BAKFlip?](#)

Yes, you can buy the specialty BAKFlip CS rail and rack separately. However, it is less expensive if you buy it as a complete kit, rather than add it later. TracRac SR can work with a BAKFlip with some effort and custom installation. The TracRac SR is rated to 1000 lb on most applications. However, the folding cover will have some interference if the racks are anywhere other than the far ends, at the front and back of the bed. The BAKFlip Prop Rods will need to be modified and cut shorter. Other rack options are under investigation as to what does and does not work.

- [Does BAKFlip work with headache racks?](#)

Yes. Back Rack Headache Racks integrate perfectly with BAKFlips if you order the “Tonneau Cover Accessory Mounting Kit” from Back Rack. Other brands of headache racks may also work, if they do not mount to or interfere with the vertical surface of the bed rail at the opening where the BAKFlip Rail clamps into place. They need to mount to the top horizontal surface only. BAKFlip provides access to stake pocket holes for this type of mounting hardware. Or, a bolt can be drilled through the bedrail if other bolt-on options do not exist.

- [Does BAKFlip work with a bed extender?](#)

Yes. The OE Ford Bed Extender works perfectly. Aftermarket bed extenders are adjustable to work with the BAKFlip. An adapter may be required.

- [Does BAKFlip work with bed rail bars and stake pocket tie downs?](#)

Yes, most Bed Rail Bars mount to the stake pocket holes or drill through the top of the truck bed rail. In some cases, they will need to be adjusted. If there is a large plastic foot that interferes, some trimming of the plastic may be necessary.