



# Installation Instructions

## For the 2000-2005 PT Cruiser

Please read thoroughly before you begin the installation process.

### Hardware and Materials Enclosed:

- Support Brackets with Screw Pack
- Self-tapping tek-head Screws: (2 sizes)  
(5/16" x 5/8" and 3/8" x 1")
- Die-cut Step Pads

### Tools Required:

- Screw Gun or Variable Speed Drill
- 5/16" Hex Head Drive
- 1/2" wrench

*Note: Because of the limited ground clearance, it may be necessary to elevate the vehicle with a jack to allow for accessibility. **Warning: If you elect to elevate your vehicle, approved jack stands must be used to insure safety.***

### Step 1.

#### Position the Boards on the Rocker Panel of Your Vehicle.

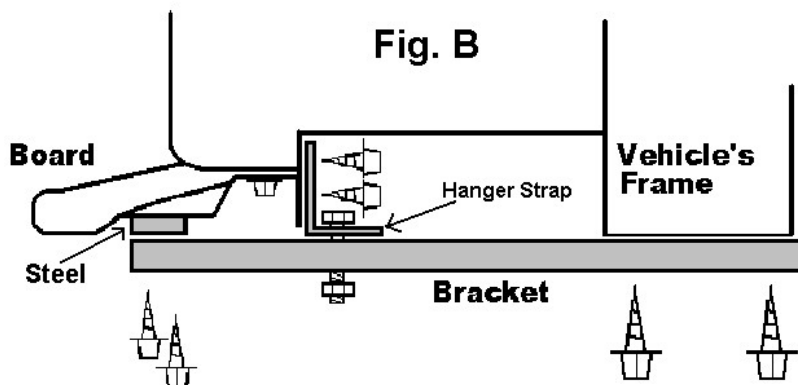
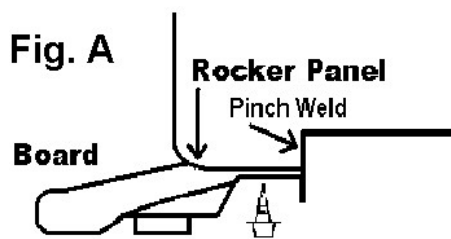
Each side is labeled as either passenger or driver side. Check this first.

- w These boards or steps are designed to mount under and flush with the rocker panel and against the vehicle's pinch-weld.

### Step 1a.

#### Attach the Running Board to the Rocker Panel.

The screws supplied with your kit are self-tapping, tek-head screws which means that no pre-drilling is necessary. Holding the board in place as described above, use the 5/16" screws to make the attachment to the rocker panel (refer to Figure A). Each board requires no more than 6-7 screws spaced approximately 10" to 12" apart. The screws should be placed about 4" from the back edge of the board.



### Step 2.

#### Attach the Support Brackets.

There are four support brackets included with this kit, two for each side. These brackets should be placed approximately 12" from each end of the board.

- Loosely attach the hanger strap to the bracket base (refer to Figure B) using the 1/2" x 1 1/8" bolt.
- Position the bracket as shown in Figure B and mark the hole locations where the hanger strap will be attached to the pinch-weld.
- Detach the hanger strap from the bracket base and attach the hanger strap to the pinch-weld using two 5/16" screws at the locations previously marked. Although not necessary, it may be easier to pre-drill these holes to keep the screws from "sliding".
- Re-attach the hanger strap to the bracket base and hand tighten only.
- Using the 2 larger 5/8" self-tapping screws attach the bracket base to the vehicle's frame.
- Fully tighten the hanger strap to the bracket base.

### Step 3.

#### Repeat this process for the remaining brackets.

**Important:** After installation apply full weight pressure to boards throughout the step area. This will properly "seat" the screws into the fiberglass and eliminate future stress sounds.

### Step 6.

#### The Finishing Touches.

- Affix die-cut step pads to molded in-steps and press firmly.
- Apply "Aero-Tec" emblems in the desired location on boards.

**Care and Maintenance:** Once attached to your vehicle, these running boards become a part of it and should be maintained as such. Proper care will provide years of beauty and dependability.

Technical assistance may be obtained directly from the factory by calling Aero-Tec at 1 (800) 753-3214