



RUST BUSTER

RB7835

**Rear Spare Tire Crossmember
2011-2018 Chevy Silverado 2500HD
2011-2018 GMC Sierra 2500HD**



VIDEO AVAILABLE



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 & Wrench
Fire Extinguisher
Mallet

KIT CONTAINS

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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 or remove your vehicles bed.

4) CUT

Begin by relieving the welds between the factory spare tire crossmember and spare tire plate.



Then, cut out the spare tire crossmember and any obstructions in the area.



Grind the frame free of rust and debris, revealing bare metal.



Spray the work area with a weld-through primer to help prevent the risk of rust development.

5) WELD

Take your replacement spare tire crossmember and slide it into place.





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Following proper welding procedures, tack weld your spare tire crossmember into place before welding it on fully. Weld 100% around all edges.



After welding your crossmember into place, weld back on your spare tire plate. If you would like to replace your spare tire plate, you can replace it with our part RB7837.



6) PAINT

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

Reinstall your bed.