



RUST BUSTER

RB7707
Fuel Tank Crossmember
1997-2004 Dodge Dakota
Club Cab 6.5ft. Bed



REQUIRED TOOLS

Jack Stands or Lift
Mig Welder
Paint/Primer
Hand Grinder
Cutting Wheel or Torch
Welding Gloves
Welding Hood/Shield
Ear & Eye Protection
Sockets & Ratchet
Fire Extinguisher
Hammer
Wrench

KIT CONTAINS

Fuel Tank Crossmember
M8 Flanged Hex Head Screw

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1) PREPARING YOUR VEHICLE

Begin by disconnecting your battery prior to starting your installation.

Inspect your vehicle for leaking fuel lines, fuel tank and engine components. If you have fuel leaks repair all leaks prior to starting your installation. If your fuel tank is near your welding area **remove your tank prior to welding.**

Remove all combustible items above the work area such as seats, carpets, padding, etc.

Keep all flammable materials away from the vehicle work area.

2) PREPARING YOUR WORKSTATION

Keep a fire extinguisher close by in the case of fire and make sure you always have a designated "Fire Watch" to assist during the cutting or welding phases.

Abide by all apprenticed welding safety standards and practices.

Always use appropriate welding eye protection, ear protection, and work and fire safety gloves during the installation and within the work area.



WARNING!

If you are unsure on how to perform the installation or how to operate any of the required tools listed above, it is **HIGHLY** advised that you enlist the work of a certified welder/installer.

Failure to follow proper safety precautions and instructions may result in serious injury. **The user assumes all liability when installing the product.**



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3) PREPARING FOR YOUR INSTALL

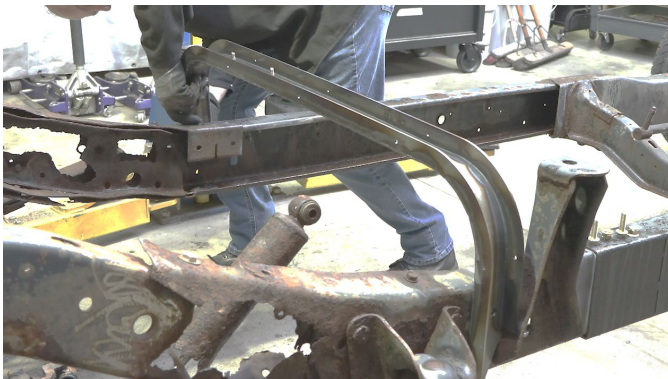
Lift up your vehicle. Remove any lines or power harnesses from the work area as well as your fuel tank. Then, with a 13mm socket and wrench, remove your exhaust and exhaust hanger.

4) UNINSTALL

With a 15mm socket and 14mm wrench, remove the bolts and nuts retaining the factory fuel tank crossmember. Set your hardware aside and remove your crossmember.

5) INSTALL

Hold your replacement fuel tank crossmember up to the frame using the frame holes to help with the alignment.



Once in place, use a 15mm socket and 14mm wrench to reinstall the hardware.



6) PAINT AND PROTECT

Paint the part with primer or other rust inhibitor to help prevent or reduce the risk of rust formation.

We recommend our Rust Buster Rust Converter & Primer Spray Paint (RB9917).



7) REINSTALL

With a 13mm socket and wrench, use the included hardware to reinstall your exhaust and exhaust hanger. Then, reinstall your fuel tank.