



# Rocker Panel Guard Installation Instructions for 1997-2006 Jeep® TJ Wrangler and LJ Unlimited

Thank you for purchasing your new Skid Row Offroad rocker panel guards. They are designed to give you peace of mind while traversing even the toughest trails.

Your rocker panel guard package should come complete with the following parts:

1. (1) Left Rocker Panel Guard
2. (1) Right Rocker Panel Guard
3. (10) 3/8-16 UNC x 1" Carriage Bolts, Stainless Steel or (12) for Unlimited
4. (10) 3/8-16 UNC Hex Nuts or (12) for Unlimited
5. (10) 3/8" Lock Washers or (12) for Unlimited
6. (10) 3/8" Flat Washers or (12) for Unlimited

**Step 1:** If you have a Rubicon or Willys edition with the factory rocker panel guards, remove both guards. Keep the mounting bolts handy as you may want to re-use them when installing your new Skid Row rocker panel guards.

**Step 2:** Remove all 5 body mount bolts along one side of the vehicle. Don't forget the mount just in front of the gas tank above the rear axle.

**Step 3:** Loosen, but do NOT remove, all 5 body mount bolts on the opposite side.

**Step 4:** Using a floor jack and a block of wood positioned just behind the forward body mount, raise the body off the frame until the middle and rear body mounts can be removed from the chassis.

**Step 5:** Remove both of the body mounts and separate the steel insert from the rubber spacer.

**Step 6:** Remove from both the rubber and steel portions of the body mounts approximately 3/8" of material. To cut the rubber use either a hacksaw or a band saw. It's not critical to get a perfectly square cut as the material will conform when the bolts are retightened later.

**Step 7:** Re-install the shortened body mounts into the chassis, but do not lower the body back down onto them.

**Step 8:** Slide the appropriate rocker panel guard into place against the body and over the shortened body mounts. If you have a Rubicon or Willys model with the factory rocker panel guards, you can install the bolts that hold the guard to the underside of the body to help hold it in place.

**Step 9:** Lower the body down onto the body mounts while keeping the rocker guard tight against the body.

**Step 10:** It may be helpful to use the jack and block of wood to push the rocker panel guard upward slightly to assure that the guard is tight against the body.

**Step 11:** Using a center punch or transfer punch mark all five holes along the side of the Jeep. If you had the factory rocker panel guards, one or more of the holes will be aligned with the factory threaded inserts.

**Step 12:** Raise the body back up and remove the rocker panel guard.

**Step 13:** Make sure there are no wires on the back side of where you will be drilling.

**Step 14:** Drill a small starter hole of about 1/8" diameter in each of the 5 spots marked and then enlarge the holes to 3/8" diameter. If you had the factory rocker panel guards, drill out the insert if you want to use the stainless hardware provided. Otherwise, the factory hardware can be used.

**Step 15:** Use some paint to touch up around the holes and prevent rust.

**Step 16:** Slide the appropriate rocker panel guard back into place against the body and over the shortened body mounts.

**NOTE: Make sure to use anti-seize or light oil on the threads of all stainless steel fasteners to prevent galling.** If this is not done, the threads may bind before the bolt is even tight and it will need to be cut off to be replaced. This problem is much easier to prevent than to correct.

**Step 17:** Install the mounting hardware before lowering the body. This allows you to move the guard a little for alignment of the bolts. Leave the bolts loose at this time.

**Step 18:** Lower the body down onto the body mounts and re-install all body mount bolts, but **DO NOT TIGHTEN**. If you have a Rubicon or Willys model with the factory rocker panel guards, you can install the bolts that hold the guard to the underside of the body.

**Step 19:** Tighten all of the bolts that hold the rocker panel guard to the body.

**Step 20:** Perform the same procedure for the opposite side of the vehicle.

**Step 21:** Tighten all 10 body mount bolts and the installation is complete!

We hope you enjoy your new Skid Row Offroad rocker panel guards!

Sincerely,

**The Staff at SFK Manufacturing, LLC**



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