

MAR-K

RESTORATION AND CUSTOM PICKUP PARTS

BED STRIPS WITH HIDDEN FASTENERS ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

The following assembly instructions are to be used if the bed strips with the hidden fasteners will be installed. MAR-K has several different types of bed strips with hidden fasteners including polished stainless, unpolished stainless, steel and aluminum. The fasteners on these all work the same way.

1. Each bed strip will use special T-Bolt fasteners 1-1/4" that are supplied with the bed strips. These special fasteners slide into the groove on the bottom of the bed strip. 2" T-Bolt fasteners are also available by request for custom applications.



2. In order to correctly place the T-Bolt fasteners from the front of the bed to the rear, place the bed strip next to the bed side with the front edge of the bed strip approximately 1/16" back from the front bed panel. Either end of the bed strip can be the front. Line up the special T-bolts by sliding them in the groove of the bed strip to the bed side bolt locations. This will enable you to turn the bed strip over and install it with the bolts in their proper locations reference the front bed panel, the cross sills, rear cross sill, and the space between these sills.



3. There may be a bed strip bolt in each space between cross sills that requires a 1-1/2" outside diameter washer with a 1/4" hole. This washer bridges the gap between the boards on the bottom and is placed on the bolt before installing the lock washer and nut.



4. If installing the bed strips with hidden fasteners in a GM Fleetside box, there will be short strips that have an hole in one end of the strip. This end fits under the wheelhouse. A standard carriage bolt will fit into the wheelhouse flange and through the bed strip.

5. During the final installation of the bed strips, be careful when tightening the hidden T-Bolt fasteners. Use a torque wrench and tighten them to 75-100 inch pounds maximum. Excessive torque may distort the hidden fastener or the bed strip. You may wish to use a thread locking compound on the bolt threads during final assembly.

6. Bed strips with hidden fasteners for the 1953-1956 Ford flaresides will not have the front bed-to-frame hole punched in the strip.



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