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Jeep® JK Wrangler Scale Armor

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REQUIRED TOOLS

Wrench set Drill

25/64" drill bit

4mm hex wrench

Masking tape

Marker/pen

Centerpunch

Hammer

RECOMMENDED

Touch-up paint and cotton swab M6x1.0 handheld nutsert tool

OPTIONAL

Bar clamps

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Nutsert 32(2DR) 42 (4DR)

Hex drive flathead screws 32(2DR) 42 (4DR)

Nutsert tool:

Bolt	1
Flat washer	2
Hex spacer	1



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1) REMOVE SIDE STEPS OR SLIDERS

To have full access to drill and install the scale armor, it is recommended any side steps, rock sliders, etc. are removed prior to installation.

2) MASK INSTALLATION AREA

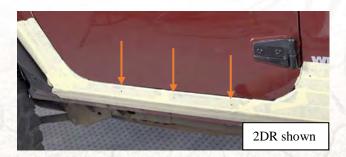
To keep your paint free from scratches during installation and drilling, we recommend covering the entire area with masking tape. This will also make marking hole locations easier with a marker if working with a dark colored vehicle.



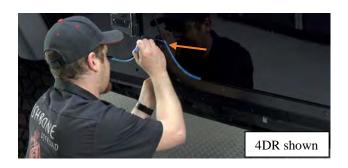
3) MARK CENTER HOLE LOCATIONS

With the help from a friend, or with a set of bar clamps and the door(s) open, hold the scale armor to the vehicle. Ensure the gaps around the door are even front to back and the armor is level with the bottom of the door.

For the 2DR version, mark the three (3) holes under the door using a marker. See below image.



For 4DR, mark the two (2) upper holes between the doors.



Remove the scale armor from the vehicle.

Gently tap the center of each mark with a centerpunch. Take care to not hit the punch too hard as you can dent the body. A small drill bit may be used for a pilot hole instead of a punch.

4) DRILL HOLES

Drill the centerpunched or pilot hole locations using the 25/64" drill bit. Take care not to drill through the inner panel.



Remove the tape from around the holes, if necessary. This will prevent the tape from being caught behind the nutserts.

Clean the drilled holes to remove any burrs or chips. Using a cotton swab and paint, touch in any bare metal from the drilling process to prevent rust. Any paint color will work as the nutsert will cover it.





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5) INSTALL NUTSERTS

Using the supplied nutsert tool, or the recommended handheld tool, install a nutsert into each drilled and painted hole.

For installation procedures for the supplied nutsert tool, see the "NUTSERT INSTRUCTIONS" section. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for the handheld tool if applicable.



6) MARK REMAINING UPPER HOLES

With the nutserts in place, bolt the armor back on the body. Double check alignment around the door(s) and fenders and begin marking the remaining upper bolt hole locations. Do not mark the hole locations below the bend at this time.

CAUTION:

Ensure the part is flat against the body and does not move while marking the holes. Constantly check previously marked holes for alignment to ensure all holes are exactly where they need to be.



With the part on or off, carefully centerpunch or predrill the hole locations.

NOTE:

On the fenders where there isn't much support behind the panel, it is better to drill a pilot hole instead of using a centerpunch.

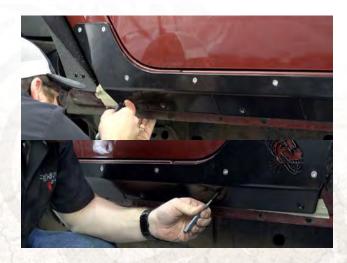


Remove the armor from the body. Drill all hole locations and install nutserts per steps 4) and 5).

7) MARK LOWER HOLES

Once again, place the armor on the body and bolt it in place using all currently installed nutsert locations.

Mark and centerpunch all remaining lower holes using the scale armor as a template. Be sure to firmly press the part against the body to ensure the hole will be centered on the nutsert when it is bolted in place.



Again, remove the part from the body. Drill all hole locations and install nutserts per steps 4) and 5).



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8) FINAL ASSEMBLY

Remove any remaining tape if necessary and install the scale armor to the body using the supplied hardware. Loosely install all hardware at first to ensure everything is straight and lined up.

9) TIGHTEN ALL HARDWARE

Take care not to overtighten any bolts to avoid spinning a nutsert.



10) REPEAT ON OPPOSITE SIDE

Repeat all procedures on the opposite side of the vehicle.

11) NUTSERT INSTRUCTIONS

To use the supplied nutsert tool, prepare the tool as shown in the image. A washer on either side of the hex spacer, and a nutsert installed at the end of the bolt.



Insert the nutsert into a prepared 23/64" hole.

While using a wrench to hold the hex spacer stationary, begin tightening the bolt with a ratchet and socket. As you tighten, the bolt will draw the nutsert together crimping it in place. Continue to ratchet until the nutsert is fully seated. **Take care not**

to over tighten. This can damage the nutsert and cause it to lose grip.

Once seated, remove the bolt, hex spacer and washers from the nutsert for reuse. Inspect your work to ensure the nutsert was seated correctly.

NOTE:

When installing the part, take care to not crossthread the bolt into the nutsert. Doing so can cause the nutsert to spin and make it very difficult to remove the bolt. Always start threading bolts by hand, then use a tool for final tightening to avoid cross-threading.

12) ENJOY YOUR NEW FISHBONE OFFROAD SCALE ARMOR!