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## Guardian Rock Sliders Jeep TJ/LJ Wrangler Installation Instructions

Congratulations for purchasing TNT Guardian Rock Sliders for your Jeep Wrangler. Begin by unpacking your kit and comparing the contents to the packing list provided as attachment "A" to this manual. Please observe proper shop safety procedures when performing this install. Use proper eye and hearing protection as required and use safe jack stands/supports, placed appropriately for supporting the vehicle while you work on it if needed.

We strongly suggest fitting the rock sliders to the vehicle and performing the install procedure before you prep and paint the guards. The sliders are shipped bare steel, please use caution during the prep and paint process, as the chemicals involved with that operation can be dangerous.

**Vehicle Prep:** [The following steps are for both sides]

**Step 1**: Remove the existing front flare extensions that are on your Jeep. Remove any rocker panel molding or any existing OE rocker panels protection.

**Step 2:** Thoroughly clean the entire surface of the body below the door.

**Note:** While not required, it may be helpful to loosen the lower three bolts that hold the flares in place, at the lower end of the front and rear flares.

**Installation:** [The following steps are for both sides]

If vehicle is equipped with a body lift, high clearance body mounts will need to be installed prior to Guardian Slider installation.

**Step 1:** Position Jeep on good level surface & set the parking brake and/or chock tires.

**Step 2:** Remove the bolts and lower body mount bushings from the center three body mounts on both sides of the Jeep.

**STEP 3:** Position the Slider up tight to the side of the body and raise it to the point that the notch in the slider is centered with the letters "J E E P" stamped into the side of the Jeep. Once satisfied with the position of the Guard clamp it in place using a "C" clamp or suitable clamp through the door opening. Use care not to pinch any wires that are inside the body. Ensure the slider is level. Use the bottom of the door opening as a guide.



**STEP 4:** Mark the upper mounting holes on the body using a marker or transfer punch. Remove the Rocker Guard and set it aside.

STEP 5: Center punch and drill the mounting holes to 3/8"

**NOTE:** The forward 2 mounting holes will need to have an access hole drilled on the inside of the body. We suggest drilling all the way through the body to give yourself a center hole on the inside of the tub and then opening that hole up to 1" using a hole saw or uni-bit (step bit). Some models will require the same method for the rear most hole.



**STEP 6:** Reinstall the Guardian Rock Slider. Install the 3/8" hardware supplied, tighten to 30 ft-lbs. If installing the optional inner braces then leave out the three bolts that are centered in the door opening. These bolts will be installed with the braces.

**STEP 7:** Locate three cone shaped bushings and three  $\frac{1}{2}$ "x3  $\frac{1}{4}$ " bolts and washers supplied in the hardware kit. Insert the bushings, wide side up, between the slider and the factory body mount. Insert  $\frac{1}{2}$ " bolt with washer and tighten.



**STEP 8:** Repeat for opposite side of vehicle.

## Parts List (LJ qty in [#]):

2 - Guardian Rock Sliders

16 [18] - 3/8" x 1" stainless button-heads

16 [18] - 3/8" washers

16 [18] - 3/8" top locks

6 - ½" x 3 ¼" bolts

6 - ½" washers

6 - bushings

## **Optional: Inner Support Braces**

**STEP 1:** Remove the front seat mounting bolts from the drivers side seat.

**STEP 2:** Locate the drivers side inner brace, place it on the floor as seen in the image below. (seat does not need to be removed). Some models may need the seatbelt indicator wiring detached from the floor for proper brace fitment.



**STEP 3:** Reinstall seat bolts, and the remaining slider mounting bolts. Tighten all fasteners.



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