

MAXIMUS-3

JT GLADIATOR

JT GLADIATOR ROOF RACK SYSTEM

(With Rhino Rack Pioneer Platform)

PART #: JT3001RR, JT3000RB

INSTALLATION GUIDE

Model Year: 2019 – Current Jeep Gladiator Hardtop

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ENTIRE INSTALLATION GUIDE BEFORE YOU START. WE EXPECT YOU TO HAVE BASIC MECHANICAL ABILITIES TO PERFORM THIS INSTALLATION.

WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU SEPARATE AND IDENTIFY ALL THE PARTS AND HARDWARE KITS YOU RECEIVED WITH YOUR SHIPMENT BEFORE YOU PROCEED.



IMPORTANT

Follow these instructions precisely. Maximus-3 is not liable for any damage caused by improperly installed products. It is the purchaser's responsibility to ensure both the installation and maintenance are performed properly as set forth in this guide.

Parts List

	<u>Qty</u>
Maximus-3 Platform Legs with no Logo	1
Maximus-3 Platform Legs with Logo	3
Maximus-3 Front Inner Bracket Assy RHS	1
Maximus-3 Front Inner Bracket Assy LHS	1
Maximus-3 Rear Inner Bracket Assy RHS	1
Maximus-3 Rear Inner Bracket Assy LHS	1
Option: Rhino Rack Pioneer Platform Kit	1
Maximus-3 Satellite Antenna Bracket	1
Option: Rhino Rack Pioneer Rail Kit	1



Maximus-3 Hardware List

LEGS to CROSS BARS:

M10 Flanged Hex Bolts – Zinc	4
M10 Channel Nuts – Zinc	4

LEGS to HARDTOP:

M8 x 30 Sealing Bolts – Black Stainless	8
M8 Flanged Nyloc Nuts – Stainless Steel	8
Rubber Gaskets/Washers	8



INTERNAL BRACKETS TO SPORTS BAR:

Front Brackets

M8 x 20 Flanged Hex Bolts – Zinc	4
3/8" x 3.25" Truss Head Bolts – Stainless Steel	2
3/8" Washer – Stainless Steel	2

Rear Brackets

M8 x 20 Flanged Hex Bolts - Zinc	4
3/8" x 3.25" Truss Head Bolts – Stainless Steel	2
3/8" Washer – Stainless Steel	2

Tools Required

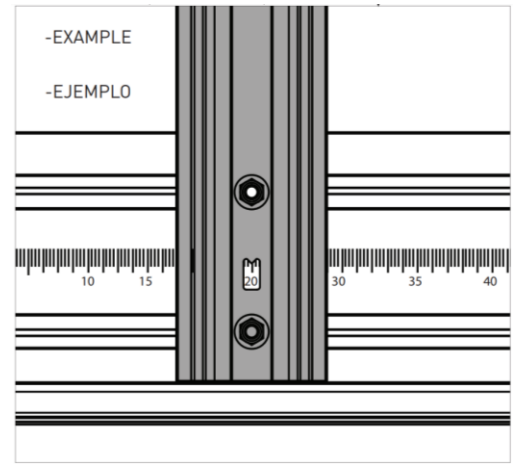
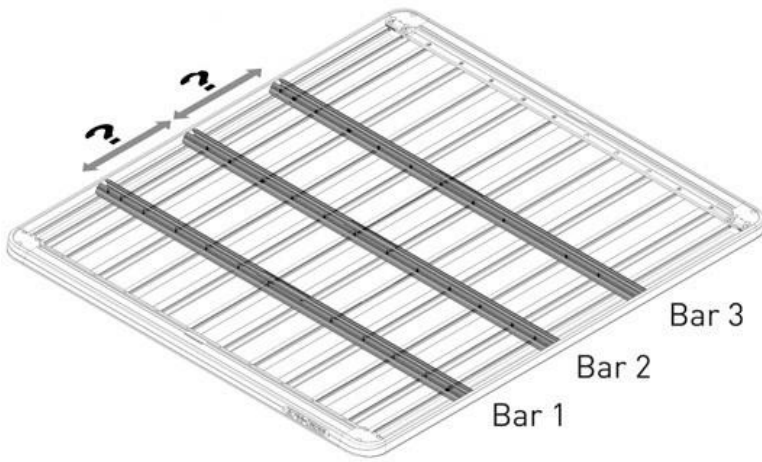
Metric Drive Sockets and Extensions
Metric wrenches/spanners
Metric Measuring Tape
Driller and Drill Bits
Metric Allen Key # 5
Masking or Painter's Tape



INSTALLATION STEPS

A- ASSEMBLE THE PIONEER PLATFORM

1. Assemble the Rhino Rack Platform using Hardware and Instructions provided with the platform kit. (Step 1-12)
2. Lay the assembled Pioneer Platform upside down on a protective surface to avoid surface damage.
3. Attach platform crossbars according to IMPORTANT mounting locations as shown below.



FOR 52" PLATFORM

Crossbar #1 attaches in mounting location 37.5 CM (375 MM) mark on the numbered ruler scale on both sides
Crossbar #3 attaches in mounting location 16.5 CM (165 MM) mark on the numbered ruler scale on both sides
Crossbar #2 attaches evenly between crossbar #1 and crossbar #3 – or attach spaced as desired

FOR 60" PLATFORM

Crossbar #1 attaches in mounting location 47.5 CM (475 MM) mark on the numbered ruler scale on both sides
Crossbar #3 attaches in mounting location 6.5 CM (65 MM) mark on the numbered ruler scale on both sides
Crossbar #2 attaches evenly between crossbar #1 and crossbar #3 – or attach spaced as desired
Crossbar #4 attaches evenly in the space in front of crossbar #3 – or attach spaced as desired

B- INSTALL MAXIMUS-3 ROOF RACK LEGS TO PLATFORM CROSSBARS

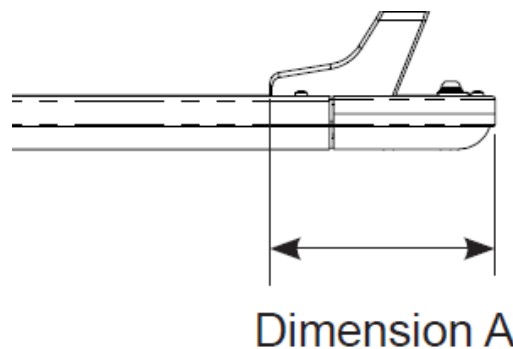
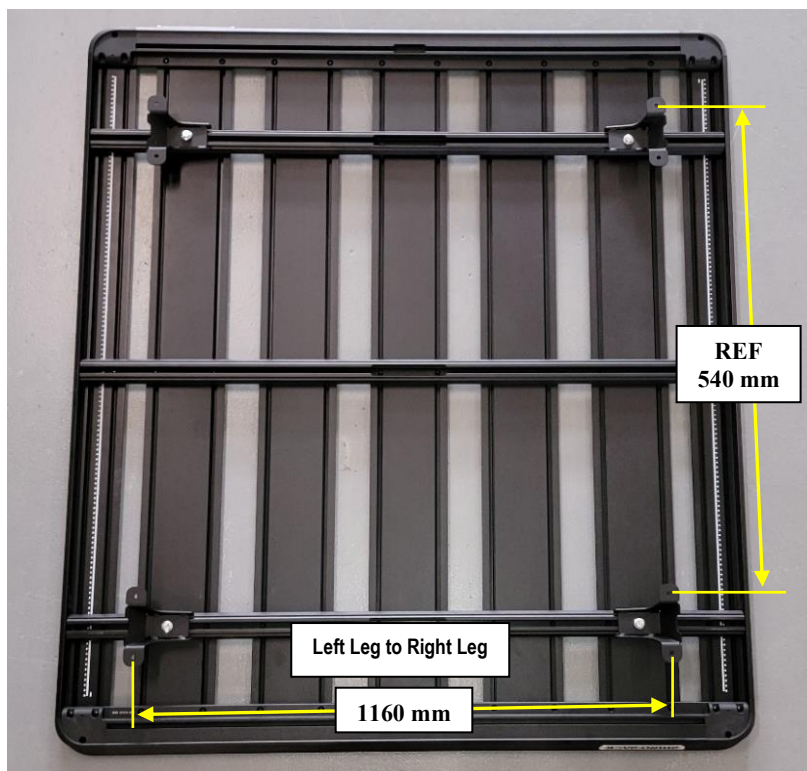
1. Loosely attach Maximus-3 Roof Rack Legs to crossbar #1 and crossbar #3 using the M10 Hex Bolts and Channel Nuts provided - leave loose enough to adjust in the next steps.
 - Two Legs on Crossbar #1 (REAR of platform)
 - Two Legs on Crossbar #3 (FRONT of platform)



2. Measure and Adjust the Legs according to IMPORTANT final dimensions below.
 - **Distance between Front Leg and Rear Leg = 540 mm** measured from center to center of leg bolt holes, shown below
 - **Distance between Left Leg and Right Leg = 1160 mm** measured from center to center of leg bolt holes, shown below

IMPORTANT:

- ✓ Left Legs to Right Legs must be symmetrically centered on the platform to the nearest 1/16 Inch (1.6mm).
Dimension A Left = Dimension A Right.
- ✓ All four legs must be squarely placed on the platform – take diagonal “X” measurements to confirm squareness to nearest 1/8 Inch (3mm).
- ✓ **Double check your measurements and tighten down all 4 legs. Torque to 22 ft.lb**



PREP THE JEEP

C- REMOVE THE SOUNDBAR AND TRIM PANELS

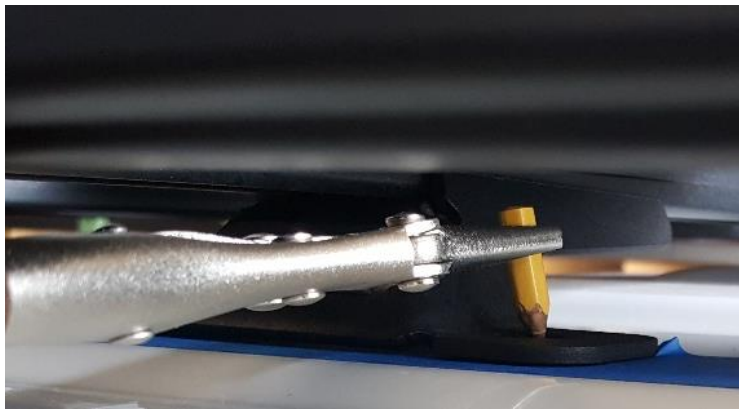
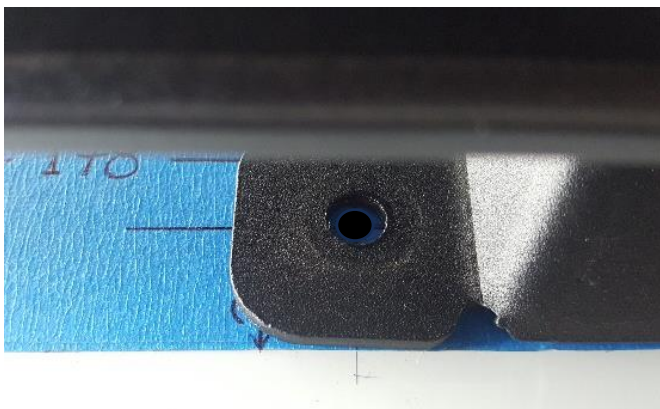
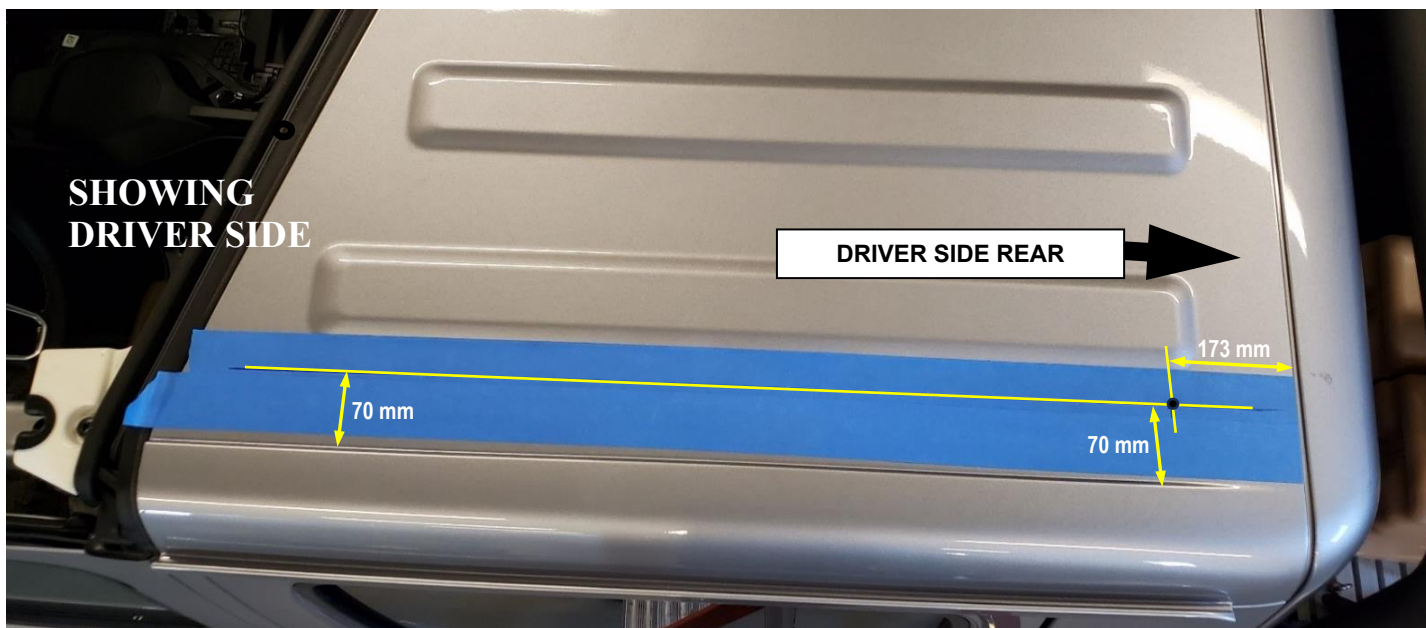
1. Remove all T-25 torx screws from the plastic trim Pieces and carefully pull to release clips and remove the trim panels.
2. Unclip all electrical wires/harnesses from Soundbar and Antennas (4x harnesses in JL Rubicon)
3. Remove all six (6) Soundbar bolts, using a 10 mm socket/wrench.



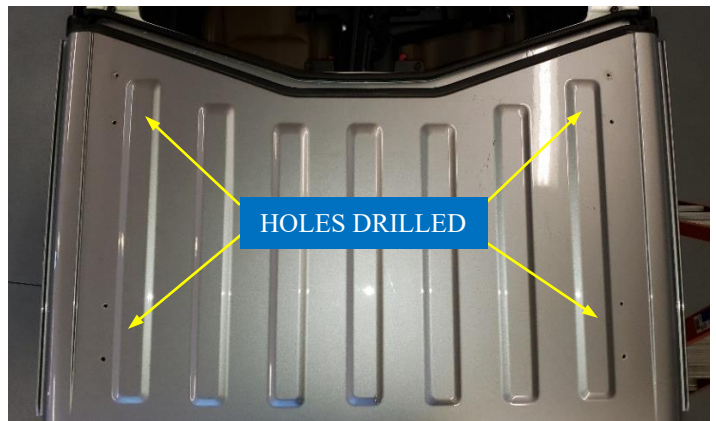
D- DRILL HOLES IN HARDTOP FOR MOUNTING PLATFORM ASSEMBLY

1. Remove the Freedom Tops and place them on a protective surface.

2. Apply masking tape to the four corners of the hardtop as shown below. This will help when marking drill points and also to protect the hardtop during fitments.
3. **REAR MEASUREMENTS:** mark the rear-most drill location at **173 mm** from the hardtop joint line and **70 mm** from outer raised edge as shown below. REPEAT on the other side. Refer to pictures on next page.
4. **FRONT MEASUREMENTS:** measure and mark a line 70 mm from the outer raised edge of the hardtop – your line should be roughly parallel to the vehicle (passing through the rear mark). Refer to pictures on next page.
5. With help from a second person, lift the Platform over the Jeep and carefully place it on the Hardtop
6. Carefully align the rear-most hole of Rear Platform Legs with the back drill point you marked in step (D3) above. Make sure all 4 legs sit well on the hardtop with front legs holes closely lining up on the lines you marked in step (D4).
- ✓ **Double check before you mark your final drill points – adjust the legs if needed.**
7. Using a pen/pencil, mark all drill points on the Hardtop through leg holes as shown below – 2 for each leg.
8. Carefully lift and remove the Platform from the hardtop.

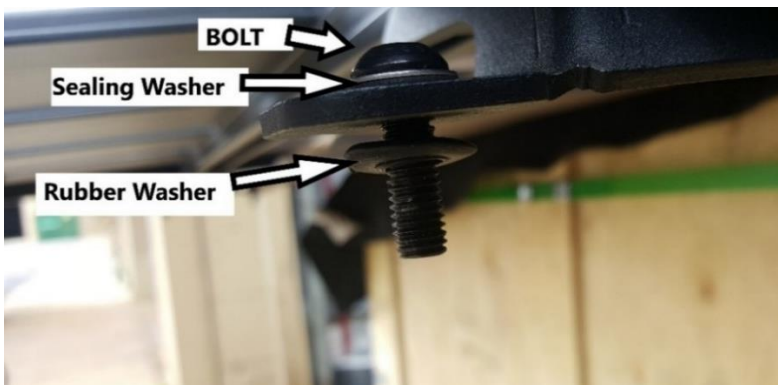


9. With the Platform removed mark precise center points of the drill marks – total 8 drill points.
10. Drill pilot holes with a small drill bit and then drill 9 MM (3/8") final mounting holes – drill through headliners if you have if you have headliners installed.
11. Remove masking tape from the mounting surface and clean the surface for final installation.



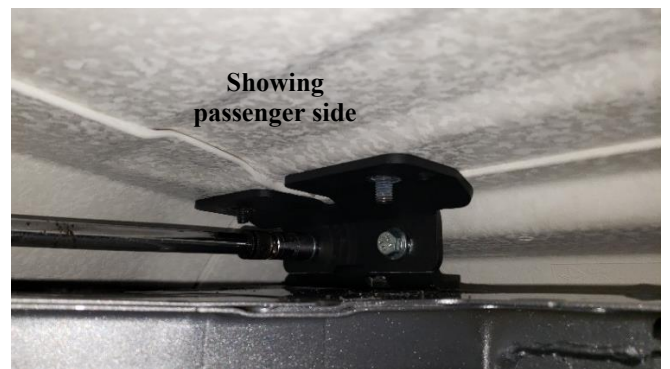
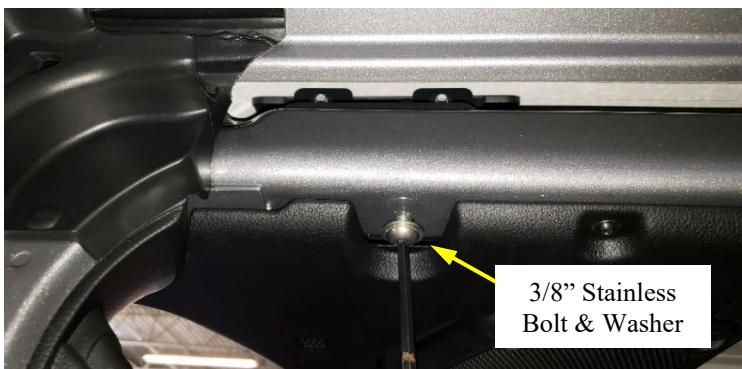
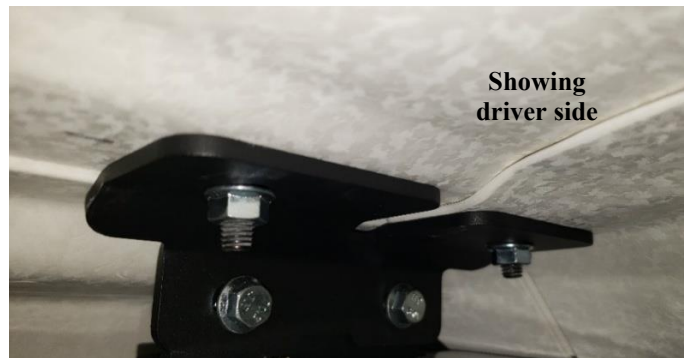
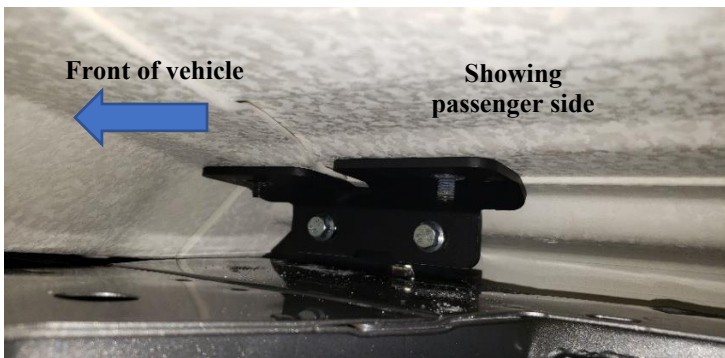
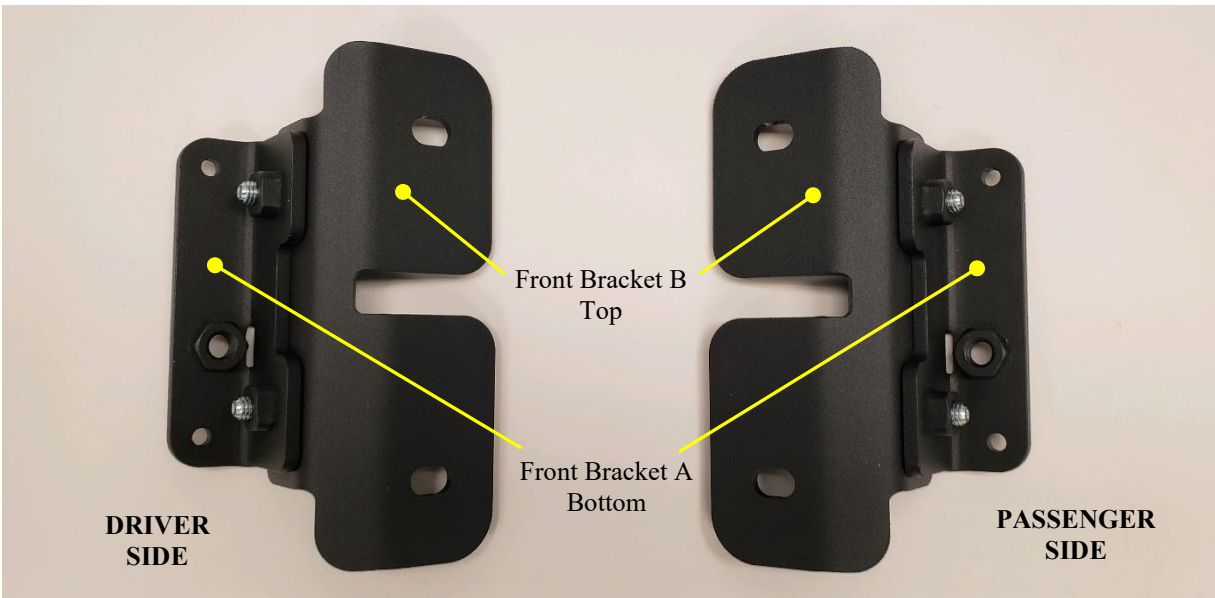
E- MOUNT THE PLATFORM ASSEMBLY ONTO THE HARDTOP

1. Insert legs Sealing Bolts (pre-assembled bolt + sealing washer) through the legs and add Rubber Washers as shown below. Do it for all four (4) legs.
2. With help from a second person, lift the Platform assembly and carefully place on the Hardtop. Carefully align all 8 mounting bolts to pass through the holes you drilled in the hardtop in step D10.



F- INSTALL MAXIMUS-3 FRONT INTERIOR BRACKET ASSEMBLIES

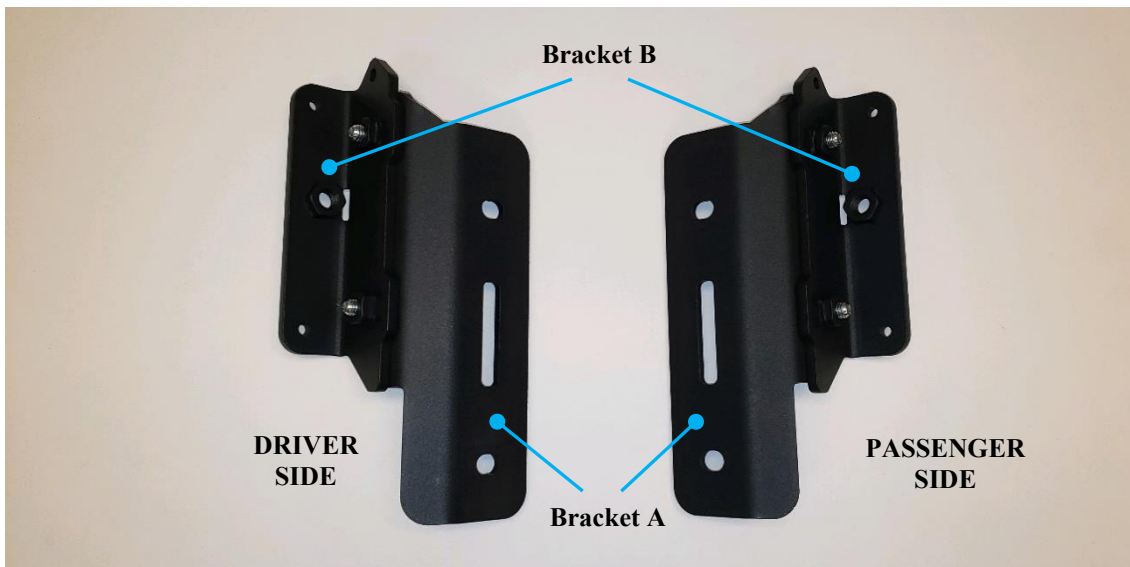
1. Identify the Left side and the Right side of internal brackets. Refer to picture below. Loosen the 2 bolts holding bracket A and B together – loosen just enough to allow adjustment later.
2. Unbolt the Hardtop – there are 2 bolts up at freedom tops joints in the front and 6 bolts inside in the back.
3. Lift front of the hardtop and prop up a few inches so that you have more room for your hands to work. You can use anything such as a block of wood, plastic, or a roll of tape.
4. Slide the top part of the bracket B through the two leg bolts and hold up against the fiber glass - make sure the bends point inwards of the Jeep and the stepped-down surface points to the front of the Jeep such that the bracket seats flat on fiber glass surfaces. Refer to pictures on next page.
5. Secure bracket B in place using M8 lock nuts provided. Do not tighten for now.
6. Do the same on the other side. Refer to pictures on next page.
7. Remove the block/prop and lower the hardtop back in place.
8. Align threaded weld nut in bracket A to factory mounting holes in the sports bar and loosely bolt down using 3/8" stainless steel bolt and washer supplied. This bolt will be tightened later. Repeat on the other side.
9. Now tighten top leg bolts using M8 lock nuts and provided – you will need a second person to hold leg bolts from top with an Allen Key while you tighten the nuts from inside. Tighten to **10 ft.lb**. Repeat on the other.
10. Using 13 mm socket, long extension and ratchet tighten the 2 zinc hex bolts holding brackets A and B together.
11. Lastly, tighten the 3/8" button socket bolts.
12. Repeat the same on the other side.
13. Inspect all front brackets fitment and make sure all bolts are tightened.



G- INSTALL MAXIMUS-3 REAR INTERIOR BRACKET ASSEMBLIES

1. Identify the Left side and the Right side of internal brackets. Refer to picture below. Slightly loosen the 2 bolts holding bracket A and B together, but do not separate.
 - Slide the top part of the rear bracket B through the two leg bolts and hold up against the fiber glass. Note that bent part of the bracket points inwards of the Jeep. Refer to pictures on next page.
2. Align threaded weld nut in bracket A to factory mounting holes in the sports bar and loosely bolt down using 3/8" stainless steel bolt and washer supplied. This bolt will be tightened later. Do the same on the other side.
3. Now tighten top leg bolts using flange lock nuts provided – you will need a second person to hold the leg bolts from top with an Allen Key while you tighten the nuts from inside. Tighten to **10 ft.lb**
4. Using 13 mm socket/wrench tighten the 2 zinc hex bolts holding brackets A and B together.
5. Lastly, tighten the 3/8" button socket bolts. Refer to pictures on next page.

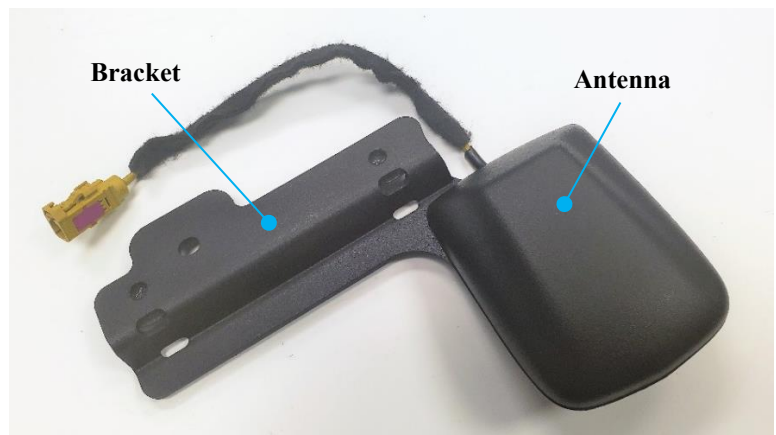
6. Repeat the same on the other side.
7. Re-install the Hardtop bolts - do not over tighten. Total 8 factory bolts.
8. *Inspect all rear brackets fitment and make sure all bolts are tightened.*



H- OPTIONAL: RELOCATE SATELLITE ANTENNA

Satellite Antenna is located above the B-pillar crossbar, where you removed the sound bar in step C.
Please refer to the updated instructions included in with the Maximus-3 Antenna Bracket Kit.

1. Un-bolt Satellite Antenna and separate its wire from other wires by removing the tape holding them together.
2. Free long enough wire to relocate the satellite antenna to front windshield frame (above driver side sun visor)
3. Pre-assemble your antenna to the bracket using the short M6 stainless bolt provided (you can also use the factory bolt)
4. Using the thick washer as a spacer between bracket and windshield frame, install the Antenna Relocation Bracket to the hole on the windshield frame with the longer M6 bolt, washer, and flange nut.
5. Connect the antenna and tug the wire behind the trim panels.





I- REINSTALL SOUNDBAR AND FACTORY PLASTIC TRIM PIECES

1. Attach electric connectors and re-bolt the soundbar into place.
2. Reassemble plastic trim pieces - they will clip back into place.

Your installation is complete. If you have questions regarding this installation, please contact us at customerservice@maximus-3.com, or call 248-6061745



WARNING



Limited Warranty

We offer **Limited Warranty** on products engineered and manufactured by **MAXIMUS-3**.

Our **Warranty** covers all workmanship, material and paint/finish defects for a period of 1 year (12 months) from the time of initial purchase.

All Maximus-3 aftermarket products and components must be installed as the manufacturer instructs. Maximus-3, LLC will not be responsible for any modification, improper installation, alteration, tampering, neglect, abuse or misuse of our products. Only use Maximus-3 installation guide to add, alter, or fabricate factory parts to incorporate Maximus-3 products. We will be happy to answer any questions concerning the design, function, and correct use of our products by calling 248-821-6654. It is ultimately the user's responsibility to have all fasteners properly retorqued after the first 100 miles and then every 3,000 miles thereafter. Tire carrier must be inspected for looseness every 1,000 miles. Using your vehicle off-road will put extreme stress on the vehicle and components. After driving off-road, always check for damage and wear to components, accessories, and equipment. Completely inspect your vehicle including wheels, tires, tire carrier, roof rack, and front set up. Check all threaded fasteners for looseness. Re-torque if necessary to the required specifications. Check and remove any accumulated dirt, mud rock, or debris to preserve

MAXIMUS-3 provides detailed installation instructions for every product. It is the responsibility of the purchaser / installer to ensure these instructions are followed properly. MAXIMUS-3 will not be responsible for damages caused by misuse, altered or improperly installed products. MAXIMUS-3 will not cover paint or labor costs for damaged items. Warranty is not transferable and covers all items ordered on or after December 1, 2012 with a valid original receipt.

Warranty covers all components manufactured by MAXIMUS-3 unless otherwise specified on individual product listings.

3 Year Manufacturer Warranty

Maximus-3 products are warranted to be free from structural defects. All metallic components will carry 3-year manufacturer structural warranty. All warranty claims shall be issued in replacement of the original part or in-store credit. No refunds will be issued in cash, check or credit card payments.

ANY PACKAGES BEING SENT/RETURNED TO MAXIMUS-3 WITHOUT RETURN MERCHANDISE AUTHORIZATION (RMA) NUMBERS WILL BE REFUSED AND RETURNED TO SENDER.

RETURN POLICY

(Procedures for Returning or Exchanging Product)

PRODUCT MUST BE RETURNED TO THE ORIGINAL PLACE OF PURCHASE – Please refer to your original invoice.

Returns and Exchanges

At MAXIMUS-3 we strive to get your order to you complete, undamaged and 100% correct. Your satisfaction is guaranteed. Products can be returned within 15 days of shipment as long as they are unused, uninstalled, unpainted and in new and saleable condition. Returned products need to be in their original packaging with all parts and instructions included. All returns of non-defective, non-damaged or special-order parts are subject to a 15% restocking fee, unless we made an error.

All returns require a "Return Merchandise Authorization" (RMA) number from MAXIMUS-3 or one of our Distributors.

Whether we have made an error, you wish to exchange something, or there is a warranty claim, an RMA number is required. This number must be written on the outside of the returned package. Please allow five (5) business days for refunds to appear on your credit card statement. **No returns will be accepted on modified, "Custom" or "Special Order" items.** Item(s) must be received within 30 days of the RMA issue date; otherwise the Return Merchandise Authorization will be voided.

Damaged Merchandise

Upon receiving your order, open the carton(s) and thoroughly inspect the contents. If any package arrives and shows signs of external damage, you may choose not to accept it. You may refuse it and require your seller to advise you of their procedure to follow. If there was damage during shipment, contact us so that a claim can be filed. Please keep all packaging materials should the carrier wish to inspect them.

Truck Freight Shipments

It is imperative to make a note of any damage on the delivery receipt at the time of delivery. **Open and inspect** the merchandise carefully **before** signing the delivery receipt. We can only initiate claims if the damage was noted at the time of delivery. Freight costs are all based on shipments to commercial addresses (with a dock), if you require shipment to a residential address, additional charges may be applied to the order total.

Products

Product specifications, availability and pricing are all subject to change without notice. National, State, Provincial or local laws and regulations may prohibit the removal or modification of stock vehicle components, or the addition of some of our products for on road use. It is the responsibility of the purchaser to ensure that the use of purchase products follows all laws and regulations.