

05-20 Tacoma

RCI Front Skid Plate Installation

1. Remove OEM skid plates if present.
2. Remove the stamped steel brackets that OEM skid plate was bolted to. These are bolted on with larger M12 bolts. They will not be needed once the skid plate is installed, since it will perform the same function. Removal of these brackets allows the RCI skid plate to sit tight to the radiator cross-member for maximum ground clearance as well as provide full support along the front edge, creating a stronger overall system. Save the hardware as it will be re-used for mounting the RCI skid plate.
3. Locate the mounting holes where skid plate will be fastened. These are located on the frame cross-member behind the front differential, as well as the locations where bolts were removed in step 2.
4. With the help of a second person or a floor jack, lift skid plate into position and loosely install four of the **M12** bolts removed during step 2 to secure the front and center of the skid plate.

*This skid plate is compatible with both stock vehicles as well as those utilizing differential drop kits with no modification needed.

5. With front of skid plate now self-supported, install the provided **M8x40mm** bolts (A) with **washers** (B) on rear of skid plate, inserting the provided 1/2" **nylon spacers** (C) on **top** of skid plate. These spacers simply fill the recessed mounting area so skid plate does not bow when bolts are tightened. Adjust plate so bolts are as near as possible to center of mounting holes.
6. If installing in conjunction with transmission plate, leave approximately 1/2" of rear bolts unthreaded to allow transmission plate to slide in between cross-member and front plate.
7. Check skid plate fit and clearances and fully tighten all bolts to OEM torque specifications. Fully tighten oil filter access port, if equipped.

Enjoy the new protection!!!

Included Hardware Kit

A.	M8 x 1.25 40mm Hex Bolt	2 ea.
B.	5/16" Washer	2 ea.
C.	Nylon spacer	2 ea.



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