Quadrathec® Aluminum Front Bumpers

Installation Manual for ’18 - Current Wrangler JL Vehicles

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TO REDUCE RISK OF SERIOUS INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE:
READ ALL SAFETY MESSAGES AND UNDERSTAND ALL INSTRUCTIONS AND PROCEDURE NOTICES BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO INSTALL OR USE THIS PRODUCT.

MOUNT WINCH USING ONLY APPROVED MOUNTING PLATE. BUMPER/WINCH PLATE NOT INTENDED FOR WINCHES IN EXCESS OF 10000LBS. LOAD LIMITS FOR YOUR BUMPER/WINCH MAY BE LESS DEPENDING ON CONDITION OF YOUR VEHICLE AND ATTACHMENTS. FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS, LIMITATIONS & WARNINGS WITH YOUR VEHICLE, THIS PRODUCT, YOUR WINCH AND SAFE WINCHING PRACTICES SUPPLEMENT.

RISK OF EYE INJURY! SAFETY GLASSES MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHILE INSTALLING OR MAINTAINING THIS PRODUCT. TORQUE AND RECHECK FASTENERS AFTER 250 MILES AND FREQUENTLY THEREAFTER. INSPECT BUMPER, WINCH AND MOUNT BEFORE USE. DO NOT USE IF DAMAGED.

CHECK STATE AND LOCAL HIGHWAY SAFETY LAWS REGARDING PERMITTED BUMPER TYPES AND HEIGHTS.

The Trusted Source
A Few Words About Product Safety:
Your Quadratec® Aluminum Front Bumper is intended to enhance the utility and enjoyment of your off road capable vehicle. Before installation, please review the following safety information and installation recommendations. Throughout these instructions important safety information is generally preceded by one of three signal words indicating the relative risk of injury, property damage or adverse consequence. The signal words mean:

- **WARNING**
  a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury. You CAN be KILLED or SERIOUSLY HURT if you don’t follow instructions.

- **CAUTION**
  a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury. You CAN be moderately HURT and also may suffer property damage if you don’t follow instructions.

- **NOTICE**
  Careful attention is required to this instruction or operation but does generally not relate to personal injury. Damage to your Quadratec® product or other property may result if you don’t follow instructions.

**Before You Begin Installation:**
Congratulations on your purchase of Quadratec® Aluminum Front Bumper for your Jeep® Wrangler. This custom fit front Bumper has been designed for long life and a great look. Though constructed of only the finest materials, this bumper must be maintained to keep its look while performing under the toughest conditions. Please see page 10 for important care & maintenance tips to keep your bumper looking like new. When unpacking, check to make sure all parts are included and not damaged due to shipping. If any part is missing or broken, please call Customer Service at 800-745-6037 as soon as possible.

Thank you again for your purchase and let’s start the installation process.

**NOTICE**
As you unpack your front bumper, be careful not to scratch the finish with a knife or razor. We suggest placing the unpacked bumper back into the original box so it does not get scratched before the installation begins. The bumper features an integrated winch mounting plate.

**CAUTION**
Welded front bumpers are heavy and we strongly suggest the assistance of an able-bodied assistant during lifting and installation of your bumper.

**CAUTION**
Read all safety messages and always wear safety glasses when working with tools.
The majority of the installation has to do with adapting the original equipment fog lights and wiring to the new bumper. The procedure varies depending on the trim level of your JL chassis Wrangler (Sport vs. Sahara or Rubicon).

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**Required Tools:**

- Safety Glasses
- 13, 16, & 18mm deep Sockets
- 19mm Socket
- Extension & Ratchet
- 7mm & 5/16" Sockets & Ratchet
- 7mm & 19mm Box End Wrenches
- T-20 Torx Driver
- 3mm & 6mm Allen Hex Key Wrenches
- Flat Blade Screwdrivers
- Forked Clip/Trim Removal Tool
- Torque Wrench (ft lbs)
Aluminum JL Front Bumper Installation Prep:

Put on safety glasses. Start by removing the factory splash guard. Remove the 8 plastic push rivets on the underside of the bumper. (FIG1)

Remove the two screws on the underside using a 5/16" socket. (FIG2) Remove the splash guard. Note: This will not be reused with your new bumper.

Remove the two bolts holding on the Original Equipment cross shield using a 16mm socket. Remove the cross shield by lifting upward and out. Note: This will not be reused with your new bumper. (FIG3)

Locate the frame guard plastic retainers on either side. (FIG4)

Remove the plastic retainers using a small flat blade screwdriver. (FIG5)
Aluminum JL Front Bumper Installation Prep:

Using a 18mm deep socket remove the (8) bumper retaining nuts. There are 2 on the inside and outside of each frame rail. (FIG6)

Lastly disconnect the fog light wiring harness plug so the bumper can be removed. (FIG7) Carefully remove the bumper from the frame rails.

Foglight Harness Removal from Original Bumper (Sport Model)

For Wrangler Sport Model Vehicles:
Locate the 7 screws on either side holding the splash shields to bumper and remove using a 7mm socket. (FIG8)

Disconnect the factory wiring harness from the bumper mounted fog lights. (FIG9)

Locate the 4 bolts holding the metal substructure to bumper fascia and remove using a 13mm socket. (FIG10)
Foglight Harness Removal from Original Bumper (Sport Model)

Now you will be able to access the fog light wiring harness. Remove harness using a trim removal tool and set aside for reuse. (FIG11)

Foglight Harness Removal from Original Bumper (Sahara & Rubicon Models)

Locate the (6) plastic fasteners on either side holding the splash shields to bumper and remove using a flat blade screwdriver. (FIG12)

Disconnect the factory wiring harness from the bumper mounted fog lights. (FIG13)

Locate the (8) nuts holding the metal sub structure to bumper fascia and remove using a 13mm deep socket. (FIGS 14A & 14B)
Foglight Harness Removal from Original Bumper (Sahara & Rubicon Models)

Remove the two fog light wiring harness retainers from metal sub structure using a trim removal tool. (FIG15)

Locate the six plastic fasteners holding the frame guard to bumper and remove using a flat blade screwdriver. (FIG16)

Locate the (24) screws holding bumper halves together and remove using a 7mm socket. (FIG17) Note: Several not shown in this Figure.

Separate bumper halves and turn over to access the fog light wiring harness. Remove harness using a trim removal tool set aside for re-use. (FIG18)

Finally, remove the four screws retaining the fog lamps to bumper fascia using a 7mm socket and set aside for re-use. (FIG19)
JL Winch Mount Installation:

Remove the 4 bumper support brackets using a 16mm socket and set hardware aside for re-use later. (FIG 20)

Loosely install the winch mount to frame rails with the supplied M12 Bolt, two washers per bolt and a locking nut using a 19mm wrench & socket. (FIG 21)

Loosely install the OEM hardware removed in FIG 20 inside the frame rails using spacer plates (if necessary) to center winch mount best as possible. (FIG 22)

Loosely install the over rider support bracket to the outside of frame rails using the OEM hardware removed in FIG 20. (FIG 23)

Loosely secure the support brackets to the winch mount using Two 10mm hex head bolts, 4 washers and 2 nylock nuts. (FIG 24)

Now tighten the 8 - 12mm bolts on front of frame horns to 64ft lbs.

Next, tighten the OEM inner frame rail bolts to 55ft lbs.
Fog Light Installation:

**FIG25**

Attach the fog lamps to the brackets as shown with the supplied M4 hardware using a 3mm hex key and 7mm wrench. (FIGs 25A & B)

**FIG26**

Secure the fog lamp brackets to the winch plate with the supplied M6 bolts and washers using a 10mm socket. (FIG 26)

**Aluminum Front Bumper: Install on Vehicle**

With the help of a friend lift the bumper into place on the frame of the Jeep.

> **CAUTION**

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**FIG27**

Loosely secure the bumper to winch plate with (2) M10 allen head bolts using a 6mm hex key through the fairlead mounting holes. (FIG 27)

**FIG28**

You may now torque the over rider bar bracket to winch plate M10 hardware to 55ft lbs.

Install the tow hooks through the bumper and into the winch plate with the supplied M10 allen head bolts and washers using a 6mm hex key. (FIG 28)

Now is a good time to install your winch and fairlead into the bumper according to your winch installation instructions.
QRC Front Bumper: Install on Vehicle

Loosely install the over rider bar through the bumper and into the support brackets with two M10 allen head bolts and washers using a 6mm hex key. (FIG 29)

Lastly, loosely install the final hardware for the over rider bar using 4 M10 allen head bolts, 8 washers and 4 nylock nuts through the remaining holes. (FIG 30)

Final Adjustment:
You may now tighten the M10 allen head hardware through the tow hooks to 55ft lbs. Torque the OEM hardware securing the over rider brackets to frame to 55ft lbs. Now torque the remaining over rider bar M10 mounting hardware to 55ft lbs.

Installation is now complete.

Bumper Care:
Your Bumper has been designed and manufactured to provide years of use. However, like any product, general maintenance is required to keep it looking new.

Since the bumper is located on the front of the vehicle, it is subject to potential rock chips and other debris potentially causing portions of the paint to chip off. We recommend using a textured or gloss black spray paint sprayed on a piece of cardboard and Q-Tip to gently fill in these chips. This will prevent any rust from forming. On all bumpers there is a chance of some surface rust showing over time due to metal particles being embedded in the paint. This surface rust is easily removed by a non-abrasive cleaner/polish and a soft bristle brush (not a metal brush!).

For bumpers with a textured finish, wash only with soapy water and avoid other waxes and polishes.
Final Results:

Narrow Width Shown installed with the Quadratec Q-Performance Stealth Winch (sold separately)

Full Width Shown installed with the Quadratec Q-Performance Stealth Winch (sold separately)
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