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## Subaru Forester 2018 Onwards (After Market) Side Steps/Running Boards Fitting Guide

# 1: Parts List

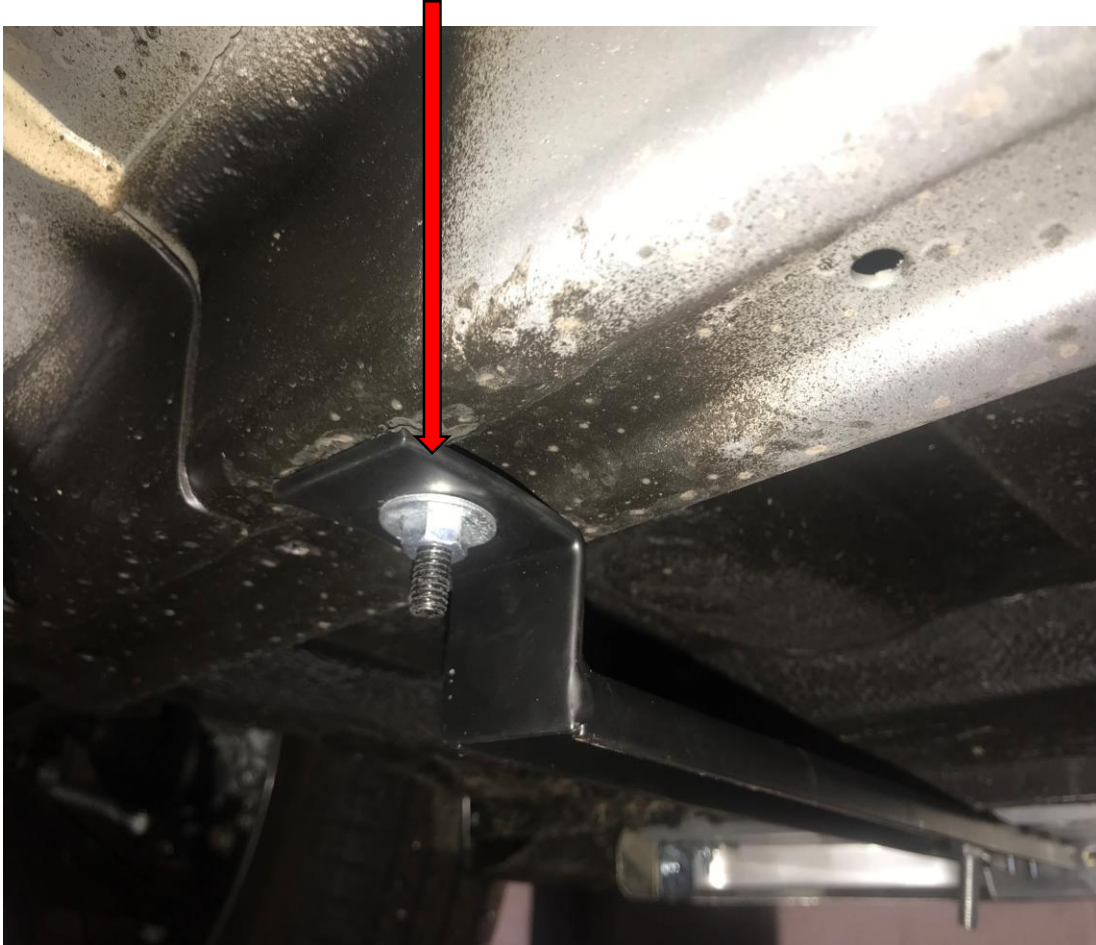
Part Name	Quantity
Side Steps/Running Boards	2
Front Brackets	2
Middle Brackets	2
Rear Brackets	2
12 mm T- Bolts	2
10 mm T-Bolts	4
Washers	10
Spring Washers	10
Nuts	10
L-Bolts	4



Please ensure that you have received all of the components listed above before fitting. If you believe there is anything missing, contact us for assistance.

## 2: Fitting the Brackets (FRONT)

When fitting the front brackets, remove the bung in the chassis and place the smaller t-bolt into the into the hole, attach the nut and washer.



Remove the bung in the sill, place the large L-shaped threaded bar into the hole then tighten up with the nut and washer provided. You may have a lot of thread showing.

### 3: Fitting the Brackets (MIDDLE)

Remove the bung in the chassis, the fitting of the middle bracket is the same as the front bracket.



This fits the same as the front bracket, use the large L shaped threaded bar, after removing the sill grommet.

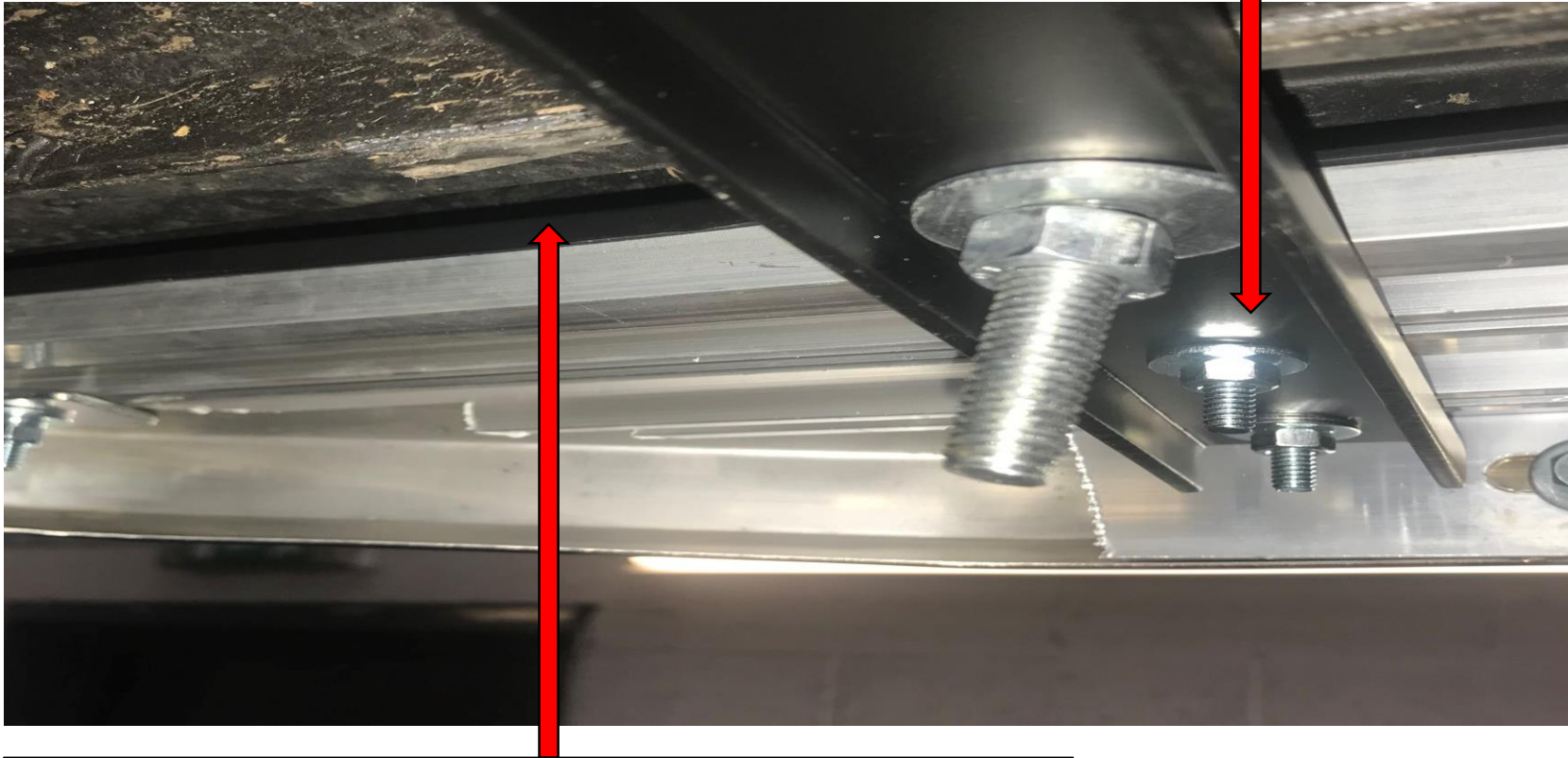
## 4: Fitting the Brackets (REAR)



Remove the bung in the chassis at the rear of the vehicle, place the larger t-bolt into the hole then tighten up to fix securely in place.

## 5: Fitting the Brackets (EXTRA)

Slide the bolts along the channel on the side step to the position of the bracket when aligned press down along the side step at 45 degrees, this will help the rubber to sit underneath the sill.



Push the rubber underneath the car as this will keep your car cleaner for longer and protect the side steps from dirt.

## General Care & Maintenance

### **!IMPORTANT!**

We strongly advise you check under the car at several intervals after the initial fitting to ensure safety. After 7 days, check and tighten any bolts and we recommend inspecting the bolts, brackets and boards at least once every 6 months.

### **Cleaning Information**

You can use most cleaning on these side steps. However, we strongly advise against using petrol based solutions or corrosive cleaning solutions which include TFR (Traffic Film Remover) or similar chemicals (brake strippers etc.) These will tarnish and possibly even corrode parts of the steps.

When cleaning underneath the side steps, be mindful of any protruding bolts or sharp edges, especially at the ends of the boards.

To increase the lifespan of your new side steps, we recommend occasionally cleaning the actual brackets.