

# The DEBO Step®

## Installation Instructions for DEBO Step Model 20401

Fits 09-11 Dodge Ram 1500, with or without a hitch.



DEBO Step Installed, Stowed Position



DEBO Step Extended for use with tailgate down.

**Tools** required for Installation: Two 3/4" and two 9/16" wrenches or sockets. Knife.

**Parts List:** (1) DEBO Step, (1) Instruction sheet, (2) 1/2" Nylock Nut, (2) 1/2 x 1 1/4 bolt, (4) 1/2" flat washer, (1) 3/8" Nylock Nut. (1) 3/8 x 3 hex bolt, (2) 3/8" flat washer, (1) 2 x 2 3/4 Clamp Plate.

**FOR YOUR SAFETY!** The mounting bracket slide is wire tied to the step bar, see picture below. DO NOT Remove until your step is secured to the vehicle. **SEE Step 5.**



**Step 1.** Install the clamp plate as shown at left. Install a 1/2" washer on a bolt, insert from the bottom, up through the hole in the bracket and the clamp plate, install a washer and nylock nut. Tighten the bolt until snug, then back off one turn, so the clamp plate is loose and free to rotate.

(Note: For more room to install, you may want to drop your spare tire, but not required.)

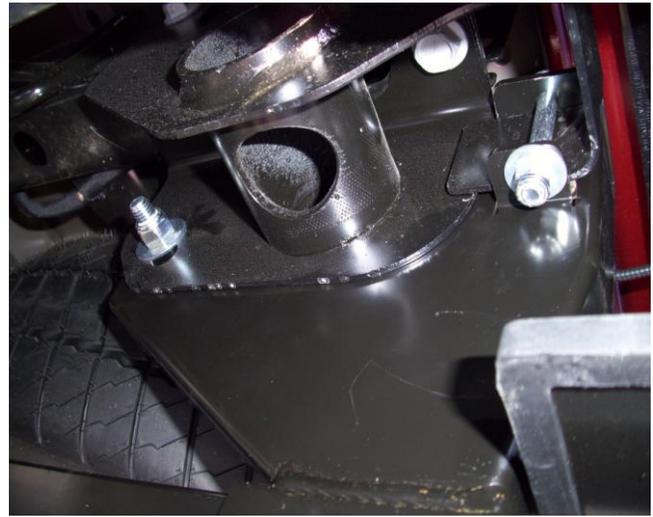
(Note: You may want to recruit a helper for Steps 3 and 4, it is easier with 3 hands.)

**Go to Step 2.**

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**Step 2.** Your DEBO Step mounts using the bumper bracket and the slotted hole in the hitch frame plate, as pointed to above, and shown installed below.



**Step 3.** Position the DEBO Step as shown above, rotating the clamp plate first toward the rear of the truck to move the step into position, then rotate over the bumper bracket. Hold the step in position! Install a washer on the 3/8" bolt. Install through the clamp plate and the tab on the step bracket, as shown above. Install a washer and nut. Do not tighten. Continue to hold the step for Step 4.

**Step 4.** Install a 1/2" washer and bolt through the hole in the step bracket and through the slotted hole in the hitch frame plate as shown above. Install a washer & nut. Tighten snug and back off 1 turn so it is loose and free to move. The step is now secured.

**Step 5.** Remove the wire tie. See "TO OPERATE" instructions below. Pull the step out to the extended position.

**Step 6.** Hold the step bracket so the bolt in the slotted hole is all the way to the top. Tighten the bolt securely.

**Step 7.** Tighten the 1/2" bolt in the clamp plate first, then the 3/8" bolt. DONE!



**Step 8.** Installation complete, slide the step in to the stowed position, check clearances to assure proper installation. Ready To Use!

**Use** your DEBO Step in any position. The step bar rotates slightly until it contacts the slide bracket at the points of contact. These "**contact pressure points**" resulting from the slight angle are what keeps the step from sliding when in use in any position. Remember this feature when operating your DEBO Step.

**TO OPERATE:** Using one hand, at the same time, lift the latch knob "up" with the fingers to unlatch and hold, push "down" lightly with the thumb on the step pad to align the step bar with the slide bracket, and "pull" out to any desired position. Pull out part way for use with the tailgate up. Pull out to the fully extended position for use with the tailgate down.

To store, simply slide the step in. No need to touch the latch knob. Just "lift" or push "down" lightly (depending on the position of the step) on the step pad to align the step bar and the slide bracket, and "push" in until the latch engages, as simple as closing a door! Remember, the secret to moving the step bar *freely* is to release the "**contact pressure points**" by aligning the step bar with the slide bracket. **It's as simple as closing a door!**

**DO NOT EXCEED! Weight limit 400 pounds.**



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