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Part#: **124051**

Product: **Steering Box Skid Plate**

Application: **1997-2004 Jeep TJ**

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## READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS PRIOR TO INSTALLATION OF SYSTEM AND OPERATION OF VEHICLE.

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**SAFETY WARNING** BDS Suspension Co. recommends this system be installed by a professional technician. In addition to these instructions, professional knowledge of disassembly/ reassembly procedures and post installation checks must be known.

### INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Park the vehicle on a clean, flat surface and block the rear wheels for safety.
2. Hold the new BDS steering box skid plate up to the steering box to locate the OE steering box bolt that needs to be removed. This will be the forward-most bolt mounting the steering box to the frame.
3. Remove the steering box bolt and the bottom bolt mounting the front bumper to the driver's side frame rail and retain hardware.
4. Attach the steering box skid plate to the frame with the two OE bolts.
5. Using the hole in the inside support tab of the skid plate as a template, mark the hole to be drilled into the round frame crossmember.
6. Remove the skid plate and drill an 11/32" hole at the mark on the frame crossmember.
7. Loosely reattach the skid plate to the vehicle with the OE steering box bolt, bumper bolt and the provided 3/8" x 1" self-tapping bolt in the hole that was just drilled.
8. Tighten all skid plate mounting hardware. Torque the OE steering box bolt to 40 ft-lbs, the 3/8" bolt to 20 ft-lbs, and the OE bumper bolts to 55 ft-lbs.
9. Check all hardware after 500 miles.

