

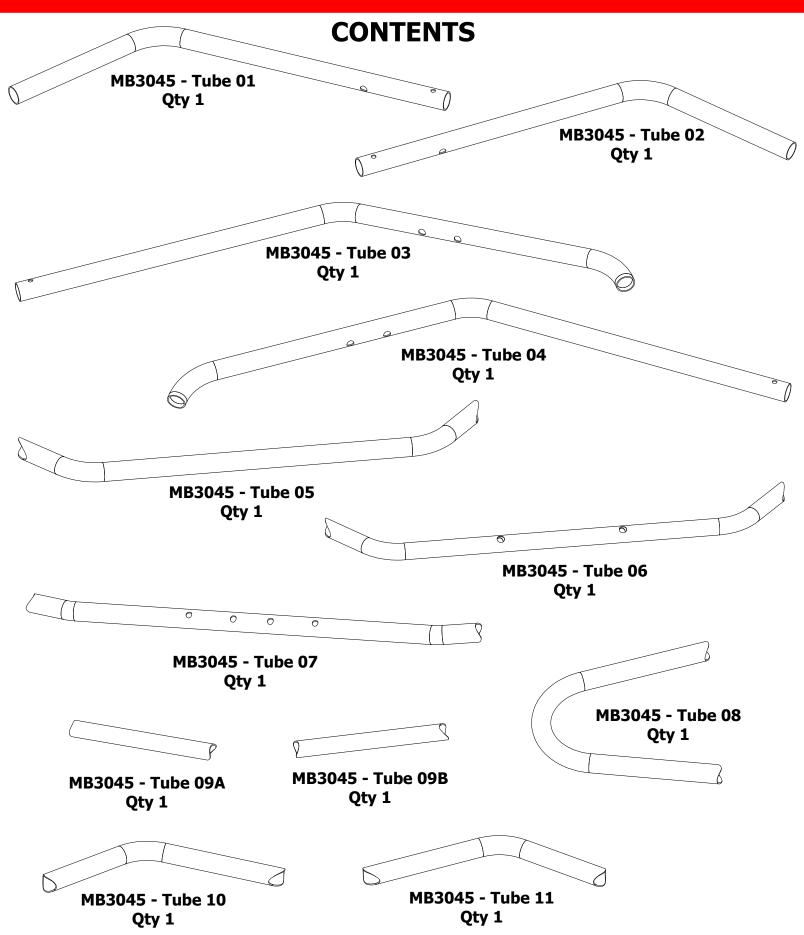
JEEP JLU 4 DOOR CAGE

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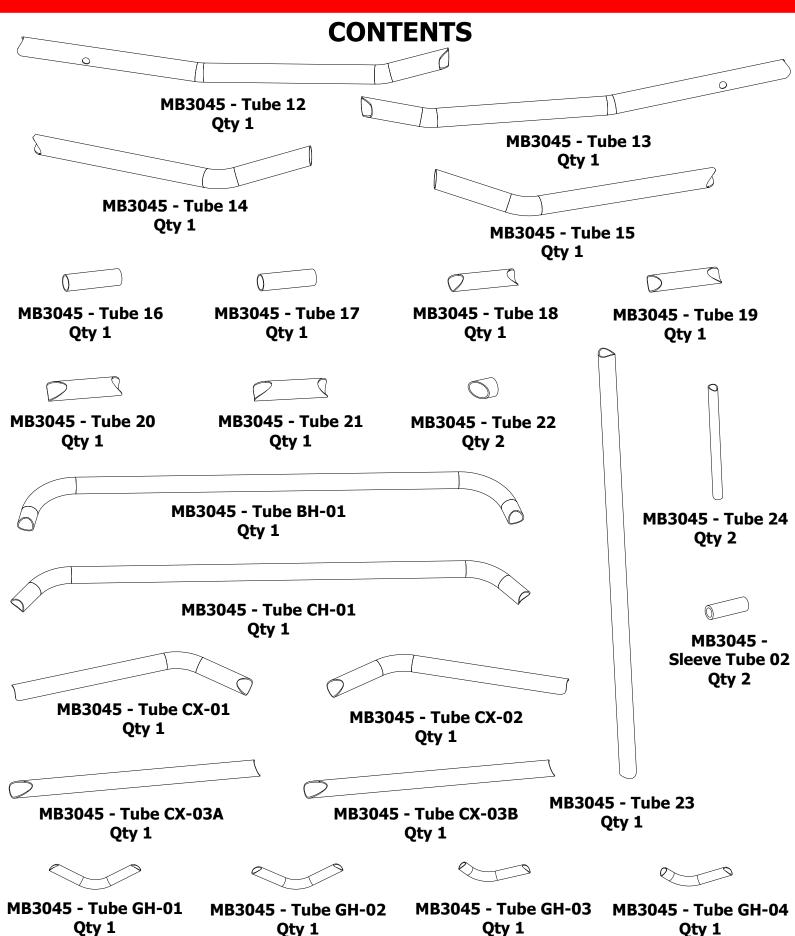


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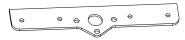


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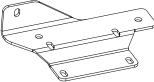






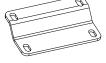
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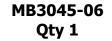


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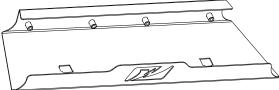


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MB3045-13 with 5/16" Rivnuts Qty 1



with #10-24 Pemnuts

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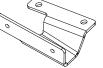
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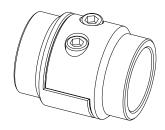
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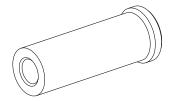
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Tube Joiner fits 2.0" OD x 0.120" wall Qty 2



MB5514 Threaded Bung Qty 8



RIVNUT

1/4"-20

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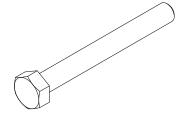
RIVET $\frac{1}{8}$ " x $\frac{3}{16}$ " GRIP RANGE QTY 2



HEX BOLT

1/4"-20 x 1" LONG

OTY 20



HEX BOLT M8 x 1.25 x 70mm LONG QTY 2



HEX BOLT

3/8"-16 x 1" LONG

QTY 60



HEX BOLT $\frac{7}{16}$ "-20 UNF x 1- $\frac{1}{4}$ " LONG QTY 8



FLAT WASHER $\frac{1}{4}$ " QTY 40



FLAT WASHER

5/16"

OTY 2



FLAT WASHER

3/8"

OTY 120



FLAT WASHER

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QTY 8



NYLOCK NUT 1/4"-20 QTY 20



NYLOCK NUT

3/8"-16

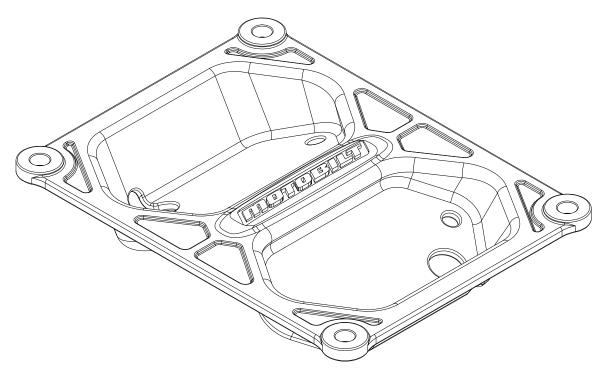
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NOTE:

WE INCLUDE A FEW SPARES OF SOME FASTENERS, THUS, IF YOU HAVE SOME HARDWARE LEFT OVER, THIS IS NORMAL.



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MB8005-01 Universal Dual Dome Light Mount Qty 1



#10-24 x 1/2"
Button Head Screw
Qty 4



#10-24 x 3/4" Button Head Socket Screw Qty 4



#10 Flat Washer Qty 12



#10-24 Nylon Insert Locknut Qty 4



PREFACE

These assembly instructions show how to prepare & install your new Motobilt Jeep JLU Cage using a factory hardtop.

If your vehicle is equipped with a soft top only, we highly recommend to borrow & set up this cage to be compatible with a factory hardtop.

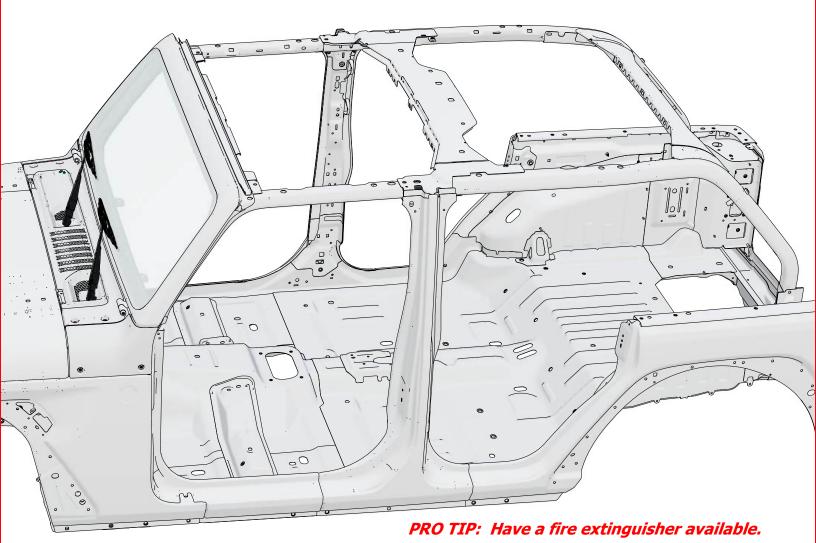
Your resell value & future functionally to add an optional hardtop is a great investment during this installation



STEP 1 DISASSEMBLY & PREPARATION

- 1. Disconnect all batteries.
- 2. Remove hard or soft top.
- 3. Remove all doors.
- 4. Place jacks under the frame & level the vehicle from front to back & side to side. Use the top of the factory roll cage as a level reference.
- 5. Remove all seats & seat belts.
- 6. Remove all floor mats & carpeting.
- 7. Remove all interior plastic trim including rear sub-woofers (if equipped).

- 8. Remove console between seats.
- 9. Cover & mask the entire dash. Dash can remain in place.
- 10. Protect all exterior painted areas. Wheels, tires & fenders can remain on the vehicle, but should be protected. Fireproof blankets are recommended during welding.
- 11. Mask all door sills with masking tape.
- 12. Mask & protect all factory wiring.
- 13. Mask tail lights. Tailgate can remain in place.

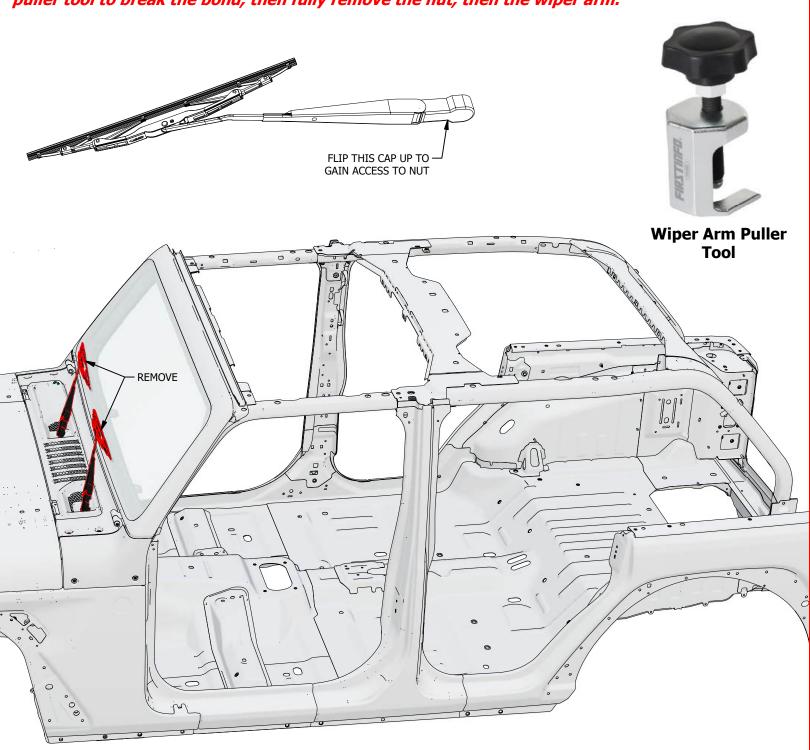




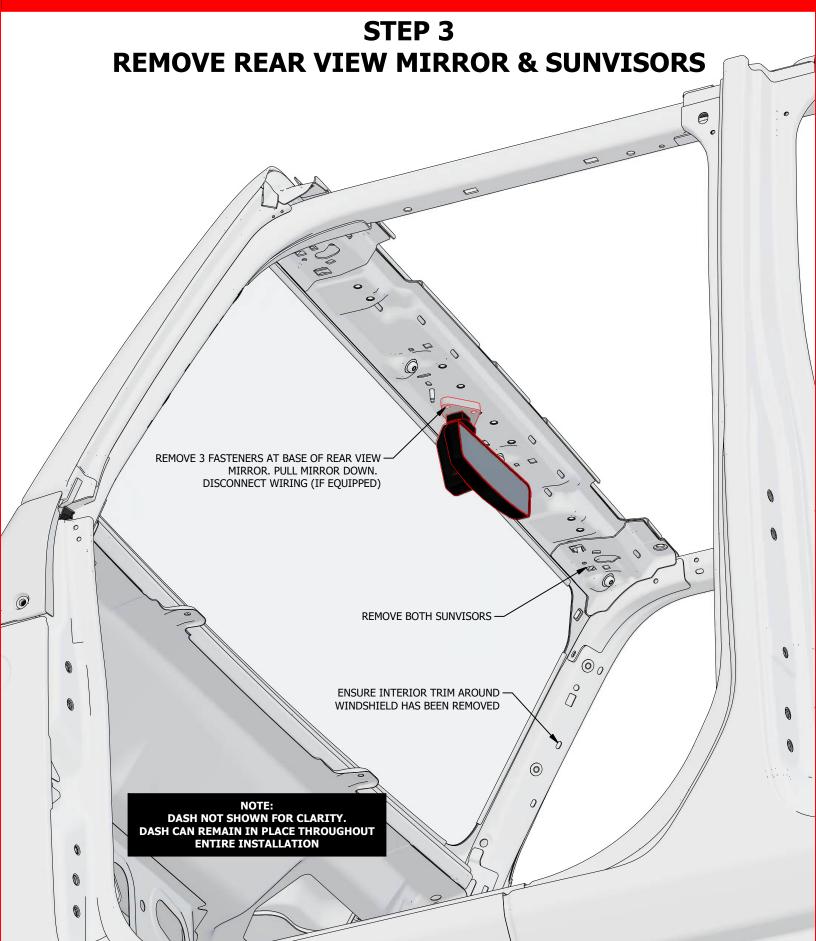
STEP 2 REMOVE WIPER ARMS

Your Jeep JL includes a tool kit with a ratchet & socket. Flip the cover at the base of the wiper arm & loosen the nut that fastens the wiper arm to the vehicle. Remove both wiper arms.

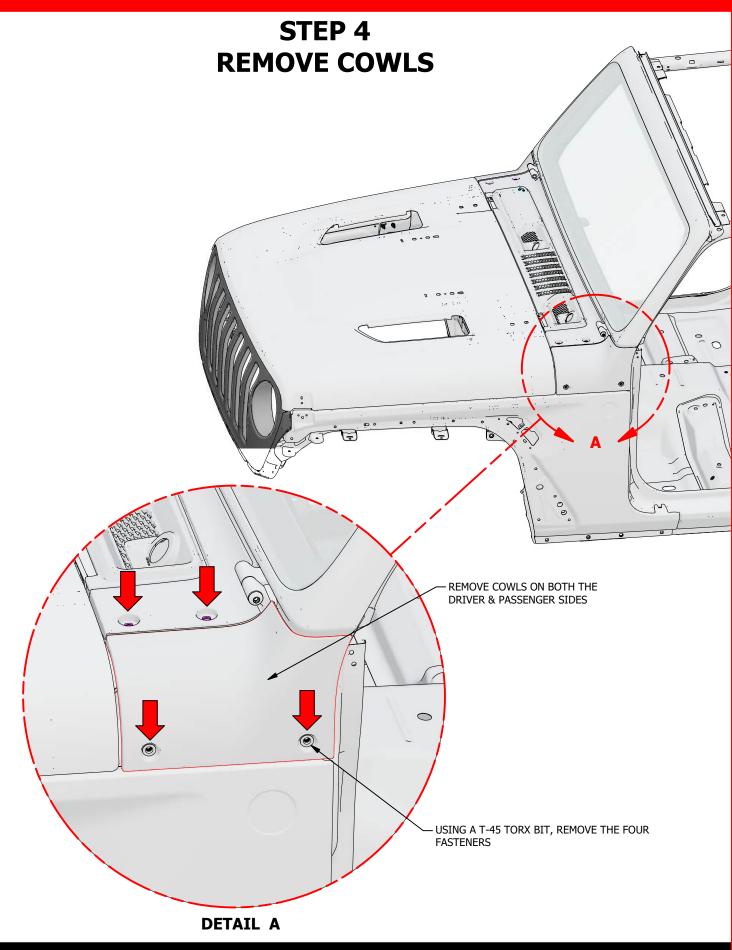
PRO TIP: If your wiper arm is stuck & will not easily detach from the vehicle, use a wiper arm puller tool. Loosen the nut a few turns but leave the nut on the wiper arm. Use the wiper arm puller tool to break the bond, then fully remove the nut, then the wiper arm.





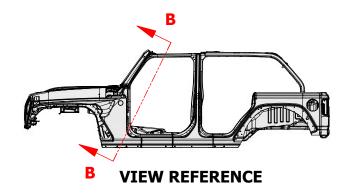








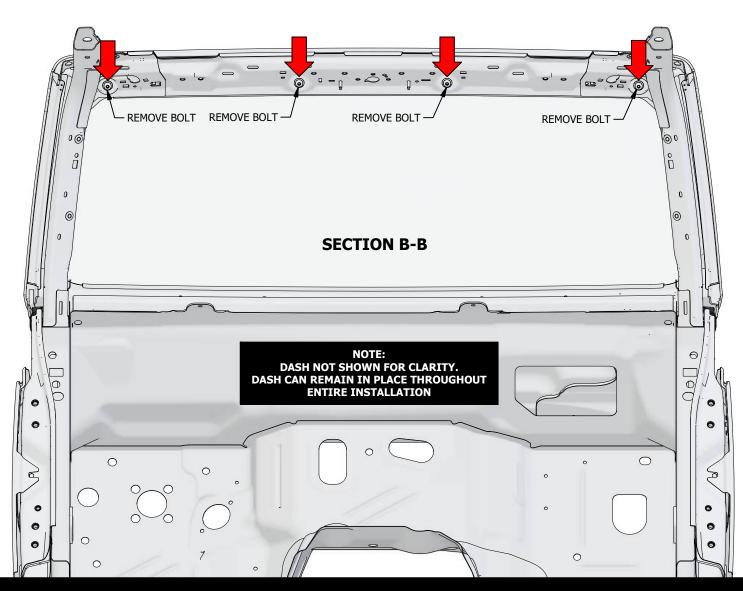
STEP 5 REMOVE UPPER WINDSHIELD BOLTS



Using the tool kit supplied with your Jeep JL, use the T-40 torx bit & ratchet to remove the four bolts that secure the upper windshield to the factory cage.

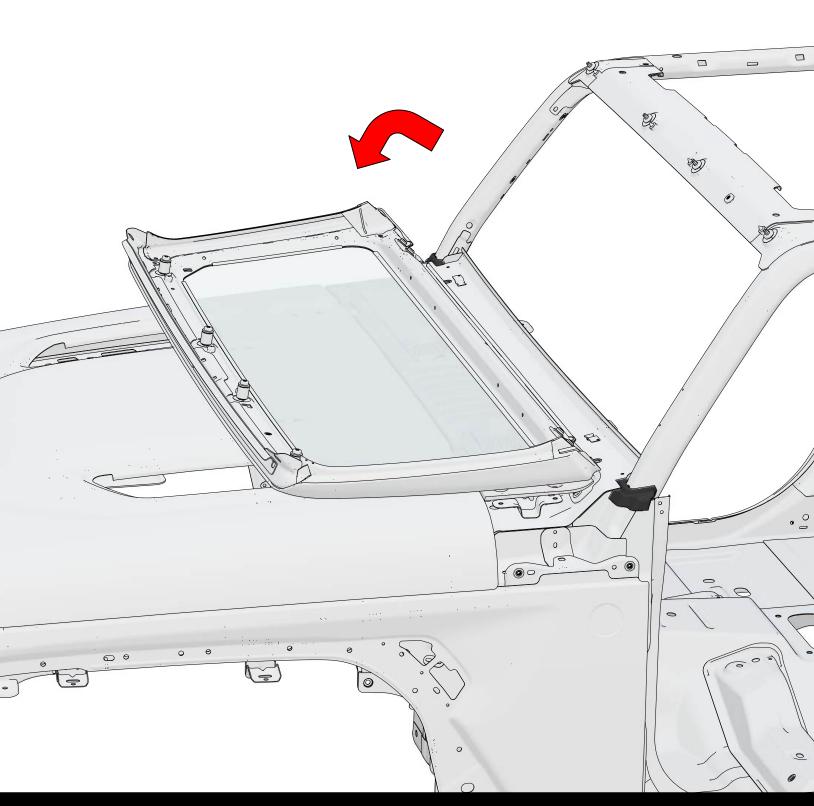


FACTORY BOLTS TO WINDSHIELD WILL NOT BE REUSED





STEP 6 FOLD DOWN THE WINDSHIELD





STEP 7 COVER & PROTECT

Now is a good time to cover all exposed painted areas including all exposed glass, mirrors, trim & wiring.

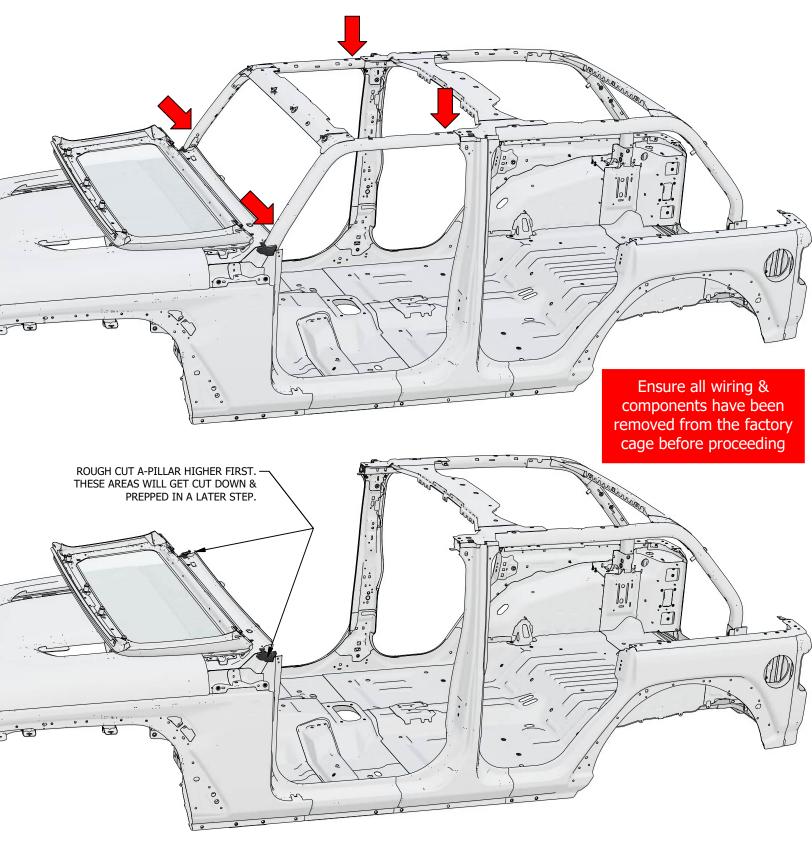
Sparks created during the grinding & welding processes which follow MAY DAMAGE YOUR PAINT, GLASS, MIRRORS, TRIM or WIRING unless properly covered & protected.

We recommend using a fire proof welding blanket or similar. Masking tape can also help but will provide limited protection from welding slag.

Have a fire extinguisher charged & readily available.

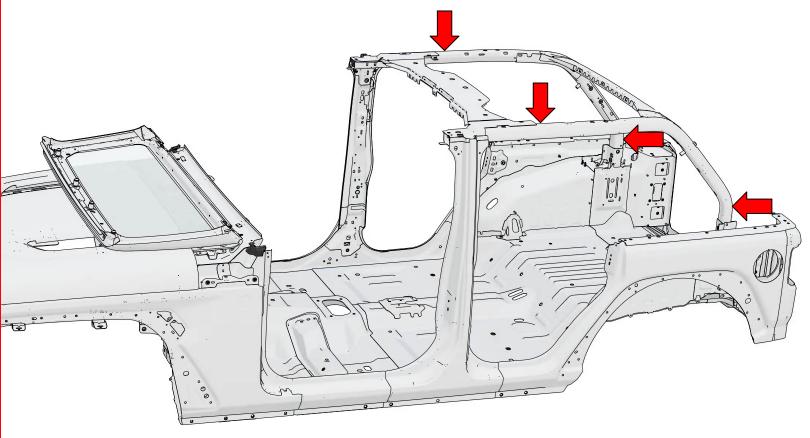


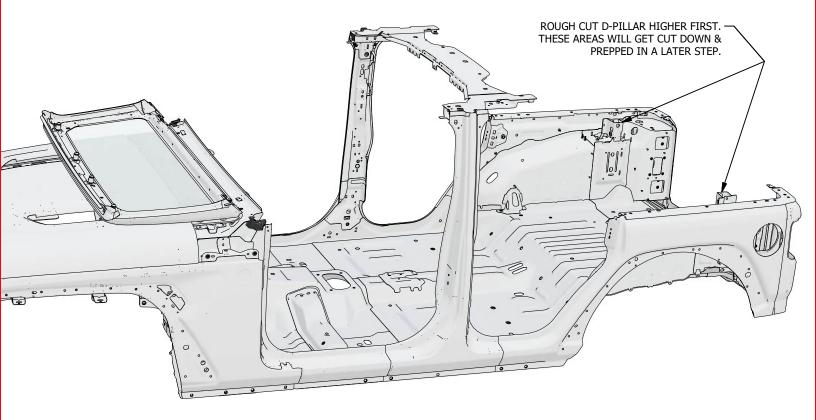
STEP 8 CUT & REMOVE FRONT SECTION OF CAGE





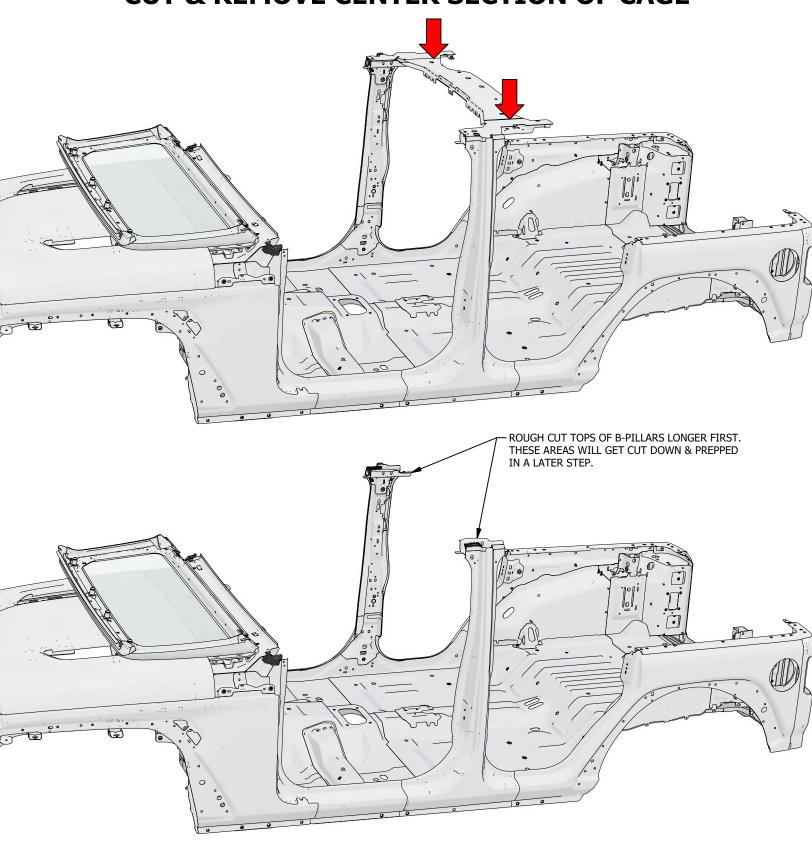
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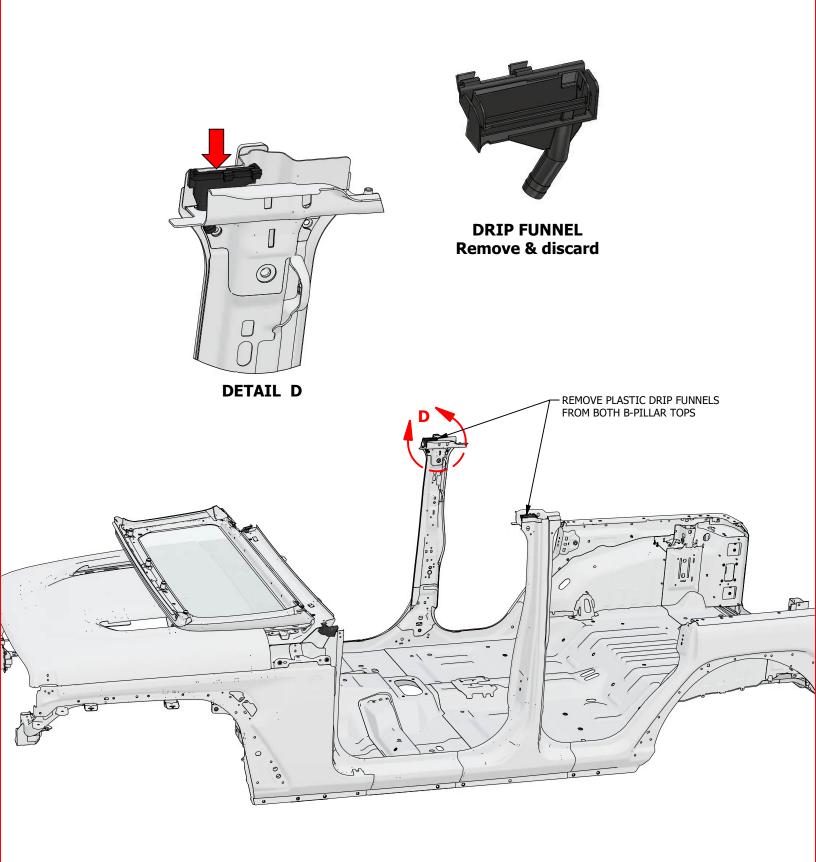


STEP 10 CUT & REMOVE CENTER SECTION OF CAGE



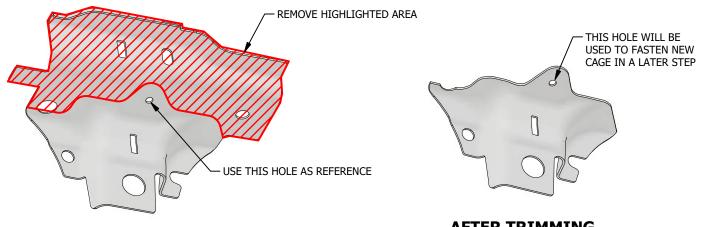


STEP 11 REMOVE DRIP FUNNELS FROM B-PILLAR TOPS





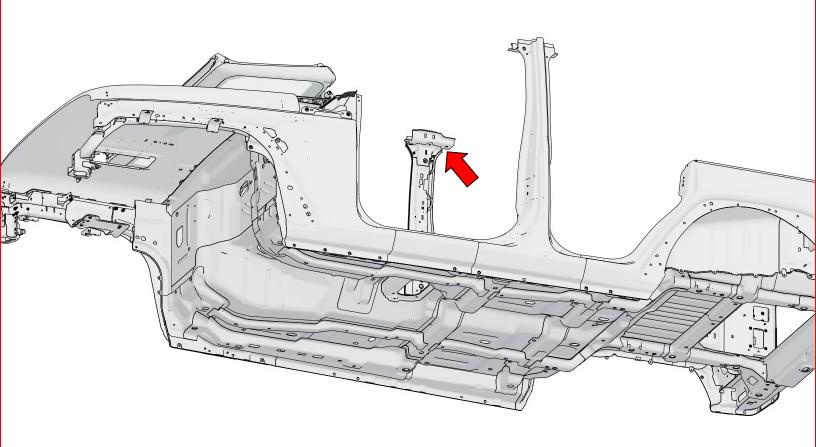
STEP 12 RESHAPE B-PILLAR TOPS



LOOKING UP AT UNDERSIDE OF PASSENGER B-PILLAR

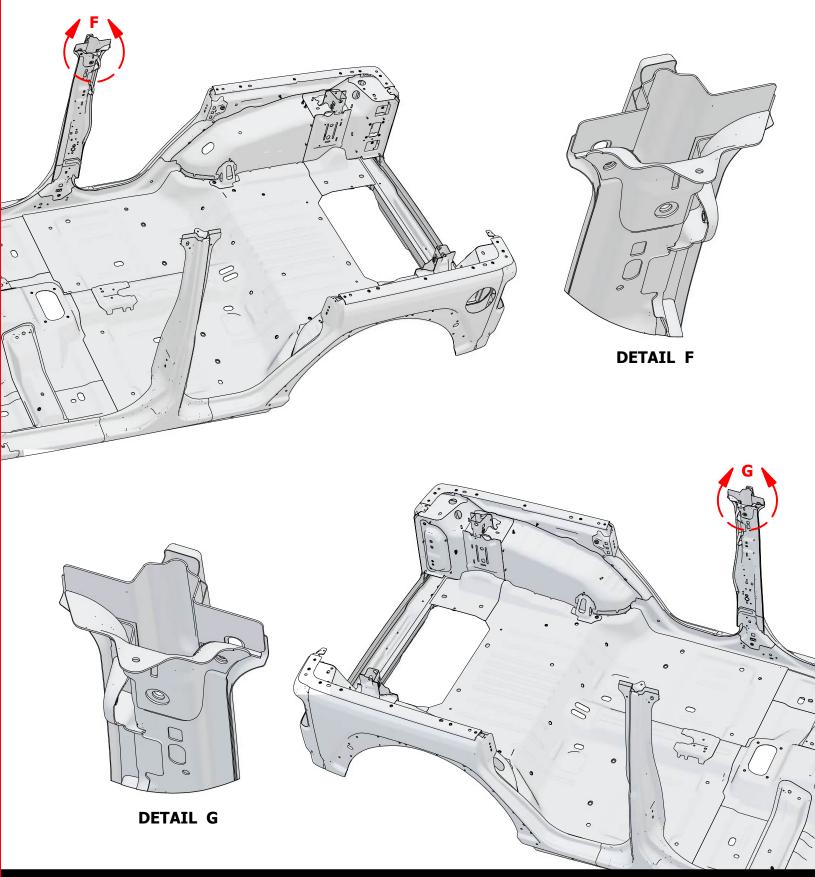
AFTER TRIMMING

REPEAT SIMILAR STEP FOR UNDERSIDE OF DRIVER B-PILLAR



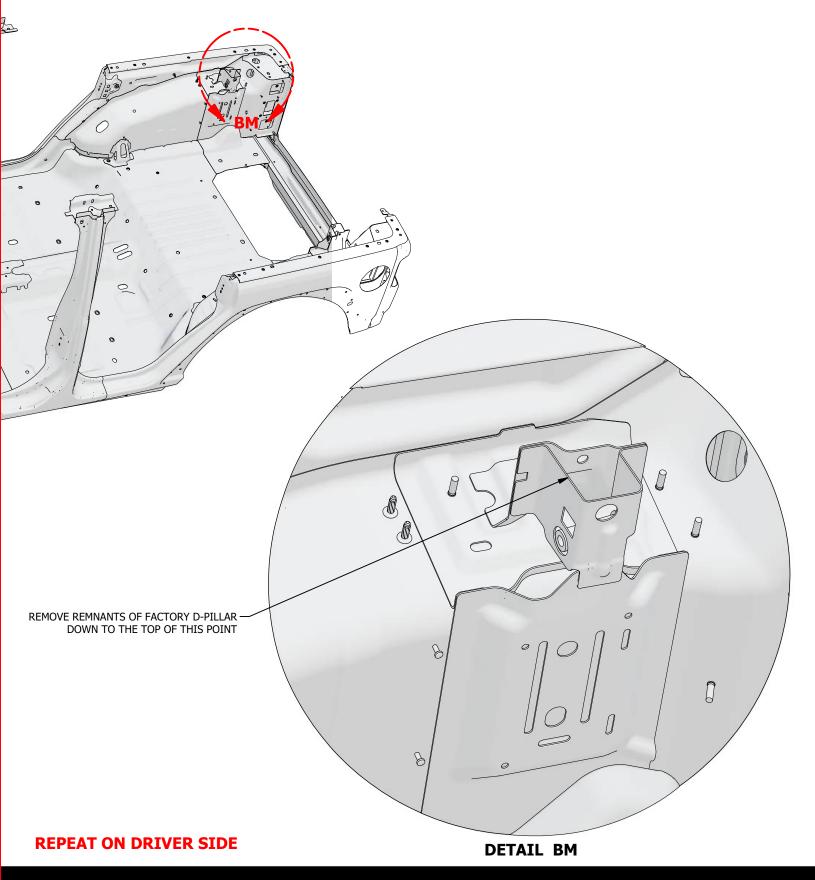


STEP 13 B-PILLAR TOPS AFTER RESHAPING

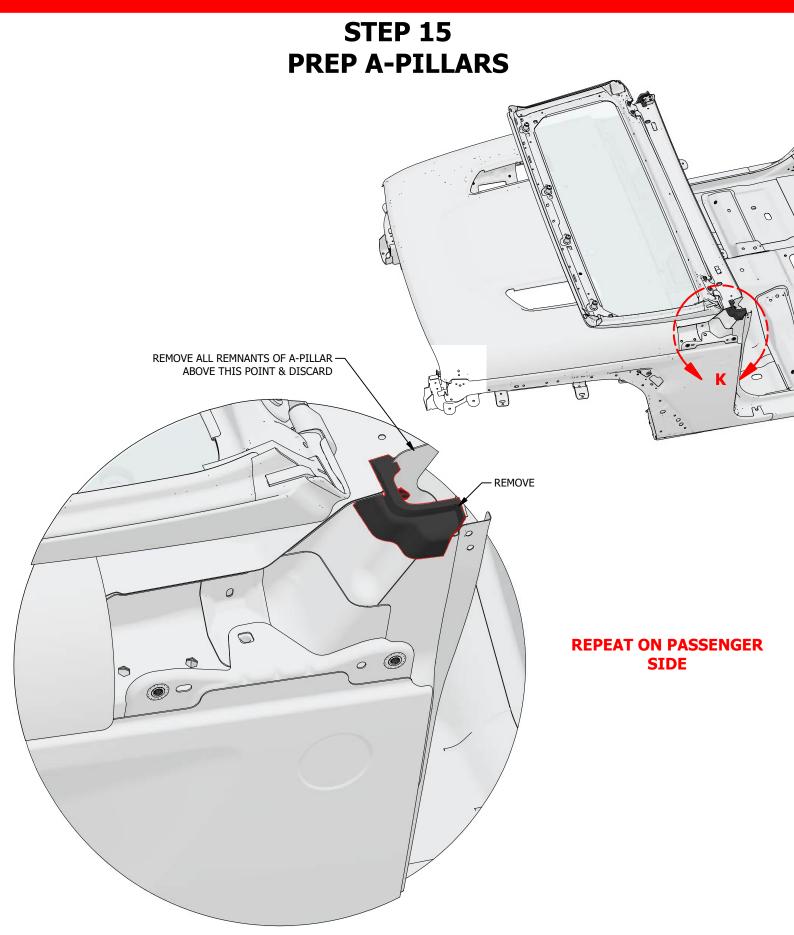




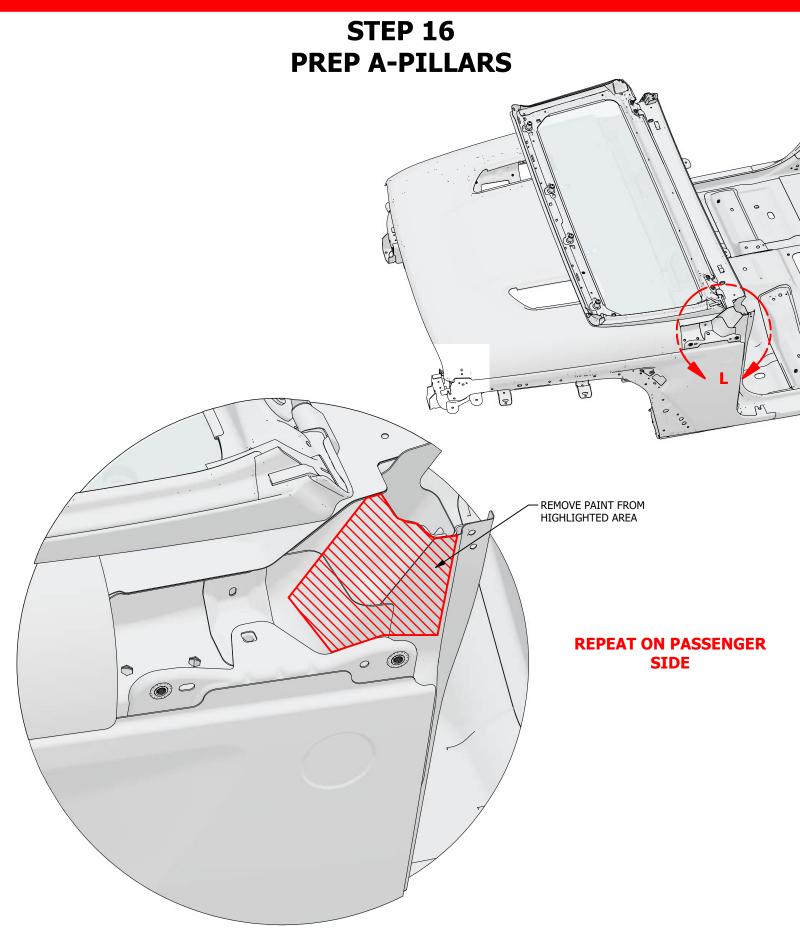
STEP 14 CUT FACTORY D-PILLARS



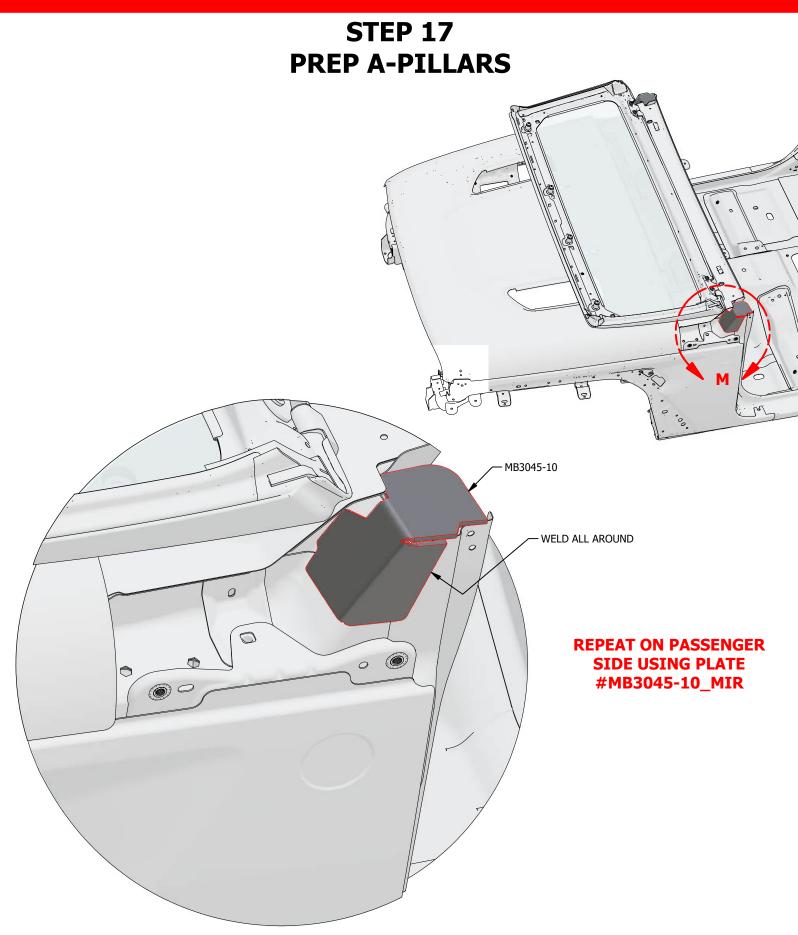




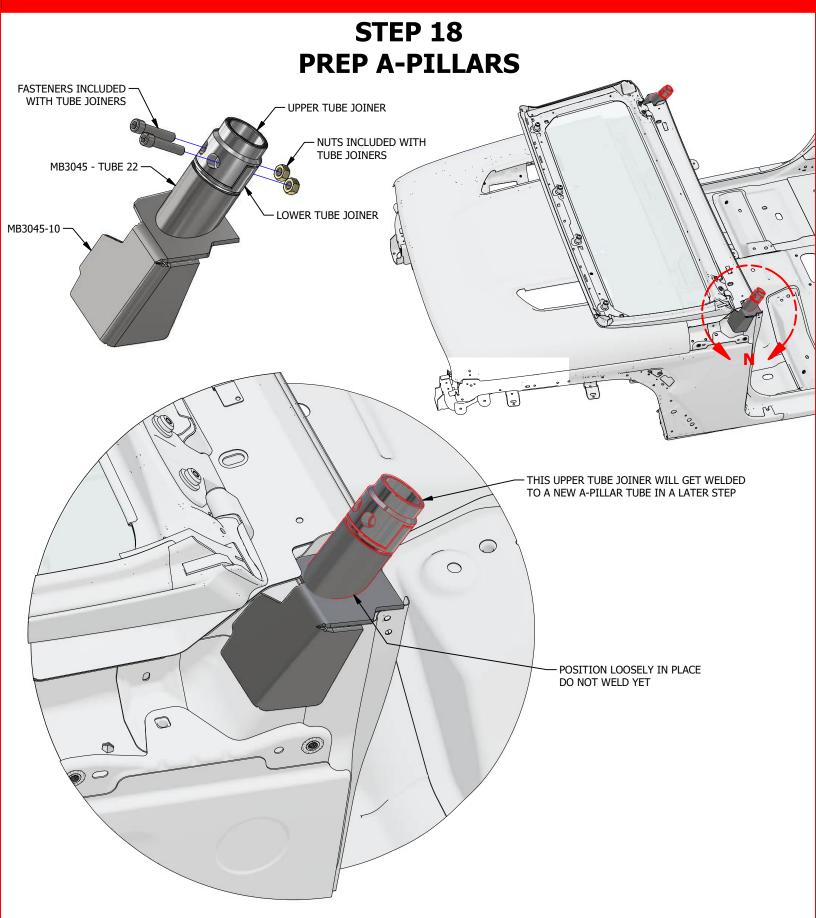








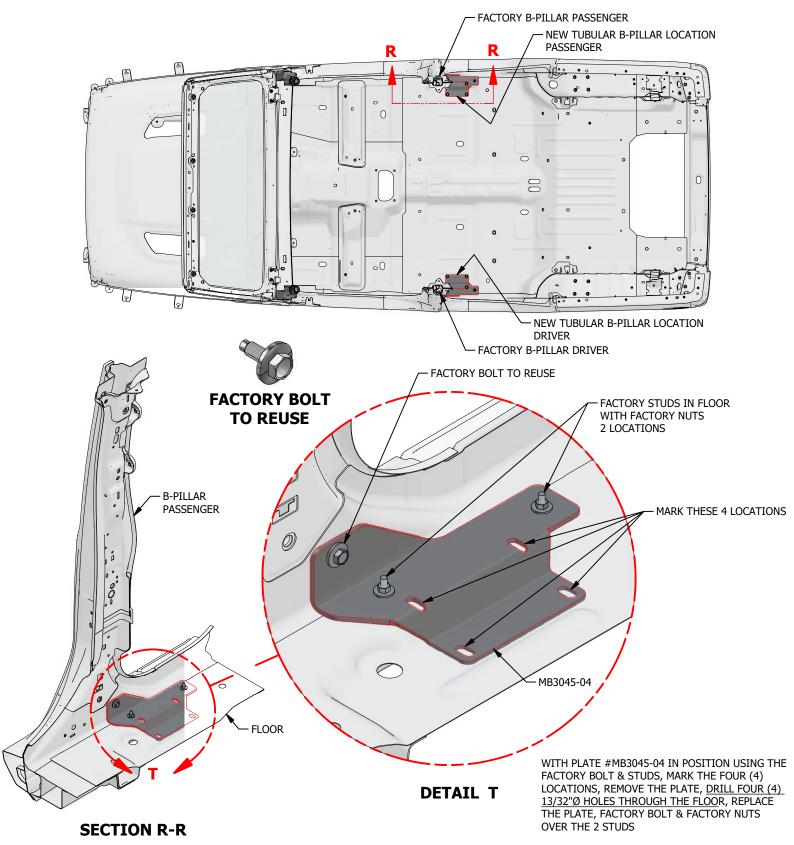




REPEAT ON PASSENGER SIDE

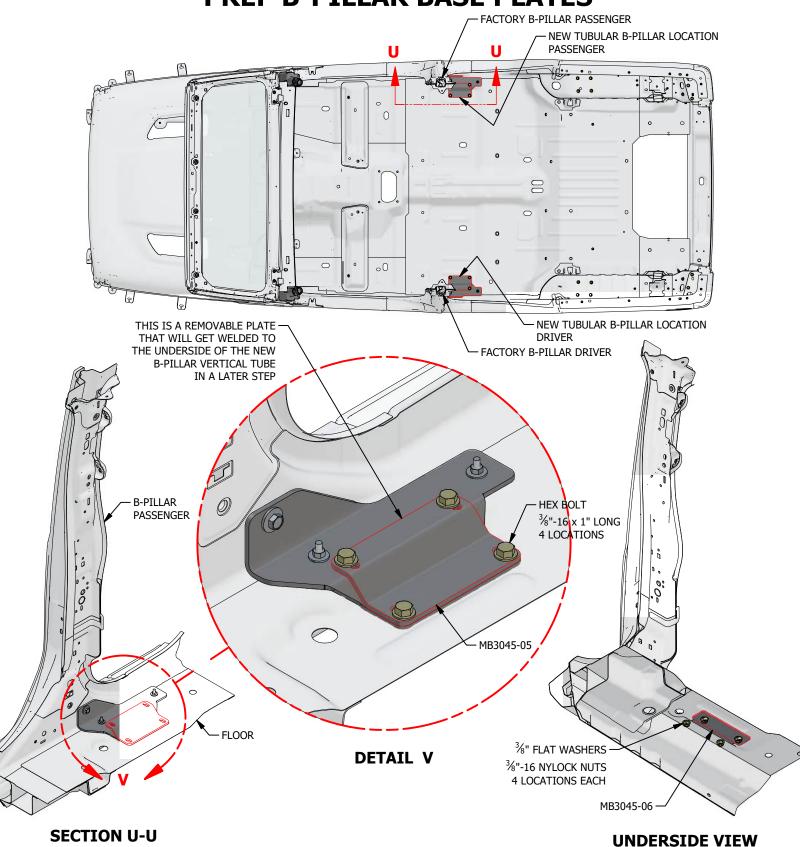


STEP 19 PREP B-PILLAR BASE PLATES



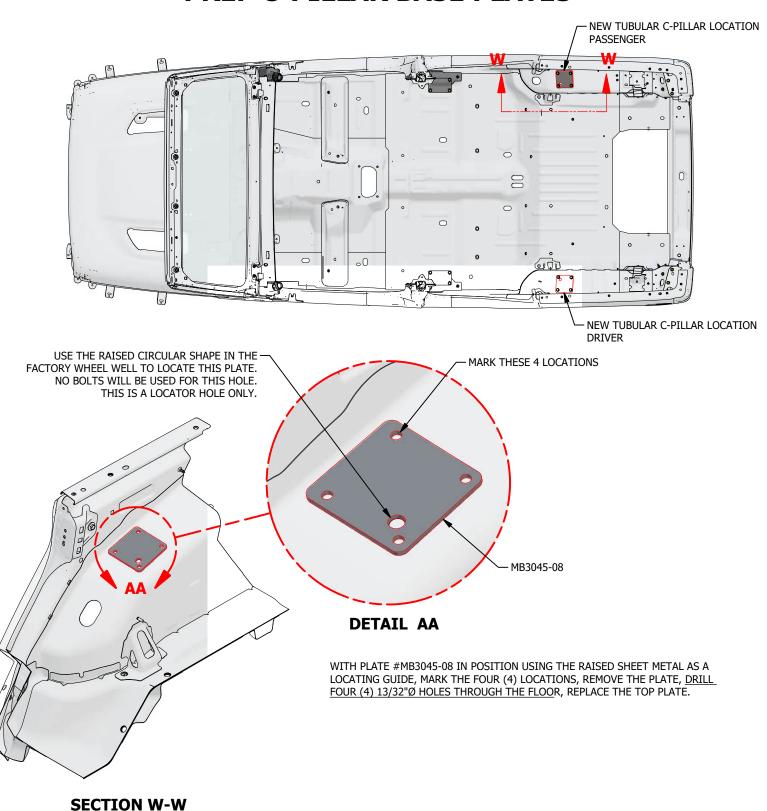


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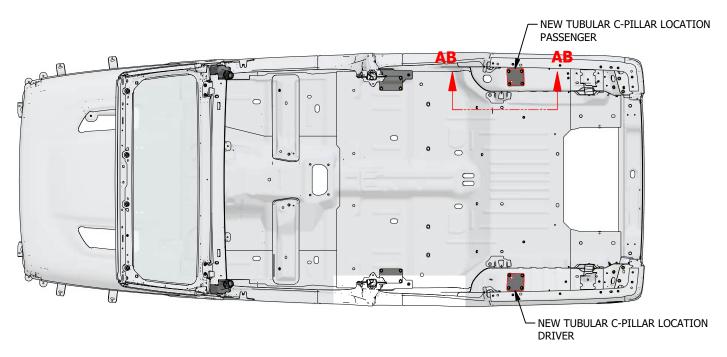


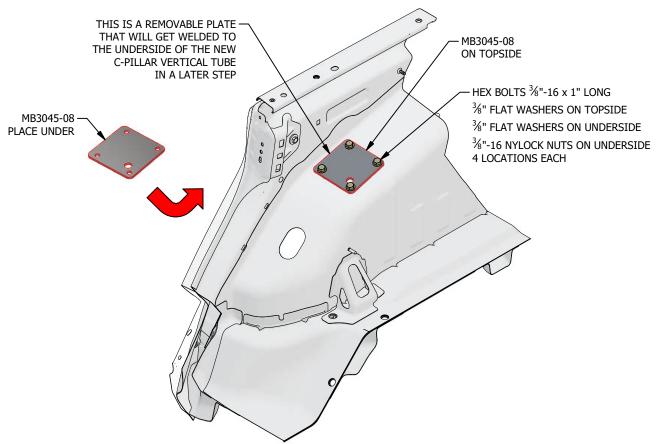
STEP 21 PREP C-PILLAR BASE PLATES





STEP 22 PREP C-PILLAR BASE PLATES

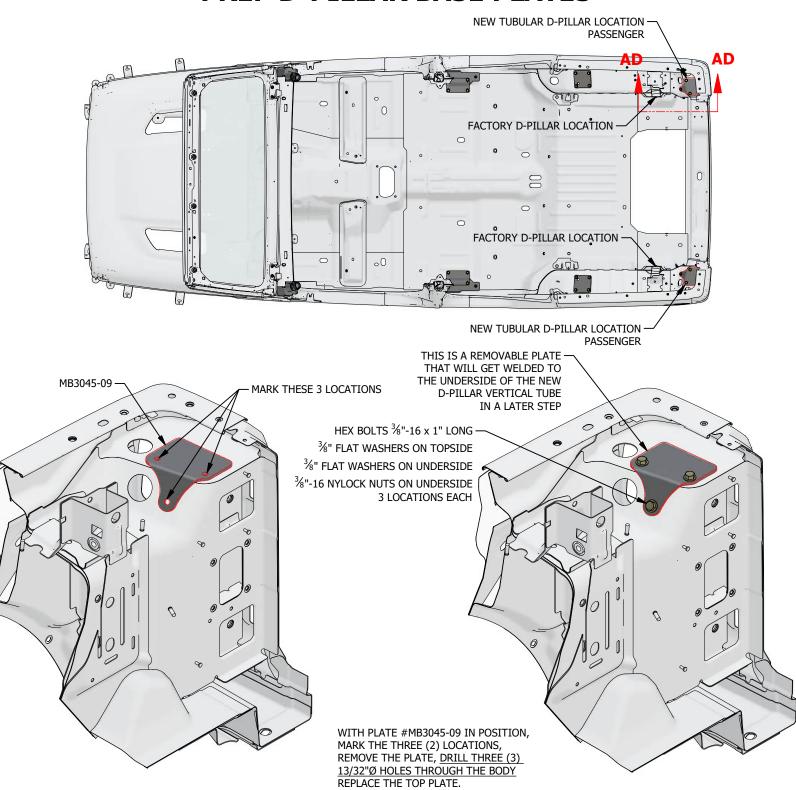




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STEP 23 PREP D-PILLAR BASE PLATES



REPEAT ON DRIVER SIDE

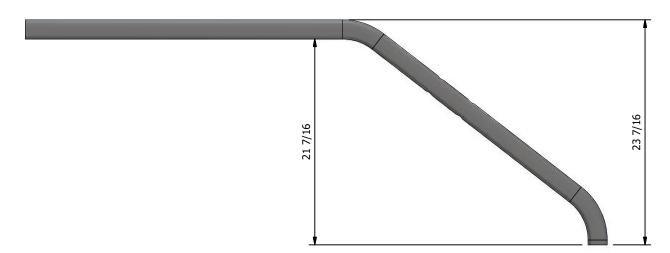
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STEP 24 CUT TUBES 03 & 04

TUBES 03 & 04 ARE SHIPPED WITH EXTRA LENGTH ADDED TO THE LOWER BENDS AT THE D-PILLARS. USING THE LASER ETCHED CUT LINE, CUT 3" OF LENGTH OFF.

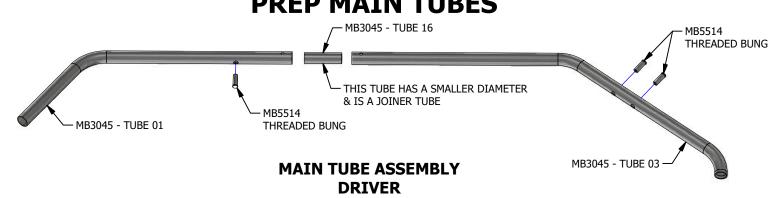




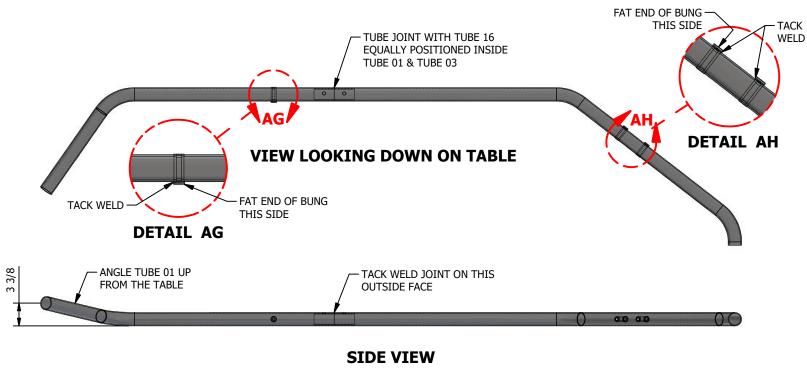
TUBES 03 & 04 AFTER CUTTING



STEP 25 PREP MAIN TUBES



CONNECT THE THREE TUBES USING "TUBE 16" AS A JOINER. PLACE THE ASSEMBLED TUBES ON A FLAT TABLE. POSITION "TUBE 01" SO IT ANGLES UP OFF THE TABLE SURFACE TO THE DIMENSIONS SHOWN.

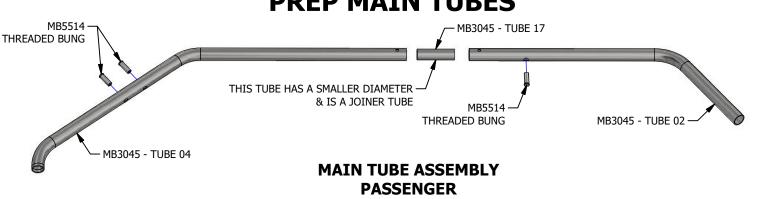




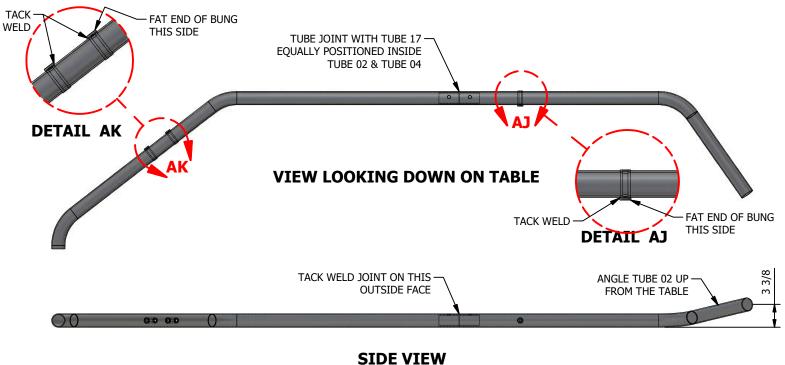
DO NOT FULLY WELD YET



STEP 26 PREP MAIN TUBES



CONNECT THE THREE TUBES USING "TUBE 17" AS A JOINER. PLACE THE ASSEMBLED TUBES ON A FLAT TABLE. POSITION "TUBE 02" SO IT ANGLES UP OFF THE TABLE SURFACE TO THE DIMENSIONS SHOWN.

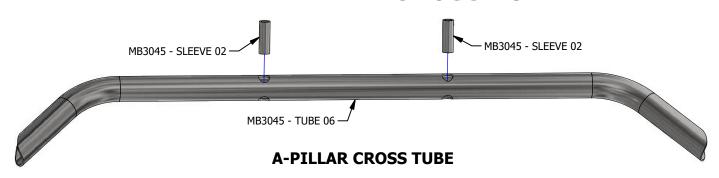




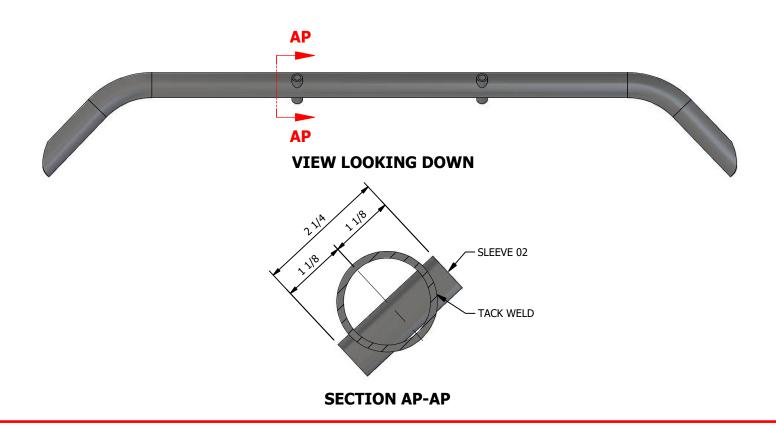
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STEP 27 PREP A-PILLAR CROSS TUBE



POSITION "SLEEVE 02" INTO THE PRECUT HOLES IN "TUBE 06". TACK WELD "SLEEVE 02" TO "TUBE 06".





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STEP 28 USING LASER ETCHED LINES FOR TUBE ASSEMBLY

THIS KIT INCLUDES LASER ETCHED LINES IN CERTAIN TUBES TO HELP THE CORRECT POSITIONING OF TUBES DURING ASSEMBLY.



THE IMAGE ABOVE SHOWS THE LASER ETCHED LINES IN "MB3045-TUBE 04", AS AN EXAMPLE.

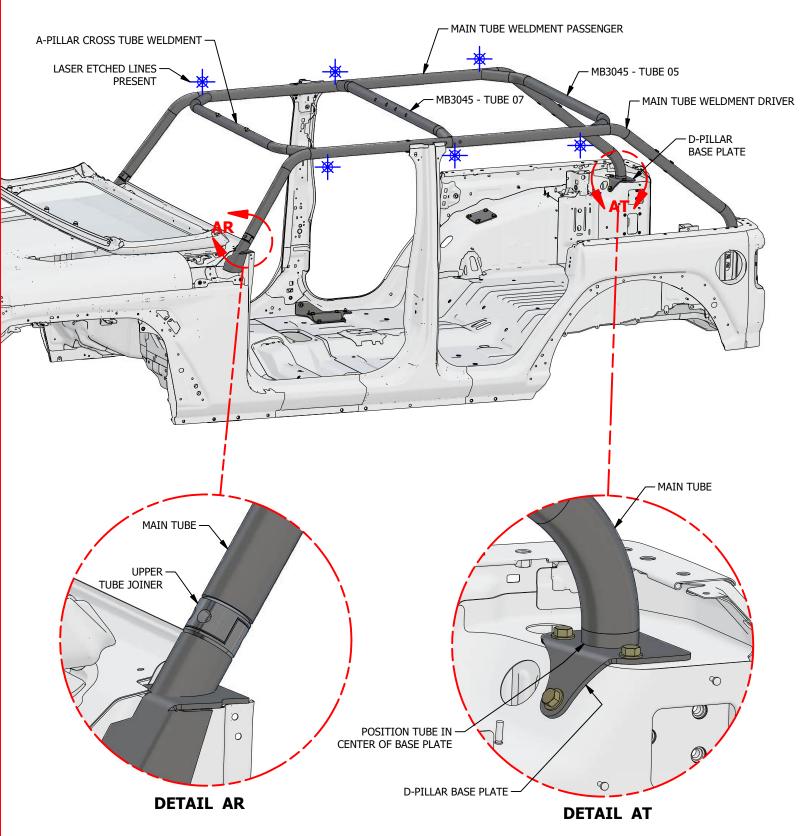
IN THE FOLLOWING STEPS, WE WILL REFERENCE YOU TO POSITION CERTAIN TUBES WITH LASER ETCHING POSITIONING POINTS.

THIS SYMBOL INDICATES THERE IS LASER ETCHED LINES PRESENT TO POSITION & ALIGN YOUR PARTS



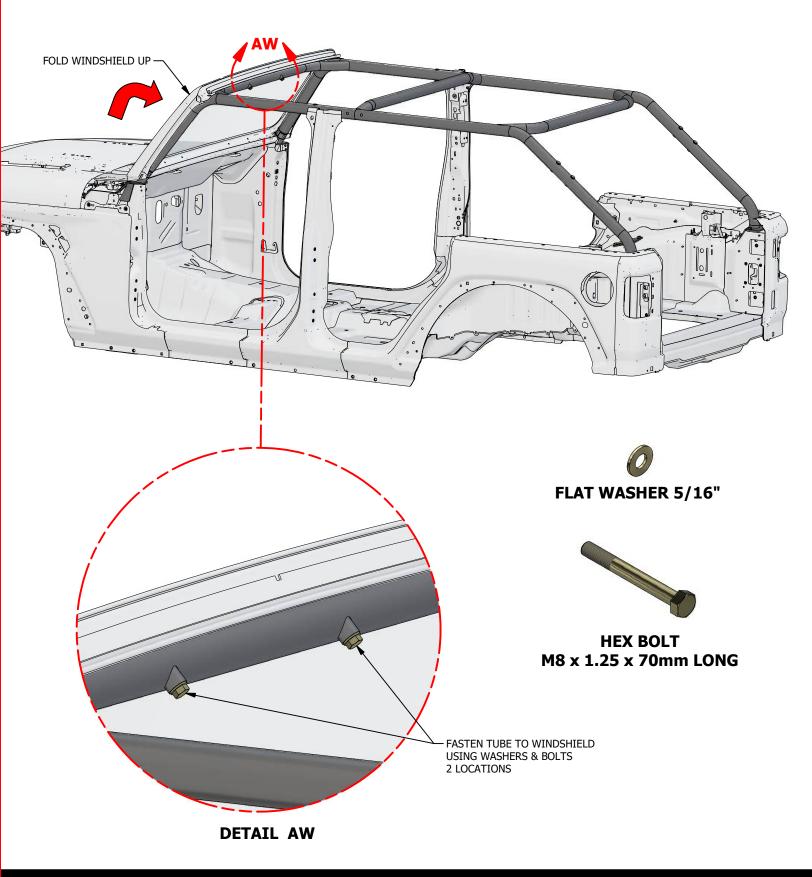


STEP 29 CAGE ASSEMBLY





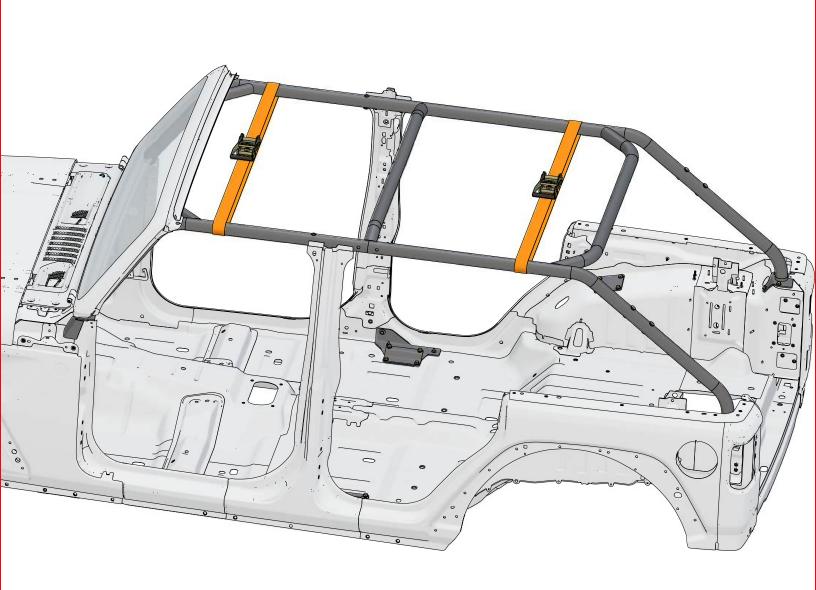
STEP 30 CAGE ASSEMBLY





STEP 31 PLACE RATCHET STRAPS

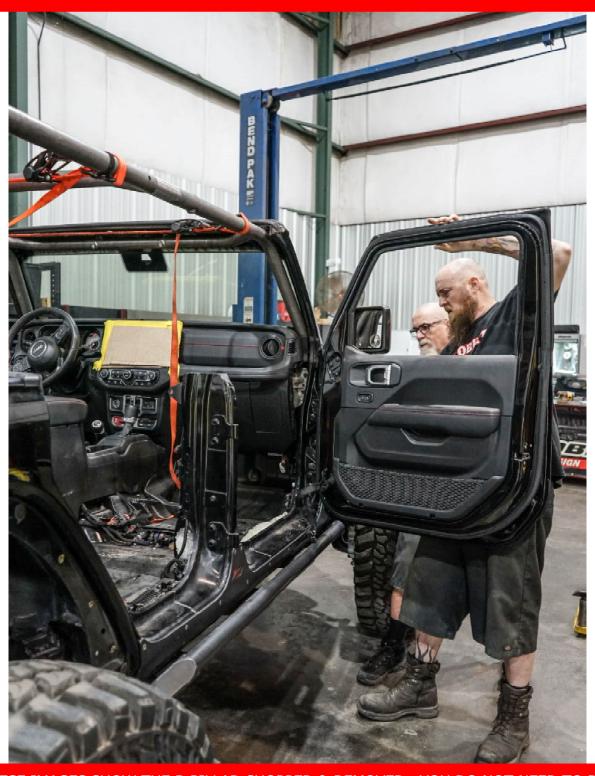
PLACE TWO RATCHET STRAPS LATERALLY ACROSS THE MAIN TUBES TO TEMPORARILY HOLD THE CAGE FRAMEWORK DURING THE NEXT FEW STEPS





STEP 32 INSTALL FRONT DOORS

TEMPORARILY INSTALL BOTH FRONT DOORS & PROCEED TO NEXT STEP.



NOTE: THESE IMAGES SHOW THE B-PILLAR CHOPPED & REMOVED. YOU DO NOT NEED TO REMOVE THE FACTORY B-PILLARS. THIS IS AN OPTION & A SEPARATE PRODUCT KIT AVAILABLE THROUGH MOTOBILT.



STEP 33 CHECK A-PILLAR TUBE CLEARANCES

CHECK THE REVEAL GAP (RED ARROW BELOW) BETWEEN THE DOOR & WINDSHIELD TO ENSURE IT IS EVEN. YOU CAN REPOSITION THE MAIN TUBES SLIGHTLY IF THE WINDSHIELD IS NOT SITTING EVENLY WITH THE DOOR.

WITH THE FRONT DOORS CLOSED, CHECK THAT THE A-PILLAR TUBES DO NOT CONTACT THE INSIDE OF THE FRONT DOORS & THAT THE FRONT DOORS WILL EASILY CLOSE WITHOUT BINDING WITH THE A-PILLAR TUBES.

IF THE TUBES DO CONTACT THE DOORS, THEN MOVE THE LOWER A-PILLAR TUBES WITH THE TUBE JOINERS SLIGHTLY FARTHER INWARD EQUALLY & CHECK DOOR CLEARANCES AGAIN.

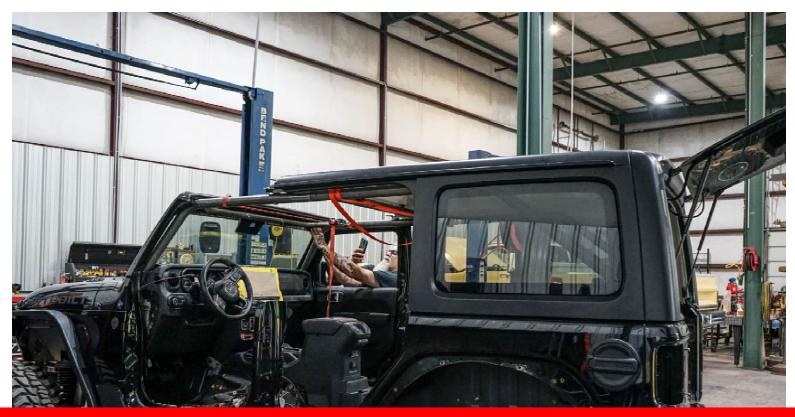
ONCE YOU ARE SATISFIED WITH THE FRONT DOOR & A-PILLAR TUBE CLEARANCES, TACK WELD THE A-PILLAR TUBES BELOW THE TUBE JOINERS TO THE A-PILLAR BASE PLATES.



REMOVE FRONT DOORS



STEP 34 INSTALL HARDTOP



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STEP 35 INSTALL HARDTOP

ALIGN MOUNTING HOLES IN HARDTOP WITH THREADED BUNGS IN MAIN TUBES. FASTEN THE HARDTOP TO BOTH MAIN TUBES.







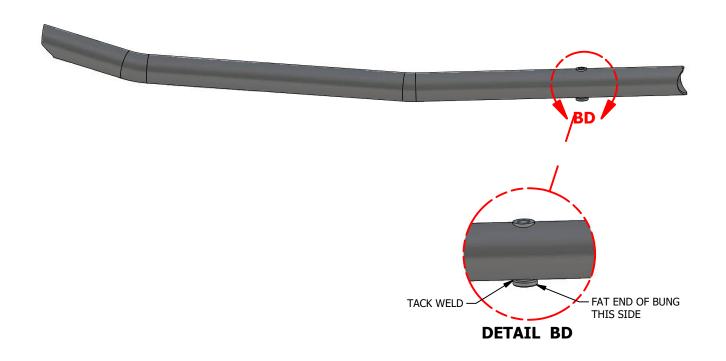
HEX BOLT $\frac{7}{16}$ "-20 x 1- $\frac{1}{4}$ " LONG



STEP 36 PREP B-PILLARS



POSITION "MB5514 THREADED BUNG" INTO THE PRECUT HOLE IN "TUBE 12". TACK WELD "MB5514" TO "TUBE 12".





B-PILLAR WELDMENT DRIVER

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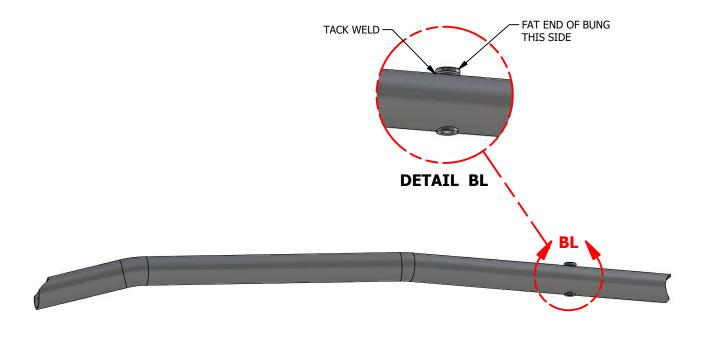


STEP 37 PREP B-PILLARS



PASSENGER

POSITION "MB5514 THREADED BUNG" INTO THE PRECUT HOLE IN "TUBE 13". TACK WELD "MB5514" TO "TUBE 13".

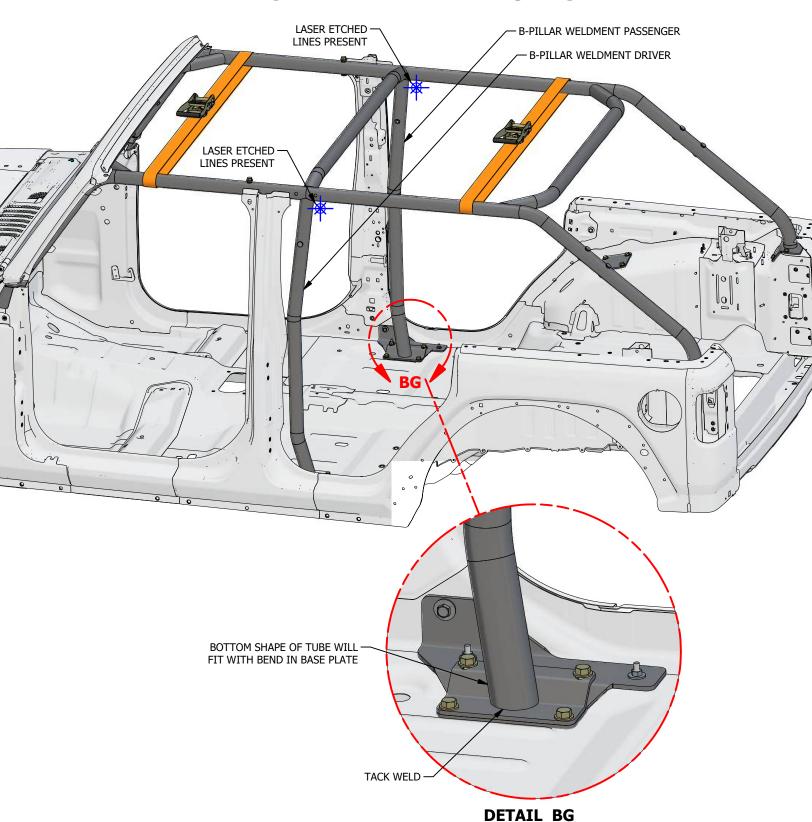




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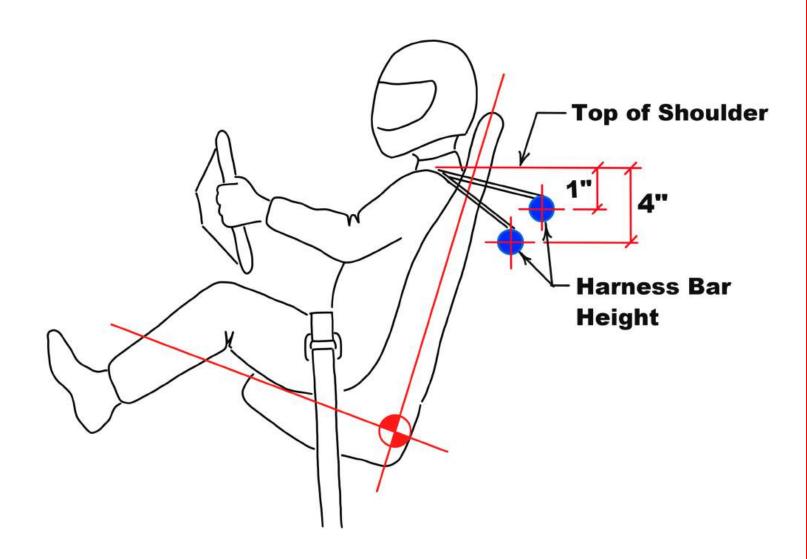
STEP 38 INSTALL B-PILLAR TUBES





STEP 39 DETERMINE FRONT HARNESS BAR HEIGHT

With the driver sitting in the seat, the harness bar should be located between 1" to 4" lower vertically than the shoulder height, as shown in the diagram below.



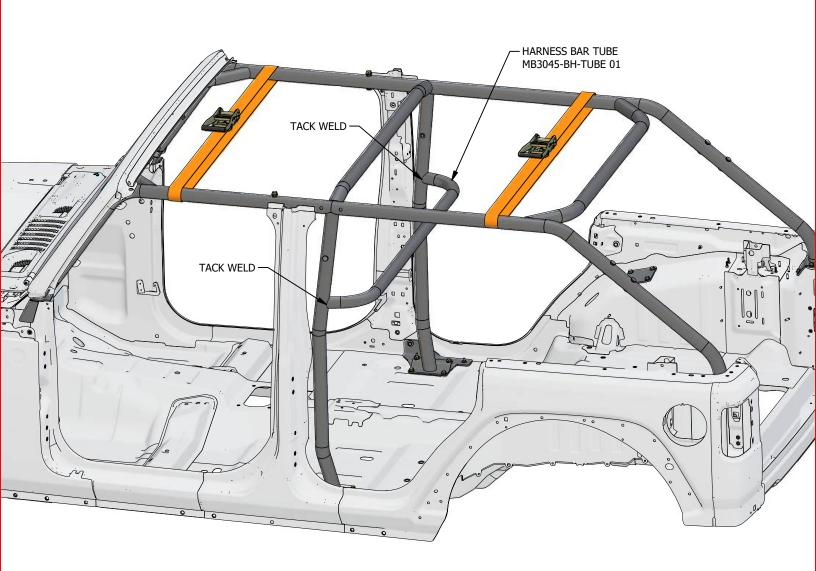


STEP 40 INSTALL FRONT HARNESS BAR

With your harness bar height determined, mark the harness bar height on both B-pillar tubes.

Fit tube "MB3045-BH-Tube 01" horizontally between both B-pillar tubes. You may need to cope the ends of the harness bar tube for an exact fit for your actual harness bar height.

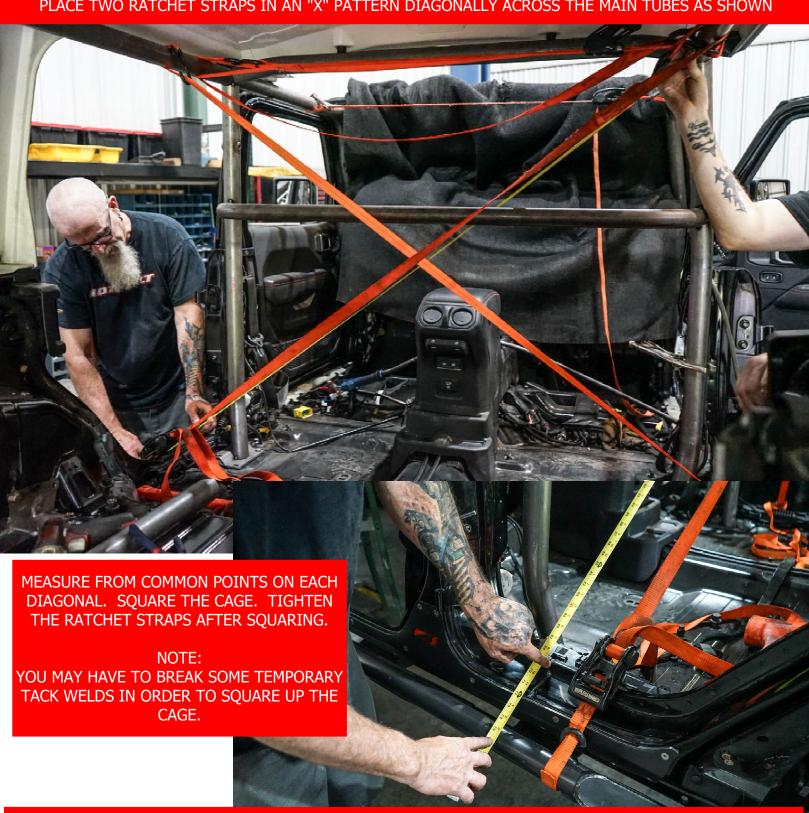
Check the harness bar is level. Tack weld into place.





STEP 41 SQUARING THE CAGE

PLACE TWO RATCHET STRAPS IN AN "X" PATTERN DIAGONALLY ACROSS THE MAIN TUBES AS SHOWN



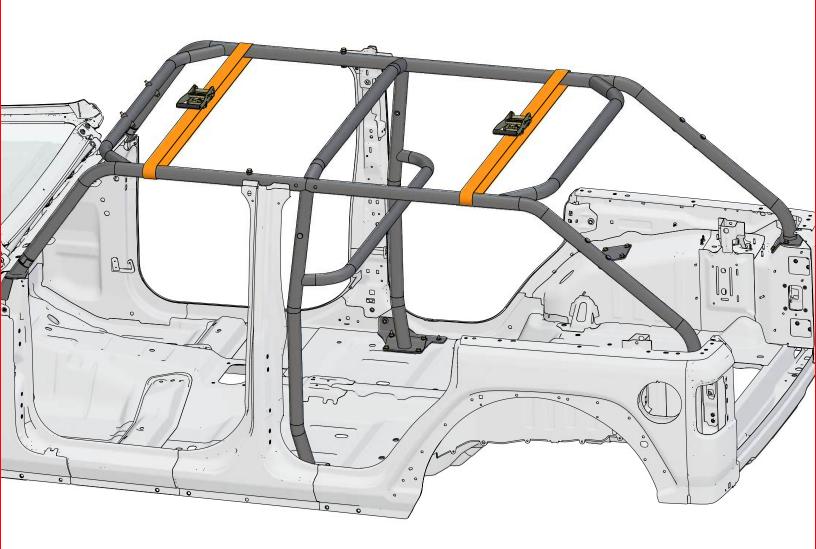


STEP 42 TACK WELD CAGE

Remove the hardtop. Lower the windshield. Keep all ratchet straps in place.

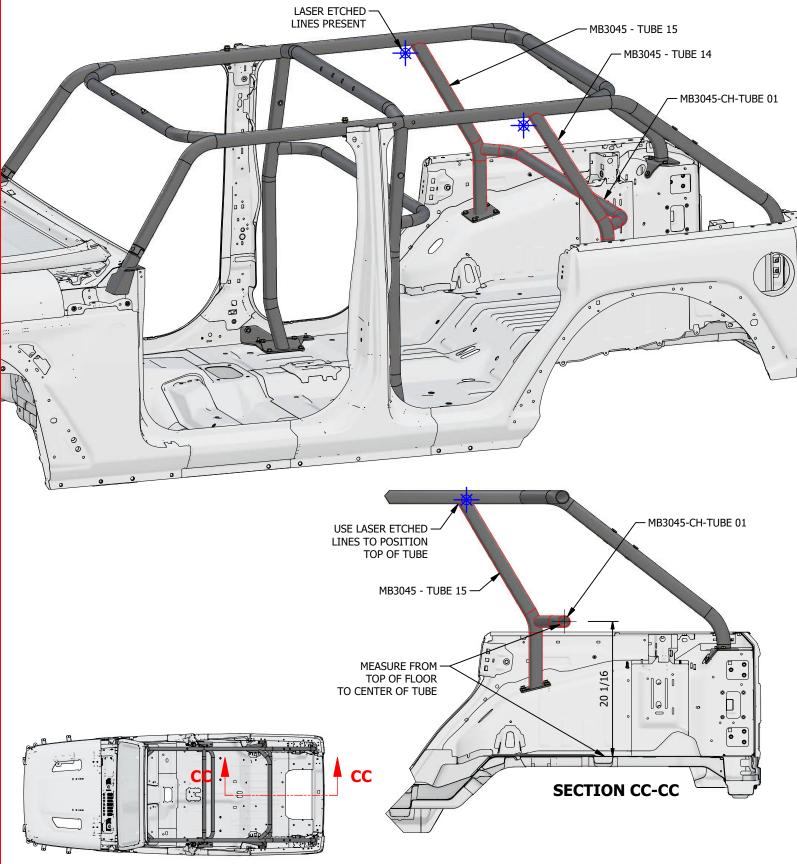
Tack weld all tube joints up to this point.

You should now have a tubular framework that is fully tacked, squared & functional with many of the major components needed to fit with the vehicle. Next, we will start adding the remaining tubing & features.



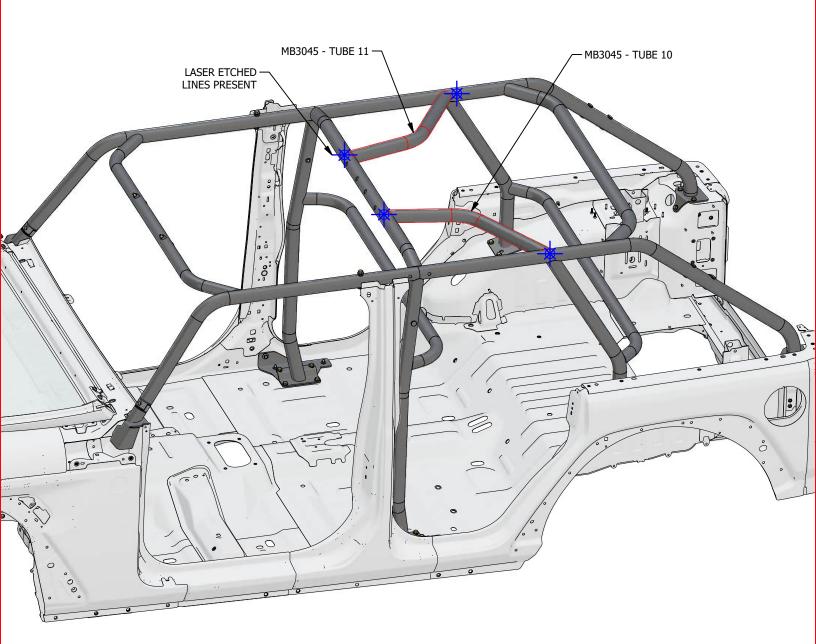


STEP 43 INSTALL C-PILLARS & REAR CROSS TUBE



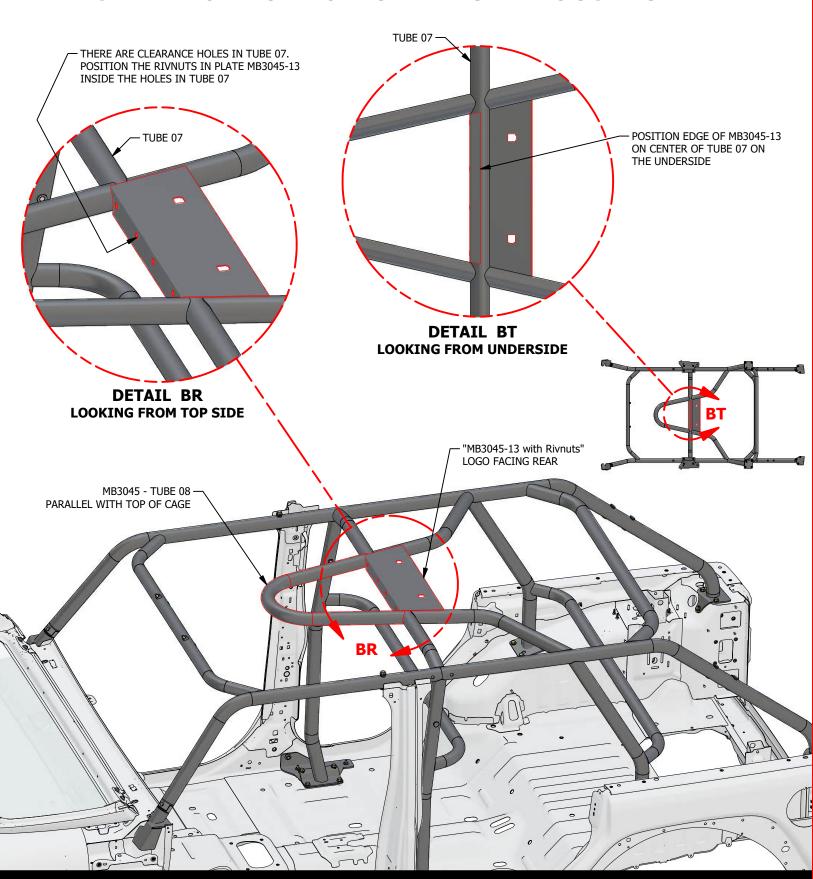


STEP 44 INSTALL TOP TUBES



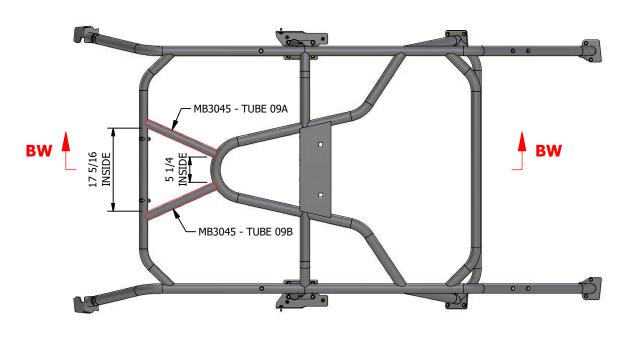


STEP 45 INSTALL TOP TUBE & DOME LIGHT HOUSING PLATE

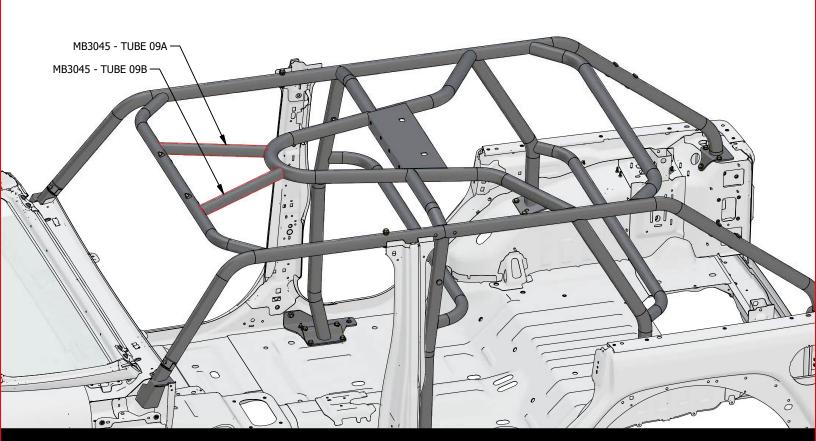




STEP 46 INSTALL TOP TUBES

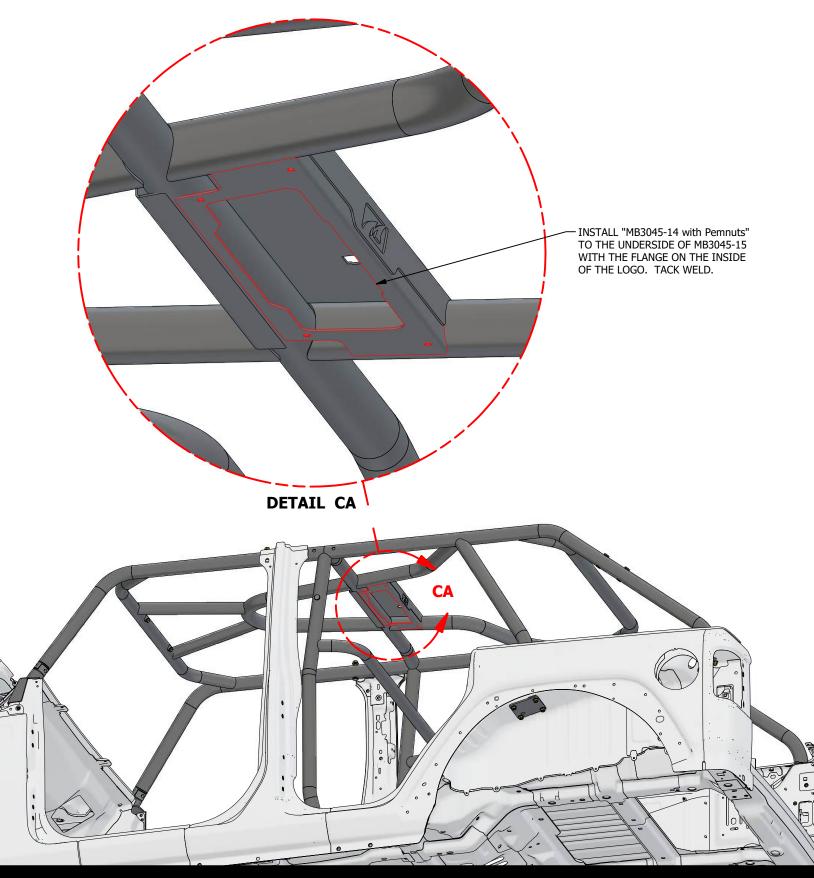






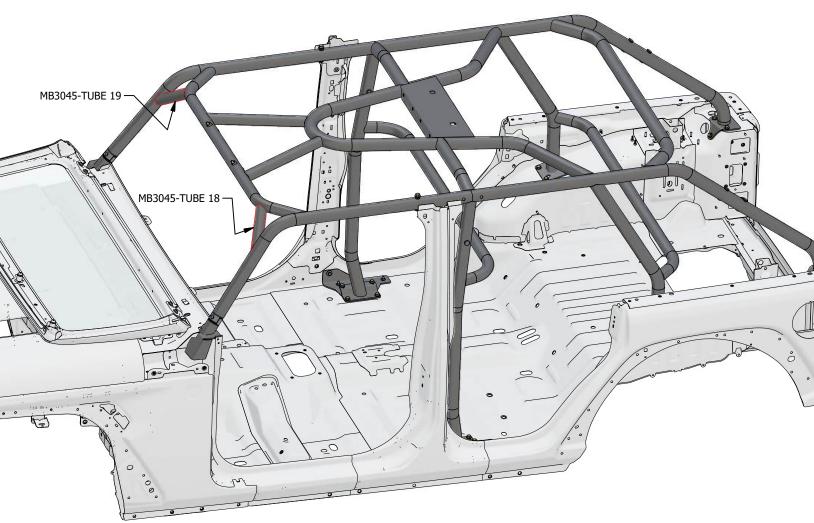


STEP 47 INSTALL PLATE MB3045-14

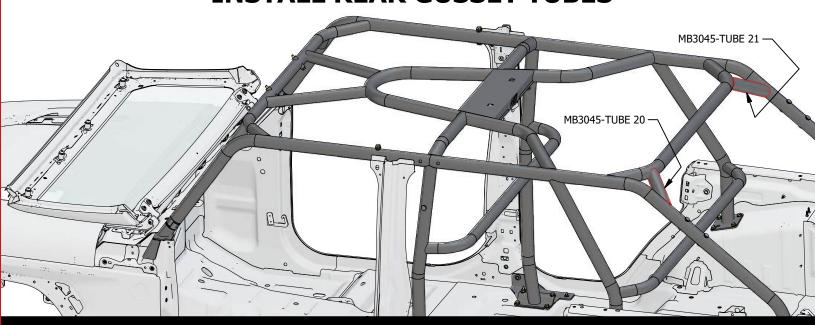




STEP 48 INSTALL FRONT GUSSET TUBES



INSTALL REAR GUSSET TUBES

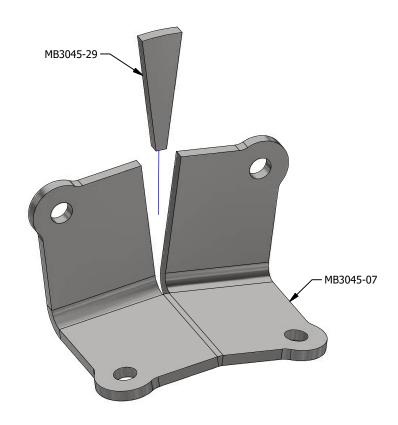


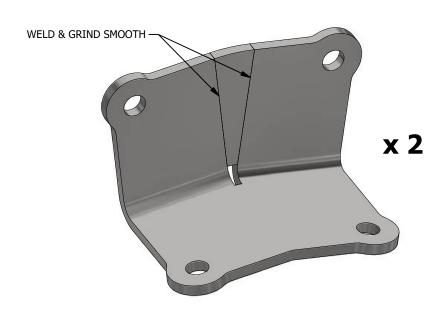


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STEP 49 WELD PLATES

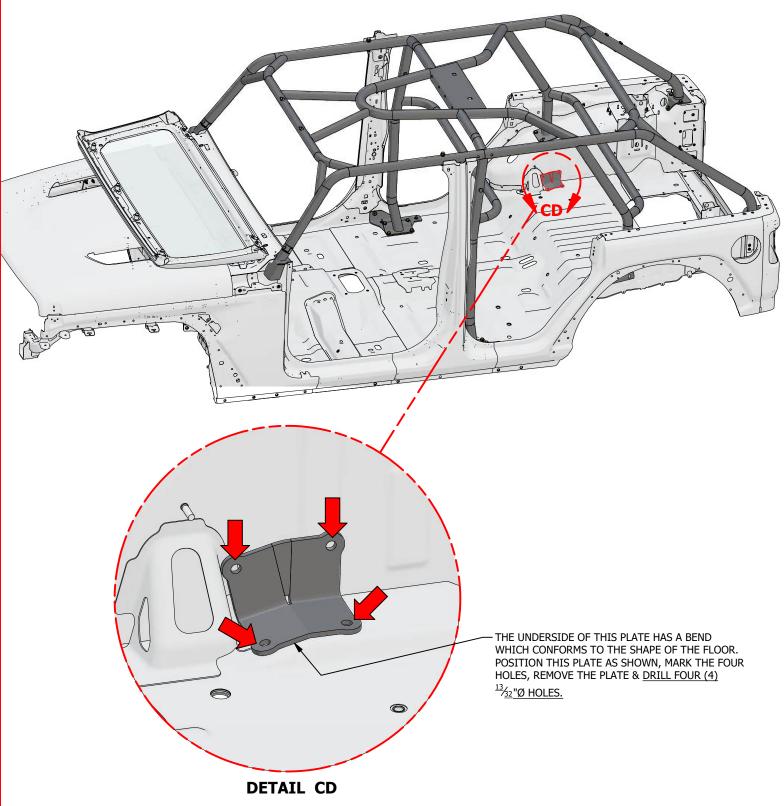




BASE PLATES FOR LOWER X-BRACING



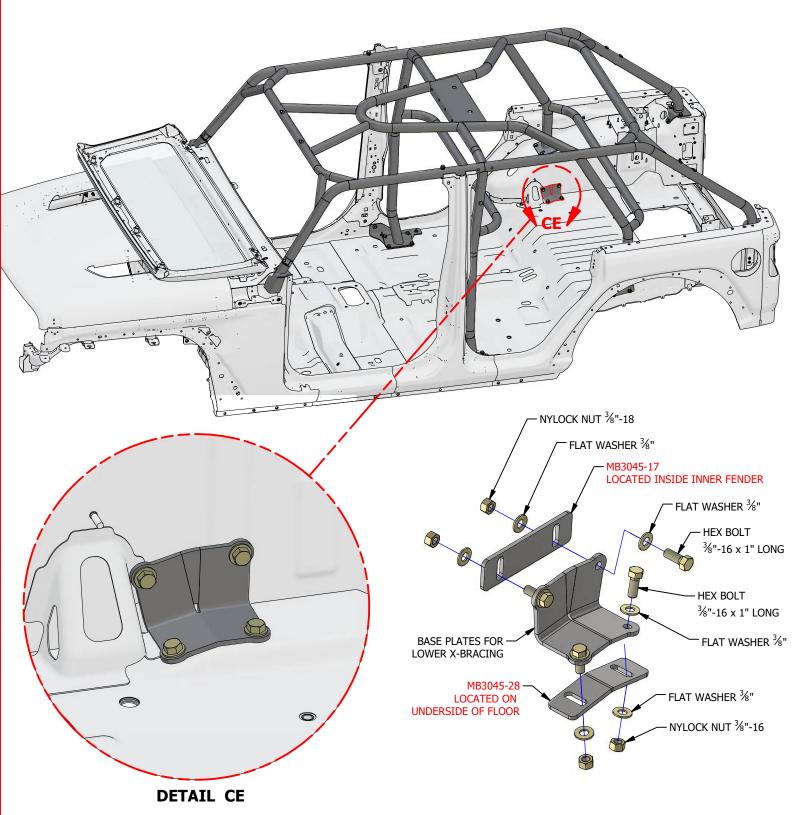
STEP 50 POSITION, MARK & DRILL BASE PLATES FOR LOWER X-BRACING



REPEAT ON DRIVER SIDE



STEP 51 ASSEMBLE LOWER X-BRACING PLATES WITH BACKING PLATES



REPEAT ON DRIVER SIDE



STEP 52 INSTALL LOWER X-BRACING TUBES





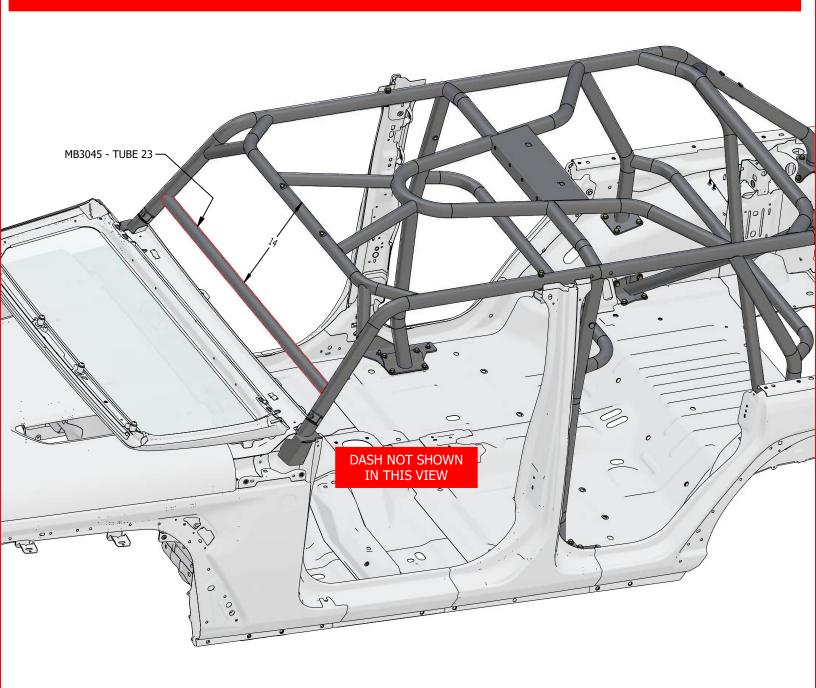
STEP 53 INSTALL UPPER X-BRACING TUBES





STEP 54 INSTALL HORIZONTAL DASH TUBE

CHECK THE CLEARANCE BETWEEN THIS TUBE & THE TOP OF THE DASH. THE 14" MEASUREMENT SHOWN IS A GUIDE. YOU CAN LOCATE THIS TUBE WHERE IT PROVIDES ADEQUATE CLEARANCE WITH THE DASH.





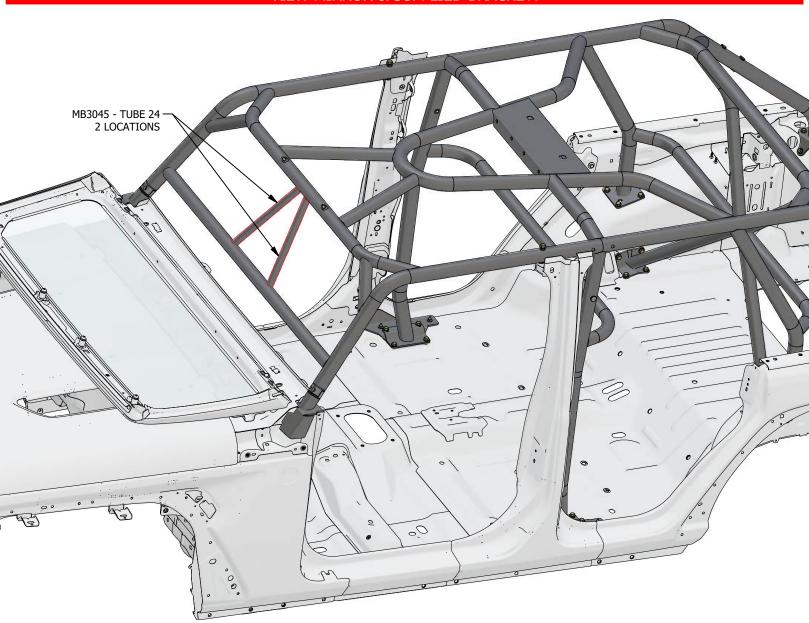
STEP 55 INSTALL VERTICAL DASH TUBES

NOTE:

IF YOUR VEHICLE IS EQUIPPED WITH A FORWARD FACING LANE CHANGE CAMERA, THESE TUBES MAY NOT BE COMPATIBLE. YOU MAY BE ABLE TO REVERSE THE DIRECTION OF THE TUBES BY PLACING THEM CLOSER TOGETHER AT THE BOTTOM & FARTHER APART AT THE TOP.

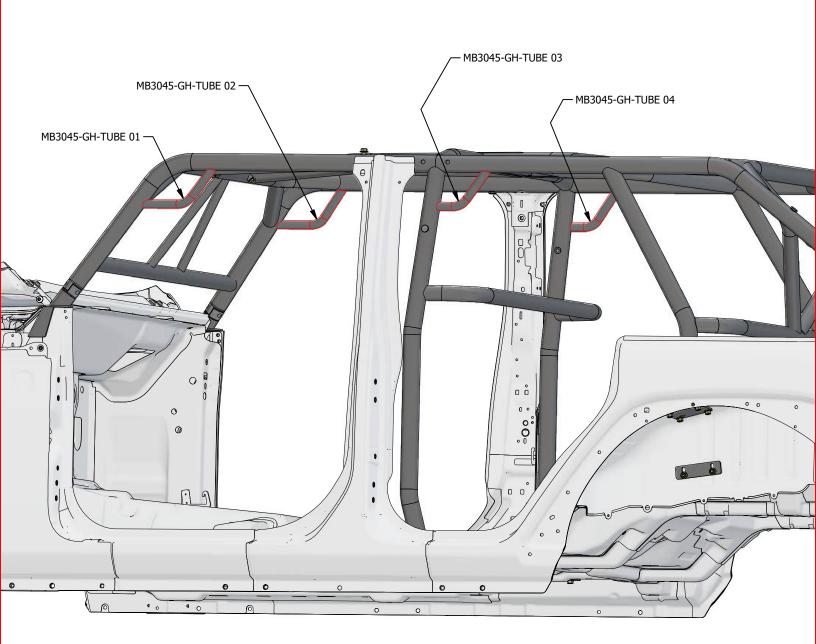
SEE STEP 68 FOR INFORMATION ON INSTALLING THE OPTIONAL LANE CHANGE CAMERA & SUPPLIED BRACKET.

ALSO CHECK FOR INTERFERENCE WITH YOUR REAR VIEW MIRROR. SEE STEP 61 ON INSTALLING THE REAR VIEW MIRROR & SUPPLIED BRACKET.



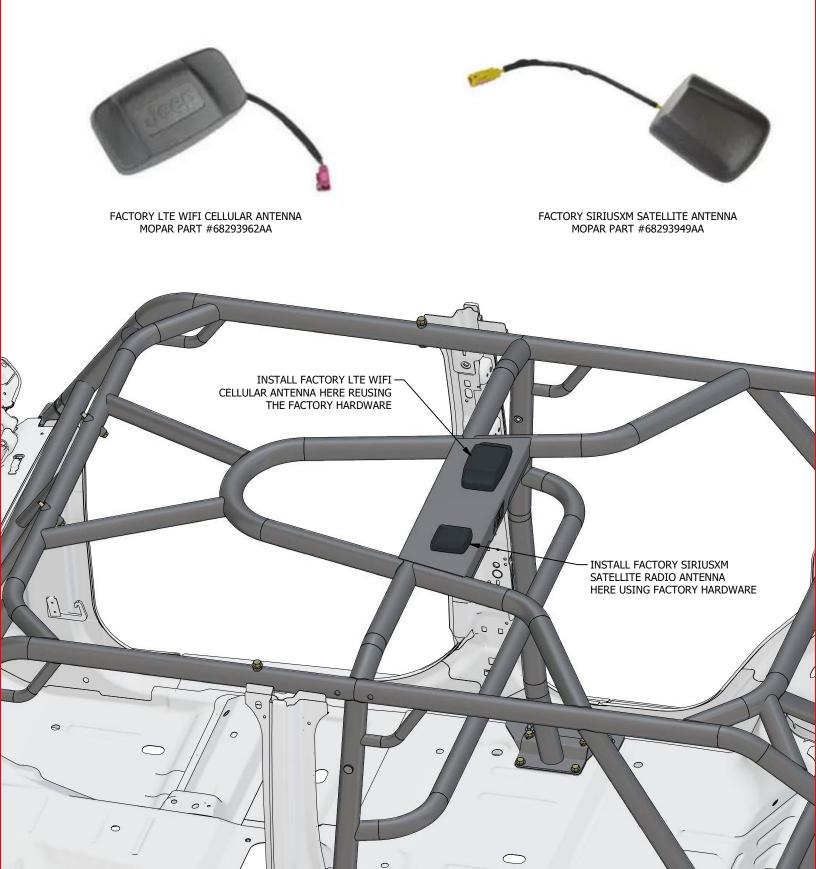


STEP 56 INSTALL GRAB HANDLES



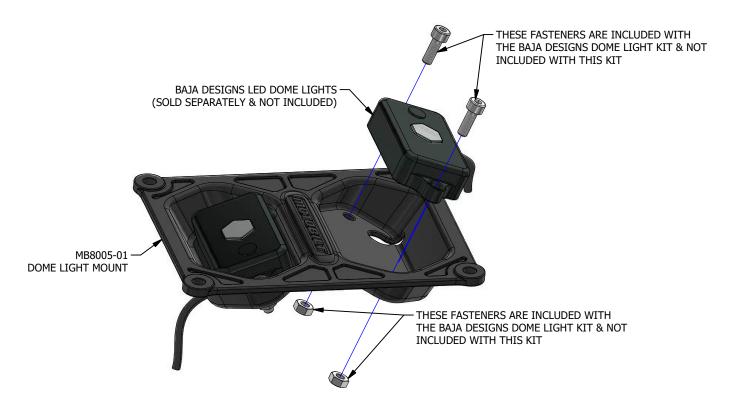


STEP 57 INSTALL FACTORY ANTENNAS

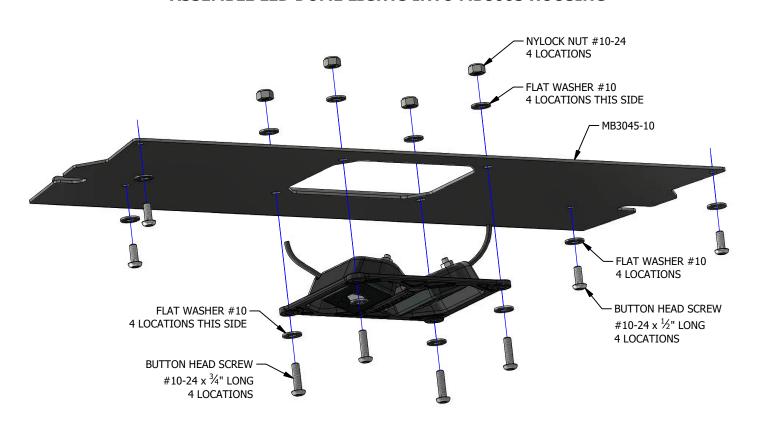




STEP 58 PRE-ASSEMBLE DOME LIGHT



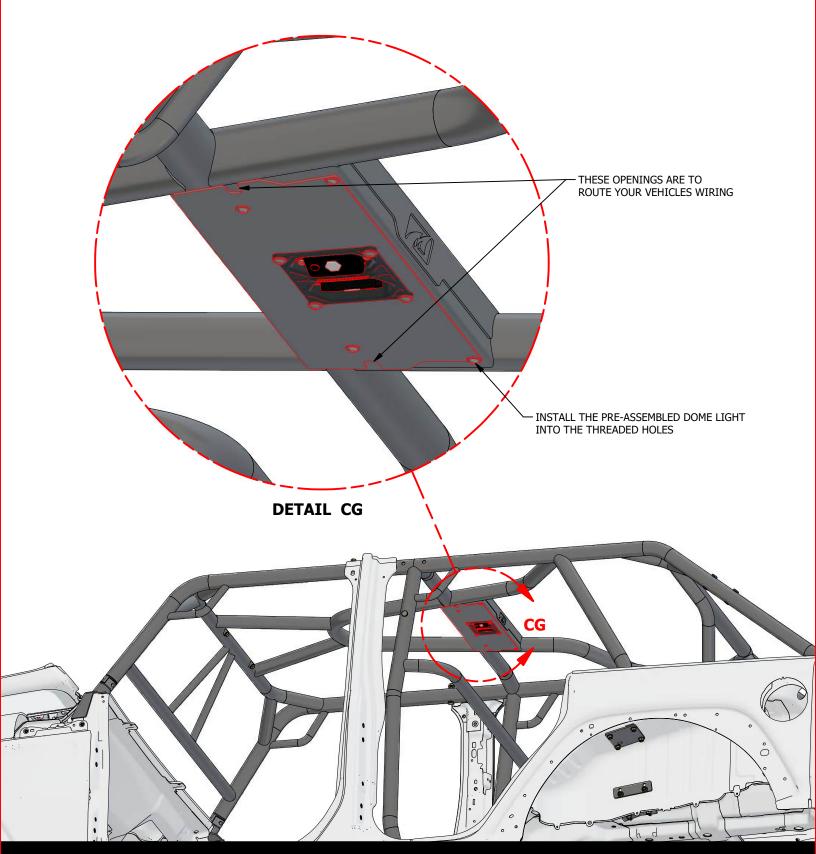
ASSEMBLE LED DOME LIGHTS INTO MB8005 HOUSING



ASSEMBLE DOME LIGHT HOUSING WITH MOUNTING PLATE



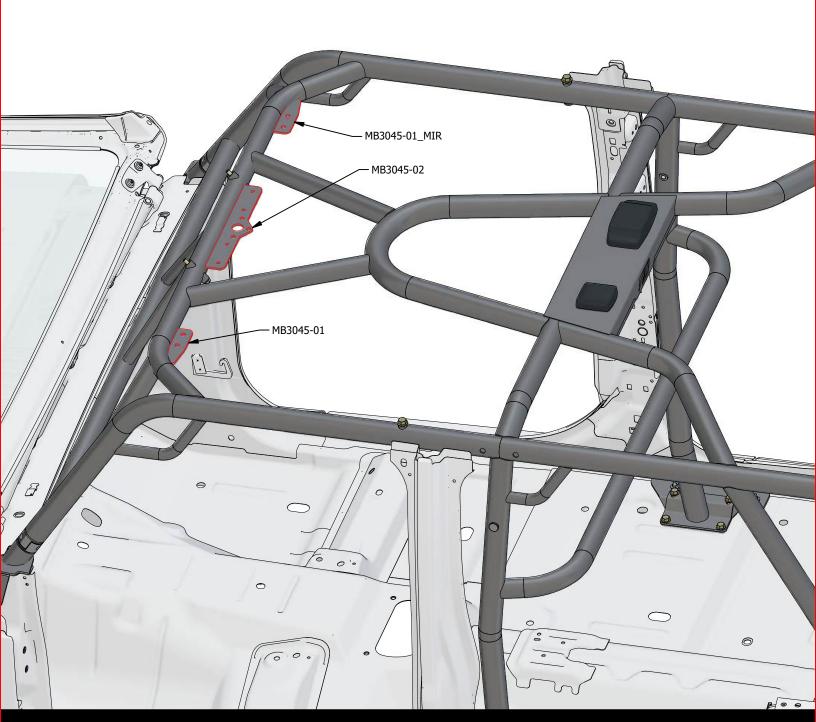
STEP 59 INSTALL DOME LIGHT ASSEMBLY





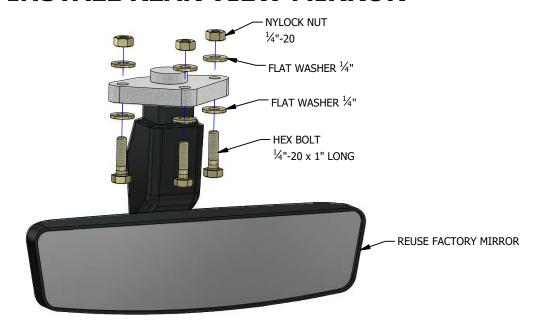
STEP 60 INSTALL PLATES FOR MOUNTING REAR VIEW MIRROR & FREEDOM PANEL BRACKETS

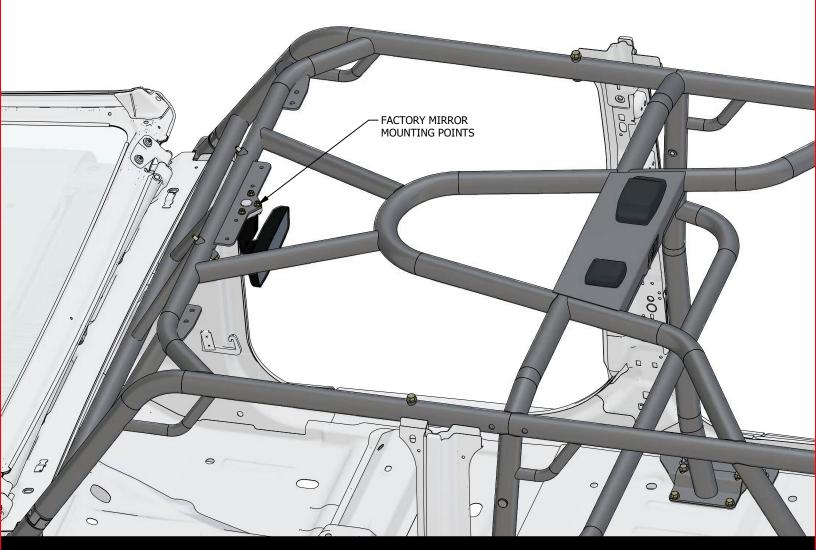
POSITION ALL THREE PLATES ON THE CENTER OF THE TUBE, PARALLEL WITH THE TOP OF THE CAGE.





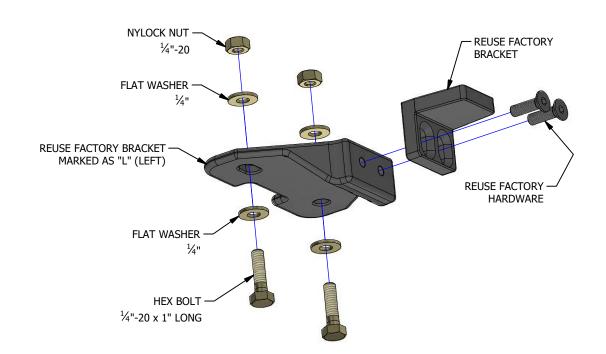
STEP 61 INSTALL REAR VIEW MIRROR



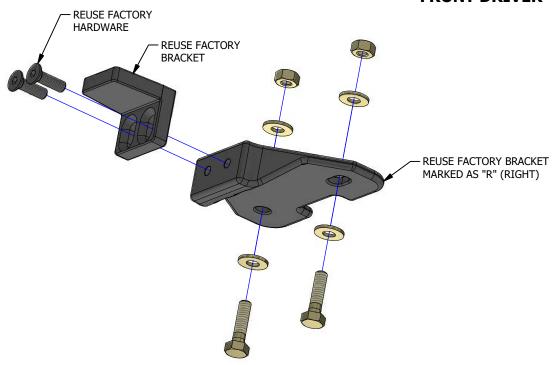




STEP 62 PRE-ASSEMBLE INNER FREEDOM PANEL BRACKETS



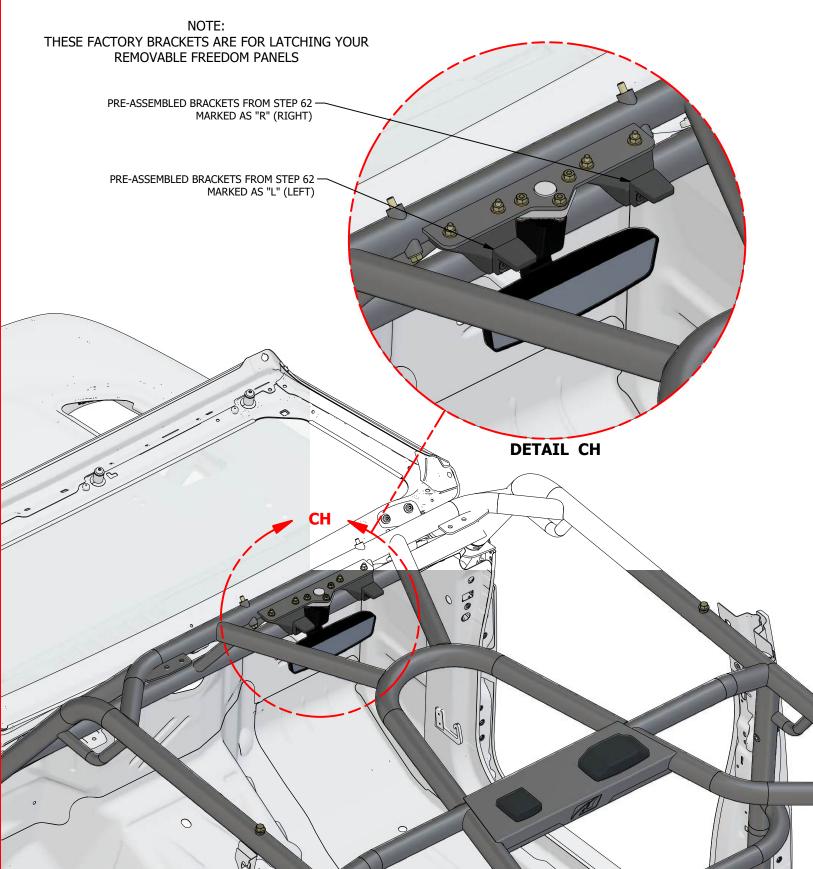
INNER BRACKETS FRONT DRIVER



INNER BRACKETS FRONT PASSENGER

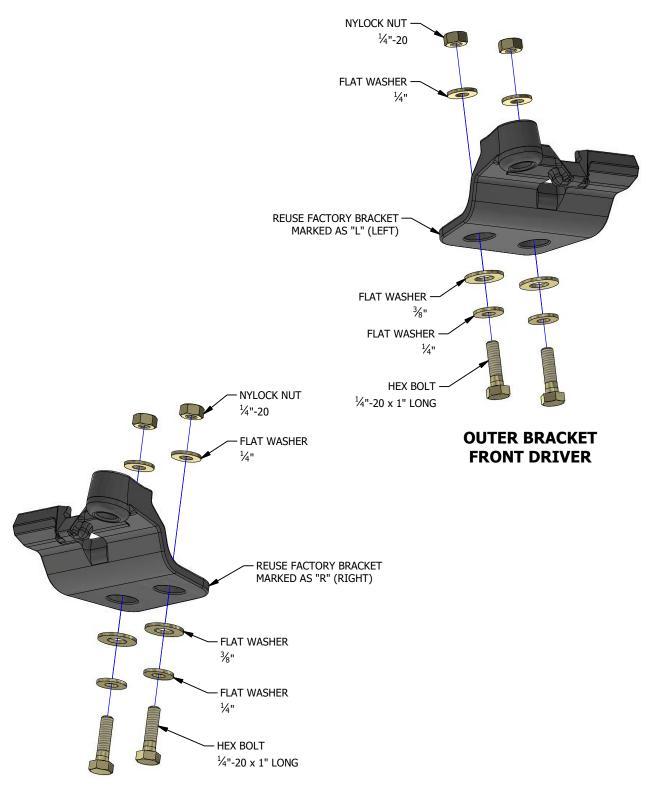


STEP 63 INSTALL INNER FRONT BRACKETS





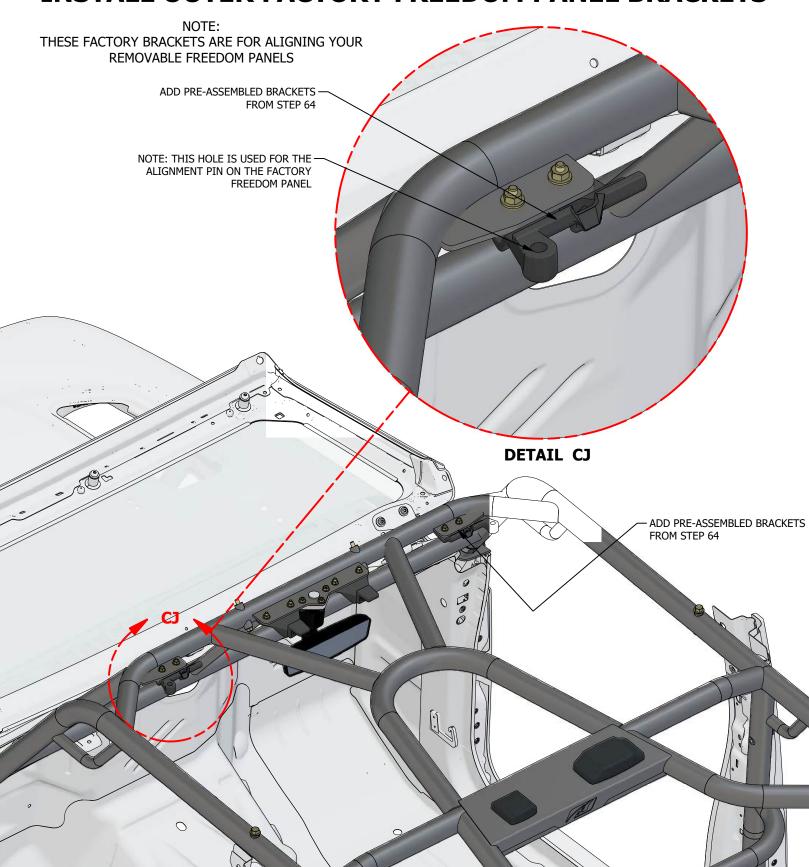
STEP 64 PRE-ASSEMBLE OUTER FREEDOM PANEL BRACKETS



OUTER BRACKET FRONT PASSENGER

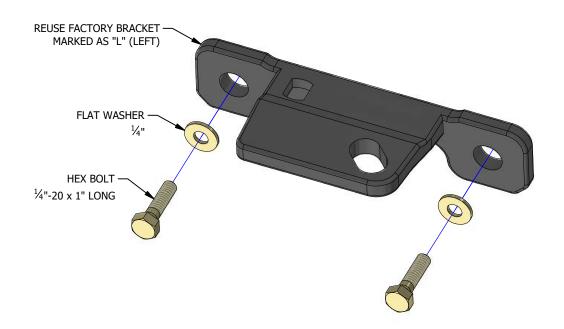


STEP 65 INSTALL OUTER FACTORY FREEDOM PANEL BRACKETS

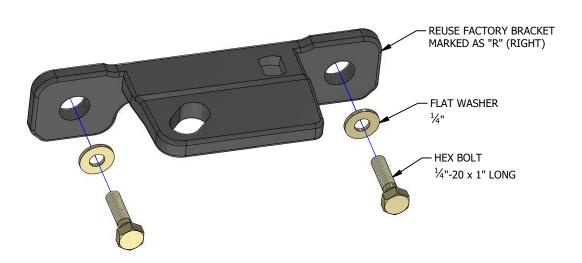




STEP 66 PREPARE REAR FREEDOM PANEL BRACKETS



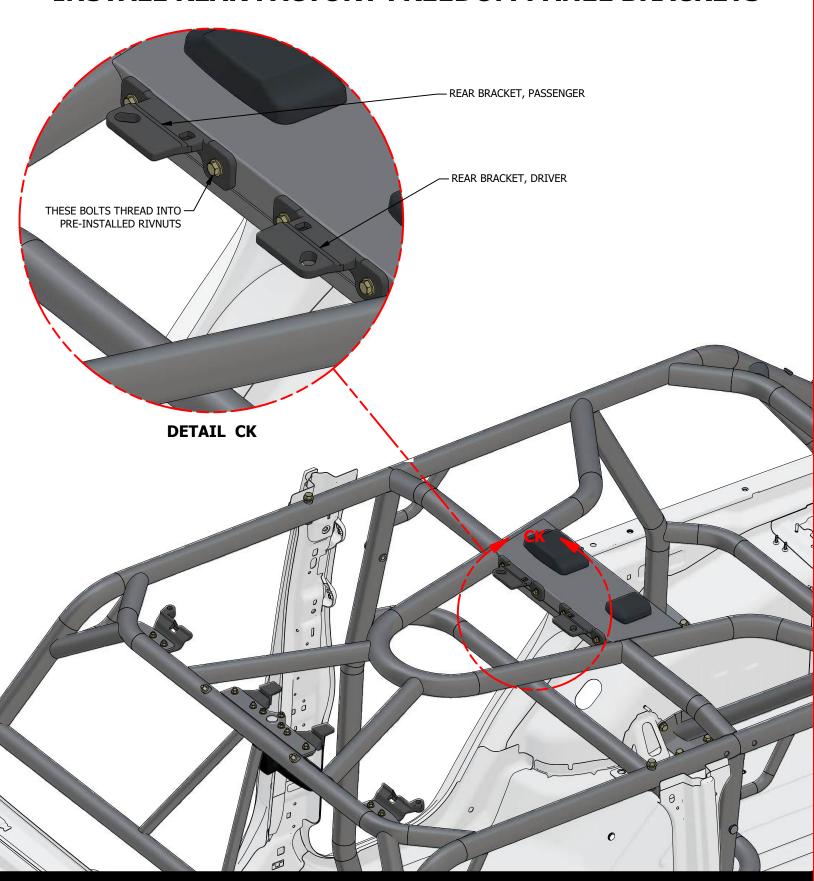
REAR BRACKET DRIVER



REAR BRACKET PASSENGER

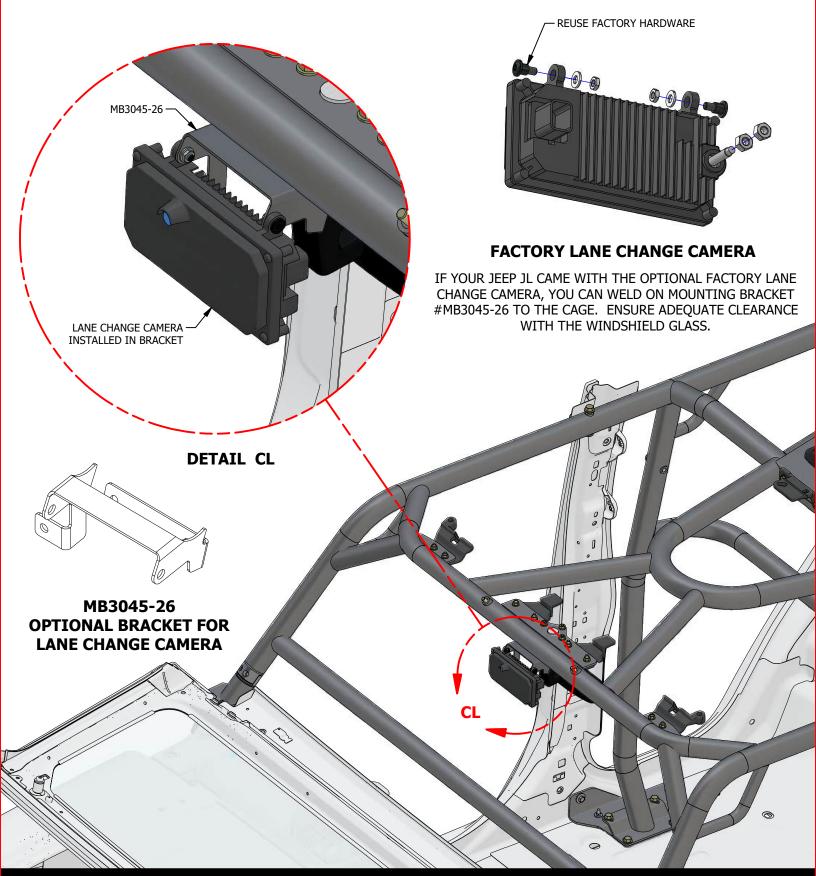


STEP 67 INSTALL REAR FACTORY FREEDOM PANEL BRACKETS



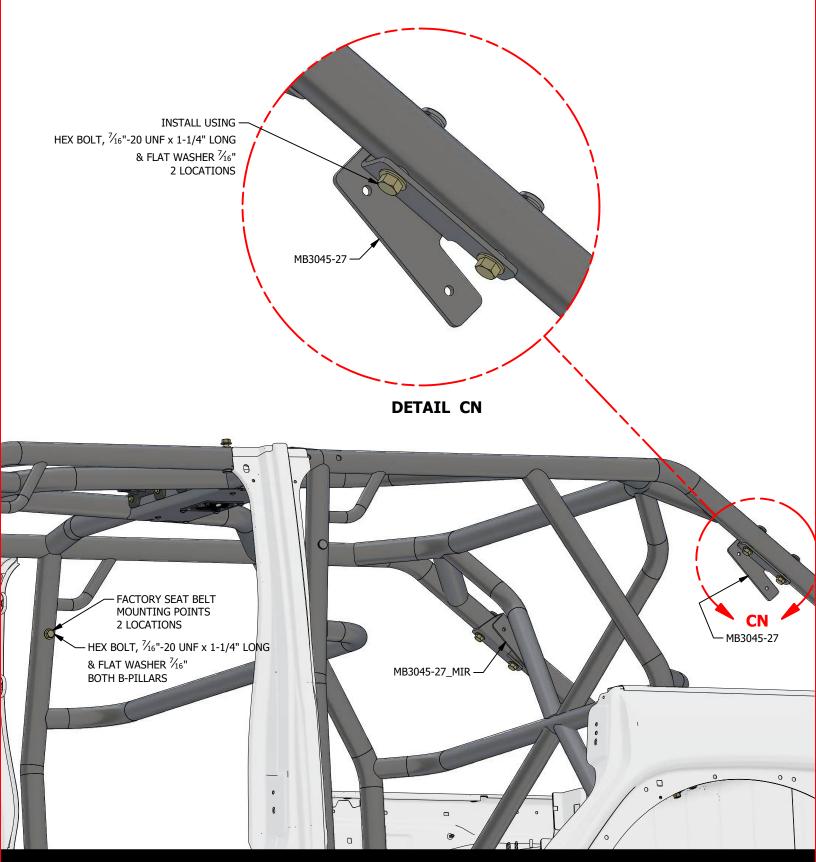


STEP 67 OPTIONAL LANE CHANGE CAMERA BRACKET



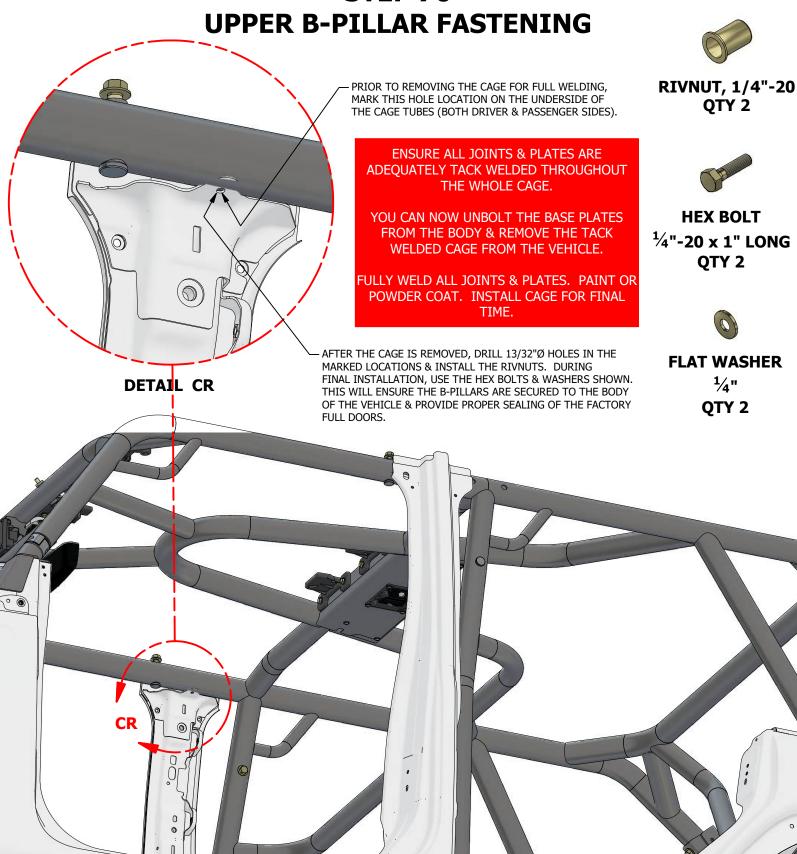


STEP 69 OPTIONAL SOFT TOP BRACKETS





STEP 70





STEP 71 COVERS FOR FACTORY D-PILLAR TRIM



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DRIVER SIDE SHOWN



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RIVET $^{1}\!\!/_{8}$ " x $^{3}\!\!/_{16}$ " GRIP RANGE QTY 2

AFTER YOUR PAINTED CAGE HAS BEEN INSTALLED FOR THE FINAL TIME & DURING THE RE-INSTALLATION OF THE FACTORY INTERIOR, USE THE SUPPLIED ALUMINUM TRIM PLATES TO COVER THE OPENINGS LEFT WHERE THE FACTORY D-PILLARS WERE LOCATED.

THESE PLATES ARE POSITIONED UNDER THE FACTORY INTERIOR TRIM & SECURED WITH A RIVET, AS SHOWN.

YOU MAY OPT TO PAINT THESE SUPPLIED PLATES PRIOR TO INSTALLATION.