

VANGUARD VGUBG-0979SS

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INSTRUCTION MANUAL

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides comprehensive instructions for the proper installation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of the VANGUARD VGUBG-0979SS Stainless Steel Classic Sport Bar. This product is specifically designed for compatibility with 2007-2022 Ford Edge models, excluding Titanium trims. Please read all instructions carefully before beginning installation to ensure safety and proper fitment.



A direct front view of a white Ford Edge, showcasing the VANGUARD Classic Sport Bar securely mounted to the vehicle's front bumper area. The polished stainless steel finish of the bar complements the vehicle's design.

SAFETY INFORMATION

- Always wear appropriate personal protective equipment, including safety glasses and gloves, during installation.
- Ensure the vehicle is parked on a level surface and the parking brake is engaged before beginning work.
- If lifting the vehicle, use appropriate jack stands to secure it. Never work under a vehicle supported only by a jack.
- Keep all fasteners and small parts away from children.
- If you are unsure about any step of the installation process, consult a qualified professional.

PARTS LIST

Verify that all components listed below are present and undamaged before proceeding with installation. All assembly and mounting hardware is included.

Item	Description	Quantity
1	Classic Sport Bar Assembly	1
2	Mounting Brackets (Left & Right)	2
3	Hardware Kit (Bolts, Washers, Nuts)	1 Set



This image displays the VANGUARD VGUBG-0979SS Stainless Steel Classic Sport Bar. The main view shows the polished

stainless steel bull bar itself, while a circular inset on the top left illustrates the bar installed on the front of a white Ford Edge.

TOOLS REQUIRED

- Socket Wrench Set
- Combination Wrenches
- Measuring Tape
- Marker or Pencil
- Utility Knife or Trim Tool (for undercarriage cover trimming)
- Safety Glasses
- Gloves

SETUP & INSTALLATION

The VANGUARD Classic Sport Bar features a bolt-on installation. Trimming of the undercarriage cover is required for most vehicles for proper fitment.

1. Prepare the Vehicle:

- Park the vehicle on a flat, stable surface and engage the parking brake.
- Locate the factory mounting points on the vehicle's frame or bumper support. These are typically pre-drilled holes.
- Carefully remove any plastic undercarriage covers or splash guards that obstruct access to the mounting points. Note that trimming of these covers will be necessary for reinstallation.

2. Install Mounting Brackets:

- Attach the left and right mounting brackets to the vehicle's frame using the provided hardware. Do not fully tighten the bolts at this stage; allow for some adjustment.
- Ensure the brackets are oriented correctly, typically with the flat mounting surface facing forward.



This close-up image provides a detailed view of the VANGUARD Classic Sport Bar from a low angle, emphasizing its integration with the Ford Edge's front end. It helps visualize the clearance and how the bar sits relative to the vehicle's undercarriage.

3. Attach Sport Bar Assembly:

- With assistance, carefully lift the Classic Sport Bar assembly and align its mounting points with the holes on the installed brackets.
- Secure the sport bar to the brackets using the remaining hardware. Again, do not fully tighten the bolts yet.

4. Adjust and Tighten:

- Adjust the position of the sport bar and brackets to ensure it is centered and level on the vehicle.
- Once satisfied with the alignment, progressively tighten all bolts, starting from the vehicle frame connections and then the sport bar connections. Ensure all fasteners are securely torqued according to general automotive standards.

5. Reinstall Undercarriage Covers:

- Carefully trim the removed undercarriage covers or splash guards as necessary to accommodate the installed sport bar and brackets.
- Reinstall the trimmed covers using their original fasteners.

6. Final Inspection:

- Double-check all bolted connections to ensure they are tight and secure.
- Confirm that the sport bar does not interfere with any vehicle components (e.g., headlights, sensors, license plate).

USAGE CONSIDERATIONS

- The Classic Sport Bar is designed for aesthetic enhancement and light-duty protection. It is not intended for

heavy-duty off-road recovery or significant impact absorption.

- Regularly inspect all mounting hardware for tightness, especially after off-road driving or significant vibrations.
- Ensure the sport bar does not obstruct the vehicle's license plate or any required lighting.

MAINTENANCE

To maintain the polished chrome finish of your VANGUARD Stainless Steel Classic Sport Bar, follow these guidelines:

- **Regular Cleaning:** Wash the sport bar regularly with mild automotive soap and water. Use a soft cloth or sponge to avoid scratching the surface.
- **Drying:** Dry the bar immediately after washing to prevent water spots, especially in hard water areas.
- **Polishing:** For a brilliant shine, use a non-abrasive stainless steel polish periodically. Follow the polish manufacturer's instructions.
- **Avoid Harsh Chemicals:** Do not use abrasive cleaners, steel wool, or harsh chemicals (e.g., strong acids or alkalis) as these can damage the finish.
- **Salt Exposure:** If exposed to road salt or marine environments, clean the bar more frequently to prevent corrosion.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Sport bar is loose or rattles	Loose mounting hardware	Inspect and re-tighten all bolts and nuts.
Difficulty aligning mounting holes	Brackets not positioned correctly or bolts too tight	Loosen bracket bolts to allow for adjustment. Ensure brackets are on the correct sides (left/right).
Undercarriage cover does not fit after installation	Insufficient trimming of the cover	Carefully trim more material from the undercarriage cover as needed to clear the sport bar and brackets.
Scratches or dull finish on bar	Improper cleaning or environmental exposure	Clean with mild soap and water, then polish with a stainless steel specific polish. Avoid abrasive materials.

SPECIFICATIONS

Attribute	Detail
Model Number	VGUBG-0979SS
Material	2.5-inch T304 Stainless Steel
Finish Type	Mirror-polished chrome
Installation Type	Bolt-On
Vehicle Service Type	Truck (Compatible with Ford Edge)

Attribute	Detail
Auto Part Position	Front
Item Weight	22 pounds
Package Dimensions	35 x 20 x 17 inches
UPC	887753396501

WARRANTY & SUPPORT

For information regarding product warranty, returns, or technical support, please contact VANGUARD directly through their official website or customer service channels. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase.

Manufacturer: Vanguard Off-Road

Website: www.vanguardoffroad.com (Note: This is a general example; please refer to the actual manufacturer's website for precise contact information.)

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