

**Part #40-3705**

## Rear Bumper Bracket Set Installation Instructions

Bumper Brackets are patterned after the OEM brackets used for 1967-1972 pickups but will also work to install the same style rear bumper to '73-'79 trucks by drilling one additional hole on each rear frame rail.

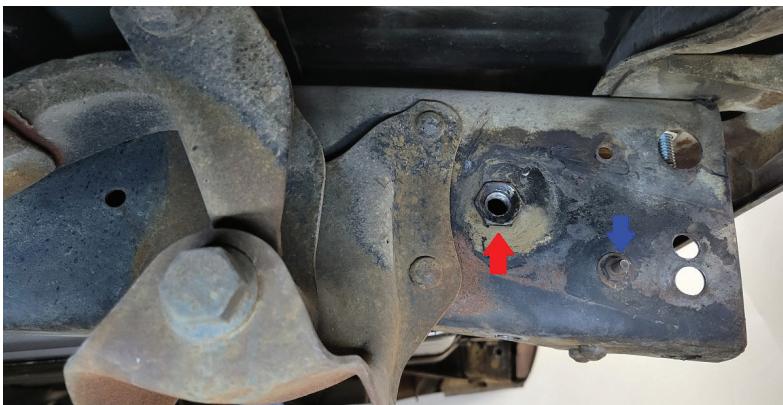
**NOTE:** Do NOT fully tighten any attaching hardware until all are finger tight and the bumper and brackets are positioned in their permanent location.



**STEP 01:** Lightly attach the mounting brackets to the bumper but don't fully tighten down yet. This will allow some movement (wiggle room) to get things lined up.

**STEP 02:** With the help of a friend and a hydraulic floor jack, lift the bumper up on each side and get the bolts for each side inserted through the mounting brackets and into the threaded hole directly behind the rear spring hanger (red arrow).

**NOTE:** The blue arrow points to the rear wiring harness ground wire attachment point, which will need relocated to a different spot for bumper bracket clearance (if applicable).



The brackets will just clear the rear leaf spring hanger bracket. You'll have to use the hydraulic jack to hold the assembly in place while the bolts are started and snugged up.



**STEP 03:** Once the forward-most bolts are snugged-up, use the hydraulic jack to lift the bumper into place while adjusting the height of the bumper as needed. Ensure the bumper is level side-to-side by measuring the gap between the bumper and the bottom of the tailgate on each side. Also verify there is adequate clearance for full tailgate operation, especially in the license plate area.

Continue to snug down all hardware while the bumper position is being adjusted as needed.

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**STEP 04:** Once you're satisfied with the bumper placement, mark the position for the rearmost hole to be drilled in the frame (red arrow) and remove bumper.



**STEP 05:** Drill a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " hole on each frame rail for the rearmost bolt using the marks you made from Step 04. Deburr the hole, reinstall bumper and fully tighten down all hardware.

**STEP 06:** Install license plate mounting grommets and license plate lights as needed (not shown here).



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