

Parts List

1	Driver / left side bar
1	Passenger / right side bar
8	Mounting bracket, universal
13	Clip nut, M8
33	Hex bolt, M8 x 25mm
33	Flat washer, M8
33	Lock washer, M8
1	Bolt plate, M10
1	Hex bolt, M10 x 30mm
3	Flat washer, M10
2	Lock washer, M10
2	Hex nut, M10
1	Plastic retainer, M10
1	Def-tank L-bracket
1	De-tank support bracket

Tools Required

Ratchet	Socket, 16mm
Wrench, 16mm	Socket, 13mm
Level	

Torque Specifications

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METRIC	M6 bolt	3 ft.-lbs.
	M8 bolt	7 ft.-lbs.
	M10 bolt	16 ft.-lbs.
	M12 bolt	28 ft.-lbs.
SAE	1/4" bolt	3 ft.-lbs.
	5/16" bolt	7 ft.-lbs.
	3/8" bolt	16 ft.-lbs.
	7/16" bolt	20 ft.-lbs.
	1/2" bolt	28 ft.-lbs.

Level of Difficulty

Easy



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Notes and Maintenance

Before you begin installation, read all instructions thoroughly.

Proper tools will improve the quality of installation and reduce the time required.

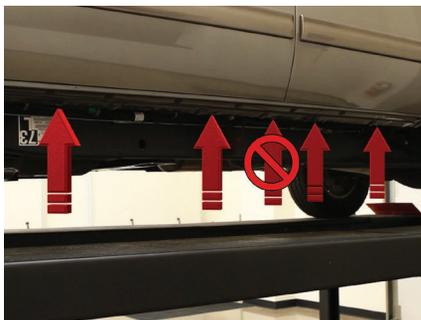
For black finishes, mild soap may be used to clean the product.

Refer to the table to the left when securing hardware during the installation process to help prevent damage to the product or vehicle.

Step 1

Locate the five mounting tabs along the bottom edge of the vehicle body.

This installation will use the first, second, fourth and fifth mounting tabs



Step 2

Starting at the front driver side mounting location, locate the threaded hole on the inside of the body panel.

Attach a universal mounting bracket to the body panel using an M8 hex bolt with a lock and flat washer.

Snug the hardware, but do not fully tighten.



Step 3

Rotate the bottom of the bracket to the side to expose the hole in the mounting tab.

Slide an M8 clip-nut over the mounting tab and rotate the bracket back into position.

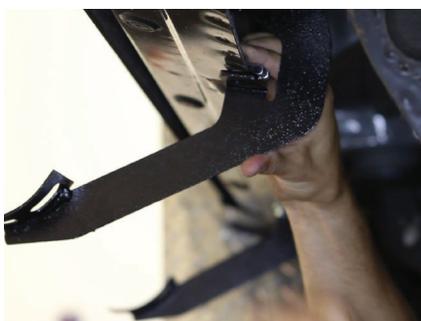
Secure the bracket with a second M8 hex bolt, lock washer and flat washer.

Snug the hardware, but do not fully tighten.



Step 4

Repeat steps 2 and 3 to install the second bracket over the second mounting tab location from step 1.



Step 5

Locate the fourth mounting tab from step 1 and remove the rubber plug from the access hole.

Insert a clip nut through the access hole and align it over the adjacent small hole.

Secure the top of the bracket with an M8 hex bolt, lock washer and flat washer.

Repeat step 3 to secure the bottom of the bracket.



Step 6

Locate the fifth mounting tab from step 1.

Repeat step 5 to install the fourth and final bracket on the driver side of the vehicle.



Step 7

Carefully position the side bar onto the mounting brackets.

Ensure all the mount locations on the bottom of the side bar line up with the mounting brackets.

Note: If the holes on the side bar do not match up with the brackets, ensure all brackets have been installed in the correct locations and the correct side bar is being used.



Step 8

Attach the side bar to the brackets with eight of the M8 hex bolts, lock washers and flat washers.

Snug the hardware, but do not fully tighten.



Step 9

Ensure the vehicle is on level ground.

Use a bubble level ensure the side bar is level and parallel with the side of the vehicle. Make adjustments to the bracket positions and rotate the side bar as necessary.

With the side bar aligned, tighten all the hardware on the brackets to the vehicle.

Double check that the side bar is level and finalize the install by tightening all the hardware securing it to the brackets.



Step 10

Repeat steps 1 through 9 on the passenger side for all brackets except for the additional def-tank bracket.



Step 11

Locate the def-tank bracket components for diesel truck models.

Begin the install by locating the round factory hole in the bottom of the rocker panel, closest to the front bracket mounting location. The installation of the bracket will vary depending on the vehicle model shown to the right.

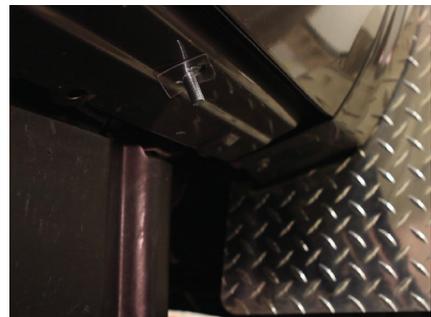
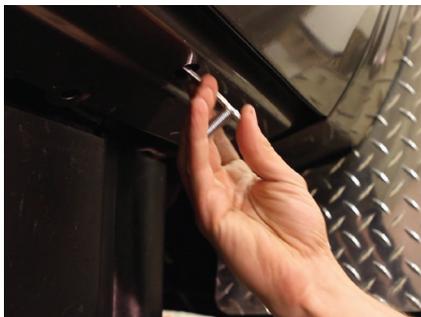
Remove the plastic plug to expose the mounting hole in the rocker panel



Step 12

Insert the M10 bolt plate into the access hole in the rocker panel.

Push the plastic retainer onto the threaded end of the bolt plate to help hold the plate in position.



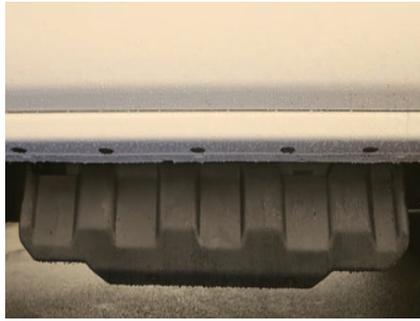
Step 13

Select the def-tank L-bracket.

Attach the short end of the bracket to the bolt plate with the flat washer, lock washer and M10 hex nut.

Snug the hardware, but do not fully tighten.

Note: On 2017 models, the DEF tank shield will need to be removed and trimmed before reinstallation.



Step 14

Slide an M8 clip nut onto the mounting tab. Fasten the side bar mounting bracket with an M8 hex bolt, flat washer and lock washer.

Snug the hardware, but do not fully tighten.



Step 15

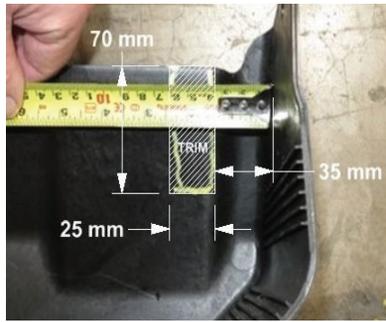
Bolt the def-tank support bracket to the back of the def-tank L-bracket using a M10 hex bolt, flat washer and lock washer.

Snug the hardware, but do not fully tighten.



Step 16

For 2017 diesel models only: Trim DEF tank shield as needed and reinstall.



Step 17

Repeat steps 7 through 9 on the passenger side of the vehicle.

With the side bars installed, periodic inspections should be performed to ensure all mounting hardware remains tight.

Congratulations on the installation of your new ARIES 4" Big Step™ side bars.

To protect your investment, see the 'Notes and Maintenance' section on the first page of this instruction manual.

