

Installation Instructions

2004 Dodge Dakota

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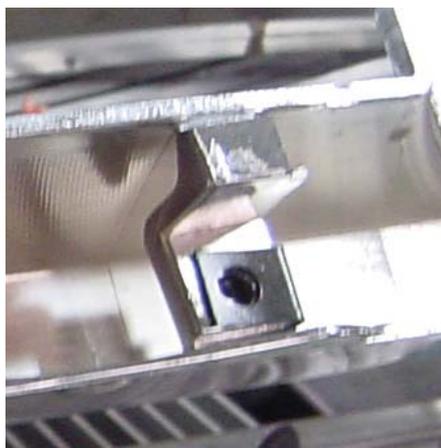


1. Remove (12) 8 mm nuts and bolts holding the shell onto the tube frame

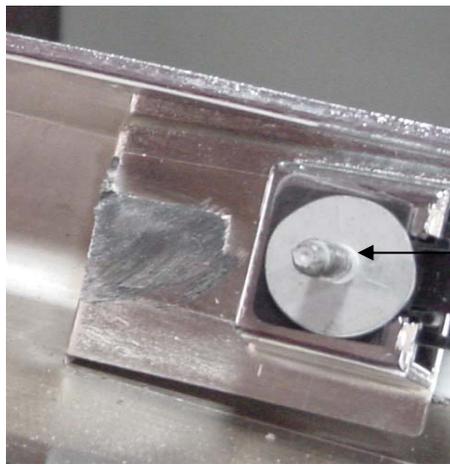
2. Protect the front of the stock grille shell to keep from scratching the chrome or painted surface.



3. Remove the stock plastic insert from the back side. Use a flat blade screwdriver and twist the plastic tab away from the retainer as shown. There are 20 locations this needs to be done. Remove the stock insert.



4. Using a cutoff tool, remove the 4 bottom tabs as shown and sand smooth.

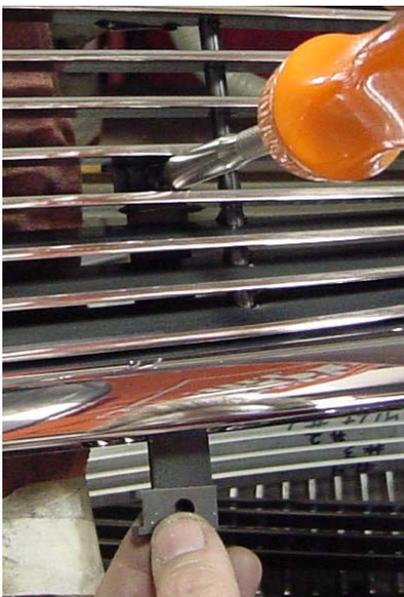


Mounting Stud – Do Not Remove

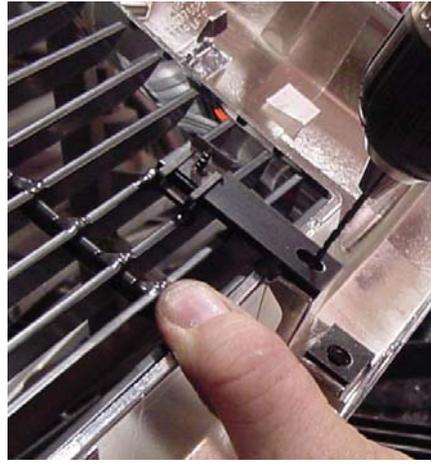
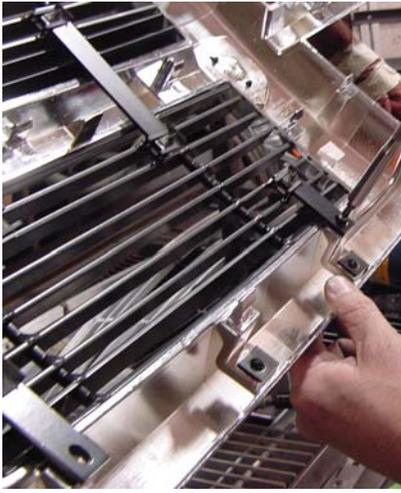
5. Remove the 3 locating pins and tab locator on the top of the grille and sand smooth.
Do not remove existing mounting studs.



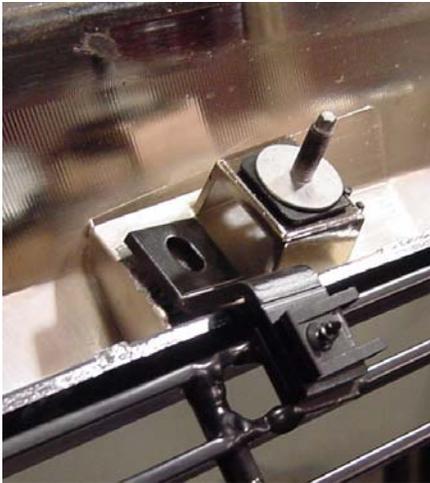
6. Use the following brackets to attach the billet grille inserts.



7. Attach the 4 long brackets to the bottom tabs of the upper insert with u-clips and #8 screws. Place the upper inserts into the upper grille opening.



8. Place the loose grille inserts into the bottom grille shell and attach the long brackets to the upper tabs on the grille shell using the #8 screws and u-clips. Next, attach the short flat brackets to the bottom of the grille insert. Use a 3/32 drill bit to pre-drill into the stock shell then use the #8 screw to attach the bracket.



9. Attach the z-brackets to the top tabs on the upper grille inserts. Use a 3/32 drill bit to drill mounting holes into the grill shell at all of the bracket hole locations and secure with #8 screws. (Short bracket toward the center of the grille shell)



10. Attach the hood release lever to the factory release lever using the supplied 1/4" bolt and safety nut by clamping the bracket onto the lever making sure the bottom end of the rod points toward the front of the car. **WARNING: Incorrect installation could cause the lever to cause damage to the radiator or cooler!** Use a 17/64 drill for the hole. **After tightening the bolt, close the hood slowly to make sure the lever is installed correctly.** You are now ready to reinstall the grille and shell onto the truck.