

BEED WOOD

“How to Measure & Install Bed Wood in Restored and Customized Truck Beds”

General Bed Wood Installation Instructions

- With your bed installed on the truck, measure to be certain the bed is properly positioned on the chassis, side to side and front to back.
- Measure cross corners for squareness. If you have a difference between the two measurements of greater than 1/8”, re-position your bed and re-measure until the measurements are equal or within 1/8” or less of each other.
- Establish center line of the bed, front to back. Using a piece of masking tape, mark the centerline on the front and rear of the bed.
- If you are using hidden bed mounting bolts, install them now hand tight. If not, skip to the next step.
- Mock up the outer two boards (grooved on one side only) under the angle strips. Using a pencil, mark the location of the angle strip bolt holes.
- Remove the boards and drill a 3/8” hole for each angle strip bolt.



- Test fit the balance of the bed wood, leaving approximately 7/16” space between each board. The boards are milled to OEM specifications and should fit perfectly into the bed. Due to slight variations which occur during bed assembly, your boards may have a snug fit, or there could be as much as 1/8” gap at the end of the boards.
- After you are pleased with the fit, remove the boards and apply your favorite sealer and finish to all sides of all boards. To protect your wood, Bed Wood and Parts recommends using our EZ Seal & Shine for that show quality high gloss shine or our EZ Rub Penetrating Oil finish to give your wood that natural appearance.
- After finishing, reinstall boards. Install the two outer boards first under each angle strip, and then the center board. Be sure to measure and install the center board in line with the centerline of your bed. Install the remaining boards, leaving a 7/16” gap between each board.
- If you are using traditional “through the wood” bed mounting bolts, install them now hand tight.
- Install your bed strips only hand tight. Adjust as needed and perform the final tightening of the bed strip bolt and angle strip bolts.
- Perform final tightening of the bed mounting bolts.