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2020 Chevrolet Corvette Front Radiator Grille Installation Procedure

Note: it is best to protect your paint with painter's tape during the installation procedure. Though not necessary if care is taken.



Note: The RGS C8 kits come in different formats, aluminum powder coat and ABS full kits (include brake ducts and side intake grilles). This instructional guide will cover all (the large radiator openings have the exact same installation procedure).

Tools Required

Torx T-15 driver, side cutters for the cable ties, and a whole bunch of patience to install the cable ties and the side intake grilles if you have chosen to install those!

Procedure for Large Front Grilles and/or Brake Ducts

1. Take your time and use care during the installation of the 2020 Chevrolet Corvette C8 front radiator grilles. Utilize gloves as the edges are sharp. Painter's tape is suggested as an option to protect portions of your vehicle during the installation, though not necessary if you exercise care.
2. The underbody panels in the front of the vehicle are to be removed. Access to jack stands or a lift will help with the removal of the panels. The photo here details the body panels and where some of the screws are. Please see the Corvette Forum or your owner's manual for lifting the vehicle safely and under panel removal.



3. Remove the approximately 10 torx screws on each of the side panels and the panels drop down giving you room to fit the grille behind the stock fascia. The center panel does not need to be unfastened.



4. If you have the brake duct grille, this is the time to insert it into position. The brake duct grille inserts tightly into the brake duct area, the grill will slip about ½ inch behind the center section of the bumper.

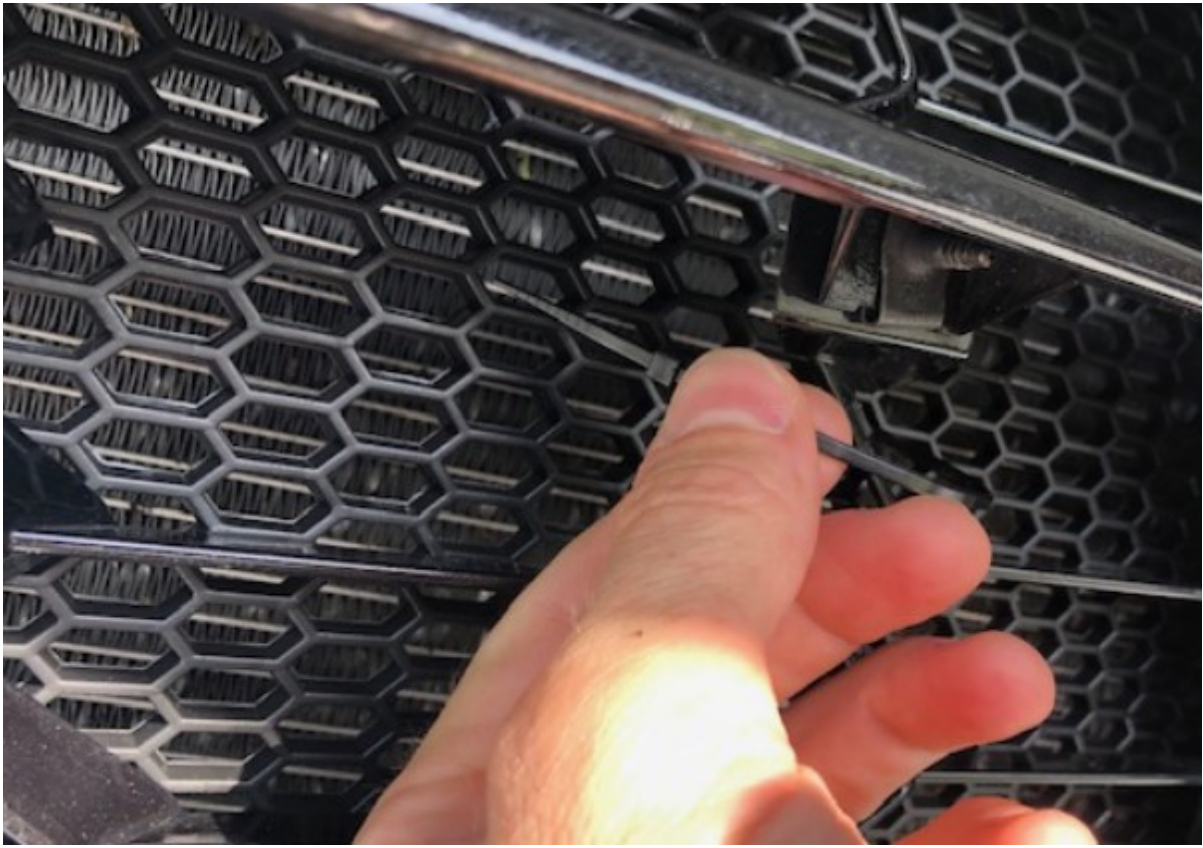
Don't worry about alignment, we will final align after the large radiator grille is in place.

5. Next place the large radiator grille in place. You may need to hold the top outer corner of the grille to prevent contact with the condenser and ease the installation.



6. As the grill is fed through, it should be guided up towards the top of the radiator cavity. Align the grille and insert the cable ties where necessary, do not tighten. Insert all cable ties that you desire. You can see in the photo the locations we chose (the red circles on the bumper in the image below indicate cable ties behind, one for the brake duct grille and one to tie the brake duct grille to the large radiator grille). Loosely secure.







Showing rotating the receiving end of the cable tie behind the grille, to hide it even further.



Showing tying the brake duct grille and the large radiator grille together behind the bumper cover.

7. Final align the grille with an allen key or other tool. Rotate cable ties so that the receiving ends are hidden, then tighten cable ties. Clip off the ends of the cable ties for your completed installation! Repeat for the other side. There should be a small gap at the bottom to allow for any debris cleanup and easy accessibility for a vacuum cleaner. Button the underbelly back together and you are all set! Post up photos of the install on Facebook groups or C8 forums!

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1. For those with the side intake grilles, take a deep breath and pat yourself on the back. The easy part of the install is behind you. Practice those swear words and stretch those hands. The install involve no tools, except your hands. The install is a series of movements with the plastic that require some slight bending and tweaking. Do not do this with cold ABS plastic as it can crack if bent too far in cold conditions. Above 65 degrees should be fine.

2. The grille has a rectangle protrusion, that goes to the outside of the intake. That will differentiate them from drivers and passenger sides. Insert the grille into the side intake cavity as shown for the passenger side. Note the orientation of the small rectangle protrusion.



3. Slide the top portion up to the top of the cavity. On the driver's side, be careful of the gas filler neck sensor. Place in front of that sensor and slide up.





Passenger side houses the Z51 cooler if optioned. Place the top of the grille towards the top of the cavity.

4. As the grille is slid into position, grasp the outer portion of the grille to start the process of cussing, I mean, installation gently! The grille will need to be contorted to fit in front of the lower external side intake mounting screw and so that the small rectangle protrusion sits flush with the outer portion of the side intake.





The circle shows where the side intake mount bolt now resides. All hidden and pretty now! Also this shows where the rectangle protrusion contacts the outer grille body part. Once in position you are done!
Rinse and repeat!