

Hidden Winch Mount Installation Instructions

P/N 210547: 2020+ Ford Transit Hidden Winch / Front Receiver

Before you begin:

- *Stainless steel hardware may bind together when tightening — apply an anti-seize assembly lubricant to the threads of each bolt before assembly (not grade 8 bolts)*
- *This installation requires two or more people*



Required Tools:

- Standard and metric wrench set
- Standard and metric socket set
- Flat head screwdriver
- Cut-off wheel
- Prybar
- Hammer

Included Hardware:

P/N	Description	Quantity
70036	Hex head bolt, 1/2"-13 x 1-1/2", grade 8	10
70080	Hex head bolt, 1/2"-13 x 2", grade 8	4
70035	Washer, 1/2" ID	28
70033	Nut, 1/2"-13 nylon-locking, grade 8	14
70029	Hex head bold, 3/8"-16 x 1-1/4", SS	8
70028	Washer, 3/8" ID, SS	16
70024	Nut, 3/8"-16 nylon-locking, SS	8
70011	Hex head bolt, 1/4"-20 x 3/4", SS	3
70016	Flathead bolt, 1/4"-20 x 1-1/2", SS	2
70009	Washer, 1/4" ID, SS	10
70008	Nut, 1/4"-20 nylon-locking, SS	5
400882	Aluminum Spacer, 3/8" OD x .257" ID x 13/32 long	2
70246	Antiseize bolt lubricant packet, 2g	1

Additional Parts:

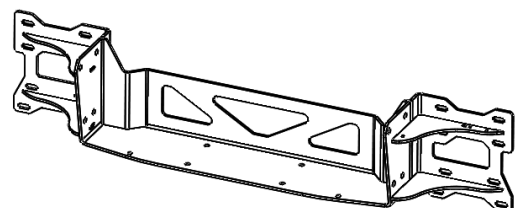
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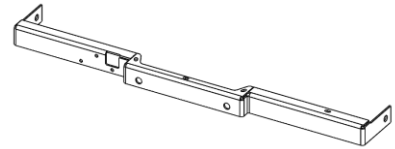
Winch Mounting Plate

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Bumper Support Bracket

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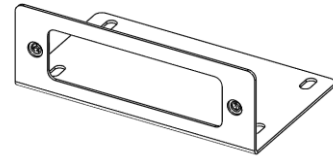
Front Sensor Mounting Plate

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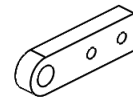
Bolt-On Fairlead Mount

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Tow Hooks

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Stock Bumper Removal:

1. Open and secure the hood.
2. Remove the five (5) plastic rivets and four (4) 13mm bolts on the top of the grille (Figure 1).

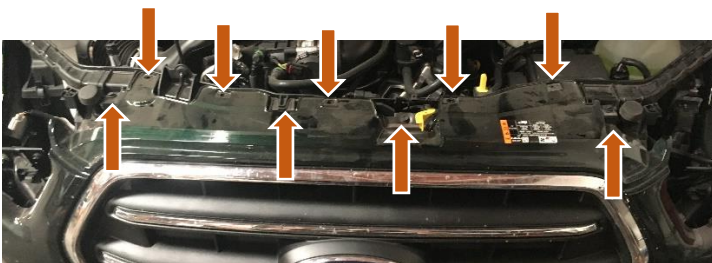


Figure 1: Plastic Rivets (Top) and Bolts (Bottom) to be Removed



Figure 2: Headlight Bolts

3. Remove the two (2) torx screws attaching each headlight. Once the bolts are removed, slide the headlight straight away from the vehicle, unclip wiring connectors, and remove the headlight (Figure 2).

4. Remove the two (2) torx bolts holding the front fascia to the vehicle sides and the one (1) 10mm screw holding the top of the factory bumper located in the back corner underneath the headlight (Figure 3). Remove the plastic backing plate (Figure 3).

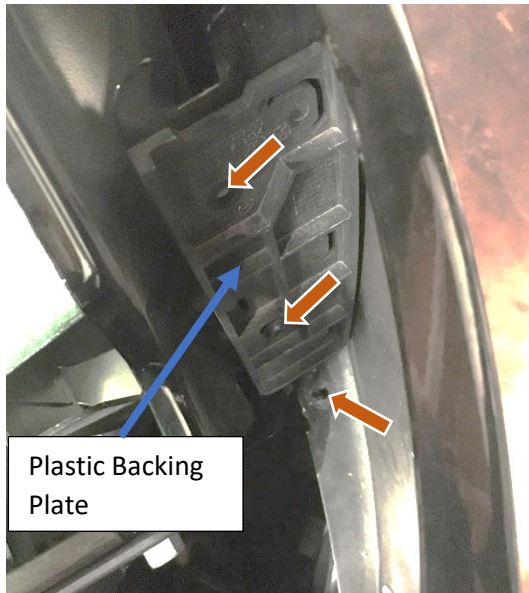


Figure 3: Hidden Bolts Underneath Headlights

- Remove the four (4) torx bolts inside the inner wheel well along the fender flare (Figure 4).

PRO TIP: Access to the bolts is made much easier by turning the vehicle's wheels.



Figure 4: Torx Bolts Along Inner Wheel Well

- Gently pull each fender flare away from the vehicle starting closest to the door. Once you reach the bumper, there are three (3) plastic catches that need to be released (Figure 5 & 6).



Figure 5: Fender Flare Removal



Figure 6: Fender Flare Plastic Clips Catches

- Pull the inner wheel well down and away from the bumper to gain access behind the plastic. Remove the 10mm bolt from inside the wheel well (Figure 7). NOTE: the two (2) torx bolts now visible on the bumper do not need to be removed.



Figure 7: Bolt Accessed from Inside of the Wheel Well

8. Remove the eight (8) 13mm bolts connecting the factory bumper to the under-carriage plastic (Figure 8).

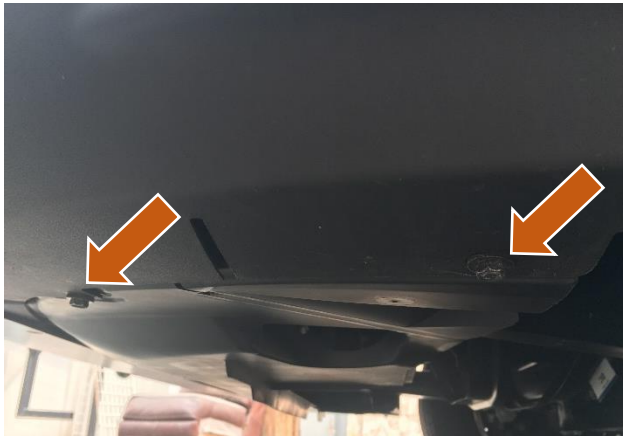


Figure 8: Bolts on Underside of Bumper

9. Remove the front license plate (if applicable). Remove the bolts or drill out the two or three (2-3) rivets attaching the license plate holder onto the factory bumper using a 1/4" drill bit.
10. Remove the now exposed bolt caps as applicable and remove the final two (2) 13mm bolts holding on the stock bumper (Figure 9).

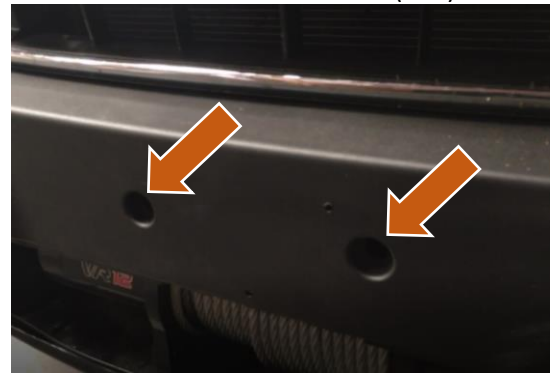


Figure 9: Front Bolts Underneath the License Plate Holder

11. Release the four (4) large plastic catches holding the grille onto the front of the vehicle (Figure 10 & 11). Note: it may be helpful to do in combination with the next step.



Figure 10: Locations of the Large Plastic Catches

NOTE: The middle two catches are underneath the top plastic cover of the grille as shown in Figure 10.

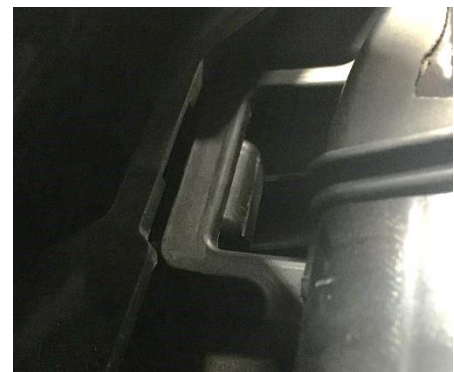


Figure 11: Close Up of Plastic Catch

12. Remove stock front bumper and grille by pulling directly away from vehicle, slowly working from the edges closest to the doors toward the center (Figure 12).



Figure 12: Factory Bumper Removal

13. Be sure to disconnect any sensors that are attached to the bumper during removal (Figure 13).



Figure 13: Sensor Being Disconnected

14. Remove all parking sensors from back of the plastic factory bumper (Figure 14).



Figure 14: Parking Sensors from Backside of Bumper

15. Remove the inner plastic radiator air deflectors (Figure 15 & 16) by removing all plastic push pins. Cut air deflectors to as shown (Figure 17).



Figure 15: Upper Push Pin Location

(Passenger Side Shown without Air Deflector)



Figure 16: Radiator Air Deflector with Cut Line Shown

16. Remove any and all sensors from the factory steel bumper:
 - a. Temperature sensor (Figure 17).



Figure 17: Temperature Sensor Removed

- b. Collision prevention / adaptive cruise control sensor – unclip from sensor and remove all clips from steel (Figure 18).

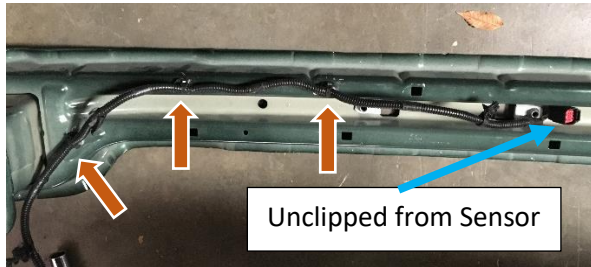


Figure 18: Front Radar Wiring Harness Removal

- c. Remove entire adaptive cruise control system from steel bumper (2X – 8 mm bolts and 1X – torx bolt) (Figure 19).



Figure 19: Front Radar and Bracket Uninstalled

17. Remove the plastic under-carriage by loosening the two (2) 10mm bolts and pull down (Figure 20).



Figure 20: Under-Carriage Bolt

18. Remove the eight (8) 13mm bolts from the backside of the steel bumper (Figure 21).

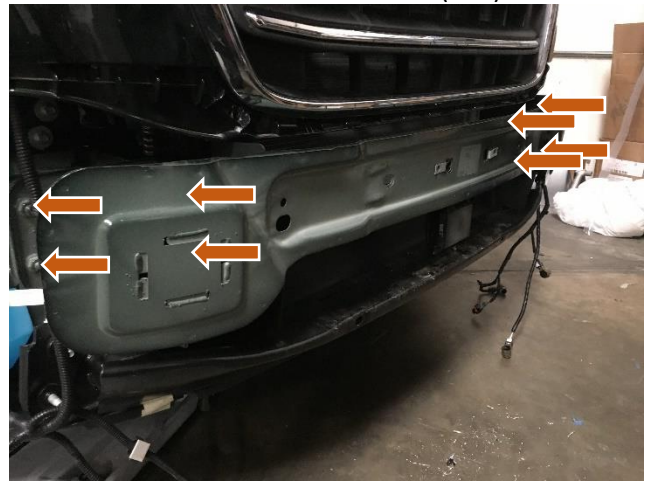


Figure 21: Factory Bumper Removal

19. Remove the 4 spot welds (2 per side) holding on the bumper to the frame (Figure 22). To remove, there are a couple of options:
- d. Drill out each spot weld
 - e. Gently pry the bumper away from the frame and use a Sawzall to cut weld
 - f. Use an angle grinder to grind the spot welds down enough to use prybar/hammer to remove.



Figure 22: Example of Spot Weld (Shown from the Back)

20. Remove eight (8) 13mm bolts to remove the lower factory scuff guard (black steel member; Figure 23).



Figure 23: Lower Scuff Guard Removal

21. Separate any remaining wiring from the front of the frame and touch up any exposed metal surfaces with appropriate paint (Figure 24).

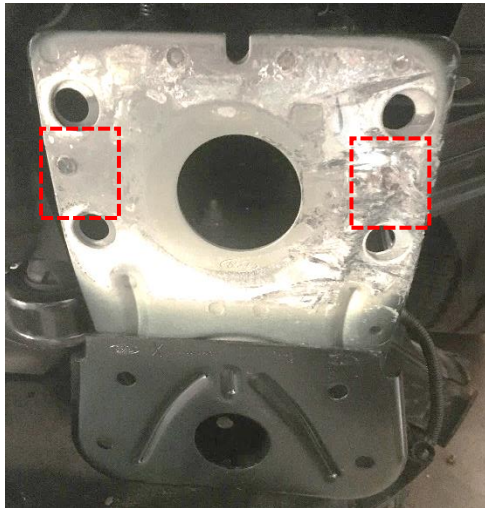


Figure 24: Exposed Metal from Bumper Removal

22. If applicable, remove the front radar sensor from the factory sensor bracket by gently, but firmly pulling the sensor off the posts (Figure 25). Retain the bottom torx bolt.

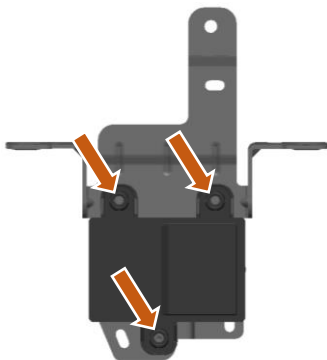


Figure 25: Cut Line for Front Radar Bracket

Front Bumper Installation:

23. Install the winch tray onto the frame using $\frac{1}{2}$ "-13 hardware through the top four (4) frame holes per side and $\frac{3}{8}$ "-16 bolts on the bottom four (4) scuff guard extension holes per side (Figure 26). Loosely install all 16 bolts through the frame/scuff guard and center the winch tray onto the vehicle before tightening. Once located, tighten the $\frac{1}{2}$ "-13 bolts to 80 ft-lbs and tighten the $\frac{3}{8}$ "-16 bolts to 20 ft-lbs.

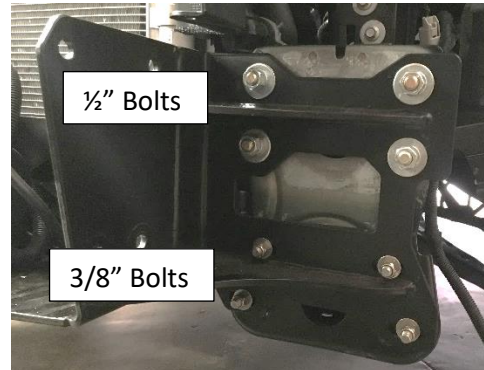


Figure 26: Winch Tray Installed onto Frame

24. Install winch onto winch tray per the manufacturer's instructions if desired (Figure 27). Install the bolt-on fairlead between the winch and the winch tray.



Figure 27: Winch Installed onto Winch Plate

25. Install the tow hooks on the *outside* of the winch tray if desired through the four (4) lower holes using the provided $\frac{1}{2}$ -13" x 2" hardware (Figure 28).

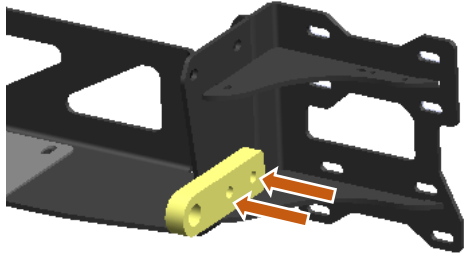


Figure 28: Tow Hook Installation

26. Install the bumper support onto the winch tray using the back two (2) holes and ½" hardware to fasten (Figure 29).

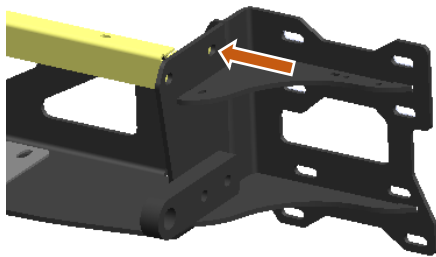


Figure 29: Bumper Support Installation

27. If applicable, install the front radar sensor by completing the following:
- Install the sensor mounting plate onto the bumper support using the ¼"-20 x ¾" bolts, washer, and nuts provided (Figure 30).

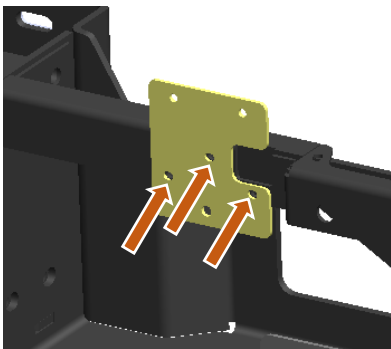


Figure 30: Radar Sensor Plate Installation

- Install the sensor onto the mounting plate using the ¼"-20 x 2" flat head bolts, washers, nuts, and aluminum spacers (Figure 31).

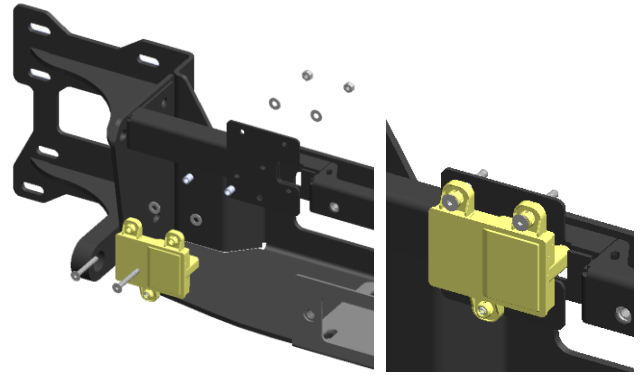


Figure 31: Front Radar Sensor Installation

(Exploded View Left; Installed Right)

- Install radar wiring harness into pre-cut holes on bumper support (Figure 32).

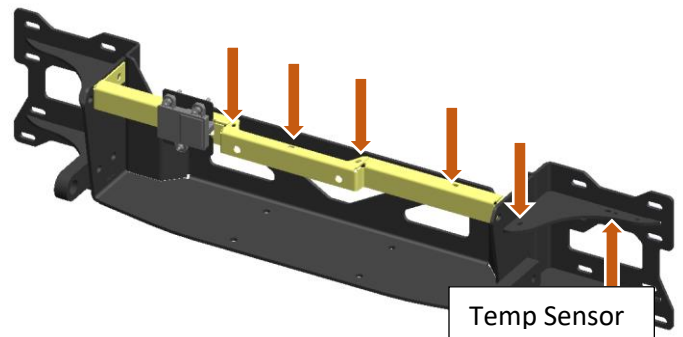


Figure 32: Front Radar and Temperature Sensor Routing

- Install the plastic radiator air deflectors after being cut by reusing the top push pin (reference Figure 16 & 27).
- Using a cut off wheel, cut the plastic factory bumper to allow the aluminum bumper to be installed through the plastic bumper (Figures 33 - 37). Cut around all desired features as needed – winch/fairlead, front receiver, and/or tow hooks. MEASURE TWICE, CUT ONCE!

NOTE: the front two parking sensors tabs should be kept for use with the parking sensor if the vehicle has them. However, if there are no parking sensors on the vehicle, these tabs can also be removed.

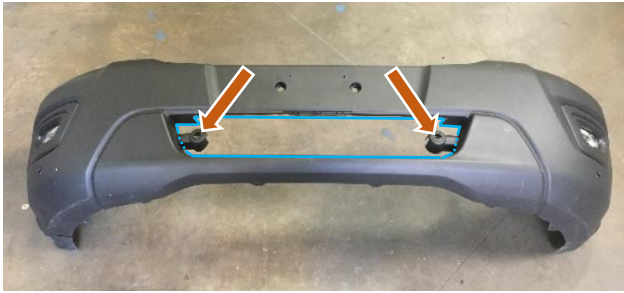


Figure 33: Cutting Grille of the Plastic Factory Bumper
(Parking Sensor Tabs are Retained)

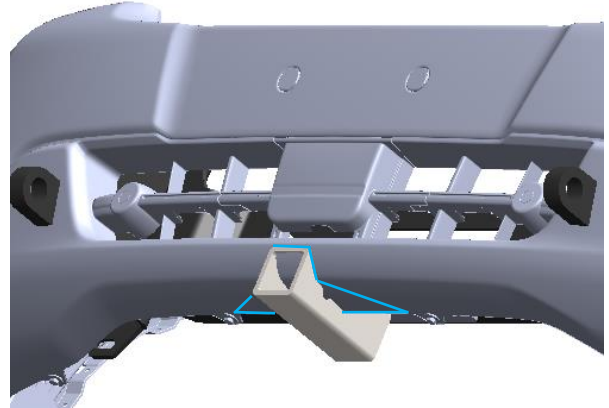


Figure 36: Front Receiver Cut Out (Mounted Below)



Figure 34: Tow Hook Cut Location

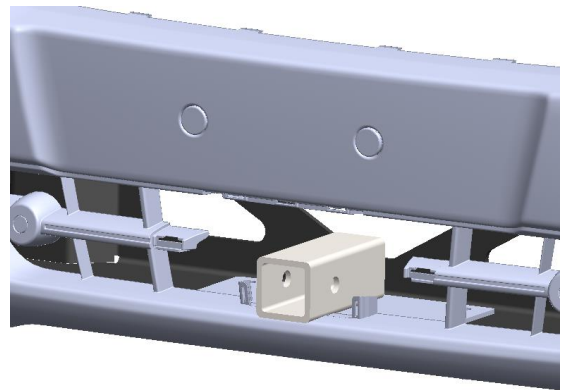


Figure 37: Front Receiver

(Mounted Above; Sensor Cover Removed; No Winch)

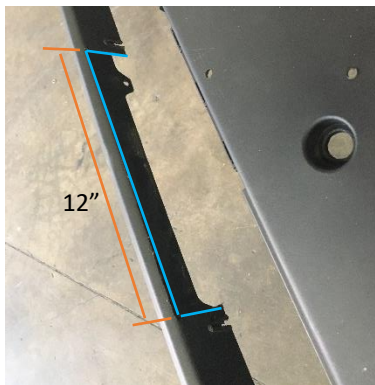


Figure 35: Relief Cut for Fairlead Mount

30. Reinstall the factory plastic bumper and grille by following the disassembly instructions in reverse for all applicable steps. Connect all wiring as applicable during reinstallation.
31. The front two (2) 13mm factory bolts can be re-installed into the bumper support (reference Figure 9).
32. Your bumper is now installed! Verify all sensors are working correctly and adjust as needed. Check all hardware after the first 100 miles and periodically thereafter.



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