



C2622 Installation Instructions 2001-2010 Chevy/GM 2500/3500 HD 4WD 6" Suspension Lift

Read and understand all instructions and warnings prior to installation of product and operation of vehicle.

Zone Offroad Products recommends this system be installed by a professional technician. In addition to these instructions, professional knowledge of disassembly/ reassembly procedures and post installation checks must be known. Minimum tool requirements include the following: Assorted metric and standard wrenches, hammer, hydraulic floor jack and a set of jack stands. See the "Special Tools Required" section for additional tools needed to complete this installation properly and safely.

» PRODUCT SAFETY WARNING

Certain Zone Suspension Products are intended to improve off-road performance. Modifying your vehicle for off-road use may result in the vehicle handling differently than a factory equipped vehicle. Extreme care must be used to prevent loss of control or vehicle rollover. Failure to drive your modified vehicle safely may result in serious injury or death. Zone Offroad Products does not recommend the combined use of suspension lifts, body lifts, or other lifting devices.

You should never operate your modified vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Always drive your modified vehicle at reduced speeds to ensure your ability to control your vehicle under all driving conditions. Always wear your seat belt.

» TECHNICAL SUPPORT

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» PRE-INSTALLATION NOTES

1. Special literature required: OE Service Manual for model/year of vehicle. Refer to manual for proper disassembly/reassembly procedures of OE and related components.
2. Adhere to recommendations when replacement fasteners, retainers and keepers are called out in the OE manual.
3. Larger rim and tire combinations may increase leverage on suspension, steering, and related components. When selecting combinations larger than OE, consider the additional stress you could be inducing on the OE and related components.
4. Post suspension system vehicles may experience drive line vibrations. Angles may require tuning, slider on shaft may require replacement, shafts may need to be lengthened or trued, and U-joints may need to be replaced.
5. Secure and properly block vehicle prior to installation of Zone Offroad Products. Always wear safety glasses when using power tools.
6. If installation is to be performed without a hoist, Zone Offroad Products recommends rear alterations first.
7. Due to payload options and initial ride height variances, the amount of lift is a base figure. Final ride height dimensions may vary in accordance to original vehicle attitude. Always measure the attitude prior to beginning installation.

Difficulty Level

easy 1 2 3 **4** 5 difficult

Estimated installation: 8 hours

Special Tools Required

GM Style Torsion Bar Tool

Welder

Reciprocating Saw or Equivalent

Drill w/ 1/2" Bit

36mm Axle Socket

Tire/Wheel Fitment*

**Trimming Req'd*

Tire:

35x12.50

Wheels:

20 x 9 w/ 5.75" BS

17 or 18 x 9 w/ 5-5.5" BS

16 x 8 w/ 4.5" BS

Kit Contents

C2620 Box Kit

| Qty | Part |
|-----|-------------------------|
| 1 | Steering Knuckle (drv) |
| 1 | Steering Knuckle (pass) |

C2621 Box Kit

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| 1 | Front Crossmember |
| 1 | Differential Skid Plate |
| 1 | Differential Drop Bracket (drv) |
| 1 | Differential Drop Bracket (pass) |
| 2 | CV Spacer |
| 2 | Torsion Bar Drop Brkt |
| 1 | Weld-in Support Plate |

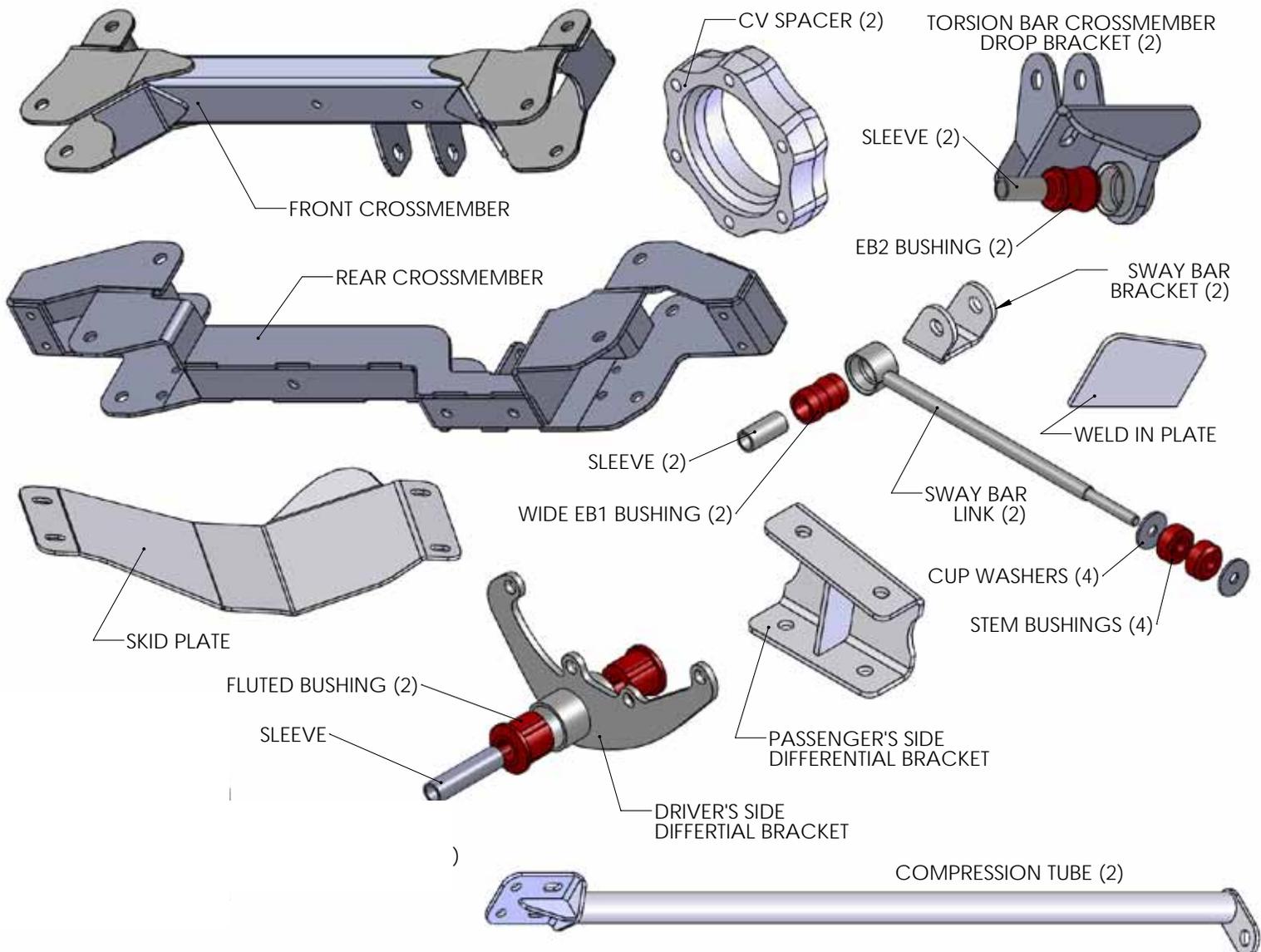
C2622 Box Kit

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| 1 | Rear Crossmember |
| 1 | Bolt Pack - Crossmembers |
| 2 | Bushing - Drv. Differential Brkt |

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| 1 | Sleeve - 0.750" x 0.083" x 2.950" |
| 1 | Bolt Pack - Differential Hardware |
| 1 | Bolt Pack - CV Spacers |
| 2 | Compression Tube |
| 1 | Bolt Pack - Compression Tube/Torsion Bar Drop |
| 2 | Large Hourglass Bushing (T-Bar Drop) |
| 4 | Sleeve - 0.750" x 0.090" x 1.575" |
| 2 | Sway Bar Link |
| 2 | Sway Bar Link U-Bracket |
| 2 | Small Hourglass Bushing |
| 4 | Stem Bushing |
| 4 | Stem Washer |
| 1 | Bolt Pack - Sway Bar Links |
| 1 | D/S Boot Extension |
| 1 | D/S Boot Extension O-ring Bag Kit |

C2623 Box Kit

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| 2 | Rear 5" Lift Block |
| 4 | 9/16" x 2-1/2" x 14" U-bolt, Nuts, Washers |



INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Park the vehicle on a flat, clean surface and block the rear wheels for safety.
2. Disconnect the positive and negative battery cables.

» FRONT INSTALLATION

1. Raise the front of the vehicle and support with jack stands under the frame rails.
2. Remove the wheels.
3. Measure and record the length of the exposed thread on the torsion bar adjuster bolts **Figure 1**. Record the lengths here for use later during the installation



Figure 1

4. Unload the torsion bars but do not remove. Save adjuster bolt/retainer block.
5. Mark the unloaded torsion bars to indicate DRV side and PASS side. Also mark the bars to indicate front versus rear.
6. Remove the torsion bar adjuster plate by pushing the torsion bar forward to allow the plate to drop free. On most vehicles this will require a using a hammer/punch or air hammer. Access the end of the torsion bar through the hole in the back of the torsion bar crossmember and drive forward. Leave the torsion bars in the lower control arms.
7. Remove the two bolts that attach the torsion bar crossmember to the frame rails **Figure 2**. Remove the torsion bar crossmember from the vehicle. Save bolts and crossmember.



Figure 2

Important—measure before starting!

Measure from the center of the wheel up to the bottom edge of the wheel opening

LF _____ RF _____

LR _____ RR _____

Step 6 Note

Unloading torsion bars: Torsion bars are under pressure even with the front suspension off the ground. A proper torsion bar tool is necessary to unload and remove the torsion bars from the vehicle. A tool designed specifically for GM torsion bars (#J36202 or equivalent) is required. This tool can be purchased from several sources and most part stores will lend these tools for little or no charge. Follow the individual tool instructions for proper use.

8. Remove the torsion bars by pulling them rearward out of the lower control arms. Set the torsion bars aside.
9. Remove the front plastic splash guard. If equipped, remove the four bolts mounting the factory belly pan to the frame **Figure 3**. These will not be reused.



Figure 3

10. Disconnect the sway bar end links from the sway bar and the lower control arms **Figure 4**. Discard the link assemblies.
11. Disconnect the tie rod ends from the steering knuckles. Remove the tie rod end nuts and save. Strike the knuckle near the tie rod end to dislodge the tie rod end taper **Figure 4**. Remove the tie rod ends from the knuckles.
12. Disconnect the ABS brake wire from the connector at the top of the frame **Figure 5**. Remove the wire from the plastic retainers on the frame and upper control arm **Figure 6**.
13. Disconnect the rubber brake line brackets from the upper control arm and the steering knuckle **Figure 6**. Save hardware.

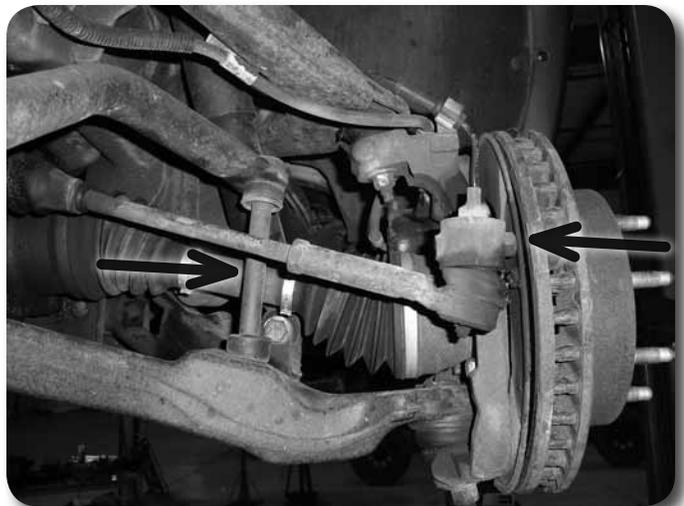


Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6

14. Remove the two bolts mounting the brake caliper assembly to the steering knuckle and hang the caliper out of the way Figure 7. Do not hang the caliper by the brake hose. Save mounting bolts.



Figure 7

Step 16 Note

A fine-tipped chisel and hammer work well to remove the hub dust cap. Work the chisel around the cap to separate it from the hub.

15. If equipped, remove the rotor retaining clips from the wheels studs. These will not be reused. Remove the brake rotor and set aside.
16. Carefully remove the hub dust cover. **Figure 8.**
17. Remove the CV axle nut and washer. Save hardware.



Figure 8

18. Remove the CV axle flange bolts at the differential **Figure 9.** There are 6 bolts per side. Discard the bolts.

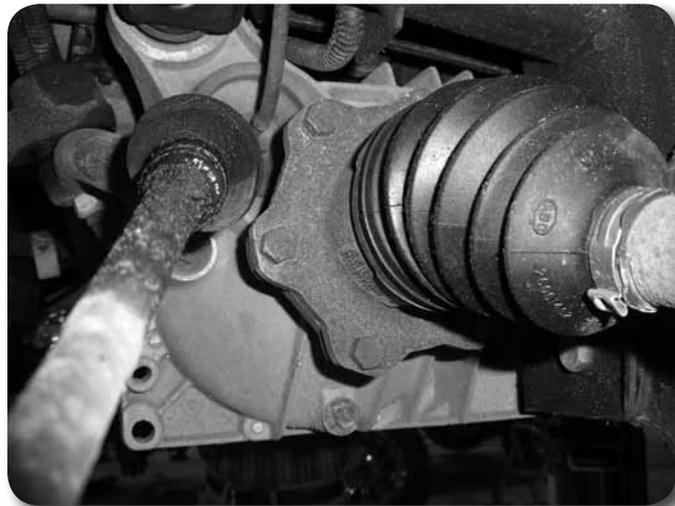


Figure 9

19. Remove the upper ball joint nut. Thread the nut back on by hand one or two turns. Strike the knuckle near the upper ball joint to release the taper. Remove the upper ball joint nut (save) and remove the ball joint from the knuckle. Allow the knuckle to swing out and remove the CV axle from the hub **Figure 10.** Mark the CV axle to indicate DRV side and PASS side.



Figure 10

20. Remove the lower ball joint nut and thread back on by hand one or two turns. Strike the knuckle near the ball joint to release the taper. Remove the ball joint nut and remove the knuckle from the lower control arm. Save the lower ball joint nut and set the knuckle/hub assembly aside.
21. Disconnect the shocks from the frame and lower control arm. Remove shocks, save lower mounting hardware and discard the rest.
22. Remove the front and rear lower control arm bolts and remove the control arms from the vehicle **Figure 11**. Save the control arms and mounting hardware.



Figure 11

23. Remove the factory bump stops from the frame **Figure 12**. Save bump stops and hardware.



Figure 12

24. Make an alignment mark on the front driveshaft and front differential input yoke. Remove the four bolts/clamps from the yoke and remove the front driveshaft from the differential **Figure 13**. Remove driveshaft from the transfer case. Save the driveshaft hardware.



Figure 13

25. Remove the four bolts mounting the rear crossmember to the rear lower control arm pockets **Figure 14**. Remove the crossmember from the vehicle. The crossmember and hardware will not be reused.



Figure 14

26. Disconnect the electrical connector from the front differential actuator **Figure 11**. Remove the wire from the three plastic wire retainers along the top of the differential.
27. Disconnect the axle breather tube from the driver's side of the differential.
28. Loosen but do not remove all of the front differential mounting bolts. There are two on the passenger's side, one on the upper front driver's side and one on the lower rear driver's side.
29. Locate the remaining wing of the rear crossmember on the lower rear driver's side control arm pocket. This portion of the frame must be removed to clear the front differential in its new, lower position. A precise measurement and cut is outlined later in the instructions but to make removing the differential easier the wing portion can be cut off now. Using a reciprocating saw (recommended), hack saw or cut-off wheel, remove the wing just inside of the control arm pocket **Figure 15**. Take care not to cut into the differential housing or bolt.

Step 29 Note

Do not use any type of flame-cutting to cut on the frame. The vehicle undercoating is flammable.



Figure 15

30. Support the front differential with an appropriate jack. Remove the differential mounting hardware and lower the differential from the vehicle and set aside. Save hardware.
31. The lower rear driver's side control arm pocket must be trimmed to provide clearance for the front differential. Measure inward from the center of the lower control arm mounting hole 1-3/4" and mark on both the front and back surfaces

Step 31 Note

Measure twice, cut once!

of the pocket **Figure 16**. Make vertical cut lines at the marks and connect the cut lines along the top surface of the pocket.



Figure 16

Step 33 Note

It is important to completely remove the undercoating around the area to be welded. This will avoid weld contamination, as well as the undercoating igniting/melting.

32. Using a reciprocating saw (recommended), hack saw or cut-off wheel, cut the pocket along cut lines.
33. With the control arm pocket trimmed, be sure the area around the cut is free from grease, oil and undercoating. Locate the provided weld-in support plate and place it up to the frame where the cut was made. The angled edge of the plate goes to the top. Align the top of the plate to the top cut edge of the control arm pocket and center the plate horizontally in the pocket. Tack weld the plate in place.
34. With the support plate tack in place, double check the location and then finish welding it in place **Figure 17**. Allow the area to cool slowly and then paint any exposed metal to prevent rust.



Figure 17

35. The front upper mount bushing of the differential must be removed to provide adequate steering clearance. Mark a cut line around the mount that is flush with the top of the differential housing. Using a reciprocating saw (recommended) or hack saw, cut the mount off of the differential **Figure 18**. Take extra care not to cut into the differential housing.



Figure 18

36. Install the provided large bushings (2) and 0.750" OD x 2.950" long sleeve into the eye of the new driver's side differential bracket.
37. Place the driver's side differential bracket up to the front of the differential to indicate the four housing bolts that need to be removed. Remove the four bolts, place the bracket in position and fasten with new 10mm x 60mm bolt and washers **Figure 19**. Use Loctite on the bolt threads and torque to 30 ft-lbs.

Step 37 Note

Differential bolts/washers are located in hardware pack #576

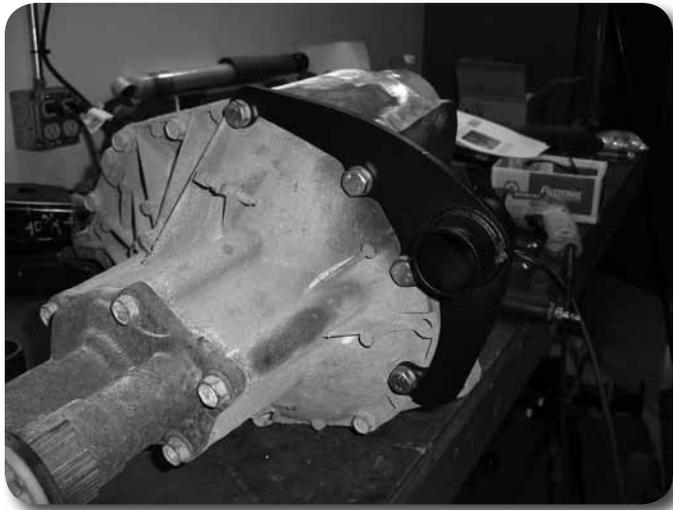


Figure 19

38. Locate the new passenger's side differential bracket. Install the bracket on the existing studs on the passenger's side factory bracket. Fasten with the original nuts and washers. When installed the open side of the bracket will face inward and the bracket will taper down as it goes to the rear **Figure 20**. Torque nuts to 65 ft-lbs.



Figure 20

39. Inspect the inside factory control arm mounting holes. There will be a sharp lip left from the original control arm/hardware. Use a file or rotary grinder to remove the sharp lip left from the control arms **Figure 21**. This will allow the new cross members to be installed easily.

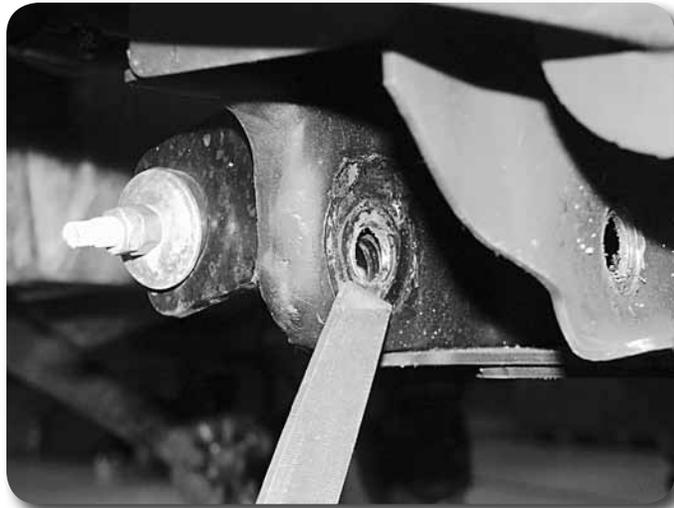


Figure 21

40. Locate the new front crossmember. Install the crossmember in the front lower control arm pockets so that the two longer differential mounting tabs are on the driver's side pointing rearward **Figure 22**. Fasten the crossmember with the original lower control arm hardware. Run the bolts from front to rear. Leave hardware loose.



Figure 22

41. Using an appropriate jack, raise the differential up into the vehicle. Align the new driver's side differential bracket in the front crossmember mounting tabs. Align the passenger's side mounting holes to the new bracket **Figure 23**. Fasten the driver's side mount with a 9/16" x 4-1/2" bolt, nut and 9/16" SAE washers. Fasten the passenger's side with 9/16" x 1-1/2" bolts, nuts and 9/16" SAE washers. Leave the driver's side bolt loose. Tighten the passenger's side bolts just enough to make the two mounting surfaces set flush.

Step 41 Note

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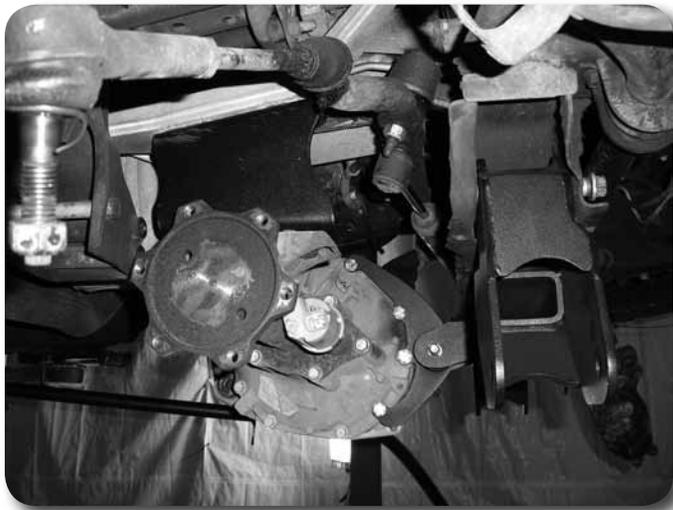


Figure 23

42. Install the factory bump stops on the wings on the new rear crossmember **Figure 24** with the original mounting nuts. When installed the bumpstop will be offset toward the front of the vehicle (the offset face of the rear crossmember). Tighten hardware securely.

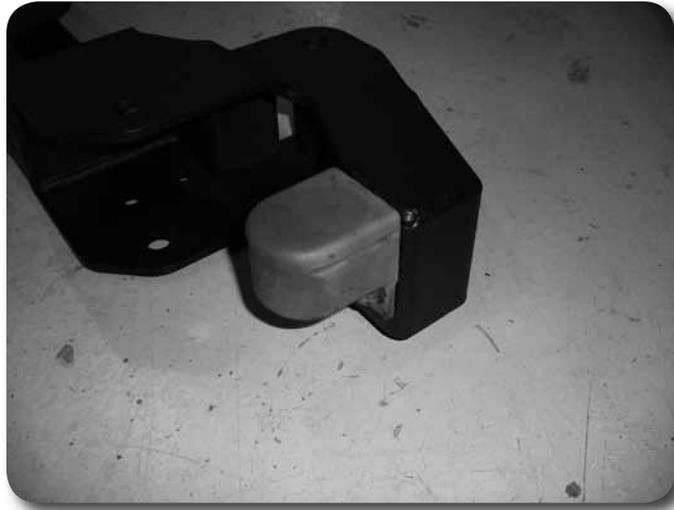


Figure 24

43. Install the rear crossmember in the rear lower control arm pockets so that the differential mount lines up with the differential **Figure 25**. Fasten the crossmember with the original lower control arm hardware. Run the bolts from front to rear. Leave hardware loose.



Figure 25

Step 44 Note

Differential bolts/washers are located in hardware pack #576

Step 45 Note

Lower control arm bolts/nuts/washers are located in hardware pack #621.

44. Fasten the differential to the new mount in the rear crossmember with a 9/16" x 4" bolt, nut and 9/16" SAE washers. Run the bolt from the outside in.
45. Install the factory lower control arms into the new crossmembers. Fasten the control arms with 5/8" x 4-1/2" bolts (front), 5/8" x 5-1/2" bolts (rear), nuts and 5/8" SAE washers **Figure 26**. Run the bolts from the front to rear. Leave hardware loose.



Figure 26

46. Go back and torque the four new differential bolts to 90 ft-lbs. Torque the factory control arm pocket bolts to 125 ft-lbs. DO NOT tighten the new control arm bolts at this time. This will be done at the end of the installation.
47. Locate the new differential skid plate. Position the skid plate so that it aligns with the two tapped holes in the bottom of the front crossmember and the holes with the welded nuts on the bottom driver's side of the rear crossmember **Figure 27**. Fasten the skid plate with 1/2" x 1-1/4" button head bolts and 1/2" SAE washers. Use Loctite on the bolt threads and torque to 55 ft-lbs.

Step 47 Note

Skid Plate bolts/washers are located in hardware pack #576



Figure 27

48. Locate the new compression strut tubes. Loosely attach the tubes to the corresponding holes located on the back of the rear crossmember, just inside of the control arm bolt. Position the tube so that the rear mount sets flat to the transmission crossmember. Fasten the compression strut to the rear crossmember with a 3/8" x 1-1/4" bolt and 3/8" SAE washer through the upper hole and into the welded nut inside the compression strut **Figure 28A**. The hole in the tab on the compression should be lined up the second hole in the crossmember. Snug 3/8" hardware.

Step 48 Note

All compression strut bolts/nuts/washers are located in hardware pack #577

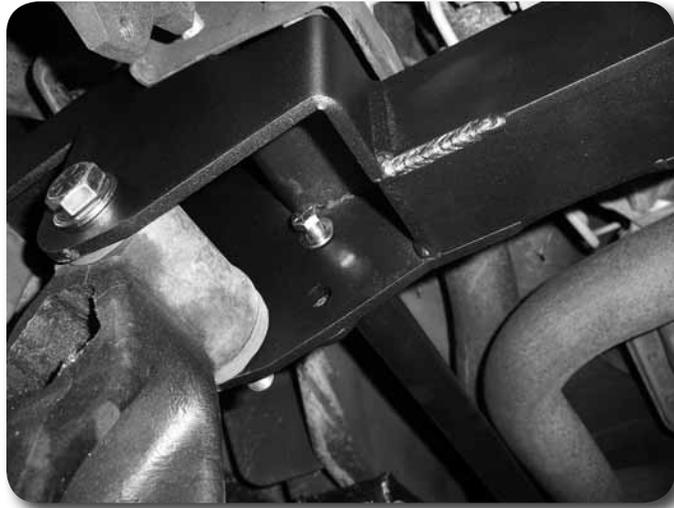


Figure 28A



Figure 28B

49. Position the back end of the compression strut up to the transmission crossmember. There are two sets of holes in the mounting tab. The crossmember position varies depending on the vehicle's engine/transmission combination. Locate the hole position the best aligns to the bottom surface of the transmission crossmember and mark the hole locations to be drilled **Figure 29**. Loosen the 3/8" mounting hardware at the new rear crossmember to move the compression strut out of the way. Drill 3/8" holes at the marks in the transmission crossmember through the lower and upper surfaces.
50. Reposition the compression strut on the transmission crossmember and fasten through the newly drilled holes with 3/8" x 2-3/4" bolts, nuts and 3/8" washers. Leave hardware loose.



Figure 29

51. Install the provided 1/2" x 1-1/4" bolts, nuts and 1/2" washers in the lower compression strut tab hole at the rear crossmember **Figure 28B**. With all of the compression strut hardware installed, torque all of the 3/8" hardware to 30 ft-lbs starting with the front hardware first. Torque the 1/2" hardware to 60 ft-lbs. Take care not to over-tighten 3/8" hardware at the transmission crossmember.
52. Remove the hub bearing and brake dust shield from the factory steering knuckles **Figure 30**. Be sure to note which hub goes on which side of the vehicle. Locate the hub o-ring inside the knuckle hub bore. Using a small flat head screw driver remove the o-ring for use in the new knuckle **Figure 31**. Save mounting bolts, o-ring and hub, discard the knuckle and dust shield.
53. Locate the new steering knuckles and identify the driver's and passenger's side. Install the appropriate knuckle on the lower control arm and fasten with the original lower ball joint nut. Swing the knuckle up and attach to the upper ball joint with the original nut. Torque the upper ball joint nut to 37 ft-lbs and the lower ball joint nut to 74 ft-lbs **Figure 32**.



Figure 30



Figure 31



Figure 32

54. Install the factory hub o-ring into the new knuckle hub bore. Install the hub on the appropriate new knuckle so that the ABS line runs out under the steering arm (front). Fasten the hub with the factory bolts. Apply Loctite to the bolt threads and torque to 133 ft-lbs.
55. Install the brake rotor on the hub. Install the brake calipers on the knuckles with the original bolts. Apply Loctite to the bolt threads and torque the bolts to 125 ft-lbs. Be sure the brake hose is running under the upper control arm and behind the steering knuckle.
56. Install the appropriate CV axle shaft through the hub **Figure 33**. Install the original CV axle nut and washer and torque to 155 ft-lbs. Reinstall the hub dust cap.

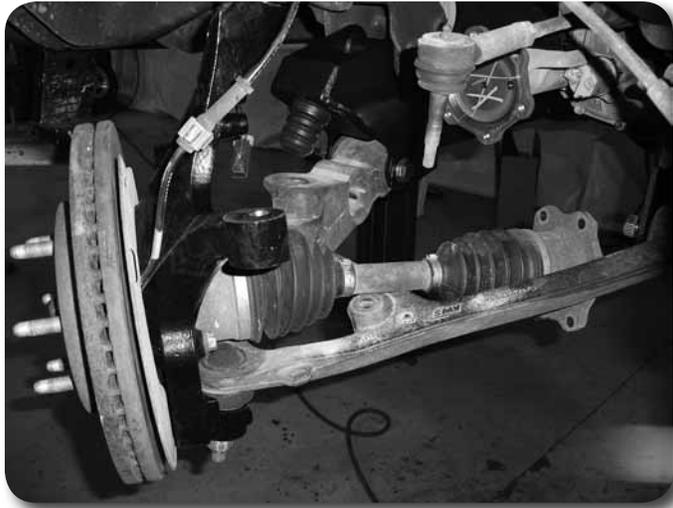


Figure 33

57. Position the provided CV spacer between the CV shaft and the differential mounting flange **Figure 34**. Fasten the CV and spacer to the differential flange with 10mm x 70mm bolts and 10mm washers. Use Loctite on the bolt threads and torque to 45 ft-lbs using a crossing pattern.

Step 57 Note

CV Spacer bolts/washers are located in hardware pack #568

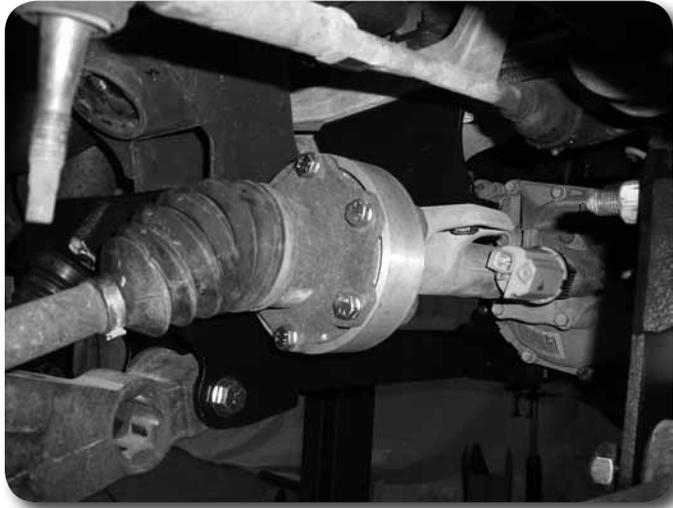


Figure 34

58. Reconnect the brake hose bracket to the upper control arms with the original bolt. Torque to 10 ft-lbs. Attach the second brake hose bracket to the holes in the back side of the steering knuckle with a provided 1/4" x 3/4" self-tapping bolt **Figure 35**. Torque to 10 ft-lbs.

Step 58 Note

The factory brake hoses can be adjusted in the factory brackets by lubing the hoses with silicone spray near and in the bracket. Brake hose hardware is located in hardware pack #576.



Figure 35

Step 59 Note

ABS line hardware is located in hardware pack #576.

Step 60 Note

The extension is a tight fit over the splines, use adequate lube and push the extension on squarely to prevent tearing the o-ring.

59. Route the ABS line from around the back side of the knuckle and attach to the two threaded holes in the knuckle with the provided clamps and 1/4" hardware. From there run the ABS line up to the frame and reconnect to the connector and plastic retaining clip. Zip tie the ABS wire to the brake line to secure it out of the way,
60. Remove the factory clamp and boot from the front driveshaft. Locate the driveshaft boot extension and o-rings. Install the o-rings into the appropriately sized grooves in the extension. Apply grease to the o-rings and slide the extension over the drivshaft with the large diameter first until o-ring snaps over the factory boot lip **Figure 36**. Re-install the boot on the extension with the factory clamp.



Figure 36

61. Slide the driveshaft into the transfer case and reattach it to the differential with the original clamps/bolts. Torque bolts to 19 ft-lbs.
62. Reconnect the differential actuator wire to the actuator and fasten the wire to the differential in the original plastic clips.
63. Pull the necessary slack down for the differential breather hose to reconnect to the breather on the driver's side of the differential.
64. Install the provided offset sway bar link u-bracket on the lower control arm in the original sway bar link hole with a 5/8" x 1-3/4" bolt, nut and washers **Figure 37a**. Position the bracket so that it offsets in toward the center of the vehicle. In some cases it may be necessary to slightly clearance to hole for the 5/8" hardware.

Step 63 Note

All sway bar link bolts/nuts/washers are located in hardware pack #569



Figure 37a

65. Locate the new front sway bar links, small hourglass bushings and (2) 0.750" OD x 1.575" long sleeves. Install the bushings and sleeves into the eyes of the links. Install the links into the new brackets on the lower control arms with 9/16" x 2-3/4" bolts, nuts and washers **Figure 37b**. Run the bolts from front to rear and leave hardware loose.

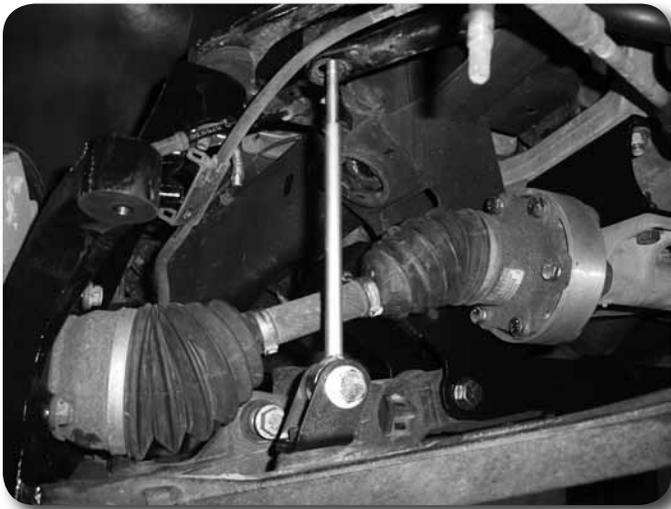


Figure 37b

66. Install a provided stem washer followed by a stem bushing on each sway bar link. Install both links into the sway bar and install a second stem bushing followed by a second washer. Fasten the sway bar link upper assemblies with 7/16" nylock nuts **Figure 38**. Leave nuts loose.



Figure 38

67. Attach the tie rod ends to the knuckles. Fasten with the original nuts and torque to 37 ft-lbs.
68. Install the new shocks with the factory lower hardware and the new provided bushings/washers/nuts/sleeves. Tighten the upper hardware until the bushings begin to swell. Torque the lower bolt to 60 ft-lbs.
69. Install the torsion bars into the lower control arms and slide forward about 6". Be sure they are installed in the proper location and orientation.
70. Locate the provided torsion bar drop brackets, large hourglass bushings and (2) 0.750" OD x 1.575" long sleeves. Install the bushings and sleeves in the brackets.
71. Install the new torsion bar bracket on the frame by attaching the upper tabs to the original mount on the frame. Loosely position with a provided 9/16" x 3" bolt. Position the bracket so it is flush to the bottom of the frame and the 9/16" bolt is centered in the slotted holes in the brackets then mark the center of the lower slotted holes to be drilled **Figure 39**. With the hole positions marked, remove the bracket and drill the two new 1/2" holes at the marks.

Step 70, 71 Note

1/2" and 9/16" hardware for torsion bar brackets is located in hardware pack #577.



Figure 39



Figure 40

72. With the new holes drilled, reinstall the new torsion bar brackets on the frame with the provided 9/16" x 3" bolts, nuts, and washers through the factory mounts. Install 1/2" x 1-1/4" bolts, nuts and washers through the bracket and newly drilled holes **Figure 40**. Leave all hardware loose.
73. Attach the factory torsion bar crossmember to the new drop brackets and fasten with the original bolts **Figure 41**. Be sure the large torsion bar holes in the crossmember are toward the front. Torque factory bolts to 90 ft-lbs.



Figure 41

74. Go back and tighten the torsion bar drop bracket hardware, starting with the 1/2" (60 ft-lbs) followed by the 9/16" (95 ft-lbs).
75. Locate the original torsion bar adjuster plates. Slide the torsion bars back into the torsion bar crossmember and into the adjuster plates. The plates should fit on the torsion bars so that they are positioned roughly horizontal in the vehicle.
76. Load the torsion bars with the appropriate tool. Reinstall the adjuster bolt/retaining plate assembly. Reset the torsion bar adjuster bolt position to the original height measurement taken at the beginning of the installation.
77. Install the front wheels. Torque the lug nuts to 140 ft-lbs. Lower the vehicle to the ground.
78. Bounce the front end to settle the suspension.

79. Tighten the upper sway bar link stem nuts until the bushings begin to swell. Torque the lower sway bar link bolt to 90 ft-lbs.
80. Torque the lower control arm bolts (4) to 125 ft-lbs.
81. Check all front hardware for proper torque.
82. Check all brake lines for proper clearances. Adjust as necessary.
83. Check tire/wheel clearance with the fenders/bumper as well as with the steering knuckle. It is not uncommon to trim the lower plastic valance of the bumper slightly to add proper tire clearance while turning.

» REAR INSTALLATION

1. Block the front wheels for safety. Raise the rear of the vehicle and support with jack stands under the frame rails, just ahead of the front leaf spring hangers.
2. Remove the wheels.
3. Disconnect the parking brake cable brackets (2) from the driver's side frame rail **Figure 42**. Save all hardware.



Figure 42

4. Disconnect the factory brake line bracket attached to the top of the differential **Figure 43**.



Figure 43

5. Support the center of the axle with a hydraulic jack. Remove the factory shocks from the axle and frame. Save hardware and discard shocks.
6. With the axle still well support remove the passenger's side u-bolts. The u-bolts will not be reused. Slowly lower the axle and remove the factory block from the axle. The factory block will not be reused.
7. Lower the axle just enough to install the new provided 5" lift block between the axle and the spring. Align the pin in the block with the hole in the axle and the hole in the block with the leaf spring pin. It may be necessary to loosen the driver's side u-bolts slightly to allow the axle to lower far enough to install the block.
8. Using the support jack, raise the axle so that the axle, spring and block are all touching. Install the new provided u-bolts, nuts and washers allow with the factory u-bolt plate **Figure 44**. Snug u-bolts but do not tighten.



Figure 44

9. Repeat the installation on the driver's side of the vehicle. Pay special attention to all of the brake lines and wires. Do not allow them to get over-extended.
10. Locate the brake line clamp bolt on the driver's side axle shock mount. This bolt must be trimmed flush with the inside surface of the bracket to avoid contact with the new shock **Figure 45**. Trim the bolt with a reciprocating saw or cut-off wheel.



Figure 45

Post-Installation Warnings

1. Check all fasteners for proper torque. Check to ensure for adequate clearance between all rotating, mobile, fixed, and heated members. Verify clearance between exhaust and brake lines, fuel lines, fuel tank, floor boards and wiring harness. Check steering gear for clearance. Test and inspect brake system.
2. Perform steering sweep to ensure front brake hoses have adequate slack and do not contact any rotating, mobile or heated members. Inspect rear brake hoses at full extension for adequate slack. Failure to perform hose check/ replacement may result in component failure.
3. Perform head light check and adjustment.
4. Re-torque all fasteners after 500 miles. Always inspect fasteners and components during routine servicing.

Recommend Alignment Specifications

CASTER (DRV/PASS)

$4.00^\circ \pm 1.00^\circ / 4.75^\circ \pm 1.00^\circ$

CAMBER

$+0.25^\circ \pm 0.50^\circ$

TOE

$+0.10^\circ \pm 0.20^\circ$

11. Locate the new shocks/bushings/sleeves. Install the provided hourglass bushings and sleeves in the new shocks. Install the shocks in the vehicle with the original hardware. The body of the shock must be mounted to the axle. In some cases the axle shock brackets will need to be bent open slightly to provide clearance for the new, wider shocks. This can be easily done by putting an adjustable wrench on side of bracket that needs to be formed and bending out just enough to clear the shock body. Torque shock bolts to 70 ft-lbs.
12. Reattach the parking brake cable brackets to the driver's side frame rail. It may be necessary to remove the driver's side cable from the rear most bracket to allow for enough slack. Torque bracket bolts to 20 ft-lbs.
13. Reattach the rear brake line bracket to the top of the differential. Torque hardware to 20 ft-lbs. Check the brake line for slack. If more slack is needed, using pliers carefully bend the brake line mounting bracket upward **Figure 46**.



Figure 46

14. Install the wheels. Torque lug nuts to 140 ft-lbs. Lower the vehicle to the ground.
15. Bounce the rear of the vehicle to settle the suspension.
16. Torque the u-bolts to 90-100 ft-lbs.
17. Check all rear hardware for proper torque.

»» POST-INSTALLATION

1. Check all hardware for proper torque.
2. Reconnect the positive and negative battery cables.
3. The vehicle will need a complete front end alignment.
4. Check all hardware after 500 miles.
5. Adjust headlights.