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How to Install a Jeep Tow Bar

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In the previous article in this series, you learned how to use [RV solar panels](#). Now, you'll learn how to add a [tow bar](#) for your Jeep.

Tow Bars for RVs

When you are traveling the country in your RV, you may want to go on a few smaller or backcountry trails that may be just too small to *safely* take your RV on. You may instead want to take your [Jeep](#) with you on the trip specifically for these more adventurous roads. The first thing to think about is the type of bar that you need. Generally, there are a number of different types and brands available. Verify that the bar that you are interested in will actually fit your vehicle. Also, don't purchase the first one that you find. Look around at different retail companies and websites, and see if you can find a discount tow bar.

Usually, you want to go with a universal fit bar. Universal fit will work with nearly any type of towable vehicle that you own.

How to Install Tow Bar

1. Drive to a flat area. You want your vehicle level before you begin installing.
2. Ensure that the parking brake is engaged so the vehicle does not roll while you are working on it.

3. You need to measure the tow bar and your Jeep bumper. A standard tape measure is fine for this process.
4. Next, position the Jeep bar so that it's flush against your vehicle's bumper.
5. Once you have the positioning correct, take off the front bumper, and find the mounting bolts. These bolts are usually near the inside frame of the Jeep.
6. Now, line up the mounting holes of the Jeep bar with the mounting holes on the Jeep itself. These should match up perfectly if you bought a universal tow bar. If that is the case, you just need to place the mounting bolts through both of these holes. Then, tighten them. You probably will need a wrench and socket set to assist you with this step.
7. If the holes don't line up, you need to drill new holes into the frame of your Jeep. Use a drill bit that is large enough to fit the bolts through, but small enough that the bolts won't fall through. Wear both safety glasses and long sleeves when drilling the new holes.
8. When you are done making the new bolts, simply tighten the bolts.

If you don't want to drill new holes, then you'll need to purchase a new tow bar. Always *keep your receipt* in case you need to send the bar back.

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