

Instructions for Fitting Electro Polished Stainless Steel Woven Mesh Grille inserts to Jaguar X350 (XJ) 2003 to 2007

Tools required: broad tip flat blade screwdriver & T30 Torx screwdriver

Open the bonnet and remove the top plastic cover from the front of engine bay, by removing the 6 plastic 'hand turn' bolts.

The grille retaining 'arms' at either end of the top of the grille are held in place by 2 bolts (usually T30 torx) - remove these. Removal of these 2 bolts will also release & allow removal of the 2 small side wind deflectors from either side.

At the bottom of the inside of the grille, lift the rubber flaps (left & right) to reveal the grille retaining legs; unclip these by pressing the legs down whilst pulling & maneuvering the grille forward (making sure that the grille retaining 'arms' at the top are free & have not become re-seated).

Take the grille assembly to a work surface (preferably non-abrasive to avoid scratches).

Both the left & right original plastic chrome grilles are each held in place by 2 locating legs at the bottom and 5 small projections at the top of each. From behind the grille (& inside the black plastic air ducts) slide the blade of a broad tipped flat screwdriver between the top of the plastic chrome grille and the underside of the plastic chrome frame (but don't feed the blade too far through & scratch the front of the frame), then gently press the handle of the screwdriver downwards, this will both unclip the grille and force the top of the grille outwards (if the screwdriver blade is adjacent to the vertical risers this is more effective). Repeat this a few times until all the top of the grille is unclipped, then from the front lift it forwards & upwards out of the frame.

Remove the black plastic air ducts from the rear of the grille assembly by sliding your hand under the center of the duct & rubber flap and gently lifting to release the locating tabs.

Please note: Due to the nature of the stainless woven wire mesh, it can 'concertina' or compress a little, if this has happened then it simply needs to be pulled into shape.

Now position the mesh inserts into the rear of the grille assembly, feeding the top edge into position first, then the lower edge (because the mesh has been 'pressed' to give it the convex appearance, it may spring forwards in some areas, so you may need to apply a little pressure during fitting). Now clip the duct/s back into the frame, entering the top clips first. As you clip the bottom clips in place you will find this a tight fit, but they will clip together holding the mesh securely. Be sure that the clips have been fully located by pressing them firmly.

With the new grille inserts fitted, check that all is correct and then refit the grille assembly back onto the car.

Check that the lower grille retaining legs are fully seated by lifting the rubber skirts after installation. Periodic polishing with a metal polish cream (ie Brasso or similar) will maintain the lustre of the mesh for the lifetime of your Jaguar.

