# **SPADANO ENTERPRISES** XJ CHEROKEE ROCKers / SLIDERS



### THANK YOU!

First off, I'd like to personally thank you for purchasing our product. It brings us a great deal of pride and satisfaction knowing that others like our products.

We believe our ROCKer kit is a far superior product then our competitors and a better alternative to box tubes.

We hope that with these instructions you will find the installation of the ROCKer kit a relatively straight forward and easy job.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- We highly recommend that a qualified and/or certified welder perform this installation.
- It is the responsibility of the customer and/or the welder to wear appropriate PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) at all times when performing this installation.
- It is the customers/installers responsibility to read and understand all steps in the instructions before the installation begins.
- While we have total faith in this product's ability to protect the occupants of the vehicle in the event of an accident/crash, we make no claims to meeting DOT or OEM ratings. Additionally we have no control over installation technique, competence and quality. Therefore the ROCKer panel sliders are sold at your own risk, for <u>off road</u> <u>use only</u>.

IF AT ANYTIME DURING THE INSTALL YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE, DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT US. THE ONLY DUMB QUESTION IS ONE NOT ASKED.

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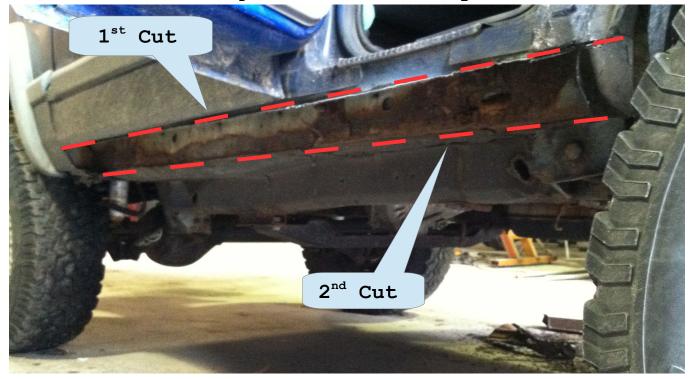
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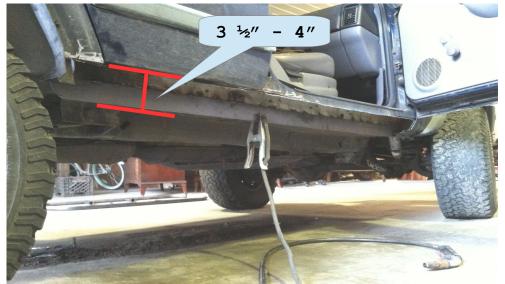
#### Installation Instructions

1) While the work can be done with the vehicle on the ground, we recommend for ease of installation to either put it on jack stands or on a two post lift. ALWAYS follow safety practices for lifting a vehicle.

- 2) Disconnect the vehicle battery. Pull up all plastic kick trim on the interior. Pull back carpet at least 6" away from the welding/cutting area. Pull back and wire harnesses or other flammable items.
  - 3) Remove Rear fender flares.
- 4) Mark & cut. Its relatively easy on the XJ, as you will use the body line as the cut line for the first cut. The second cut, will be removing the entire factory pinch weld, totally exposing the rocker cavity. Remember, its easier to cut off more later then it is to "grow it back". Take your time.



5) Now that the old rocker panel is cut out, prep the existing areas where the ROCKer kit will weld to. (The door sill area and both sides of the existing inner rocker.) Use the new pieces to determine where and what needs to be ground down. This is also a good time to coat the inner rocker cavity with a rust converter and/or a good weld through primer. 6) Now position the inner ROCKer into place. Measuring off the floor boards, you should have 3 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" - 4" from floor boards to the inner ROCKer. This can vary depending on how you want yours to look. Tack weld it first, and use the outer ROCKer panels to verify how the inner fits.



7) Once you've verified the position of the inner ROCKer, go ahead and weld it in. Stitch welds, or skip welds are all that's necessary. Weld both inside the rocker cavity, as well as the backside. This will secure the inner ROCKer to the factory panel.



(Detail of welding)

8) Now, position the outer ROCKer.

Remember, the outer ROCKers are SIDE SPECIFIC, meaning there is a left and a right, and a front and a back. Be sure to orient the larger taper to the rear. Now weld the ROCKer end caps onto the outer ROCKer. (optional) Be sure you set them INSIDE the ROCKer, as to not add any more length to the outer ROCKer. (see picture)



Using spacers under the doors can help to keep the gaps the same. Remember, always clamp before you tack, and tack before you weld. Once the fit is verified and checked, go ahead and weld it. Again, stitch or skip welding is all that's required. Weld the outer ROCKer to the inner ROCKer (pictured) and also the Outer ROCKer to the door sill area (not shown)



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9) If you ordered the kit with sliders, then the next step is to fit them. We leave them a little longer then they need to be. Why? Some people want to angle them down, some people want them flat, etc. Start with the main pipe and cut them at the desired angle and how far you want them to stick out. Once you have the main pipe fit to your liking, go ahead and tack it in place. Now fit the supports. (2 per side) Again, trimming them at an angle to fit between the ROCKer and the slider.



- 10) Now, Trim any excess metal off and begin to prep for finishing. You'll want to smooth any sharp welds or areas, then de-grease prior to applying a good high quality seam sealer. Its strongly recommended that you seam seal all the areas you cut to seal the rocker. Follow the instructions on the seam sealer and be sure to allow proper drying time before painting.
- 11) Slightly trim the rear factory flares to fit over the new ROCKer profile.

12) Finally use the finish of your choice to coat the ROCKers and sliders. We recommended something that has a hardener or catalyst due to the amount of "Rash" these will see from both off-roading and spray from the wheels.

# THANK YOU!

We hope that you have found these instructions helpful in making our ROCKer panel kit a part of your XJ.



Please provide us with ANY feedback on how we can improve both the instructions as well as the ROCKers.

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