# Grille Guard

# Part No. VGBGG-2051BK

# Fits: 2015-Current Ford F150

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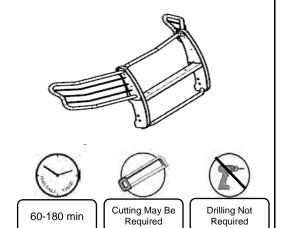
THE GRILLE GUARD MAY INTERFERE WITH PARKING SENSORS, PROXIMITY SENSORS AND CRUISE CONTROL SENSORS.



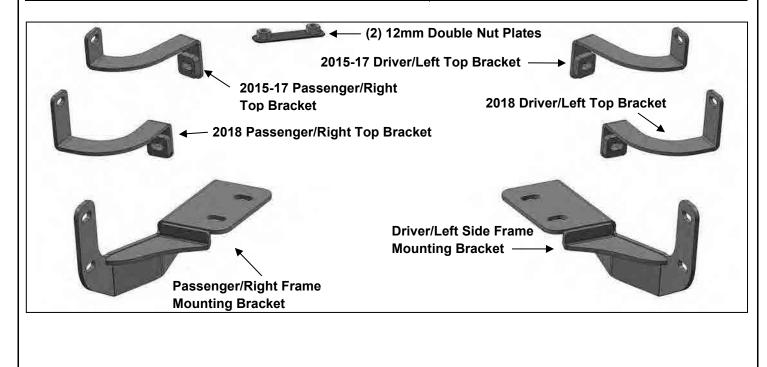
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DO NOT OVER TORQUE. STANDARD OPERATING LOAD FOR TIGHTEN BODY MOUNT NUTS & BOLTS VARIES FROM **45** TO **65** FOOT POUND.



PARTS LIST:				
Qty	Part Description	Qty	Part Description	
3	Grille Guard part	4	10mm Lock Washer	
1	Driver/left Frame Bracket	4	10-1.5mm Hex Nut	
1	Passenger/right Frame Bracket	8	10mm x 25mm Allen Buton Bolt (Black)	
1	Driver/left Top Bracket (2015-17)	16	10 x 25mm OD x 2mm Flat Washer (Black)	
1	Passenger/right Top Bracket (2015-17)	8	10mm Lock Washer (Black)	
1	Driver/left Top Bracket (2018)	8	10mm Hex Nut (Black)	
1	Passenger/right Top Bracket (2018)	2	8-1.25mm x 40mm Hex Bolt	
2	12-1.75mm Double Nut Plate	2	8-1.25mm x 30mm Hex Bolt	
4	12-1.75 x 35mm Hex Bolt	6	8mm x 22mm OD x 2mm Flat Washer	
4	12 x 32mm OD x 3mm Flat Washer	4	8mm Lock Washer	
4	12mm Lock Washer	2	8 -1.25mm Hex Nut	
4	10-1.5mm x 30mm Hex Bolt	1	6mm Allen Key	
8	10mm x 25mm OD x 2mm Flat Washer			



### INSTALLATION PROCEDURE:

### REMOVE CONTENTS FROM BOX. VERIFY ALL PARTS ARE PRESENT. READ INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE STARTING INSTALLATION. ASSISTANCE IS RECOMMENDED. CUTTING IS REQUIRED ON VEHICLES WITHOUT TOW HOOKS.

**NOTE:** It may be necessary to remove/relocate the front license plate and license plate bracket on models equipped with Ecoboost engine.

 Screw the main bodys together whith (8) 10 x 25mm Allen Buton Bolts (Black), (16) 10 x 25mm OD x 2mm Flat Washers, (Black),(8)10mm Lock Washers(Black) and (8) 10mm Hex Nuts (Black).
Select the correct Top Support and Frame Bracket installation for your model year.

#### 2015-17 Models Top Support Bracket installation only:

- a. From under and behind the bumper, locate the top of the driver side bumper bracket, (Figures 1, 5 & 6). Next, locate the center bumper bolt attaching the top of the bracket to the back of the bumper. It may be necessary to temporarily release the clips and move the rubber cover to access the bumper bolts, (Figure 1).
- b. Remove the hex bolt from the top-center of the bumper bracket, (Figures 2, 4, 6 & 7). NOTE: On some models, it may be necessary/easier to remove bumper to install Top Brackets. If bumper removal is necessary, refer to 2018 model year instructions for installation.
- c. Select the driver side Top Bracket, (Figure 3). Insert the Top Bracket, (end with welded spacer), into the space between the top of the bumper and the bottom of the grille. Line up the Bracket with the mounting hole in the bumper bracket.
- d. Attach the driver/left Top Support Bracket to the back of the bumper bracket with the included (1) 8mm x 40mm Hex Bolt, (1) 8mm Lock Washer and (1) 8mm Flat washer, (Figures 3—6). Leave loose at this time.
- e. Repeat to install the passenger side Top Bracket.

Determine if the **2015-17** model vehicle is equipped with factory tow hooks, (Figures 7 & 9).

#### 2015-17 Frame Bracket Installation on vehicles with Factory Tow Hooks:

- a. Remove both tow hooks and plastic trim. NOTE: Plastic trim will not be reinstalled.
- b. Select the driver side Frame Mounting Bracket, (Figure 8). Insert the Bracket between the tow hook and the frame.
- c. Reattach the tow hook over the Bracket with the factory bolts. Leave hardware loose. If Bracket installation interferes with tow hook, remove tow hook and attach the Bracket to the bottom of the frame and Nut Plate with the included (2) 12mm x 35mm Hex Bolts, (2) 12mm Lock Washers and (2) 12mm Flat Washers, (Figure 8)
- d. Repeat for passenger side Frame Bracket installation.

#### 2015-17 Frame Bracket Installation on Models without Tow Hooks:

- a. From behind the bumper, release the clips attaching the plastic bumper pads to the steel bumper, (Figures 9–11). Temporarily remove the pads and license plate mounting bracket. Next, remove the air dam and plastic splash guard from the bottom of the bumper.
- b. Insert (1) 12mm Double Nut Plate into the end of the driver side of the frame, (Figures 12 & 13). Line up the Nut Plate with the holes in the bottom of the frame, (Figure 14).
- c. Select the driver side Frame Mounting Bracket. Attach the Bracket to the bottom of the frame and Nut Plate with the included (2) 12mm x 35mm Hex Bolts, (2) 12mm Lock Washers and (2) 12mm Flat Washers, (Figures 8 & 16). Leave hardware loose at this time.
- d. Repeat the previous **Steps a—c** for passenger side Frame Mounting Bracket installation.
- e. Hold splash guard up against bottom of brackets and in line with mounting points on bottom of bumper. Mark location of brackets onto splash guard, (Figure 15).
- f. Cut out slots to clear brackets. Cut as little as possible to clear brackets.
- g. Temporarily remove the Frame Brackets.
- h. Reinstall the splash guard and reinstall Brackets through splash guard. Proceed to Step 2.

#### 2018 Models Top Support Bracket installation only.

- a. Remove the plastic fill panels from the center of the front bumper, (Figure 17).
- **b.** Disconnect any wire harness leading to the front bumper, (fog lights for example).
- c. From behind the bumper, remove factory hex nuts attaching the bottom of the bumper bracket to the frame bracket.
- d. Through the opening in the front of the bumper, remove the factory hex nuts and remove the bumper, (Figures 17 & 18). IMPORTANT: Assistance is required to hold bumper in place as hardware is removed.
- e. Select the driver side 2018 Top Bracket, (Figure 19). Remove the hex bolt from the top-center of the bumper bracket on the back of the bumper, (Figures 20—22).
- f. Attach the Support Bracket to the back of the bumper bracket with the included (1) 8mm x 40mm Hex Bolt, (1) 8mm Lock Washer and (1) 8mm Flat washer, (Figures 20—22). With Bracket mounting plate straight up and down, fully tighten the Hex Bolt.
- g. Repeat to install the passenger side Top Bracket.
- h. Do not reinstall bumper at this time.

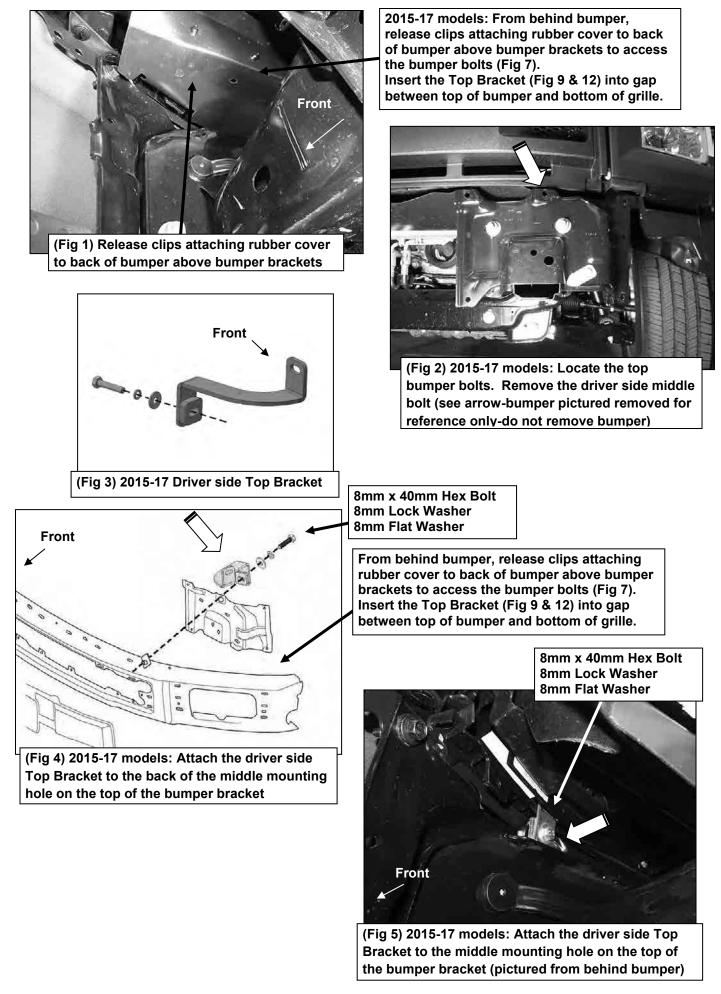
### 2018 Model Frame Bracket Installation on vehicles with Factory Tow Hooks (bumper removed).

- a. Remove both tow hooks and plastic trim. NOTE: Plastic trim will not be reinstalled.
- b. Reinstall bumper and plastic splash guard.
- c. Select the driver side Frame Mounting Bracket, (Figure 16). Insert the Bracket between the tow hook and the frame.
- **d.** Reattach the tow hook over the Bracket with the factory bolts. Leave hardware loose. If Bracket installation interferes with tow hook, remove tow hook and attach the Bracket to the bottom of the frame and Nut Plate with the included (2) 12mm x 35mm Hex Bolts, (2) 12mm Lock Washers and (2) 12mm Flat Washers, (Figure 16)
- e. Repeat for passenger side Frame Bracket installation.

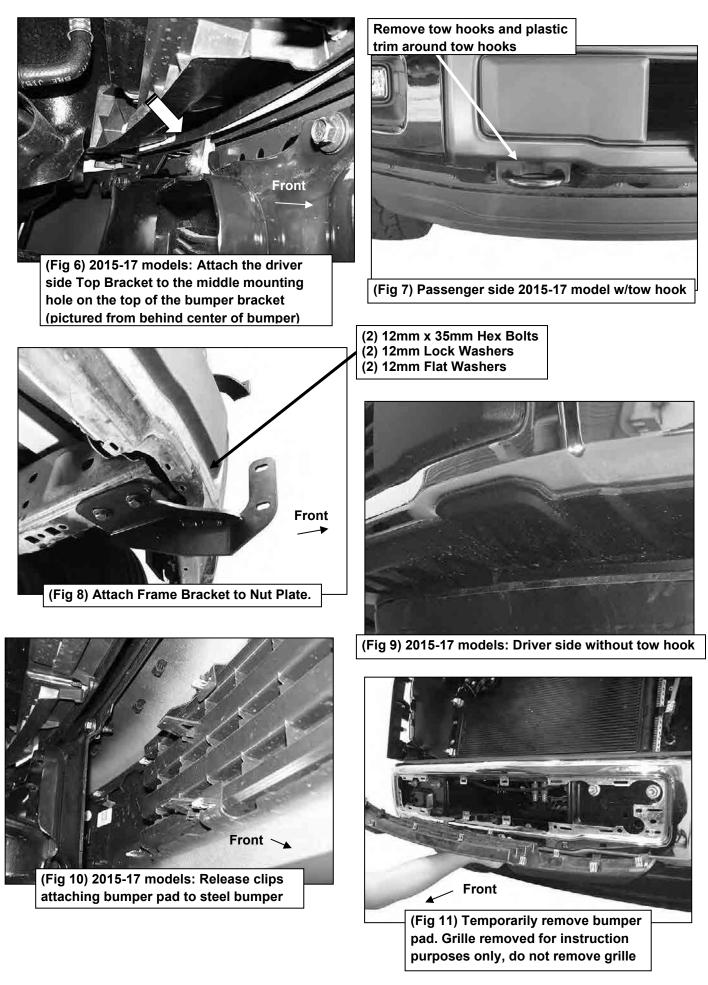
#### 2018 Frame Bracket Installation on Models without Tow Hooks (bumper removed):

- a. Insert (1) 12mm Double Nut Plate into the end of the driver side of the frame, (Figures 12 & 13). Line up the Double Nut Plate with the holes in the bottom of the frame, (Figure 14).
- b. Select the driver side Frame Mounting Bracket. Attach the Bracket to the bottom of the frame and Nut Plate with the included (2) 12mm x 35mm Hex Bolts, (2) 12mm Lock Washers and (2) 12mm Flat Washers, (Figure 16). Leave hardware loose at this time.
- c. Repeat the previous Steps for passenger side Frame Mounting Bracket installation.
- d. Remove splash guard/air dam from bottom of bumper.
- e. Temporarily reinstall bumper. Hold splash guard up against bottom of brackets and in line with mounting points on bottom of bumper. Mark location of brackets onto splash guard.
- f. Cut out slots to clear brackets. Cut as little as possible to clear brackets, (Figure 15).
- **g.** Reattach splash guard and reinstall the bumper at this time, **(Figure 23)**. **NOTE**: It may be necessary to temporarily remove the Frame Brackets to reinstall the bumper and splash guard.
- With assistance, place the Grille Guard up to the outside of the Brackets. Attach the Grille Guard to the Frame Brackets with (4) 10mm x 30mm Hex Bolts, (8) 10mm Flat Washers, (4) 10mm Lock Washers and (4) 10mm Nylon Lock Nuts, (Figures 24 & 25). Snug but do not tighten hardware at this time.
- Line up the driver side Top Bracket with the hole in the upright on the Grille Guard. Attach the Bracket to the Grille Guard with (1) 8mm x 30mm Hex Bolt, (2) 8mm Flat Washers, (1) 8mm Lock Washer and (1) 8mm Hex Nut, (Figures 24 & 25). Repeat to attach the passenger side Top Bracket to the Grille Guard.
- 4. Center the Grille Guard on the vehicle. Once properly adjusted, fully tighten all hardware. **REMINDER**: On 2015-17 models only, fully tighten hex bolts attaching Top Support Brackets to back of bumper.
- 5. Do periodic inspections to the installation to make sure that all hardware is secure and tight.

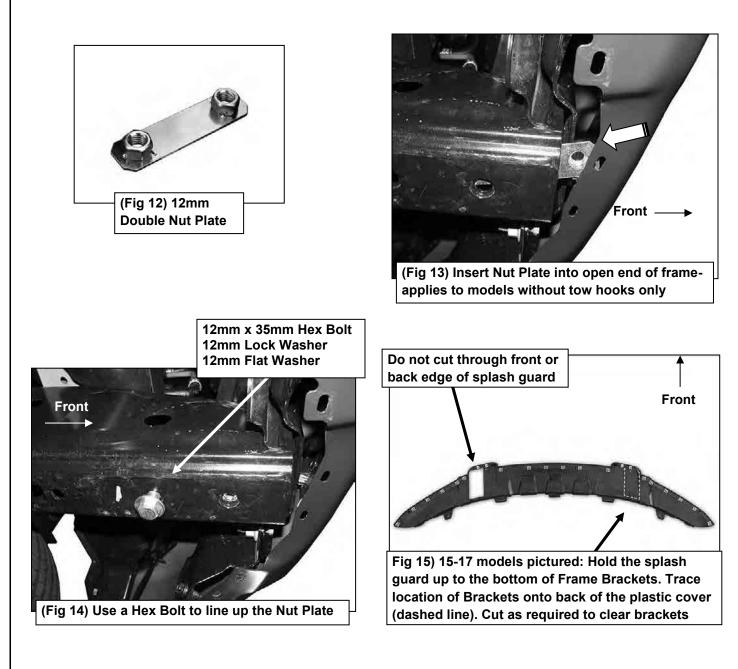
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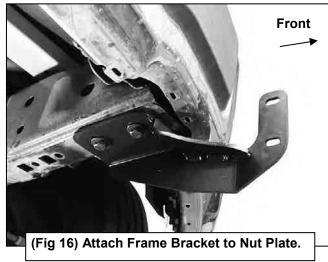


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(Fig 17) 2018 models: Remove plastic cover to access hex nuts attaching bumper

