

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

2014+ BMW X5 OEM RUNNING BOARD

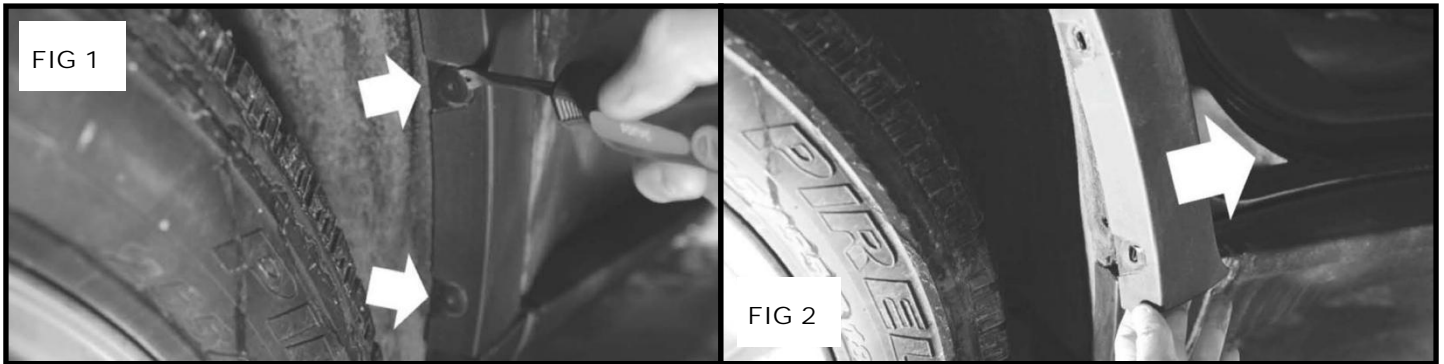
QTY	HARDWARE	
1	Driver Side OEM Running Board	
1	Passenger Side OEM Running Board	
8	Rivet Pin	



Step 1: Verify all parts are present. Inspect each part to ensure it is not damaged. Read instructions carefully before starting installation.



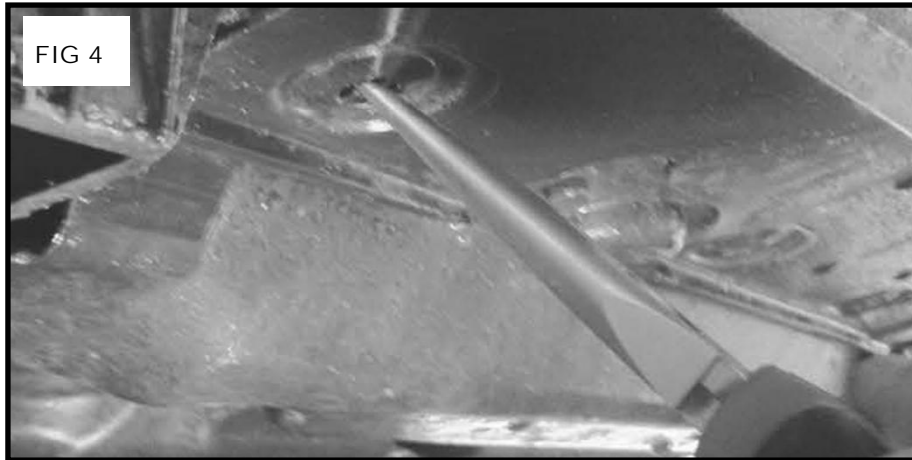
Step 2: Begin by removing two of the plastic rivets located around the rear wheel well (FIG 1). Then pop out the trim as shown in FIG 2. Apply some force to detach the holding clips. This will give you access to the running board clips under the trim.



Step 3: Remove the two screws holding the mud flap (FIG 3), just under the back of the running board. Set aside.



Step 4: Release the clips all along the underside of the running boards, by pulling on the clip with pliers (FIG 4). These may be hard to pull out due to road dirt.



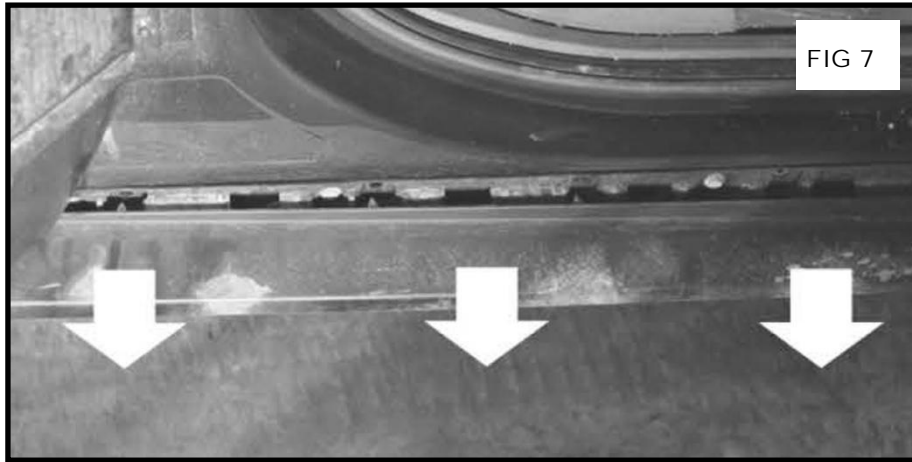
Step 5: Remove the one screw found near the front underside of the running board (FIG 5).



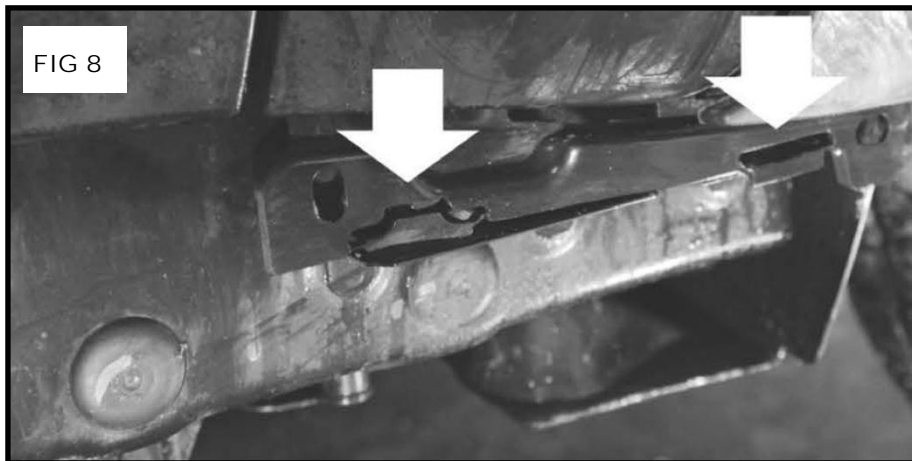
Step 6: With the doors open, pull STRAIGHT OUT on the front part of the vehicle's running board to release it. This will take some force, especially if there are dirt collected inside the trim (FIG 6).



Step 7: With the doors open, pull along the rest of the running board to fully release it (FIG 7).



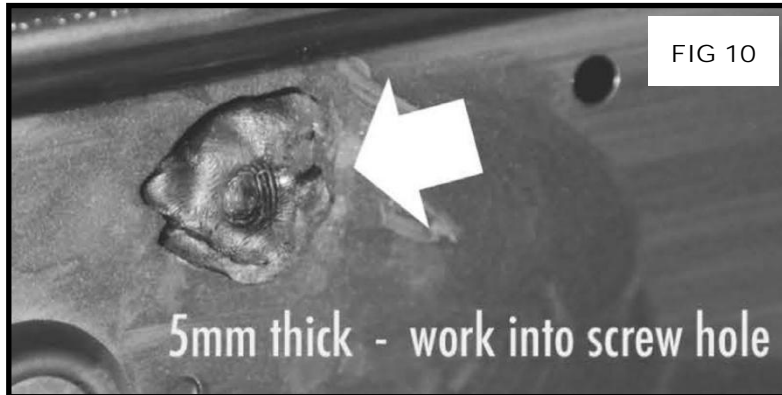
Step 8: Inspect the bracket near the front for damages (FIG 8). This bracket may be white or black. If damaged the clips may not secure properly when installing new running boards.



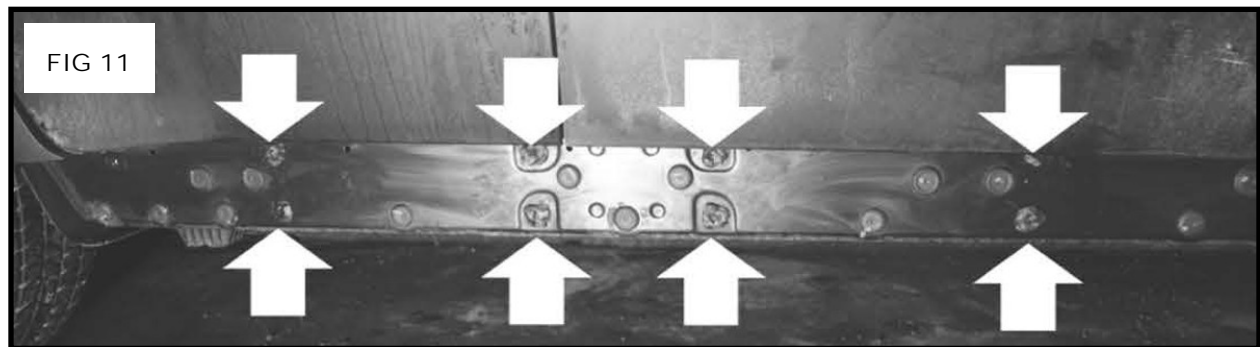
Step 9: Remove the screws holding in the original reinforcement piece and put it aside (FIG 9).



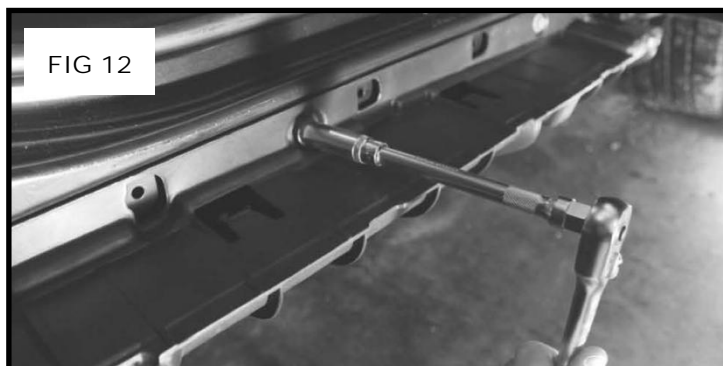
Step 10: You must seal the screw holes before installing the new reinforcement piece. Acquire some windshield adhesive and work it in and around the holes, at least 5mm thick (FIG 10). (A local body shop may have some "black butler" you can purchase. About 2 feet should be enough for completing installation)



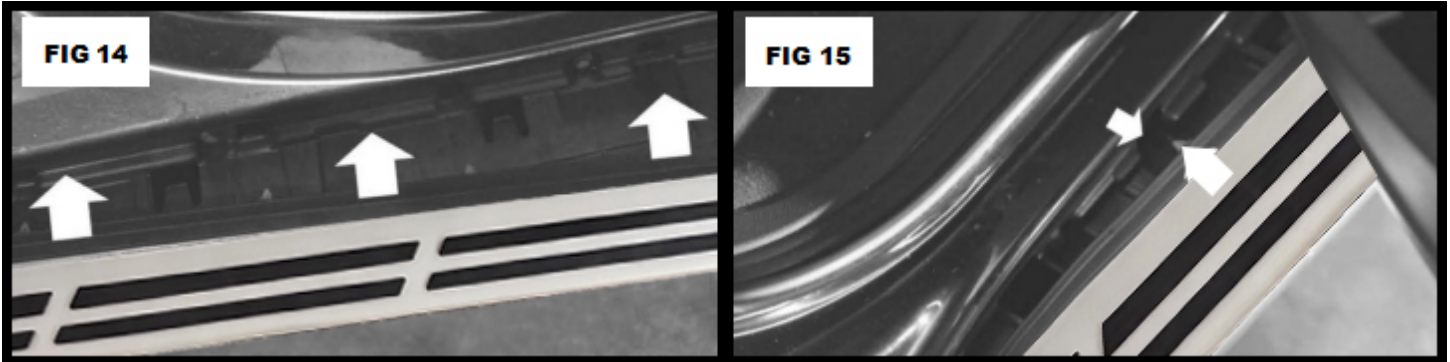
Step 11: Make sure you do it for all the holes shown in FIG 11, on both sides. (Passenger Side Shown)



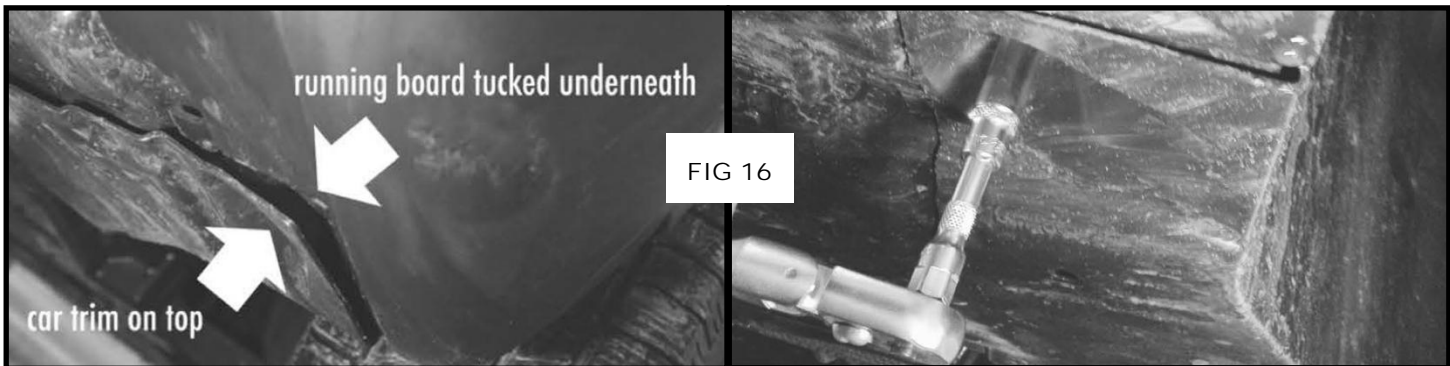
Step 12: Install the new reinforcement piece (FIG 12), being careful not to disturb the adhesive you just put on. Begin screwing in by hand to make sure you locate each hole through the adhesive. It is okay if the adhesive starts to stick to the screw while screwing. Then install new clips onto all the locations on your new running boards, and make sure they are secure (FIG 13).



Step 13: Install the new running boards (FIG 14) making sure all these clips are securing properly or there will be a gap where they are not seated and holding properly. You will need to fit the boards under your doors to make it align easier. Put a few layers of masking tape along the door bottom and edges to prevent scratching on your running boards as you fit them. Carefully align all the clips with their holes before pushing in (FIG 15).



Step 14: When installing the running boards toward the front, be sure that the underside (where your screw goes) is aligned with the running board piece inside the trim piece and not over it (FIG 16).



Step 15: Reinstall clips along the bottom. Make sure the grommets are on the clips. They may have been stuck on to the vehicle when they were first removed. This may also be the reason why they are not locking in properly. Then reinstall rear mud flaps.

Step 16: Snap rear trim into place and replace the 2 plastic rivets that were removed.

Step 17: Do periodic inspections to the installation to make sure that all hardware is secure and tight.

Note:

You may see a slight gap between the running board trim and the body, when you open your front door (near the front fender). This is common and may not have to do with a clip not being seated properly. Push that area in more firmly to ensure it is fully clipped in. This gap is not visible when the doors are closed.