

# **TOYOTA FJ CRUISER STEEL LED TAIL LIGHTS**

#### P/N: 3965 / 3965-RAW INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

KIT CONTENTS:			
Item Description	Qty.	Item Description	Qty.
Steel Housing (PAIR)	1	2-1/2" Diameter Washers	2
Red Rectangular LED	2	1/4" Hex Nut	14
White Rectangular LED	2	1/4" SAE Flat Washer	8
Red 1" Round LED	4	1/4" x 2" Carriage Bolt	6
5-Wire to 4-Wire Converter	1	Edge Trim	72"
Nylon Misalignment Spacer	8	"P" Trim	18"

IMPORTANT NOTES - BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Warrior has developed this Tail Light kit keeping general motor vehicle requirements in mind; however, requirements can change from state-to-state. It is your responsibility to confirm that you are in compliance with local laws and regulations. Warrior Products is not responsible for any damages or costs incurred as a result of the installation of this Tail Light kit.
- 2. "Ratcheting" type combination wrenches, while not required, will make installation much easier, you will need 10mm and 7/16".
- 3. Your kit contains three different types of LED lights. LED lights are polarity sensitive and will only illuminate if connected correctly (i.e. ground (-) to ground (-), and positive (+) to positive (+). The three types of LED's in your kit and the wire colors are described below:
  - a. Red rectangular Stop/Turn/Tail LED light Three wires coming out of the back;
    - i. Ground (-) = White
    - ii. Bright Circuit Stop/Turn (+) = Red
    - iii. Dim Circuit Tail Light (+) = Black
  - b. White rectangular Reverse LED light Two wires coming out of the back;
    - i. Ground (-) = White
    - ii. Positive (+) = Black
  - c. Red 1" round Side Marker light Two wires coming out of the back;
    - i. Ground (-) = White/Red stripe
    - ii. Positive (+) = Brown
- 4. The factory FJ Cruiser tail lights are operated by a 5-wire tail light system (the turn signal light, and the brake light are indicated by separate bulbs on each side). In order to install this Tail Light kit which uses a combined signal for the Stop and Turn indication (which is a 4-wire tail light system) you will have to install a 5-wire to 4-wire tail light converter (or Trailer Wiring Converter). The input side of the converter will take the signal from your existing factory bulb socket wires, and the output side of the converter will be connected to the Red lights of the system. The White Reverse lights can be connected directly to the factory reverse bulb socket wires.
- 5. You will most likely experience a "fast blinker" or "hyper blinker" symptom as a result of installing LED Tail Lights. This symptom is a result of the lower power consumption of the LED bulb vs. the factory Incandescent bulb. To correct the "fast blinker" symptom, we



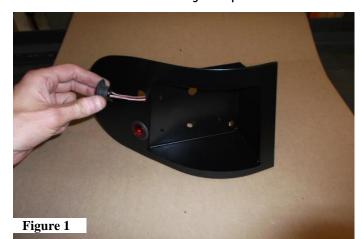


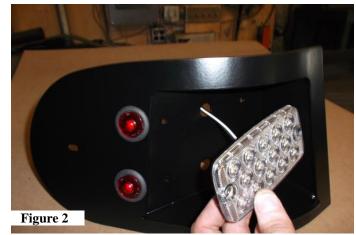


recommend replacing your flasher module with one that has been designated as "compatible for LED use". You can find various options with a quick internet search, or you can visit your local auto parts store. We have successfully installed a NAPA auto parts flasher (Part # NF LM449) to correct the issue. Please note that the installation of this type of flasher module will eliminate the "fast blinker" warning to notify you when a signal bulb has burnt out. Please periodically check your signal lights to confirm that all are functioning correctly.

#### INSTALLATION:

- 1. Prepare your Warrior Products Steel LED Tail Lights by installing and wiring the LED lights included in your kit. Perform the steps below for one light fixture, then repeat the procedure for the second light.
  - a. Insert two of the Red 1" Side Marker lights by threading the wires through the  $\frac{3}{4}$ " holes from the outside, and simply press into place. (See Figure 1).
  - b. Next, mount 1 Red rectangular S/T/T light, and 1 White rectangular Reverse light in the undercut portion of the fixture as shown with the provided screws and nuts (you may choose your configuration, with the reverse on the top, or reverse on the bottom, the lights are interchangeable with the mounting locations.) Again, thread the wires through the holes provided from the outside of the fixture as shown in Figure 2. The holes is the fixture may be tight due to the powder coat, if so, you should be able to screw them through before placing the nut on the back side. Tamper resistant screw covers are provided, which are one-time use caps. Do not install these caps until after you are completely satisfied with placement/configuration of your lights. You may also choose to not use the caps at all if that is your preference.





## c. After you have mounted the lights to the fixture, the next step is to wire the fixture prior to connecting the wiring to the vehicle. Refer to Figure 3 as a guide.

- i. The White Reverse light will connect directly to the existing reverse circuit.
- ii. The side marker lights will be connected to the "marker light" or "tail light" circuit. To do this, connect the White/Red stripe wire of one Red 1" light to

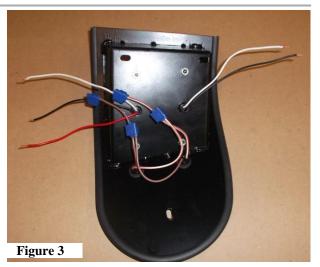






the White/Red Stripe wire of the other Red 1" light. Connect these wires to the White ground wire of the Red rectangular S/T/T light. Repeat the procedure connecting the Brown wires of the Red 1" lights together with the Black wire of the Red rectangular S/T/T light. You an see in Figure 3, we have chosen to "daisy chain" the wires together.

2. Next, remove your factory tail lights. Each light has three mounting studs attaching it to the vehicle. You must access the nuts from the



inside of the vehicle cargo area (This is where a "ratcheting" style combination wrench is helpful). There is a small access cover directly behind each light that will give you access to two of the three nuts. The third nut can be accessed



through a lower opening through the jack storage area on the driver side (please note that the factory subwoofer, or rear power port may require additional disassembly to gain access to the tail light mounting nuts). The side nuts are hidden from sight and positioned toward the side of the vehicle, which is different from the other two (which are positioned toward the back of the vehicle). Reach in and up to the outer body sheet metal where you should be able to feel a protruding mounting stud.

3. After removing the Factory tail lights, remove the side post receivers from the sheet metal by removing the two screws and pulling the plastic away from the sheet metal. See Figure 6.











4. To prepare the wiring for the lights, the 5-wire to 4-wire converter must be installed. As mentioned above, it is your responsibility to choose which method you prefer for your wire connections and splices. To install the converter, you should remove the lower plastic threshold below the rear gate by removing the (5) Philips head screws, then gently pulling upward on the plastic trim starting at one end. This is where you can run wires across the vehicle. See Figure 7.



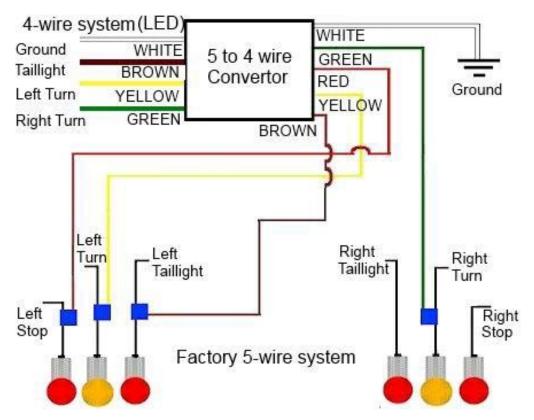
- 5. Loosen, or remove the cargo area side panels as required to gain sufficient access to place the convertor box and wires. There are two Phillips head screws under the plastic trim that you just removed, and you may have to remove the cargo "tie down lugs" for more access. Factory subwoofers may require more effort to gain access.
- 6. After you have gained sufficient access for wiring, place the converter box on the driver side of the vehicle (in the jack storage compartment) to take advantage of the longer wire on the converter that is meant to reach across the vehicle to pick up the right turn signal. Inspect your specific converter to confirm this to be an appropriate configuration. Please note that depending on your converter box placement, you may have to splice on additional wire length in order to achieve an appropriate length to work with.
- 7. You will now connect the wires for the input (5-wire) side of the converter.
  - a. First, connect the yellow wire of the converter to the blue wire with white stripe at the Left Turn signal socket. This is the two-wire socket with an amber bulb.
  - b. Next make two connections to the driver side; a 3-wire bulb socket to pick up the Brake signal, and the tail light signal. Connect the red wire of the converter to the FJ Cruiser green with yellow stripe wire for the brake. The tail light signal is picked up by connecting the brown wire of the converter to the green wire on the FJ Cruiser socket.
  - c. The fourth wire to connect is for the Right Turn signal. You will have to run the green (longer) wire of the converter across to the passenger side tail light sockets. Similar to the driver side, you will connect to the two-wire socket with the amber bulb for this signal. The pink FJ Cruiser wire is the positive wire for the Right Turn signal.
  - d. The 5<sup>th</sup> wire is the ground, and should be connected to the body of the vehicle either using an existing bare metal screw, or by using a self-tapping type screw into hidden sheet metal.



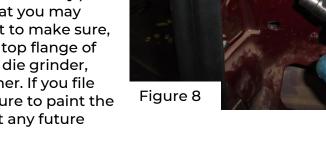




FJ Cruiser / OEM / Factory Wires	5-wire to 4-wire Converter Wires
Blue w/white stripe (Driver side only) = Left Turn (+)	Yellow (+)
Green w/yellow stripe = Brake (+)	Red (+)
Green = Tail Light (+)	Brown (+)
Pink (Passenger side only) = Right Turn (+)	Green (+)
Ground to body or jack mount brace	White (-) (GROUND)



8. Before you wire the connections to your new LED lights, guickly check for any interference with the LED Tail light housing and the FJ Cruiser body sheet metal on the passenger side. Hold the housing into the opening and try to feel if it is contacting the latch support reinforcement (passenger side only.) See Figure 8. If you believe that you may have contact, or just want to make sure, you can lightly shave the top flange of the reinforcement with a die grinder, file, hacksaw blade, or other. If you file this flange down, make sure to paint the exposed metal to prevent any future rust.



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9. Now that the converter is wired to the vehicle, you now need to connect the 4-wire (output) side to your new LED lights (you will have to cut the "flat four" plug off the end of the wires and pull the necessary wires apart to run them in different directions. The converter will only be used to control the red lights of the kit. The white reverse lights can be connected directly to the FJ Cruiser reverse light socket. We suggest before fully mounting the tail light boxes that you quickly "mockup" your lights to confirm that you have made all of the correct connections, and that everything functions as expected (refer to Wire Connection chart below). Remember, if you have not yet changed your flasher to an "LED compatible" flasher, you may experience the "fast blinker" symptom. Run your wires from the inside of the vehicle through the tail light openings and support your new Warrior Tail Light boxes while you make the connections. Tuck the wires in as you mount the lights to the vehicle. The chart below indicates the connections to be made at the tail lights. Please note that the WHITE ground wire and the BROWN tail light wire on the 4-wire (output) side of the converter must connect to BOTH driver and passenger side tail lights so plan accordingly while running and splicing your wires. The YELLOW wire on the output side of the connecter will ONLY run to the driver side of the vehicle for the Stop/Left Turn function, and the GREEN wire of the convertor will ONLY run to the passenger side of the vehicle for the Stop/Right Turn function.

#### WIRE CONNECTION CHART (4-WIRE SYSTEM TO LED TAIL LIGHT BOXES)

DRIVER SIDE	
LED Light Wires	Vehicle – OR – Convertor Box Wires
Reverse Light – BLACK (+)	Vehicle Bulb Socket – RED w/YELLOW stripe (+)
Reverse Light – WHITE (-)	Vehicle Bulb Socket – WHITE w/BLACK stripe (-)
Red S/T/T Lights – "Bright" RED (+)	Convertor Box Wire – YELLOW (+) – Left Turn and Stop
Red S/T/T Lights – "Dim" BLACK (+)	Convertor Box Wire – BROWN (+) – Tail Light
Red S/T/T Lights – "Ground" White (-)	Convertor Box Wire – WHITE (-) – Ground
PADDENGER SIDE	
LED Light Wires	Vehicle – OR – Convertor Box Wires
Reverse Light – BLACK (+)	Vehicle Bulb Socket – RED w/YELLOW stripe (+)
Reverse Light – WHITE (-)	Vehicle Bulb Socket – WHITE w/BLACK stripe (-)
Red S/T/T Lights – "Bright" RED (+)	Convertor Box Wire – GREEN (+) – Right Turn and Stop
Red S/T/T Lights – "Dim" BLACK (+)	Convertor Box Wire – BROWN (+) – Tail Light
Red S/T/T Lights – "Ground" White (-)	Convertor Box Wire – WHITE (-) – Ground







- 10. Before mounting your new Tail light assemblies, place a piece of "P" trim cut to length (approx. 7) along the inside vertical edge of the opening, the thick section of the "P" should be toward the center of the vehicle, and the innermost edge of the trim should be aligned with the edges of the body above and below the opening for the tail lights. See Figure 9 on the right.
- You are now ready to mount the Warrior Steel LED Tail Lights to your vehicle. Extra hardware is provided in case you drop something and are



unable to recover it. Each tail light is attached with three carriage bolts which are passed through mounting slots in the tail light housing (Two next to the rectangular LED lights, and one on the side of the housing.) It may be useful to have a helper at this point to help hold things in place outside the vehicle while attaching hardware inside the vehicle.

- a. Begin with the two mounting locations inside the box next to the rectangular LED lights. The carriage bolts pass through the slots in the housing, and though the same holes in the FJ Cruiser body provided for the factory tail light mounting studs. Next, from the inside of the vehicle, place a white nylon misalignment space over the threads of the carriage bolt with the angled surface toward the vehicle body. Try to rotate the spacer so that the angle is aligned with the angle of the body. After the spacer is installed, place a washer on the carriage bolt and loosely start the <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" nut on the threads. Do this for both carriage bolts in this location.
- b. For the third mounting point, after you pass the carriage bolt through the tail light housing and through the large opening in the body of the vehicle, you will need place one of the 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" diameter large washers over the threads BEFORE you slide on the misalignment spacer (the large washer is needed because of the large opening in the vehicle body). After the large washer is in place, position the misalignment spacer (again with angled side toward the large washer/body), followed by the <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" washer, and finish by loosely starting the nut as before.
- c. With the three nuts started, begin tightening the nuts while paying attention to the position of the housing on the outside of the vehicle. Tighten the nuts evenly to avoid misalignment of the housing. After you are satisfied with the position of the tail light housing and the nuts are tight, place a second nut on each carriage bolt and tighten down to lock into place.
- d. Repeat the procedure for the second side.
- 12. Recheck / Confirm correct function of the lights, then replace side panels and trim in the cargo area.
- 13. Installation complete.

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