

Truck Preparation Prior to Pick Up

Before installing the Kimbo on your truck, there are a few things to check off of your prearrival "to do" list.

First, you want to make sure that you have adequate D-Rings in all four corners of your truck bed. Please check the weight rating of your D-Rings and make sure they are tight and properly installed prior to mounting the Kimbo. We recommend 2000 lb rated D-Rings which you can buy at your local hardware store/online, <https://amz.run/73j4>.

PRODUCT SIZE



D-Rings will need to be spaced at least 43" apart for proper clearance of the camper dimensions. Remember that D-Rings like these (left) are about 1.75 inches from center with the D-Ring flanges bolted to the bed. Make sure that the entire D-ring assembly allows for adequate spacing around it, so that your Kimbo will slide into the bed without colliding with them.

A good rule of thumb, given the choice and/or lack of installed D-rings, is to install them onto the sidewalls

that the wheel wells occupy, as opposed to the floor of the truck bed. This way, there will be no issue with sliding the Kimbo within the space between the wheel wells. In general, D-Rings can be installed on the floor of the truck bed or the sidewalls, as long as they are not inside the rectangular space between the wheel wells, extending to the front and rear of the truck bed. If there are any truck bed accessories such as tonneau cover adaptors, rails, bed racks, etc. these will need to be removed prior to installation.

Specifically with 6' bed Toyota Tacoma models, there is a bulk-head steel crossbar at the front of the truck bed that needs to be removed in order for the Kimbo to sit flush against the bed wall, allowing the tailgate to close fully. This usually requires a 27T or 30T bit, <https://amz.run/73j6>. One needs to apply pressure when backing out the 5 bolts carefully, as the bit tends to strip the soft metal bolt head. If this occurs, you will need to drill out the bolt.





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You will want to remove any plastic bed liners if possible, and place a rubber bed or stall mat in the bottom of the truck bed. This will provide enough cushion and take away abrasions between the Kimbo and the steel or fiberglass truck bed. Usually the cheapest option is found at local cattle and feed stores near you. (Right) Most of these mats are 4' x 6' of which you will need to trim to an approximate 43" width for a midsize truck. For fullsize trucks, the mat often fits without modification.



A mat thickness of $\frac{3}{4}$ " to $\frac{1}{2}$ " will suffice for your camper and truck.

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It is also a great idea to give your truck bed a good clean, removing any dirt and debris. If you plan to remove the tailgate (for short bed trucks or to decrease overall weight), please remove it prior to your inaugural installation onto your truck.