



## JEEP ROCKER GUARD INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

NOTE: Some design changes may have been made since this article, but the methods are accurate.

### **Tools Required:**

Electric Drill

3/8" Drill Bit

1/2" Wrench or Socket with ratchet

3/16" Allen wrench

Two or Three C-Clamps

Floor Jack and Some Wood

Safety Glasses

A helper will come in handy, but in a pinch they can be installed solo.

**Please make sure that all hardware is present. If there is something missing, please e-mail or call us ASAP!**

### **Included with complete kit:**

2-rocker guards(one left and one right). The four-hole pattern on the bottom fits forward.

12-- 1" long 5/16" Countersunk stainless steel bolts. (18 for Unlimited models)

8-- 2 1/4" long 5/16" Countersunk stainless steel bolts.

20 - 5/16" Washers. (26 for Unlimited models)

20 - 5/16" Nylock Nuts. (26 for Unlimited models)

**Step One - Vehicle Prep:** Remove stock fender flare extensions (if they are still on there). Using a 10MM socket, remove the last 3 fender flare bolts from the front fender flare



extension. YJ owners must also remove the lower 2 bolts from the front and rear fender flares, if you are still using flares, so the rocker guard can slide under. Move the wiring harness from the inside of the tub, no need to remove it, just get it out of the way. Prep any pre-existing damage to deter further rusting.

**Step Two – Test Fit and Pre Load:** Put the rocker on the Jeep, center it front to rear and clamp the sides with your c-clamps with soft rags or cardboard between the c-clamp and rocker guard to protect the powdercoating . . . be careful not to cover any holes on the side. Take your floor jack and some wood and jack up on the bottom of the guard to fully seat against the bottom of the Jeep. Don't jack the jeep off the ground, just enough so its starts to raise the jeep. **\*NOTE\*** The procedure above is called "preloading" and is an essential part of an effective rocker guard system. By doing this you virtually eliminate gaps between the rocker and the guard. Make sure the rocker guard is level with the door jam. The rocker is now as close to being part of the tub as possible.

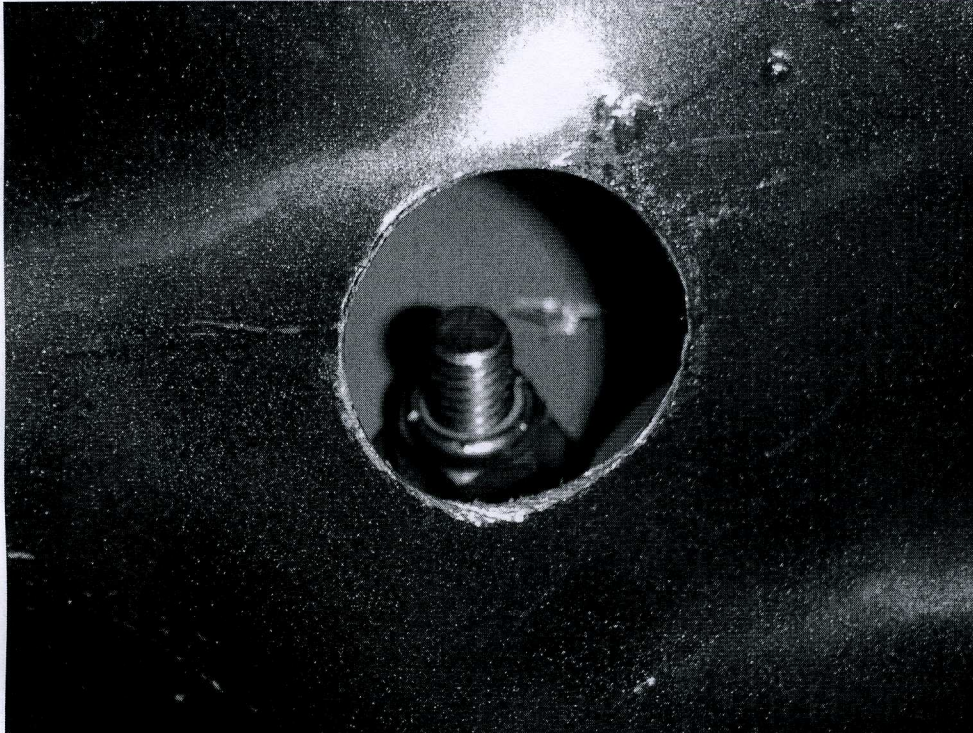
**Step Three – Drilling:** Wear your safety glasses. Using a 3/8 drill bit or a center punch, mark all of the holes on the side and underneath to drill. The front four-hole pattern on the bottom only uses two of the four holes in a staggered pattern, like in the picture below. (Note that the bolts are installed backwards for clarification)



**Step Four – Final Drilling:** Remove the rocker guard from the jeep. Drill out all holes to be used and drill straight and square. Deburr, prime, and prep the holes to remove obstructions and prevent rust. Be careful not to drill into any wires or other stuff on the inside of the tub.



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**Step Six – Final Installation:** Re-install the rocker guard as per Step Two. Line up the holes and start installing the 5/16" stainless steel hardware with the short bolts on the sides and the long bolts on the bottom. The easiest way of doing this is by starting in the middle. Get one screw started, but loose, then move onto the next one. Leave all the screws loose until they are all in place. Once the sides are all in, take your jack and wood and jack up the bottom of the rocker. Install all bolts with your 1/2" wrench or ratchet and tighten. YJ owners that are still using their flares will need to drill through the rocker guards for their flare bolts. If any powdercoating is scratched during installation touch up with a semi-gloss spray paint or carefully with a brushed-on paint. All the steps are the same for both sides. Re-tighten all bolts after a few days of driving.

**Step Seven – Beat them on the rocks! That's what they're made for.**