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Sport Series Main Grille

TOOLS REQUIRED:

8mm Socket and Ratchet
Torx VT30
Phillips & Flat Screwdrivers

PARTS LIST

(8) 3" Threaded "J" Hooks
(8) 1/2" "L" Brackets
(8) 6/32 Nylon Lock Nuts
(1) Sport Series Grille Kit - 2 Pc.

Step 1

PLEASE READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE ATTEMPTING INSTALLATION. The first step is to remove the radiator cover top plate. Use the torx to take out the bolts holding the cover on. Do not remove the torx bolts that secure the hood latch assemblies to the radiator cover, they are the bolts directly next to the latches. Remove the black plastic cover from the center hood latch with a small flathead screwdriver. (Fig 1) Lift the radiator cover and move it back out of the way, the hood latch cables will still be attached so you can't move it very far.

Step 2

Once the radiator cover is out of the way, remove the black panel that has the large weather seal. Use a flat screwdriver to unlock the latches along the bottom. (Fig 2)

Step 3

Next remove the black plate directly under the radiator cover top plate. Use the torx wrench for this. (Fig 3)

Step 4

Now you will remove the 2 chrome grille rings. With all the cover plates removed you will see some black plastic tabs above the chrome grille rings. Use a flat screwdriver to unlatch the tabs. (Fig 4) There are also some tabs on the lower part of the chrome rings. Once the top latches are unlatched you can pull the top of the ring forward and reach behind the chrome ring to unlatch the lower latches. Pull the chrome rings out of the front bumper. (Fig 5)

Step 5

This step is optional, only do this if you would like to remove the vertical ribs from the factory grilles. If you don't want to remove the ribs proceed to step 7. After the chrome rings have been removed from the bumper you need to separate the 2 halves. Use a flat screwdriver to unhook the latches around the ring and the two halves will come apart. (Fig 6)



Fig 1

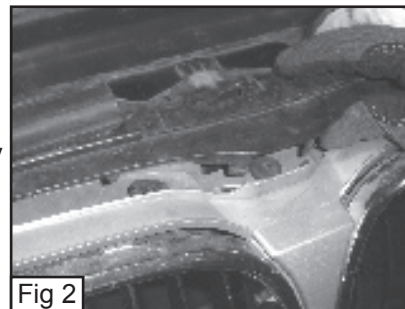


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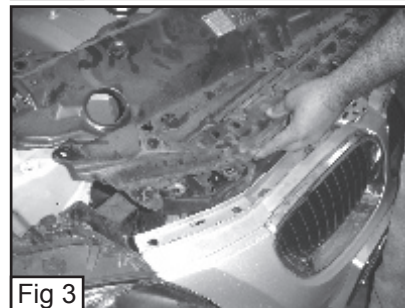


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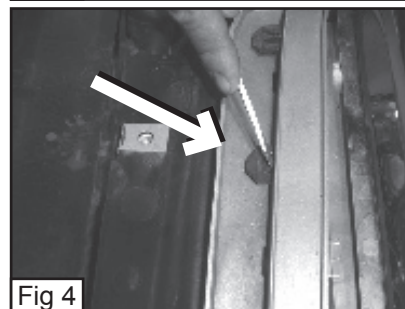


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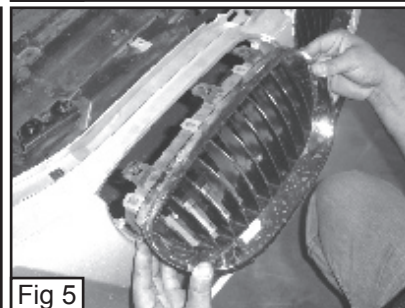


Fig 5

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Step 6

Cut the ribs out of the black grille section. Use a jigsaw to cut the ribs leaving 2 small 1" sections on the top and 2 on the bottom near the corners. (Fig 7) Grind down the inside of the grille with a sander to make it smooth. Reassemble the two halves of the grilles.

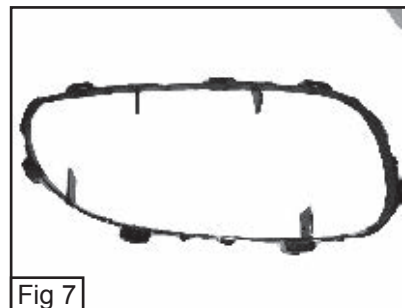


Fig 7

Step 7

Now take a mesh grille and press it into the grille shell making sure it sits flush on the ribs. (Fig 8)

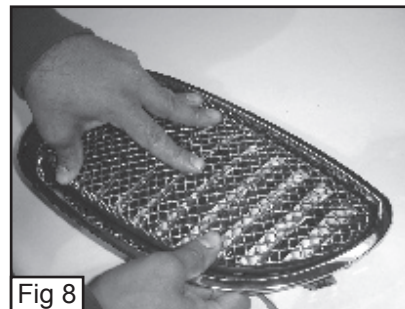


Fig 8

Step 8

Take a threaded J hook and insert it through the mesh grille with the hook end latching onto the mesh grille. (Fig 9)

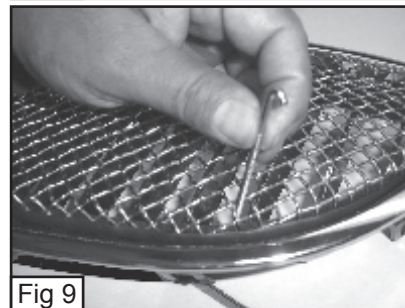


Fig 9

Step 9

On the back side of the grille slide a L bracket over the threaded end of the J hook with the arm or the L bracket latching over one of the ribs. Put a 6/32 nylon lock nut on the threaded J hook and tighten it with a 8mm socket. (Fig 10) Cut the excess threaded end off. There will be a total of 4 J hooks on each grille.

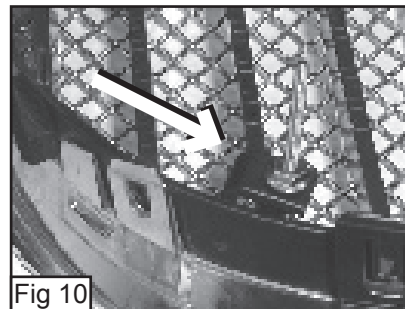


Fig 10

Step 10

Once you have completed both grilles they can be replaced into the front bumper cover. Press them in by hand until the latches catch. (Fig 11) Reinstall all the covers back on the radiator area. Installation complete.

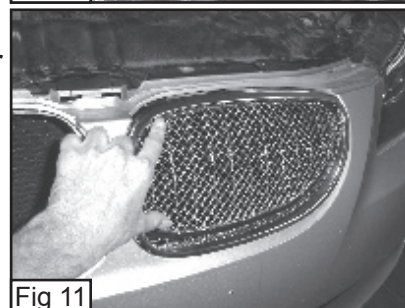


Fig 11