

KBD Body Kits - Mitsubishi Eclipse 1995-1999 (Eagle Talon 1995-1998) Blits Style Front Bumper, Rear Bumper and Side Skirts Installation Instructions

\*NOTE: 95-96 Models will need 97-99 headlights for correct front bumper installation.

It is important that the kit be fit before painting to ensure correct fitment!

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Tools Needed: 10mm ratchet, 6' extension, wobby attachment, Philips head screwdriver, trim removal tool or flat blade screwdriver, step drill bit with drill, white or silver marker/pencil, 12mm socket, 14mm socket.

Optional: Self tapping screws, body side trim tape, panel bonding adhesive.

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**SIDE SKIRT REMOVAL for GS, GST, and GSX models:**

-Remove the 10mm bolts that hold the front side skirt pieces to the front fenders. Depending on the production date of your car, there may be a couple bolts on the rear of the side skirt (attached to the rear quarter panels). There may also be mud flaps on your car; these need to be removed before installing your KBD kit.

-Underneath the rocker panel and fender side skirts you will see many Philips head screws holding the bottom of the skirts to the body. Remove all screws.

-Pull the skirts outward from the body, until you hear the plastic clips start to come free. There are several clips on the rocker panel covers, a few on the lower front fender pieces, and several on the lower door caps. Remove all 6 pieces.



\*Please note: it is left to your discretion how you fill the holes left behind by the OEM side skirts. Failure to plug the holes could lead to corrosion and nonideal appearance on the lower doors.

## **KBD SIDE SKIRT INSTALLATION:**

-With a friend, place your KBD side skirts on your Eclipse using tape or clamps to hold them in place until the desired location is determined.

-Secure your KBD side skirts to your car with the bonding method of your choosing (panel bonding adhesive, screws, or body trim double sided tape) on the locations marked below.



-Mark, drill, and secure the front and rear of the side skirt to the front (rear side) inner fender and rear quarter panel with the OEM Philips head screws, bolts, or self-tapping screws.

\*Please note: the rear 'scoop' on the skirt can be trimmed as you wish with mesh or other materials of your choosing for a finished look.



### **REAR BUMPER REMOVAL:**

-Remove the panels in the trunk behind the rear seats, which are secured with either screws or plastic clips. Remove the left and right trims, trunk carpet, and panel on the rear that the trunk lock goes through.

-Remove your taillights and center 'Eclipse' panel by removing all 10mm nuts. Disconnect electrical connectors and set all lights aside. Remove the center 'Eclipse panel', then remove the taillights to avoid breaking clips.

-Remove your rear lower splash shields, which are accessed in your rear fender wells. These secure to the rear of your bumper cover to the body and are held on by plastic clips and 10mm bolts. Set aside. This may be made easier by removing your rear wheels.

-Remove the two 10mm bolts that hold the center lower back side of the bumper cover to the car.



-Remove the 10mm bolts holding the rear bumper cover supports in place, which are accessed from the inside of the trunk.



-Remove the 10mm bolt holding the front upper side of the bumper cover, which is accessed from the fender well.



-Remove the eleven 10mm bolts holding the upper portion of your bumper cover to the car, from the taillight area. Set the three metal strips aside.

-Remove the three 10mm bolts behind the license plate securing the bumper cover to the car.

-Double check for any bolts holding the bumper cover to the car, then slide the bumper rearwards until you can access the electrical connector for the reverse lights and license plate lights. Disconnect, then set your bumper aside.

-Remove the upper 'L' shaped metal brackets from your OEM rear bumper cover, as they will be re-used.

### **REAR BUMPER COVER INSTALL:**

-With a friend, test fit your new KBD bumper cover. You may have to remove the white foam impact absorber to get the bumper cover to sit correctly.

-Hold the bumper cover to the correct position. When it is correct, locate the white plastic clip that holds the bolt. This holds the upper side portion of your bumper to the car. Mark its location on your new KBD bumper cover.



-Drill a hole on the top of the bumper cover for the bolt to go through, then secure both sides to the car with the 10mm bolts. A long extension and wobby work well here.

-Test fit your taillights to ensure the bumper is sitting correctly and adjust as needed.

-Remove the bumper, and, using your OEM steel rear side bumper cover supports, mark the two remaining holes needed using the 10mm hole you have already drilled as a guide. You will need to drill the rearmost bolt hole a bit bigger as the protruding piece goes through the bumper (alternatively you can grind this flat). Once these 'L' shaped brackets are in the correct position, reinstall the rear bumper

cover with the 10mm bolts.



\*Please note: you may need to trim the 'L' shaped brackets to fit into the area on the rear of your KBD body kit, which can be done with metal shears.

-Locate and mark the correct positions on the eleven bolt holes that hold the upper of your bumper cover in place (in the taillight area). Drill holes and secure with the OEM 10mm bolts and metal strips.



\*Please note: you may need to trim the OEM metal brackets to fit into the tail light area with your KBD body kit (which can be done with metal shears).

-If desired, reinstall the OEM rear splash shields. One or two self-tapping screws drilled through your bumper cover into the splash shields will give the bumper side to side stability.

\*Please note: installation of your license plate lights can be done at your discretion by cutting through the bumper. Check with your state regulations and requirements.

## FRONT BUMPER COVER REMOVAL:



-Jack your car up and put the front of the car on jack stands. Remove your front wheels.

-Remove your front inner wheel well splash aprons on each side, which are held on by 10mm bolts and plastic clips.

-If equipped, remove the skid plate from your car. This will be held on with clips, Philips head screws, and/or 10mm bolts.

-Remove the plastic screws or clips holding the bottom of the bumper to the lower radiator support.



-Remove the two 10mm bolts on each side of the bumper as shown. These hold the sides of your front bumper cover to your front fenders and are accessed from the fender well.



-Remove the side marker light electrical connections.

-Locate the four 14MM bolts holding your front bumper to the front of your car, which are recessed in the front frame rails (two on each side). Using a long extension, remove the bolts.



-Slide your front bumper cover out away from the body and set it aside.

-Remove the OEM air shield/deflector that goes under your bumper cover by removing all the plastic screws/clips.



### **FRONT BUMPER COVER INSTALL:**

-With a friend, set your new KBD front bumper on the car, positioning it so the center headlight spacing is correct.



\*Please note: You may have to remove the white foam impact absorber to get the bumper cover to sit correctly.

-With a marker, mark the location of your rearmost bolt hole that secures the side of the bumper cover to the car.



-Drill a hole for the OEM 10mm bolt on your bumper cover, and secure the sides of the bumper to the car on both sides with the bolt.

-Locate and drill holes for the bracket at top of your bumper cover, and secure with the OEM 10mm bolts. Two (at first) will hold it in place, and the rest can be drilled later.



-Remove the bumper cover.

-Place the OEM side bumper cover brackets (as they were on the old bumper) on your new bumper cover with the 10mm bolt you already drilled a hole for (while holding it). Locate the other 10mm hole on the bracket (as shown), then mark it on the bumper cover and drill the hole for the other 10mm nearest to the wheel.



-Reinstall the bumper cover with all four side 10mm bolts and the OEM brackets.

- Locate and drill the rest of the holes for the top of your bumper cover under the front of the hood.  
Using the OEM metal bracket, secure all bolts.

\*Please note: you may need to trim the metal shaped brackets to fit with your KBD body kit (which can be done with metal shears).



**Now, stand back and enjoy the cool look of your new KBD Body Kit! The pieces can now be prepped and painted as you wish.**

**Thank you for shopping KBD Body Kits!**

