

# Spartan Running Boards Transporter Running Boards



Fits: **2016** 

# Mercedes Benz Metris Cargo Van



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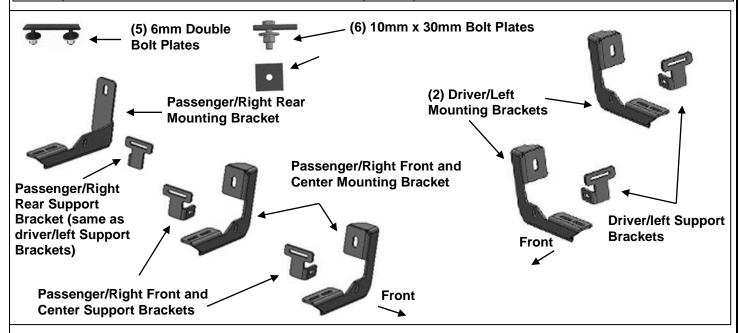


READ INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE STARTING INSTALLATION.



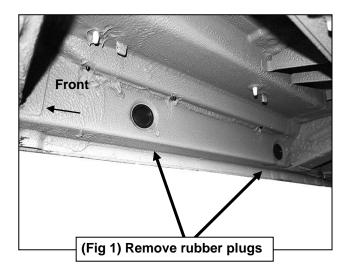
DO NOT OVER TORQUE. STANDARD OPERATING LOAD FOR TIGHTEN BODY MOUNT NUTS & BOLTS VARIES FROM **45** TO **65** FOOT POUND.

PARTS LIST:				
Qty	Part Description	Qty	Part Description	
1	Driver/left Rattler Running Board (Short)	5	10-1.5mm Hex Nuts	
1	Passenger/right Rattler Running Board (Long)	5	8-1.25mm x 25mm Hex Bolts	
2	Driver/left Side Mounting Brackets	10	8mm x 24mm x 2mm Flat Washers	
2	Passenger/right Front and Center Mounting Brackets	5	8mm Lock Washers	
1	Passenger/right Rear Mounting Bracket	5	8mm Hex Nuts	
3	Driver/Left Support Brackets (also use 1 for passenger/right rear Support Bracket)	5	6mm Double Bolt Plates	
2	Passenger/right Front and Center Support Brackets	10	6-1.mm x 25mm Hex Bolts	
5	10mm Bolt Plates	30	6mm x 22mm x 2mm Flat Washers	
5	10mm Plastic Retainers	20	6mm Lock Washers	
5	10mm x 27mm x 3mm Flat Washers	20	6mm Hex Nuts	
5	10mm Lock Washers			

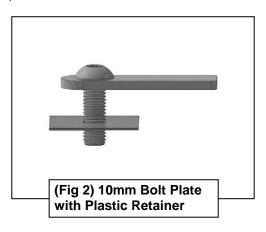


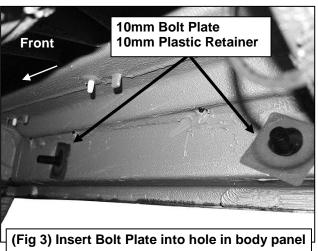
## **INSTALLATION PROCEDURE:**

1. Starting on the passenger/right side of the vehicle, locate the factory hole in the inner body panel closest to the front tire opening, (Figure 1). Remove the rubber plug. NOTE: Mounting locations may be covered with heavy undercoating.



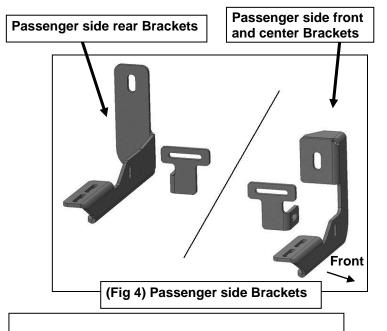
2. Select (1) 10mm Bolt Plate and (1) 10mm Plastic Retainer, (Figure 2). Partially thread the Retainer onto the Bolt Plate. Insert Bolt Plate into the hole in the inner body panel, (Figure 3). Once the Bolt Plate is inserted, hold the Bolt end with one hand and tighten the Plastic Retainer with your other hand until it is tight against the body panel. IMPORTANT: The Plastic Retainer is designed to prevent the Bolt Plate from falling into the body panel and to aid in Bracket installation.





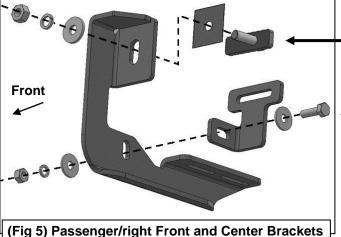
- 3. Select (1) Passenger/right Front or Center Mounting Bracket, (Figure 4). Attach the Bracket to the Bolt Plate with (1) 10mm Flat Washer, (1) 10mm Lock Washer and (1) 10mm Hex Nut, (Figures 5 & 6). Do not tighten hardware at this time.
- 4. Next, select (1) Passenger/right Front and Center Support Bracket. Attach the Support Bracket to the back of the front Mounting Bracket with (1) 8mm x 25mm Hex Bolt, (2) 8mm Flat Washers, (1) 8mm Lock Washer and (1) 8mm Hex Nut, (Figures 4—6). Line up the mounting flange on the Support Bracket with the <u>back</u> of the pinch weld, (Figure 6).

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Attach Bracket to Bolt Plate 10mm Flat Washer 10mm Lock Washer 10mm Hex Nut

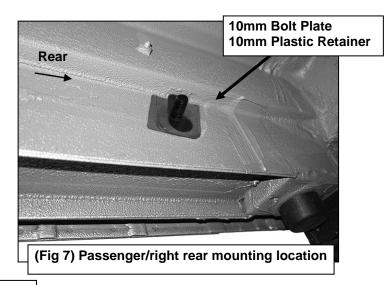
> 8mm x 30mm Hex Bolt (2) 8mm Flat Washers 8mm Lock Washer 8mm Hex Nut

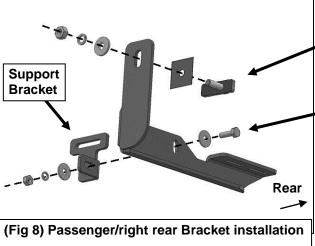


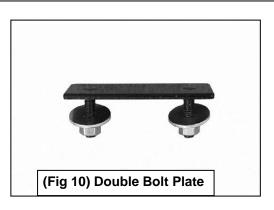


- 5. Repeat Steps 2—5 to install the passenger side center Bracket and Support Bracket, (Figure 14).
- Move along the body to the last mounting hole close to the rear tire opening, (Figure 7). Repeat Steps 2—5 to install the unique passenger/right rear Mounting Bracket., (Figures 8 & 9)
- Select the long passenger side Running Board. Place the Running Board on top of the (3) Brackets. Select (3) 6mm Double Bolt Plates, (Figure 10). Locate the channels in the bottom of the Running Board, (Figure 11). Insert the Bolt Plates into the channels in the bottom of the Running Board closest to the Brackets. Lift the Running Board up and guide the studs down through the Brackets.
- 8. Attach the Running Board to the Brackets with (6) 6mm Flat Washers, (6) 6mm Lock Washers and (6) 6mm Hex Nuts, (Figure 12). NOTE: The Running Board is designed to fit close to the vehicle. It may be necessary to loosen the Brackets and tilt the Brackets downward to insert the Running Board between the Brackets and the body. Level and adjust the Running Board and fully tighten all hardware.

- 9. Level and adjust the Running Board and fully tighten the Bracket to vehicle hardware only.
- 10. Make sure the Brackets are level to the vehicle. Line up the slots on each Support Bracket with the back of the pinch weld. Mark the location of the slots onto the pinch weld, (Figure 13). IMPORTANT: Do not drill too close to the bottom edge of the pinch weld. Adjust Support Brackets and/or Mounting Brackets to move slot in support bracket up away from the bottom edge of the pinch weld.
- 11. Once the Running Board and Brackets are properly adjusted and slot locations marked, remove the Running Board and Support Brackets. Use a 1/4" drill bit to drill the (2) holes through the pinch weld for each Support Bracket, (Figure 13). NOTE: Drill holes toward outer ends of slot. Avoid drilling through welds in pinch weld.
- **12.** Attach each Support Bracket to the pinch weld with (2) 6mm Hex Bolts, (4) 6mm Flat Washers, (2) 6mm Lock Washers and (2) 6mm Hex Nuts, **(Figures 14, 15, 18 & 19)**. Repeat this Step to attach all Support Brackets. Tighten the hardware attaching the Support Brackets to the vehicle only.
- 13. Move to the driver side of the vehicle, (Figure 16). Repeat Steps 2—5 to install the driver side front and rear Mounting Brackets and Support Brackets, (Figures 17—19). NOTE: The Driver side front and rear Brackets are identical.



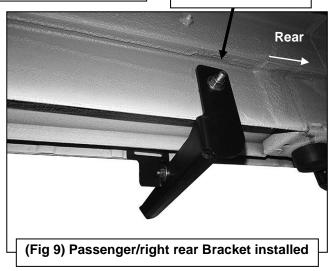




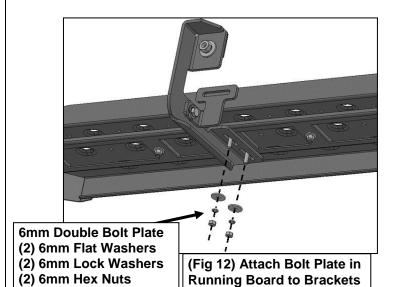
Attach Bracket to Bolt Plate 10mm Flat Washer 10mm Lock Washer 10mm Hex Nut

8mm x 30mm Hex Bolt (2) 8mm Flat Washers 8mm Lock Washer 8mm Hex Nut

10mm Flat Washer 10mm Lock Washer 10mm Hex Nut

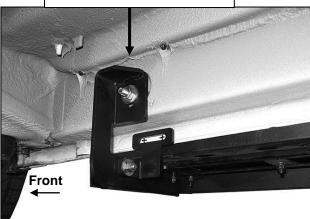


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(Fig 11) Slide Double Bolt Plate into channels

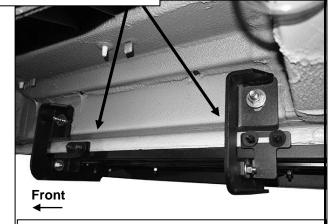
Attach Bracket to Bolt Plate 10mm Flat Washer 10mm Lock Washer 10mm Hex Nut



(Fig 13) Mark location of each Support Bracket onto pinch weld before drilling 1/4" holes

- (2) 6mm x 25mm Hex Bolts
- (4) 6mm Flat Washers
- (2) 6mm Lock Washers
- (2) 6mm Hex Nuts

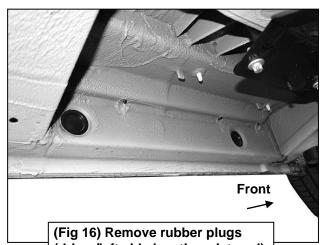




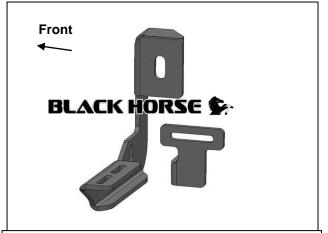
(Fig 14) Attach Support Brackets to pinch weld (front and center Brackets pictured)



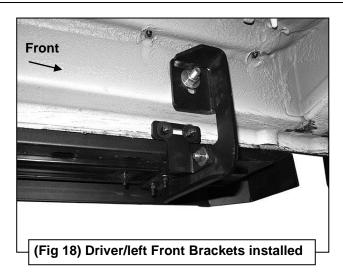
(Fig 15) Attach Support Bracket to pinch weld (passenger/right rear Bracket pictured)

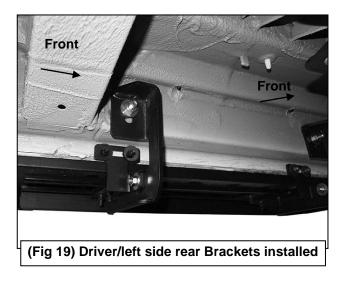


(driver/left side location pictured)

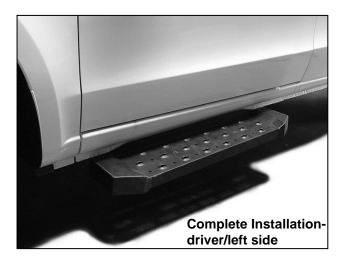


(Fig 17) Driver/left Mounting Bracket and Support Bracket (driver side front and rear Brackets are identical)





- **14.** Select the driver/left Running Board. Repeat **Steps 8—13** to drill the pinch weld and to install the Running Board.
- 15. Check the driver/left Running Board for level then fully tighten all hardware.
- **16.** Do periodic inspections to the installation to make sure that all hardware is secure and tight.

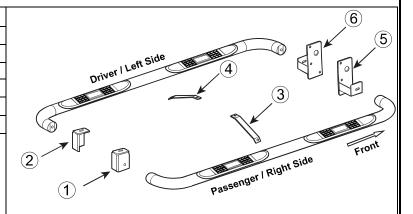




No.	Parts Identification				
1	Passenger / Right 'Rear' Bracket marked "PR"				
2	Driver / Left 'Rear' Bracket marked "DR"				
3	Passenger / Right 'Center' Bracket marked "PC"				
4	Driver / Left 'Center' Bracket marked "DC"				
5	Passenger / Right 'Front' Bracket marked "PF"				
6	Driver / Left 'Front' Bracket marked "DF"				

#### Note:

- This guide is to identify the parts and not a reference for part count.
- For part count, refer Parts List.
- Product / Bracket image is representative and actual design may vary.



## PRODUCT CARE

- · Periodically check the product to ensure all fasteners are tight and components are intact.
- Regular waxing is recommended to protect the finish of the product.
- Use ONLY Non-Abrasive automotive wax. Use of any soap, polish or wax that contains an abrasive is detrimental and can scratch the finish leading to corrosion.
- · Aluminum polish may be used to polish small scratches and scuffs for Stainless Steel finish.
- Mild soap may be used to clean the product for both Stainless Steel and Black finish.

# FAQ's

#### 1. Hardware's are not of correct size.

In GMC / Chevrolet truck model 2006 & up, customer needs to reuse the factory body bolts to install the bracket. If your vehicle is not GMC / Chevrolet 2006 & up, ensure that holes are not partially covered with any plastic grommet or rust? If it is, remove the plastic grommet & rust from the thread holes & re-try the installation.

# 2. Mounting Bracket are not getting Installed properly.

In some cases Illustration images shown in Installation manual may not be the exactly same as per actual vehicle images ,also if Driver / Passenger side mounting brackets are very identical in the design, suggest referring Parts Identification guide to avoid fitment issue.

# 3. Products are thumping / rattling after installation.

Ensure that all required mounting brackets / hardware's are installed & tighten correctly. Suggest using white lithium / regular grease between the metal to metal contact surfaces.

## 4. Side Bar is not aligning with vehicle / Step Pads are not aligning with vehicle doors.

Side bar may be interchanged or mounting brackets are not installed at the correct position in the vehicle. Refer Parts identification guide.

#### 5. Missing / Excess Hardware.

Recheck hardware count as per the part list.

# 6. Product not installing properly.

Ensure make model year, cab length and bed size of your vehicle is listed in the application. All installation steps are followed correctly.

