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Installation Instructions and Care guide

- : 2005 – 2006 Scion tC
- : 2000 – 2003 Honda S2000
- : 2004 – 2005 Honda Civic

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

- Please read the instructions on polishing and trim installation before you begin the grille installation
- 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

Hardware list, Scion tC: Four piece set, hardware will vary based on which components ordered:

- 3 perforated aluminum grille inserts (4 for tC)
- 3 rubberized trim gaskets (4 for tC)
- 12 weather resistant nylon zip ties

Upper & Lower Center Grille Installation Procedure:

Step 1 (Upper grille Scion tC Only, does not apply to lower grille); Remove the Scion emblem – The Scion badge/emblem was already missing when we began the development work on this tC. We recommend that you remove the Scion badge so that you will get the same fitment as we did. Your grille may not fit properly or look the same if you choose to leave the emblem in place.

Step 2 (Upper grille Scion tC Only, does not apply to lower grille); Remove the chrome trim ring - We removed the chrome trim ring from this tC because we were concerned about it showing through the grille and adding contrast where it was not wanted. The ring is easy to remove but you will have to remove the entire plastic OEM grille assembly to get it off. The OEM assembly is held in place by interlocking plastic tabs, no tools are required, just a little muscle. Once the grille assembly has been removed there are only a couple of screws that hold the trim ring and the grille together. Remove these screws and reinstall the OEM plastic grille by just popping it into place.

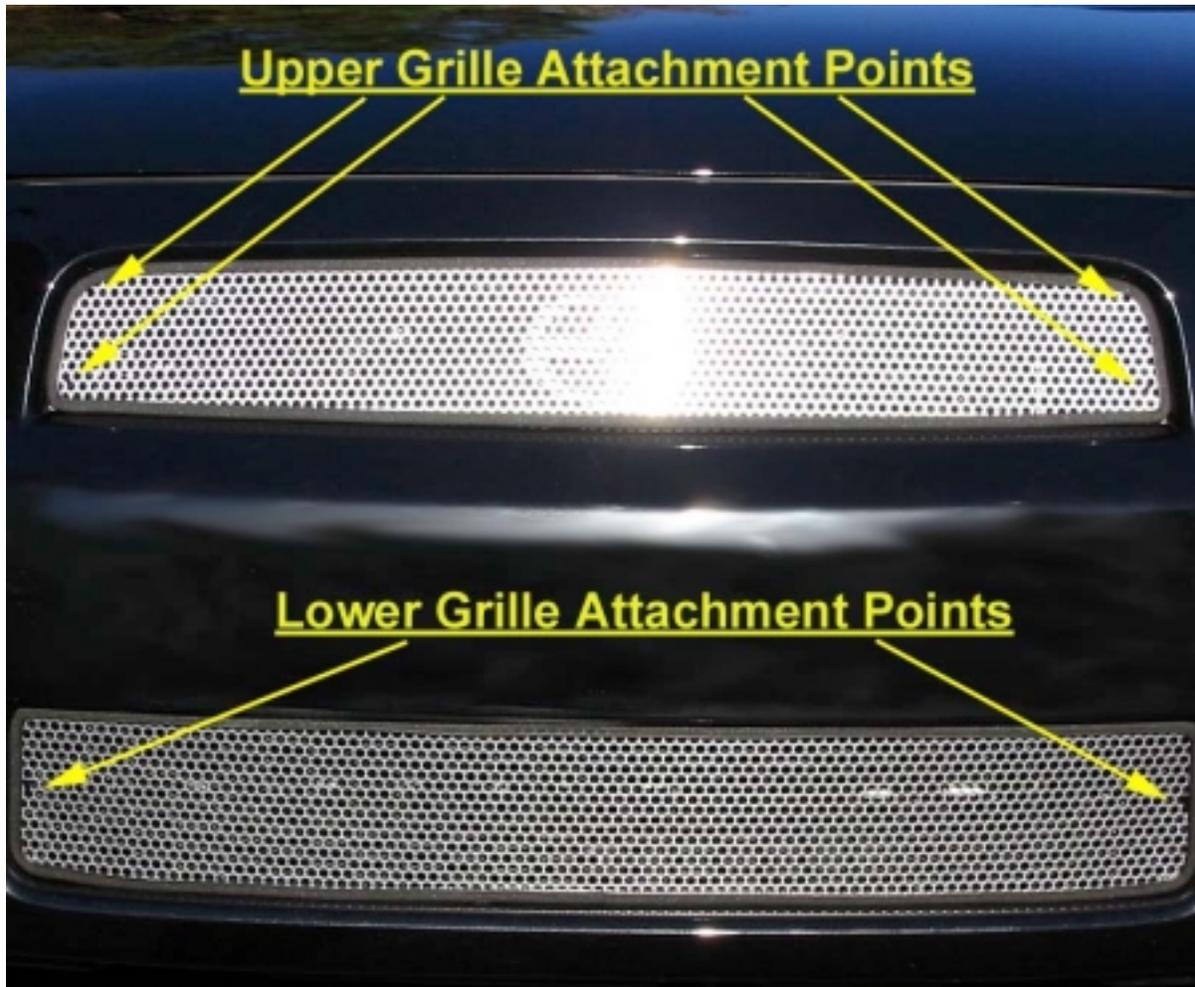
Step 3 - Place the grille inside the opening. The grille should conform to the center opening on the car and fit snugly. This will actually provide the some support for the grille.

Step 4 - Use a pencil or magic marker to mark the holes where you want to route the zip ties. On the center grilles, the cable ties will attach to the plastic OEM grille slats. An approximate location is shown in the picture below.

Note: Some of the photos and examples shown are from the Scion install, some are from the S2000 install and some are from the Civic install. The procedures apply to all three models.



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Step 3 – Route a cable tie through an opening in the grille (from the back) and then through the front of the grille via an adjacent hole as shown on the example below. Make sure this matches where you marked the grille.

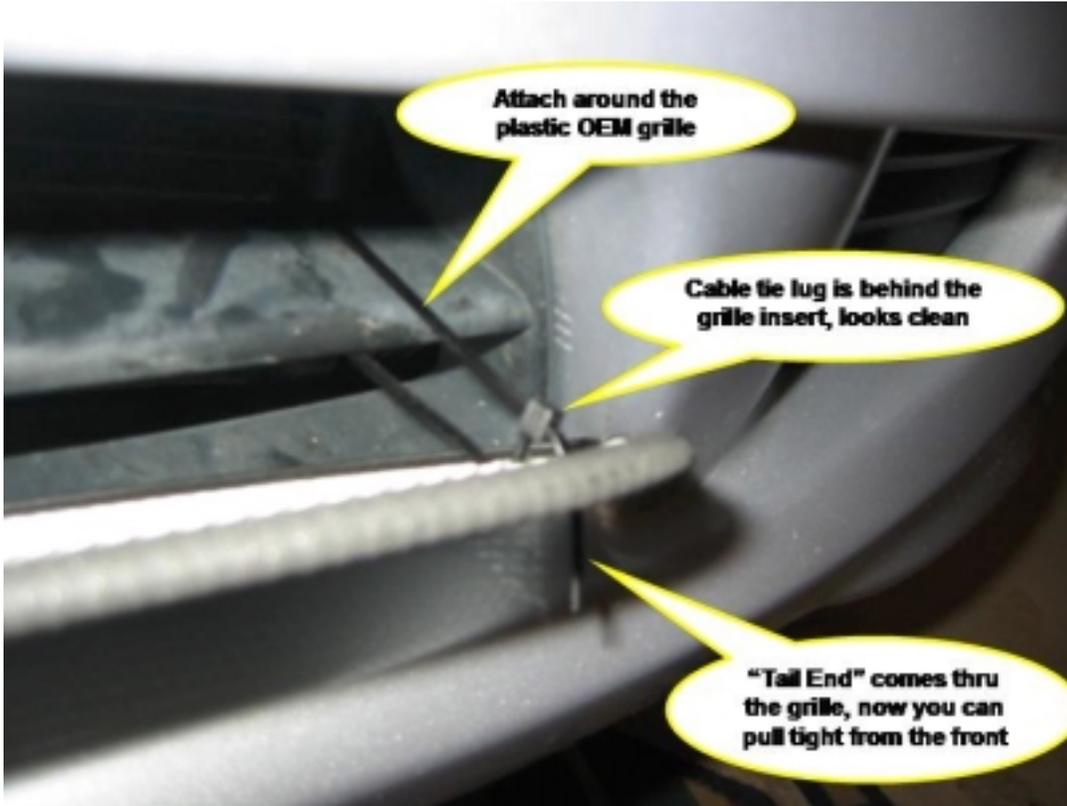


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Step 4 - Wrap the zip ties around or thru the OEM grille slates. Now, complete the zip tie loop, go ahead and push the zip tie "tail end" thru the back of the grille and out the front. This way you will be able to pull tight from the front side. **Loosely fasten the zip tie, do not tighten at this point.** Repeat steps 3 & 4 for the other sides. You can add as many as you like but 2-4 cable ties should be plenty. Each cable tie has a 40 pound tensile strength rating, your grille only weighs a pound or so, don't over do it.



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Step 5 - 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.



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Side Grille Installation Procedure:

Step 1 – Place the grille insert inside the opening. You may need to push the trim out a little to get the best fit. We won't worry about fine tuning the fit until we get the side grilles attached.

Step 2 - Use a pencil or magic marker to mark the holes where you want to route the zip ties (4 places). On the side grilles we will be drilling some small holes. A 5/32" drill bit works well but you may want to go up one size if you have large hands, this will make things easier. Approximate locations are shown in the picture below.

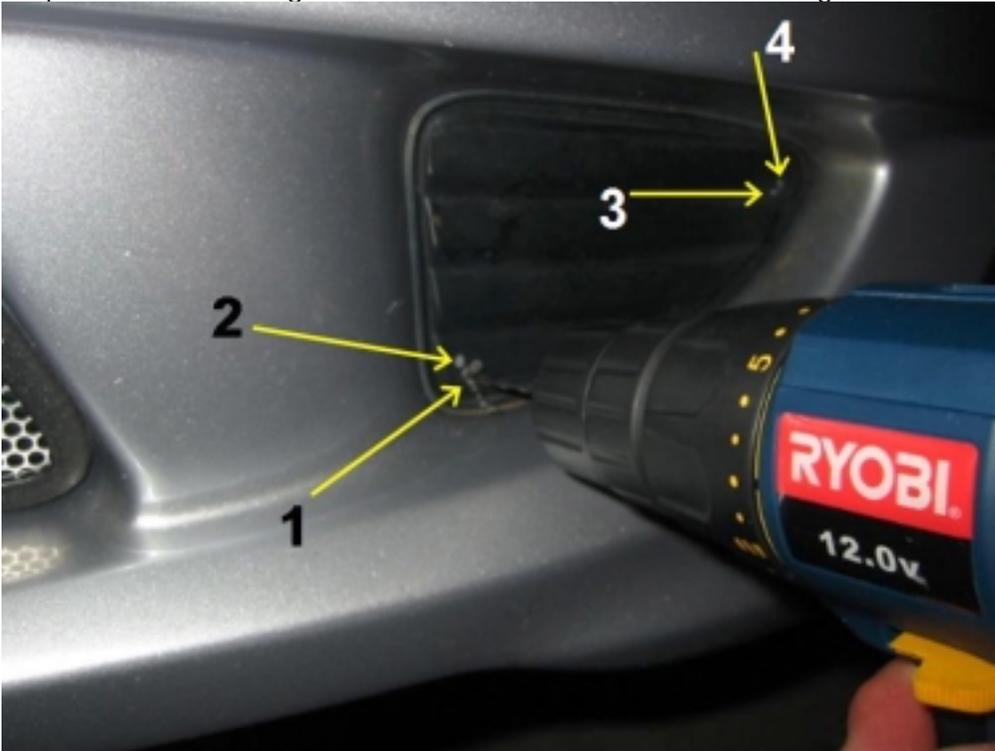


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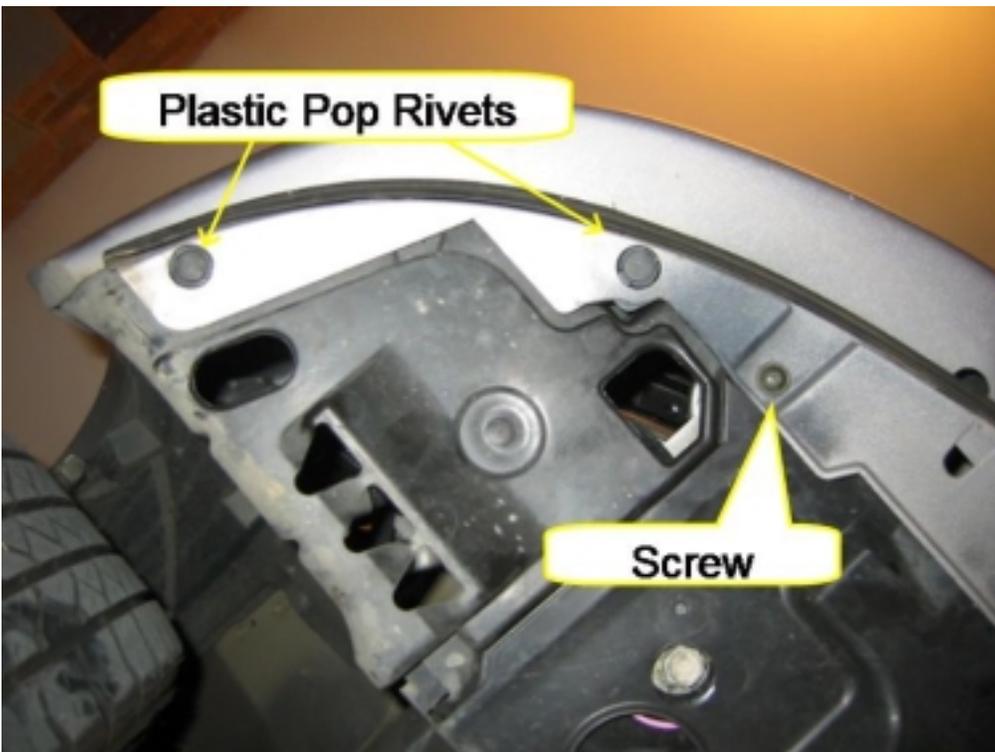
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Step 3 – Your markings should look similar to this, now let's go ahead and drill the holes.



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Step 4 – We will have to go beneath the car and remove a couple of pop rivets and a screw so we can get our hand behind the panel for the side vent. The view below is from underneath, use the tire as a reference point. Go ahead and remove these fasteners and drop the plastic panel down so we can get our hand behind. (this is a typical configuration for most late model Hondas and the Scion tC)



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Step 5 – Almost there, preload two cable ties into the side grille insert just like we did for the center grille. Push the tail end of the cable tie thru the hole you just drilled. Put your hand behind the side grille panel and locate the cable tie. Then push it back thru the adjacent opening. This is actually a little more difficult than it sounds, just be patient and don't get frustrated. Now you should have something similar to the picture below. You will actually be a step further along with the tail of the cable tie back on the front side.



Step 6 - Now, complete the zip tie loop, go ahead and push the zip tie "tail end" thru the back of the grille and out the front. **Loosely fasten the zip tie, do not tighten at this point.** Now do the same for the second cable tie.

Step 7 – 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. Remember, each cable tie has a 40 pound tensile strength rating, your grille only weighs a pound or so, don't over do it. Clip off excess cable material.

Repeat step 1-7 for the opposite side, 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. You can do this for both the side grilles and the center grille, if your fingers don't work well, try a pencil with a big fat eraser.



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YOU ARE DONE! ENJOY THE RIDE!

