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LETS KEEP THE
HONEST FOLKS
HONEST!!!!!!
(LOCKSTRAPS)

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Another contact we made while in Las Vegas at this last years SEMA show was Lockstrap. Now I really never got the chance to meet Jeff Cranny while in Vegas but my wife and I had a nice visit about their product with a couple of nice young ladies that were working their booth when we came by. They in turn gave our card to Jeff and he contacted me about what we do here at C4X4.

As it turned out Jeff is a Christian and former youth pastor. He has worked in the past with youth groups and youth camps. www.wakeupministries.com . In our correspondence over the next few months we decided that a product test and review was in order for the Lockstrap products. www.lockstraps.com Jeff and Lockstrap are also proud product supporters of the 2011 Crawl 4 Christ event.

Now let's get on with our Review. We all know that there is nothing that is going to keep a real thief from stealing, if they are really determined. But what we can do with products and ideas from security promoters is make them really have to work at their job. Usually most thieves will bypass taking something that they have to work at and move on to something that is less secure.

Now I really get ticked off when anyone goes out of their way to make my job harder, so I am sure that is exactly the way potential thieves think of the folks at Lockstrap. So I am sure that Lockstrap does not receive 100% satisfaction from everyone. The BAD GUYS don't like them!

Now just this week I received a goodie box with straps and other goodies for the Crawl 4 Christ Raffle and a Lockstrap to check out. So I immediately ceased destruction of a 94 Chevy Van that I am hacking up and disposing of. Besides, testing a product is always more fun than laying on my back pulling out a rear differential on a van.



The Lockstraps are very big in the Dirt Bike and ATV area, but the only Motorcycle I have is a Honda Gold wing. Now being a little on the lazy side I chose not to load the Goldwing onto the trailer for a test. I decided to take a look at the cargo securing area of the Lockstrap product line..

The Lockstrap has a couple of features that place it head and shoulders above the other tie down straps on the market. First they have a cylinder type combination lock on each end of the strap. This prevents anyone from just releasing the strap and walking off with your property. Then to prevent someone from just cutting your strap, Lockstrap has placed an 8 banded stainless steel cable inside the strap.

I laid out a strap and against my usual nature I decided to read the instructions. This rare occurrence came about since I had no idea how to set the combination locks on the strap. The instructions told me to look to the side of the lock with the marks on it and line up all of the numbers to "0". Then just depress the locking device and open the lock. So just like I always do when my wife gives me instruction, I did as I was told. Lined up all 3 of the numbers on "0". Then the next step was quite simple. Even for this OKIE. To set your own personal combination you simply look down inside of the locking device to see a small button. You take a small screw driver or pick and depress the button. While holding the button down you then line your own personal combination numbers. (Now remember your numbers) . Now using the KISS system. (Keep it SIMPLE Stupid) I selected the numbers 2,4 & 6, for my private combination. Now, I am the only one that knows my private numbers to my Lockstrap. Well, me and everyone else that reads this review. (I can reset my numbers). Then I go to the lock on the other end of the strap and set either the same numbers or a completely different set of numbers.



Next I selected the cargo that I would secure and protect. I choose 2 things that often tend to disappear off of your trailer; a tool box and a can of gas. Especially since gas is fixing to top the \$4 range. Now not exactly the way I would load them on the trailer, but for simplicity purpose, I placed the articles on top of a loading ramp that I had laying on my trailer. I then hooked one end, fed the other end over the tool box and gas can, through the handles and then drew the strap down tight.

Then the next step was something I really didn't want to try. I was afraid of tearing up my new tie down strap. I did stop short of cutting the heavy double braided nylon webbing of the strap away from the internal cable. Instead I just folded the strap over where I could reach the cable with a pair of cutters. Placed my dikes (wire cutters) over the cable and gave it a big old OKIE squeeze. I tried my best to cut through the 8 braided stainless steel cable with my dikes. As hard as I could squeeze the cutters, I was only

successful in cutting through the strapping material. The cable didn't even show that I had tried.



I really feel much more comfortable with the security of my personal property now that I have it secured with the Lockstrap. Hopefully you will be one of the lucky individuals that win one of the Lockstrap products in the Raffle at Crawl 4 Christ. If not feel free to go to their web site and order your very own or contact me and I will be more that happy to get you hooked up.

God Bless You and Yours

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