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1998-2000 Toyota Tacoma 4WD Lower Grille



Here is the lower installed view. Note the shape of the upper without a grille so this will fit 1998 – 2000 4WD model Toyota Tacomas.

Place grille up and locate a hole just above the horizontal bar of the bumper. Use that hole and install 3 (one at each end and one in the middle) of the zipties in the fashion as shown. The lug of the ziptie and end must be on the back-side of the grille at this point. You need to determine the top and the bottom as the corners are different.



Place the grille on the lower opening as shown and reach from beneath the front bumper with the other hand and start to close the zipties around the horizontal center bar on the grille. Place the grille up like it is to be finished and then tighten all of the zipties.

Finished lower installation:

TIPS: make the zipties come out and go in on adjacent vertical holes. Place the zipties in equal locations left and right so it looks uniform across the front.





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Upper Grille

You will need to remove your OEM grille from the car. We do not have specific instructions for this but it seems there are just a few fasteners holding it to the front end. If you will notice the center bar sticks out further than the rest of the grille to give it a tough 3D look. This is not good for the grille insert. Imagine trying to wrap a piece of sheet metal around a basketball... It would want to be gathered up at the top and bottom right? This means this bar must go and the Emblem mount goes with too!

Now that you have the grille off, I will show where I cut the center bar out using a small hand saw that is essentially a holder for a hack saw blade. At times I actually even removed the hack saw blade and use it with my hands to reach difficult areas. Some other tools may work just as well such as a Dremel tool or Roto-Zip.



Take your time, so you don't mess up and cut the wrong thing. When finished your grille should look like the one shown in these 2 photos.



This takes about 10-20 minutes and will most likely make a mess... little pieces of plastic everywhere. PLEASE be careful not to get cut while using the saw!

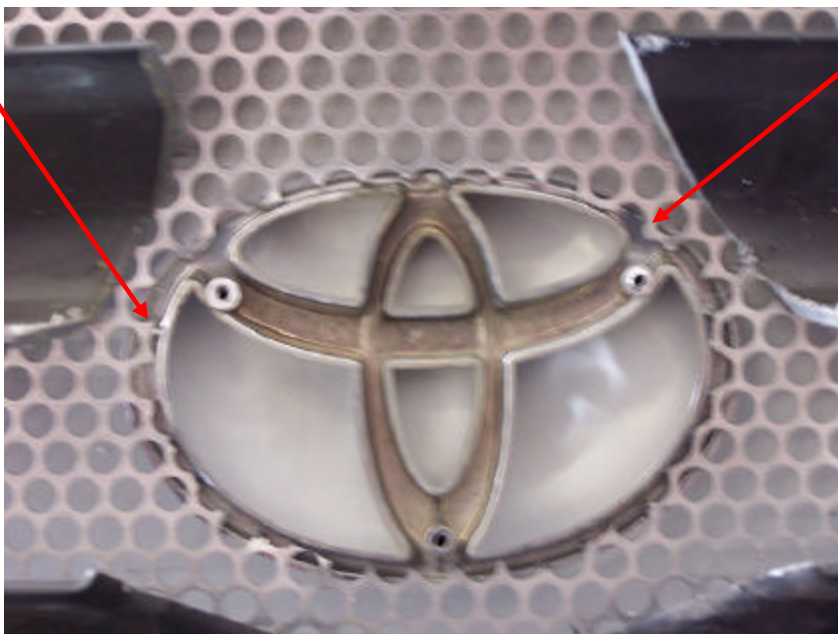


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Now you need to decide if you want to add the Toyota emblem back into the grille. It can always be done later though if you are unsure at this time. Photos are shown with and without the emblem.



If you want to have the emblem... Remove it from the OEM mount (2 screws from the back) then use some tie wraps or string to attach it to the center (or you can place it in a corner if you want) so that you can mark the grille where you need to cut it.



You will note that there is overlap from the outside of the ellipse and the front flange. WE will use that overlap to support the emblem. Mark the grille so that the cuts will not be visible outside of the flange, but large enough for the emblem to slide thru. Better to cut too small than too big you can always remove more! Cut using a pair of diagonal cutters, a Dremel, or even a hammer and chisel. Once finished Epoxy it in place with a 5 minute epoxy.



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Now before replacing the grille on the vehicle you want to use the provided zip ties to attach the grille to the OEM grille. Place them where needed to insure a secure fit, but our suggestion is as close to the corners and sides as possible to make them disappear into the trim. You should also test fit on the vehicle before the final securing of the zip ties.

