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## **Improved WEATHER GUARD® Van Ladder Racks Offer More Versatility and Durability**

CRYSTAL LAKE, ILL. – March 2005 – Knaack Manufacturing is announcing product improvements to its WEATHER GUARD® van and mini van ladder rack product line. These new product benefits give WEATHER GUARD ladder racks more versatility and durability.

The improved features are: a universal gutter clamp, Mylar anti-wear strips, ladder guides and Velcro® straps, zinc phosphate undercoating and adjustable sway braces. These improved features are available on a variety of WEATHER GUARD van ladder rack models including the: safari steel rack, quick clamp van rack, all-purpose van steel rack and all-purpose van aluminum rack.



The new WEATHER GUARD universal gutter clamp is manufactured to be universally installed on all vehicles. Prior to this design change, the gutter clamp was designed specifically for Chevrolet/GM and Ford/Dodge vans and mini vans. The universal gutter clamp is backwards compatible allowing it to be used as a replacement for previously installed van racks. Included with the universal gutter clamp is a "spacer," which is needed in conjunction with Ford and Chevrolet vehicles.

Mylar anti-wear strips are an additional improved feature that protects ladders and building materials in high friction areas.

Ladder guides and Velcro straps also are a new feature on van racks. The guides and straps aid in the securing of ladders and building materials.

On all WEATHER GUARD steel racks, a zinc phosphate undercoating is now applied to create a more durable, long-lasting powder finish.

An adjustable sway brace is now available on ladder rack products that feature the quick clamp. The brace easily adjusts for different size ladders and can be quickly installed.

Knaack Manufacturing makes and markets a complete line of WEATHER GUARD truck and van equipment, including drawer units, shelving and cabinets, and racks for full size and compact pickups, vans and utility vehicles, as well as KNAACK jobsite storage equipment, including storage chests, work stations, rolling work benches and hand tool boxes.

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