



RUST BUSTER

RB7701R & RB7701L

Rear Frame Section

1997-2004 Dodge Dakota Club Cab – 6.5ft Bed – 4WD



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
Fire Extinguisher
C-Clamp

KIT CONTAINS

Rear Frame Section
M10 Flanged Bolt
M10 Nyloc Nut

QTY

1
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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

Move any lines and power harnesses from the work area.



Our part features removable/perforated plates to allow the part to go around the spare tire crossmember's retaining rivets. If you are not replacing the crossmember, remove these plates as needed.



4) CUT

Begin by cutting or torching off the rivets retaining your leaf spring hanger. You may need to lift your vehicle in order to separate the hanger from the frame.



Grind the work area free of rust and debris, revealing bare metal/ followed by coating the work area with a weld through primer to help prevent against further rust development.



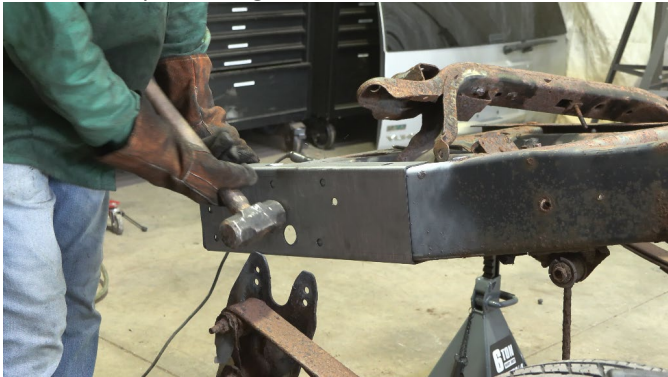


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Push the part onto the frame while using the part holes to help with alignment.



5) **WELD**

C-clamp and tack weld the part into place and verify its alignment.

Remove any potential fire hazards from the work area. Following proper welding procedures, tack weld the part onto the frame before welding it on fully. Weld 100% around all edges.



6) **PAINT AND PROTECT**

Coat the part and work area with a 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).



Reinstall your leaf spring hanger with the included hardware.



Reinstall lines and power harnesses.