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## AutoBull ABSS-0002-FBA

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## 1. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

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The AutoBull Running Boards are designed to provide convenient and safe access to your Toyota Tacoma Double/Crew Cab. Constructed from durable carbon steel with a black powder-coated finish, these 6-inch wide side steps offer enhanced functionality, protection, and style for your vehicle. They feature a two-stairs design for easy entry and exit, and are built to withstand various weather conditions.



Figure 1.1: AutoBull Running Boards, a pair of side steps designed for vehicle access.

## 2. SAFETY INFORMATION

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Please read and understand all safety instructions before installation and use. Failure to follow these instructions may result in injury or damage to the product or vehicle.

- Ensure all mounting hardware is securely tightened after installation and periodically check for looseness.
- Do not exceed the maximum weight limit of 550 pounds per side step.
- Keep hands and feet clear of moving parts during installation.
- If you are unsure about any part of the installation process, seek professional assistance.

## 3. FITMENT AND COMPATIBILITY

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These running boards are custom-made for **2005-2023 Toyota Tacoma Double/Crew Cab 4 Full Doors only**. It is crucial to verify your vehicle's cab type before proceeding with installation to ensure proper fitment.



Figure 3.1: Visual representation of compatible Double Cab (Crew Cab) vehicle type. Not compatible with Super Cab/Extended Cab or Regular Car models.

Please note that product design updates may occur. The step pad pattern may vary between older and newer stock, as shown in Figure 3.2. This does not affect the product's functionality or fitment.



Figure 3.2: Illustration of potential product upgrade, showing variations in step pad design between old and new stock.

## 4. SETUP AND INSTALLATION

The installation process typically involves attaching mounting brackets to existing factory holes on your vehicle's frame, and then securing the running boards to these brackets. No drilling is usually required for most applications.

### 4.1. Package Contents

Before beginning, ensure all components are present:

- 2 x Running Boards (Left and Right)
- 6 x Mounting Brackets
- All necessary installation hardware (bolts, washers, nuts)

### 4.2. Recommended Tools

- Socket Wrench Set
- Torque Wrench (for proper tightening)
- Safety Glasses
- Gloves

### 4.3. Installation Steps (General Guide)

1. **Identify Mounting Locations:** Locate the pre-drilled mounting holes on your vehicle's frame, typically beneath the rocker panels.
2. **Attach Brackets:** Secure the mounting brackets to the vehicle's frame using the provided hardware. Ensure they are oriented correctly (front, middle, rear). Do not fully tighten bolts at this stage.
3. **Position Running Boards:** Carefully lift and align each running board with the attached brackets.
4. **Secure Running Boards:** Attach the running boards to the brackets using the remaining hardware. Again, do not fully tighten.
5. **Adjust and Align:** Adjust the position of the running boards to ensure they are level and properly aligned with the vehicle.
6. **Final Tightening:** Once satisfied with the alignment, progressively tighten all bolts to the manufacturer's recommended torque specifications. Start from the center and work outwards.

It is recommended to have a second person assist during installation to ensure proper alignment and safety.

## 5. OPERATING AND USAGE

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The AutoBull Running Boards are designed for daily use to facilitate easier entry and exit from your truck. The 6-inch drop design provides a comfortable and secure step, especially beneficial for children or elderly individuals.

- Always step onto the running board with caution, ensuring stable footing.
- The anti-slip step pads provide secure traction in various conditions.
- Avoid jumping onto the running boards or using them for purposes other than stepping into or out of the vehicle.



Figure 5.1: The 6-inch drop design provides an accessible step, supporting up to 550 lbs.

## 6. MAINTENANCE

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Regular maintenance will ensure the longevity and appearance of your running boards.

- **Cleaning:** Wash the running boards regularly with mild soap and water to remove dirt, mud, and road salt. Rinse thoroughly and dry to prevent water spots. Avoid abrasive cleaners or harsh chemicals that could damage the black powder-coated finish.
- **Inspection:** Periodically inspect all mounting bolts and hardware for tightness. Re-tighten any loose fasteners to prevent rattling or instability.
- **Corrosion Prevention:** The carbon steel construction with anti-rust E-coating and heavy texture finish is designed to resist corrosion. However, regular cleaning, especially after exposure to harsh elements like road salt, will further protect the finish.



Figure 6.1: The running boards feature a waterproof, anti-rust, and anti-slip step pad for enhanced durability and safety.



Figure 6.2: Detailed view of the carbon steel material with heavy texture finish and anti-rust E-coating for corrosion resistance.

## 7. TROUBLESHOOTING

This section addresses common issues you might encounter.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Running board feels loose or rattles	Loose mounting bolts or brackets.	Inspect all mounting hardware and re-tighten to specifications.
Unusual noise from running board	Loose hardware, debris trapped between board and frame.	Check and tighten all bolts. Clean any debris from around the running board and mounting points.
Surface scratches or minor rust spots	Impact from road debris, prolonged exposure to harsh elements without cleaning.	Clean the affected area. For minor scratches, touch-up paint designed for powder-coated surfaces may be used. For rust, clean thoroughly and apply a rust-inhibiting primer before painting.

## 8. SPECIFICATIONS

- **Brand:** AutoBull
- **Model:** ABSS-0002-FBA
- **Material:** Carbon Steel
- **Exterior Finish:** Black Powder Coated
- **Color:** Carbon Steel-black
- **Item Dimensions (L x W x H):** 84.51 x 14.57 x 6.5 inches
- **Product Size (Approximate):** 82.6 inches length, 6 inches wide, 6 inches drop
- **Item Weight:** 62.4 pounds
- **Weight Limit:** 550 Pounds (per side)
- **Vehicle Service Type:** 2005-2023 Toyota Tacoma Double/Crew Cab 4 Full Doors, Truck

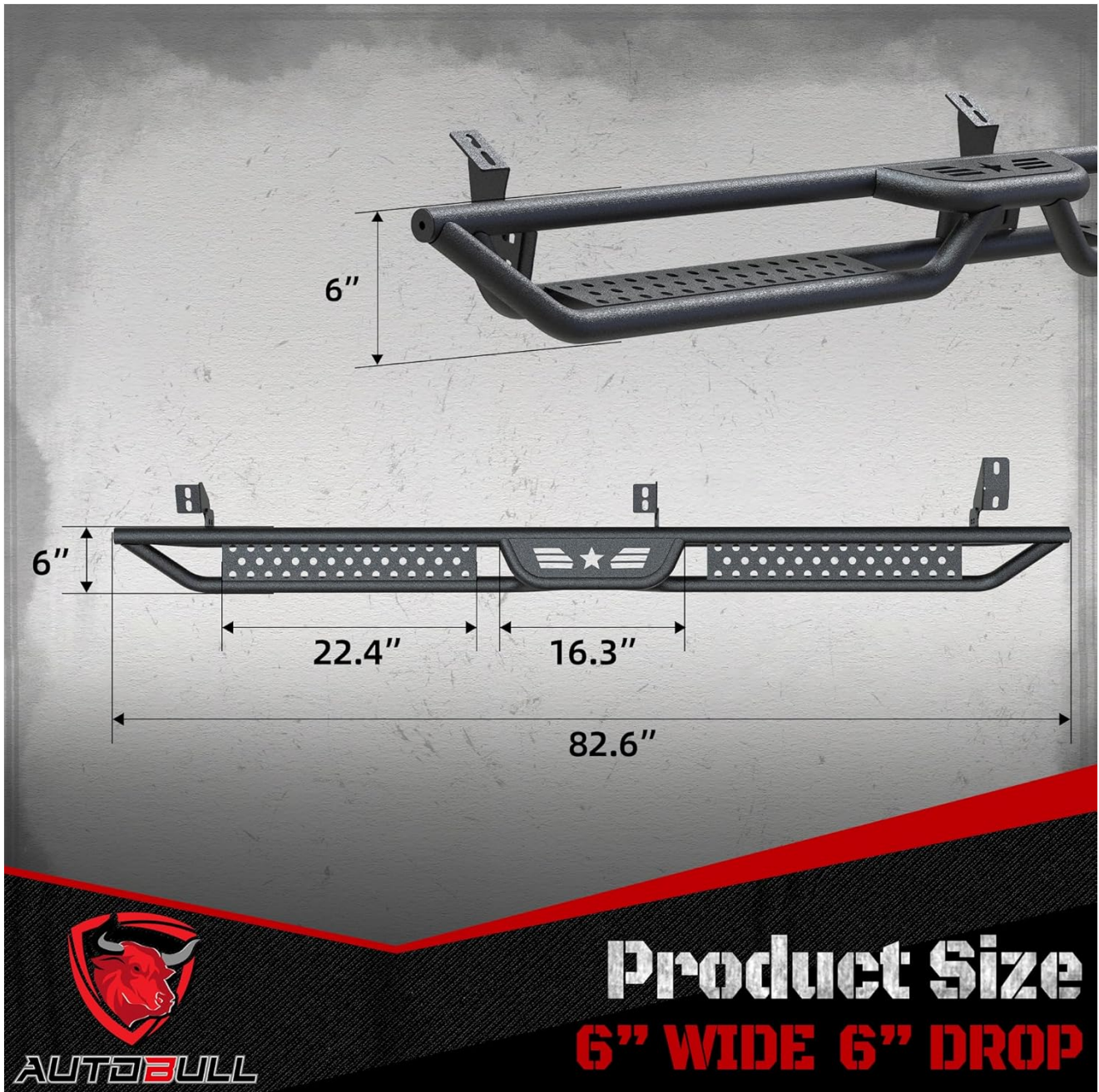


Figure 8.1: Product dimensions and drop design details.

## 9. WARRANTY INFORMATION

AutoBull running boards come with a **36-month warranty** from the date of purchase. This warranty covers manufacturing defects and material flaws under normal use. It does not cover damage resulting from improper installation, accidents, misuse, abuse, or

normal wear and tear.

For warranty claims, please retain your proof of purchase and contact customer support.

## **10. CUSTOMER SUPPORT**

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If you have any questions, concerns, or require assistance with your AutoBull Running Boards, please do not hesitate to contact our customer support team. For more information and to explore other AutoBull products, visit the official AutoBull Store on Amazon.

Please have your product model number (ABSS-0002-FBA) and purchase details ready when contacting support.