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33887-1 UNDERCARRIAGE KIT

Dodge Ram 2500/3500 Gasoline 2010 - ___ Dodge Ram 2500/3500 Diesel

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Installation Instructions

A CAUTION

Read this document before installing the snowplow.

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See your BLIZZARD® outlet/Web site for specific vehicle application recommendations before installation. The Undercarriage Selection Guide has specific vehicle and snowplow requirements.

SAFETY DEFINITIONS

A WARNING

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation that, if not avoided, could result in death or serious personal injury.

A CAUTION

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation that, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury. It may also be used to alert

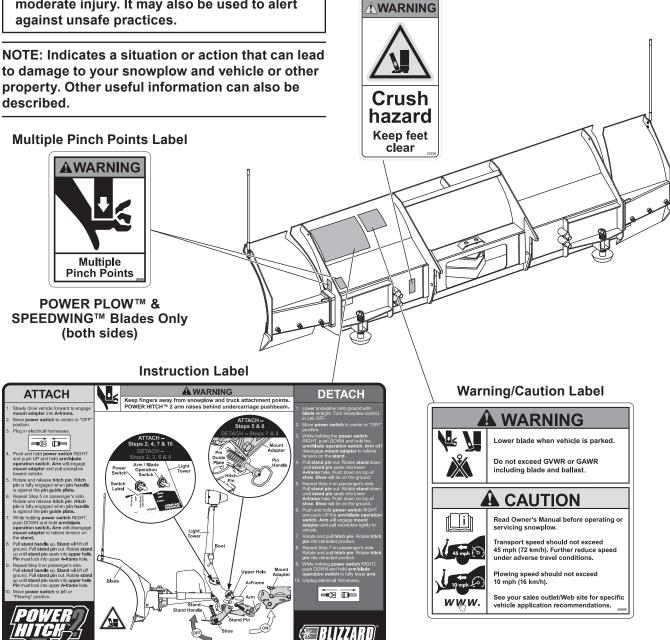
to damage to your snowplow and vehicle or other property. Other useful information can also be described.

WARNING/CAUTION & INSTRUCTION LABELS

Become familiar with and inform users about the warning and instruction labels on the back of the blade.

NOTE: If labels are missing or cannot be read, see your sales outlet.

Crush Hazard Label



SAFETY

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Improper installation and operation could cause personal injury and/or equipment and property damage. Read and understand labels and the Owner's Manual before installing, operating or making adjustments.

A WARNING

Lower blade when vehicle is parked.
Temperature changes could change
hydraulic pressure, causing the blade to
drop unexpectedly or damaging hydraulic
components. Failure to do this could result in
serious personal injury.

A WARNING

The driver shall keep bystanders clear of the blade when it is being raised, lowered or angled. Do not stand between the vehicle and the blade or within 8 feet of a moving blade. A moving or falling blade could cause personal injury.

A WARNING

Keep hands and feet clear of the blade and A-frame when mounting or removing the snowplow. Moving or falling assemblies could cause personal injury.

A WARNING

Do not exceed GVWR or GAWR including the blade and ballast. The rating label is found on the driver-side vehicle door cornerpost.

WARNING

To prevent accidental movement of the blade, always turn the control OFF whenever the snowplow is not in use. The power indicator light will turn OFF.

A WARNING

Remove blade assembly before placing vehicle on hoist.

A CAUTION

Refer to the Undercarriage Selection Guide for minimum vehicle recommendations and ballast requirements.

PERSONAL SAFETY

- Remove ignition key and put the vehicle in park or in gear to prevent others from starting the vehicle during installation or service.
- Wear only snug-fitting clothing while working on your vehicle or snowplow.
- Do not wear jewelry or a necktie, and secure long hair
- Wear safety goggles to protect your eyes from battery acid, gasoline, dirt and dust.
- Avoid touching hot surfaces such as the engine, radiator, hoses and exhaust pipes.
- Always have a fire extinguisher rated BC handy, for flammable liquids and electrical fires.

FIRE AND EXPLOSION

A WARNING

Gasoline is highly flammable and gasoline vapor is explosive. Never smoke while working on vehicle. Keep all open flames away from gasoline tank and lines. Wipe up any spilled gasoline immediately.

Be careful when using gasoline. Do not use gasoline to clean parts. Store only in approved containers away from sources of heat or flame.

CELL PHONES

A driver's first responsibility is the safe operation of the vehicle. The most important thing you can do to prevent a crash is to avoid distractions and pay attention to the road. Wait until it is safe to operate Mobile Communication Equipment such as cell phones, text messaging devices, pagers or two-way radios.

VENTILATION

A WARNING

Vehicle exhaust contains lethal fumes. Breathing these fumes, even in low concentrations, can cause death. Never operate a vehicle in an enclosed area without venting exhaust to the outside.

www.storksplows.com TORQUE SPECIFICATIONS

NOISE

Airborne noise emission during use is below 70 dB(A) for the snowplow operator.

VIBRATION

Operating snowplow vibration does not exceed 2.5 m/s² to the hand-arm or 0.5 m/s² to the whole body.

TORQUE CHART

A CAUTION

Read instructions before assembling.
Fasteners should be finger tight until instructed to tighten according to the torque chart. Use standard methods and practices when attaching snowplow including proper personal protective safety equipment.

Recommended Fastener Torque Chart (ft-lb)			
	Torque		
Size	SAE Grade 2	SAE Grade 5	SAE Grade 8
1/4-20	6	9	13
5/16-18	11	18	28
3/8-16	19	31	46
3/8-24	24	46	68
7/16-14	30	50	75
1/2-13	45	75	115
9/16-12	66	110	165
5/8-11	93	150	225
3/4-10	150	250	370
7/8-9	150	378	591
1-8	220	583	893
Metric Grade 8.8 (ft-lb)			
Size	Torque	Size	Torque
M 6	7	M 12	60
M 8	17	M 14	95
M 10	35	M 16	155
These torque values apply to fasteners except those noted in the instruction.			

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

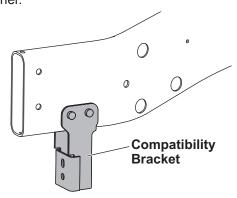
NOTE: For easier assembly and installation, the vehicle and all snowplow components should be on a smooth, level, hard surface, such as concrete.

1. Remove the lower plastic portion of the bumper. Save all parts for reinstallation.

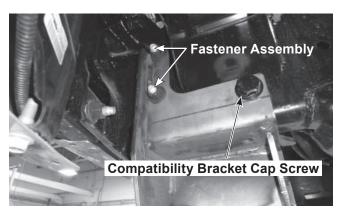
Vehicles equipped with tow hooks will need the tow hooks and outer tow hook brackets removed. These cannot be reinstalled with the snowplow mount in place. Retain the tow hooks, brackets and fasteners for reinstallation if the mount is removed. The inner tow hook brackets can remain in place.



 Remove the compatibility brackets from the frame, if so equipped (see illustration below).
 Save the brackets and hardware for the vehicle owner.



 Remove the nuts from the bumper fastener assembly on both sides of the vehicle. For both driver-side and passenger-side mounts, align the forward mount holes with the protruding cap screws and guide the mounts onto their respective fastener assmebly. Loosely fasten by reinstalling the original nuts.



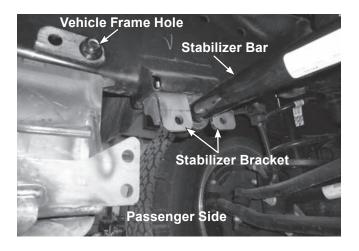
If the vehicle was equipped with compatibility brackets, reinstall one of the original bracket cap screws through the rear hole of each mount and the existing hole in the vehicle frame. Secure with the original nut.

www.storksplows.com MOUNT INSTALLATION

 Lower the stabilizer bar by removing the two cap screws located on the bottom of the frame rail on each side of the vehicle.

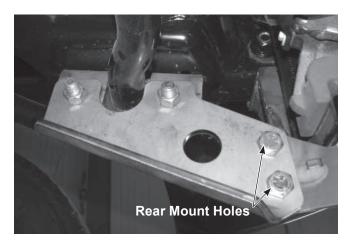


Position a stabilizer bracket between the bottom of the frame rail and the stabilizer bar retainer for both sides, facing inward as shown below.



Loosely fasten with the M10 cap screws provided.

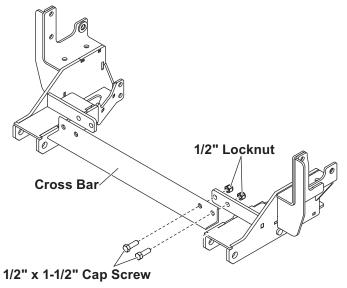
NOTE: Thread provided M10 cap screws into the underside vehicle frame weld nuts. Cross threading will strip these nuts or fail nut weld. 5. Using four 1/2" x 1-1/2" cap screws and locknuts, loosely fasten a thrust arm to both mounts, connecting the stabilizer brackets and the rear mount holes.



Thrust arms are interchangeable and can install on either side of the vehicle. There is no left or right side-specific part.

Be sure to insert the cap screws through the stabilizer brackets pointing inward from outside the vehicle to ensure access to the M10 cap screws for later tightening.

6. Install the cross bar with the horizontal leg on the bottom using four 1/2" x 1-1/2" cap screws and 1/2" locknuts as shown below. Keep fasteners loose for now.



MOUNT INSTALLATION

A CAUTION

Before drilling any holes, check both sides of the material for any wires, fuel lines, fuel tanks, etc., that may be damaged by drilling.

7. On vehicles without compatibility brackets:
Clamp the rear of each mount tightly against the bottom of the truck frame. Using the bottom rear mount hole as a guide, drill a 17/32" diameter hole through the bottom of the frame rail. Insert a 1/2" x 1-1/2" cap screw with handle through the opening in the side of the frame rail and through the 17/32" drilled hole in the bottom of the frame. Loosely fasten with a 1/2" locknut.

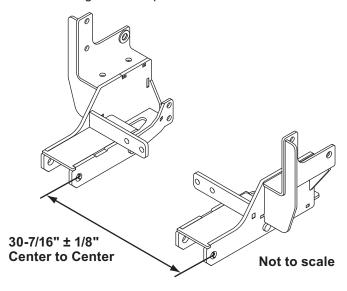
Using the 11/16" diameter mount holes as guides, drill an 11/16" diameter hole through the outer wall of each frame rail.

Insert a 5/8" nut with handle through the opening in the side of each frame rail and align with the drilled holes. For both mounts, insert a 5/8" x 1-1/2" cap screw through both the mount hole and drilled hole in the frame rail and thread into the 5/8" nut with handle.

8. Trim any portion of the handles protruding through the frame openings.

9. For all vehicles:

Measure the distance between the mounts as shown below. This distance should be $30-7/16" \pm 1/8"$. Once the proper distance is achieved, tighten the cross bar fasteners according to the torque chart.



Tighten the M10 stabilizer bracket cap screws and all remaining fasteners according to the torque chart. Start at the front of the mount and work rearward.

 Notch the lower plastic portion of the bumper as needed to accommodate the snowplow mounts and snowplow. Reinstall using original vehicle fasteners.

NOTE: After five to ten hours of snowplow usage, retorque all undercarriage assembly fasteners.

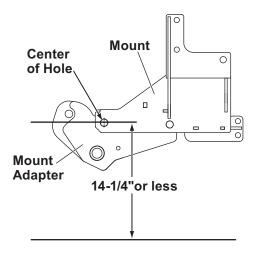
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MOUNT ADAPTER MEASUREMENT

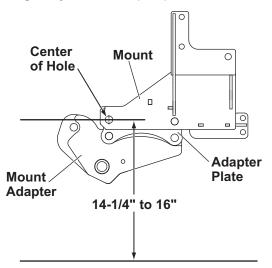
With the vehicle on level ground, measure from the ground to the center of the hole on the U-bracket side plate on the mount.

The height of the mount should be 14-1/4" or less from the center of the U-bracket hole to level ground. If the mount is higher than 14-1/4", the enclosed adapter plates need to be attached to the mount adapter. (The mount adapter comes packaged with the blade crate assembly.)

If the measurement is 14-1/4" or less, no height adjustment is needed.



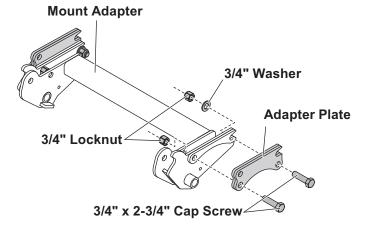
If the measured height is 14-1/4" to 16", install the short height adjustment adapter plates as described.



MOUNT ADAPTER INSTALLATION

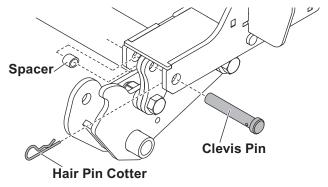
Install adapter plates as follows:

- Position the adapter plate against the driver's side portion of the mount adapter as shown. Insert a 3/4" x 2-3/4" cap screw through the lower front adapter plate hole and through the appropriate hole on the mount adapter. Secure with a locknut.
- 2. Insert a cap screw through the rear adapter plate hole, through the slot on the mount adapter and through a washer. Secure with a locknut.



3. Repeat for the passenger's side. Tighten all fasteners according to the torque chart.

When positioning the mount adapter between the undercarriage mounts, insert a spacer between the adapter plate and the inner side plate of the mount as shown.



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