

#73352 - HPI Savage Flux HP Center Skid Plate

Before You Begin: Take note of the contents in this package. You should have 1 - **RPM** Center Skid Plate, 1 - molded parts tree (containing 1 - Cross Bar and 1 - Mounting Tab) & 4 - M3 x 12 Flathead Screws. Carefully clip the mounting tab and cross bar off of the molded parts tree using a set of plastic cutters or a sharp hobby knife. Take a close look at the longer of the two parts (the cross bar). The side that most closely resembles a set of barbells is the side that will mount towards the skid plate. The "L" shaped ends will grab the slots in your chassis plates once the screws have been tightened. Now review the smaller of the two parts (the mounting tab). It is stepped with two screw holes. The **flat section** of the mounting tab will mount **away from the skid plate**, with the **stepped side** mounting **towards** the skid plate.

Assembly: Install the small, mounting tab using two of the included screws in the two holes closest to the **RPM** logo at the rear of the skid plate, leaving them loose for now. Make sure the **tab sticks out and away** from the skid plate (orient the part as mentioned above). That tab will slip underneath the stock HPI **rear skid plate**. Set the skid plate aside for now and look at the chassis of your truck (lay the truck on its side for this next series of steps). There are three triangular openings in the chassis near the bottom edge of the truck. You will want to use the 1st triangular hole, towards the front of the truck. Slip the cross bar through that triangular opening (you will most likely have to turn it 90 degrees to get it to slip through). Slide it all the way through until it is centered between the two chassis plates and rotate it so the barbell shape points towards the bottom of the truck. The "L" shaped edge should catch the chassis plates and stay in position while the rest of the cross bar will be hidden behind the chassis. Next, slip the mounting tab (bolted to the skid plate) under the lip of the stock HPI **rear skid plate**. Carefully align the edges of the skid plate with the edges of the chassis plates until everything lines up properly. Align the cross bar with the two front holes in the **RPM** skid plate and bolt it to the cross bar using the last two screws in the kit. Once the front end is tight, tighten the rear two screws, locking the skidplate in place.

Caution: Do not over tighten the screws! There aren't any forces that will affect the holding power of the screws while driving your truck so it is unnecessary to torque the screws in place. Thread the screws in until you just start to feel tension in the driver, then STOP. Stripped mounting brackets and tabs will not be covered under **RPM** warranty provisions. Over-tightening the screws can also bend or warp the center skid plate on the chassis plates.