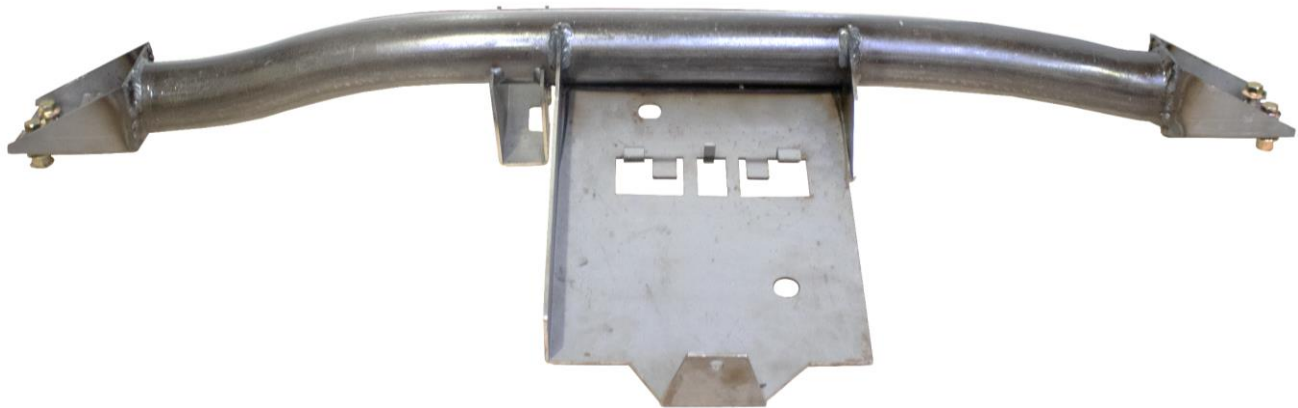




# RUST BUSTER

**RB7812**  
**Forward Fuel Tank Crossmember**  
**2001-2010 Chevy Silverado & GMC Sierra 2500HD**



## 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  
Wrench  
Hammer  
Punch

## KIT CONTAINS

Forward Fuel Tank Crossmember  
M10 Hex Head Screw  
M10 Flanged Hex Screw  
M10 Flange Locknut

## QTY

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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

Remove or lift your cab out of the way. Remove your fuel tank.

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

### 4) REMOVE THE FACTORY CROSSMEMBER

On each end of your factory crossmember, there will be a nut and a rivet you will need to remove. Begin by removing the bolts with a 15mm socket and wrench.



Then, cut out the rivets. You can punch out the rivets using a punch.



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





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### 5) **INSTALL**

Hold your replacement forward fuel tank crossmember up to where your factory crossmember was originally located.

**NOTE:** The tongue on your crossmember should be facing towards the rear of your vehicle.



Once you have your crossmember in place, take the included hardware and screw them into place where your rivets were originally located. Then, tighten your hardware with a 14mm socket and 15mm wrench.



### 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 fuel tank.