



Gas Tank Skid Plate Installation Instructions for 1984-1996 Jeep® XJ Cherokee

Thank you for purchasing your new Skid Row Offroad gas tank skid plate. It is designed to give you peace of mind while traversing even the toughest trails.

Your skid plate package should come complete with the following parts:

1. (1) Gas Tank Skid Plate
2. (1) Driver's Side Mounting Bracket (with logo)
3. (1) Passenger Side Mounting Bracket
4. (6) 3/8-16 UNC x 1" Carriage Head Bolts
5. (6) 3/8-16 UNC Hex Nuts
6. (6) 3/8" Lock Washers
7. (6) 3/8" Flat Washers



If you raise the vehicle to work on it, be sure to place jack stands under the vehicle before working underneath it!

Step 1: If you have a hitch installed skip to Step 2. If you do not have a hitch installed already, you will need nut plates and bolts to install this gas tank skid plate. The nut plates can be purchased from Jeep and are referred to as Frame Reinforcements. They are Jeep part numbers 52001174 and 52001175. Four M12x1.75 x 30mm bolts and large flat washers are needed for these nut plates. The rear bumper will need to be removed to install the nut plates.

Step 2: If you have a hitch installed it will need to be removed to install the gas tank skid plate.

Step 3: Remove the exhaust clamp from the rear exhaust hanger next to the gas tank. There is no need to remove the exhaust hanger itself from the unibody frame rail.



Step 4: Using the 4 bolts that held the mounting brackets to the bottom of the skid plate for shipping, and the additional hardware supplied, loosely assemble the brackets of the sides of the skid plate. The driver's side of the skid uses the bracket with the logo cut into it. The passenger's side will not have a logo. Install the mounting brackets with the head of the carriage bolt on the inside of the skid plate. The mounting brackets will mount to the outside of the skid plate with the actual mounting flange itself pointing to the outside of the vehicle. Then install the flat washer, lock washer, and nut snugly, but do not tighten fully. This will allow you to move the mounting brackets in order to align with the holes in the frame.

Tip: If you have a clearance problem with a hitch, you can install the mounting brackets (one or both) to the inside of the skid plate to gain clearance.

Step 5: Using a floor jack raise the gas tank skid plate into place over the gas tank. Make sure that the skid plate ends up between the bolts at the front of the gas tank and the gas tank. If you have a hitch it would be re-installed at this time.

Step 6: Install the four M12x1.75 x 30mm bolts and large flat washers into the nut plates.

Step 7: Tighten all hardware once everything is fit together.

Step 8: Re-install the rear exhaust clamp and you're done.

We hope you enjoy your new Skid Row Offroad gas tank skid plate!

Sincerely,

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