

Installation Instructions Front 4x4 Differential Drop Kit with Skid Plate Spacers for 1995-2004 Tacoma, 1996-2002 4Runner, 1999-2006 Tundra



Caution

- 1. Read all instructions completely and carefully before you begin. If anything is not clear, please call our tech support line at (541) 474-2879 or e-mail support@wheelersoffroad.com before proceeding.
- 2. Check to make sure the kit is complete and that no parts are missing. If anything is missing, please contact Wheeler's at (541) 474-2879 or e-mail support@wheelersoffroad.com.
- 3. Park vehicle on a clean, dry, flat, level surface and block the tires so the vehicle cannot roll in either direction.
- 4. This product is for off-road use only. It is recommended that the installation steps below be performed by a competent mechanic. Buyers and users of this product hereby expressly assume all risks associated with the installation and use of this product.
- 5. This installation is typical for most vehicles. Some years or models may vary. If necessary, refer to the proper Factory Service Manual for the year and model of your vehicle.



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Installation Instructions

- 1. Recommended tools: ratchet & socket set, combination wrench set, torque wrench, and floor jack or jack stand.
- 2. Park vehicle on a clean, dry, flat, level surface and block the tires so the vehicle cannot roll in either direction.
- 3. Using a 12mm socket, remove the stock M8 bolts holding the Skid Plate to the vehicle. Save the Skid Plate and all but (2) of the stock M8 bolts for reinstallation. Discard the remaining (2) stock M8 bolts.
- 4. Place a floor jack or jack stand under the differential to support the differential.



5. Unbolt the (2) M14 bolts & nuts that secure the differential mount to the crossmember. Save the rubber OEM mounts for reinstallation. Discard the (2) M14 bolts & nuts.



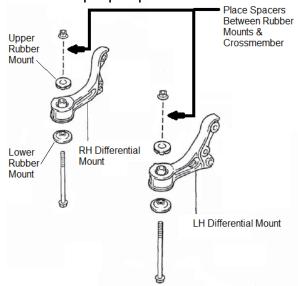
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6. Lower the differential and install one of the 1" tall spacers between the rubber OEM mount and the crossmember.



7. Loosely install the provided ½-20 x 8" bolt, washer, and Toplock nut to secure the differential mount and spacer to the crossmember. Make sure that the rubber OEM mounts are in the proper position.



- 8. Repeat Steps 6 & 7 for the other differential mount.
- 9. Using a $\frac{3}{4}$ " socket and wrench, tighten the (2) $\frac{1}{2}$ -20 x 8" bolts to 77 ft-lbs of torque. Remove the floor jack or jack stand from the differential.
- 10. Using 12mm & 13mm sockets, reinstall the Skid Plate using the stock M8 bolts in the front and the new M8 bolts, washers, and ½" tall spacers in the rear. The spacers should be placed in between the frame and the Skid Plate. Tighten all bolts to 22 ft-lbs of torque or to the torque value specified in the Toyota Tacoma Factory Service Manual.

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12. Take the vehicle for a short test drive. After the test drive, check the torque on all of the hardware and tighten as necessary.

On some years and/or models, trimming of the Skid Plate may be required. Trim as

needed.

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