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## Warrior Aluminum and Steel Sideplates INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

All "SIDEPLATES" are designed to be placed over the existing metal surface of the vehicle. They fit onto the rocker area between the fender wells with factory fenders. They are also compatible with Warrior Tube Flares. Some Jeep variants may require the front edge to be trimmed to fit.

Warrior's recommended installation procedure for all Sideplates utilizes drilled holes and pop-rivets. Other installations such as self-tapping screws and two-sided tape may be adequate, but will not be covered in this installation guide.

You will need a marking pen, a pop-rivet tool, a drill, and a 3/16" drill bit to complete this installation. Below is a photo of a basic pop-rivet tool.

1. Clean the rocker panel surface where the Sideplate will be installed. Ensure that any bare metal is primed or painted and that the surface is flat.
2. Hold the Sideplate into position and decide upon spots to drill your holes for mounting. It is helpful to have an assistant hold the Sideplate against the vehicle while you make the marks. Use the marking pen and indicate with a small dot or X where along the edge you will drill. We recommend mounting in all corners (where possible) and then spaced evenly along the top and bottom edges to ensure that the Sideplate won't bow out anywhere. Every 10" - 12" or so should be adequate. Be mindful of any seams, openings or internal structure behind the surface you're drilling through. If you are covering any rusted spots on the Jeep, do not attempt to pop rivet into these rusted areas.
3. After you've made your drilling indications, set the Sideplate onto a work surface and drill out the marks using the 3/16" drill bit. Deburr the holes if necessary. If you are installing steel Sideplates, we highly recommend applying some black touch-up paint to the holes you've just drilled to keep rust away.
4. At this point, you may decide to use an RTV silicone sealant around the top and sides of the Sideplate or perhaps a rubber gasket (not provided). Leaving the bottom edge 'unsealed' will prevent water from collecting behind the Sideplate. Choosing whether to use a sealant is completely at your discretion, however if you choose not to seal it, debris and moisture *can* get between the vehicle body and the Sideplates and potentially cause rust issues later on.
5. Place your drilled Sideplate back onto the vehicle and position it where you'd like it to be. Using the holes in the Sideplate as a guide, run the drill bit thru each hole and drill through the rocker sheet metal. Temporarily place a pop-rivet through each hole as you drill them so the Sideplate doesn't shift around and mis-align the holes. Once you've drilled all the holes in the rocker area, remove the pop-rivets and set the Sideplate aside. Deburr and touch-up paint the holes in the rocker you've just drilled to keep rust issues away. After the paint has sufficiently dried, place the Sideplate back onto the vehicle and begin setting the pop-rivets starting from one end and working your way to the other.
6. Repeat the previous 5 steps for the remaining side of the vehicle to complete the installation.

