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# BUMPER SHELLZ™ by *ecological*

## 2016-2018 Toyota Tacoma

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### -INSTALLATION TIME-

Approximate installation time: 15-30 minutes

### -SUGGESTED TOOLS-

- Plastic pry/trim tool
- Isopropyl Alcohol/clean rags

### -PARTS INCLUDED- (Configuration may vary)

- Left and Right Bumper Covers
- 1 alcohol wipe



### -ATTENTION-

Read and understand all instructions before installing or using this product. Your BumperShellz™ have been specifically designed to fit your truck, so no modifications to your original equipment bumper should be necessary to successfully install your BumperShellz™. If you are uncomfortable installing the BumperShellz™ yourself, please contact a qualified professional. If after reading these instructions you have any further unanswered questions, please check out the FAQ's on our website. You may also call our toll-free number (844-918-3688 EXT 2) for help between 8 am to 5 pm Pacific Time M-F. Any modification or unintended use of this product shall immediately void all manufacturer warranties. The manufacturer disclaims all liability for injuries to persons and property resulting from modifications to, or unintended use, or improper installation of this product.

### -PREPARATION-

- A distorted bumper will negatively affect the fit of your BumperShellz™.
- Your BumperShellz™ are assembled to your bumper by tucking the perimeter flange under the existing plastic trim pieces. It is usually sufficient to lift the edge of the trim in these areas with a non-scratching pry tool and progressively sliding the flange underneath the trim and, unless otherwise specified, should not require removal of the trim.
- Your BumperShellz™ are secured in place with 3M™ Automotive Acrylic Foam Attachment Tape. Optimal temperature for installation is between 20°C (68°F) to 38°C (100°F) and **never below** 15°C (60°F). If ambient temperature is below 15°C, a hair dryer or heat gun may be used at your discretion to warm the bumper surface. BumperShellz™ should be acclimated at "room temperature" prior to installation.
- Make sure your bumper is clean, dry, and free of debris. Use a cleaner that will remove oil/grease to clean bumper surface, followed by wiping the bonding surface areas of your bumper **thoroughly** with regular isopropyl rubbing alcohol and a clean lint-free white cotton rag or clean disposable toweling. Do not use shop rags which may have dirt or oily residues. For superior results use [3M brand Prep Solvent 70](#) or similar products available at many auto stores.

### -INSTALLATION -

**NOTE:** We recommend Dry-Fitting all BumperShellz pieces to their specific locations BEFORE removing ANY of the red backing strips from the tape. Make sure all pieces are correct, i.e., you have received all pieces shown above, with or without sensor holes and/or fog lamp openings, color/pattern is correct, and that all are undamaged. There should not be any (or extremely minimal) bumper surface visible once flanges are slid under trim and sensor holes (if present) are centered over sensor trim. Dry Fitting is also good practice for lining up each piece and guiding it into place, visualizing how to do it when the backing strips are removed and the tape is STICKY. Note that once the backing is removed we cannot give full credit for return.

- Detach lower clips to factory bumper cap.



- **Dry-Fit each cover by following the below instructions without removing the backing to the 3M double-sided tape. Ensure edges, sensor holes (if available), and clip holes are properly aligned.**
- Wrap the outboard corner of the BumperShell around the corner of the factory bumper cap.
- If bumper has parking sensors, adjust the position of the BumperShell to center the sensor within the clearance hole.
- Continue installing by slipping the top edge of the cover under the lip of the step pad. You may need to use a plastic trim tool to pry up on the step pad nearest the license plate to allow clearance for the BumperShellz to slip under the step pad.
- When satisfied Cover is properly positioned, press taped areas against bumper as before, also making sure firm pressure is used to bond the cover to the factory cap.
- Reinstall lower clips to complete the installation. If screw hole on the bumper covers have become offset, carefully use a drill, or circular file to widen screw holes appropriately.



**NOTE for Maximum Adhesion:** The acrylic foam tape used to adhere your BumperShellz is “pressure sensitive”, so making sure there is sufficient pressure applied to each of the taped areas is vital to achieve optimum adhesion of your BumperShellz™ to your bumper. It is also recommended that you come back a few hours later, or the next day, to give each BumperShellz piece another pressure rub to ensure the best adhesion. Allow the tape adhesive to set up for at least 24 hours before washing your truck. Maximum adhesion is reached after 3-5 days in temperatures above 70 degrees, longer if it is cooler. Once the adhesive has fully bonded to a properly prepared bumper surface, it is nearly impossible to remove the BumperShellz without damaging them. Please refer to “removal instructions” in the BumperShellz FAQ section on the website, should removal be necessary.

#### -CARE-

Care for your BumperShellz™ like you would any fine paint finish. Use high quality cleaning products designed specifically for car care.

- **Gloss finishes:** Oftentimes, minor scratches can be buffed out on the gloss finishes. Rubbing compounds can be used with a mechanical buffer, for deeper scratches.
- **Matte finishes** are much more susceptible to abrasions, leaving a "glossy sheen" on the finish, which are generally permanent. Do not attempt to buff out scratches/abrasions on your matte finish, as this will generally make the damage worse. Avoid excessive friction when trying to remove anything stuck to the matte finish surface and keep cleaning rags/water clean and abrasive free. Abrasive brush-type car washes are not recommended, as they can abrade the Matte finish. Brushless car washes are acceptable.