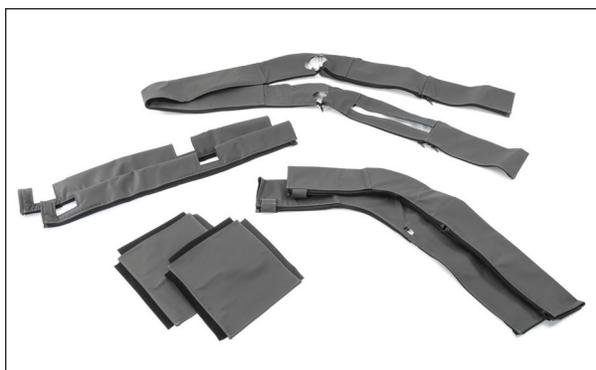




# Installation Instructions

## Sport Bar Covers for 1997-2006 Jeep® Wrangler TJ Vehicles Part #12204215 and #12205235

TJ Wrangler shown with  
Sport Bar Covers



**Parts List for 97-02 Wrangler**  
Center/Main Sport Bar Fabric - Qty 1  
Rear Support Fabric - Qty 2  
Filler Fabric - Qty 2  
Horizontal Tube Fabric & Foam - Qty 2  
Accent Foam with Adhesive - Qty 2  
Adhesive Hook & Loop Tape - Qty 1



**Parts List for 03-06 Wrangler**  
Center/Main Sport Bar Fabric - Qty 1  
Rear Support Fabric - Qty 2  
Horizontal Tube Fabric & Foam - Qty 2  
Adhesive Hook & Loop Tape - Qty 1

**Required Tools:**  
Safety Glasses  
Utility Knife  
Rubbing Alcohol  
Scissors

### **⚠ WARNING ⚠**

This product is designed to enhance the look of your vehicle. NEVER rely in any way on this product or its components to protect the occupants of the vehicle from injury or death in the event of an accident. This product will not contain the occupants in the vehicle. This product will not protect the occupants from falling objects or impact from other vehicles. Always wear your seat belts and never operate the vehicle in excess of the manufacturer's specifications.

### **⚠ CAUTION ⚠**

RISK OF EYE INJURY. Safety glasses should be worn at all times while installing or maintaining this product. RISK OF CUT INJURY. Use caution when using any knife to cut products.



### Important Safety information

Your MasterTop® Sport Bar Cover is intended to enhance the appearance of your off-road capable vehicle. Before installation, please take a moment to review the following safety information and installation instructions. Important safety information is generally preceded by one of three signal words indicating the relative risk of injury.

The signal words mean:

#### **WARNING**

A hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury. You CAN be KILLED or SERIOUSLY HURT if you don't follow instructions.

#### **CAUTION**

A hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury. You CAN be moderately HURT and also may suffer property damage if you don't follow instructions.

#### **NOTICE**

Careful attention is required to this instruction or operation but does generally not relate to personal injury. Damage to your MasterTop product or other property may result if you don't follow instructions.

### Before you begin Installation:

We are excited that you have chosen the MasterTop Sport Bar Cover! This high quality Cover is designed to enhance the appearance of your vehicle. Please note that it is important that you become familiar with the installation process of this product by reading the following instruction sheet and warnings thoroughly. Though we have used only the finest materials in creating this cover, any product that is exposed to the elements requires some general maintenance to keep it looking like new. Please see page 10 for these important maintenance tips. Please also note that it is normal for fabric to contract and wrinkle when stored in the shipping carton. In a few days the fabric will relax and wrinkles will disappear.

#### **NOTICE**

For a smooth fit and ease of installation, this cover should be installed at temperatures above 72 degrees. Below this temperature, the fabric may contract an inch or more making it difficult to install. We highly recommend taking the cover out of the package and letting it sit inside a warm place or direct sunlight for 1-2 hours before you install the top. When warm, this cover will install quickly.

When unpacking, check to make sure all parts are included.

If any part is missing or broken, please call MasterTop customer service at 720-575-5440.

### Pre-Installation Notes for Sport Bar Covers:

**If you have a top on your vehicle:** The top and the door surrounds will need to be removed before starting this installation. Remove the factory Sport Bar Cover and accent foam from the vehicle. The factory cover will zip off the main hoop and rear legs. On the Factory Horizontal tubes and around the soft top bracket, you will need to carefully cut them off with a utility knife. See Fig A, below.

#### **NOTICE**

This product has been designed to fit Jeep vehicles that have the factory Sport Bar Covers removed from the vehicle. Do not try to install these covers over your factory covers as they will be too small and damage to the product can occur. On 2003-2006 Models, the molded foam on the Sport Bars will remain on the vehicle.



Carefully cut around Soft Top Bracket on Soft Top Models

FIG A



Remove Pivot knuckle screws with T30 Torx Driver

FIG B

### If you have a factory soft top on your vehicle:

You will need to remove the bows attached to the soft top mounting bracket on the Sport bar.

Using a T30 Torx driver, remove the pivot knuckle screws on each side of the vehicle. Push each bow down to release the bows from the brackets.

The bows and soft top fabric can lay on top of the body tub if you wish. See Fig B.

#### **CAUTION**

Risk of Injury: Be careful to avoid cutting yourself when using a utility knife.



## Pre-Installation of Sport Bar Covers:



Remove Soundbar or Sound Pod screws with T30 Torx driver and relocate toward rear of vehicle.

### If you have a Sound Bar or Sound Pods on your vehicle:

It will be easier to install your Sport Bar covers if the factory Sound Bar or Sound pods are unbolted and moved to rear during installation.

Lift up Sound Bar fabric exposing the two T30 Torx bolts attaching the sound bar to rear Sport bar supports. Sound Pods on 03-06 models have these same torx bolts but they are not covered by fabric. See Fig C

The actual installation can now begin. See below:

## Installation of Sport Bar Covers:

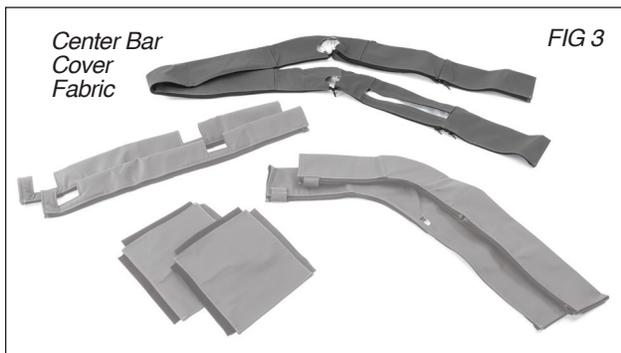


### Step 1: For all 97-06 TJ Wrangler Vehicles

Locate the adhesive Hook and loop strip in the parts kit. (Fig 2) Cut the strip into four 10" pieces.



Clean plastic seat belt mount with rubbing Alcohol. Attach the hook and loop strips on each side of the seat belt mount as shown in Fig 1.



Center Bar Cover Fabric

FIG 3

### Step 2: For all 97-06 TJ Wrangler Vehicles with a Factory Soft Top

**If you do not have a factory soft top, skip to step 3.**

Locate the right and left center bar fabric pieces. These have vertical cutouts for the seat belt assembly (See Fig 3).

Locate on the four drill holes near the bottom of each center bar piece (see fig 4). Fold the center bar piece over and cut with a sharp pair of scissors a small slit between each drill hole (see Fig 5). Your finished center bar fabric should look like Fig 6.



FIG 4



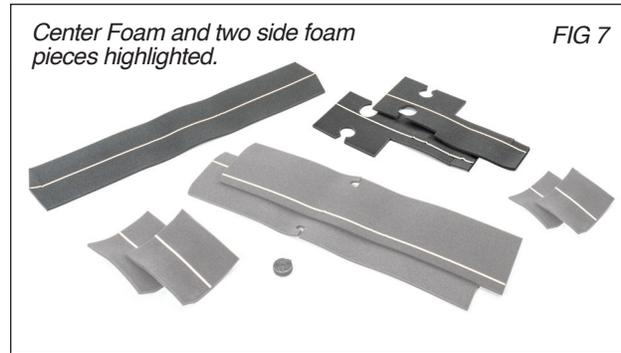
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FIG 6

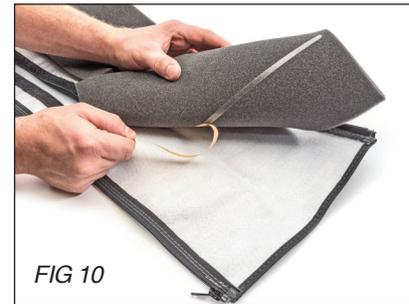
Finished slits in fabric to fit over soft top bracket

## Installation of Sport Bar Covers:



### Step 3: For all 97-02 TJ Wrangler Vehicles For 03-06 Wrangler skip to page 8.

Installing center foam to center fabric. Locate the left and right center bar foam pieces and the center foam piece (See Fig 7). Lay the Center Sport Bar fabric on a clean, dry surface, opened up with the vinyl facing down. Line up the openings in the foam with the openings in the legs of the fabric. When lined up correctly, remove the adhesive strip on the foam and attach the foam to the fabric. Repeat this process with the long center foam piece across the center of the center fabric. (See Figs 8, 9 & 10)



### NOTICE

The adhesive tape installed on the foam is designed to assist in installation only and is not designed for permanent adhesion.



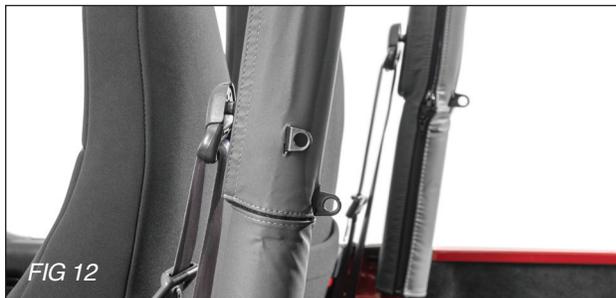
### Step 4: For all 97-02 Wrangler Vehicles

Attaching the center section to the sport bar.

Locate the Center Fabric assembly with the foam attached over the center sport bar with the zippers facing down and the seat belt assembly facing forward.

Slip the bottom legs behind the seat belts from inside the vehicle and wrap the cover around the sport bar. See Fig 11.

For soft top models, slip the pre-cut (step three) openings over the pivot bracket on each side of the vehicle. See Fig 12.



Make sure that the foam is centered on the fabric. On the passenger side of the vehicle, start the center zipper and close it 2-3 inches.

Then start the upper side zipper and close it 2-3 inches.

## Installation of Sport Bar Covers:

### Step 5: For all 97-02 Wrangler Vehicles

Attach the center hoop to the Seat Belt Mount and install cover on lower bar. Fasten the Hook and Loop on the cover to the pre-mounted strips (Step 1) on the seat belt mount. Wrap the top of the cover around the bar and close the zipper all the way to the seat belt mount. Wrap the bottom portion of the cover around the sport bar under the seat belts and fasten the hook and loop strip on the top and bottom portion of the cover. Make sure that the foam is centered on the fabric and start the zipper from the bottom of the cover and close it up to the seat belt mount. Adjust the Hook and loop throughout to obtain a wrinkle free fit. Close the center zipper and side zippers on each side making sure not to catch the foam in the zippers.

### NOTICE

If you have a Sound Bar/Sound Pods and you loosened it, you can now install it back on the sport bar. If you do not have a Sound bar, you will be installing filler panels to your rear sport bar in subsequent steps.



FIG 13

Rear Foam highlighted.

### Step 6: For all 97-02 TJ Wrangler Vehicles

Installing the rear sport bar cover foam. Locate the left and right rear sport bar covers and foam (See Figs 13 & 14). Lay the fabric on a clean dry surface open with the vinyl side facing down. Lay the matching foam pieces on top of the fabric with the adhesive strip facing down. When aligned, attach the foam to the fabric with the adhesive strip. See Figs 15 & 16

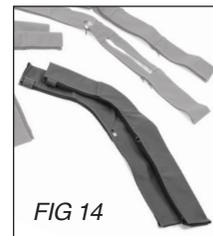


FIG 14



FIG 15



FIG 16

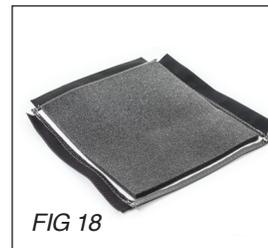


FIG 18



FIG 17

### Step 7a: For all 97-02 TJ Wrangler Vehicles

Attaching the rear covers to the rear Sport Bar. Drape the rear cover with the foam attached over the rear Sport bar fitting the curve of the cover over the knuckle of the bar. Start the upper zipper at the seat belt mount and close it all the way up to the top of the zipper towards the center hoop. Close the flap over the zipper pull then start the lower zipper under the seat belt. See Fig 17

### Step 7b: For all 97-02 TJ Wrangler Vehicles

If you do not have a Sound bar, locate the square fabric cover and the corresponding foam. Line up the foam on the cover and attach with the adhesive strip. Fig 18.

Wrap the cover with the foam attached, zipper facing down over the blank space where the Sound Bar would be located. Secure the hook and loop to close up any gaps. See Fig 19.

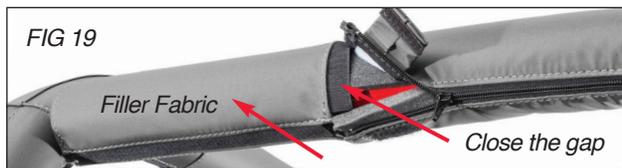
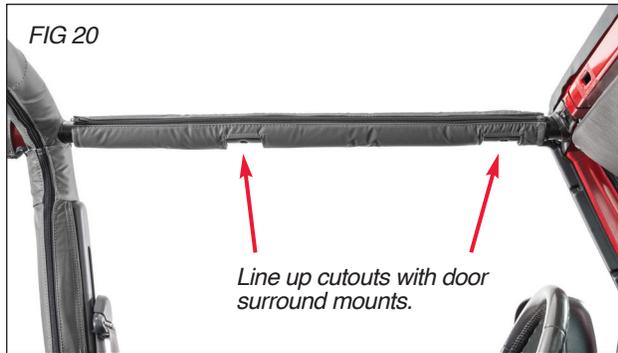


FIG 19

Filler Fabric

Close the gap

### Installation of Sport Bar Covers:



#### Step 8: For all 97-02 TJ Wrangler Vehicles

Installing over Door Horizontal tubes. Place a fabric covered foam tube onto each of the horizontal bars. Orient the tubes so that the cutouts go over the holes for the factory door surround mounts. Zip closed from front to back and slide the cover around the bar so the zipper is facing inside the bar. Once the tube Insert Filler fabric and attach hook and loop fasteners. Line up cutouts with door surround mounts is in place and zipped closed, tuck the extension of the zipper into the end of the Horizontal cover. See Fig 20.

**97-02 Wrangler Sport Bar Cover installation is now complete.**



*Sport Bar Covers  
for 97-02 Wrangler TJ*



### Installation of Sport Bar Covers for 03-06 Wrangler:



FIG 11

**Step 4: For all 03-06 Wrangler Vehicles**  
Attaching the center section to the sport bar.

Locate the Center Fabric assembly with the foam attached over the center sport bar with the zippers facing down and the seat belt assembly facing forward.

Slip the bottom legs behind the seat belts from inside the vehicle and wrap the cover around the sport bar. See Fig 11.



FIG 12

For soft top models, slip the pre-cut (step three) openings over the pivot bracket on each side of the vehicle. See Fig 12.

On the passenger side of the vehicle, start the center zipper and close it 2-3 inches.

Then start the upper side zipper and close it 2-3 inches.

### Step 5: For all 03-06 Wrangler Vehicles

Attach the center hoop to the Seat Belt Mount and install cover on lower bar. Fasten the Hook and Loop on the cover to the pre-mounted strips (Step one) on the seat belt mount. Wrap the top of the cover around the bar and close the zipper all the way to the seat belt mount. Wrap the bottom portion of the cover around the sport bar under the seat belts and fasten the hook and loop strip on the top and bottom portion of the cover. Start the zipper from the bottom of the cover and close it up to the seat belt mount. Adjust the Hook and loop throughout to obtain a wrinkle-free fit. Close the center zipper and side zippers on each side.

#### NOTICE

Sound Pods can now be installed back on the sport bar. Thread the wiring harness through the Pre-cut holes in the cover and attach back to the Sound Pods

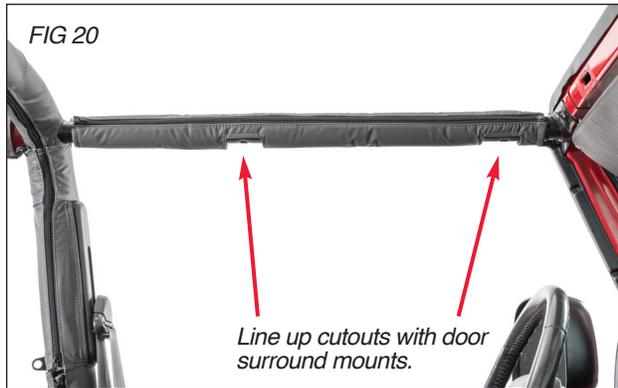


FIG 17

**Step 6: For all 03-06 TJ Wrangler Vehicles**  
Attaching the rear covers to the rear Sport Bar.

Drape the rear cover over the rear Sport bar fitting the curve of the cover over the knuckle of the bar. Start the upper zipper at the seat belt mount and close it all the way up to the top of the zipper towards the center hoop. Close the flap over the zipper pull then start the lower zipper under the seat belt. See Fig 17

## Installation of Sport Bar Covers for 03-06 Wrangler:



### **Step 8: For all 97-02 TJ Wrangler Vehicles**

Installing over Door Horizontal tubes. Place a fabric covered foam tube onto each of the horizontal bars.

Orient the tubes so that the cutouts go over the holes for the factory door surround mounts. Zip closed from front to back and slide the cover around the bar so the zipper is facing inside the bar once the tube is in place and zipped closed, tuck the extension of the zipper into the end of the Horizontal cover See Fig 20.

**03-06 Wrangler Sport Bar Cover installation is now Complete**



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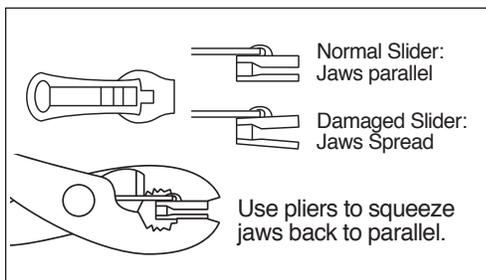
### Care and Maintenance of your MasterTop Sport Bar Covers:

Your MasterTop Sport Bar Cover is made of the finest materials available but to keep it looking new and for the maximum possible wear, it will need periodic cleaning and basic maintenance. The main threat to your soft top is pollutants, dirt and grime. By keeping your cover clean you will prolong the life of your purchase.

We recommend the following to keep your top like new:

#### Washing:

The cover fabric should be washed often using a mild soap, warm water and a soft bristle brush. You can also use special soft top cleaners available on our Distributors websites. Make sure that after cleaning you rinse with clear water to remove all traces of soap to avoid residue. Air Dry. Do not put in dryer.



#### Zippers:

Keeping the zipper cleaned and lubricated with a silicone lubricant (available online) will help prevent damage and keep the zippers in a smooth working condition. If zipper opens behind the slider, the slider may have been spread apart. This problem can usually be fixed by using an ordinary pair of pliers to bring the sides back into parallel. Return slider to the end of the zipper in the normal Open position. Squeeze lightly at first and test zipper. If the zipper continues to remain open squeeze more firmly with pliers and try the zipper again. Repeat procedure until your zipper operates correctly.

#### For more information on MasterTop:

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