

STEP-UP™ KIT—REPLACEMENT STAINLESS STEEL SIDE STEPS

IMPORTANT: Read And Understand All Instructions Before Installation • QUESTIONS? CALL 1-800-982-1180

Tools Needed: Phillips Head Screwdriver and Small Level. (If installing LED lights, you may also need a drill with a 1/4" Drill Bit, Center Punch small Phillips screwdriver and a 1/4" wrench.)

Estimated Installation Time: 40 minutes

STEP 1: PREPARATION AND POSITIONING SIDE STEP



Because installation requires the use of automotive adhesive tape, store the vehicle and side step in an area that is above 55° F. Clean tubes completely to remove any dirt or other contaminates that could interfere with tape adhesion (Figure 1A).



Place the Side Step over the black plastic step to see if the new stainless steel step will clear over the existing black plastic step (Figure 1B). The Stainless Side Step should rest completely onto the tube (Figure 1C).

Note: There may be a slight gap between the underside of the Stainless Side Step and the tube, this is normal.



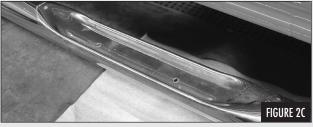
If the Stainless Side Step does not rest onto the tube with the plastic step on then it will be necessary to remove the black plastic step before installing the new Side Step. If this is the case go to Step 2—Remove Factory Side Step.

NOTE: ONLY COMPLETE THIS STEP IF NEEDED PER STEP 1

STEP 2: REMOVE FACTORY SIDE STEP

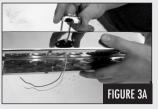






To remove factory plastic step, hook your fingers under one edge and pull up. (Figures 2A & 2B). **Note:** It may be necessary to use a screwdriver to pry the step off. The factory plastic step may break at a few of its weaker points, but this will not interfere with your new RealWheels Side Step. When finished, your side step tube should look like Figure 2C.

NOTE: ONLY COMPLETE THIS STEP IF INSTALLING OPTIONAL LED LIGHTS STEP 3: INSTALL OPTIONAL LED LIGHTS







ATTACH LED LIGHTS ONTO SIDE STEP: Insert two S.S. screws thru LED Lights and insert into Side Step (Figure 3A). Thread nuts onto screws and tighten using small Phillips screwdriver and 1/4" wrench. (Figures 3B & 3C).



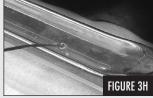
Note: If you removed the Factory Plastic Step, use the existing holes in the tube to run the wires. You will then not need to drill into the tube. (Figure 3D)





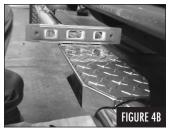
IF YOU DID NOT REMOVE THE PLASTIC STEP YOU WILL NEED TO DRILL A HOLE FOR OPTIONAL LED LIGHTS: Temporarily place the new step in position on the 3" tube. Establish a discrete location for the drill hole, so that the drill hole will not be seen when the new step is installed. Mark the spot using a center punch (Figure 3E). Using a 1/4" drill bit, drill a hole in the marked spot (Figure 3F).





SPLICE LED LIGHT WIRES: Splice the LED lights together and run the wires through the 1/4" hole (Figure 3G) or the holes under the plastic factory step (if removed) (Figure 3H). Run the wires through the length of the tube, under the vehicle. Splice the wires into the vehicle's existing marker light system.





STEP 4: LEVEL REALWHEELS SIDE STEP

Place the side step over the side tube (Figure 4A). Use a small level to position the side step onto the tube (Figure 4B). Make sure the level runs perpendicular to your side tubes and is in between the grip holes of the step. Continue checking level throughout the remainder of installation.



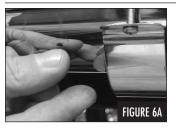


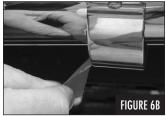




STEP 5: POSITION SIDE STEP STRAP

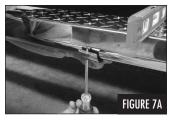
Take two of the provided screws and grease the threads (Figure 5A). Then place the screws through one of the supplied straps (Figure 5B). Place strap with screws into the side step. **Note:** Do not remove tape backing. Screw in only 2-3 threads (Figure 5C). Repeat this step for the second strap. When finished, your side step should look like Figure 5D.

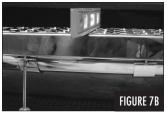




STEP 6: REMOVE 3M TAPE BACKING

Remove the 3M tape backing on the back of the step strap by pulling the tab (Figure 6A). You must remove all backing for proper adhesion (Figure 6B). **Note:** At this point, do **not** let the tape on the strap come into contact with the tube. The strap with the exposed tape will be drawn up as you alternate tightening the Phillips screws during Step 7.

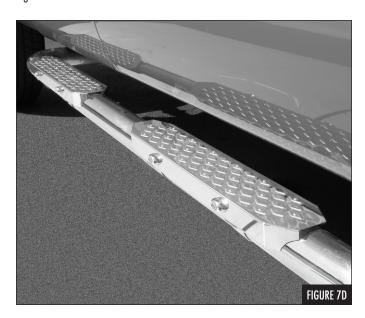






STEP 7: SECURE STEP

When securing the step, alternate tightening the screws on either side of the step so that it draws evenly to the tube (Figure 7A). Do not fully tighten one side of the strap without alternating between the two screws per strap. While you tighten the screws, the level will become unleveled towards the side that you are tightening. When you notice this, alternate to the other screw to correct leveling (Figure 7B). Finish tightening all four screws on both straps, keeping the step level (Figure 7C). Your installed side steps should look like Figure 7D.



MAINTENANCE

Your stainless steel side steps don't require special maintenance or polishes. Simply treat them the same as the vehicles painted finish and they will retain their great looks.



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