# **Installation Instructions**



05-22 Toyota Tacoma Defender Platform Mounting Kit Part # S/BT01





### Introduction

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## Important Notes Before Starting



### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

Carefully read through this entire instruction manual thoroughly before attempting to install this part.

Please refer to the vehicles owner's manual for roof weight capacity (include weight of rack). Check that all fasteners are properly torqued after installing the roof rack and driving a short distance. Fasteners should be checked regularly before loading roof rack. Fasten loads securely and evenly distribute loads across the rack. Lower the center of gravity of all loads as much as possible. Wind can affect driving sensitivity with roof racks.



### WARNING

Serious injury can occur when working on vehicles alone.

When possible, work with another person to reduce risk of injury from strain or other dangers that can occur when working alone.

The following tools will be required to complete the installation of this part:

TOOLS REQUIRED							
13mm Socket	13mm Wrench	10mm Socket					
3/8 Drive Rachet	Pry Tool	Measuring Tape					



# **Box Contents & Technical Information**

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### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

Some applications require modification:

Description	Quantity	Screenshot
Wind deflector	1	
Driver bracket	1	
Passenger bracket	1	
LED light mount Driver	1	
LED light mount Pass	1	
Square light mount	4	
M6*25 Bolt plate	8	
Spacer Small	2	
Spacer Large	4	
Rubber Plate Large	4	
Rubber Plate Small	2	
Protective Rubber Strip	1	



# Installation Instructions: Mechanical Installation



#### Step 1:

First remove the weather stripping, to remove pry the back part of the stripping up first then lift the longer strip up and take off. Once stripping is off remove the factory tape (front & rear) to reveal the nut inserts.



#### Step 2:

Remove the backing on the provided padding strips and stick it to the back of the roof mount spacers.

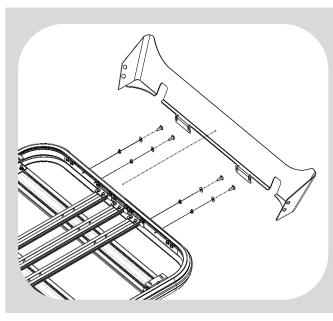


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#### Step 3:

Place the spacers over the nut inserts with the padding facing down. Mount the brackets on top of the spacers and install the provided M6 bolts and washers and tighten with a 10mm wrench. (Repeat on left side)



### Step 4:

Install wind deflector onto the front of the roof rack using the pre installed T bolts (located inside where arrows point upwards). Using the M6 nylock nuts and washers tighten the wind deflector. Apply weather strip to the front of the deflector.

Note: Once wind deflector is tightened move the (2) outer stringers inward until they make contact with deflector then tighten all the nuts. (Make sure stringers are parallel)



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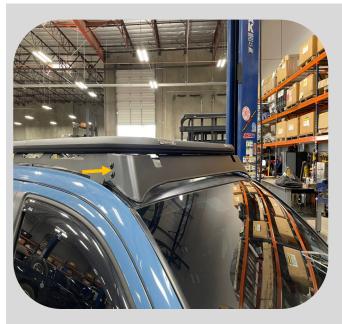


#### Step 5:

(2) People required for this step. Mount the roof rack on top of the truck and line up the mounting holes.



Insert the M6 bolt plate from the bottom to the top. Insert the M6 washers and nylock nuts and tighten using a 10mm wrench.



### Step 2:

Finally install the (4) M8 bolts, washers and nylock nuts and tighten with a 13mm wrench and socket (do the same for the driver side). You are now complete with the installation.... Good job.

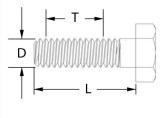


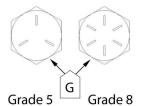


# **Bolt Torque Specifications**

Use this only as a guide for hardware without a called out torque specification in the instruction manual.

Bolt Torque and ID								
Decimal System		Metric System						
All Torques in Ft. Lbs. Maximums								
Bolt Size	Grade 5	Grade 8	Bolt Size	Class 9.8	Class 10.9	Class 12.9		
5/16	15	20	M6	5	9	12		
3/8	30	45	M8	18	23	27		
7/16	45	60	M10	32	45	50		
1/2	65	90	M12	55	75	90		
9/16	95	130	M14	85	120	145		
5/8	135	175	M16	130	165	210		
3/4	185	280	M18	170	240	290		





(No. of Marks +2)

D 10.9

1/2-13x1.75 HHCS

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M12-1.25x50 HHCS



G= Grade (Bolt Strength)

D= Nominal Diameter (Inches)

T= Thread Count (Threads per Inch)

L= Length (Inches)

X= Description (Hex Head Cap Screw)

P= Property Class (Bolt Strength)

D= Nominal Diameter (Millimeters)

T= Thread Pitch (Thread Width, mm)

L= Length (Millimeters)

X= Description (Hex Head Cap Screw)



### **Notes and Disclaimers**

#### Product cleaning and maintenance instructions

Stainless Steel Finish – Aluminum polish may be used to polish small scratches and scuffs on the finish. Mild soap, window or glass cleaner may be used to clean the finish. Dual state powder coat finish – Mild soap, window or glass cleaner may be used to clean the finish. In order to protect the finish, you may wax your product on a regular basis with pure carnauba automotive wax. Do not use any types of soap, polish or was that contains abrasive that could damage the finish. Textured coated finishes should be cleaned with a mild soap on a damp sponge. Do not apply polish or was that requires to be removed by means of buffing. This type of wax is commonly used at car wash facilities. Chrome Finish – Mild soap, window or glass cleaner may be used to clean the finish. In order to protect the finish, you should wax your product on a regular basis with pure carnauba automotive wax. Do not use any types of soap, polish or was that contains abrasive that could damage the finish.

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