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Front License Plate Bracket Install Instructions

Step One: Attach your license plate to the bracket with the supplied hardware and tighten. (See picture to the right.)

Note: The nylon nuts should be on outside of plate unless you trim the length of the nylon screw. A tinted or clear plastic license plate cover will give it a more finished look.



Step Two: Using warm soapy water, thoroughly clean and dry the bumper cover where the mounting base will attach. Do not use any type of cleaning solvent that will leave a film or residue. Wipe mounting area with the supplied alcohol prep pad and let dry. Apply the 3M Adhesion Promoter to the mounting area and allow it to dry for about 1-2 minutes (not wet to touch or view).

Note: The ideal adhesion temperature is 70°F to 100°F (21°C to 38°C). Min suggested application temperature is 50°F. Initial tape application to surfaces at temperatures below these suggested minimums is not recommended because the adhesive becomes too firm. Always use a hair dryer to warm the 3M adhesive tape to make it more pliable prior to install. You should also warm the surface area of the bumper cover where mounting.

Depending on outside temperature, allow the base plate to bond 48-72 hours prior to mounting your license plate.

Step Three: While holding the mounting base by the screw stud, expose the 3M tape. Use the peak of the bracket and stud to align the mounting base to the centre of the bumper cover. Once centred, press it up and adhere the mounting base to the bumper cover. Apply heavy pressure over the entire mounting base pressing all points for approximately 10-15 seconds. I suggest installing the thumb nut and using the palm of your hand to apply best upward pressure to ensure proper bonding. Once it's stuck, it's stuck! (See picture to the right.)



Step Four: Now that you have your mounting base in place, simply position in the slotted end of the license plate bracket over the mounting base stud and into the groove. Start your thumb nut on the stud but do not tighten. Adjust the bracket inward so that the top rubber bumper is resting firmly against the bumper cover and then fully tighten your thumb nut. (See picture to the right.)

Remove the license plate by removing the thumb nut. Replace the thumb nut on the mounting base for a finished look while the license plate is removed.



Note: The mounting base and bracket can be installed off centre by following the same directions, just not centering it. Additionally, the bracket angle can be adjusted. It is set at 80° up. If you need to adjust the angle to 90° or whatever angle you desire, simply place the slotted portion of the bracket into a bench vice and set your angle.

WARNING: NOT FOR USE with metal style license plate frames. Plastic, painted plastic or chromed plastic are ok.

Disclaimer: Craig's Custom Brackets is not responsible for any damage or loss incurred during the installation and use of this license plate bracket. The purchaser assumes full responsibility for the placement and attachment of the license plate bracket. This license plate bracket has not been tested at excessive speeds. If you do not hand wash your car, remove the bracket prior to entering ANY automatic style car wash. Not for use with heavy metal style license plate frames.