



Installation Instructions

Locking Hood Catch Kit

97-ON Wrangler

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Carefully read instructions before attempting to install this product. Smittybilt is in no way responsible for any damage to the vehicle or personal injury that may occur during the installation or use of this product.

INCLUDED COMPONENTS:

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| 2 – Hood Locks | 2 – Threaded Mounting Plates |
| 2 – Lock Posts w/ Caps | 2 – Rubber Dampener (round) |
| 4 – Lock Nuts | 2 – Rubber Spacers |
| 12 – Washers (4-mounted on locks) | 2 – Stainless Spacers |
| 2 – Rubber Gaskets (mounted on Locks) | 2 - Keys |
| 2 – 2" Cap Head Bolts | |

TOOLS REQUIRED:

- 5/32" Allen Wrench
- 5/16" Wrench

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Open hood and remove existing hood catches from both the hood and the fender.
- 2) Temporarily remove the plastic cap from the locks (Figure 1). The Locks are press fit and can be removed by applying pressure on the inside of the cap.
- 3) Install the Locks onto the hood but DO NOT tighten completely (Figure 2). Be sure to install proper lock on the proper side, lock should face to rear of the vehicle.



Figure 1

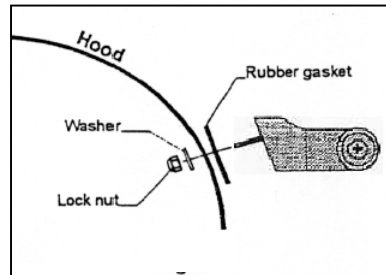


Figure 2

- 4) Remove Caps from Lock Post and install Lock Post onto fenders but DO NOT tighten completely (Figure 3 & 4). Use three (3) of the washers on each post to start. Leave off the caps for now. **NOTE: The spacers are to help adjust the latch tension on the hood. If after the installation the Locks will not latch, add one extra spacer to the post. If the hood can be lifted when the locks are latched, remove a spacer.**
- 5) Carefully close the hood and guide the Locks onto the Latches. Align the Locks and Posts to eliminate binding. Now tighten Lock Post in place with the Allen wrench through the opening where the cap was (Figure 5). **NOTE: There may be some adjustment required to get the Locks and Post to line up properly.**
- 6) Note the position of the Locks. Open hood and tighten the Hood Locks completely.
- 7) Install the Lock Post Caps and tighten securely. Re-install the plastic Lock Caps removed in step 2.



Figure 3

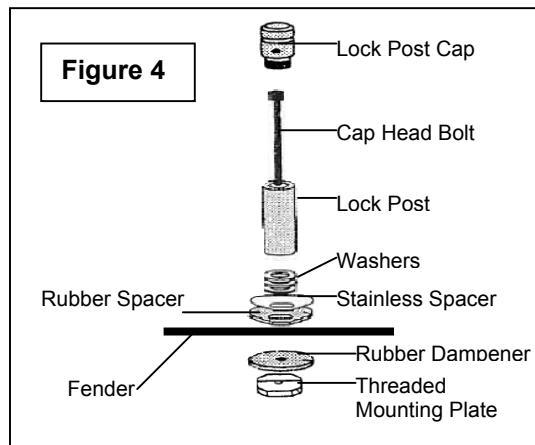


Figure 4



Figure 5



Do not slam hood with hood locks installed. Damaged to the fenders can result.

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