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1999 – 2001 Acura TL

Upper Grille Installation Instructions.

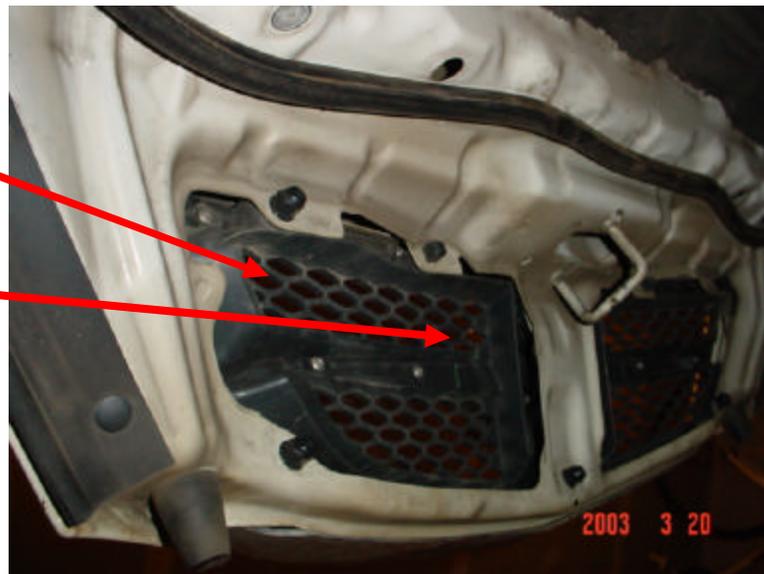
1. Decide you want to customize the look of you Gen II Acura TL. This is what you are looking at now. Tools Required. Gloves- for your hands sake (there will be some sharp edges), a Philips head screwdriver, a towel (or something soft to lay your grille onto, cutters, hacksaw or dremel, and pliers)



2. Release hood and open the hood. You will notice looking at the back of your grille 5 black cap nuts and two black plastic clips. See photo below. Remove the 5 cap nuts and then while squeezing the plastic tabs pull on the grille from the outside to remove it from the hood

1 of 5
nuts

1 of 2
plastic
clips

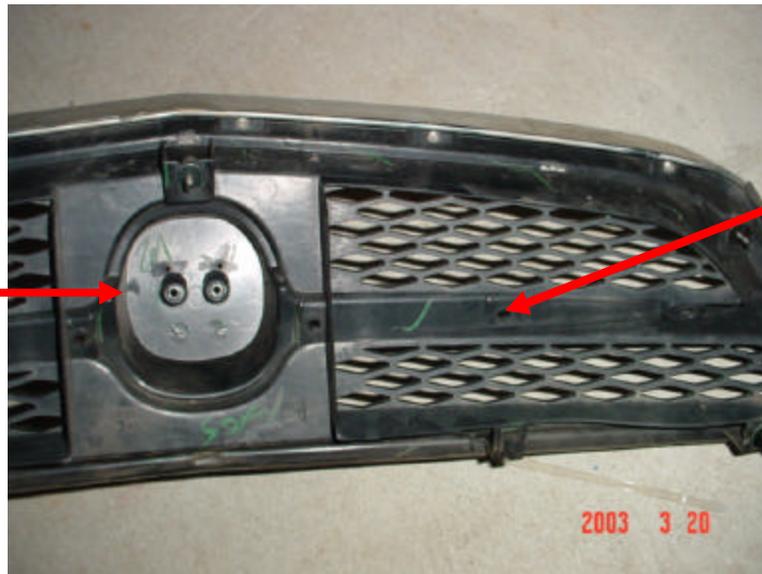




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3. Take the OEM (original Equipment Manufacturer) grille and place it face down on a towel or another smooth surface so you do not scratch the chrome trim ring.
4. Remove all of the Phillips head screws that you see on the back of the grille. Two of them are for the 'A'. Six of them are for the Horizontal Chrome trim piece. After removing these screws place these pieces aside for now. The rest will take the black grille apart from the chrome trim ring. Picture below shows the back side of the grille with the 'A' and the horizontal chrome piece screws removed.

1 of 2
screws for
'A'
(removed)



1 of 6
screws for
horizontal
chrome
bar
(removed)

5. Decide if you want to cut your OEM black grille and have just a smooth aluminum grille look or if you want to cut a hole in the grille and have the 'A' protruding from the grille. Here is a picture with the hole cut out and the 'A' being seen. This allows you to go back to STOCK. The other way you won't get back to stock, unless you buy a new front grille piece.



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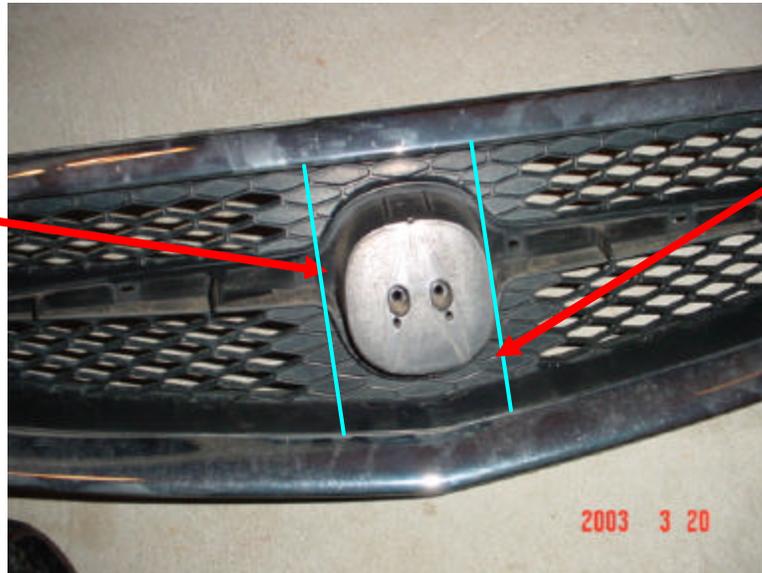


6. If you want to have the 'A' show through then hold the Grille up to your black grille and mark the location of the cutout with a dry erase marker. Make the cutout a little bigger than the mounting boss of the 'A'. We will fill it in with the piece of black rubber enclosed. Please note that your grille shipped with a blue 'F' written in dry erase marker on the front side of the grille.
7. Cuts can be made with a pair of tin snips, a dremel tool, or a pair of wire cutters. Use caution when cutting. Also you can always cut it bigger later so don't make it oversized.. After the hole is cut, place the rubber over the cutout surface. Place the joint at the bottom edge so you won't see it later.
8. For those that decided the smooth aluminum grille would look better. Take a dremel tool or a hack saw and cut the mounting boss for the 'A' emblem back so that it is below the plane of the trim ring.



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Decide if you are going to cut this off or cut an oval hole in the Grille.



A plane defined by these two lines that touch the back side of the chrome trim ring will tell you how much to cut off of the 'A' boss.

9.

10. With the chrome trim ring laid face down on the towel, place the Grille down onto it. It should lie so that there are no gaps but there is not much overhanging either (especially towards the top side).
11. Place the black OEM grille piece onto the chrome trim ring and Grille. Start several screws loosely. Make small adjustments if necessary and then tighten the screws.
12. You won't need the horizontal chrome piece or its six screws so save those things somewhere.
13. If you cut the grille, you also won't need two screws nor the 'A' emblem.
14. Place the grille into the hood clicking the two plastic clips back into place to hold it while you can install the 5 cap nuts. Do not over-tighten these nuts. Just more than finger tight is good.
15. Shut the hood, clean your fingerprints, and take it for a spin to show off the new grille.





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Lower Center Grille Installation Instructions

1. Tools Required: Gloves- for your hands sake (there might be some sharp edges), a towel (or something soft to lay your grille onto), needle nose pliers, and maybe some sheers. You need to mark and cut the grille if you need a front license plate holder.

2. Identify the **FRONT** side of the grille. The back side has the stamping droop. We usually label the front with tape and we mark with an arrow the TOP.



3. Test the fitment of the grille in the lower opening of the TL. Note that the bottom edge must go in first to get the angle of the grille.

4. If you need to do some fine-tuning, remove the grille, take off a portion of the push-on edge guard rubber and trim the grille with a pair of sheers. Then reinstall the rubber edge guard and test again. This is generally not a required step.





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5. Now you know it fits, open the hood.

6. With the hood up your hands can reach the back-side of the black plastic grille that came on your TL.



7. Place the grille into position and mark the locations that you can see

the horizontal cross bar behind the aluminum grille. That will be the location of installing your zipties. Install the zipties from behind the grille so that eventually the lug will be out of sight. Shown by red arrows above are the 3 mount locations.

8. The zipties should now be going from the back of the grille out to the front and then back into the grille. Do that on both sides on the Horizontal grille bar (OEM) and



then once near the top center vertical bar.

9. Reach in from behind the grille and draw the zipties up. Do NOT draw them up TIGHT. Draw them up so that the fit is good. The



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grille will have some arch to it to match the curvature of the front of the TL. Trim excess off of Zipties.

Fog Light Hole Grille Installation Instructions

1. Tools Required: Gloves- for your hands sake (there might be some sharp edges), a towel (or something soft to lay your grille onto), Drill and small drill bit, needle nose pliers, and maybe some sheers.

2. Identify the **FRONT** side of the grille. The back side has the stamping droop. We label the front with tape and we mark with an arrow the TOP.



3. Test the fitment of the grille in the fog-light opening of the TL. Note that the bottom edge must go in first to get the angle of the grille.

4. If you need to do some fine-tuning, remove the grille, take off a portion of the push-on edge guard rubber and trim the grille with a pair of sheers. Then reinstall the rubber edge guard and test again. This is generally not a required step.

5. You need to drill matching holes inner side of the fog-light

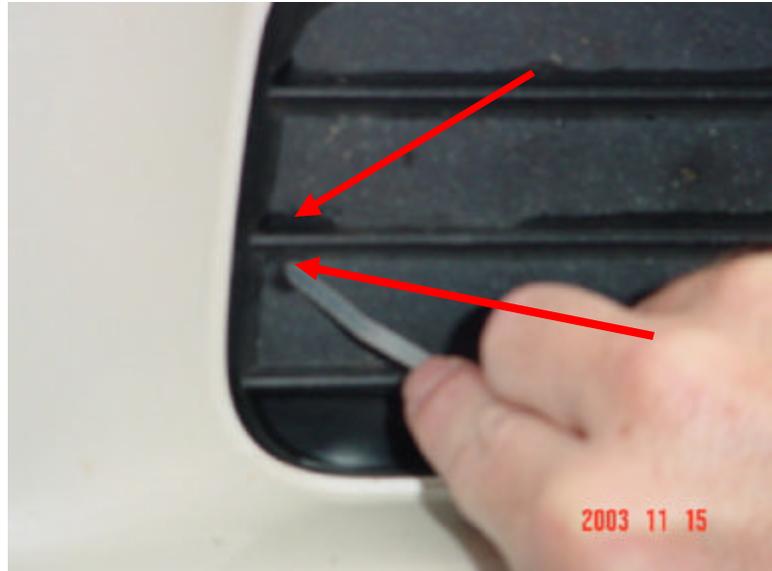




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blanks to match these on the outer. Just big enough for the ziptie to pass through. Drill holes as shown at right.

6. Place the grille into position and mark the locations that you can see the horizontal holes on the outside of the fog-light blanks. That will be the location of installing your outer zipties. Install the zipties from behind the grille so that eventually the lug will be out of sight. Do the same for the inner side where you just drilled two holes.



7. The zipties should now be going from the back of the grille out to the front and then back into the grille.
8. Place the grille up to the car and at the same time feed the ziptie through the upper slit/drilled hole.

9. Reach your arm (skinny arms can do this) through the small opening just in front of the tire to reach the back of the fog light blank and push the ziptie back through the lower hole/slit and back out to the front of the car. If your arm is too big, then remove a portion of the inner wheel plastic to gain access to this area.





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10. Pull the excess zipties to snug up the grille and get a good fit. Now you need to do it all over on the other side. This is just a suggested installation. For the best look you only want to have the ziptie going over one hole to the next hole on the front of the grille. You can see that on the demo car, we went over a few holes and the ziptie is more evident.

To keep clean we recommend Aluminum Polish that can be purchased at auto parts stores. It only requires hand polishing.

This is an aftermarket automotive component and thus we make no warranty for any part of the vehicle. Use at your own risk.