



**ROCK HARD 4X4 JEEP CHEROKEE XJ
1984-2001 SPORT CAGE (MAIN SECTION)
PART #: RH-1012 AND RH-1012-1 -2 -3
Installation Manual**



(OPTIONAL CENTERBARS SHOWN)

PACKING LIST:

- 1 - H-BAR**
- 1 - LARGE HOOP**
- 1 - SMALL HOOP**
- 1 - DASH BAR**
- 2 - LT & RT 45 DEGREES BRACE
(EARLY & LATE 45 DEGREES
ARE THE SAME.)**
- 2 - LT & RT. REAR SIDE BARS**
- 2 - BASE PLATES FOR FRONT
HOOP SAME AS BOTTOM OF
BAR**
- 2 - BASE PLATES FOR CENTER
HOOP IN WELDING SHOP**
- 2 - BASE PLATES FOR REAR
HOOP**
- 2 - 45% BRACE BACKING
PLATES (ON HARDWARE
ISLE BOX XJ HARDWARE)**
- 4 - 1 3/4" CLAMPS WITH HOLES
(ROUND)**
- 2 - 1 3/4" CLAMPS WITH
THREADS (FLAT)**
- 1 - 5/16" TAP**
- 12 - 3/8" X 1 1/2" BUTTON HEAD
BOLTS**
- 12 - 3/8" NYLOCK NUTS**
- 4 - 1/2" X 1 1/2" BUTTON HEAD
BOLTS**
- 4 - 1/2" NYLOCK NUTS (THIN)**
- 2 - 5/8" X 1 1/2" BOLTS**
- 2 - 5/8" NYLOCK NUTS**
- 48 - 5/16" X 1" SOCKET HEAD
BOLTS**

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PRO TIP: This is a two-person install.

1. Locate six drain holes under Jeep (three on each side).
 - a. 2 approximately in front of front doors
 - b. 2 approximately in front of rear doors
 - c. 2 behind rear fender well
2. On 2-door models – measure back from center drain pan plug 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ " and outside the frame rail 3 $\frac{7}{8}$ ". Center punch and drill 1/8" to 1/4" hole in center of each plug from bottom up. Do not drill center plug on 2-door model.
3. Drill 1/8" to 1/4" hole in center of each plug from bottom up.
4. Increase size to 1/2" in front four holes.
5. Increase rear holes to 5/8".
6. Remove all grab handles above each door on interior (if equipped.)
7. Bring front hoop into position taking care to not hit windshield and crack/break glass.
8. Place a cloth around top ends and approx 6" down the outside of plates so you do not scratch your a-pillar molding.
9. Push passenger side forward first. Driver side should not be inside molding – just up against it.
10. After passenger side is within approx 5/8" of the windshield push the driver side in the same distance.

Remove cloth. This is a tight fit but now glove box will operate.

11. There should be approx 5/8" distance between glass and plate.
12. Install 1/2" bolt with nylock nut down through larger hole in hoop.
13. Install plate under floor pan through drain hole.
14. Tighten 1/2" bolt – do not snug.
15. Install center hoop (taller of two).
16. Install 1/2" bolt down through larger hole in hoop through floor and install plate under floor. Tighten with nylock nut – do not snug at this time.
17. Install rear hoop (shorter of two).
18. Install 5/8" bolt down through hoop plate and install plate under floor. Use nylock nut. Do not snug at this time.
19. Install H-section in front top. Use clamps around dash bar with threads.
20. Install bolts in dash clamps but do not tighten. Install rear side bars matching front H-section clamps to about 1/2 way around corner at the rear hoop. If not matching at rear you have wrong side.
21. Lightly snug all clamp hardware and front floor plate.

22. Install 45-degree brace clamp in rear with the plates matching rear inner fender.
23. Check distance between windshield glass and front hoop plate and windshield glass and upper windshield bar. If less than 5/8" at windshield bar pull back with ratchet strap. Hook on center hoop and out rear hatch, around bumper to spring shackle. Do one side at a time. Once clearance is correct drill two 3/8" holes in 45-degree brace into rear fender well.
24. Use 3/8" bolts and plates. Instal bolts from fender well so threads and nuts are inside cabin. Tighten hardware.
25. Repeat for other side of vehicle.
26. Drill 3/8" holes in front hoop and center hoop floor plates and install 3/8" bolts and nylock nuts.
27. Tighten all cage hardware.

CONGRATULATIONS! Now go wheel your rig with a whole new level of confidence and capability.