The pad you have purchased was made in the USA by craftsmen that honestly care about their end product, and the quality within. Each pad is formed, poured, trimmed and packaged in Oregon at our small manufacturing facility. We have attempted to provide you with a functional and cosmetically beautiful product for your automobile that you can be proud of. We hope you have years of satisfaction knowing that the pad you have purchased was made in America, Crafted by American Labor to fit your American Vehicle.

Since you have invested a great amount of your hard earned dollars to purchase this product we would like to provide you with some information to help you in the process you are about to attempt. We have provided you with the finest fitting product for your vehicle available on the market today. Your new dash pad has been hand trimmed to an oversize state on a check fixture that was created from a factory stamped article. This fixture requires a great amount of time and resources to complete but also ensures proper fitment of our product before it leaves our facility.

We also realize that every dash pad our customers receive will require some custom trim during installation to ensure the best end result. The install you are about to undertake is very difficult for some individuals and that is why we strongly recommend that if you are not highly experienced in soft trim installation, DO NOT PROCEED. We suggest that you seek a professional to complete this install for you if you have any doubts of your talents regarding this install. As we stated before, we are very glad you purchased our product, but we are not overly anxious to sell you a replacement because you destroyed this new pad during the install. Please consider your skill level before proceeding. Once you cut, trim, mark or otherwise alter this pad you will not be allowed credit and or return.

If you have decided to proceed we suggest the following:

**Preparation:**

Although removal of windshield glass is not necessary it is always easier for the installer if the glass is removed thus allowing you easier access to your work area.

Prior to attempting installation of your new dash pad the following needs to be accomplished.

1. Remove the three lower inside windshield garnish moldings.
2. Remove the two inside A pillar moldings.
3. Loosen the instrument cluster and allow the cluster to slide down and outwards approximately 2”.
4. Remove the speaker grille and speaker assembly.
5. Clean the entire surface of the metal dash. Remove any old adhesive, foam, or foreign material that may interfere with the installation.
6. Your dash pad was shipped to you with extra vinyl and foam intact in the area that fits behind the instrument cluster. We have done this intentionally to help stabilize the pad during shipment. Using extreme caution, trim the foam and vinyl from the dash instrument area. Examine your old stock dash pad to be sure you are trimming the correct area. The best results will be obtained by trimming approx. 1” below the finished trim line (this would be below the inside corner). The best install is achieved by removing the foam from the back of the extra vinyl. This will allow the vinyl to fold inward towards the front of the vehicle when the instrument cluster is installed later in the process.

**Installation:**

Your new dash pad is delivered with nine lower studs preinstalled. These stainless steel studs have replaced the factory clips for ease of install and durability. You will notice that the driver’s side of the pad has two studs attached. Only one of these studs will be used for attachment to the vehicle. The other is there for manufacturing purposes only. You do not need to remove the extra stud, simply do not install a nut on the extra during the install. Some customers do not use adhesives on this dash pad however we recommend that a slow set adhesive be used along the perimeter of the defroster ports and the very forward edges of the pad near the windshield. These areas if not secured with adhesive tend to shrink rearward towards the center of the pad over time. The lower studs/nuts, windshield garnish moldings, A pillar
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moldings, speaker grille, defroster trim bezels, and instrument cluster will provide very adequate additional securing points for the dash pad if properly installed. It is important that all attaching points are secured to prevent movement of your dash pad in the future. Remember your pad is PVC vinyl, and flexible foam. As a secured unit it is very stable, but left unsecured, or improperly installed, it will morph into something very ugly.

1. Slide the dash pad onto the metal dash surface working slowly to fit the edges of the dash between the instrument cluster and the metal dash. Pay attention to the ends of the dash pad. These ends will fit between the wind lace and the metal dash and will be secured later in the process. Excess material has been provided for minimal trimming in this area towards the end of our installation. The dash pad should slide approximately .375" behind the wind lace.
2. Apply forward pressure on the dash pad to keep the pad tight against the metal dash surface. This is very important for successful installation. Do not force your pad so hard as to tear the ends of the vinyl. If you are installing the pad in the proper environment of approximately 70 to 80 degrees you should have no issues. Allow your pad and vehicle to adjust to the temperature suggested for a few hours. This allows your pad to flex and expand with gentle pressure.
3. The preinstalled studs on the lower edge of your dash will align exactly to your vehicle. Initially rotate the pad downward to engage the studs into the slots, and then press the pad forward on the metal frame.
4. Position the speaker and speaker grille into the dash pad remembering to keep pressure forward on the pad.
5. Now is the time to visually inspect your pad for fitment. If you decide that a slight removal of the foam would allow the pad to fit your vehicle better, now is the time to adjust for perfect fit. Be very careful not to remove more foam that absolutely needed. Also the forward edge of the pad will probably need to be trimmed to clear the windshield glass at this time.
6. Once preferred fit is achieved it is time to apply adhesive. Remember you will get one, and usually only one, opportunity to install when adhesive is applied. Apply adhesive to the perimeter of the defroster ports and the forward edge of the pad. Some installers suggest random adhesive be applied to the general areas to keep the pad from creeping later in its life. This is your decision.
7. Install the long lower windshield garnish moldings using the three, 1.25” screws first then secure the outer end with the 2” screws. Next install the center garnish clip with 1.25” screw.
8. Install the A pillar moldings using two .75” screw on; the main body and 1.25” screw on the top inboard mounting hole.
9. Push the instrument cluster up and forward into position. Use a punch or awl to align the top mounting holes and fasten loosely with 1.25” screws. Align the lower mounting holes and fasten with .75” screws. Finally tighten the top and the bottom screws.
10. Now it is time to tighten the bolts holding the speaker and speaker grille. Use caution not to over tighten these. Use only enough force to align the speaker grille with the top surface of the dash pad. It is important to know that if you are installing this pad in a car that has never had a pad installed you may need to find a speaker grille for a padded dash install. The grilles on padded and non-padded cars are not the same. Yours may fit your application but there is a difference in the mounting studs.
11. Finally it is time to adjust the end flaps of the dash pad. Secure behind the wind lace. Each vehicle will fit differently in this area so minimal trimming may be required to allow fitment.
12. Lastly secure your dash pad on the lower edge with the stainless washers and nuts supplies.

Congratulations, you have completed the installation of your new dash pad! You should have a beautiful dash pad now installed in your vehicle. We hope that you enjoy the view each time you get behind the wheel. Thank you again for purchasing our product.