

ERKUL SPRING

ERKUL 5.2" Running Boards Instruction Manual

FOR SUBARU FORESTER (2014-2018)

Model: SPRING

1. Introduction

Thank you for choosing ERKUL 5.2" Running Boards. This manual provides essential information for the safe and correct installation, operation, and maintenance of your new running boards. Please read these instructions thoroughly before beginning installation to ensure proper fitment and functionality. These running boards are specifically designed for Subaru Forester models manufactured between 2014 and 2018.

2. Safety Information

- Always ensure the vehicle is on a stable, level surface before beginning any work.
- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment, including safety glasses and gloves.
- If your vehicle is lower to the ground, using a car lift and seeking professional support is recommended to ensure the best outcome.
- Do not exceed the maximum weight capacity of 350 lbs per step.
- Regularly inspect all mounting hardware for tightness and signs of wear or damage.

3. Package Contents

Verify that all components are present before starting the installation:

- Pair of Running Boards (2 units)
- Pair of Brackets (Specific to vehicle model)
- All Necessary Mounting Hardware (Bolts, nuts, washers)

If any parts are missing or damaged, please contact ERKUL customer support.

4. Installation Instructions

The ERKUL 5.2" Running Boards feature a no-drill installation process, utilizing existing factory mounting points on your Subaru Forester. The following steps provide a general overview. Refer to the detailed video instructions for visual guidance.

4.1. Preparation

1. Park your vehicle on a flat, stable surface and engage the parking brake.
2. Gather all tools required for installation (typically a wrench set).
3. Unpack all components and verify against the package contents list.

4.2. Bracket Installation

The installation process involves removing existing plastic covers or plugs from the vehicle's undercarriage and attaching the provided mounting brackets. The brackets are designed for specific positions (front, middle, rear) and sides (left, right).

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Video 1: Example installation of running board brackets on a Jeep Renegade. The general steps for removing plastic covers and attaching brackets may be similar for your Subaru Forester. Please note that specific mounting points and bracket designs may vary slightly by vehicle model.

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Video 2: Example installation of running board brackets on a Volvo XC90. This video demonstrates the process of securing brackets to the vehicle's frame. While the vehicle model differs, the fundamental principles of bracket attachment are often comparable.

1. Locate the factory mounting points along the vehicle's rocker panel. These are typically covered by plastic plugs or small access panels.
2. Remove any existing plastic plugs or covers from the mounting points using a screwdriver or appropriate tool.
3. Insert the provided bolts (e.g., M8 or M10) into the designated holes.
4. Attach the corresponding brackets (Front, Middle, Rear) to the bolts, ensuring correct orientation.
5. Secure the brackets loosely with washers and nuts, allowing for minor adjustments.

4.3. Running Board Attachment

1. Carefully lift the running board and align it with the installed brackets.
2. Attach the running board to the brackets using the remaining hardware.
3. Once all bolts are in place, tighten all hardware securely, starting from the center and working outwards. Ensure the running board is level and firmly attached.
4. Repeat the process for the other side of the vehicle.



Image 1: Erkul 5.2 inch Running Boards, silver, shown installed on a Subaru Forester. This image highlights the sleek design and integrated appearance of the running boards on the vehicle.

5. Operating Instructions

The running boards are designed to provide a stable step for easier entry and exit from your vehicle. Step onto the running board with caution, ensuring your foot is placed firmly on the anti-slip surface. The robust construction supports a weight capacity of up to 350 lbs per step.



Image 2: A close-up view of the running board's anti-slip surface and sturdy construction, emphasizing its functionality and aesthetic integration with the vehicle.

6. Maintenance

To ensure the longevity and appearance of your ERKUL running boards, follow these simple maintenance guidelines:

- **Cleaning:** Regularly clean the running boards with mild soap and water. Avoid abrasive cleaners or harsh chemicals that could damage the anodized eloxal finish.
- **Inspection:** Periodically check all mounting bolts and nuts to ensure they remain tight. Re-tighten if necessary. Inspect the running boards for any signs of damage, corrosion, or wear.
- **Winter Care:** In areas with heavy snow or ice, ensure snow and ice are cleared from the running boards to prevent accumulation and potential damage.

7. Troubleshooting

If you encounter any issues with your running boards, consider the following:

- **Loose Fit:** If the running boards feel loose, re-check and tighten all mounting hardware.
- **Unusual Noises:** Squeaking or rattling may indicate loose hardware. Inspect and tighten all connections.
- **Damage:** For significant damage due to impact or corrosion, replacement of the affected component or the entire running board set may be necessary.

For persistent issues or concerns, please contact ERKUL customer support.

8. Specifications

Feature	Detail
Brand	ERKUL
Model	SPRING
Item Weight	27 pounds
Package Dimensions	74 x 12 x 7 inches
Exterior Finish	Anodized Coating
Manufacturer Part Number	BR340213-MSM183G
Special Features	Anti Slippery
Color	Silver
Material	Aluminum, Plastic
Weight Capacity	350 lbs per step







9. Warranty and Support

ERKUL products are manufactured to high-quality standards. For specific warranty details, please refer to the warranty information provided with your purchase or visit the official ERKUL website. For any questions, technical assistance, or support, please contact ERKUL customer service through the retailer where the product was purchased or via the contact information available on the ERKUL AUTO store page.



Image 3: ERKUL AUTO brand logo, representing quality and reliability.

Related Documents - SPRING

	<p>Audi Q5 2008-2017 Running Boards Installation Guide - Erkul Auto</p> <p>Step-by-step installation guide for Erkul 5.2" Running Boards (Side Steps/Nerf Bars) for Audi Q5 models (2008-2017). Includes a detailed parts list with visual descriptions, installation steps, and quality assurance information.</p>
	<p>Erkul Running Boards Installation Guide for Audi Q3 (2019-2024)</p> <p>Detailed installation instructions for Erkul 5.2" Running Boards Wide Side Steps Nerf Bars on Audi Q3 models 2019-2024, including parts list and step-by-step guidance.</p>
	<p>Erkul Running Boards for Subaru XV 2012 - Installation Instructions</p> <p>Step-by-step instructions for installing Erkul running boards on a Subaru XV 2012 model. Includes details on front and rear bracket mounting.</p>
	<p>Erkul Running Boards Installation Guide for Jeep Cherokee 2014</p> <p>Detailed installation instructions for Erkul running boards on a 2014 Jeep Cherokee. Includes parts list and step-by-step visual guidance.</p>
	<p>ERKUL Running Boards Installation Guide for Chrysler Grand Cherokee 2011</p> <p>Installation guide for ERKUL running boards (side steps) for Chrysler Grand Cherokee 2011. Details parts and mounting steps for front and rear brackets.</p>
	<p>Toyota RAV-4 2013-2019 Skyport Roof Rail Installation Instructions</p> <p>Detailed instructions for installing the ERKUL Skyport Roof Rail system on a Toyota RAV-4 from 2013 to 2019. Includes a list of parts and step-by-step guidance.</p>