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Installation Instructions and Care Guide : 2001 – 2004 Toyota Tacoma Grille

Thanks again for purchasing your custom grille insert from GrilleGuy.com. The following are some general guidelines that will simplify the installation process and make owning your GrilleGuy grille an enjoyable experience.

- ? Always place the head of the cable ties behind the grille for a cleaner more custom look.
- ? You may have to access the rear of the grille opening from under the hood or from beneath the car.
- ? Occasional use of an aluminum polish will give your grille a brilliant shine

UPPER GRILLE

Upper Grille Hardware list:

- 1 perforated aluminum grille insert
- 1 vinyl trim gasket
- 12 weather resistant nylon cable ties

Upper Grille Installation Procedure:

Step 1 – Open the hood and remove the two screws (Phillips) that hold the corner head lamps in place.





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Step 2 - Remove the corner head lamps by sliding them forward. You can let them hang by the wiring or simply disconnect the plug. If you choose to let them hang don't forget to place a cloth or towel over your fender to prevent scratches.



Step 3 - Actuate the plastic release tabs that hold the grille shell in place. There are 4-5 across the top and a few more that are lower down. A small flat screwdriver works well for this and you may need a longer one to get to the lower fasteners. Then remove the grille shell.



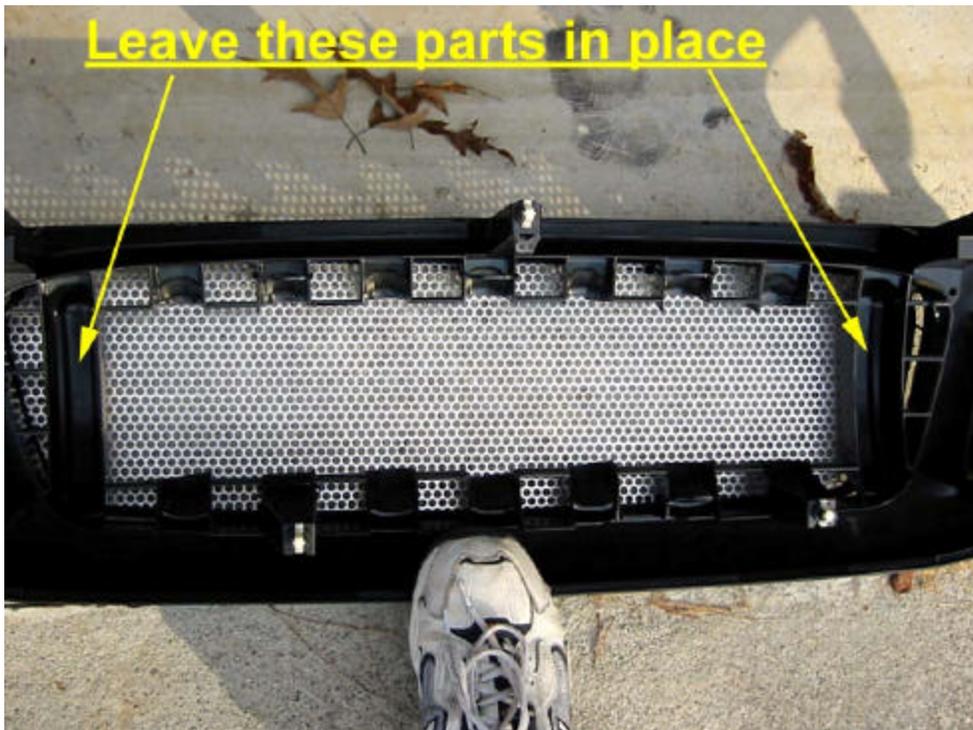


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Step 4 – It is now time to cut out the grille shell center. You will need a saw for this job. Something as simple as a hacksaw blade in the palm of your hand will work. Other useful tools are shown below.



Remove the center part so that what you have left looks like the picture below. Leave the two thick vertical bars and the first row top and bottom so that you will have something to attach the grille to.





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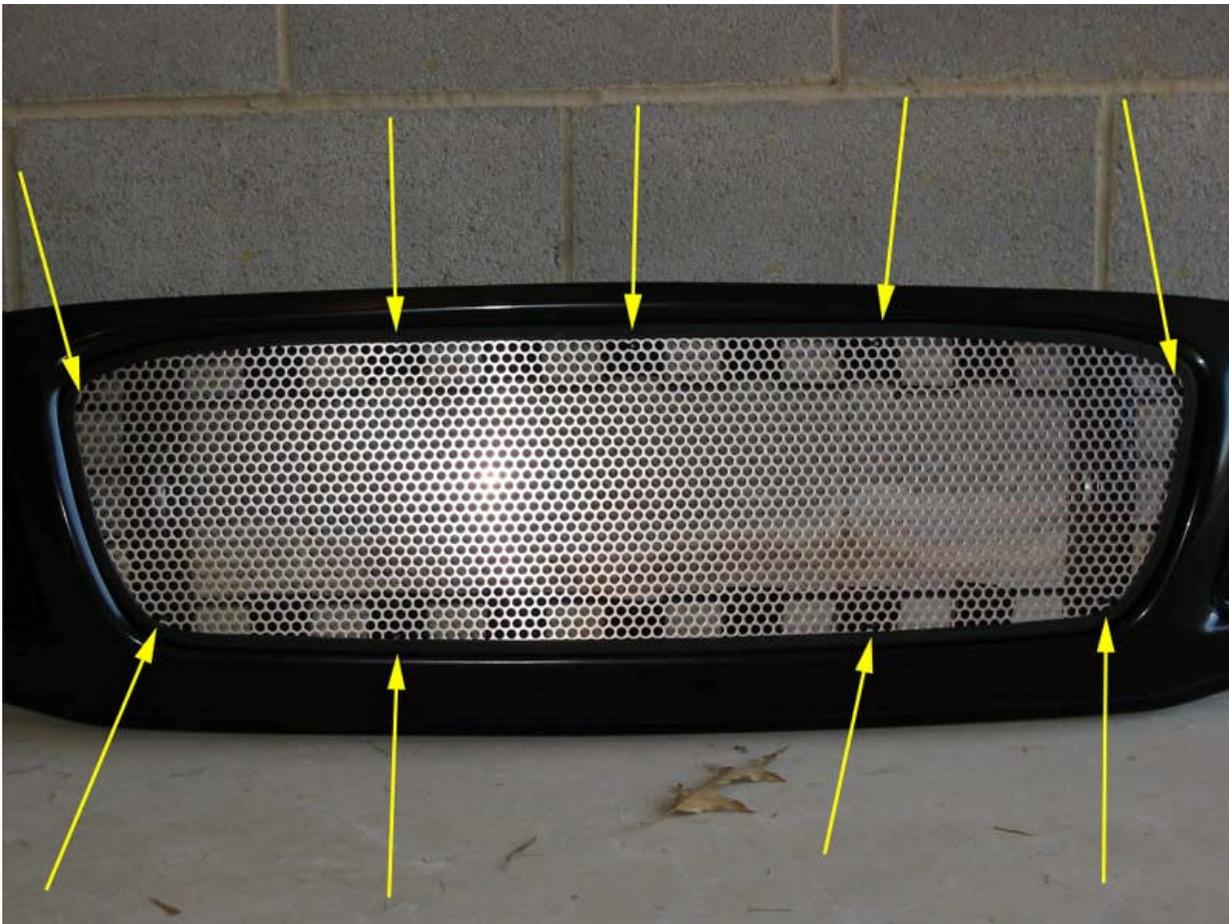
Step 5 – **Attaching the grille, this is the important part, read carefully.**

5.a - Use a pencil or magic marker to mark the holes where you want to route the cable ties, the ties will attach to the remaining plastic OEM grille slats. Suggested attachment points are shown in the picture below.

5. B - Route each cable tie through an opening in the grille (from the back) and then through the front of the grille where you marked it via an adjacent hole.

5. C - **Loosely fasten the zip ties; do not tighten at this point.** Repeat at the other attachment points. You can add as many as you like but don't over do it. Each cable tie has a 40 pound tensile strength rating, your grille only weighs a pound or so, again, don't over do it.

5. D - Go back and secure each zip tie by pulling slightly on each one. Use an alternating pattern. This will ensure the grille is pulled in evenly and has a secure even fit. Do not over tighten, it is possible to damage the grille insert during this step. Clip off excess cable material. Done properly you will barely be able to see the cable ties as shown above.



Now is a good time to fine tune the fit. Do this by pushing the trim material outwards so that it closely conforms to the shape of the opening. If your fingers don't work well, try a pencil with a big fat eraser.

