



Our new 2018 4Runner TRD Offroad Premium now sports a C4 Fabrication Lo Pro bumper up front. It in turns holds a ComeUp SEAL Gen2 winch. The low profile design looks fantastic on the 4Runner and will save fuel with less wind resistance.

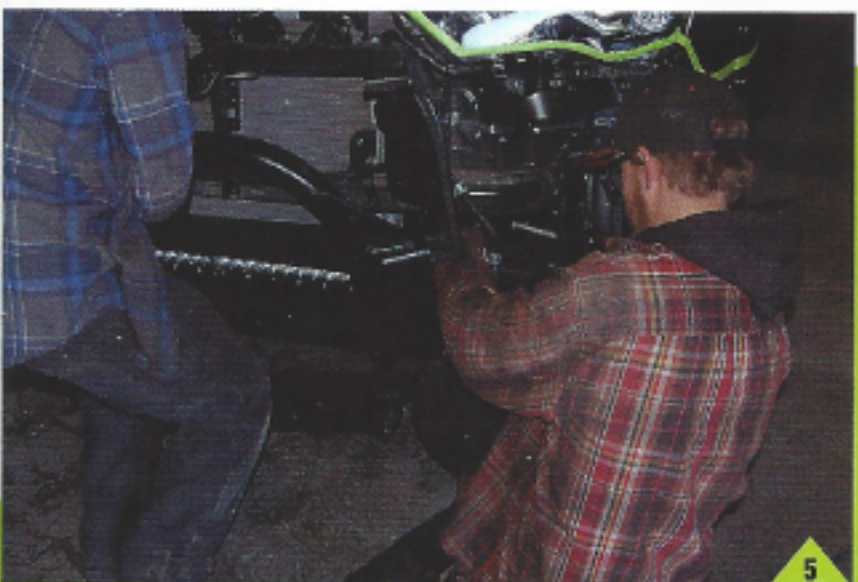
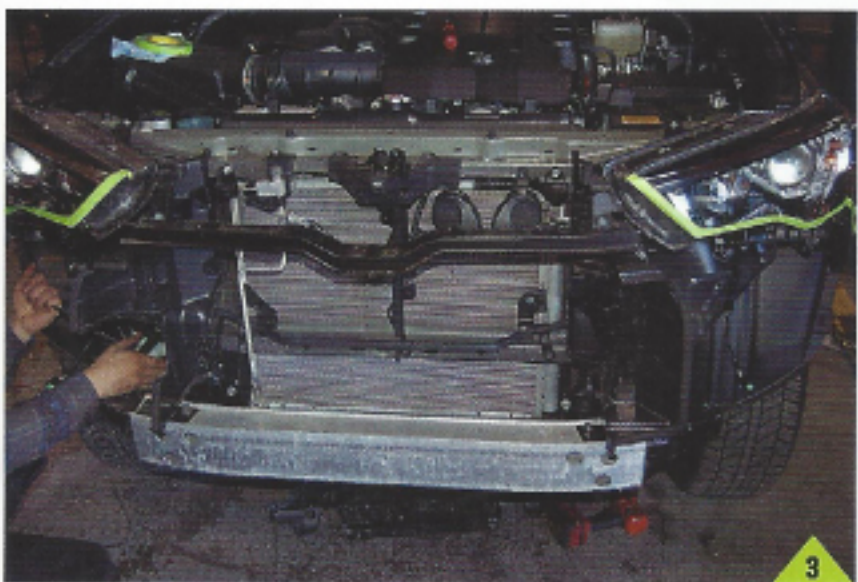
C4 FABRICATION LO PRO 4RUNNER BUMPER

Low weight, high looks

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The 5th-gen 4Runner is a massively popular 4WD Toyota, and as such, there's an equally massive aftermarket for it, and front bumpers are no exception. Large, small, steel, aluminum, the choices run the gamut of the spectrum. Which, in the eyes of the world, is a very good thing! That's how the low-profile front bumper from Sturgis, South Dakota's C4 Fabrication (www.c4fabrication.com, 605-415-5300, @c4_fabrication) caught our attention. In an ironic twist, it was the low profile attributes of the bumper that made it stand out. Clean lines, minimal wind resistance, low weight—the positives seemed endless. So, we ordered one for the 2018 TRD Offroad 4Runner of staff photographer Jason Hayford. Soon the UPS boys were truckin' us our new C4 bumper and it was time for an install session.

The C4 Lo-Pro winch bumper is definitely not tons of steel like those hideous full-size Ford and Dodge bumpers we see all the time. Weighing in at a very reasonable 75 pounds, the C4 unit works with the TRD Pro skid plate if you have one. It ships bare steel, so powder coating or painting is up to you. It fits 2014+ 4Runners, with the exception of the 2014+ Limited model. Winches with non-integrated solenoids from 8K to 10K ratings also should fit—clocking may be necessary. And it can be ordered with or without cutouts for LED lights,



1. Ready for a nose job? The C4 installation went forward with nary a ripple but you will be putting the Dremel to plastic. The ace Torfab crew did our install for us (www.torfab.com)—thank you Torfab!

2. Measure thrice, cut once. There are excellent videos from C4 and other sources on installation. It's not hard, but you need to know where to cut.

3. Plastic removed and ready for C4 bumper install.

4A and 4B. This A/C line needed to be bent out of the way. Using a professional tool designed for this job, it was carefully performed and done in just a few moments.

5. The Torfab crew lifts the 75-pound C4 Lo Pro bumper into position.

6. With the bumper in place, we installed and wired a generic LED light bar and the Come Up SEAL Gen2 winch.



although C4 only guarantees that the Extreme, Rigid and Baja Designs brands of lights bars will fit. We ordered a different brand and can report it went in with no problems.

The C4 Lo Pro is a great

design for the minimalist owner. It checks all the boxes (except powder coat) and saves weight and fuel. Slick, strong, ready for rocks or cold rain and snow this winter with a winch secured inside—two thumbs up! ✓



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7. Let's wheel this beast through the blackest muddy rivers til the morning comes! We love the clean lines and, well, how low profile the bumper is. It starts at \$625, then options include a mid or full height bar (add \$74/\$100). Then you can also add options for various length LED bars, wiring harness options, and hawse license plate mounts. Note the recovery points (standard) and gussets at each end of the tube.

8. Custom options include having "Trail", "TRD" or "TRD Pro" engraved in your bumper (\$35), but we chose to honor the maker, C4 Fabrication. Note also the two license plate mount tabs. These are an optional accessory (\$55.80).

9. These cutouts are for accessing winch controls. We had to clock our Come Up SEAL Gen2 and C4 says most winches will probably need to be clocked. That's no issue as most modern, quality winches have this feature.

10. LO PRO is right. The C4 bumper tucks right up to the grille of the 4Runner for an extremely tight fit and look.