

2019 - 2022 SUBARU ASCENT A/C CONDENSER JJARD v1.0

Thank you for your purchase. **ADVANTAGEOUS CREATIONS** is pleased to provide you with a superior product of protection. Many hours went into development, design, and testing to ensure great quality and functionality. This condenser guard can be installed using two different methods. **METHOD "A"** in front of bumper (easiest = 30 minutes) or **METHOD "B"** behind bumper (takes more patience and time = 90 minutes). If you have any questions or feedback, please do not hesitate to contact us at <u>advantageouscreations@gmail.com</u>

Recommended Tools:

- 12mm deep socket & ratchet (method "B" installation)
- · Flat head screwdriver

Optional:

- · Painters tape or electrical tape.
- A second person (method "B" installation)
- Jack, jack stands, or drive on ramps. <u>USE CAUTION AND BE SAFE WHEN RAISING THE VEHICLE!!!</u>

INSTALLATION METHOD "A"



METHODS "A" & "B" both utilize an automotive grade, double sided adhesive foam for mounting. This foam also aids in protecting finishes during installation along with providing adequate adhesion properties. The adhesive foam has a red backing that should be left on during test fitting and should only be removed when you are ready to perform final installation.

NOTE: There are raised edges that the rubber edging should sit against, not on top of. Please refer to "FIGURE A"

Test fit the condenser guard into lower bumper opening. The rubber edging provides a tight fit and provides protection for finishes. Observe the mounting tabs and adjust them if necessary by bending slightly either direction. At this point we are looking to achieve the most contact area between the adhesive foam and the bumper cover as possible. Once prime fitment is achieved, remove the condenser guard and locate the cleaning/prep pads and clean mounting surface of bumper cover. (RED ARROWS) "FIGURE B"





Remove the red backing from the double sided adhesive foam on

tabs. Use caution as not to touch the black adhesive surface once the red backing has been removed. Touching the black adhesive will compromise its adhering ability.

When fitting the condenser guard to the bumper, it is easiest to work from one side to the other (bottom corner tab first)

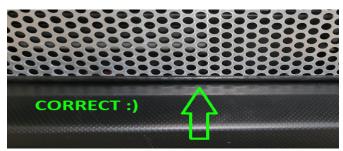
For the top tabs, it is suggested to place your fingers on the top edge of the rubber trim as you push it in to create some room for the tab to move into place, see "FIGURE C."

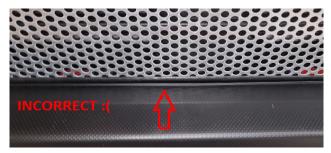




As you work from one side to the other, make sure to keep the rubber trim in front of the raised edges in "FIGURE A"

When installing the condenser guard, refer to the images below for correct placement.





The tight fit between the bumper cover and the mounting tabs help bond the adhesive foam to the surfaces. Once the condenser guard is secured in place, check for any tabs that may have a loose fit. If you have discovered a loose fitting tab, use a suitable tool to insert through a hole and press on the mounting tab and hold for 10 seconds.

TE: A small screwdriver wrapped in painters tape or electrical tape works well and does not scratch surfaces or coatings.





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INSTALLATION METHOD "B"



METHOD "B" is our favorite method. You must remove front bumper cover from vehicle. It is suggested to have a suitable soft work surface to place the bumper cover on to prevent scratches. A clean moving blanket works well in this case. Removing the front bumper cover may sound overwhelming, but it can be a simple task if done correctly. Do not worry **YOU CAN DO IT!!!**

Start off by raising the front of the vehicle, (refer to manufacturers recommended jacking procedures and safety precautions) Apply parking brake once the vehicle is raised. Open and secure the hood in the upright position and disconnect negative

cable from the battery.

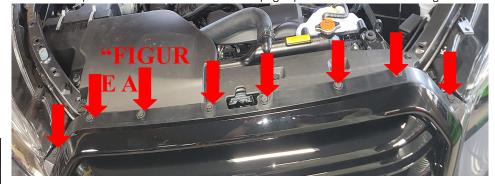
Remove the top bumper cover securing clips x8

FIGURE "A"

NOTE: Pry center pin of the securing clips to release.





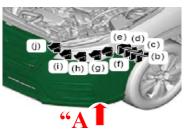


Remove the $\frac{\text{securing clips}}{\text{side}}$ from each side of inner fenders ($\frac{\text{x1}}{\text{side}}$)

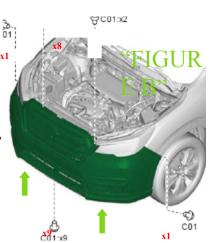
Remove X9 securing clips from lower mud guard to front bumper cover (green arrows "Figure B")



Once all securing clips are removed, release the bumper cover from the fender "claws" by pushing up slightly on the **lower/bottom** corner of the bumper cover "A" and pulling the bumper cover outward from the fender in the direction shown. Follow the order (b) to (j) as illustrated below.







If applicable the fog light connectors will need to be disconnected at this time. A second person to lend a hand is helpful when pulling the front bumper cover away from the fenders and forward. Place the front bumper cover on a suitable work space and view from the back.

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Position your condenser guard on the opening so that the rubber edging lines up with the opening edges of the bumper cover. Observe the mounting tabs and adjust them if necessary by bending slightly either direction. At this point we are looking to achieve the most contact area between the adhesive foam and the bumper cover as possible.





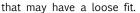


Once prime fitment is achieved, remove the condenser guard and locate the cleaning/prep pads and clean mounting surface of bumper cover. Remove the red backing from the double sided adhesive foam on all tabs. Use caution as not to touch the black adhesive surface once the red backing has been removed. Touching the black adhesive will compromise its adhering ability.

Gently place the condenser guard into position ensuring that proper alignment is kept while installing. The rubber edging should sit tight against the opening edges of the bumper cover.



Once the condenser guard is secured in place, press firmly on all mounting tabs for 10 seconds. Inspect and adjust any tabs







Position the front bumper cover on to the front of the vehicle and align the bumper cover on each side under headlamps first. Keep the bumper cover aligned to headlamps and fenders as you push in on the center of the bumper cover to seat it in the correct position. Before snapping the bumper cover to the fender "claws" ensure proper alignment. Work from (j) to (b) referring to the previous illustration. Continue with front bumper cover installation in "reversed order of removal"

NOTE: Do not forget to connect the fog lamps:)

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