

Seibon Trunk Installation Guide

Important: professional installation by an experienced carbon fiber/fiberglass expert is **STRONGLY** recommended. Installation may require specialty tools and equipment. The following is only a guideline to an installation (not all installations are the same). These guidelines should NOT be used as an alternative to a professional installation. Note that carbon fiber products use resin, which may add thickness to the product. The fiberglass skeleton of these products also has a thickness. OEM trunks, on the other hand, are usually metal, and may be very thin in certain areas. Carbon fiber products are handmade using a different molding method than OEM trunks, and therefore, may not be able to achieve matching shapes during the production process. As a result, filing and sanding of your carbon fiber trunk in certain areas may be required. This is a normal product characteristic. When in doubt, you can always consult a professional installer.

Safety first. For your protection, wear a mask and goggles.

Working with fiberglass and carbon fiber material may cause an allergic skin reaction. We recommend wearing a long sleeve shirt and pants when performing the installation.

Tools recommended: Flathead screwdriver, a couple files, extension, and sockets (socket sizes vary by vehicle), mask, goggles.

For safety precautions, we recommend having at least one other person help with the installation.



If you are transferring your OEM spoiler or any other spoiler onto the carbon trunk, please refer to our rear spoiler installation guide.

The following components may not be present in all cars, and therefore, the installation sequence may be difference:

- Trunk liner
- Removable latch
- Taillight harness
- Trunk garnish
- License plate lights

Step 1: Start by opening the trunk. If applicable, remove the trunk cover. Otherwise, proceed to carefully detach the taillight harness/tail lights from the *trunk*. The tail light harness should be left attached to the *car*. Place all clips/hardware into a small container so that you do not lose anything. You will need these items later.



Step 2: If applicable, remove the trunk's tail garnish by pulling it. Proceed to carefully remove license plate lights.



Step 3: Remove the trunk's shocks. In our case we inserted a flathead screwdriver between the hinge and shock and then carefully pulled the clip and shock simultaneously.



Step 4: Remove the OEM factory trunk by removing the bolts/nuts attaching it to the hinge. (Note: you may need a partner to help hold the trunk while you are unbolting the trunk.) Place the trunk where it will not get damaged.



Step 5: The Seibon Carbon trunk should already be opened and inspected for shipping damages upon delivery from the shipping company. Place the Seibon Carbon trunk where it will be easy to work with. If applicable, remove the carbon trunk's garnish so that you are able to install license plate lights.



Step 6: With the help of a partner, perform a quick installation to visually inspect how the trunk will fit on the car. Attach the hinges, and carefully close the trunk. Make sure that the overall body lines are smooth.



Step 7: Carefully remove the trunk. If applicable, install license plate lights onto the carbon trunk. (Note: light holes are intentionally made smaller than OEM to ensure a snug fit. To resize, use a file.)





Step 8: Proceed to make a key hole (this is optional.) By popular demand, Seibon Carbon trunks do not always include a punctured key hole. This is done to give you the option of no key hole. In this case, we decided we wanted a key hole. Our key hole was located in the tail garnish (its location on your trunk may be different.) Use a dremel to puncture through the key hole. Smoothen edges using a file or sandpaper. We colored the key hole's edges with touch-up paint to match the carbon.



Step 9: Reinstall OEM trunk closing mechanisms using your OEM screws, clips, etc. (the ones you removed in Step 1.)



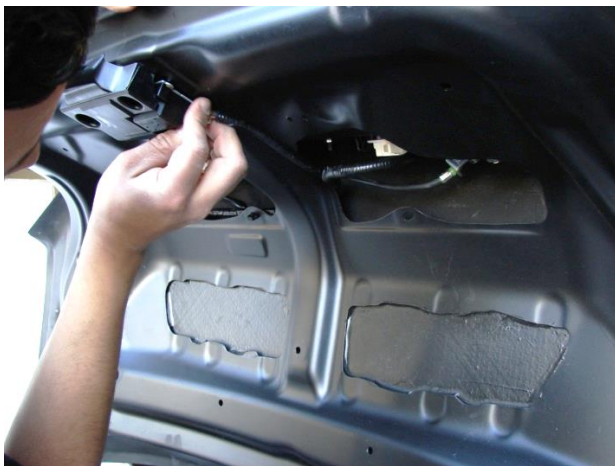
Step 10: If applicable, reinstall tail garnish by carefully pushing the garnish into the trunk. Be sure to screw garnish on securely.



Step 11: With the help from a friend, install the Seibon Carbon trunk by reinstalling the bolts/nuts attaching it to the hinge (note: check for fitment and adjust the bolts/nuts and/or bumpstops for proper fitment). The use and/or installation of shocks, dampers, struts, and springs that originally mounted to your trunk are strongly discouraged. Carbon products are lighter in weight so installing these items may prevent your trunk from closing properly and may cause the product to crack due to pressure. Your best bet would be to use a trunk prop or to make a kick stand similar to what older vehicles use.



Step 12: With the Seibon Carbon trunk installed, reinstall the tail light harness. At this point, you can reinstall your trunk cover (if applicable).



Step 13: Installation is complete. Proceed to carefully close the trunk to check for fitment. Keep in mind that the struts/shocks have been removed. Therefore, do not slam the trunk, because doing so may cause damages.



Step 14: We recommend packaging your OEM trunk the same way the Seibon Carbon trunk was packaged- this will help keep it safe.



Notes:

*Some trunks may have additional lighting equipment attached to the trunk. Be sure to remove any and all wiring, harnesses, and light assembly and reattach them to the Seibon Carbon trunk.

** Carbon trunks are lighter than OEM. If the trunk doesn't seem to close completely, lowering the striker may solve the problem. The pictures below show the striker's location (left image is a zoomed out view).

