

'97-'05 Jeep Wrangler TJ Aluminum Side Rocker Guards JP750

VERY IMPORTANT: READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE INSTALLING SIDE ROCKER GUARDS

Tools: 8mm open end wrench
small crescent wrench or pliers
power drill ¼" drill bit
7/16 open end wrench and 7/16 socket and ratchet or one additional 7/16 wrench
13mm socket and ratchet
plastic head hammer or regular hammer and small piece of flat wood

Supplies: scotch tape or electricians tape
clean paper towels
isopropyl alcohol
ONE OF THESE CLEANERS: Naptha, acetone, lacquer thinner or bug and tar remover; these are available at any auto parts or hardware store
OPTIONAL: silicone caulk – clear, black or silver

1. Using an 8mm wrench, remove the 3 bolts on each side that attach spats behind the front fender flares to the body

Note: If your Jeep has side steps, temporarily remove them

2. Thoroughly wash the Jeep body between fender flares and below doors; use dishwasher soap and NOT car wash soap. It is a good idea to wash below rockers and the under body in the area between flares. Dry thoroughly.
3. If the front fenders do not align with the body then loosen the 13mm bottom bolt that holds fender to body behind wheel well. Align fender with body and re-tighten bolt.
4. Using power drill and ¼" drill bit, drill out the three nut inserts that are in each body side.
5. Using a plastic head hammer or regular hammer and a flat piece of wood, CAREFULLY tap in any metal on side of Jeep body that is protruding outward between flares in the area where the Rocker Guards will mount.
6. Using one of the recommended solvents listed above, thoroughly clean the rocker area of any tar, road grime and wax that was not removed by washing. Wipe dry with clean cloth or towel.

Note: Using touch-up paint, paint any exposed metal. Also, using scotch tape or electricians tape, place small pieces over exposed holes in the body.

7. Use the small crescent wrench or pliers to bend the five tabs under the rocker downward 1/16 of an inch. DO NOT OVER BEND!

Now pre-fit the Rocker Guards, making sure everything aligns.

NOTE: SO FAR WE HAVE NOT FOUND A JEEP WHERE THE ROCKER AREA IS PERFECTLY STRAIGHT. THIS AREA IS LIKELY TO BE SLIGHTLY WAVY.

8. Prep the Rocker Guards by laying the outside of the rails on the foam packaging material to avoid scratching the finish. Using a razor blade or finger nail, peel back the red protective coating strip from the gray double sided tape – peel approximately 1-1/2" – 2" from each end of Rocker Guards. DO NOT CUT THE RED TAPE. Fold the red tape upward to make a pull tab. Tape the red tab to the outside of the upper Rocker Guard with scotch tape, electricians tape or masking tape.
9. Now thoroughly clean the body between the fender flares with the isopropyl alcohol. Saturate a clean paper towel and wipe in ONE DIRECTION with wet towel and follow with a clean dry towel in the same direction. DO NOT CLEAN IN CIRCULAR OR BACK AND FORTH MOTION AS THIS WILL SPREAD CONTAMINANTS.
10. Position the side rail with the slot that is 1-1/2" back from edge facing against the Jeep Rocker. Install the stainless ¼ - 20 bolts with a flat washer against bolt head and push bolt upward through body tab, then install another washer and nut. Install 5 bolts each side and tighten using a 7/16" wrench and 7/16" socket or an additional 7/16" wrench.
11. Once Rocker Guards are in place and you are satisfied with the fit, grab the red pull tabs and carefully pull the red coating strip from between the Rocker Guards and body, being careful not to tear the red tape. It may be necessary to push down and outward on the Rocker Guards to relieve any pinched areas where the red tape may be caught.
12. Once all red tape is removed, push firmly against Rocker Guards towards body.

There will most likely be small body gaps due to the wavy factory body panels. These gaps can be filled with silicone caulk in silver, clear or black available at most hardware stores.