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## 2009-2012 Cayman 987.2 Center 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. Wear gloves as well.*



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## 2009-2012 Porsche Cayman (987.2) – Grille for Front Center Radiator Opening

### Notes:

- Remove any debris collected in the cavity of the front center opening. A vacuum cleaner with an extended nozzle works best.
- Behind the plastic grate at the front of the cavity is a fixture that is more rubber-like in texture. This fixture and the backside of the grate forms a groove that goes all around the circumference of the center opening. The grille pieces should fit inside the groove.

### Procedure:

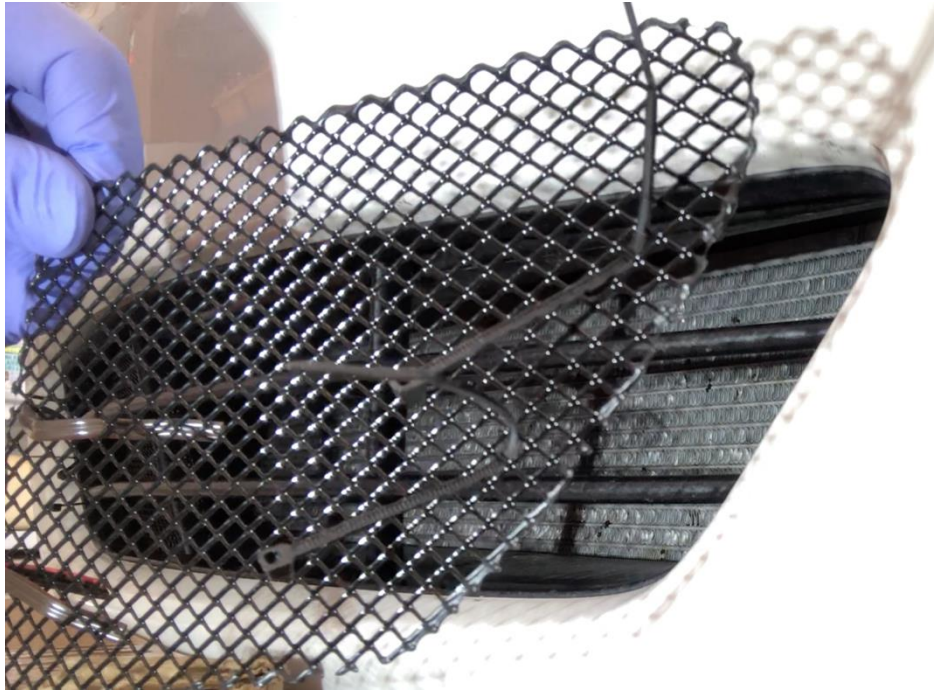
1. There are 3 sections for the front center grille – a middle and two end sections. The cable ties supplied with the kit are not pre-installed on these sections. To determine the optimal positions of the holes to put the cable ties through, insert each grille section separately behind the front grate one at a time.
2. Insert a section through the top-center opening of the grate. Tilt the section so that its top edge is leaning forward towards the front of the car. Fit the top edge into the groove described earlier, then pull the lower half of the section forward until its bottom edge also fits into the groove. Slide the section horizontally to its intended position. See Figure 1 below for one of the end sections in position.



*Figure 1. Right end section of Front Center Grille in position.*

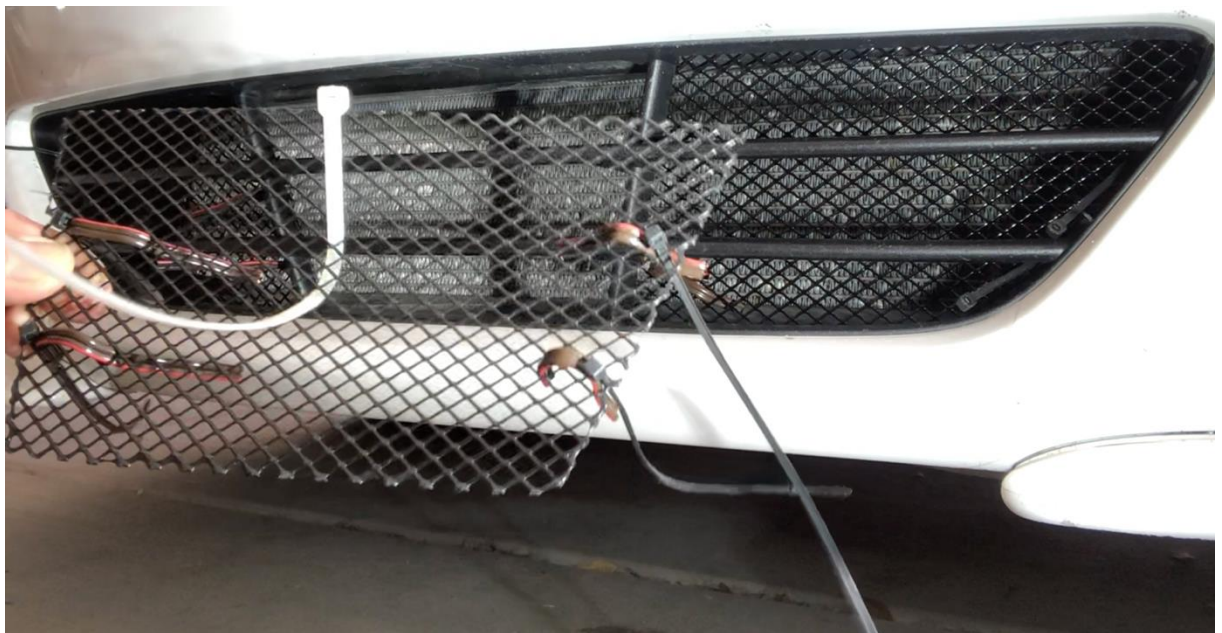
3. Visually determine which holes of a section the cable ties should go through to best wrap around the horizontal slats at the outside edge of the grate, and the vertical slats in the middle of the grate (see arrows in Figure 1). In the latter case, plan to have the cable ties positioned underneath the horizontal slats so they are less obvious.
4. One trick that is useful is to insert short lengths of electrical wiring into the holes you have selected to mark their locations. Fold the wiring pieces over so they stay in place as the grille section is taken back out to insert the cable ties. For each of the end sections, plan on inserting two cable ties at the outer edge of the section. For the middle section, plan on inserting four cable ties at the outer edges of the section.

5. Figure 2 below shows one of the end sections with two cable ties inserted and 2 short lengths of wiring marking where the other two cable ties should eventually thread through. Insert this section as described in Step 2. Wrap the open ends of the cable ties around the horizontal slats at the outside edge of the grate but do not tighten. Repeat with the other end section.



*Figure 2. Left end section with two cable ties inserted and 2 short lengths of wiring marking where the other two cable ties should eventually thread through.*

6. Figure 3 below shows the middle section with four cable ties inserted at the edges together with the short lengths of wiring to hold them in place. A white cable tie is also inserted in the center. This is used to move and position the middle section once it is inserted behind the grate. In the background of the photo one can see the end sections already in place, each with two cable ties looping behind the horizontal slats of the grate.



*Figure 3. The middle section with four cable ties inserted at the edges together with the short lengths of wiring to hold them in place.*

7. Insert the middle section through the top-center opening of the grate. Tilt the section so that its top edge is leaning forward towards the front of the car, but do not fit the top edge into the groove as yet. Slide the middle section horizontally over to one side to make room so you can insert the free ends of two cable ties into the marked holes in one of the end sections, looping behind the vertical slat of the grate. It helps to bend the free end of the cable tie 90 degrees to help with the insertion.
8. Slide the middle section horizontally over to the other side of the cavity and repeat insertion of the other two cable ties into the marked holes of the other end section.
9. Use the white cable tie to pull the middle section so that its top edge fits into the groove. Then use that and the black cable ties to pull the bottom edge of the section into the groove.
10. All 3 sections are now installed. Make minor adjustments as needed to make sure they are lined up properly.
11. Remove the white cable tie (and the electrical wiring if you used those). Then tighten all the black cable ties and clip off the tails. You may want to rotate each cable tie so the receiver end is out of sight. And you are done!!

