

Step 1: Prior to Installation

- A) Stampede Products only approves installing this Hood Protector according to these written instructions with the hardware provided. **WARNING:** Failure to install according to these instructions will invalidate the warranty. This includes, but not limited to using alternative installation methods, hardware, or materials.
- B) Inspect the Hood Protector thoroughly for defects or damage and verify the contents of package.
- C) Open the hood and determine if your hood has the rubber gasket mounted to it as shown in **Figure 1** or if it does not have a gasket mounted as shown in **Figure 11**. For hoods that have the gasket proceed to step 2. For hoods that do not have the rubber gasket skip to step 3.

KIT CONTAINS:

- (1) HOOD PROTECTOR
- (3) #6-18 3/4" PHILLIPS PAN HEAD SCREWS
- (3) FLAT WASHERS
- (3) GROMMET NUTS
- (1) ALCOHOL PAD
- (5) #8 1/2" SELF PIERCING SCREWS
- (5) SHOULDER WASHERS

TOOLS NEEDED:

- #2 PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER
- POWER DRILL WITH 3/32" DRILL BIT
- SIDE CUTTERS
- PENCIL

Step 2: Installation on hood with gasket.

- A) Lift the hood and remove any dirt or debris. Locate the rubber gasket along the underside of the hood as shown in **Figure 1**.

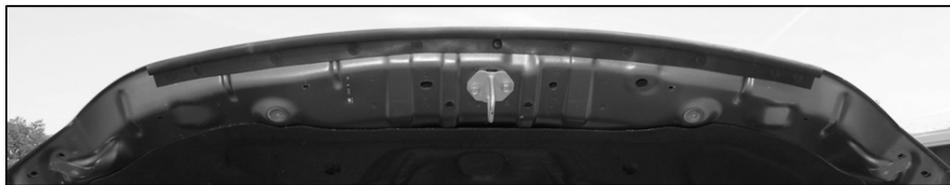


Figure 1

- B) Note the location of the three black plastic clips that are to be removed holding the gasket as shown in **Figure 2**.

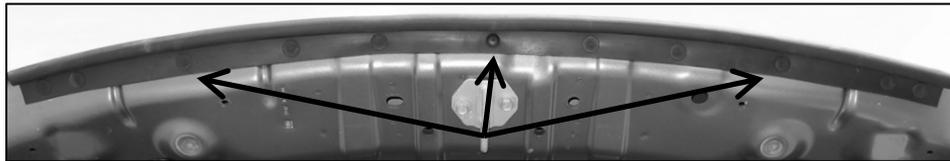


Figure 2

- C) Carefully pull the three black plastic clips out of the hood through the rubber gasket with side cutters as shown in **Figure 3**. Do not cut the clips. Note that these will not be reused in the install of the shield.



Figure 3



Figure 4

- D) Pull the rubber gasket to the side and insert the three grommet nuts into the hood in place of the three black plastic clips that you just removed as shown in **Figure 4**. **DO NOT PUT THE GROMMET NUTS INTO THE RUBBER GASKET.**
- E) Test fit the new Hood Protector onto the hood by placing the three center tabs between the gasket and the hood and the two outer tabs under the hood as shown in **Figure 5**. Take note as to where outer tabs contact the surface of the hood. Remove the shield and clean the area where the outer tabs contact the hood with the included alcohol pad.



Figure 5

- F) Remove the red backing from the two sided tape on the outer two tabs of the shield. Then carefully place the shield to the truck taking care not to let the two outer tabs stick to the hood.
- G) Center the Hood Protector on the hood using the center mark on the center tab of the Hood Protector and the hood latch as shown in **Figure 6**.

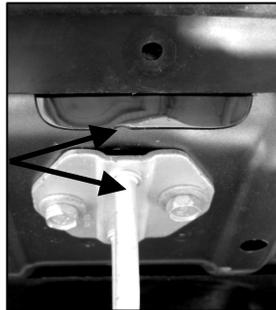


Figure 6



Figure 7

- H) While keeping the Hood Protector centered on the hood press the center tab tight against the hood with the gasket. The hole in the gasket should line up with the Hood Protector and grommet nut as shown in **Figure 7**.
- I) While keeping the Hood Protector still in place install a #6-18 3/4in mounting screw and flat washer into the hood as shown in **Figure 8** with a screw driver. But do not tighten it up just yet. Repeat the same steps for the other two tabs that have the grommet nuts. **DO NOT** use a drill.



Figure 8



Figure 9

- J) With the three center screws installed check to see that your Hood Protector is still centered. Then carefully tighten down the screws.
- K) Firmly press into place the two outer tabs while matching the contour of the tabs to the contour of the hood as shown in **Figure 9**. If installed properly your Hood Protector should appear the same as in **Figure 10**.

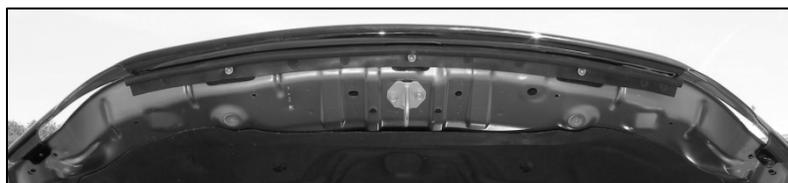
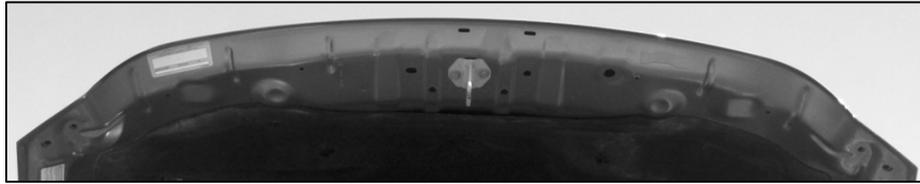


Figure 10

OPTIONAL: Two self piercing screws and shoulder washers are included for use on the outer two tabs in addition to the tape but are not required.

**Figure 11****Step 3: Installation on hood without gasket.**

- A) Lift the hood and remove any dirt and debris. Verify that the hood does not have a factory installed gasket as shown in **Figure 11**.
- B) Test fit the shield on the hood and verify fitment. Center the Hood Protector to the hood and mark the three centers of each mounting slot with a pencil while pushing each mounting tab tight to the contour of the hood. Take note of where the adhesive tape will make contact with the hood. The three center tabs should be positioned as shown in **Figure 12**.

**Figure 12**

- C) Remove the Hood Protector and drill 3/32" holes at each mark. **DO NOT TO DRILL ALL THE WAY THROUGH THE HOOD.** Clean the areas on the hood where the tape will adhere with the alcohol pad provided.
- D) Remove the red backing from the adhesive tape on the Hood Protector.
- E) Place a shoulder washer on each of the mounting screws and fasten the Hood Protector to the hood at each of the three drilled holes.
- F) Firmly press into place the two outer tabs while matching the contour of the tabs to the contour of the hood as shown in **Figure 9**.

OPTIONAL: Two additional self piercing screws and shoulder washers are included for use on the outer two tabs in addition to the tape but are not required.

CLEANING: USE ONLY SOAPY WATER AND A SOFT CLOTH. NEVER USE PAPER TOWELS, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS OR SOLVENTS TO CLEAN YOUR HOOD PROTECTOR.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

-AFTER INSTALLING THE HOOD PROTECTOR CHECK FOR FIT. MAKE SURE THE HOOD PROTECTOR IS NOT TOUCHING THE PAINT IN ANY SPOTS THAT MAY CAUSE RUBBING BY VEHICLE VIBRATION AS THIS INDICATES AN IMPROPER INSTALLATION. IF YOUR APPLICATION REQUIRES BUMP-ONS MAKE SURE THEY ARE INSTALLED PROPERLY.

-STAMPEDE WILL NOT PAY FOR PAINT TOUCH UPS OR REPAINTS ON HOODS DUE TO IMPROPER INSTALLATION.

-IF YOU HAVE A PRODUCT THAT USES 3M REDLINE AND HAVE TROUBLE REMOVING THE RED BACKING, USE A DROP OF ISOPROPAL ALCOHOL OR NAPHTHA ON THE EDGE OF THE BACKING AND THIS WILL ALLOW THE BACKING TO LOOSEN THUS ALLOWING YOU TO PEEL THE BACKING OFF THE TAPE.