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Ford XB Falcon Radiator Grille Installation Guide

Thank you for purchasing a restored muscle car grille. This grille has been restored to suit the following vehicle and is provided with a fitting kit and this installation guide.

Make: Ford.

Model Year: 1973 - 1976.

Model Type: XB Falcon, Fairmont & GT.

Model Variant: Sedan, Wagon, Ute.

- ⚠ **Important: Please read the installation guide prior to fitting.**
- ⚠ **Important: Please handle grille with extra care.**
- ⚠ **Important: Please handle and support grille using both hands.**
- ⚠ **Important: Do not handle or lift the grille from only one side.**

Note: This is an original factory grille that started life approximately 45 years ago and has since been restored. Please handle and install with extra care and be cautious not to over tighten the screws to prevent damage.

Countless hours have been dedicated to restoring this grille to appear as close as possible to the genuine grille. The restoration process started with an original factory grille in average condition. The grille has been restored to a high-quality serviceable condition, represented in the factory colours, and finished with a matt clear coat to provide longevity and protection to the grille's colour scheme.

Ford XB Falcon Radiator Grille Fitting Kit

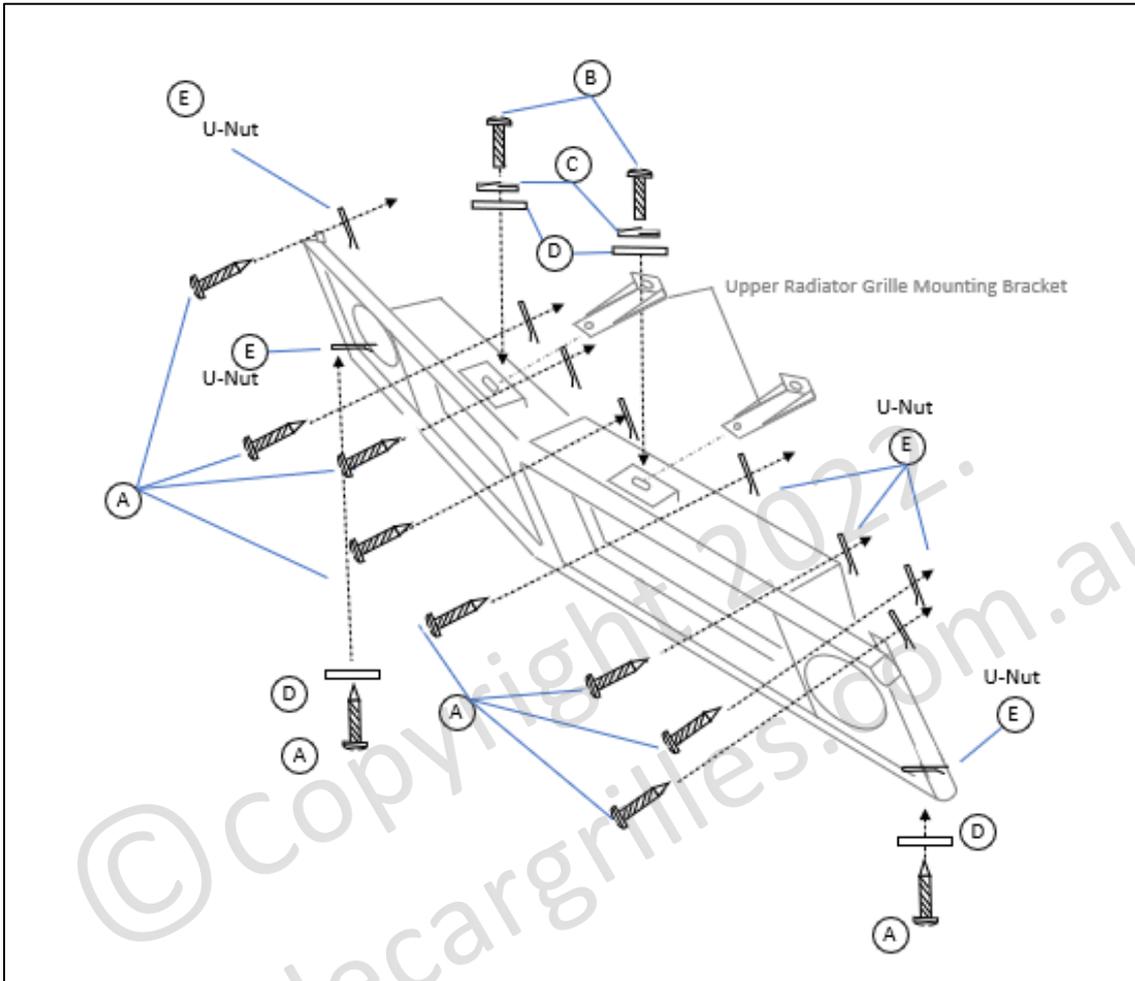


Diagram 1.

Fitting Kit. Following items are provided in the fitting kit.

Item	Description	Quantity
A	Phillips Head Self Tapper Screw – Black.	10
B	Phillips Head Machine Screw – Stainless Steel.	2
C	Spring Washer Steel	2
D	Flat Washer – Black Zinc.	4
E	U-Nut	10

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The following installation guidelines assumes you have a basic level of mechanical aptitude and an awareness of safety precautions associated with performing mechanical tasks on vehicles.

Step 1. Loosen the bolts that secure the front bumper bar accessed from underneath the vehicle. Carefully allow the bumper bar to lower under its own weight. This will allow enough space to remove and install the grille.

Step 2. Remove the existing front grille by removing the 12 screws.

Step 3. Check and ensure the vehicle's grille mounting locations are not damaged, bent, or misaligned. Check the following for damage and ensure they are straight & aligned to both right and left sides of the vehicle:

- Radiator support panel
- Headlamp brackets
- Brace hood lock support bracket
- Grille mounting points.

 **Important:** If any of the above parts are found to be bent or damaged, please repair/replace the damaged parts before installing the grille.

 **Important:** Do not proceed to Step 4 until all mounting locations are free from damage and mounting locations on both left and right sides of the vehicle are aligned. Persuading a plastic grille to fit onto damaged or misaligned mounting locations may cause the grille to crack during installation and/or while driving.

Step 4. Install 10 new U-Nuts supplied in the Fitting Kit onto the vehicle's mounting locations.

Step 5. Loosen the existing ½ inch bolts of the Upper Radiator Grille Mounting Brackets.

Step 6. Carefully offer the grille to the vehicle aligning the vehicle's mounting locations with the grille's mounting holes. You may need to slightly move the U-bolts to achieve alignment with the mounting holes.

Step 7: Using the screws and washers supplied in the Fitting Kit, carefully and loosely fit the screws beginning with the top two stainless steel screws, spring washer and flat washer, required for the Upper Radiator Grille Mounting Bracket (refer diagram 1). Once all 12 screws and 4 washers are fitted, carefully tighten all screws a little at a time and work your way around the grille until all 12 screws are securing the grille. Do not over tighten the screws.

 **Important:** Do not over tighten the screws.

Step 8. Re-tighten the existing ½ inch bolts of the Upper Radiator Grille Mounting Bracket.

Step 9. Re-align the front bumper bar and re-tighten bolts that secure the front bumper bar.