

Prepping the One-Piece Light Bar for Paint:

Note: Prep is the most important component of any paint job, <u>do not skip steps!</u>

- It is normal for bare uncoated steel to show minor signs of corrosion, but to avoid excessive corrosion, store the light bar indoors in a dry environment until you are ready to paint.
- 2. Remove the antenna clip (if applicable).
- 3. Drill and debur any holes, for example if you are running wires up to search lights, or the search light drill out pattern.
- Clear the surface to remove any minor corrosion or dirt, the easiest method is WD40 combined with Red 3M Scuff Pads.
- 5. The oils and shipping tape residue now need to be thoroughly removed prior to paint, wear proper PPE and use Klean-Strip Prep-All or Acetone in a well-ventilated room to strip the surface clean. At this point the metal has no protective oil layer and will rust rapidly if left to the elements.
- 6. Fully sand all surfaces with 220 grit sandpaper.
- 7. Clean with a tack cloth to remove any dust.

Painting the One-Piece Light Bar:

- 1. It is necessary to prime the light bar prior to painting. An etching primer is recommended followed by 2-3 coats of build primer.
- 2. Once dry, sand the build primer (220 then 400 then 600 grit if you want a showroom finish) and use a tack cloth to remove any dust.
- 3. Paint per data sheet instructions.

Installation of the One-Piece Light Bar:

1. Remove the (4) total 5/16-18 countersunk torx head bolts from both sides of the mounting location.

Note: Use caution not to strip the torx head as these bolts may be difficult to remove. A torch or magnetic induction tool may be required. In cases of excessive rust, consider welding a nut or bolt to the torx head.

- 2. If re-using the torx head bolts, remove corrosion with a die or soak in vinegar for 24 hours.
- 3. Alternatively, use (4) of 5/16-18 x 3/4" Button Head Socket Cap Screws and a washer for each.

Note: If using stainless steel hardware, apply a small amount of anti-seize to the threads and tighten by hand, never use power tools with stainless steel fasteners.

- 4. To position the light bar in place is a two person job. Using a team lift, position the light bar over the bolt holes on the windshield frame. The light bar may be approximately 1/2" wider than the windshield frame, this is normal.
- 5. Thread the new bolts in a few (3-5) turns by hand on one side only, do not tighten down.
- Compress the light bar on the other side to allow the bolts to get close enough to engage, this should take some minor pushing force. Thread the new bolts in a few (3-5) turns on this side.
- 7. Tighten down the bolts on both sides, alternating per side as you tighten. Fully tighten the bolts, but do not overtighten.