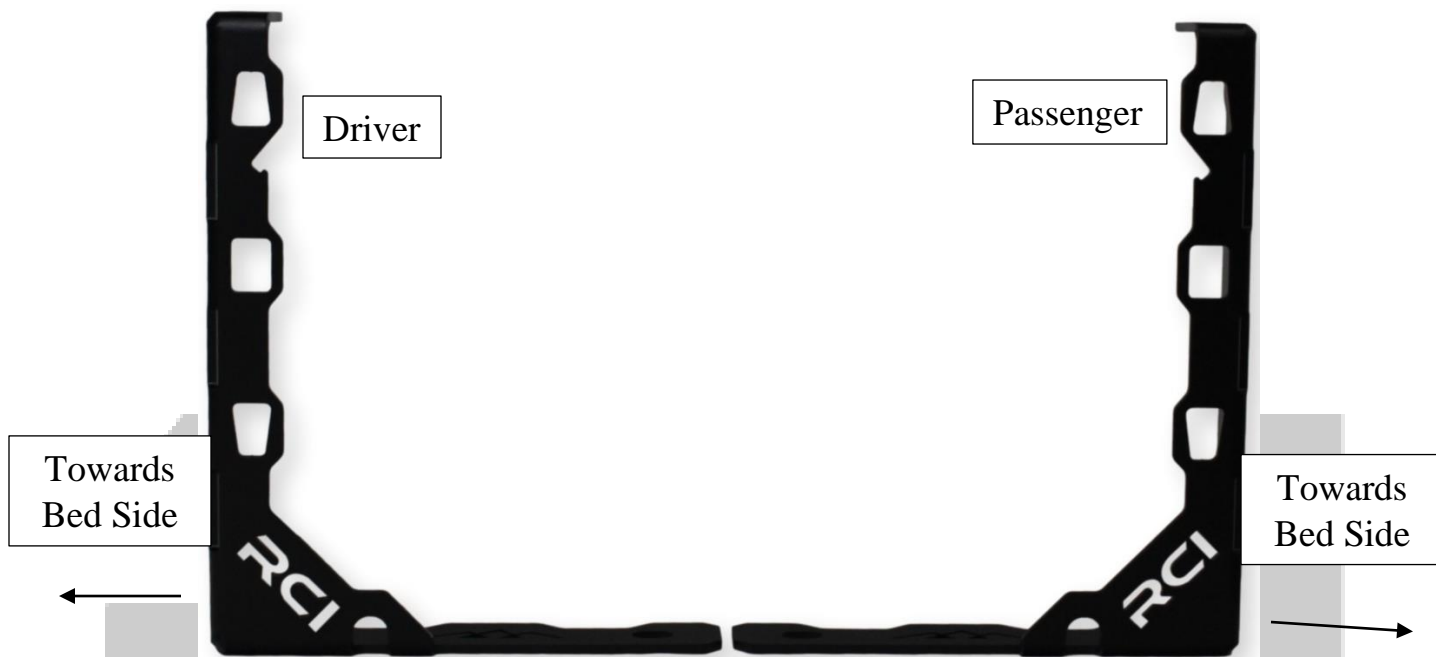


RCI 07+ TOYOTA TACOMA BED STIFFNER KIT INSTALLATION GUIDE

****This install guide is applicable our 07+ Toyota Tacoma Bed Stiffener Kit ONLY****



TOOLS REQUIRED:

Description
3/8" or 1/2" Socket Wrench and Socket Set
T40 & T55 Star Point Bit
Metric Box-End Wrenches
Drill Bit Set
Black Spray Paint (Optional)

INCLUDED HARDWARE:

Item	Description	QTY
H1.	3/8" x 1" Carriage Bolt	6 ea.
H2.	3/8" Washer	6 ea.
H3.	3/8" Split-Washer	6 ea.
H4.	3/8" Nut	6 ea.

*NOTE: Kit includes two (2) extra bolt assemblies.

INCLUDED COMPONENTS:

Item	Description	QTY
C1.	Driver Side Tacoma Bed Stiffener	1 ea.
C2.	Passenger Side Tacoma Bed Stiffener	1 ea.

INSTALLATION STEPS:

- 1) Begin by unpacking and removing all components and hardware. Please verify that all hardware, components, and mounting components are present. Please reference your original order invoice and verify all items are accounted for.
- 2) The Tacoma Bed Stiffener kit will include a driver and passenger side stiffener. These stiffeners are side specific. Installation of the brackets is quite simple and recommend installing one side at a time. This kit will use two (2) OEM bolts per stiffener on the vehicle. Three (3) holes will need to be drilled per stiffener.
- 3) Remove the trucks taillights by taking out the two (2) 10mm bolts per side. The taillights are held in by tabs. Pull on the light until it comes loose. Let the light hang down the side of the truck so it is out of the way for the remainder of the install.



- 4) After both taillights are removed, take out the two factory bolts per side attached to the top of the bed. These will be removed using a T40 and a T55 star point bit. Save both bolts for mounting the bed stiffeners.

- a. **PLEASE NOTE:** The factory Tie down attached to the T40 bolt will need to be removed before reusing the bolt.



- 5) Collect the Driver Side Bed Stiffener (C1). Align the stiffener with the holes on the top of the bed, reinstall the OEM star point bolts. Tighten the bolts and align to desired position.
- 6) Once the stiffener is in its desired position, use a marker or a punch to mark the location for the three (3) bolt holes to be drilled. After hole locations are marked, remove the OEM bed bolts and set the Driver Side Bed Stiffener (C1) to the side.
- 7) Use a 5/16" or smaller drill bit to Completely drill out the three (3) hole locations marked in Step 6. Be sure to only drill through the first layer of the truck bed.
- 8) Repeat Step 7 but replace the 5/16" drill bit with a 3/8" drill bit.



Example of drilled hole locations

- a) **Optional:** Grab a can of black spray paint and coat the freshly drilled holes to prevent possible rust.

- 9) Collect the Driver Side Bed Stiffener (C1). Align the stiffener with the holes on the top of the bed. Reinstall the OEM star point bolts. Tighten the bolts and align to desired position that best lines up with the newly drilled hole locations.
- 10) Install the topmost 3/8" x 1" Carriage Bolt (H1) first with the head of the bolt facing the center of the truck bed.
- 11) While the 3/8" x 1" Carriage Bolt is in place, install one (1) 3/8" Washer (H2), 3/8" Split-Washer (H3) and 3/8" Hex Nut (H4) in that order on the opposite side. Hand tighten for now.
 - a. **PLEASE NOTE:** Topmost bolt will be located in a hard-to-reach area. A 9/16" ratcheting wrench is recommended for tightening. A standard box-end 9/16" wrench will also work.
- 12) Repeat steps 10-11 for the middle and bottom most bolt hole locations.
- 13) Fully tighten all three (3) 3/8" Hex Nuts (H4) using 9/16" socket or 9/16" wrench.
- 14) Repeat steps 5-13 for the Passenger Side Tacoma Bed Stiffener (C2).



*Example of correctly installed Bed Stiffeners.

- 15) Enjoy your new RCI 07+ Toyota Tacoma Bed Stiffeners!

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