**How To: Install a Front Parking Plate**

**Step 1: Find out what bracket you need for your make and model**

* <https://www.autozone.com/parts> will tell you what type of bracket you need for your vehicle

**Step 2: Decide how you want to mount your plate**

* Depending on the make and model of your vehicle, you may have options about how to mount your plate
  + **Method 1:** You may already have a bracket on the front of your car!
  + **Method 2:** Adhesive Mounting
  + **Method 3:** Tow Hook Bracket
  + **Method 4:** Drilling Holes

**Method 1: Existing Brackets**

Some vehicles already have an existing place on the front for a parking plate

* Locate the screws at the corners of the plate and turn them counter clockwise with a screw driver. If there was already a plate in the bracket, this will cause the plate to come off
* If your vehicle is new, screws may be in the glove compartment
* If you need screws, the following auto part shops in Flagstaff have screws available for sale
* Place the plate into the bracket with the holes in all four corners aligned
* Insert the screws into the bracket (and frame, if applicable). Tighten by turning the screws clockwise with a screw driver

**Method 2: Adhesive Mounting**

Check with an automotive store to see if your vehicle is able to use an adhesive mount

* Purchase a bracket that fits your make and model (these can be found at the automotive stores listed below)
  + Check your vehicle’s manual for specific instructions
    - Some vehicles may attach to the front face of the bumper, while others may stick to indentations or gaps in the bumper
* Clean the mount of your vehicle with alcohol wipes and wait for it to dry before adhering the bracket
  + If the vehicle is not clean or dry, the bracket may not stay adhered
* Test the fit without removing the protective film
  + Place the bracket onto the mounting site to ensure that it fits your vehicle
  + If the bracket does not line up with your car’s bumper, you may have bought the wrong type of bracket for your make and model
* Remove the protective film and press the bracket onto the bumper
  + Try to be precise when you mount the bracket. Once the bracket is mounted, it is unable to be removed
* Screw the plate onto the bracket using **method 1**

**Method 3: Tow Hook Bracket**

Some vehicles have Tow Hooks on the front bumper; these are usually covered by plastic panel

Make sure you have a tow hook anchor before purchasing a two hook parking plate bracket kit (these kits can be found at the automotive stores listed below)

* Locate and remove the plastic panel that covers the tow hook anchor
  + Many models have a plastic plate in front of the bumper that can be popped out by pressing on the panel
* Screw in the tow hook stud
  + Grab the hook stud included in your kit and insert the threaded end into the anchor slot. Turn it clockwise until it is tight
* Align the hole in the bracket plate with the hole in the tow hook stud. Your kit should include a bolt that fits through the holes. Drive the bolt through the holes to attach the bracket to the tow hook stud. Turn the bolt with your fingers, then use a ratchet to finish tightening it
* Align the holes on the parking plate with the holes on the bracket and screw the plate onto the bracket using **method 1**

**Method 4: Drilling Holes**

Check if your bumper is fiberglass or metal. Drilling into metal is more complicated than drilling into fiberglass. If your bumper is metal, you will need to take a few more steps and use special tools, such as a center punch, a countersink bit, and safety glasses

* Align the plate, or plate bracket, with the center of your bumper. Using measuring tape to find the center of your bumper, mark the center with tape or a felt-tip pen
* Make guide marks through the holes in the bracket by holding your plate over the bumper’s center point and locating the pre-drilled holes.
* Drill shallow pilot holes into the bumper using a power drill. These holes should only be about 1/8th of an inch deep.
  + If your pumper is chrome, you will need to use a center punch before drilling
* Mount the bracket onto the bumper by lining up the holes using **method 1**

**AutoZone Auto Parts**

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**Cost Estimates:**

The cost of mounting a plate depends on the make and model of the vehicle, as well as whether or not the vehicle already has a bracket

**If the car already has a bracket**- $5-10

If the vehicle already has a bracket, screws are needed in order to mount the plate

**If the car does not already have a bracket**- $20-$30

If the vehicle does not already have a bracket, the cost can vary $20-$30 in order to buy a mounting kit

Kits can be found at any of the above auto motive parts or online