Step 1 Install Doc: XJ Hatch Ladder



This guide is built to be used alongside our full install video linked here:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YDIVrHe7S_A
Give it a watch before you start, then keep it open as you work through the steps below. Each step lists the timestamp it covers so you can jump right to that part if you need a closer look.

Step 2 Required hardware



Use the following hardware:

- 1/4″-20, 3/4″ long black button head bolts
- 1/4″-20 serrated flange nuts
- 3M adhesive tape

This bolt pack is universal and shared between other products. You will not need the following hardware for this install:

- 5/16″-18 hex head bolts
- 5/16″-18 serrated flange nuts
- 7/16″ washer
- Rubber push in bumpers

Step 3 Mark your reference line for top bracket



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Measure over from the outside edge of your third brake light, place a piece of blue tape, and mark a vertical line at 6 5/8″. The adhesive on the top bracket will line up with this mark.

Step 4 Trim and apply the adhesive



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Trim the provided adhesive to fit inside the back face of the top bracket, using the bottom edge of the bracket as your guide. Clean the surface, then center and press the adhesive down firmly.

Step 5 Hook and set the top bracket



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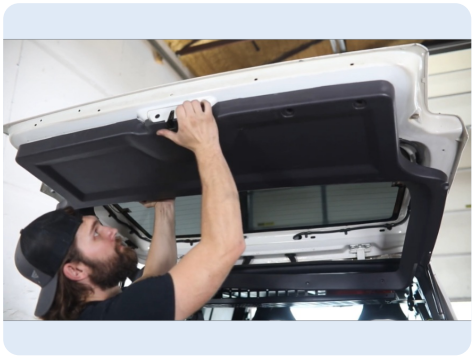
Expose the adhesive backing on the top bracket. Hook the small back flanges onto the top edge of the hatch and pull the bracket back towards the rear of the vehicle as tight as possible before pivoting it down. Line it up with your mark, then press firmly all around. Once the adhesive has set, peel the blue tape off the hatch.

Step 6 Remove the interior hatch trim







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Open your hatch and remove the grab handle cover tabs with a flat screwdriver, then remove the two T30 Torx screws underneath. Remove the eight Phillips screws around the upper glass, then work the trim panel free of its clips.

Step 7 Mark and drill the mounting holes





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Line up the notch in the bracket with the drainage hole on the driver's side and push it tight to the bottom flange. Mark both holes and center punch them. Reach in to verify nothing behind the drilling area will cause interference. Then drill 1/4″ holes at the center punched marks.

Step 8 Install the lower bracket



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Line the bracket back up with your holes and install a 1/4″-20, 3/4″ long black button head bolt and a 1/4″-20 serrated flange nut in each, reaching through the inside of the hatch. Snug by hand, then tighten with a 5/32 hex. You can reinstall the interior trim panel now, or wait until the ladder is fully mounted to the vehicle.

Step 9 Assemble the steps





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Verify the JCR cutout logo is right side up to identify the top of the ladder. Slide each step in from the back of the ladder with the flange bent down.

The top step will have a more aggressive bend than the middle and bottom steps

Bolt each step in place using 1/4″-20, 3/4″ long black button head bolts and 1/4″-20 serrated flange nuts. Leave the hardware slightly loose for now.

Step 10 Attach the top ladder mounting bracket



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Slide the top mounting bracket in between the two sides of the ladder frame with its bent flange facing the front, then secure it with 1/4″-20, 3/4″ long black button head bolts and 1/4″-20 serrated flange nuts on both sides and the front.

Step 11 Mount the ladder to the vehicle





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Bolt the ladder to the upper bracket and secure using 1/4″-20, 3/4″ long black button head bolts and 1/4″-20 serrated flange nuts. Line up the ladder with the lower bracket and secure using 1/4″-20, 3/4″ long black button head bolts and 1/4″-20 serrated flange nuts.

Step 12 Torque down all ladder hardware



Once you are happy with your ladder fitment, tighten all of your hardware down with a 5/32 hex. Your hatch ladder is now fully installed and ready to test out!

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