

KODIAK

# SideWINDER

Truck & SUV  
Retractable Step

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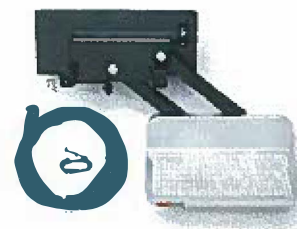
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***How much weight will the step hold?***  
 Fully extended the step is designed to safely support up to 350 pounds.

***Is it okay to stand on the step when the door is closed?***  
 No. The SideWINDER is designed to support up to 350 lbs. only when extended. Stepping on the step in the retracted position may cause damage. Make sure the step is fully extended before putting weight on it.

***What is in a vehicle kit?***  
 Each kit contains a step assembly (with motor and control), wiring harness, door switch, and necessary fasteners.



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***If my vehicle is not listed, can I modify a kit for another vehicle?***

KODIAK does not recommend or support installations other than those listed on the [Kits List page](#). The kits listed are designed for vehicle-specific applications and are thoroughly tested before release.

We frequently develop new kits so if you do not see your vehicle listed, check back later or call our Customer Service line at 574-537-8900.

You may also want to talk to an experienced [Installer in your area](#). Some installers modify our kits for applications not listed. But it is important for you to note that such modifications are not supported by KODIAK and invalidate the KODIAK warranty. You may want to ask the installer if they provide their own product warranty before having the work done.

***How big is the step and***

***does it come in different widths?***

The part you step on is 5" X 11". See the drawing on the right for step dimensions.

The size of the step portion is the same on all kits. The only variation is in the finish color. You can choose between a silver or black powder-coated finish.

**Silver Finish****Black Finish*****Is the step slippery?***

A non-skid tread is cast directly into the step portion of the SideWINDER. There is also a reflective strip in the tread to make the step more visible at night.

***How far down does the step extend?***

The step extends approximately 8 inches. The step attaches to the rocker panel so the exact extension varies slightly for each vehicle model.

Some installers cut and lengthen the step "arms" in order to install it on trucks with high lifts. Please note that such modifications are not supported by KODIAK and invalidate the KODIAK warranty. Before having this type of work done, ask the installer if they provide their own product warranty.

***Can I install the SideWINDER step myself?***

That depends on your level of experience. If you are comfortable with simple wiring and with drilling 3 or 4 holes in the vehicle frame, you will probably have no problem. You may want to read through the sample [Installation and Wiring](#) Instructions on this website.

***How long will it take to install?***

In general, it will take one to two hours per step.

***Is any maintenance required?***

Lubricate the upper bearing points with a good quality moisture and heat resistant penetrating grease such as [KwikLube®](#) Spray Grease. Also apply standard automotive chassis grease to the zinc grease fittings of the pivot point at the lower end of the legs whenever the vehicle chassis is greased. Clean all mud, salt, and road grime from the step before lubricating. We recommend that you NOT use penetrating oils and silicone lubricants, as they do not retain lubrication.

***When I open the door, do both the driver and passenger steps extend?***

The steps operate independently. Each is activated by the opening or closing of the door it serves by means of a door switch. This is true for both driver and passenger side steps, as well as steps on front and rear doors.

***What happens if the step bumps into something?***

The electronic control stops the step from extending or retracting if it comes in contact with an obstacle.

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