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# ASSEMBLY AND INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR FULL SIZE SINGLE & DUAL SIDED QUICK CLAMP RACK

MODELS 236-3-03 AND 234-3-03

#### ATTENTION: PLEASE READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS BEFORE ASSEMBLING, INSTALLING OR USING THIS PRODUCT.

## **BEFORE YOU BEGIN**

- WEATHER GUARD<sup>®</sup> ladder racks are designed to work with OEM side gutters or with WEATHER GUARD<sup>®</sup> Mounting Channel kits to provide the best support for your ladders and to take advantage of OEM provided roof mounting points. If you have not already installed the mounting channel kit to the van roof, install it now before proceeding.
- We recommend that you use mounting channels to mount the ladder rack on to the roof due to the mounting • channels being able to distribute the load more evenly. We have provided spacers that can be used to mount directly to the roof, but please consult the vehicle manufacturer to determine the load capacity allotted for the roof.
- Review vehicle manufacturer's roof mount recommendation. •
- Perform the installation on a leveled surface. •
- Always wear protective eyewear to keep debris out of your eyes when installing WEATHER GUARD® Van • Products.
- All of the nylon lock nuts are torqued to 17 ft-lb when ready.

### MOUNTING LONG LADDERS ON VANS

Ladders transported on a vehicle should be properly supported and the overhang of the ladders beyond supporting points should be limited. Transporting a ladder with excessive overhang can result in reduced ladder life. Inspect your ladder before each use. Follow ANSI 14.2-2007 for direction on securing ladders to ladder racks.

Follow manufacturer's guidelines for maximum allowable roof load. Do not overload the vehicle's roof.

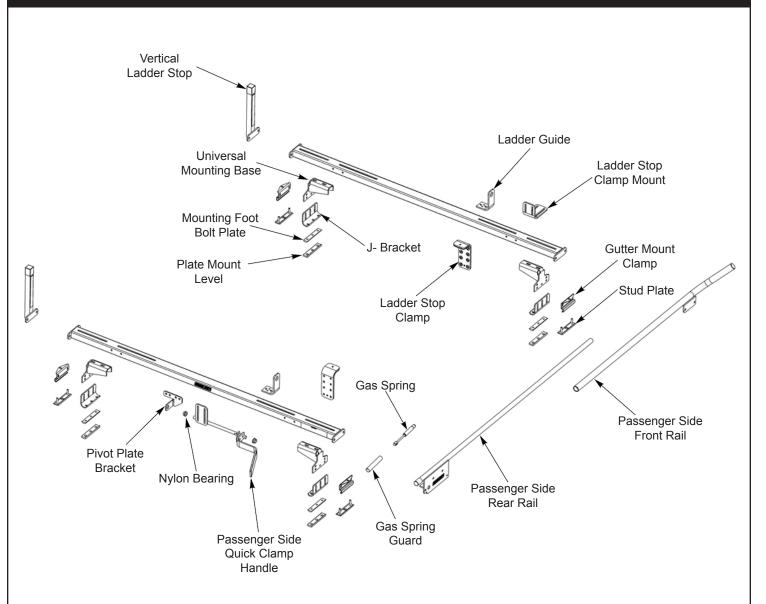
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DESCRIPTION	234-3-03	236-3-03	TOOLS REQU
5/16-18 x 1-3/4" SS Carriage Bolt	8	8	Electric drill-driver
5/16-18 x 1-1/4" SS Carriage Bolt	16	16	<ul> <li>1/2" ratchet wrench</li> <li>1/2" and 3/8" socket</li> </ul>
5/16-18 x 7/8" SS Carriaage Bolt	32	24	<ul><li>Needle nose pliers</li><li>Open end wrenches 7</li></ul>
5/16-18 SS Nylon Lock Nut	64	56	
5/16" SS Washer	64	56	
1/4-20 x 1/2" SS Taptite Screw	2	2	
1/2" OD 1/8" SS Spacers	8	8	
M8-1.25 x 40mm SS Cap Screw	4	4	

#### JIRED

7/16" and 9/16"

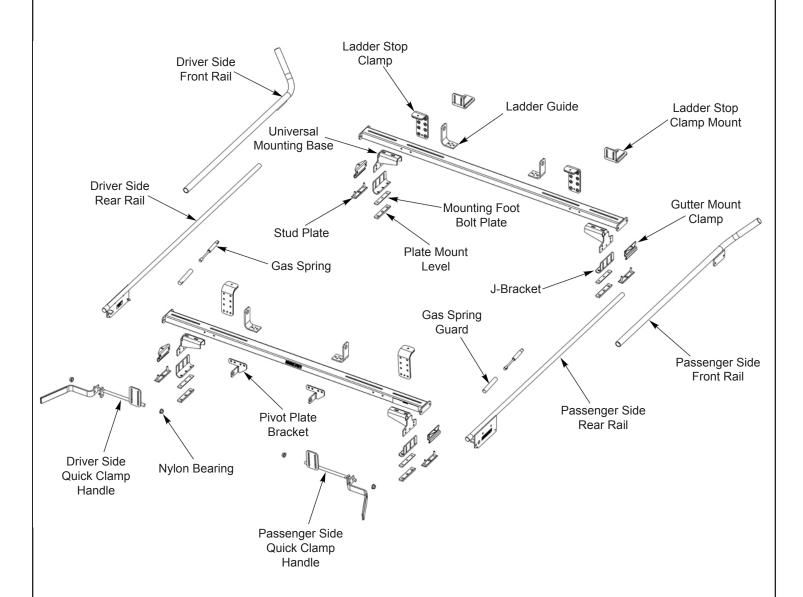
### 236-3-03 FULL SIZE SINGLE QUICK CLAMP RACK PARTS LIST



DESCRIPTION	QTY.
Cross Member	2
Ladder Guide	2
Ladder Stop Clamp	2
Ladder Stop Clamp Mount	1
Universal Mounting Base	4
Mounting Level Plate	4
Mounting Foot Bolt Plate	4
Curved Mounting foot Bracket	4
Stud Plate	4

DESCRIPTION	QTY.
Front Rails	1 (PS)
Rear Rails	1 (PS)
Quick Clamp Handle	1 (PS)
QC Handle Pivot Plate	1
QC Nylon Bearing	2
Vertical Ladder Stop	2
Gas Spring	1
Gas Spring Guard	1
Gutter Mount Clamp	4

## 234-3-03 FULL SIZE DUAL QUICK CLAMP RACK PARTS LIST



DESCRIPTION	QTY.
Cross Member	2
Ladder Guide	2
Ladder Stop Clamp	2
Ladder Stop Clamp Mount	2
Universal Mounting Base	4
Mounting Level Plate	4
Mounting Foot Bolt Plate	4
Curved Mounting foot Bracket	4
Stud Plate	4

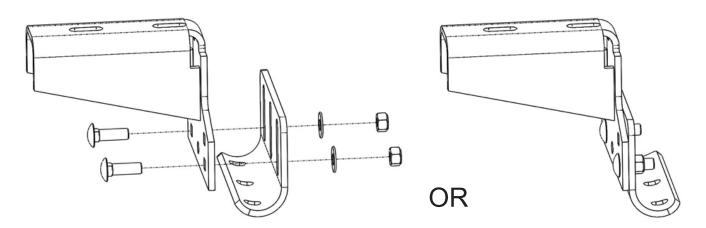
DESCRIPTION	QTY.
Front Rails	DS/PS
Rear Rails	DS/PS
Quick Clamp Handle	DS/PS
QC Handle Pivot Plate	2
QC Nylon Bearing	4
Vertical Ladder Stop	0
Gas Spring	2
Gas Spring Guard	2
Gutter Mount Clamp	4

#### STEP 1A. LOOSELY INSTALL J-BRACKET TO UNIVERSAL MOUNTING BASE

(Ford Transit, RAM Promaster, Nissan NV, and MB Sprinter)

Using (2) 7/8" tall carriage bolts, (2) washers, and (2) nylon lock nuts.

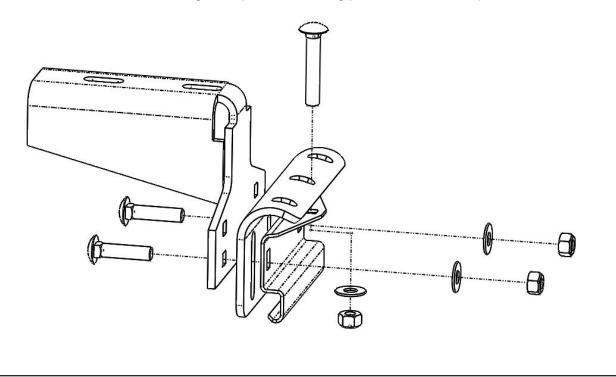
**NOTE:** J-bracket can be installed in multiple configurations to result in the best fitment to your vehicle. Bolts can be installed from both direction. Most vehicle installations will benefit from having the lowest installed height with the mounting bracket lining up with the start of the curve on the J-bracket. Due to vehicle roof curvatures, some adjustment for final assembly height may be required after the cross members are installed on the roof.



STEP 1B. LOOSELY ASSEMBLE GUTTER MOUNT CLAMP AND J-BRACKET TO UNIVERSAL MOUNTING BASE (GMC Savana / Chevy Express, and Ford E-Series)

Using (2) 1-1/4" tall carriage bolts, (1) 1-3/4" tall carriage bolt, (3) washers, and (3) nylon lock nuts.

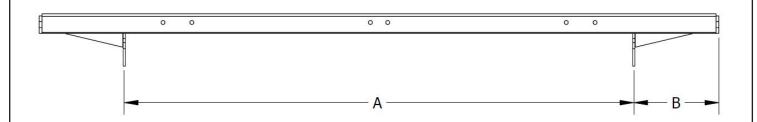
**NOTE:** J-bracket must be installed as shown but it can be mounted on either top or bottom set of square holes on the universal mounting base (bottom mounting position shown below).



### STEP 2. MOUNT MOUNTING FEET TO CROSS MEMBERS

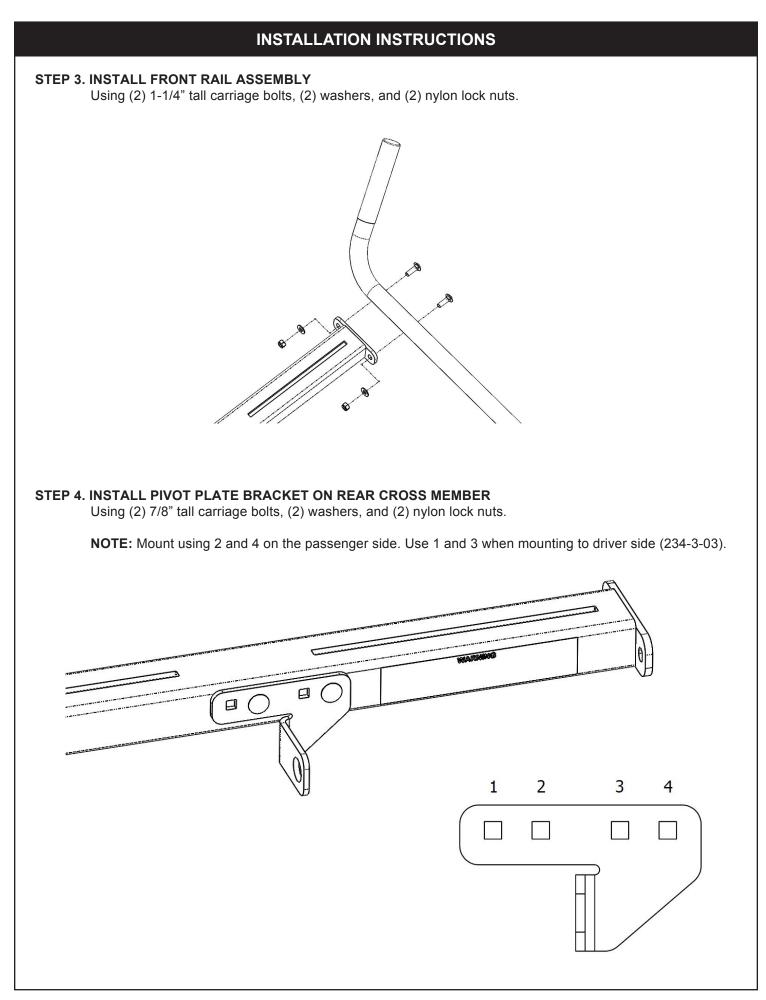
Use one 7/8" carriage bolt, washer and nylon lock nut per mounting foot, Install feet to cross member, Refer to table and diagram below for mounting foot location and orientation.

NOTE: Mounting feet can be installed in the other direction if need be (Toes in vs. Toes out).



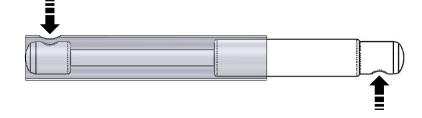
MOUNTING FOOT DISTANCE					
VEHICLE	А		В		MOUNTING METHOD
Ford Transit	55-1/2"		6-3/8"		WG Mounting Channel
RAM Promaster	59-5/8"		5-7/8"		WG Mounting Channel
Nissan NV	59-3/8"		8-1/2"		WG Mounting Channel
MB Sprinter	53-1/4"		8-13	3/16"	WG/OEM Mounting Channel
GMC Savana / Chevy Express *	F: 58-7/8"	F: 57-7/8"	F: 5-1/16"	F: 5-5/8"	Gutter Mount
Ford E-Series *	F: 62-7/8"	F: 60-3/4"	F: 3-1/16"	F: 4-1/8"	Gutter Mount

\* Due to the curvature of the gutter on each van, the dimensions given are a reference point. Please make appropriate adjustments to ensure a tight and secure fit, with the cross member centered on the width of the van.

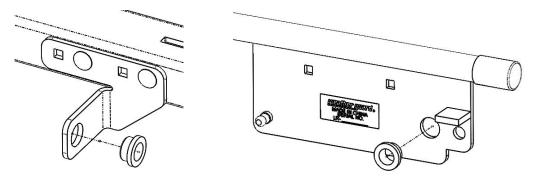


#### STEP 5. INSTALL REAR RAIL ASSEMBLY

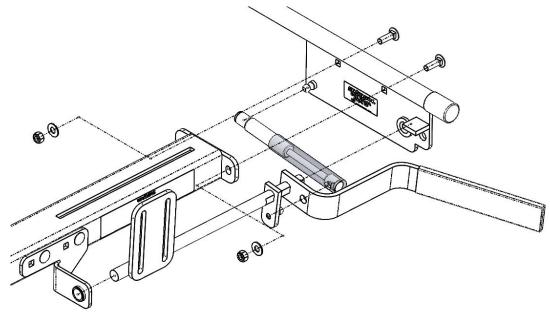
A. Loosen the adjustable end fitting of the gas spring such that the mounting socket on either end are facing opposite directions. Slide the gas spring guard over the gas spring as shown below.



B. Insert nylon bearings into pivot plate bracket as well as on the rear rail assembly.



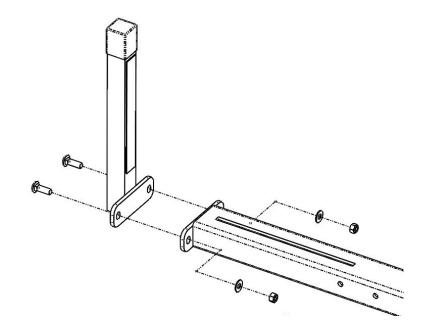
- C. Install handle by sliding it into the nylon bearing on the pivot plate bracket. Install gas spring onto ball stud on the handle.
- D. Slide the nylon bearing installed on the rear rail assembly onto the handle. Install gas spring onto ball stud on the rear rail assembly.
- E. Tighten rear rail assembly to rear cross member by using (2) 1-1/4" tall carriage bolts, (2) washers, and (2) nylon lock nuts.



**NOTE:** For 234-3-03, install driver side front and rear assembly by following the same sequence above.

#### STEP 6. INSTALL DRIVER SIDE VERTICAL LADDER STOP (236-3-03 ONLY)

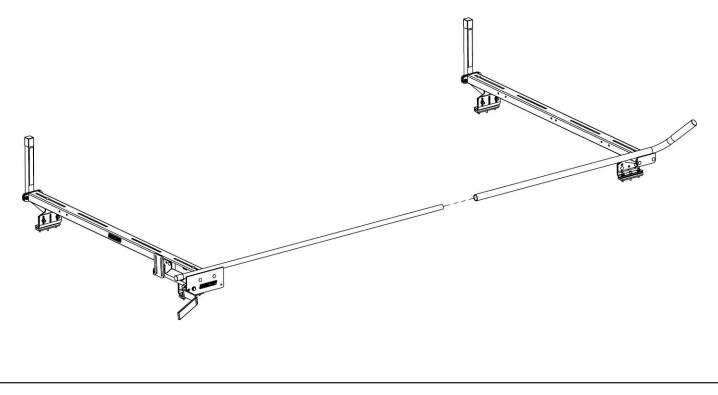
Using (2) 1-1/4" tall carriage bolts, (2) washers, and (2) nylon lock nuts, fasten the vertical ladder stop.



#### STEP 7. RACK ASSEMBLY

With the front and the rear cross member assembly on the roof, insert the rear rail into the front rail. Use the  $1/4-20 \times 1/2$ " taptite screws through the obround near the tip of the front rail to fasten the rails together. Use a drop of thread locking adhesive.

**NOTE:** If installing a 233-3-03 Accessory Quick Clamp cross member, do not use the thread locking adhesive yet. Refer to the 233-3-03 instruction manual.

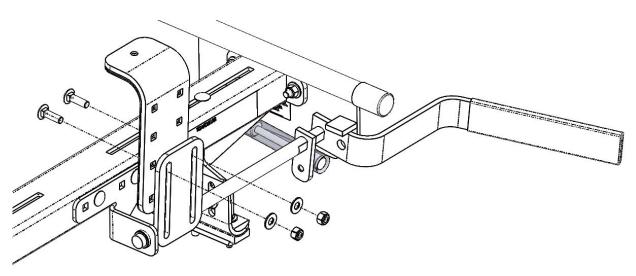


#### **STEP 8. INSTALL LADDER CLAMPS**

#### **Rear Assembly**

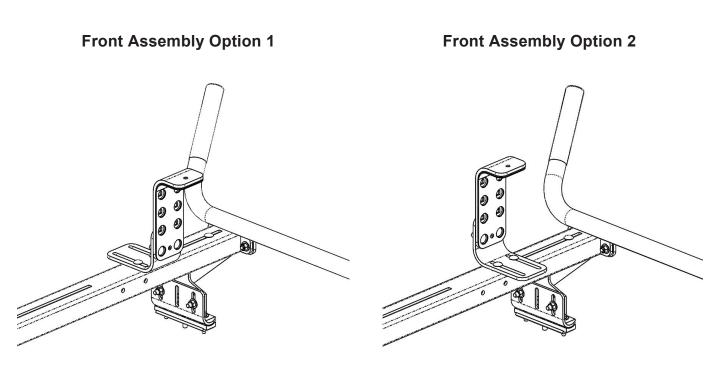
Place the ladder on the rack to adjust the clamp position fit fit your ladder.

Using (2) 7/8" tall carriage bolts, (2) washers, and (2) nylon lock nuts, fasten the rear clamp as shown.



#### **Front Assembly**

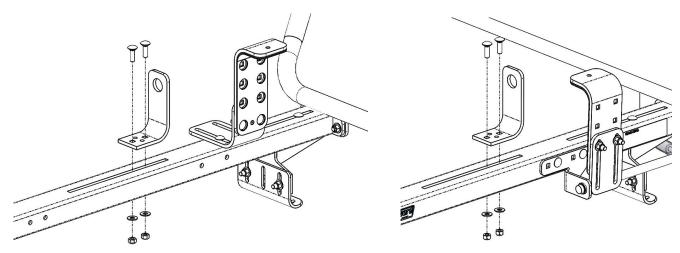
Place the ladder on the rack to adjust the clamp position fit your ladder. Using (2) 7/8" tall carriage bolts, (2) washers, and (2) nylon lock nuts, fasten the rear clamp as shown.



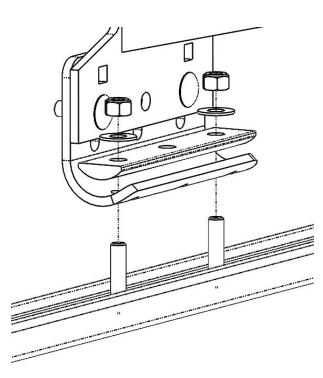
**NOTE:** Use option 1 for most standard extension ladder applications and option 2 for some step ladder applications.

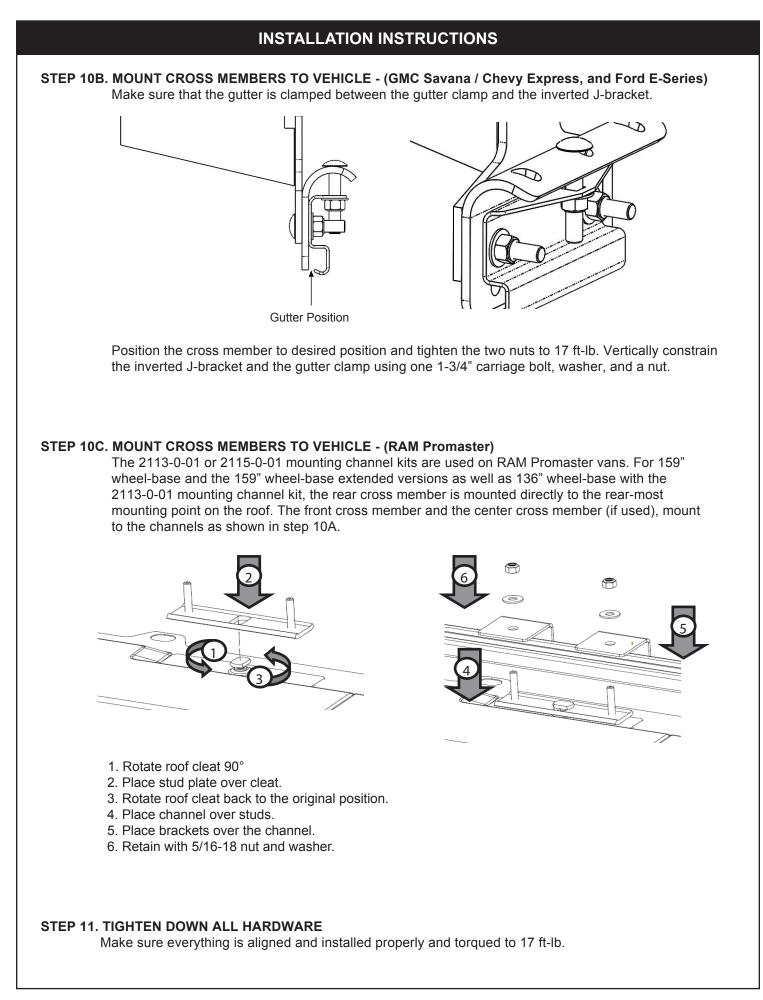
#### **STEP 9. INSTALL LADDER GUIDES**

Place the ladder on the rack to adjust the ladder guide position fit fit your ladder. Using (2) 1-1/4" tall carriage bolts, (2) washers, and (2) nylon lock nuts, fasten the ladder guide.



STEP 10A. MOUNT CROSS MEMBERS TO VEHICLE - (Ford Transit, Nissan NV, and MB Sprinter) Slide two stud plates per mounting channel if not already done. Lift the assembled ladder rack and place it on the stud plates on all four corners. Use (2) washers, (2) nylon lock nuts, and a bolt plate to fasten each mounting foot.





## SERVICE PARTS

PART NO.	DESCRIPTION		
7870	Ladder Guide		
7707	Ladder Stop Clamp		
2070-3-01	70" Cross Member & Mounting Feet		
7830-3-01	Passenger Side Front & Rear Rail		
7577-3-01	Passenger Side Handle		
7831-3-01	Driver Side Front & Rear Rail		
7578-3-01	Driver Side Handle		
70514	Vertical Post		
72213	Rear Handle Pivot Plate Bracket		
72214	Bolt Kit AP		
72215	Bolt Kit QC		
72216	Bolt Kit 125		
72217	Gutter Clamp Kit		

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This product can reduce the driver's ability to clearly see roadways, vehicular or pedestrian traffic and other objects through the rear and side windows of the vehicle, which can cause an accident. Extra precautions should be taken when driving a vehicle with this product. Make all adjustments necessary to ensure maximum visibility, including but not limited to, changing mirror and seating positions. State and local laws may prohibit obstruction of windows in a moving vehicle.

These instructions are to be followed using the parts and fasteners supplied for proper installation. Any modifications or improper installation of this product will create a hazardous condition that could result in death, serious personal injury and/or property damage.

## CAUTION

Prior to drilling, so as not to cut electric wires, fuel lines, brake lines, etc., check behind and underneath drilling and mounting locations. To keep debris out of your eyes when checking the underside of the vehicle, or when drilling, always wear protective eye wear. Failure to heed this warning will result in death or serious injury.

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