



## XJ FRONT BUMPER INSTALL GUIDE

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Of course the first thing you will need to do is remove the stock bumper. The easiest way to do this is to remove the stock bumper with the bumper brackets still attached. There are three bolts in a triangle pattern on each side that attach the bracket to the unibody for a total of six bolts to remove. Remove and retain these six bolts. The pictures show an XJ that has factory tow hooks installed. If you have factory tow hooks, there should be one or two other bolts to remove from the tow hook brackets that go through the frame rail.

Stock bumper bolts:



With the bumper removed, you should end up with something like this:



In the above picture, the lower air dam had already been removed prior to installation. You will need to remove it as well as detach the lower fender supports. To accomplish this, you will need to remove two sheet metal screws on each side. One is pictured below. The other attaches the lower fender support to the inner fender triangle brace. In the picture, this screw has been previously removed for other modifications.

Drivers Side Lower Fender Support:



Time to cut the fenders (**only 96 and earlier require fender trimming.**) I used a pneumatic cut off wheel. I made a straight cut starting at the headlight bezel and extending straight back to the fender flare.



Tie-in brackets now need to be installed. You will need to remove the upper two steering box bolts on the drivers side. Just loosen the lower steering box bolt to aid in installation. The tie-in brackets should be flush against the unibody. Install all bolts snugly except the 3 front most bolts, which accept the bumper.

Pass. Side pic:



Once both unibody tie-ins are mounted snug, it is time to mount the bumper. This is much easier if you have someone to help. The bumper goes on the outside of the tie-in's. This will be a tight fit, a little persuasion may be necessary. Simply lift the bumper up and install the six bolts (three on each side.) I used the stock bolts that were retained earlier. Tighten up all of the bolts on each side both tie-in and bumper bolts. It is always a good idea to recheck all bolts after a few days to verify nothing has come loose.

Finished product:

