Fender Mounting Instructions for Minimizer Series 2021

STEP 1

A. Unpack all cartons and lay out parts.

B. Reference Table 1 and Figure 1 above to identify the parts and confirm quantities.

STEP 2

A. Measure the suspension travel. This measurement is used to determine the clearance distance required between the fender and the wheel.

   a. For air suspension systems, let the air out of the air bags.

   b. For spring systems, measure the distance from the stops on the springs to the bottom of the frame.

NOTE: For air suspensions with travel exceeding 6”:

In some cases a travel stop may need to be installed to prevent such large gaps between fenders & tires. This will help with alignment and 5th wheel plate clearance. (Please call Minimizer @ 800-248-3855 for questions regarding this issue).

B. Raise the fenders ¾” over the maximum travel point of the suspension system. The purpose of the gap is to ensure the fender does not rub on the tire. A gap larger than ¾” may be necessary if the tires are worn.
**TIP:** Establish the minimum gap required in Step 2B.

a. For an air suspension system, let the air out of the airbags and place a ¾” board on top of the tires (Figure 2). Next, place the fender on top of the board.

b. For a spring suspension system, add ¾” to the measurement from Step 2A.

**STEP 3**

A. Position the fenders exactly where they will be mounted.
   a. Visually pick and mark the locations that the brackets will bolt or weld to the frame (depending on mounting kit).

B. Try to use existing holes in the frame to attach through. It is possible to remove any existing frame bolt and replace it with the supplied bolt in the bracket kit. If possible, avoid placing brackets directly on suspension shackle mounting bolts.

   **Tip:** It is common for the front bracket to align with the existing quarter fender holes and the rear bracket to align with the holes left from the mud flap hanger.

**NOTE:** Depending on the length of the truck frame and the placement of the mud flap hangers, the fender may tuck inside the mud flap hanger.

C. Spacers are supplied to bring the steel swivel away from the frame in the event of any obstructions (Figure 3).
   a. The ideal setup is to mount the steel swivel directly to the frame.

   **NOTE:** Use spacers only when necessary.

D. If possible, position the brackets on the leading edge of the fender are within 15” of the bottom of the fender to avoid wind blowing the fender back into the tire (Figure 4).

   **Tip:** If the front fender bracket is mounted higher than 15”, refer to [http://www.minimizer.com/instructions.html](http://www.minimizer.com/instructions.html) for suggestions on adding additional support.

**STEP 4**

A. Slide the stainless clamp (part number PB5053) and the mounting tube (part number 101461) onto the steel swivel (part number PB5015).
Place plastic end cap (PBRDR111069A) into the end of the mounting tube (Figure 5).

**Tip:** Make sure the slot on the mounting tube is facing down towards the ground.

**STEP 5**

Once the brackets are placed in position with the fender, tighten the 5/8” x 4-1/2” bolts that attach the PB5015 steel swivel to the frame (Figure 6). **Recommended torque is 160-170 ft-lbs.**

**STEP 6**

Position the tube clamp ¼” away from the end of the stainless tube. Next, tighten the tube clamp (PB5053) to lock the mounting tube in place. **The recommended torque for the clamp is 30 ft-lbs.** Figure 7 shows an example over-tightened tube clamp and Figure 8 shows a properly tightened tube clamp. **Over tightening the tube clamp will cause the clamp to make uneven contact and cause the tube to loosen up over time.**
**STEP 7**

A. Attach the bracket 101461 to the fender.

   a. Drill four 5/16” holes through the fender using the holes in the fender washers as a guide.

   b. Install the 5/16” x 2 ½” x 3 ½” U-bolts through the bracket and into the fender. Use two U-bolts per bracket. Note: There will be four extra sets of U-bolts washers and nuts that come in the kit.

   c. Use two fender washers per U-bolt.

   d. Place one washer on the inside and outside of the fender. Use three U-bolts per fender bracket tube (see Figure 9).

   e. Tighten the U-bolts. **Recommended torque is 75-90 in-lbs. Do not exceed recommended torque.**

   f. Make sure the fenders are square and aligned. Any twists or bows in the fender will fatigue the material over time.

**STEP 8**

A. For trucks with air suspension, raise and lower the suspension one final time to confirm that there is adequate clearance between the fenders and wheels.

**NOTE:** ONCE FENDERS ARE IN SERVICE, OCCASIONALLY CHECK TORQUE ON THE 5/8” X 4-1/2” HEX BOLTS IN THE FRAME TO MAKE SURE THEY DO NOT LOOSEN OVER TIME.