

Anderson Composites Trunk Installation Guide

Important: Professional installation by an experienced carbon fiber/fiberglass expert is STRONGLY recommended. Installation may require specialty tools and equipment. **The following is only a guideline to an installation (not all installations are the same). These guidelines should NOT be used as an alternative to a professional installation.** Note that OEM trunks are usually metal, and may be very thin in certain areas. Carbon fiber trunks, on the other hand, are handmade using a different molding method from OEM trunks, and therefore, may not be able to achieve same thickness during the production process. As a result, filing and sanding of your carbon fiber trunk in certain areas may be required. This is a normal product characteristic.

Safety first. For your protection, wear a mask and goggles.

Working with fiberglass and carbon fiber material may cause an allergic skin reaction. We recommend wearing a long sleeve shirt and pants when performing the installation.

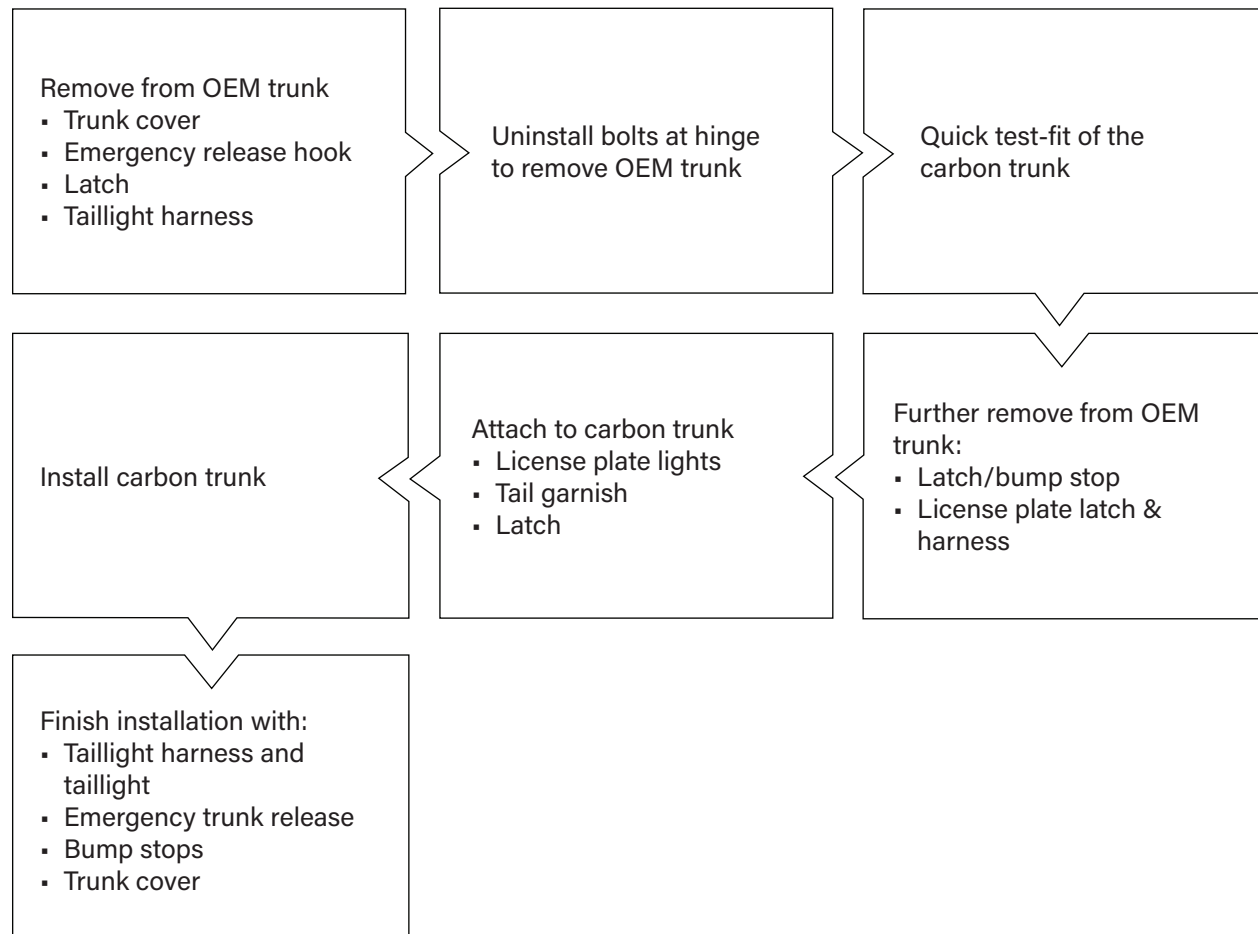
Tools recommended: Mask, goggles, dremel, dremel bit, a couple files, panel popper, pick, drill, step drill bit, ratchet, and flathead screwdriver.

For safety precautions, we recommend having at least one other person help with the installation.



If you are transferring your OEM spoiler or any other spoiler onto the carbon trunk, please refer to our rear spoiler installation guide.

Quick Overview



Step 1: Start by opening the trunk and remove the trunk cover clips and emergency release hook, if applicable. Place all clips/hardware into a small container so that you do not lose anything.



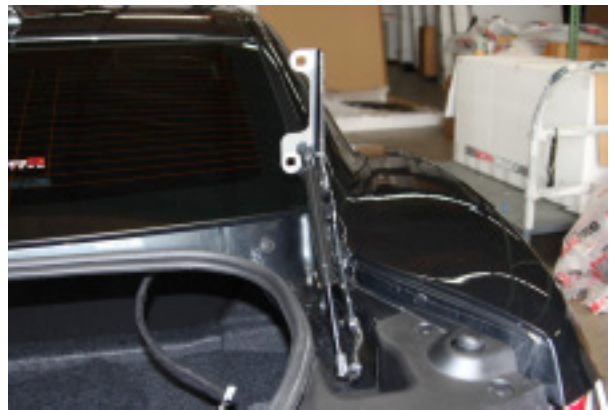
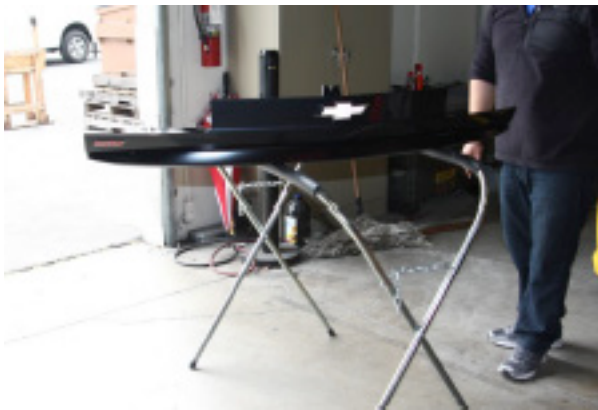
Step 2: Next, carefully remove the latch.



Step 3: Remove the trunk cover. After removing the trunk cover you should be able to see the taillight harness. Proceed to carefully detach the taillight harness/tail lights from the trunk. The tail light harness should be left attached to the car.



Step 4: Remove the OEM factory trunk by removing the bolts/nuts attaching it to the hinge. In some cases you will need to remove the trunk's shock to get to the hinge. (Note: you will need the help from a friend to hold the trunk while you are unbolting it.) Place the trunk where it will not get damaged.



Step 5: You should perform a quick test fit of the carbon fiber trunk. The Anderson Composites trunk should already be open and inspected for shipping damage upon delivery from the trucking company. Remove the wooden legs from the trunk. Place the trunk where it will be easy to work with.



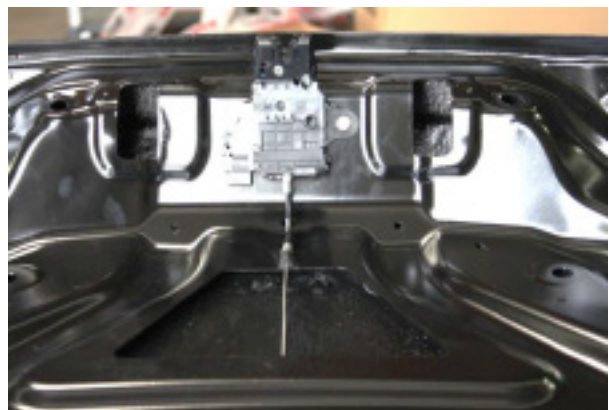
Step 6: Perform a quick test fit by bolting down the carbon trunk by the hinge. Put it in a closed position and visually inspect the overall shape. This is to ensure that the product you purchased is of the correct year and model to match your vehicle. Keep notice of the lines. Final adjustments can be done later.



Step 7: Go back to the OEM trunk. Carefully proceed to remove the trunk's latch and bump stops. If applicable, remove license plate lights and garnish.



Step 8: If applicable, install license plate lights and tail garnish onto the Anderson Composites trunk. (Note: light holes are intentionally made smaller than OEM trunk to ensure a snug fit. To resize, use a file.) Otherwise, proceed to install your OEM latch onto the carbon trunk using your OEM screws, clips, etc. In some cases it may be necessary to enlarge holes to ensure a snug fit.



Step 9: With the help from a friend, install the Anderson Composites trunk by reinstalling the bolts/nuts attaching it to the hinge (note: check for fitment and adjust the bolts/nuts and/or bump stops for proper fitment). The use and/or installation of shocks, dampers, struts, and springs that originally mounted to your trunk are strongly discouraged. Carbon products are lighter in weight so installing these items may prevent your trunk from closing and may cause product to crack due to pressure. Tip: use a lightweight prop to safely keep the trunk open during this process.



Step 10: With the Anderson Composites trunk installed, reinstall the tail light harness, emergency trunk release, bump stops, and if applicable, the tail lights.



Step 11: Reinstall the trunk cover, if applicable, and finish the emergency trunk release hook and latch if these weren't completely finished.



Step 12: Carefully close the trunk to check for fitment again. Do not slam it the way many people slam their OEM trunks, because you no longer have dampers, and slamming can cause damages. To ensure a perfect fit, several areas can be adjusted: latch, hinge, bump stops, and the striker. You may need to simultaneously adjust multiple areas in order to achieve the desired end results.



Step 13: Now the installation is completely finished, we recommend packaging your OEM trunk the same way the Anderson Composites trunk was packaged- this will help keep it safe.

Helpful Notes:

- * Some trunks may have additional lighting equipment attached to the trunk. Be sure to remove any and all wiring, harnesses, and lighting assembly and reattach them to the Anderson Composites trunk. Some installations may require you to transfer the OEM trunk garnish onto the carbon trunk. It all depends on preference.
- * To get the trunk to close properly, you can also adjust the striker. Depending on your vehicle, your striker may be adjusted in several directions. When in doubt, consult a professional installer.
- * By popular demand, Anderson Composites trunks do not always include a pre-drilled key hole. This is done to give you the option of no key hole. To create a keyhole, you may use a dremel and/or other tools, and you may need to create a bracket on the back of the trunk. Smoothen edges using a file or sandpaper.