




Installation Instructions

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| <p>Rock Sliders – 2009-2013 Forester</p> <p>PN: RTEK-100318</p> |  |
| <p>Suggested tools</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ramps or jack stands• Jack• Drill• 1/4" drill bit• Metric wrenches / sockets• Metric allen wrenches• Helper |
| <p>Safety Warnings</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Always support the vehicle with jack stands before working underneath• Use only the parts supplied by RalliTEK to install this kit• Check ALL the fasteners for tightness before and after road testing the vehicle• Do not use an air impact wrench with re-installing bolts as stripped threads may occur |
| <p>Install Time</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4-6 hours |

REMOVAL OF FACTORY UNDER TRAYS

1. Remove the plastic under trays that run lengthwise next to the pinch weld. Save any plastic clips you removed.

2. You will need to remove the factory cover to reveal the front mounting point. You can find the covers on the frame supports at the back of the front inner fenders. Additionally, you will need to remove the 2 forward bolts on each side for the front brace on the rear subframe and loosen the bolts on the subframe side of the brace.



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3. Using the arrows on the longer flange, identify the left and right base plates. The arrows will point to the front of the car. The passenger side base is shown.



4. Install the braces onto the rock slider bases using the supplied M8 button head bolts and serrated nuts as shown. Be sure that the front brackets angle upwards from the base.

NOTE: The driver side front bracket will have a 5th hole in the 4 hole mounting pattern, the rear brackets are the same left and right. Tighten these bolts enough to still be able to move the brackets around on the base plate.



5. You will need to trim the side skirts for the rock sliders to clear. Mark a straight line at the front and rear in-line with the center of the side skirt, remove from the car to cut and reinstall





6. Take the rock slider base and brackets to their respective sides and start the bolts for the braces. The front brace will use the included M6x40mm bolts and the rear will use the existing bolts for the forward brace for the rear subframe.

NOTE: The rear rock slider mount will be sandwiched between the subframe brace and the chassis.



7. Rotate the rock slider base into position and mark the holes to be drilled in the pinch weld using a scribe or pick tool. It is helpful to support the front and rear of the rock slider base with jack stands while you mark the holes. Once you have marked the holes, remove the rock slider base and center punch near the bottom of the mark. Repeat the process for the other side.

NOTE: Bias the rock slider as far forward as you can before drilling the holes in the pinchweld.



8. I recommend using a 1/8" drill bit to start drilling the mounting holes in the pinch weld and then stepping up to a 1/4" or 9/32" drill bit. Repeat the process for the other side.



9. Loosely reinstall the rock slider base and let it hang from the bolts. Carefully install the rock slider top (they are the same left and right) and start the bolts to hold it to the base using the supplied M6 button head bolts and M6 serrated nuts.

NOTE: only start the bolts a couple of threads



10. Rotate the rock slider assembly up in to place and use jack stands to support the rock sliders while you install the M6x40mm bolts through the pinch weld. Use a 10mm wrench to hold the nut through the cut out while you start the bolt from the inside of the pinch weld. Once all the bolts on one side are installed, tighten the bolts that go through the pinch weld.

NOTE: the rock sliders may need to be manipulated up or down to get the bolts to start into the nuts. I recommend applying a little tape to keep the nut on the wrench during this process.



11. Once the bolts through the pinch weld are tight, tighten the bolts that go into the chassis, the 4 bracket bolts under the rock slider and the outer M6 screws. The nuts are serrated so you do not need to hold them while you tighten the bolts.

12. Install the plastic under trays and trim the rear-most trays as needed to clear the rear brackets.

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