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102138 | Bedside Rack System - 2 pc. Kit | Chevy Colorado / GMC Canyon (2023+)



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Introduction

Follow along in our below linked install guide for the installation of the 102138 Kit. If you have any questions, please [contact us](#).

Install Time & Difficulty

30 - 40 minutes

Medium

Tools Needed:

- 3/16 inch Allen wrench (for larger Allen head bolts)
- 5/32 inch Allen wrench (for smaller screws)
- Pick tool



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Installation

1. Prepare the Support Brackets:

- **Assemble Each Support Bracket:**

1. Insert a bolt through the center hole of the support bracket.
2. Thread a channel nut onto the bolt from the backside. The direction of the channel nut doesn't matter.
3. Leave the channel nut loose, so it sits above the top of the bracket and can slip into the truck bed hole.

- Repeat the above steps for all three support brackets.

2. Prepare the Truck Bed:

- **Remove the Three Plugs:**

1. Locate the three plugs on the side of the truck bed where the panel will be installed.
2. Use a pick tool to depress the tab under the edge of each plug.
3. Pull out the plugs carefully.
4. Store the plugs in a safe place; they will not be reused.

3. Install the Mounting Brackets:

- **Insert Each Support Bracket:**

1. Align the prepared support bracket with the hole where you removed the plug.
2. Insert the bracket into the hole, ensuring any wire pass-through slots are oriented as needed.
3. Rotate the channel nut inside the cavity by 90 degrees to lock it in place.
4. Tighten the Bolt:

- Once the bracket is seated and the channel nut is locked, tighten the bolt using the 3/16 inch Allen wrench.
- Ensure the bracket is snug against the bed wall.
- Repeat for the remaining two support brackets.
- Note: The back of the support brackets is contoured to match the cavity of the bed for a

secure fit.

4. Install the Bedside Panel:

- **Position the Panel:**

- Lift the panel and align it with the installed support brackets.
- Ensure the top slots of the panel line up with the holes in the support brackets.

- **Secure the Panel:**

- **Start with the Center Screw:**

- Insert the center bolt through the panel into the center support bracket.
- Use the 5/32 inch Allen wrench to start the bolt, allowing the panel to hang.

- **Install Remaining Fasteners:**

- Insert the remaining five bolts into the support brackets.
- Leave all bolts loosely installed to allow for adjustment.

- **Adjust and Tighten:**

- Adjust the panel side-to-side to your desired position.
- Once aligned, tighten all six bolts securely.

5. Install Accessory Space Fillers (If Not Using a Tonneau Cover or Bed Cap):

- **Purpose:**

- These fillers provide a finished look in the spaces designed for clamps used by tonneau covers, bed caps, or bed racks.

- **Installation:**

- Place the accessory space fillers into the cutout spaces at the top of the panel.
- Secure them as per the instructions provided (typically by inserting them into place).

- **Note:**

- If you are using clamps for a tonneau cover or bed cap, these space fillers are not needed.
- The panel's design accommodates most clamps by providing cutout spaces.

6. Install the Rubber Bumper:

- **Purpose:**

- Prevents the panel from swinging inward and contacting the bedside, especially when gear is mounted.

- **Installation:**

- Choose a suitable location on the lower part of the panel where the bumper will not interfere with mounted gear.
- Insert the Rubber Bumper into one of the panel's slots.
- Ensure it is securely in place.
- **OPTIONAL:** Install threaded insert for a more solid mounting point.
 - Using the included hand tool:
 - Thread the insert onto the provided tool using the bolt and nut assembly.
 - Insert into the hole and hold the nut with a 1/2 inch wrench.
 - Tighten the bolt to cinch the insert in place.
 - Using the specialty tool (recommended):
 - Use the tool to press the insert into the hole, ensuring it stays straight.
 - Once installed, the insert should be firmly seated.
 - Refer to included instructions on usage

Installation Video



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