

# **Installation Instructions**



Front and Rear Cage Combined

### **CAUTION:**

Safety glasses should be worn at all times when working with vehicles and related tools and equipment.





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### **Suggested Tools:**

- MIG (or Stick) Welder (and related safety equipment)
- Ratchet Strap
- 7/16" Drill Bit (Supplied)
- Power Drill
- 3/8" Nut Driver Bit (for installing Self Drilling Screws)
- Sockets: 10, 12, 14 mm
- Ratchet
- Felt Tip Marker
- Measuring Tape (Inches)
- Hammer
- Center Punch
- Paint (Your Choice on Color)
- Welding Blanket (or Deflection Paper)
- Angle Grinder with a Buffing Wheel



### **Hardware**

4 - M6X1.0X25 Flange Bolts
 4 - M8X1.25X45 Flange Bolts
 4 - M10X1.25X30 Flange Bolts

4. 4 - M10X1.25 Serrated Flange Nuts

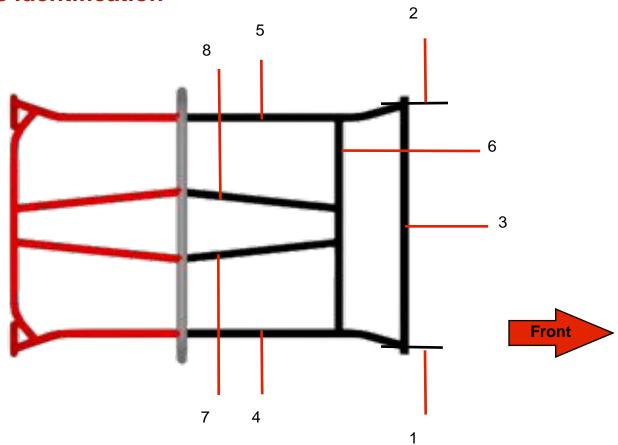
5. 8 - M8X1.25X10 Flange Bolts

6. 6 - 1/4X1" Self Drilling Screws

7. 4 - .95" OD X .59 ID X .500 Long (Aluminum Spacers)

8. 7/16" Drill Bit

### **Parts Identification**



Front Sport Cage

Rear Sport Cage (Sold Separately)

Figure A

Click <u>HERE</u> for more information on door straps.







Once installed, this roll cage is difficult to remove. Therefore, we recommend you inspect the speakers and door limiter straps for condition. If they are found to be worn out (or nearly worn out), we recommend you consider replacing them.



### Tech Tip 2

There are several ways to install, weld, and paint this sport cage. The first sport cage we installed was tacked welded together inside the vehicle, removed from the vehicle and welded outside. We then painted and reinstalled it in the vehicle. Reinstallation was very difficult. Therefore, we recommend the following approach: Paint the sport cage parts

outside the vehicle before installing them. Be sure to leave the ends unpainted so as not to interfere with the welding process. Once the paint is dry, install the sport cage pieces as shown in these instructions and tack weld them in place. Once you are satisfied that all the pieces are in proper placement, weld all the joints. You will of course, want to protect the interior from sparks and spatter by using a non-flammable protective blanket or deflection paper. 3M makes a good deflection paper. After welding all the sport cage joints, clean the joints with a wire brush or sand paper and paint them.





# Tech Tip 3

We did our installation with the carpet out of the vehicle. You could do a similar "install" by pealing the carpet back out of the way, installing the sport cage and trimming it to fit around the cage pieces.

Another option is to install the sport cage on top of the carpet.

### Beginning on the Passenger Side



Step 1
Remove these (2) under dash screws using a 12 mm socket.



Step 2
Position the passenger side bracket.





### Step 2 Continued

This shows the bracket in proper position.



### Step 3

Position one of the supplied spacers behind the bracket aligned with the hole as shown.



### Step 4

While holding the spacer in place, insert one of the supplied M8X1.25X45mm flange bolts through the bracket and spacer and thread it into the hole in the kick panel.

Note: This hole is where the bolt was removed previously.



# Step 5

Repeat the previous step with the second bolt and spacer.





Tighten the (2) bolts 3 or 4 turns ONLY using a 12mm socket. Tighten them just enough to prevent them from coming out. They will be tightened later.



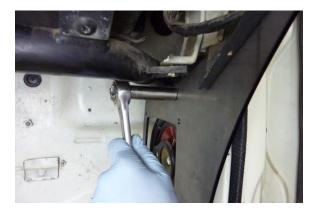
Step 7

Install the (2) M6X1.0X25 securing the bracket to the dash.



# Step 8

Tighten both bolts to 5 ft. lbs. (or 60 in. lbs.) using a 10mm socket.



# Step 9

Tighten the (2) under dash bolts to 12 ft. lbs.





Mark the location of the holes to be drilled with a center punch and hammer.



### Step 11

Using a 3/8" nut driver bit in a drill, install the (3) supplied self drilling screws as shown.



### Step 12

Repeat Steps 1 through 12 on the driver side.



### **Tech Tip**

Notice that there may be a body shim on the driver side that will fall out when the two bolts are removed. This spacer will need to be reinstalled with the new bolts. Since it is a bit difficult to hold and align several parts at once, we found it helpful to glue this shim in with a fast drying glue like weather-strip or emblem adhesive.





Insert the dash bar (#3) through the side brackets as shown.



### Step 15

Center piece #3 such that it extends equally out of both side braces (pieces #1 and #2).



### Step 14

Tach weld the end caps on both ends of piece #3.

Note 1: If you have chosen to weld the cage inside the vehicle, weld these end caps all the way around. ONLY weld the end caps for now.

Note 2: Be sure to protect things with a non-flammable blanket or deflective paper.



# Step 16

Tach weld piece #3 as shown.





Remove the paint from the existing roll bar using an angle grinder or buffing wheel. This is done to insure a clean weld.



### Step 18

This shows the roll bar properly cleaned, ready for welding.



# Step 19

Install piece #4. This is done by placing the back end of the bar against the existing roll bar in the location you just cleaned, and sliding the front along piece #3 into position. See the next picture.



### Step 19 Continued

This shows piece #4 properly positioned.





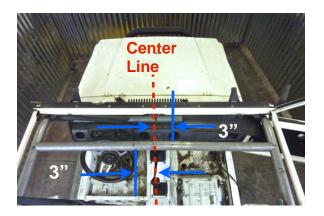
Step 20
Repeat Steps 17 through 19 on the driver side using piece #5.



Step 21
Place piece #6 as shown and hold it in place by drawing piece #4 and #5 together using a ratchet strap.



Piece #6 should be equally distanced away from the windshield assembly. We recommend it being about 6.5 inches to begin with. This distance will likely change in the next few steps. But whatever the distance, it should be equal on both sides.



# Step 23

Measure and mark the center of piece #6 (See **Figure A**) by measuring the the total length and dividing by 2. Then measure and mark 3" to the right and 3" to the left. These two marks become the location for pieces #7 and #8. (See **Figure B**)



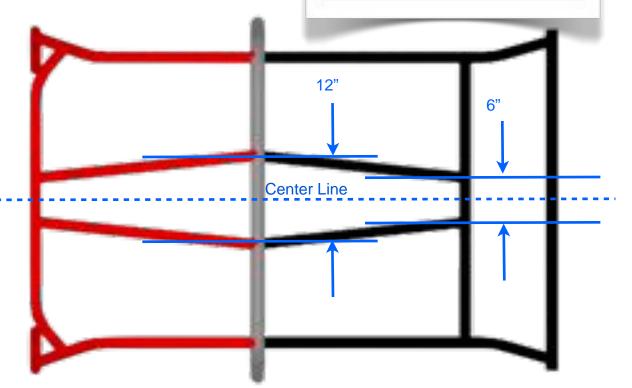
### **General Dimensions**

Figure B





All dimensions shown here came from our original design drawings. They are intended to be used as guidelines only. You are welcome to make adjustments to suite your own needs and preferences.

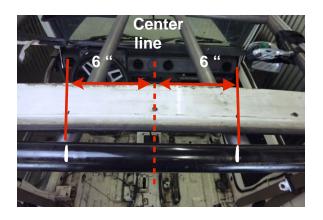


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The location of piece #7 and #8 is established by finding the center of the targa bar and measuring out 6" in both directions. Then make marks on the existing roll bar.

### Step 25

Once the approximate locations of pieces #7 and #8 are established on the existing roll bar, grind or buff the paint from the areas where pieces #7 and #8 will be welded. This is to insure a clean weld.



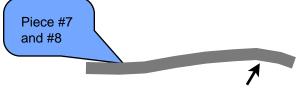
### Step 26

Position the front of the pieces #7 and #8 in the front against piece #6 and . . . .

### Step 27

.... position the rear of pieces #7 and #8 against the existing roll bar as shown.

Note: If the coped joints do not match up, try swapping pieces #7 & #8, side-to-side.



This bend goes toward the front of the vehicle.







Work with pieces #7 and #8 until they are 3" both sides of center in the front and 6" both sides of center in the rear. Also check to see that piece #6 is parallel (equal distance on both sides) to the windshield assembly. Once you are satisfied that pieces #6, #7 and #8 are positioned properly, tack weld them into place.

### Step 29

Using vice grip clamping pliers, draw the passenger side bracket (piece #1) to where there is about a 1" gap between the bracket and the vehicle kick panel.





### Step 30

Drill the (2) mounting holes in the vehicle floor panel using the supplied 7/16 drill bit.

Caution: Be sure to look below the floor panel to insure you are not drilling into any brake lines, fuel lines or electrical wiring.

### Step 31

Install the supplied M10X1.25X30mm flange bolts with the flange nuts on the bottom side. Tighten them using a 14 mm box end wrench on the bolt and a 14 mm socket on the nut. Then torque the nut to 25 ft. lbs.





Step 32
Repeat Step 29 through 31 on the driver side.



Step 33
Position and tach weld the driver side handle as shown.



Step 34
Position and tach weld the passenger side handle as shown.



Step 35
Install the (2) speaker covers on the driver and passenger side using the supplied M8X1.25X10mm flange bolts. Tighten them using a 14 mm socket.





Once you are sure all the pieces are in the correct place, tack weld all the joints not done previously. Be sure to protect all painted body parts, plastic accessories, interior upholstery, etc. from sparks and heat associated with the welding process. A good way to protect vehicle components is using a non-flammable blanket or deflective paper.

Once all the pieces are tach welded; weld all the joints. Some joints cannot be welded completely. Simply, weld as much as possible.

Note: If you are going to remove the sport cage for welding, the tack welds need be be very strong; welded in at least two places at each joint, possibly even three.



### Step 37

Remove the ratchet strap. Clean and paint all the exposed metal to reduce the risk of rust and improve appearance.

Note: If you are painting the sport cage inside the vehicle, protect the areas that are not being painted with a drop cloth or paper and masking tape.





If you painted the sport cage outside the vehicle, wait till the paint dries, reinstall the cage and touch-up any scratches that may have occurred during reinstallation.

Note: This photograph shows the complete (front and rear) sport cage. The rear sport cage is sold separately.



# Congratulations!!!!

You have successfully installed the Front Sport Cage.

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As always, If you experience any difficulty during the installation of this product please contact Low Range Off-Road Technical Support at 801-805-6644 M-F 8am-5pm MST. Thank you for purchasing from Low Range Off-Road.





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