



BMW E70 X5 Overland Roof Rack
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Skill Level
2 - Moderate
Some Experience
Recommended



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INSTALLATION NOTES

- **RH** refers to the *passenger side* of the vehicle.
- **LH** refers to the *driver side* of the vehicle.
- Always use the proper torque specifications.
- If applicable to this installation, torque specifications will be listed throughout the document and at the end as well.
- Please read all of these instructions and familiarize yourself with the complete process **BEFORE** you begin.

GENERAL PREPARATION AND SAFETY INFORMATION

ECS Tuning cares about your health and safety, please read the following safety information. This information pertains to automotive service in general, and while it may not pertain to every job you do, please remember and share these important safety tips.

- Park your car in a safe, well lit, level area.
- Shut the engine off and remove the key from the ignition switch.
- Make sure any remote start devices are properly disabled.
- **ALWAYS** wear safety glasses.
- Make sure the parking brake is applied until the vehicle is safely lifted and supported.
- Whether lifting a vehicle using an automotive lift or a hydraulic jack, be sure and utilize the factory specified lift points.
- Lifting a vehicle in an incorrect location can cause damage to the suspension/running gear.
- **ALWAYS** support the vehicle with jack stands.
- **ALWAYS** read and follow all safety information and warnings for the equipment you are using.



NEVER get underneath a vehicle that is supported only by a jack, and **ALWAYS** make sure that the vehicle is securely supported on jack stands.

REMOVING THE STOCK ROOF RAILS

Step 1: T20 Torx Socket & Ratchet

Open the sunroof (if equipped) then remove the overhead console, rear view mirror, sun visors, grab handles, A pillars, B pillars, C pillars, and D pillars as shown.



Step 2: T15 Torx Socket & Ratchet

Remove the four screws (arrows) that secure the headliner to the front of the sunroof frame (if equipped).



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Step 3: T20 Torx Socket & Ratchet

Remove the two screws (arrows in inset photo) that secure the headliner to the overhead console area, then carefully pull down to free the headliner clips from the perimeter of the sunroof (if equipped).



Step 4:

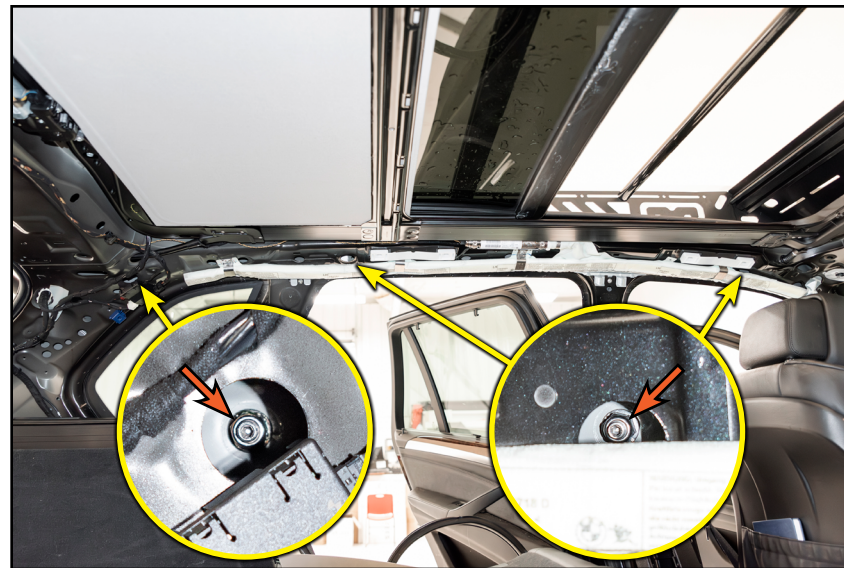
Carefully remove the headliner from the vehicle and set it aside.



REMOVING THE STOCK ROOF RAILS

Step 5: 13mm Socket & Ratchet

Locate and remove the three nuts (arrows in inset photos) that secure each roof rail to the vehicle.



Step 6:

Lift up on the roof rails and remove them from the vehicle then remove the gaskets and clean the area.



INSTALLING THE NEW ROOF RACK

Step 1: 4mm Hex (Allen) Socket & Ratchet

Lay out the roof rack spacers and identify where each gasket goes using the attached labels and the photo on the right. Apply a drop of blue threadlocker to the provided studs, then thread one of the studs into underside of each spacer as shown, tightening until snug. Slide a corresponding gasket (highlighted in **GREEN**) onto the underside of each spacer as shown.

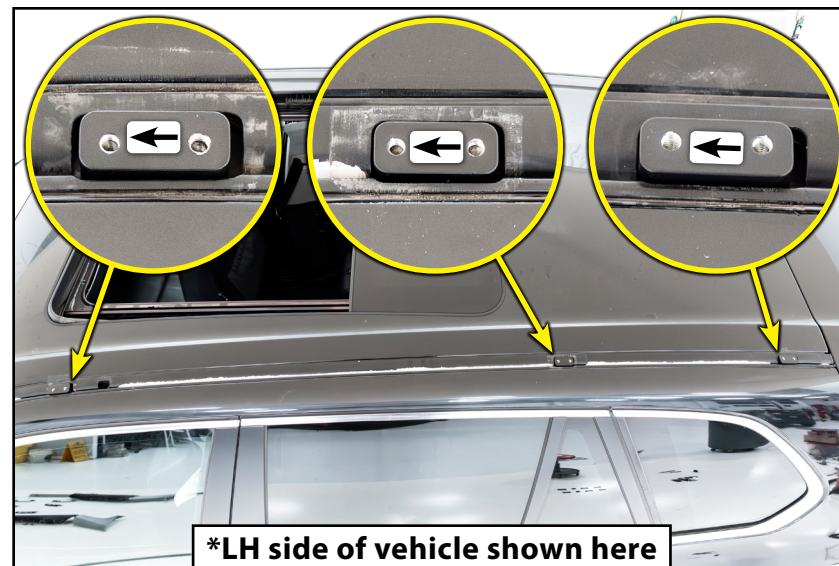
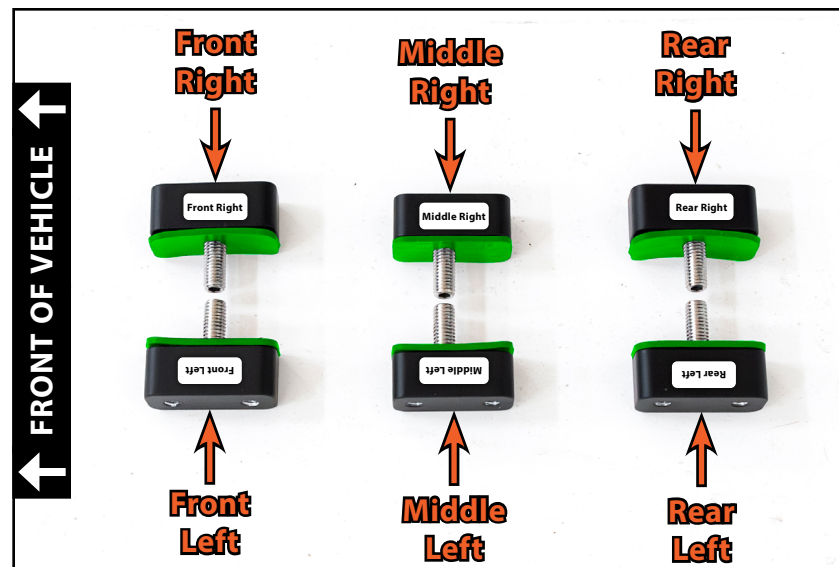


NOTE

Each gasket is offset slightly to match the different offsets of the studs on the spacers, closely inspect each spacer to ensure that the appropriate gasket has been installed, and rotate or flip the gaskets as needed to ensure proper alignment with the bottom face of the spacer.

Step 2: 13mm Socket & Ratchet

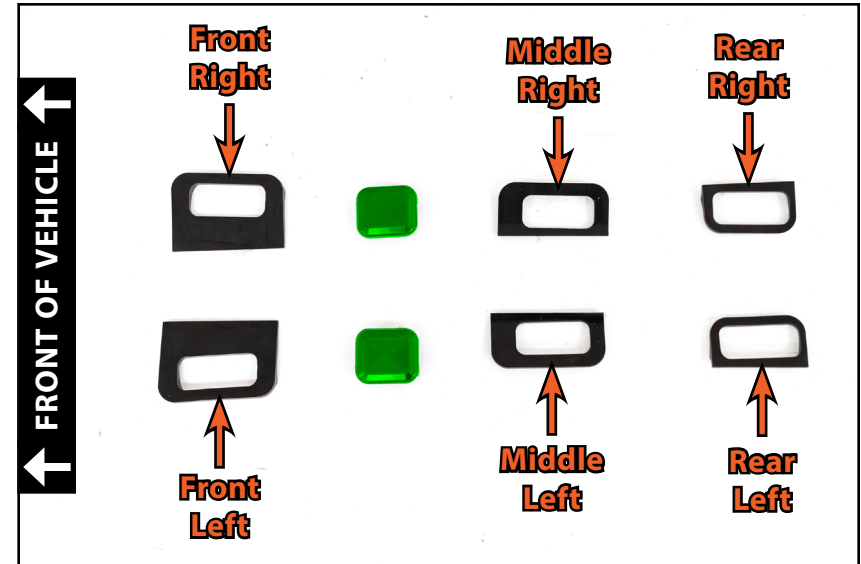
Install the spacers into the corresponding locations on the vehicle as shown, ensuring the arrows on the labels face towards the front of vehicle as shown. Secure the brackets to the vehicle from the inside using the provided M6 nuts, leaving them loose enough to allow for adjustment. Completely remove the labels to ensure access to the mounting holes.



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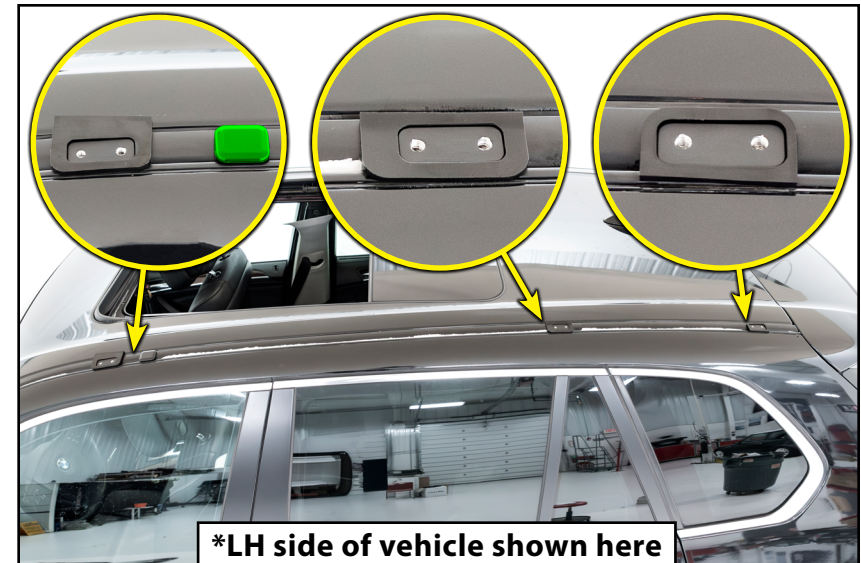
Step 3:

Lay out the gaskets and plugs (highlighted in **GREEN**) and identify where each one goes using the photo on the right.



Step 4:

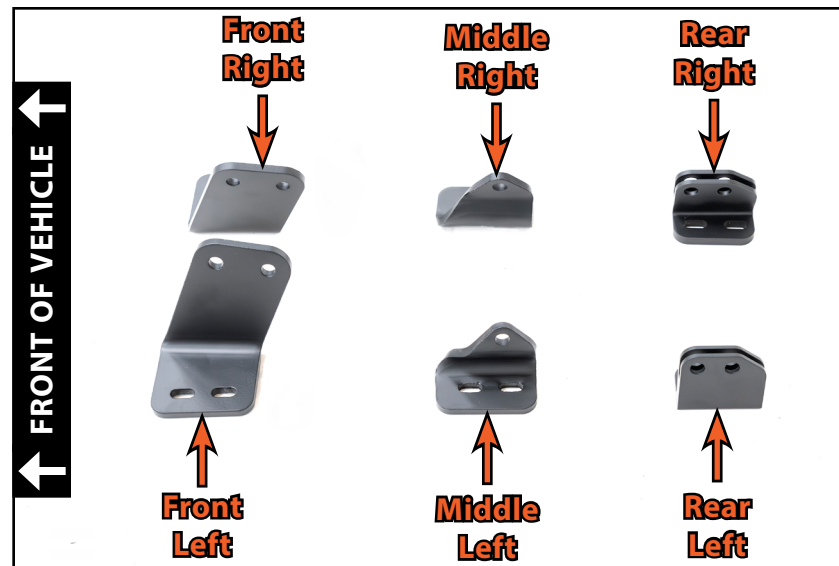
Install the rubber gaskets onto the spacers in the corresponding locations on the vehicle as shown. Install the plugs (highlighted in **GREEN**) into the square opening on either side of the roof as shown.



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Step 5:

Lay out the roof rack brackets and identify where each bracket goes using the photo on the right.



Step 6: 10mm Wrench, 10mm Socket & Ratchet

Install the roof rack brackets in the orientation shown using the provided M6 x 30mm bolts (arrows in inset photos), leaving them loose enough to allow for adjustment.



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Step 7: 5mm Hex (Allen) Socket & Ratchet

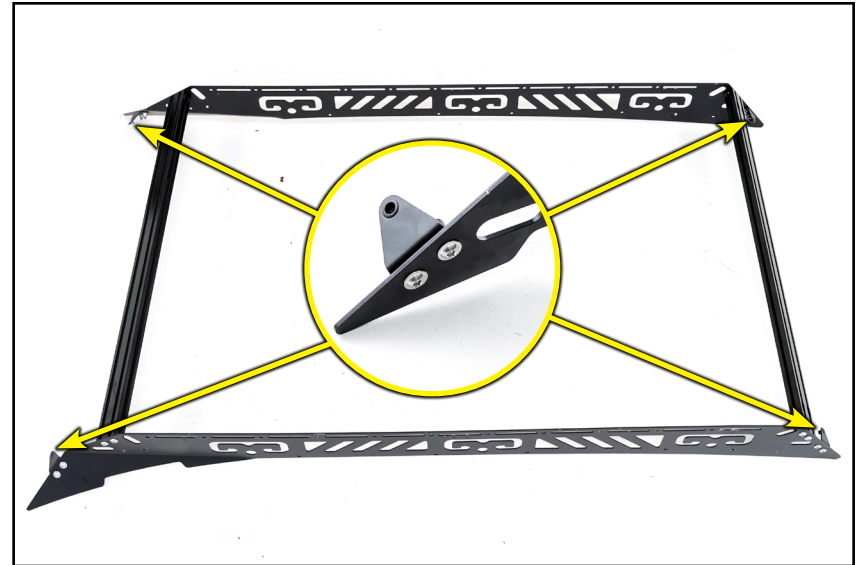
Install two of the slotted cross bars into the second lowermost set of holes at each end of the side panels and secure them in place with the provided M8 screws. Install the fairing brackets (inset photo) into the lowermost set of holes at each end of the side panels, facing inward and secure them in place with the provided M8 screws.



NOTE

The fairing brackets are side-specific and must be installed in the proper locations. The front brackets are clearly marked with an "F" and the rear with an "R".

Apply a drop of the provided blue threadlocker to the threads of each bolt for the roof rack to ensure they do not back out over time.



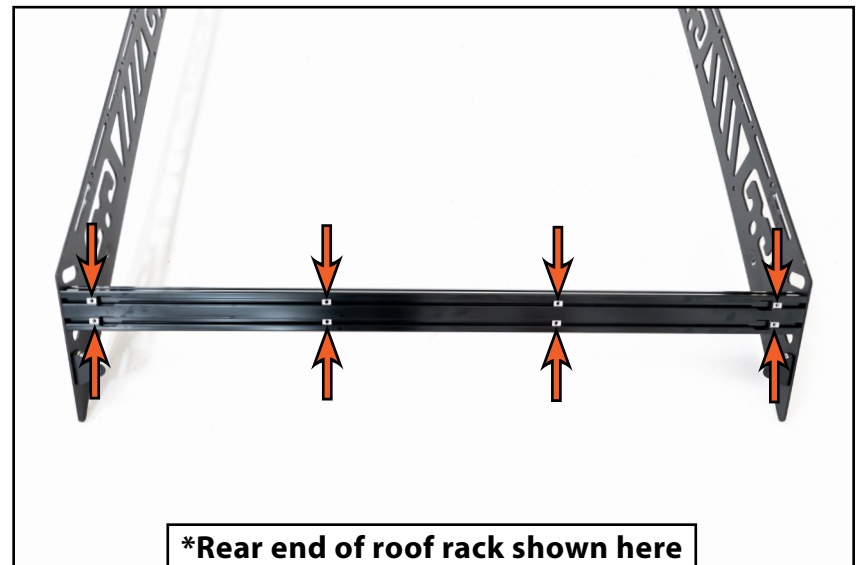
Step 8:

Slide 8 of the T-slot nuts (arrows) into the openings in each of the cross bars then slide them into the approximate positions shown.



NOTE

Install the nuts with the flat side facing out.



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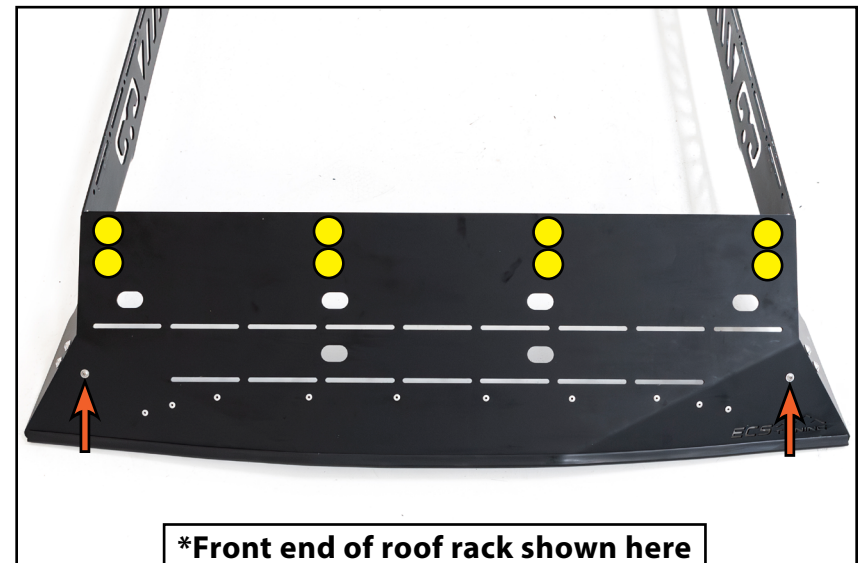
Step 9: 4mm Hex (Allen) Socket & Ratchet

Lay the rear fairing into place, then slide it side to side until you can loosely thread the provided M6 x 10mm screws (**YELLOW** circles) into the nuts. Secure the fairing to the brackets with two of the provided M6 x 18mm screws (arrows), then fully tighten all of the screws.



Step 10: 4mm Hex (Allen) Socket & Ratchet

Lay the front fairing into place, then slide it side to side until you can loosely thread the remaining M6 x 10mm screws (**YELLOW** circles) into the nuts. Secure the fairing to the brackets with the two remaining M6 x 18mm screws (arrows), then fully tighten all of the screws.



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Step 11: 5mm Hex (Allen) Socket & Ratchet

Install the remaining cross bars into your desired locations and secure them in place with the provided M8 screws.

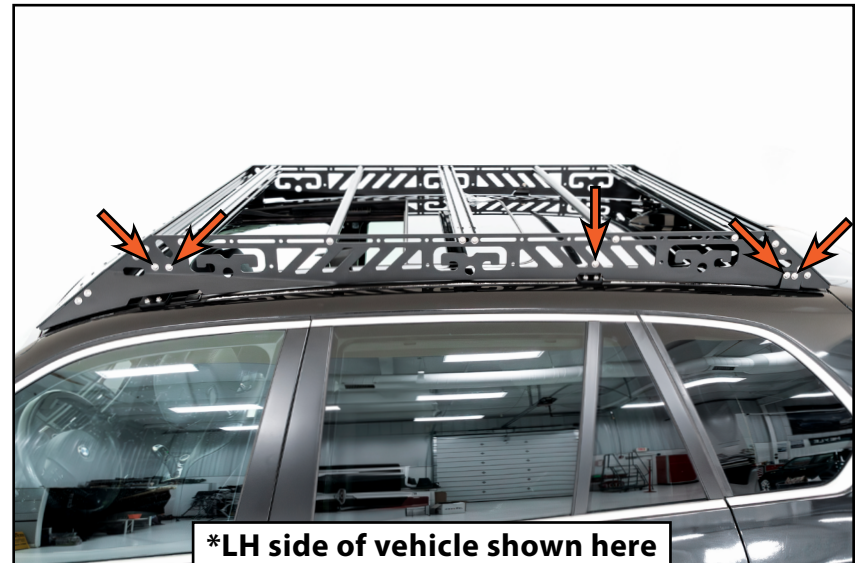


Step 12: 13mm Wrench, 5mm Hex (Allen) Socket & Ratchet

With the help of a second (or third) set of hands, carefully lift the assembled roof rack up into place and secure it to the brackets with remaining M8 screws (arrows) and nuts, tightening until snug. Go back and fully tighten the nuts that secure the spacers to the roof, and the bolts that secure the brackets to the spacers.

Reinstall the headliner in reverse order of removal.

Congratulations, your installation is complete!



Your Roof Rack installation is complete!



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