

HPI Savage / Savage-X Center Skid Plate #82172, #82175, #82178, #82192, #82195 & #82198

Required Tools: A 2mm. hex driver will be necessary to assemble your **RPM** skid plate on to your Savage or Savage-X truck.

Before you Begin: Please note, we refer to the aluminum chassis side rails as "TVPs" throughout this instruction sheet. Take a moment to familiarize yourself with the parts supplied with your new **RPM** Savage or Savage-X Center Skid Plate. You should have one Center Skid Plate, two black molded Mounting Brackets, & four flathead screws. Carefully clip the two mounting brackets off of the plastic runner with plastic cutters or a sharp hobby knife. Take a good look at the two mounting brackets. The side of the mounting bracket that most closely resembles a set of barbells is the side that will mount against the skid plate. The "L" shaped ends will grab the slots in your TVPs once the screws have been tightened.

Installation: Please review the illustration on the backside of this instruction sheet. Lay your truck upside down on your workbench with the rear bumper towards you. Now place your **RPM** center skid plate on top of the chassis TVPs. The **RPM** logo should be right side up from your current position. This is how the skid plate should look once the skid plate is locked into place. Slide one of the **RPM** mounting brackets through one side of one of the TVPs until it extends all the way through to the other TVP (see illustration). The barbell side of the mounting bracket should slide up between the rails of the TVPs once the bracket is centered, leaving only a small portion of the "L" shaped end still showing from the side of the truck (the shaded areas of the mounting brackets in the illustration). Hold the mounting bracket in place with one finger while aligning the screw holes in the skid plate with the holes in the mounting bracket. Thread two of the supplied screws through the skid plate into the mounting bracket. **Do not tighten at this time.** Carefully slide the second mounting bracket through the TVPs at the second set of skid plate holes. Hold the second mounting bracket in place with one finger while aligning the skid plate with the holes in the bracket. Thread the last two screws through the skid plate, into the mounting bracket. Tighten the screws until the skid plate loosely fits against the chassis. Now move the skid plate front to back slightly until the angles of the skid plate match the angles of the chassis' TVPs. Finish tightening the screws.

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 will not be covered under **RPM** warranty provisions.

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Side View of Skid Plate Assembly

