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# TOYOTA TACOMA SKID PLATE KIT (FOR USE WITH TM TP95 SUSPENSION KIT ONLY) INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS 1995-2002 KIT# 8097

**⚠ WARNING**  
 Before you install this kit, read and understand all instructions, warnings, cautions, and notes in this instruction sheet and in the vehicle owner's manual.

**⚠ CAUTION**  
 Proper installation of this kit requires knowledge of the factory recommended procedures for removal and installation of original equipment components. We recommend that the factory shop manual and any special tools needed to service your vehicle be on hand during the installation. Installation of this kit without proper knowledge of the factory recommended procedures may affect the performance of these components and the safety of the vehicle. We strongly recommend that a certified mechanic familiar with the installation of similar components install this kit.

**⚠ WARNING**  
 Always wear eye protection when operating power tools.

**⚠ WARNING**  
 Before you install this kit, block the vehicle tires to prevent the vehicle from rolling.

**⚠ WARNING**  
 This kit should only be installed on a vehicle that is in good working condition. Before you install the kit, thoroughly inspect the vehicle for corrosion or deformation of the sheet metal. If the vehicle is suspected to have been in a collision or misused, do not install this kit. Off-road use of your vehicle with this kit installed may increase the stress applied to the factory components. Failure to observe this warning may result in serious personal injury and/or severe damage to your vehicle.

## Before Starting Installation

**NOTE**  
 Kit parts are prefaced by the word *kit* and appear in **bold print**.

1. Carefully read all warnings and instructions completely before beginning.
2. Verify all parts have been received in this kit by checking the parts list at the end of this document.
3. **Only install this kit on the vehicle for which it is specified.** If anytime during the installation you encounter something different from what is outlined in the instructions, call technical support at (928) 636-3175.
4. Special tools needed:
  - a. Drill with 5/16" drill bit
5. Park vehicle on a clean, dry, flat, level surface and block tires so vehicle cannot roll in either direction.

## Torque Specifications

See factory service manual for torque values when re-using OE fasteners.

<b>Bolt Size</b>	<b>Grade 5 (ft.-lbs.)</b>	<b>Grade 8 (ft.-lbs.)</b>
1/4"-20	10	10
1/4"-28	10	12.5
5/16"-18	17	22.5
5/16"-24	20	25
3/8"-16	30	40
3/8"-24	35	45
7/16"-14	50	65
7/16"-20	55	70
1/2"-13	75	100
1/2"-20	55	70
9/16"-12	105	135
9/16"-18	115	150
5/8"-11	150	195
5/8"-18	160	210
3/4"-16	175	225

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# Install Front Skid Plate

1. Align front of *kit skid plate* with front edge of front crossmember.

**NOTE**  
When marking drill holes, double check alignment of all holes with *kit skid plate* before drilling.

2. Mark seven drill hole locations through *kit skid plate* onto front and rear crossmembers.
3. Drill seven 5/16" holes into front and rear crossmembers corresponding to holes in *kit skid plate*.
4. Install *kit skid plate* (with one *kit bolt* and *kit washer* to start) onto front and rear crossmembers using seven *kit bolts* and seven *kit washers*. DO NOT TIGHTEN.
5. Ensure ALL *kit bolts* thread into holes. TIGHTEN all *kit bolts* carefully as to not strip threads.

# After Completing Installation

## Miscellaneous

1. Check all fasteners to ensure they are tight.

**WARNING**  
Retorque all fasteners after 500 miles and after off road use. All suspension lift components should be visually inspected and fasteners retorqued during routine vehicle servicing.

## Kit Parts List

Qty.	Description
1	Skid plate
1	8097BAG (Hardware Bag Kit)
7	Bolt (3/8" x 1-1/4" self-tapping)
7	Washer (5/16")

