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SERVICE BULLETIN

APPLICABILITY: 2026 MY Solterra
 2026 MY Uncharted
 2026 MY Trailseeker

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SUBJECT: Front License Plate Installation Procedure

INTRODUCTION:

This bulletin announces a revised installation procedure for the front license plate bracket. The updated procedure is to eliminate any gap between the upper edge of the bracket and the vehicle body.



IMPORTANT NOTE: ALWAYS use the applicable bracket and hardware designated for specific models.

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SERVICE PROCEDURE / INFORMATION:

TRAILSEEKER:

NOTE: Trailseeker bumpers have a lip located within the bracket mounting area.

STEP 1: The front license plate bracket and two self-tapping screws are installed in the rear luggage storage area during assembly. The procedure below outlines the installation process for the front license plate bracket.



STEP 2: Locate the dimples located on the front bumper assembly (circled in the image below). These dimples will align with the mounting holes on the front license plate bracket.



STEP 3: Align the dimples with the license plate bracket mounting holes as shown below.



STEP 4: Using the supplied self-tapping screws, mount the bracket to the bumper while maintaining proper alignment. Torque the self-tapping screws to **2.6 N·m**.

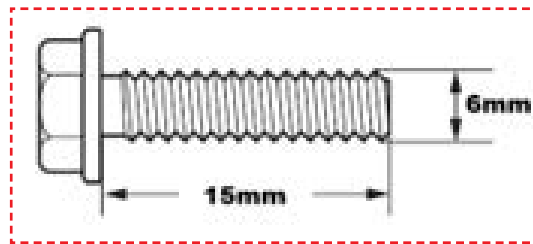


CAUTION: DO NOT overtighten the self-taping screws.

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STEP 5: Install license plate to bracket with no longer than 15mm bolts.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If the bolts are longer than 15mm they will contact the bumper cover creating gap between the bracket and body.



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SOLTERRA & UNCHARTED:

STEP 1: Align the dimples with the license plate bracket mounting holes and temporarily install the license plate base on the vehicle using the two self-tapping screws.

NOTE: DO NOT fully tighten the self-tapping screws, as overtightening may damage the bumper. Perform temporary tightening at a torque of **2.5 N·m or less**.



STEP 2: Scribe a circle on the front bumper where the plate-to-base hardware is located and remove the base from the bumper.



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STEP 3: Drill 20 mm holes at the center of the scribed marks.



STEP 4: Realign the dimples with the license plate bracket mounting holes and install the self-tapping screws. Torque both self-tapping screws to **2.6 N·m**.

CAUTION: DO NOT overtighten self-tapping screws.



END

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- SOA strongly discourages the printing and/or local storage of service information as previously released information and electronic publications may be updated at any time.
- Always check for any open recalls or campaigns anytime a vehicle is in for servicing.
- Always refer to STIS for the latest service information before performing any repairs.
- There have been no changes made to the Labor Time Guide regarding this procedure.

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