



## Audi B5 A4 Street Shield Skid Plate Installation Instructions



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## INTRODUCTION

### Audi B5 A4 Street Shield Skid Plate ES#2845866

ECS Tuning Street Shield Aluminum Skid Plates offer the following features:

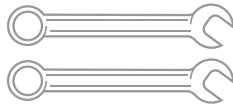
- Sturdy Aluminum construction
- In-house designed by ECS Tuning engineers
- Easy installation
- Shields come complete with all necessary mounting hardware
- Riv-nut tool included

#### EASY



**BASIC SKILLS  
REQUIRED**

#### MODERATE



**SOME EXPERIENCE  
RECOMMENDED**

#### ADVANCED



**ADVANCED SKILLS &  
EXPERIENCE REQUIRED**

#### PROFESSIONAL



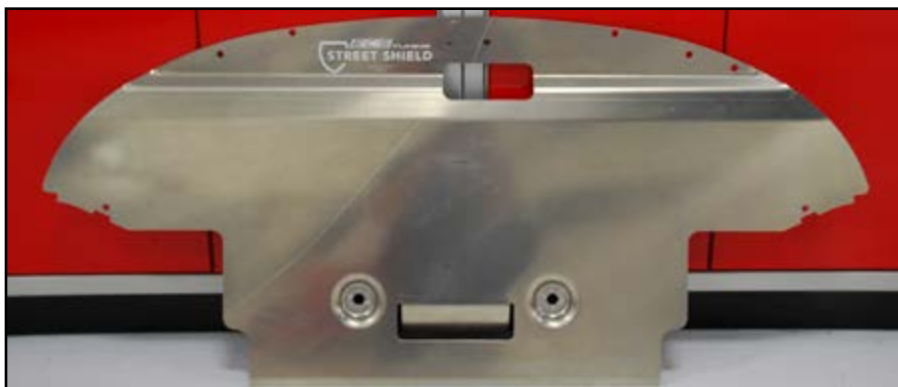
**PROFESSIONAL SKILLS &  
SPECIALTY TOOLS REQUIRED**

Is your original engine shield missing? Are you concerned that it will not protect your engine and undercarriage from the abuse it will take from today's roads? Installing an ECS Tuning Street Shield Skid Plate is the answer. An easy afternoon project, installing one of our shields can be completed in about an hour of your time. Before you begin, read and familiarize yourself with these instructions and make sure you have all the required tools on hand. Thank you for purchasing our ECS Tuning Street Shield Skid Plate. We appreciate your business!

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## AUDI B5 A4 STREET SHIELD SKID PLATE KIT CONTENTS



Street Shield Skid Plate



Short Quarter-Turn Screws (6)



M10 x 30 Bolts w/washers (2)



Side Brackets (2)



Riv-Nut Installation Tool and  
Riv-Nuts (2)



Long Quarter-Turn Screw (1)



Quarter-Turn Clips (7)

## REQUIRED TOOLS

Note: The tools required for each step will be listed by the step number throughout these instructions.

Below is a list of the tools we used to install the Audi B5 A4 Street Shield Skid Plate. Additional tools may be required for any issues that arise during installation such as rust, corrosion, or broken and stripped fasteners.

- 3/8" Drive Torque Wrench ..... Available at [ecstuning.com](http://ecstuning.com) ..... [ES#2221245](#)
- Flat Blade Screwdriver(s) ..... Available at [ecstuning.com](http://ecstuning.com) ..... [ES#2225921](#)
- 3/8" Sockets: 10mm, 17mm ..... Available at [ecstuning.com](http://ecstuning.com) ..... [ES#2763772](#)
- Wrenches: 18mm ..... Available at [ecstuning.com](http://ecstuning.com) ..... [ES#2765907](#)
- 3/8" Deep Sockets: 18mm
- 3/8" Drive Ratchet, Extensions
- Crescent Wrench

## SHOP SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS

- Hand Cleaner/Degreaser ..... Available at [ecstuning.com](http://ecstuning.com) ..... [ES#2167336](#)
- Shop Rags ..... Available at your local auto parts store

## 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.
- If using an automotive lift, be sure and utilize the factory specified lift points. Lifting a vehicle in an incorrect location can cause damage to the suspension/running gear.
- When lifting a vehicle using a jack, always 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. Always make sure that the vehicle is securely supported on jack stands.

## INSTALLING THE B5 A4 STREET SHIELD SKID PLATE

### Step 1:

Safely raise and support the vehicle.



### Step 2: Flat Blade Screwdriver

Remove all of the original fasteners and remove the insulation panel from underneath the front of the vehicle.





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### Step 3: 10mm Socket, Ratchet

Remove the insulation panel support bracket by removing the two mounting bolts (arrows).



### Step 4:

Locate the two hex shaped holes in the subframe.





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### Step 5:

Prepare a riv-nut for installation by threading it onto the center screw of the tool until it is fully seated. Also, familiarize yourself with the Riv-Nut tool terminology as shown in the picture.



### Step 6:

Insert the riv-nut into one of the hexagon shaped holes in the subframe (identified in step four).



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### Step 7: Crescent Wrench, Torque Wrench, 18mm socket

Make sure the riv-nut is pressed in flush with the subframe, then while holding the tool body stationary with a wrench, torque the pressing screw in a clockwise direction to 27 Nm (20 Ft-Lbs).



### Step 8: 18mm Wrench

Loosen the riv-nut tool by turning the pressing screw counter-clockwise, then unthread the center screw from the riv-nut and remove the tool. The installed riv-nut should be flush with the subframe as shown in the picture on the right.



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### Step 9:

Repeat steps five through eight to install the second riv-nut.



### Step 10:

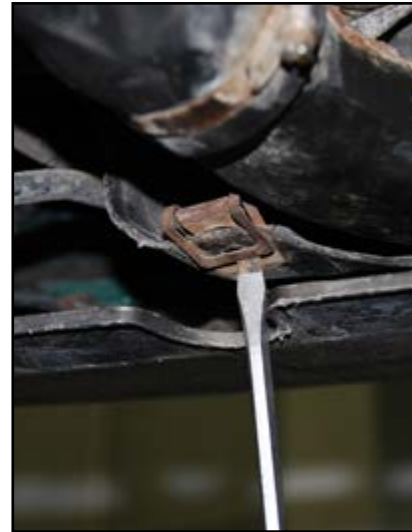
Locate the three original insulation panel mounting clips at the front of the vehicle.



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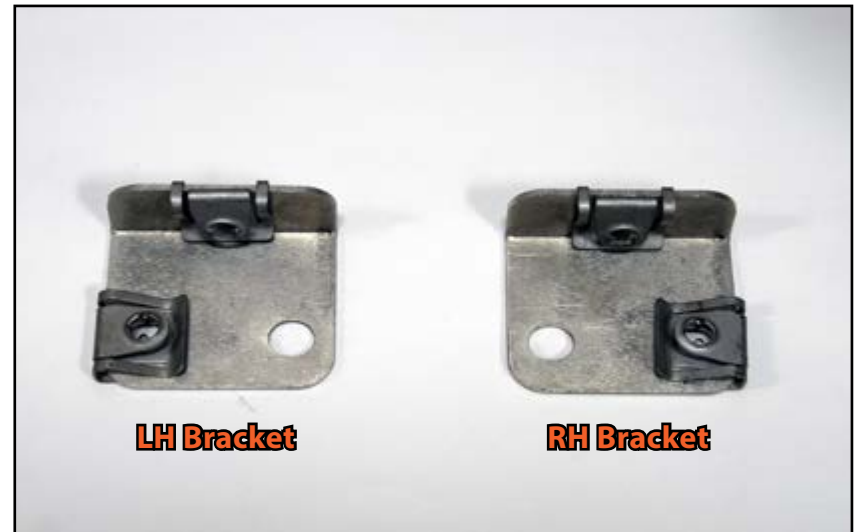
### Step 11: Flat Blade Screwdriver

Pry off each original clip and replace it with one of the new quarter-turn clips supplied with the kit.



### Step 12:

Install two 1/4 turn clips onto each side bracket as shown. Both brackets are the same, but once the clips are installed there will be a left and a right.





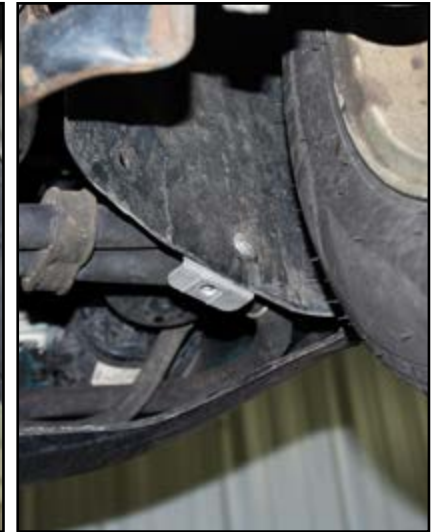
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### Step 13: Flat Blade Screwdriver

Mount each assembled side bracket to the front face of the left and right fender liners, using the outermost hole in each as shown in the picture. Use a short quarter-turn screw to secure each bracket.

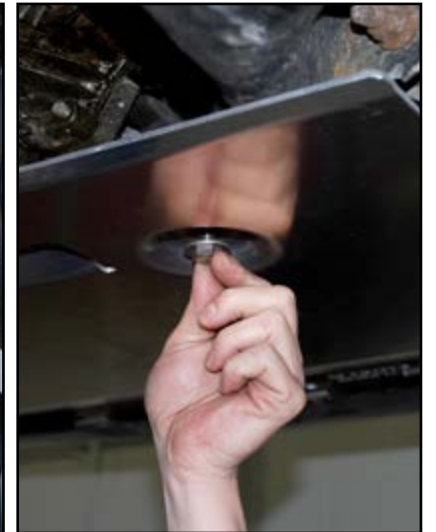
#### NOTE

Install these screws by inserting them into the clip, then turning them 1/4 turn until they are locked. Once you feel them stop turning, they are fully engaged into the clip. It is not necessary to tighten them any further.



### Step 14:

Guide the front of the skid plate into place above the lower lip of the bumper cover, then adjust it into position and loosely thread in the two main bolts into the riv-nuts in the subframe.



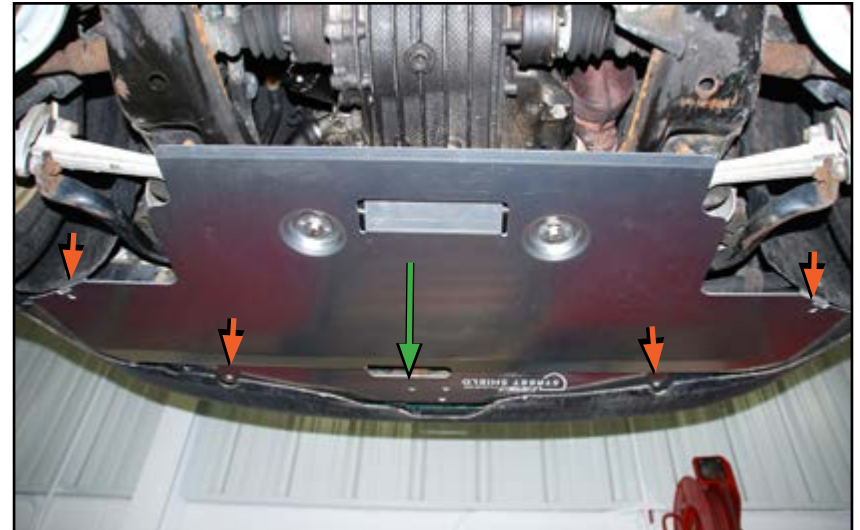
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### Step 15: Flat Blade Screwdriver

Align the mounting holes in the skidplate to the clips in the locations shown, and then fasten each with a quarter-turn turn screw.

Orange Arrows: Use a short quarter-turn screw.

Long Green Arrow: Use the long quarter-turn screw.



### Step 16: Torque Wrench, 17mm Socket

Torque the main bolts to 27 Nm (20 ft-lb).





Your Audi B5 A4 Street Shield Skid Plate installation is complete!



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