

Hallmark bicycle parking systems

FIETSPARKEUR

Numerous types of bicycle parking stands and racks are available in the Netherlands. Recently several high-quality types of bicycle parking systems have been introduced. Unfortunately still far too many bicycle parking systems are being used that are qualitatively below par: they are not easy to use, the bicycle is easily damaged or there is no adequate provision to prevent bicycle theft.

To demonstrate which bicycle parking systems are of good quality Fipavo, at the time the association of manufacturers and suppliers of bicycle parking systems (currently a department within Vereniging Straatmeubilair) and Fietsersbond initiated the development of a series of standards.

These standards have been set down in **FIETSPARKEUR**. Manufacturers may request a **FIETSPARKEUR** licence with the eponymous foundation instituted by both initiators. The foundation also oversees correct application of the standards.

Establishment of FIETSPARKEUR

FIETSPARKEUR was established as the result of a 1993 comparative study into bicycle stands and racks. The study was conducted by Fietsersbond,



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Requirements of **FIETSPARKEUR**

FIETSPARKEUR contains several quality requirements good bicycle parking systems need to meet. Taking into account the various types of bicycle, requirements have to be met in the following areas:

- ease of use in positioning a bicycle
- ease of use in fastening a bicycle
- chance of damage to cyclist or third parties
- chance of damage to the bicycle
- crack resistance
- durability
- information about the system

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requirement of a bicycle parking system. The presence of enough high-quality and theft-resistant bicycle parking systems is of major importance to cyclists. Various organisations recognise this and therefore support the introduction and application of **FIETSPARKEUR**.

Broad support for FIETSPARKEUR

FIETSPARKEUR has fulfilled a general wish to provide cyclists with facilities that are of better quality. Among others, the Dutch railway organisation ProRail has by now replaced many bicycle stands at train stations with systems carrying **FIETSPARKEUR**. Many other customers of bicycle parking systems, such as local authorities, companies, schools and other crowd-pullers prove to be willing to invest in qualitatively good facilities as well. By now well over a third of all bicycle parking systems sold carries **FIETSPARKEUR**. In the Netherlands more than half a million systems with this hallmark have been installed over the past 10 years.

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