

Our utility caps are packaged 2-pieces, factory painted white with black trim, per bag. Each bag also includes separate, unpainted, light-duty auxiliary roof-racks, as shown installed on the cap below, at left. These racks can easily be painted and installed by the modeler using the following instructions and recommendations. Caution: The racks are small and fragile, so handle with care to avoid loss or damage.

Note: The photos show undecorated caps, which are not available from RPS.



It is advisable to paint the racks prior to their installation. On real trucks, these are installed at the ends where the caps are strongest, and are generally either black or left natural, anodized aluminum.

While the paint is curing, prepare the cap for installation. To install the racks, 4-holes per rack must be drilled by the modeler. We recommend either a #72 (0.025") or 0.65 mm drill mounted in a pin vise. To aid the installation process, the corresponding hole-locations have been spotted with shallow, molded dimples, at both ends, on the underside of the cap. Only the rear dimples are shown, below.



Note: For clarity in the photo above, the dimples at the rear are highlighted in red.

Because the caps are factory painted, we recommend that you tightly backup the exterior surface with a couple layers of cardboard or other compliant material, while drilling, to help prevent the paint from chipping when the drill breaks through. Caution: Avoid drilling into your finger!

Ensure the holes are drilled plumb, and are free of burrs and debris. Then, insert the racks, beginning with the 2-center pins, followed by the outer pins. Adjust each rack to ensure it is level, and apply a very small drop of ABS-compatible liquid cement or ACC-adhesive to the pins from the underside of the cap. Allow the cement to cure before adding ladders or other vocational paraphernalia to the racks.

After securing equipment, such as ladders, stowage pipes, and other details to the racks, small pieces of colorful thread, passed through a cake of beeswax may be used to simulate bungee cord tie downs for added detail. The beeswax will help minimize thread fuzz without hardening the thread.

To install the cap on a pickup truck, you will first have to remove the tailgate from the pickup box. On RPS pickups, carefully pry—from underneath to avoid marring visible areas—the rear bumper, partially away from the pickup box to release the hinged tailgate; then, reseat bumper. Install the cap by placing it on the pickup box. For a permanent installation, you may apply a small amount of ACC inside each of the 4-corners of the pickup box. Use cement very sparingly to avoid bleed to exposed surfaces. Enjoy!