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# INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR Dodge Ram 50903 Set, 50011 Front, 50012 Rears "OE" Style Flares

## **IMPORTANT:** READ INSTRUCTIONS THOROUGHLY BEFORE BEGINNING INSTALLATION

## TOOLS REQUIRED FOR INSTALLATION:

- Jack and Jack Stands (Optional)
- Tape Measure
- 6" wide Putty Knife
- Utility Knife

# Flare Installation Procedures

### Step 1: Verifying fit

- (A) Verify fit by holding Bushwacker flares against the vehicle body. Small fit adjustments can be made by trimming excess plastic.
- (B) **DO NOT USE:** Loctite, SuperGlue, or similar products on the hardware or the flares.

### Step 2: Painting.

Note: Painting (when desired) must be done after fit verification, but prior to full installation.

- (A) Clean outer surface with a good grade degreaser. DO NOT USE LACQUER THINNER OR ENAMEL REDUCER AS A DEGREASER. Wipe outer surface thoroughly with a tack rag prior to painting.
- (B) Paint Flares using a high quality lacquer, enamel, or polyurethane automotive paint. Sanding or application of a primer coat is optional.

## Step 3: Preparing the work area

- (A) Clean and wash vehicle making sure to remove all dirt and debris.
- (B) Remove factory fender trim and mud flaps (when installed).
- (C) Dodge Ram trucks have two different types of body molding. Model years 98-up have an injection molded hard plastic molding. Model years 94-97 have an extruded soft plastic molding,
  - 1. For 98-up vehicles follow step (f).
  - 2. For 94-97 vehicles follow steps (a) through (e).
- Vehicle bed Cut line Molding Flare outline FIGURE 1

- Electric Drill
- #2 Phillips Driver Bit
- 3/16" Drill Bit

- a) Hold flare up to wheel well opening and mark body side molding where the flare overlaps it. Remove flare.
- b) Mark cut line 1/4" beyond overlap line.
- c) Slide a 6" wide putty knife between the molding and the body of the vehicle and pry the molding that contacts the flare away.
- d) Carefully cut on marked line with heavy duty scissors. See FIGURE 1.
- e) Sand molding to desired edge finish.
- f) Slide a 6" wide putty knife between the molding and the body of the vehicle. Pry the molding that contacts the flare away and discard.

### Step 4: Edge Trim Installation

- (A) The 28.5' roll of edge trim that is included with each kit needs to be cut to the following lengths: two 70" pieces for the front flares, and two 101" pieces for the rear flares.
- (B) Peel two to three inches of red vinyl backing away from edge trim tape. Applying the adhesive side of the edge trim to the inner side of the flare, affix the edge trim to the top edge of the flare (the portion that comes in contact with the side of the vehicle).
- (C) Press edge trim into place along the top edge of the flare in one-foot increments, pulling red vinyl backing free as you continue to work your way around the top edge of the flare.

#### See FIGURE 2.

#### **Step 5: Flare Installation**

- (A) Drill all flares with a 3/16" drill bit using the indents formed into the flare as a guide.
- (B) Applying moderate pressure to the outside surface of the flares, fasten to the sheet metal with drill tip screws, using the holes in the flares as a guide. **See FIGURE 3.**



