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Rocker Panel Protectors - Installation Instructions

READ ALL OF THE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE STARTING

Note: Installation of Rocker Protectors will be much easier if you have a helper.

Tools Required

- 70% Isopropyl Alcohol
- Single Edge Razor Blade

Paper Towels

- Masking Tape
- Hair Dryer
- Basic hand tools
- ¼" round wooden dowel
- Sharp Scissors

* * Important! Surface temperature of vehicle & cover must be above 60°F.

Step 1: Remove Components

* * Note for Wranglers (YJ & TJ) only: remove the front fender flare extensions (the small part below the side Jeep® emblems).

Remove any trim, steps, or other parts that will interfere with mounting.

Remove the fender flare attachment bolts from the rear half of the front flares and the front half of the rear flares, prop the flares away from the body for access.

* * Optional for '97 and newer Wranglers:

The front fender flare extensions can be discarded if desired, many people like this "look". For a smoother appearance, the "nutserts" (where the extensions attach) may be removed by drilling out with a 1/4" drill bit.

Step 2: Cleaning/Surface Preparation

* * Proper surface preparation is the most important step for proper adhesion!

WARNING: Do Not Remove Adhesive Backing from Protector Yet!

Carefully place Protector in location. Note all areas to be cleaned plus ½" around outside of Protector.

Clean area thoroughly 3 times. Use a generous amount of rubbing alcohol and clean paper towels each time (rub hard), allow to air dry between each cleaning. Clean down in all body seams.

Clean area one more time, but this last time dry the alcohol off with a dry paper towel. If you see any dirt/wax film streaks while doing this, repeat cleaning process until spotless.

Step 3: Installation

* * CJ's Only- Follow the instructions on the enclosed template to cut the parts to fit.

Do not remove adhesive backing until instructed.

Carefully place Protector in proper location and securely tape the entire top edge in place with masking tape, check for proper fit (normally a 1/16" - 1/8" gap will be along the bottom). Trim the excess Protector material off the ends with sharp scissors. The Protector ends should be under the fender flares about 3/4".

Lift the Protector up, using the masking tape as a "hinge".

Carefully peel the adhesive backing paper off, have your helper hold the Protector at one end, while you slowly (from the center out to each end) start laying the Protector in place. Do not rub down hard until after installation is complete and you know it is in the proper location with all the large air bubbles out. If the location is off, you can pull it up and relocate Protector before final rub down.

Remove the masking tape. Using the wooden dowel and hair dryer (on high), work the material into any body seams, making sure it is sealed down to the bottom of the seam. If it does not seal completely put in a tiny dab of clear caulk to seal the void.

When you are satisfied with the alignment and installation, use a clean, dry paper towel and thoroughly rub down the entire Protector to finish adhesion. If you have an air bubble you cannot work to an outside edge, cut a small slit in the center of the bubble and press out the air.

Step 4: Reinstall all removed components

NOTE: The "Clear Frost" colored Protectors will take a week or so (faster in warm temperatures) before the clear color will even out, the adhesive is very thick and viscous and it takes time for the adhesive to fully "wet out". Please do not be alarmed if, directly after application, the Protector looks spotty, you are only seeing the adhesive through the clear material.

MAINTENANCE AND REMOVAL

No maintenance is required. Clean with a soft brush and soapy water. Do not direct pressure washer sprays at an angle around the edges for 10-14 days after installation.

If the Protector ever needs to be removed, a hair dryer can be used to start a corner and it can be pulled off, but this will destroy the Protector. Use alcohol to remove the old adhesive.

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