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HD Ridez Pocket Drop Steps Installation and User Manual

Model: Pocket Drop Steps | Brand: HD Ridez

Introduction

This manual provides detailed instructions for the installation, operation, and maintenance of your HD Ridez Pocket Drop Steps. Please read this manual thoroughly before installation and use to ensure proper function and safety. These steps are designed to provide convenient and secure access to your vehicle.

Product Features

- **Dual-Tier Step Design:** Two drop-down pocket steps for easy access at different heights.
- **Square Tube Body:** Robust stainless steel square tube construction for maximum durability.
- **Triple-Layer Protection:** Pre-treatment, anti-corrosion primer, and black powder-coated finish for superior resistance to the elements.
- **High Weight Capacity:** Precision engineered to support up to 500 lbs for reliable performance.

Vehicle Compatibility

These HD Ridez Pocket Drop Steps are compatible with the following vehicle models:

- Ram 1500: 2009-2018 Crew Cab models.
- Ram 2500/3500: 2010-2026 models (including Chassis Cab with Diesel models).
- Also compatible with 2019-2024 Ram 1500 Classic Body Style.



Image: Diagram illustrating compatible (Crew Cab) and incompatible (Regular Cab, Quad Cab) truck configurations.

Package Contents

Upon opening the package, verify that all components are present:

- One (1) Pair of Side Armors (Running Boards)
- One (1) Mounting Brackets Kit
- One (1) Instruction Manual (this document)



Image: A pair of HD Ridez Pocket Drop Steps, illustrating the main product components.

Safety Information

Always prioritize safety during installation and use. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in injury or damage to the product or vehicle.

- Ensure the vehicle is parked on a level surface with the parking brake engaged before beginning installation.

- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), such as gloves and eye protection.
- Do not exceed the maximum weight capacity of 500 lbs per side step.
- Periodically check all mounting hardware for tightness and re-tighten as necessary.
- Keep children and pets away from the work area during installation.

Setup and Installation

Installation typically requires basic hand tools and can take approximately 2 hours. It is recommended to lay out all parts and familiarize yourself with the components before starting.

Tools Required (Not Included):

- Socket Wrench Set
- Torque Wrench
- Measuring Tape
- Marker or Grease Pencil
- Cordless Impact Wrench (optional, for quicker installation)

Pre-Installation Steps:

1. Unpack all components and verify against the package contents list.
2. Identify the driver-side and passenger-side running boards and mounting brackets.
3. Clean the vehicle's mounting points to ensure a secure fit.

Installation Procedure:

1. Locate the factory mounting holes on your vehicle's frame. These steps are designed for a vehicle-specific fit.
2. Attach the mounting brackets to the vehicle frame using the provided hardware. Do not fully tighten bolts at this stage.
3. Carefully lift the running board onto the attached brackets. Align the holes on the running board with the holes on the brackets.
4. Secure the running board to the brackets using the remaining hardware. Again, do not fully tighten.
5. Adjust the position of the running board to ensure it is level and properly spaced from the vehicle body. If your vehicle has fender flares, you may need to slide the steps back slightly to clear them.
6. Once satisfied with the alignment, progressively tighten all bolts to the manufacturer's recommended torque specifications. **Important:** Do not over-tighten smaller bolts, as this can cause stripping.
7. Repeat the process for the opposite side of the vehicle.
8. After installation, perform a final check to ensure all hardware is securely tightened and the running boards are stable.



Image: HD Ridez Pocket Drop Steps installed on a white Ram truck, showing the overall appearance and fitment.



Image: Close-up view of the HD Ridez Pocket Drop Steps, highlighting the dual-tier design and textured surface for grip.

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Stainless steel Drop down Running Boards

Video: An overview of the HD Ridez running boards, demonstrating their design and appearance on a vehicle.

Operating Instructions

The HD Ridez Pocket Drop Steps are designed for straightforward use:

- Use the steps to safely enter and exit your vehicle. The dual-tier design provides options for different heights.
- Ensure your footwear has adequate grip, especially in wet or muddy conditions.
- Avoid jumping onto the steps or applying excessive force beyond the 500 lbs weight limit.



Image: A person demonstrating the use of the dual-tier step for easier vehicle entry.

Maintenance

Regular maintenance will prolong the life and appearance of your HD Ridez Pocket Drop Steps:

- **Cleaning:** Wash the steps regularly with mild soap and water. Avoid abrasive cleaners or harsh chemicals that could damage the powder-coated finish.
- **Inspection:** Periodically inspect the steps for any signs of damage, wear, or loose hardware. This is especially important after off-road use or exposure to harsh weather conditions.
- **Hardware Check:** Re-tighten all mounting bolts every few months or as needed to ensure they remain secure.
- **Corrosion Prevention:** The triple-layer protection (pre-treatment, anti-corrosion primer, black powder-coat) provides excellent resistance. However, promptly address any chips or scratches in the finish to prevent rust, especially in areas exposed to road salt or moisture.



Image: Close-up of the step surface, demonstrating its design for water drainage and grip.



Image: Cross-section diagram illustrating the triple-layer protection: stainless steel, pre-treatment, anti-corrosion primer, and powder coating.

Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution

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Steps feel loose or unstable after installation.	Mounting hardware not fully tightened.	Re-check and tighten all mounting bolts to the recommended torque specifications.
Difficulty aligning steps during installation.	Incorrect side (driver vs. passenger) or improper initial positioning.	Ensure you have the correct step for each side. Loosen all hardware, reposition the step, and then re-tighten. Verify vehicle compatibility.
Paint/coating flaking or chipping.	Impact damage, environmental exposure, or manufacturing defect.	Clean the affected area. For minor chips, touch-up paint can be used. For significant flaking, contact customer support for warranty options.
Steps interfere with fender flares.	Steps are positioned too far forward.	Loosen mounting hardware and slide the steps back a few inches to clear the fender flares, then re-tighten.

Specifications

Brand	HD Ridez
Model	Pocket Drop Steps
Material	Stainless Steel
Exterior Finish	Matte Black Powder Coated Finish
Color	Black
Item Dimensions (L x W x H)	87 x 6.5 x 6 inches
Item Weight	52.1 Pounds
Weight Limit	500 Pounds
Automotive Fit Type	Vehicle Specific Fit

Warranty

HD Ridez provides a **1 Year Warranty Against Manufacturer Defects** for this product. This warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship under normal use. It does not cover damage resulting from improper installation, accident, misuse, abuse, or normal wear and tear. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims.
For warranty service, please contact HD Ridez customer support.

Support

If you have any questions, require assistance with installation, or need to report a missing/damaged part, please contact HD Ridez customer support:

- **Customer Support:** Refer to the contact information provided with your purchase or visit the official HD Ridez website.
- **Online Resources:** Additional installation guides or FAQs may be available on the HD Ridez brand store on Amazon or

their official website.

Note: Some customer reviews mention that instructions could be improved, but the installation is manageable for those who are mechanically inclined. Laying out all parts before starting is highly recommended.

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