



Bronco Winch Tray and Skid Plate

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Rough Country recommends that a certified technician install this system. In addition to these instructions, professional knowledge of disassemble/reassembly procedures as well as post installation checks must be known. Attempts to install this system without this knowledge and expertise may jeopardize the integrity and/or operating safety of the vehicle. Please read all the instructions before beginning the installation. Check the kit hardware against the “Kit Contents” list below. If question exist, please call us @1-800-222-7023. We will be happy to answer any questions concerning this product. Check all fasteners for proper torque. Check to ensure for adequate clearance between all components. Check and retighten wheels at 50 miles and again at 500 miles. Periodically check all hardware for tightness. Be sure you have all the needed parts and understand where they go. Also, please review the “Tools Needed” list to be certain you have the necessary tools to complete the installation.

PRODUCT USE INFORMATION

⚠ WARNING As a general rule, the taller a vehicle is the easier it will roll. We strongly recommend that seat belts and shoulder harnesses be worn at all times. Braking performance and capabilities are decreased when significantly larger/heavier tires and wheels are used. Do not add, alter, or fabricate any factory or after-market parts which increase vehicle height over the intended height of the Rough Country product purchased. Rough Country makes no claims regarding lifting devices and excludes any and all implied claims. We will not be responsible for any product that is altered.

NOTICE TO DEALER AND VEHICLE OWNER

⚠ NOTICE Any vehicle equipped with any Rough country product must have the “Warning to Driver” decal installed on the sun visor or dash. The decal is to act as a constant reminder for whoever is operating the vehicle of its unique handling characteristics. **INSTALLING DEALER**—It is your responsibility to install the warning decal and to forward these installation instructions on too the vehicle owner for review and to be kept in the vehicle for its service life.



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TOOLS NEEDED:

Jack
Wheel Chocks
Metric Wrench/Socket
15mm
16mm
19mm

KIT CONTENTS:

Winch Tray
Winch Skid Plate
Winch Controller Extension
Intercooler Spacer (2)
Intercooler Filler Panel
Bumper Filler Panel
Bumper Spacer (4)
Nut Tab (2)

HARDWARE INCLUDED:

Screw (2)
12mm Black Button Head Bolt (2)
7/16" x 1.25" Bolt (2)
7/16" Washer (2)
1/4" Button Head Bolts (5)
1/4" Nut (5)
Cable Ties (6)
Bolt Retainer (6)

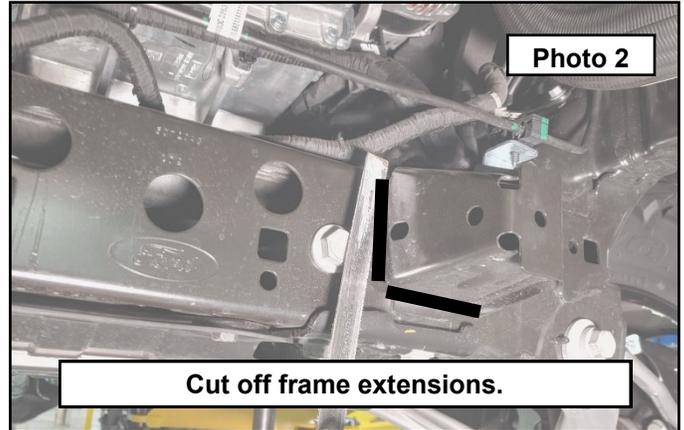
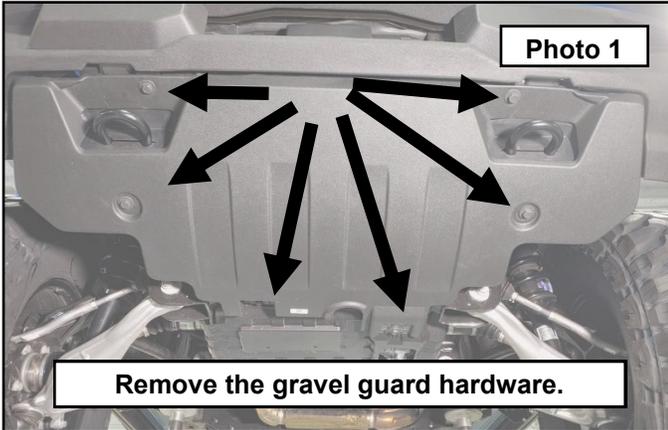


There are two different installation based on the factory bumper on the Bronco. One for the plastic bumper (top picture) and one for the steel bumper (bottom picture). Follow the steps for the particular bumper that is on your vehicle. Both types of installs you will be replacing your factory front plastic gravel guard or metal skid plate. If you have the Rough Country front fabricated modular bumper installed, you will follow the steps for the plastic bumper installation.

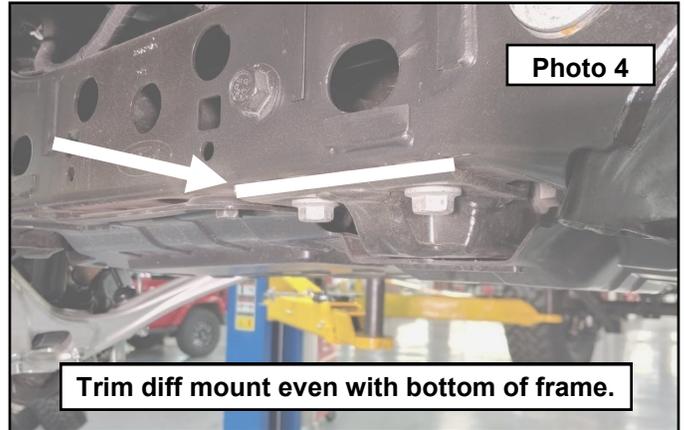
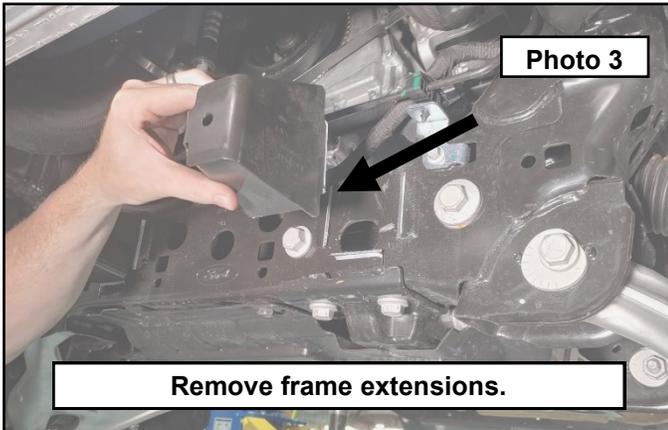


Winch Tray and Skid Plate Installation for Plastic or RC Fabricated Bumper:

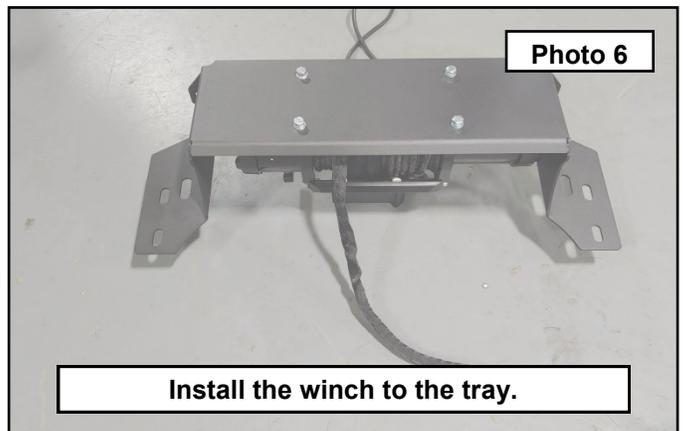
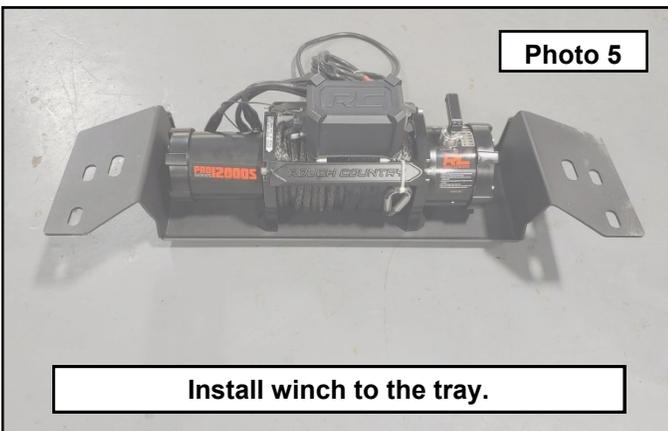
1. Park your vehicle on a clean flat surface, engage the parking brake and block the rear tires.
2. **Save all hardware removed from the vehicle unless otherwise noted.**
3. Open the hood and disconnect the negative terminal on the battery.
4. Remove the gravel guard from the vehicle using a 15mm socket in 6 locations. The two rearmost bolts you only have to loosen to slide the gravel guard off. Once removed, tighten the rearmost bolts back down. **Photo 1**
5. On the front of the frame you will find extensions that need to be removed to install the winch. Use a suitable cutting tool (Sawzall shown) and remove these even with the frame rail as shown. You will have 4 sides on each extension to cut through. Do not cut through the electrical or brake lines. **Photo 2**



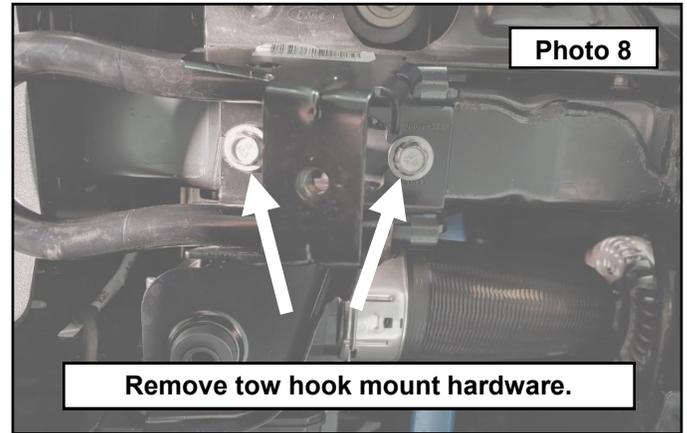
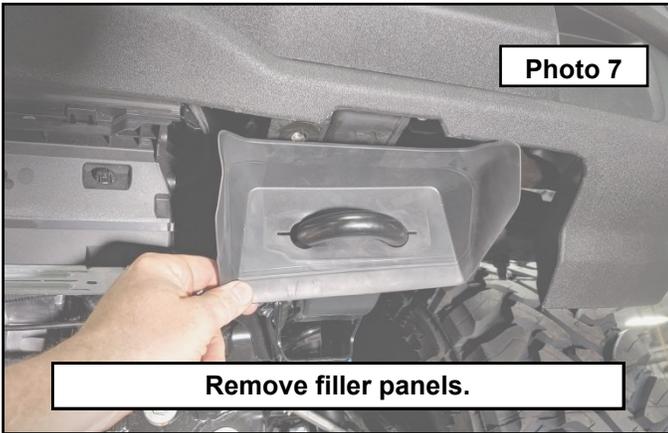
6. Remove the frame extensions. **Photo 3**
7. You will need to trim the driver front differential mount lip off even with the bottom of the frame rail. Use a suitable cutting tool to trim this edge as shown. Sand all burrs off and paint exposed metal with a quality rust preventative paint. **Photo 4**



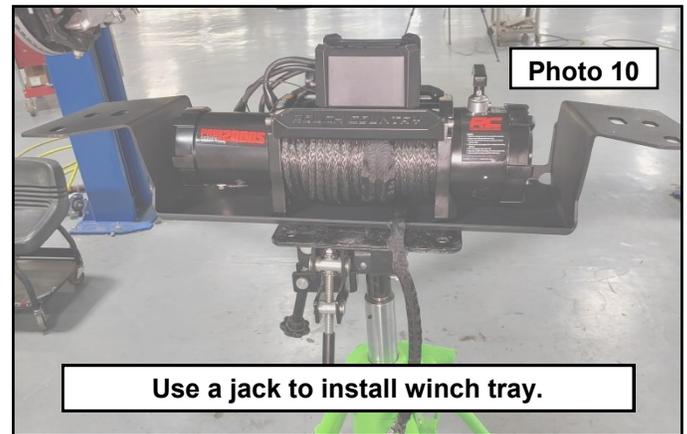
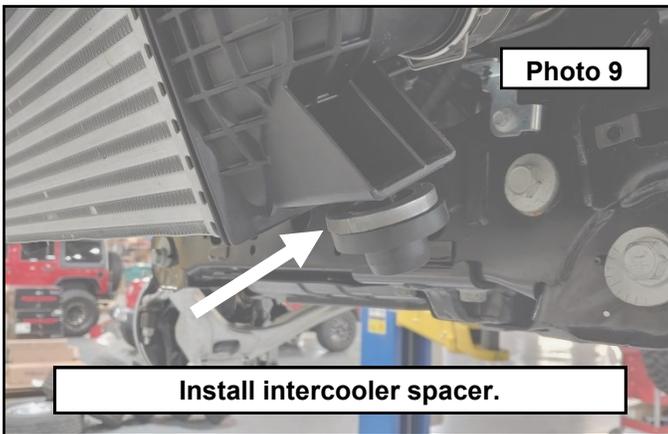
8. Install the winch to the winch tray using the hardware provided with the winch as shown. It is easier to place the winch upside down and then install the tray to the winch. This kit was specifically designed around the RC 9500 and 12000 lb winch with synthetic rope and hawes fairlead. **Photo 5 / 6**



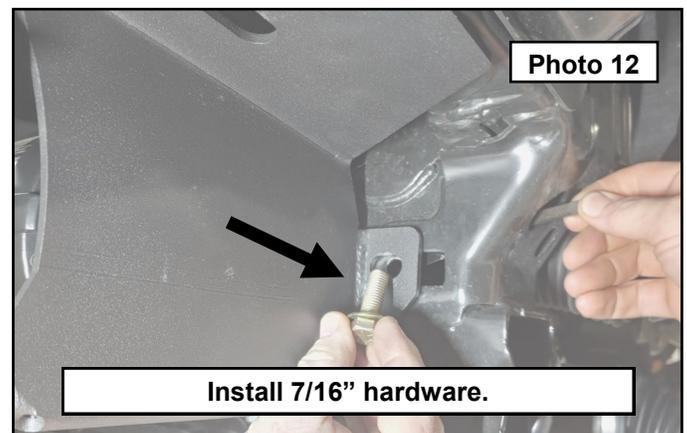
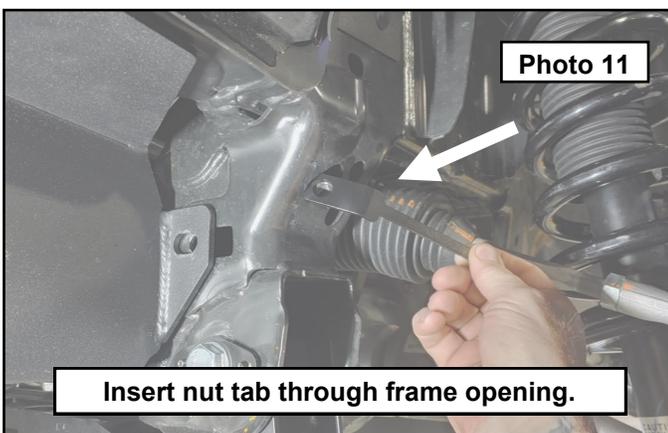
9. If stock tow rings are installed, remove the tow ring filler panel by pulling out and away from the tow rings. **Photo 7**
10. Remove the factory tow rings using a 15mm socket. The intercooler is held in place with these as well and you will need to support it as you remove the tow rings. If you have the Rough Country tow hook brackets installed, remove the same way. **Photo 8**



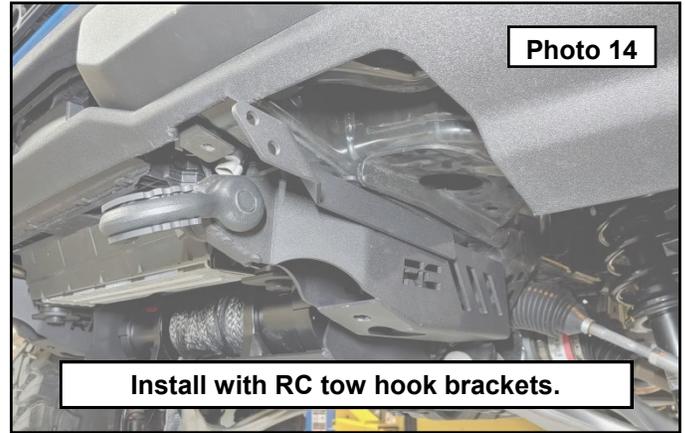
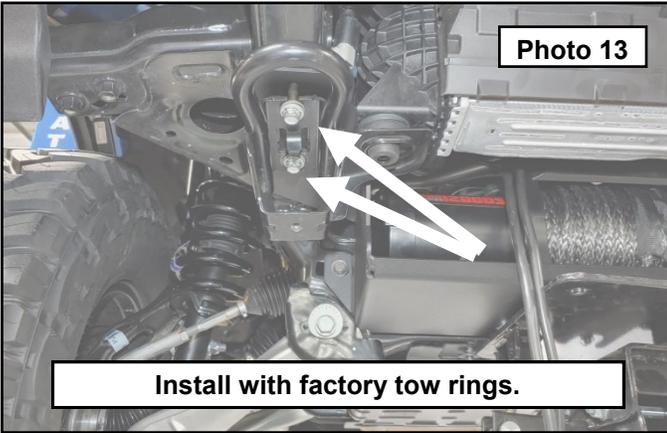
11. Remove the intercooler rubber isolator by twisting and pulling down away from the intercooler. Install the intercooler washer onto the top of the isolator. Reinstall the rubber isolator onto the intercooler. **Photo 9**
12. Use of an assistant, floor jack, or other jack is recommended. Raise the assembled winch tray up to the frame rails of the vehicle while holding the intercooler out of the way. **Photo 10**



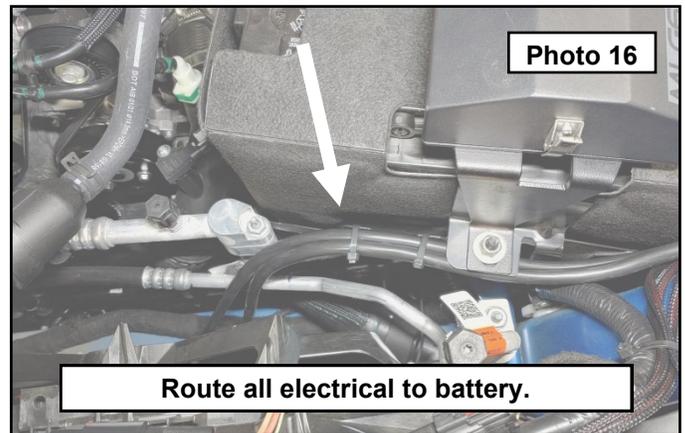
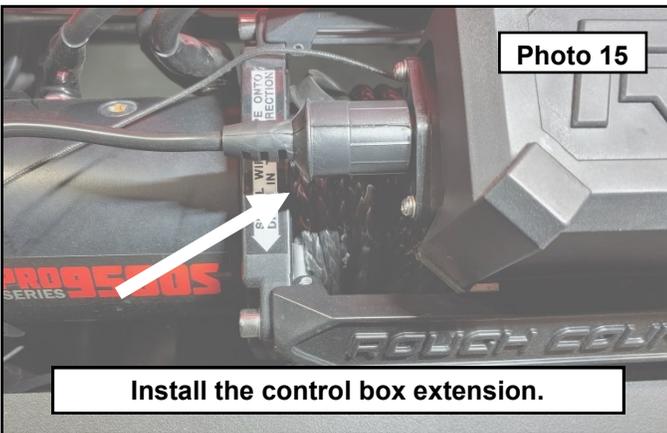
13. Install the provided nut tab through the frame opening until the nut lines up with the round hole in the frame and winch tray. **Photo 11**
14. Install provided 7/16" bolt and washers. Leave loose at this time. **Photo 12**



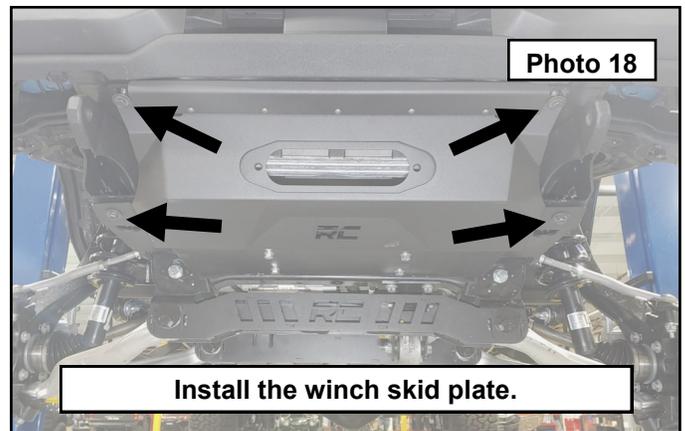
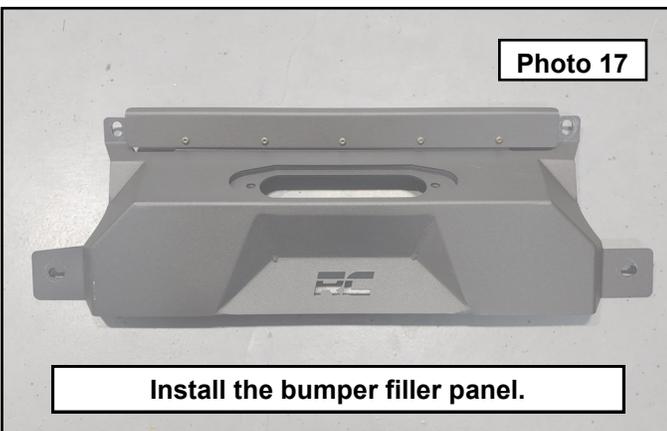
15. If you are installing the factory tow rings back to the vehicle, reuse the factory hardware to sandwich the winch tray to the frame rail while lining up the intercooler mounts. Only snug this hardware up at this time. **Photo 13**
16. If you are installing the Rough Country tow hook brackets, do the same as above with the factory hardware. Once you have both sides in place, torque the back two bolts above the lower control arm cam bolts to 35 ft-lbs, pull the tow hooks as far forward in their slots as possible and torque to 45 ft-lbs. Shown with the Rough Country Bull Bar option brackets from the bull bar kit. **Photo 14**



17. Install the provided electrical control box extension to the side of the winch control box. **Photo 15**
18. Route the electrical cables for the winch up through the engine bay to the battery at this time. Cable tie to the battery tray mount and along their route to keep out of harms way from moving components. **Photo 16**



19. Install the bumper filler panel to the winch skid plate using the provided 1/4" button head bolts and locking nuts. **Photo 17**
20. Install the winch skid plate to the frame and the factory tow ring brackets using the factory hardware. Torque all to 35 ft-lbs. **Photo 18**



21. If you have the Rough Country tow hook brackets, you will need to use the provided 10mm nuts and washers from the tow hook bracket kit and the factory bolts. Slide the nut and washer through the opening in the tow hook bracket. **Photo 18**
22. Install the Hawse fairlead to the winch skid plate using the provided 12mm black button head bolts from the winch tray kit. Torque to 35 ft-lbs. Install the rope hook of choice to the clevis. **Photo 19 / 20**



Photo 19

Install hardware from tow hook bracket kit.

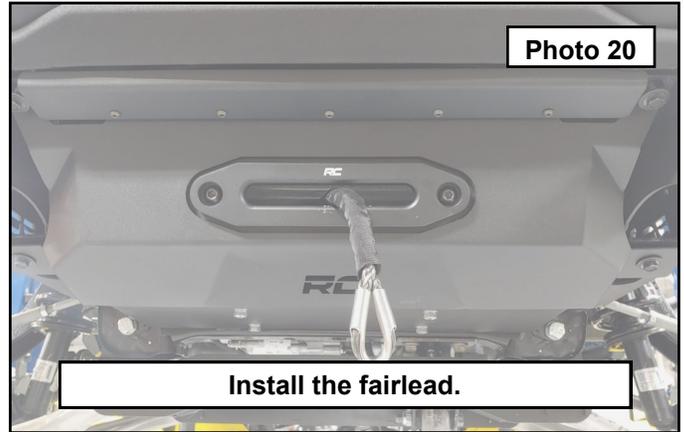


Photo 20

Install the fairlead.

23. Under the hood, connect the winch positive and negative cables directly to the connections of the battery. Reconnect the battery negative terminal to the battery. **Photo 21**
24. Find a suitable place to install the winch control extension to the vehicle. We recommend notching the core support filler panel and screwing in place using the provided screws as shown. **Photo 22**

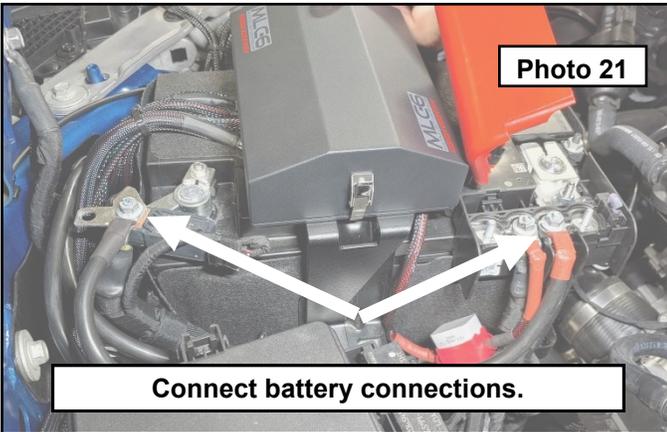


Photo 21

Connect battery connections.

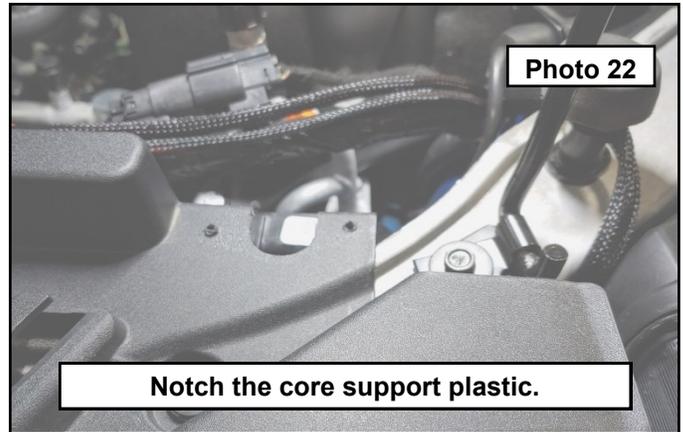


Photo 22

Notch the core support plastic.

25. These screws will "self tap" through the plastic. **Photo 23**
26. Finished install shown. **Photo 24**



Photo 23

Attach using the provided screws.

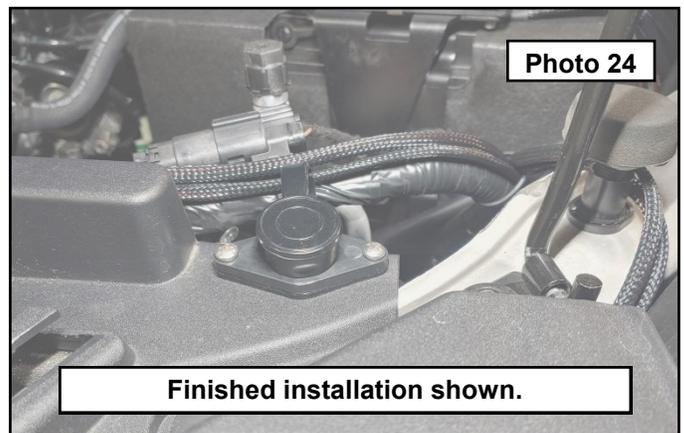
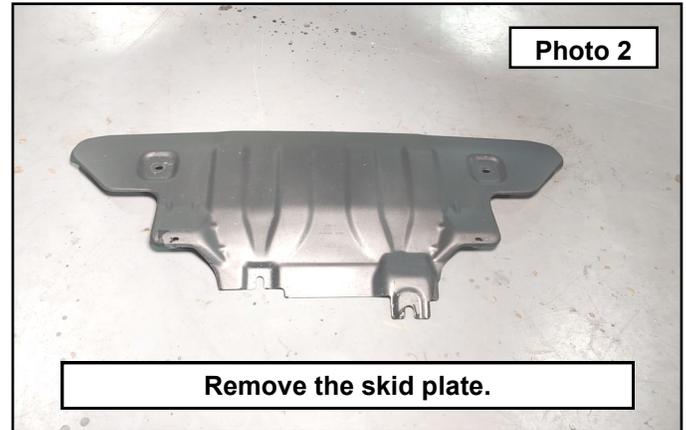
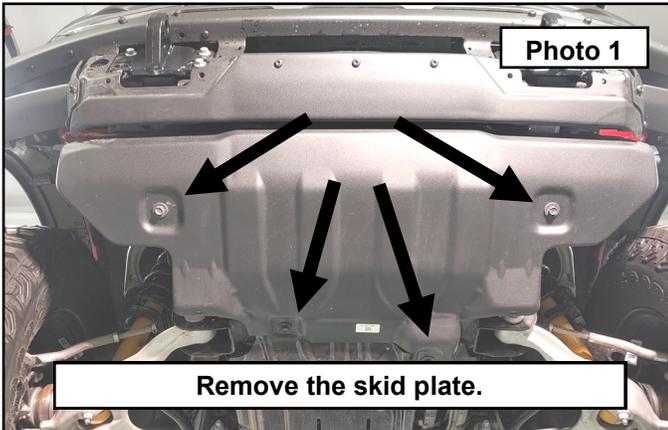


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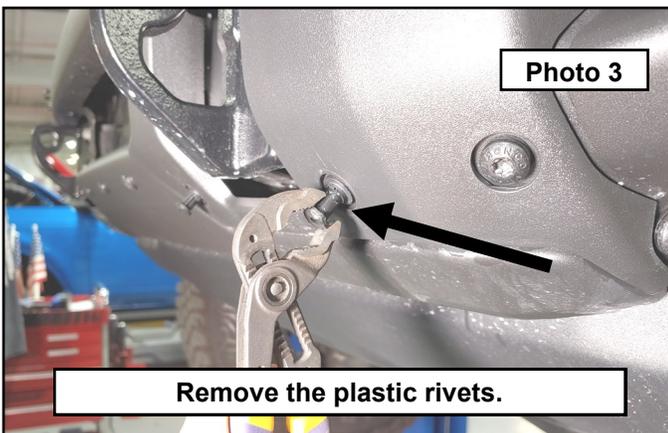
Finished installation shown.

Winch Tray and Skid Plate Installation for Factory Modular Steel Bumper:

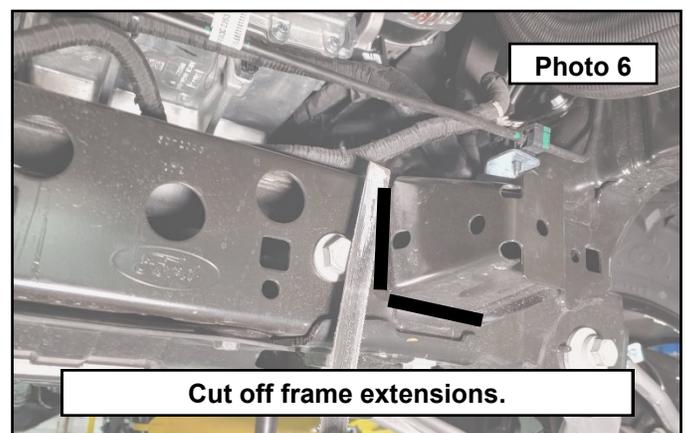
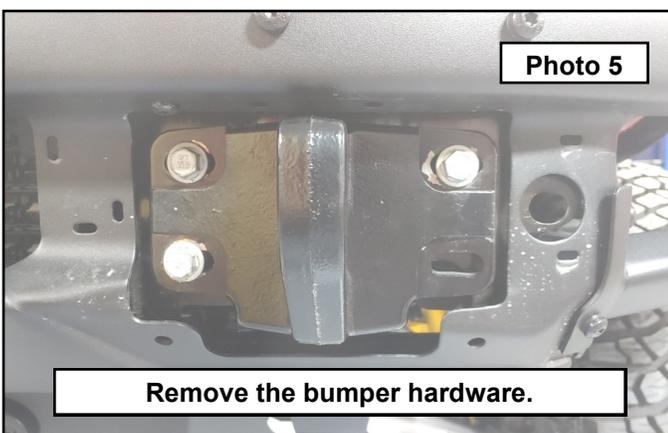
1. Park your vehicle on a clean flat surface, engage the parking brake and block the rear tires.
2. **Save all hardware removed from the vehicle unless otherwise noted.**
3. Open the hood and disconnect the negative terminal on the battery.
4. Remove the factory skid plate by loosening the rearmost bolts and completely removing the forward most bolts using a 15mm socket. **Photo 1**
5. Slide the skid plate off the rearmost bolts and set aside. Tighten the rearmost bolts back down. **Photo 2**



6. Remove the plastic rivets holding the plastic cover in place. Use a pair of pliers or other suitable tool to pull out the middle of the plastic rivet. Then remove the rivet body. **Photo 3**
7. Remove the plastic cover and set aside. **Photo 4**

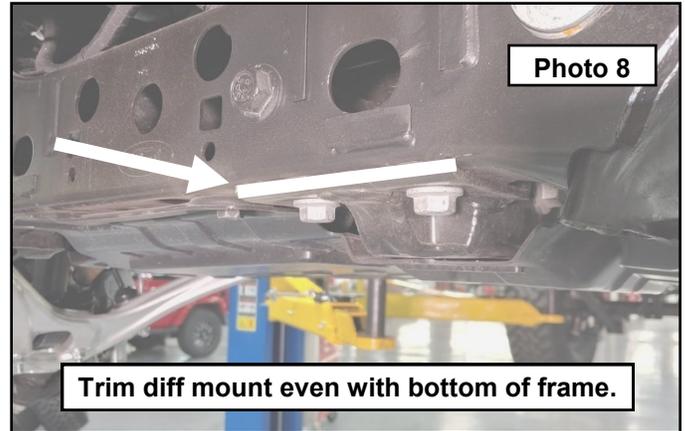
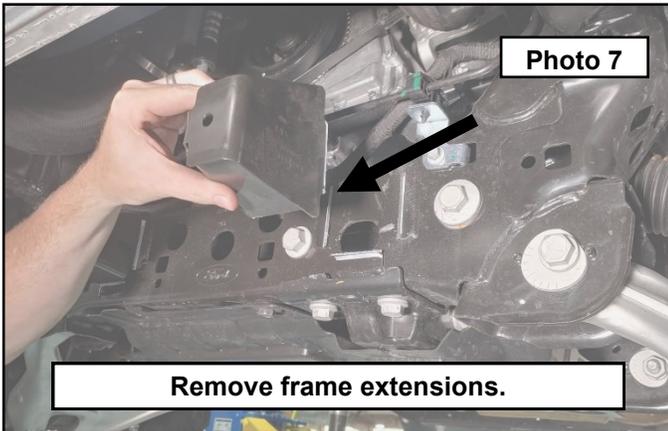


8. If you have proximity sensors in your bumper, disconnect their harness. Behind the plastic cover you will find the main bumper mounting hardware. Have an assistant help hold the bumper and remove the 6 mounting bolts using a 15mm socket. **Photo 5**
9. On the front of the frame you will find extensions that need to be removed to install the winch. Use a suitable cutting tool (Sawzall shown) and remove these even with the frame rail as shown. You will have 4 sides on each extension to cut through. Do not cut through the electrical or brake lines. **Photo 6**

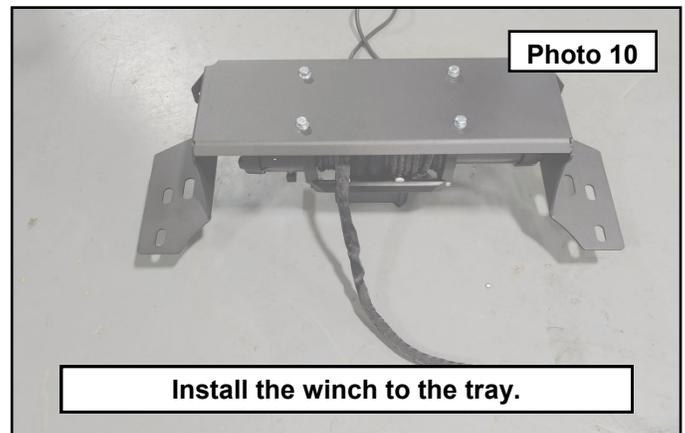
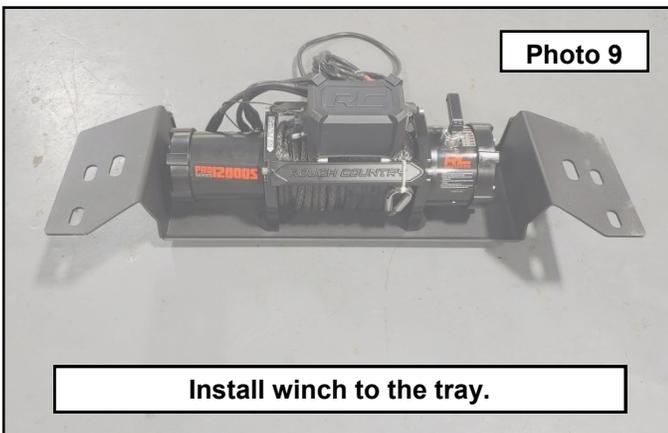


10. Remove the frame extensions and discard. **Photo 7**

11. You will need to trim the driver front differential mount lip off even with the bottom of the frame rail. Use a suitable cutting tool to trim this edge as shown. Sand all burrs off and paint exposed metal with a quality rust preventative paint. **Photo 8**

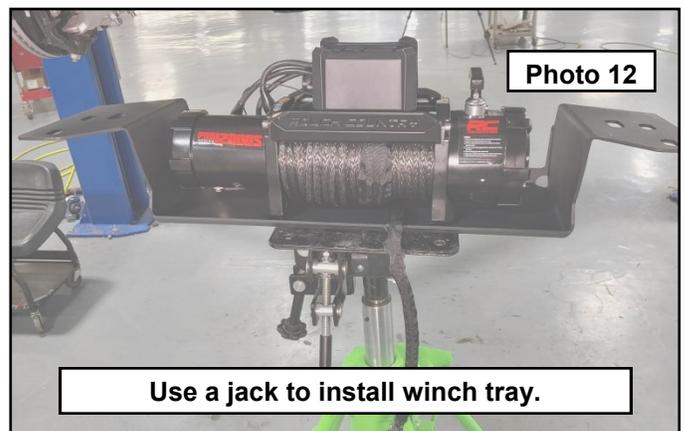
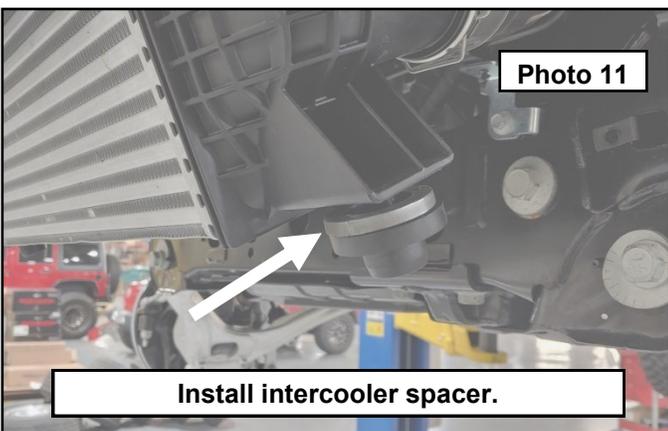


12. Install the winch to the winch tray using the hardware provided with the winch as shown. It is easier to place the winch upside down and then install the tray to the winch. This kit was specifically designed around the RC 9500 and 12000 lb winch with synthetic rope and hawes fairlead. **Photo 9 / 10**

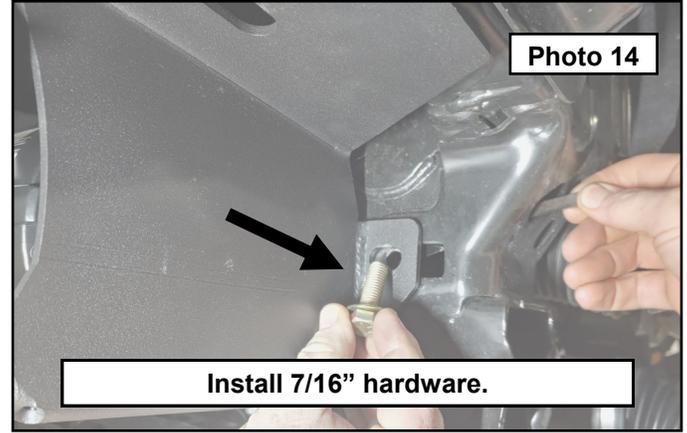
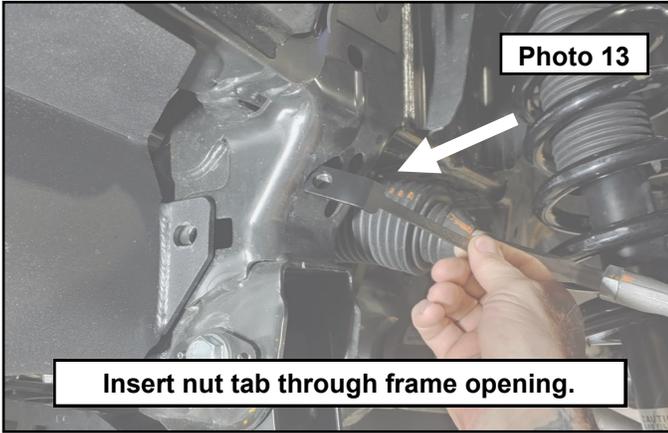


13. Remove the intercooler rubber isolator by twisting and pulling down away from the intercooler. Install the intercooler washer onto the top of the isolator. Reinstall the rubber isolator onto the intercooler. **Photo 11**

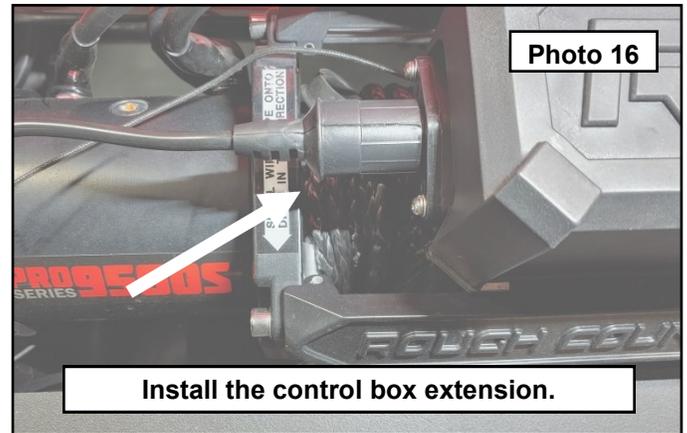
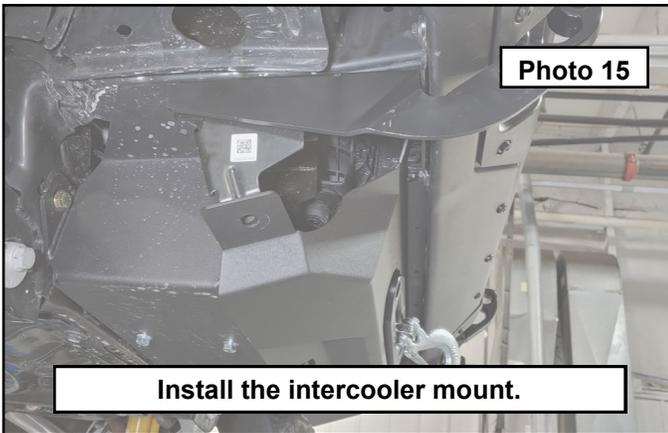
14. Use of an assistant, floor jack, or other jack is recommended. Raise the assembled winch tray up to the frame rails of the vehicle while holding the intercooler out of the way. **Photo 12**



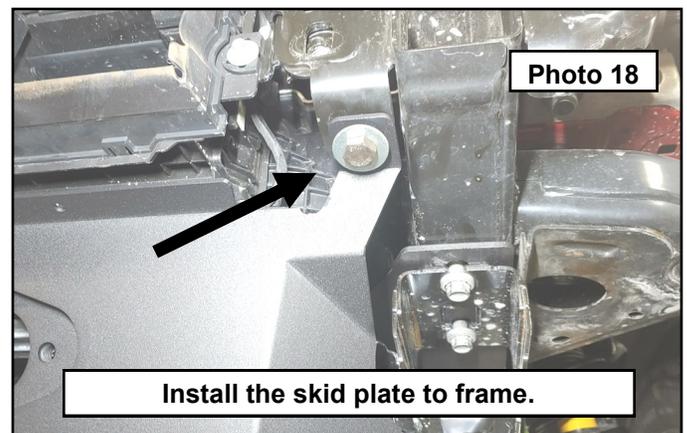
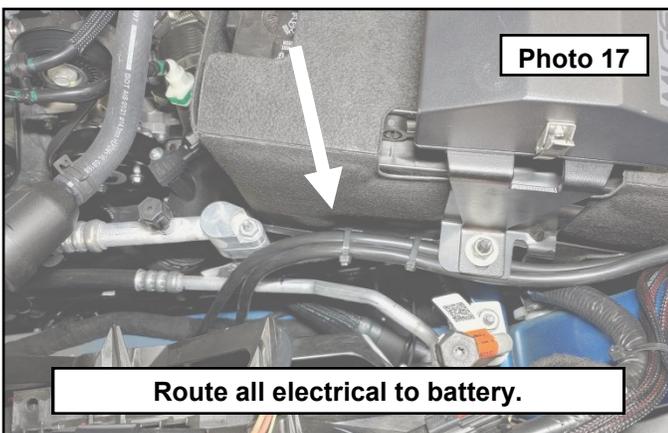
15. Install the provided nut tab through the frame opening until the nut lines up with the round hole in the frame and winch tray. **Photo 13**
16. Install provided 7/16" bolt and washers. Leave loose at this time. **Photo 14**



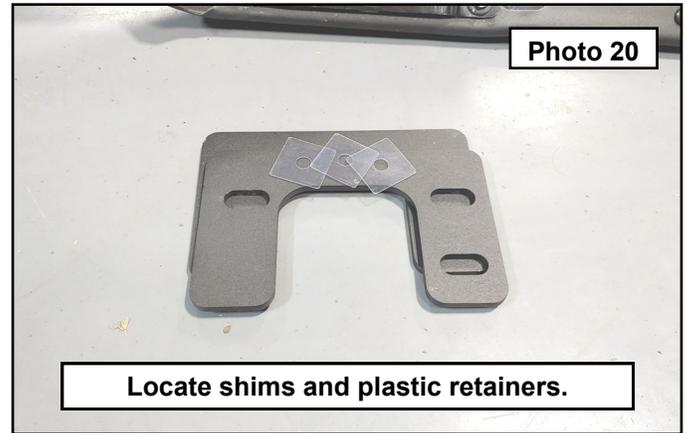
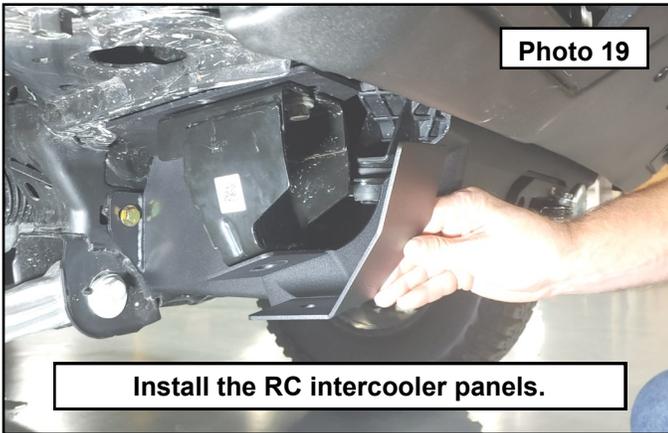
17. Reuse the factory hardware to sandwich the winch tray to the frame rail while lining up the intercooler mounts. Only snug this hardware up at this time. **Photo 15**
18. Install the provided electrical control box extension to the side of the winch control box. **Photo 16**



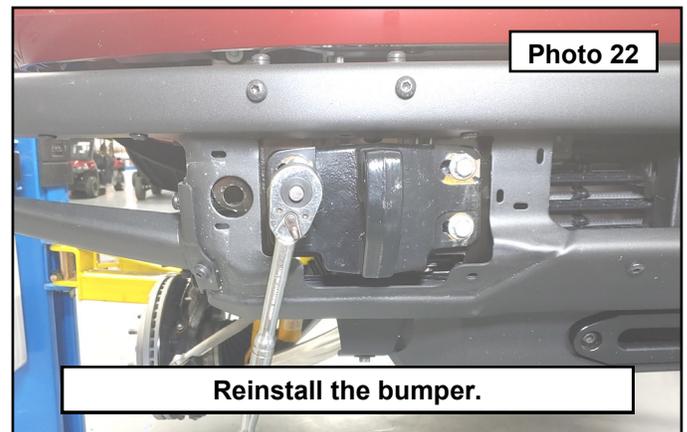
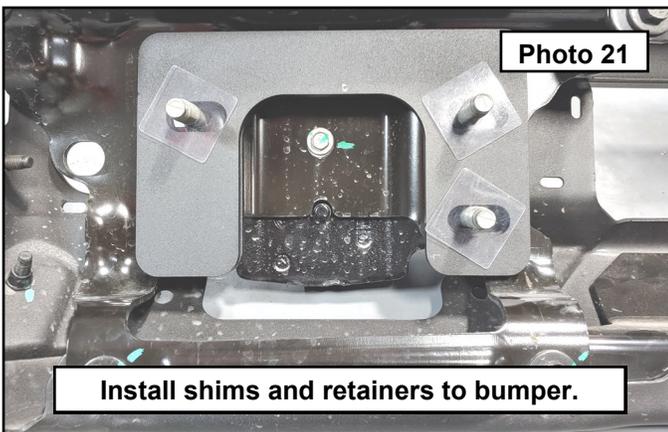
19. Route the electrical cables for the winch up through the engine bay to the battery at this time. Cable tie to the battery tray mount and along their route to keep out of harms way from moving components. **Photo 17**
20. Install the RC skid plate to the frame mounts previously hidden by the bumper using the provided 12mm bolts and washers. Do not fully tighten at this time. **Photo 18**



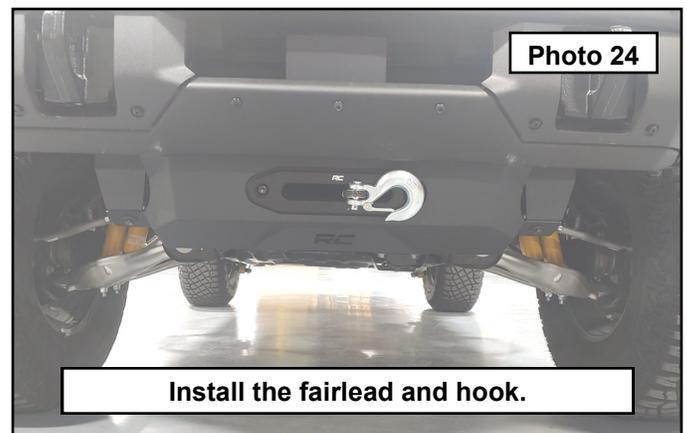
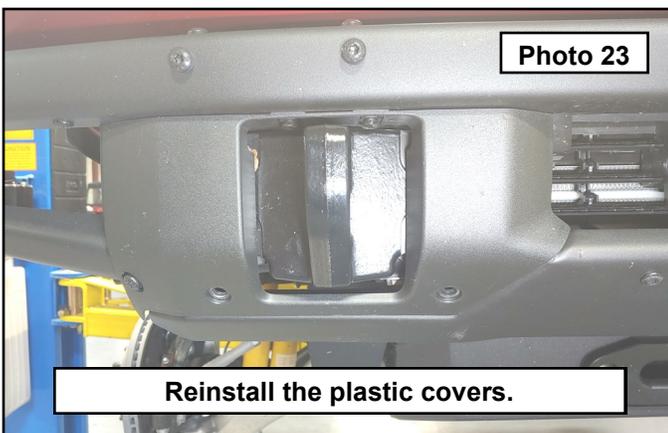
21. Install the RC intercooler filler panels to the skid plate and the intercooler mounts using the factory hardware from the old skid plate. Once all bolts are started, torque all the skid plate mounts to 35 ft-lbs. **Photo 19**
22. Locate your bumper shims (2 per side), and plastic bolt retainers (3 per side). **Photo 20**



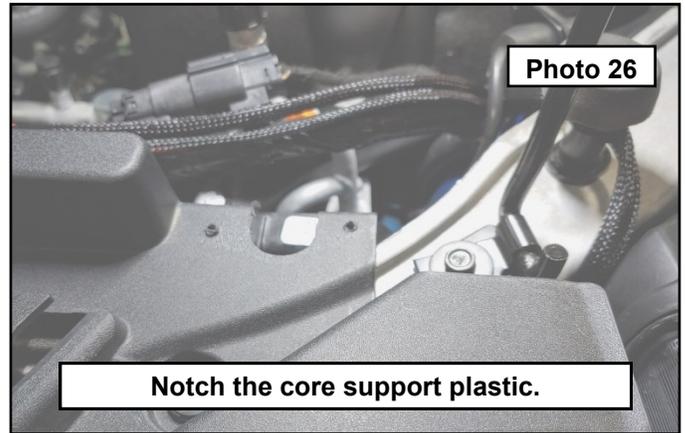
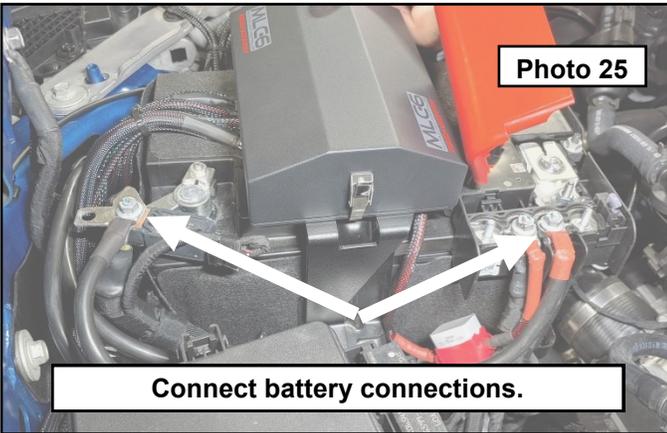
23. Run the factory bolts through the bumper mounting holes, install 2 shims per side onto the bolts, and install the plastic bolt retainers onto the threads of the bolts. These are to hold the shims in place while you line the bumper up to the frame rails. **Photo 21**
24. Use an assistant to help install the bumper to the frame rails using a 15mm socket. Adjust until the bumper is level and centered on the frame. Torque the hardware to 45 ft-lbs. **Photo 22**



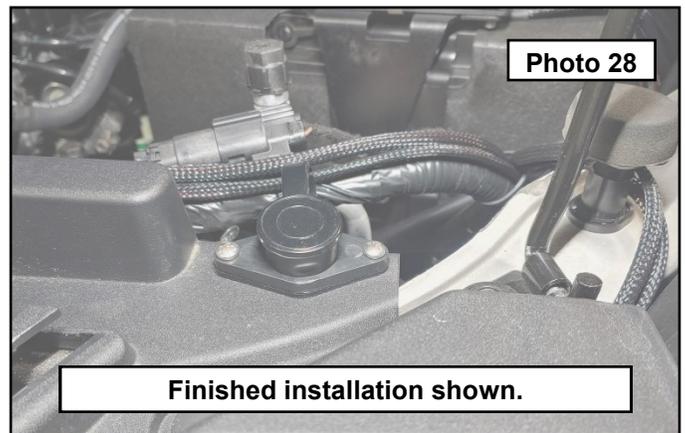
25. Reinstall the plastic bumper covers using the previously removed plastic rivets by inserting the body into the hole and then the head into the body. Push the head in until it seats. **Photo 23**
26. Pull the winch rope through the opening and install the Hawes fairlead using the provided 12mm Black Button Head bolts. Install the winch hook. **Photo 24**



27. Under the hood, connect the winch positive and negative cables directly to the connections of the battery. Reconnect the battery negative terminal to the battery. **Photo 25**
28. Find a suitable place to install the winch control extension to the vehicle. We recommend notching the core support filler panel and screwing in place using the provided screws as shown. **Photo 26**



29. These screws will "self tap" through the plastic. **Photo 27**
30. Finished install shown. **Photo 28**



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