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## Spyder Series Headache Rack Installation Instructions

Most late model trucks come with plastic bed caps from the factory and you will need to cut a hole in them to gain access to the stake pocket. There may or may not be an indication where the front stake pocket is located. If so, start your cut in the center of the marks and carefully work outward. If you start by cutting on the lines, you'll likely cut into the sheet metal bed.

If your bed has been lined (ex: LineX) there may be plugs in the stake pocket that are now covered up. You'll need to locate and remove the plugs.

**Note:** Our headache rack cannot be installed using the stake pockets of some truck models either because there is no pocket (ex: some Colorado/Canyons, Tacomas) or because of its location (ex: Titans), or track system inside bed. If yours is one of those, you will not receive stake pocket mounting brackets. Please skip to step 2.

1) Thread one 3/8" x 4" (full threaded) bolt into each stake pocket mounting bracket as shown (Fig. A). Using the bolt as a temporary handle, insert the bracket down into the stake pocket and secure it through the side using a supplied 3/8" x 3/4" bolt with flat washer. Remove the 4" bolt used as a "handle".

2) Slide a gusseted bed rail (short 'Standard' or longer 'HD') onto the bottom of the headache rack on each side. Thread two 3/8" x 3/4" bolts with flat washers through the front gusset (cab side) and into the rack, and one 3/8" x 3/4" bolt with washer through the rear gusset. Tighten only finger tight for now to allow for adjustment. (Fig. B, C, D)

3) Using a helper, carefully set the rack with bed rails onto the bed of the truck. Thread the 3/8" x 4" bolts with flat washers down into the stake pocket and through the mounting bracket you installed in step 1. The slotted holes in the bed rails will allow for minor adjustment of the rails inward or outward to best fit your bed and keep the rack centered. (Fig. C, D)

**Note:** If you're not able to use the stake pocket as noted in step 1, you will need to drill and bolt through your bed cap using one of the additional slotted holes provided in the our tonneau or tool box compatible bed rails (See Figs. C or D)

**Note to Chevy/GMC owners:** When using the short 'Standard' rails, in addition to the stake pocket, we suggest you use the front, most forward hole provided inside the gusseted area. This will require drilling through the leading edge or lip of the truck bed. Due to limited space between cab and bed, it will be difficult to reach to get a nut started on the end of the bolt. However, this will provide better stability.

4) Once everything is positioned where you want it, and, using the rear most slotted hole in each bed rail as a template, drill a 3/8" hole through your bed. Install a 3/8" bolt with washers and nut through the rack and the bed of the truck on each side.

5) Be sure to properly tighten all bolts and check them again after a week of driving to make sure they have remained tight.

