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Upper Class Grille 1 Pc.

TOOLS REQUIRED:

Phillips & Flat Screwdrivers
Socket and Ratchet Set
Die Grinder
Vise Grips
Masking Tape
Jig Saw

PARTS LIST

(7) 6/32" Nylon Lock Nuts
(7) 10/32 Steel Washers
(7) 6/32 1/2" Machine Screws
(1) Mesh Grilles



Step 1 Factory Grille/Bumper Cover Removal

First remove the top radiator cover under the hood. There are four 10mm bolts, eight 7/32 screws and two plastic pop clips holding the cover secure. Next you will need to remove the bumper cover from the vehicle. Remove the four phillips screws from each fender well front edge. The lower cover from underneath the front of the vehicle needs to be removed, there are seven 8mm screws that need to be removed where the bumper cover and lower cover meet. Now pull the top edge of the bumper cover side where it meets the side of the fender outward away from the vehicle (Fig 2). Do this to both sides with a helper to help hold the bumper cover when it comes loose. Unplug the electrical connectors for the lights in the bumper cover (Fig 3) to fully remove the cover from the vehicle. Set the bumper cover on a work bench, be careful not to scratch the paint on the bumper cover.



Step 2 Factory Bumper Cover/Grille Disassembly

Take the bumper cover assembly and place it on a workbench with the backside facing up. You will need remove the black plastic bumper reinforcement from the assembly. Next you will need to remove the large black plastic part from the back of the bumper cover by using a flat screwdriver and prying loose the latches holding the black plastic to the bumper cover (Fig 4). Remove the Ford Logo from the factory grille. Now you will remove the back section of the factory grille shell. Use a small flat screwdriver to unlatch the latches around the edges of the factory grille back section. Remove the grille back section (Fig 5). The chrome section of the factory grille can be removed once the back section is removed (Fig 6).



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Step 3 Factory Grille/Bumper Cover Cutting

Once the factory grille is dis assembled you will need to cut the center horizontal bar from the chrome factory shell section. Use a jigsaw or die grinder to cut the bar and grind it down smooth with a grinder or file (Fig 7). After the chrome ring is cut and smooth you need to take the back section of the factory grille and separate the two parts. There is a painted part and a black plastic part that are held together with latches. You will not use the black part so you can cut where the latches go through the black part to make it easier to dis assemble (do not cut the painted parts) (Fig 8). Once the two halves are separated take the painted part as that is what you will work on next (Fig 9). You will need to cut the center section out of the painted grille section using a jigsaw (Fig 10). After you cut the center out cut all of the tabs off from around the inside section (Fig 11, 12). After all the tabs have been removed from along the inside opening of the painted grille use a die grinder to smooth out the inner lip of the painted part (Fig 13). After the painted part is cut and sanded it should look like (Fig 14).



Fig 7



Fig 8



Fig 9



Fig 10



Fig 11



Fig 12



Fig 13



Fig 14

Step 4 Factory Grille Re Assembly and Mesh Grille Installation

Now that the chrome and painted factory grille sections are cut and sanded you can start the assembly of the factory grille and mesh grille. Take the chrome factory grille section and set it on a work bench facing up. Take the mesh grille and lay it into the opening in the chrome factory grille (Fig 15). While holding the mesh grille and chrome factory grille together turn them over to gain access to the backside. MAKE sure the mesh grille is seated flush into the factory chrome grille and use vise grips to hold the mesh grille secure to the factory chrome grille, the vise grips work best if you use them on the tabs on the mesh grille and the chrome lip on the factory grille (Fig 16). Use a 1/8" drill to drill through the holes in the tabs on the mesh grille and the factory chrome grille (Fig 17). Now use the supplied screws, washers and nuts to secure the mesh grille to the factory chrome grille. Install a washer on each screw, the screw will install through the factory chrome grille and then the mesh grille tab, install a nut and tighten (Fig 18). Do this to all 7 tabs on the mesh grille.



Fig 15



Fig 16



Fig 17

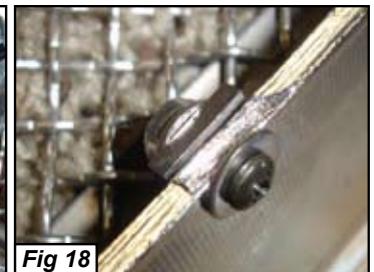


Fig 18

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Step 4 Factory Grille Re Assembly and Mesh Grille Installation Continued

Now that the mesh grille is installed into the factory chrome grille you take the factory bumper cover and set it on the workbench. From the backside of the bumper cover take the mesh grille assembly and install it into the bumper cover, the latches on the bumper cover will insert through the slots in the chrome factory grille and mesh grille assembly (Fig 20). Now take the painted factory grille section that you cut earlier, this piece will install onto the backside of the mesh grille/factory chrome grille assembly. The tabs on the bumper cover will install through the slots on the painted part, the painted part will hold the mesh/chrome factory grille assembly secure into the bumper cover (Fig 21). Make sure the latches snap onto the painted part. Reinstall the bumper reinforcement onto the backside of the bumper cover. If you purchased the bumper mesh grille part # 55526 install it at this time.



Fig 19



Fig 20



Fig 21



Fig 22

Step 5 Reinstall Bumper Cover

With a helper, take the entire completed bumper cover assembly with the grille installed and put it back onto the vehicle, reconnect the electrical connectors for the lights, reinstall all of the hardware on the bumper cover, bottom front cover plate and upper radiator cover. Installation complete.