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24 - Up Tacoma Skid Plate

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Rough Country recommends that a certified technician install this system. In addition to these instructions, professional knowledge of disassemble/reassembly procedures as well as post installation checks must be known. Attempts to install this system without this knowledge and expertise may jeopardize the integrity and/or operating safety of the vehicle. Please read all the instructions before beginning the installation. Check the kit hardware against the "Kit Contents" list below. If question exist, please call us @1-800-222-7023. We will be happy to answer any questions concerning this product. Check all fasteners for proper torque. Check to ensure for adequate clearance between all components. Check and retighten wheels at 50 miles and again at 500 miles. Periodically check all hardware for tightness. Be sure you have all the needed parts and understand where they go. Also, please review the "Tools Needed" list to be certain you have the necessary tools to complete the installation.

NOTICE TO DEALER AND VEHICLE OWNER

▲WARNING Any vehicle equipped with any Rough country product must have the "Warning to Driver" decal installed on the sun visor or dash. The decal is to act as a constant reminder for whoever is operating the vehicle of its unique handling characteristics. INSTALLING DEALER—It is your responsibility to install the warning decal and to forward these installation instructions on too the vehicle owner for review and to be kept in the vehicle for its service life.

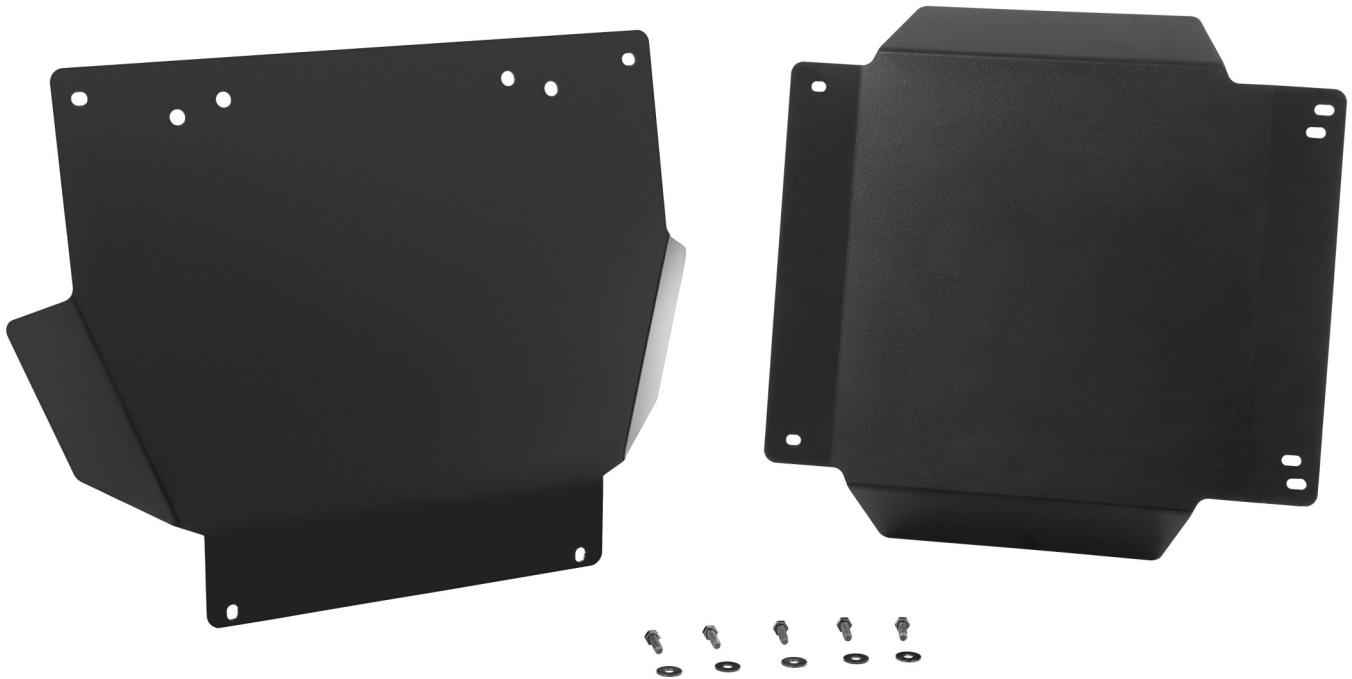


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TOOLS NEEDED:
Metric Wrench/Socket
10mm
12mm
13mm

KIT CONTENTS:
Front Skid Plate
Diff Skid Plate

HARDWARE INCLUDED:
8mm Bolt (6)
8mm Washer (6)



Note:

There are two frames for the Tacoma. Look under the vehicle and match the gravel guard from the bumper to the front cross member to follow the appropriate instructions.

Photo 1: shows the models with a felt covered gravel guard that is attached to the front bumper and cross member. This vehicle does not require any modifications to install the skid plate kit. Follow the first set of instructions starting on page 4.

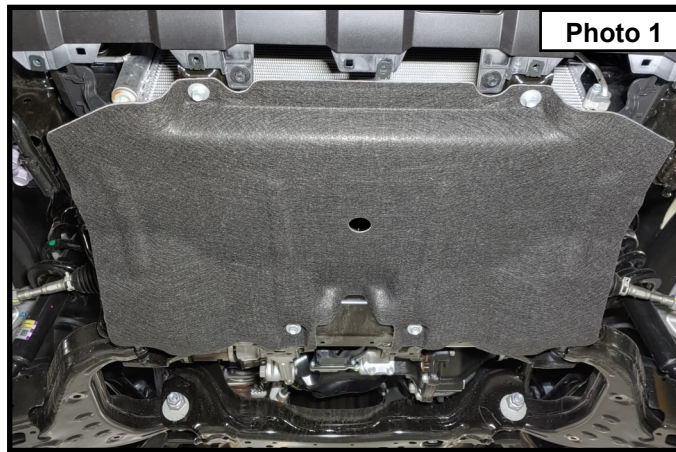


Photo 2: shows the vehicles with a plastic gravel guard and plastic differential cover that come on the TRD OffRoad and other trim packages. This vehicle frame will require cutting of the skid plate mount behind the bumper between the frame rails.

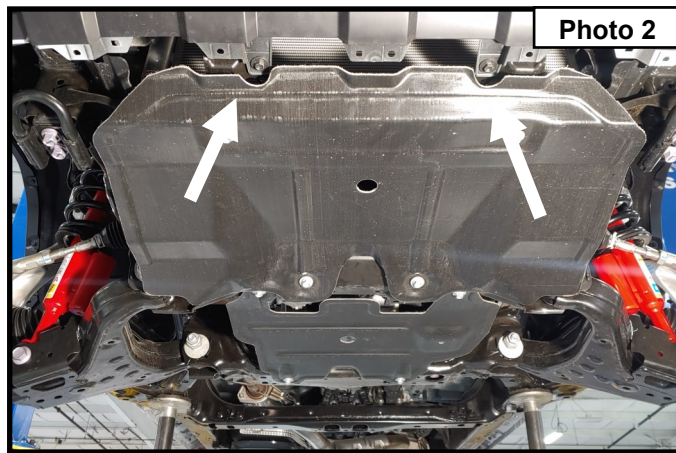
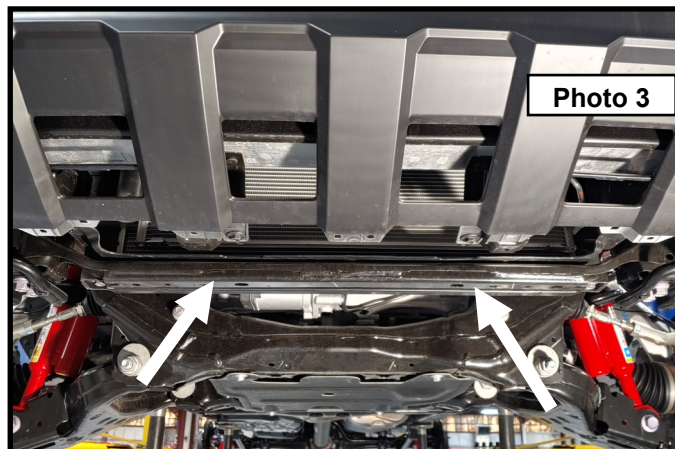
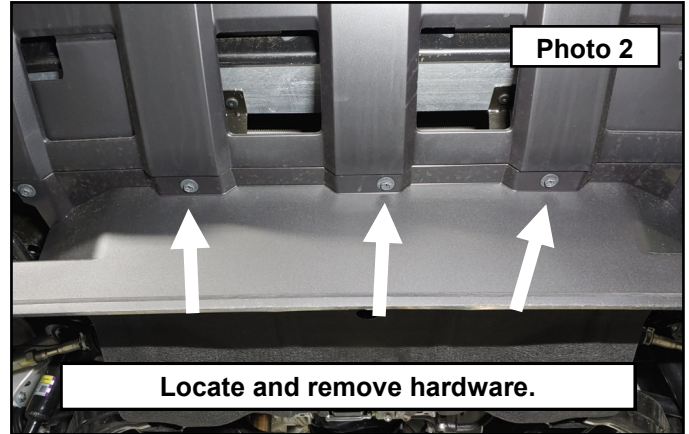
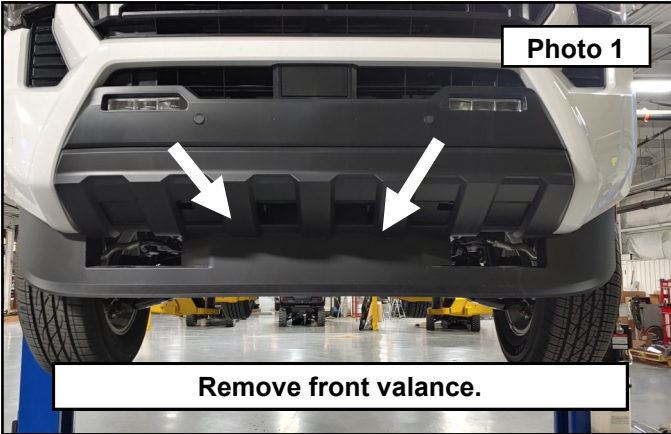


Photo 3: Verify that the aluminum bumper structure behind the plastic cover has the provisions on it to mount the new skid plate. There should be two bolt locations next to the center mounting points on the bumper cover that are open under the plastic gravel guard. If the vehicle has these then you can move forward with the installation. If you do not have these provisions, please call customer service to return the product and purchase the hidden winch kit. The hidden winch kit will come with mounts and skid plates. Skip to page 6 to follow the installation for this frame variation.

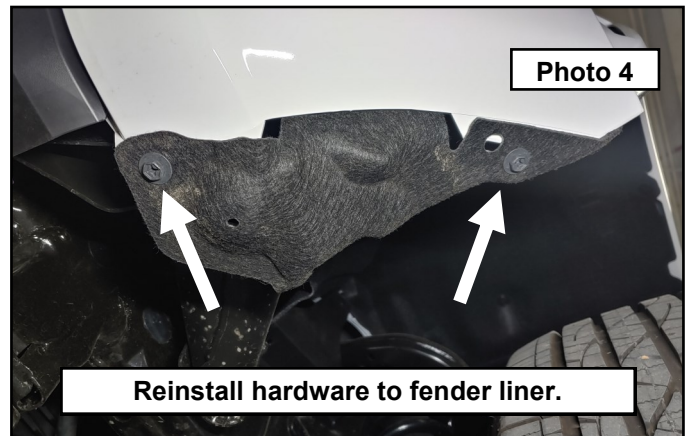
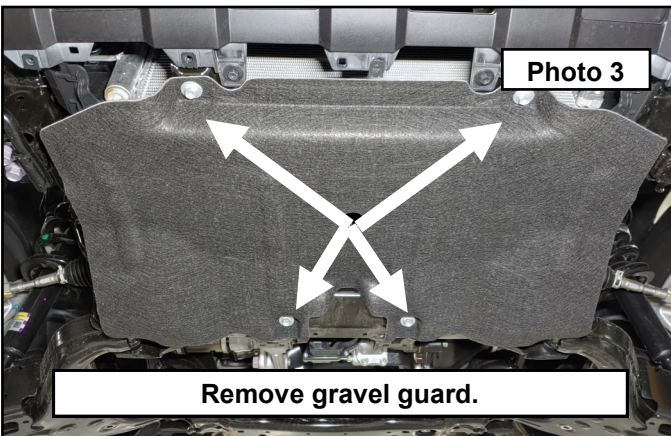


Skid Plate Installation

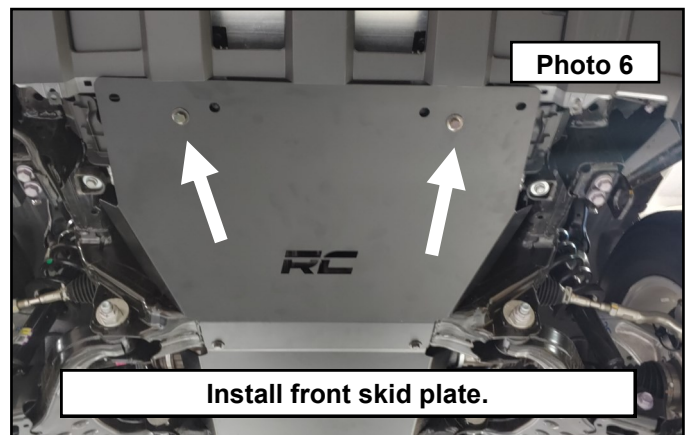
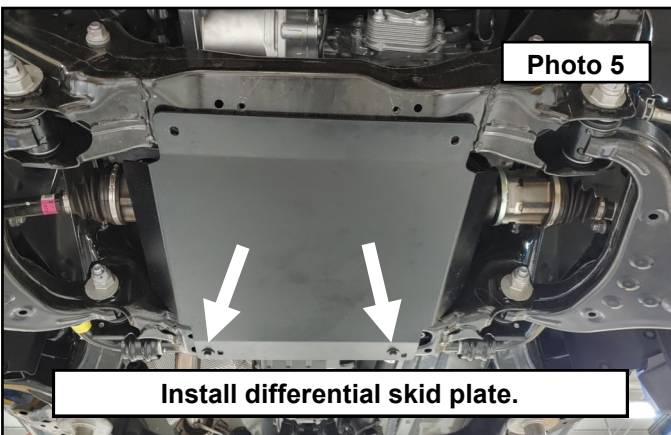
1. Park your vehicle on a clean flat surface, engage the parking brake and block the rear tires.
2. If equipped: Remove the front valance using a 10mm socket. **Photo 1 / 2**



3. Remove the gravel guard using a 12mm socket. Discard both valance and gravel guard. **Photo 3**
4. Reinstall removed hardware to hold the fender liner to the bumper cover. Discard any remaining hardware. **Photo 4**

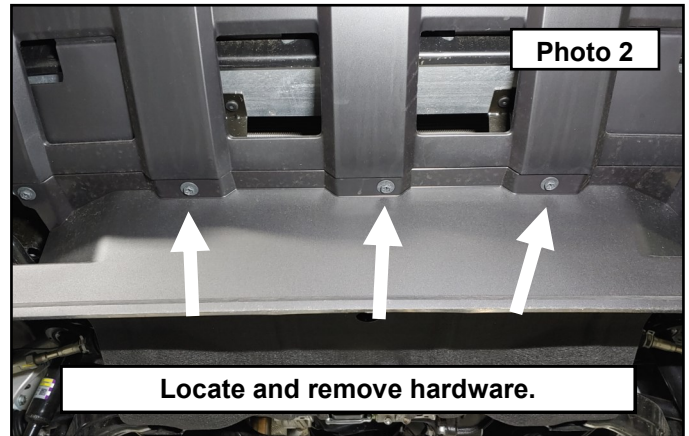
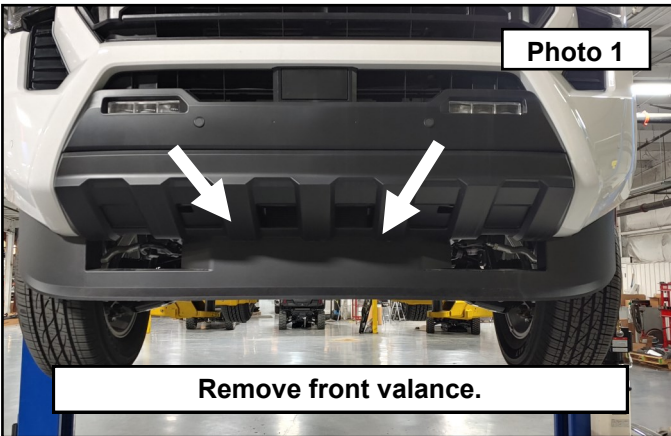


5. Install the differential skid plate to the factory rear control arm crossmember using the provided 8mm bolt and washers. Note that the passenger side bolt location is the outer most hole while the driver side using the inner bolt location. Do not fully tighten at this time. **Photo 5**
6. Install the front skid plate to the locations on the bumper and crossmember. The front skid plate will sit over the differential skid plate. Torque all hardware to 15 ft-lbs. **Photo 6**

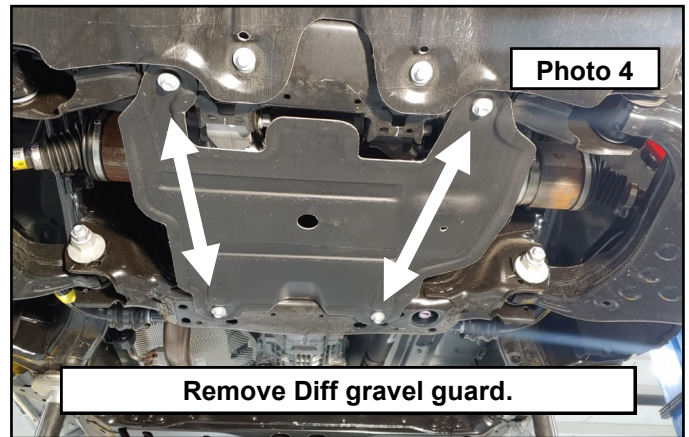
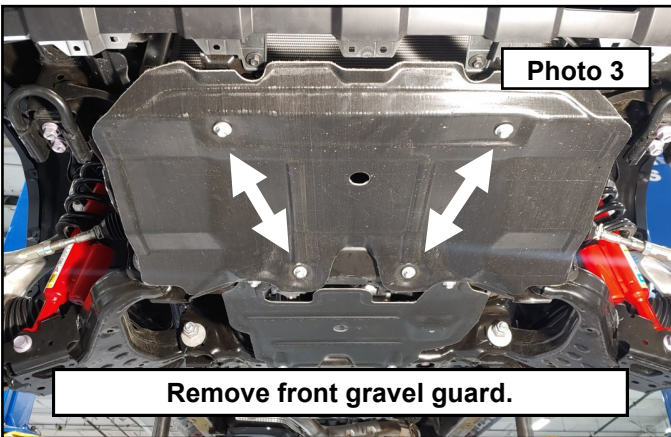


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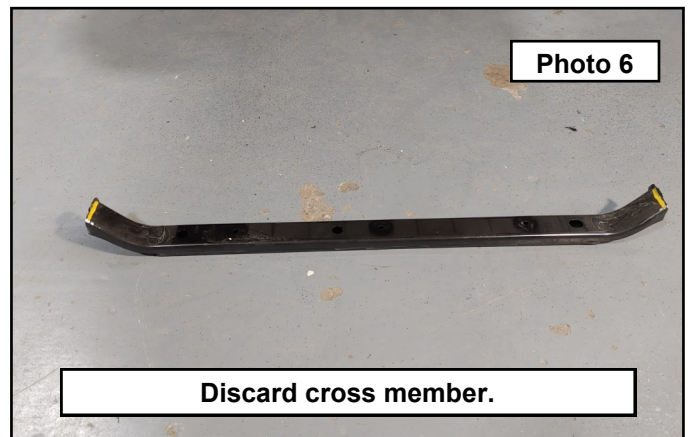
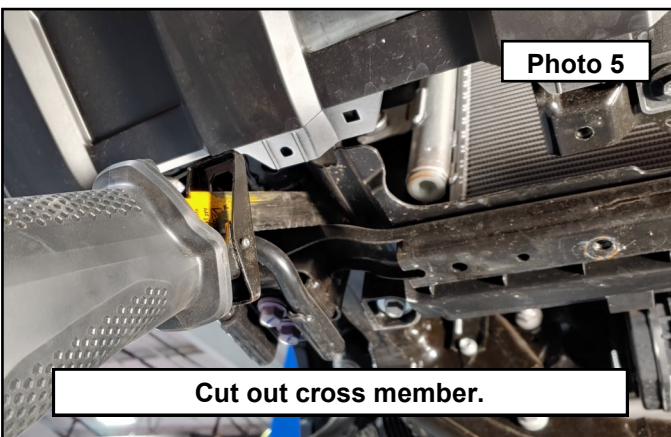


3. Remove the front and differential gravel guards using a 12mm socket. Photo 3 / 4
4. Between the tow hook frame extensions there is a cross member that the gravel guard bolted to, this will need to be cut out. Use a cutting tool (reciprocating saw shown) to cut this out even with the frame horns. Discard the cut out



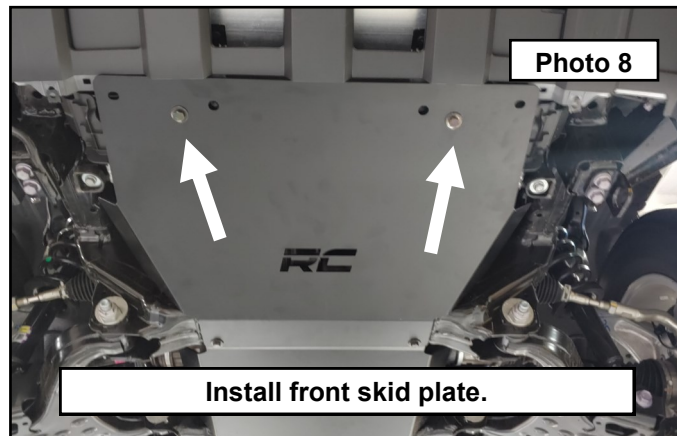
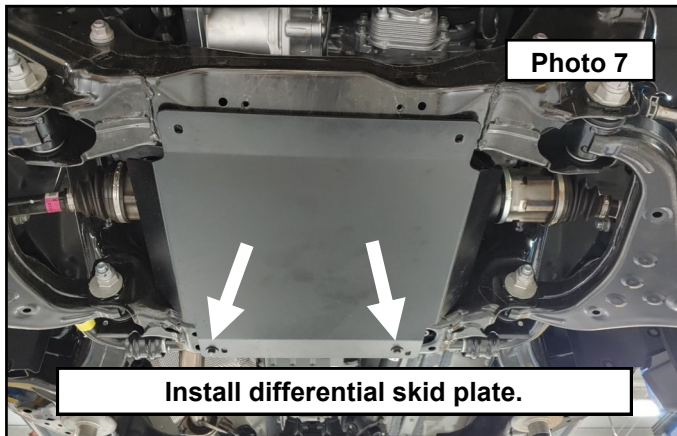
cross member and sand the cut frame free of burrs. Paint the exposed metal with a quality rust preventative paint. Photo 5 / 6

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