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XJ Grab Handle Installation Instructions

Tools Needed:

- Phillips Screwdriver and Pick Tool
- Angle Grinder or Dremel recommended
- Nut Sert Tool
- 7/32 or 5.5mm Allen Wrench Or Socket
- 1/2 Drill Bit w/Drill or Step Bit
- Razor Blade and Scissors
- Lighter for Melting Paracord Ends

Parts Included:

- (2) Aluminum Grab Handles
- (2) Paracord Strands
- (4) $\frac{3}{8}$ Riv Nuts
- (4) SS $\frac{3}{8}$ Countersunk Bolts
- (4) Screws (Two are Self Tappers)

Installation:

1. Remove factory trim from front A pillars. There should be screws hidden underneath the circle pop outs. You may need to remove the factory handles if equipped and any other panels if in the way. (Youtube is your friend if you find difficulty) Once the trim is removed locate the holes on either side of the trim mounting hole. On the passenger side you will need to remove the two plastic clips holding the wire harness. (Shown in the pictures) If your Jeep does not have these holes already you will need to mark them by holding up the mounts to the A Pillar so that the mounting screw is centered in the biggest hold of the mounts. (shown in next pictures).



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2. Once the holes are located drill them out to a $\frac{1}{2}$ hole using either a step bit or multiple drill bits to ensure a clean precise hole. Insert the Riv Nuts into these holes (tapping with a small hammer may help). Using a Nut Sert tool, rivet the Nuts into the A Pillar.



3. Once the Riv Nuts are set in place, test fit your handles using the supplied SS Countersunk Hardware. With the mounts bolted up, place your trim piece on top so that the mounting hole for the screw is lined up. You will need to mark the trim where the handles stick out by either holding it in place or measuring from the trim mounting hole on the A Pillar and translating those measurements to the trim piece. You can also trace the mounts onto a piece of blank paper and lay that over the trim to achieve this.



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4. Using these marks, cut your trim using your method of choice. A dremel or angle grinder with a cut off wheel usually works best. File up the edges if need be and test fit the handle frequently to ensure proper clearance.



5. You may need to also cut part of the plastic around the mounting hole on the back side of the trim to allow the mounts to sit more flush inside of the cutout.



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6. MAKE SURE TO FINISH PARACORD BEFORE REINSTALLING MOUNTS. Once your trimming is complete install the mounts and reinstall the trim. (Your factory screws should be long enough if installed correctly but we have provided longer screws and self tappers if needed.)





PARACORD INSTALLATION

For installation of the paracord please click or search the link below and watch the first section on the "Cobra Knot". This is the technique you will use to wrap the handles. You can use other techniques if you would like, this is just the one we choose to do.

"5 Knots Every Paracordist MUST MASTER | Beginner Knots You Need To Know!"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HhzDxRABhXM>