

LoD Jeep JK Wrangler Signature Series Shorty Front Winch Bumper Installation Write-Up



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While a true 'stubby' or 'shorty' front winch bumper is something that many people would love to have on their Jeep JK Wrangler, the drawbacks of what to do with the factory fog lights has been enough of a deterrent to get most looking at other alternatives. Specifically, mounting a winch down between the frame rails on most aftermarket stubby front bumpers would require you to remove the factory fog lights or force you to buy a wider 'mid-width' style bumper so that you could relocate the lights to the outside of the frame rails.

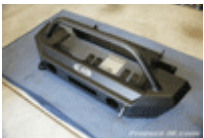
However, with the introduction of the new and stylishly designed LoD Signature Series JK Shorty Front Winch Bumper, you can now have the bumper you really want and keep your fog lights too. Constructed out of 3/16" laser cut steel plate, the LoD Signature Series JK Shorty Front Winch Bumper measures only 48" wide, comes complete with a recessed winch mount, D-Ring mounts, tapered ends for maximum approach angles, choice of textured or matte black powder coat finish and is available with or without a winch hoop that has light tabs. For those of you who have a Rubicon edition JK, LoD also offers a Signature Series skid plate designed to protect your electronic sway bar disconnect motor. And, for those of you who do not have factory fog lights, LoD will also be offering 4" aftermarket halogen fog lights with this awesome bumper.

Installation of the LoD JK Signature Series JK Shorty Front Bumper is extremely easy to install and can be done in about an hour with the help of a friend.

What You Will Need

- 18mm Socket & Wrench
- 3/8,9/16,5/8" Socket & Wrench
- Ratchet
- Ratchet Extension
- Phillips Screwdriver
- Flathead Screwdriver
- or Small Pry Bar
- Needle Nose Pliers
- 1/4" Drill Bit
- Hand Drill

Instructions



This is a shot of everything you will get with your LoD Signature Series JK Front Shorty Winch Bumper. As you can see, I opted to get both the Skid Plate and Winch Hoop.

1. Begin the installation of your new LoD Signature Series JK Front Shorty Winch Bumper by unscrewing the 4 plastic screws securing the factory air dam to the bottom of your front bumper. A phillips screwdriver will be needed for this job.

2. Once unscrewed, you should be able to pull out both the plastic screw and insert with little effort but if you find that your screws are just spinning (as several of mine did), you will need to wedge a flathead screwdriver or small pry bar between your JK's plastic bumper and air dam to help you force it out as shown in this photo.

3. Now, climb under the front of your Jeep JK Wrangler and using a phillips screwdriver, remove the remaining 2 plastic screws securing the air dam to the lower cross member. As before, if these screws just spin in place, use a flathead screwdriver or small pry bar to help you force them out. Your air dam should now be free of your Jeep and it can now be discarded as it will no longer be needed.

4. If your Jeep JK Wrangler came equipped with factory fog lights, climb under the front of your Jeep, look up behind the front bumper, locate the wiring harness plug, lift up the clip and then pull it off as shown in this photo.

5. Using a pair of needle nose pliers, pry off all the fog light wiring harness connectors on the back of your Jeep JK Wrangler's front bumper.