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## **UPPER CLASS SERIES MESH GRILLE – w/ Mounting Plate**

### **Recommended Tools:**

5/16" Wrench or Nut Driver  
10MM Socket & Ratchet  
Die Grinder/ Jig-saw  
Drill & 1/8" Drill Bit  
Slotted Screwdriver

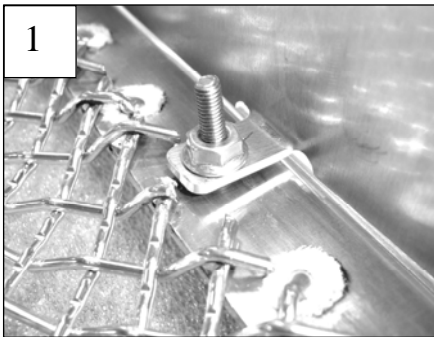
### **Parts List / Hardware:**

1	Upper Class Grille	1	Logo Mounting Plate
1	Top Mounting Plate	2	90° 'L' Brackets x 1 3/4"
13	6-32 Nylon Lock Nuts	2	90° 'L' Brackets x 2 3/8"
13	Flat Washers	2	#10 Fender Washers
4	#8 X 3/4 Phillips Screws	2	6/32 Flange Nuts
4	#8 Flat Nuts	1	10-32 x 1 Allen Head Screw
2	Flat Brackets 4 3/8"	1	10-32 Flange Nut

## **Read and understand instructions before attempting installation**

### **Step 1**

Remove the plastic radiator cover using a small slotted screwdriver. Un-bolt the 10mm bolt in the center-top of the grille. Each corner is held in place with a metal clip. Pry with a screwdriver; remove the grille. Use a heat gun or hair dryer to loosen the double-sided tape securing the OE logo; then remove the emblem using a putty knife or screwdriver. To prevent scratching, apply masking tape to the painted surfaces on the grille.



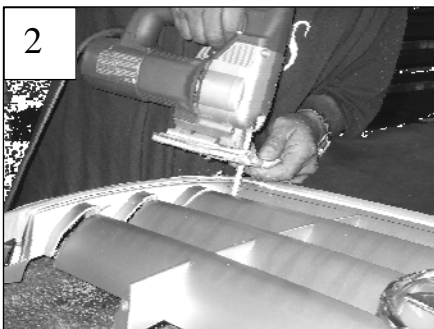
### **Step 2**

Fasten the top mounting plate using the nylon lock nuts and washers (1).

### **Step 3**

Use a die grinder or similar tool to cut the inner bars from the grille. The black lines drawn on the grille illustrate where you will cut.

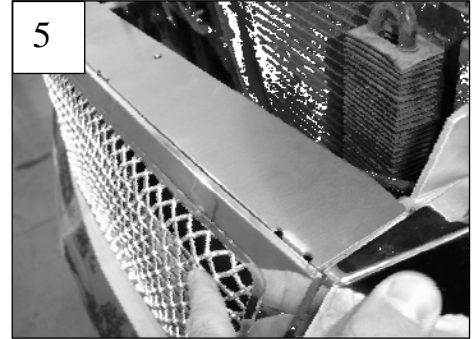
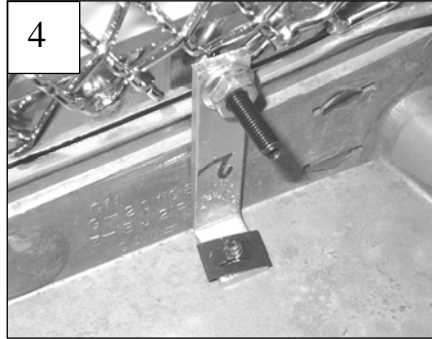
**On each end;** make your cuts about 1" inside the chrome molding. Do not cut too close; the billet rests on this uncut area (2). On top of the grille (next to the factory mounting clips), make your cut about 5/16" inside the chrome border.



**Along the bottom;** make your cut about 1/16" to 1/8" inside the chrome ring. Taper the cut on each end into the cut along the bottom

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## **Step 4**

Center the billet into the opening of the grille shell. Fasten the flat brackets on each end using the Nylon lock nuts and washers (3). Tighten the nuts until the billet is held firmly in place. Attach the shorter 'L' brackets to the center studs along the bottom; and the longer 'L' brackets to the outer studs (4). Use the nuts and washers provided. Hold the grille firmly in place and drill a 1/8" hole aligned with the brackets. Attach the #8 screws and flat nuts to the brackets. Make sure the grille is properly aligned; loosen the hardware and adjust the grille if needed. The grille is designed to overlap the chrome ring around the opening for proper fit (5).

## **Step 5**

Install the logo plate onto the grille using the countersink screws, fender washers and nylon lock nuts. Adjust the plate in the center and tighten the hardware. Install the factory grille emblems. The factory double sided tape may be re-used; however if the tape has lost tack, new tape or a small amount of super glue will help hold the logo.

## **Step 6**

Re-install the grille assembly onto the vehicle. Attach the mounting tab on the top plate to the factory hole in the hood latch assembly (a 1/4" hole may need to be drilled depending on year of vehicle). Use the 10-32 Allen head screw, flange nut and washers provided (6). Secure the plastic radiator cover. The plastic area around the hood latch release may need trimming. Use a razor knife to trim this area for better access.

The factory hood bump stops and hood latch assembly may need adjustment. Slowly close the hood and check the clearance between the hood and grille. Install the radiator cover using the factory fasteners. ***Thank you for purchasing your T-Rex billet grille. 8/4/06***

