

Choosing the Right Bike Storage Solution



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There are many parking options to accommodate the needs of cyclists in communities. In order to choose the best solution, you need to think about a number of important questions and issues to help analyze what is right for your project.

The questions are centered on issues such as security, durability, performance and cost. Each question can be answered in different ways based on the three types of solutions (racks, shelters and lockers).

- **Green** means that critical issues are met.
- **Yellow** means that some issue may or not be fully solved by this option.
- **Red** means the issue is not effectively addressed by this option.

The most important part of choosing a bike storage solution is understanding which of these issues are significant to cyclists and facility managers, to then understand how well various options address those issues.

Here are a few quick definitions to help you envision the basic storage options:



Bike Racks: typically uncovered, low-security parking for one or two bicycles.

Class III - low-level security



Bike Shelters: typically a covered space which contains racks to which multiple bikes may be locked. It may or may not have sides and/or doors.

Class II - mid-level security



Bike Lockers: the CycleSafe locker is a self-enclosed, lockable unit that holds a bike plus other personal gear such as helmet, bike shoes, panniers, rain jackets, etc.

Class I - high-level security

Security Issues Rack Shelter CycleSafe Locker

1. Is the bicycle hidden from view?	●	●	●
2. Does this solution represent maximum security for the bike?	●	●	●
3. Is the bike protected 24/7 from vandalism?	●	●	●
4. Is the bike 100% protected from the elements?	●	●	●
5. Does this solution completely prevent theft?	●	●	●
6. Can personal bike accessories be stored here?	●	●	●
7. Are personal items (bike shoes, helmets, panniers) secure?	●	●	●
8. Does this solution eliminate the need for a separate bike lock?	●	●	●

Durability Issues Rack Shelter CycleSafe Locker

9. Is this a low-maintenance solution?	●	●	●
10. Is it graffiti-resistant?	●	●	●
11. Does it have UV-resistant additives to prevent degradation?	●	●	●

Performance Issues Rack Shelter CycleSafe Locker

12. Can this structure be moved easily and relocated?	●	●	●
13. Can this solution be used safely without security personnel?	●	●	●
14. Can this solution be used safely without CCTV?	●	●	●
15. How space-efficient is this solution?	●	●	●

Cost Issues Rack Shelter CycleSafe Locker

16. Is this cost-effective to initially install for 30+ bikes?	●	●	●
17. Is it cost-effective to manage billing?	●	●	●



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The Bottom Line

Bicycle lockers offer the highest level of security for the lowest investment, and provide flexibility for relocation, wayfinding and promotional programs.