

UPR Under Hood Billet - Dressing Up Your F150

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If you take pride in the appearance of your truck nothing stands out like billet aluminum. Without going over the top and making your truck look like a ricer's idea of, billet parts add a nice touch to control knobs, caps, handles and more under the hood and in the interior cab. UPR Products carries a wide selection of billet dress-up parts for both light duty and Super Duty Ford trucks. Installation is easy and requires no mechanical skills.



Here's the under hood area before the UPR products were installed. The products I'll be installing are billet covers for the oil, power steering reservoir, brake fluid and coolant reservoir caps. Install each part one at a time to avoid leaving any of these fill areas uncapped -- accidents can happen and children are notorious for putting things where they don't belong in the blink of an eye. Before installing the billet part over the cap, thoroughly clean the outside of the cap with water and a mild detergent to remove any dust and oil, then dry with a lint free towel.



For the oil filler cap, place a small amount of clear automotive silicon adhesive on the underside of the billet cover. Once you've cleaned and dried the oil filler cap place it back on the oil filler tube and then place the billet cover on top of this. Hold it down firmly for a couple of minutes until it starts to set.

Next, the power steering reservoir cap. There are two ways to go with this. This cap has a plastic tether attaching it to the reservoir. If you wish to attach the billet cap cover permanently to this cap you'll need to remove the tether from the cap and reservoir. It appears that the only way to do this is by cutting the tether. This that is a one-way operation I was determined to find a different way to mount it...



I placed a bead of silicone adhesive along the inside edge of the cover and let it dry set completely. Next, I simply pushed the cover onto the cap. The silicone provides enough resistance to hold the cover firmly in place on the cap while still allowing me the ability to pull it off the cap whenever I need to access steering fluid (and that's not very often!)



Next, the brake fluid and coolant cap covers. The UPR pieces press fit onto these as well but I added a small amount of clear silicone adhesive on these as well.

Pictured above are the results. Easy good looks with a minimum of time required. It took 15 minutes total (not including drying time). You can find these and other products at www.uprproducts.com



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