

# Installation Manual

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## AIR SUSPENSION KIT

GMC/Chevrolet 3500HD 2WD/4WD\*

*Eliminate your vehicle's sag, sway and bottoming out while providing added support for an overall smooth and safe ride with this extreme duty air suspension kit. Rated for up to 7500 lbs of load-leveling capacity<sup>+</sup>, this kit is ideally suited for those towing/hauling big loads on a regular basis.*

\* See application guide for proper fitment.

+ Applications vary. Never exceed manufacturer's recommended Gross Vehicle Weight Rating

**Thank you and congratulations on the purchase of an Air Suspension kit. Please read the entire manual prior to starting the installation to ensure you can complete it once started.**

**IMPORTANT**

This air suspension kit will not increase the GVWR (*Gross Vehicle Weight Rating*), as the GVWR is determined by the vehicle manufacturer. **Do not exceed the maximum capacity listed by the vehicle manufacturer.**

For safe and proper operation of the vehicle, never exceed a maximum of 100PSI in the air springs. Staying under the pressure limit will ensure maximum air spring life. **Failure in doing so may result in damage to your vehicle and/or a void warranty.**

**SAFETY WARNINGS!**

**!** Please read and abide the instructions found in this manual, paying close attention to the helpful, cautionary or dangerous warning icons highlighting important safety recommendations and maintenance suggestions throughout this manual.

**+** **HELPFUL INSTALL TIP**  
Additional information that could potentially make the job a little easier.

**!** **PLEASE USE CAUTION**  
Unsafe practices could result in damage to you or your vehicle, or others.

**!** **DANGER WARNING**  
Hazards which could result in severe personal injury or death.

**!** Serious personal injury or death may result from an air spring failure or accident due to improper installation or air spring pressure operation or maintenance.

**!** Inflating an unsecured air spring is dangerous. If it bursts, it could be hurled into the air with explosive force resulting in serious personal injury or death. Never inflate an air spring unless it is secured to the vehicle.

**!** Removing and replacing air springs can be dangerous. This is only a job for a qualified service professional. Never perform air spring service procedures without proper training, tools, and equipment.

**BEFORE STARTING THE INSTALLATION**

- Ensure the application information is correct for the make, model and year of the vehicle you are installing the kit on.
  - Some vehicles are equipped with a rear wheel brake proportioning valve. Check with the manufacturer before installing the air spring kit, as it may affect braking performance.
  - It is recommended to use a good quality anti-seize on all fasteners. This will reduce the chance of corrosion on the fasteners and will help facilitate removal, if required at a later date.
- !** **PLEASE NOTE:** This kit contains push-to-connect fittings; using scissors or wire cutters to cut the nylon air line will distort the line and cause the connection to leak. The air line must be cut off squarely with the hose cutter provided in this kit, or a sharp utility knife. **Failure to do so may void the warranty.**

**!** **WARNING:** This product can expose you to the chemical Hexavalent Chromate, which is known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. **For more information go to [www.P65Warnings.ca.gov](http://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov)**

**KIT CONTENTS**

Please confirm the items below are provided in your kit before starting the installation. Reference the kit explosion diagrams on the following pages for part assembly.

XTREME DUTY KITS		QTY	PART #
A*	Double Convoluted Spring	2	HP10438

XTREME DUTY JOUNCE BUMPER KITS		QTY	PART #
A*	Double Convoluted Spring w/ Jounce Bumper	2	HP10438J



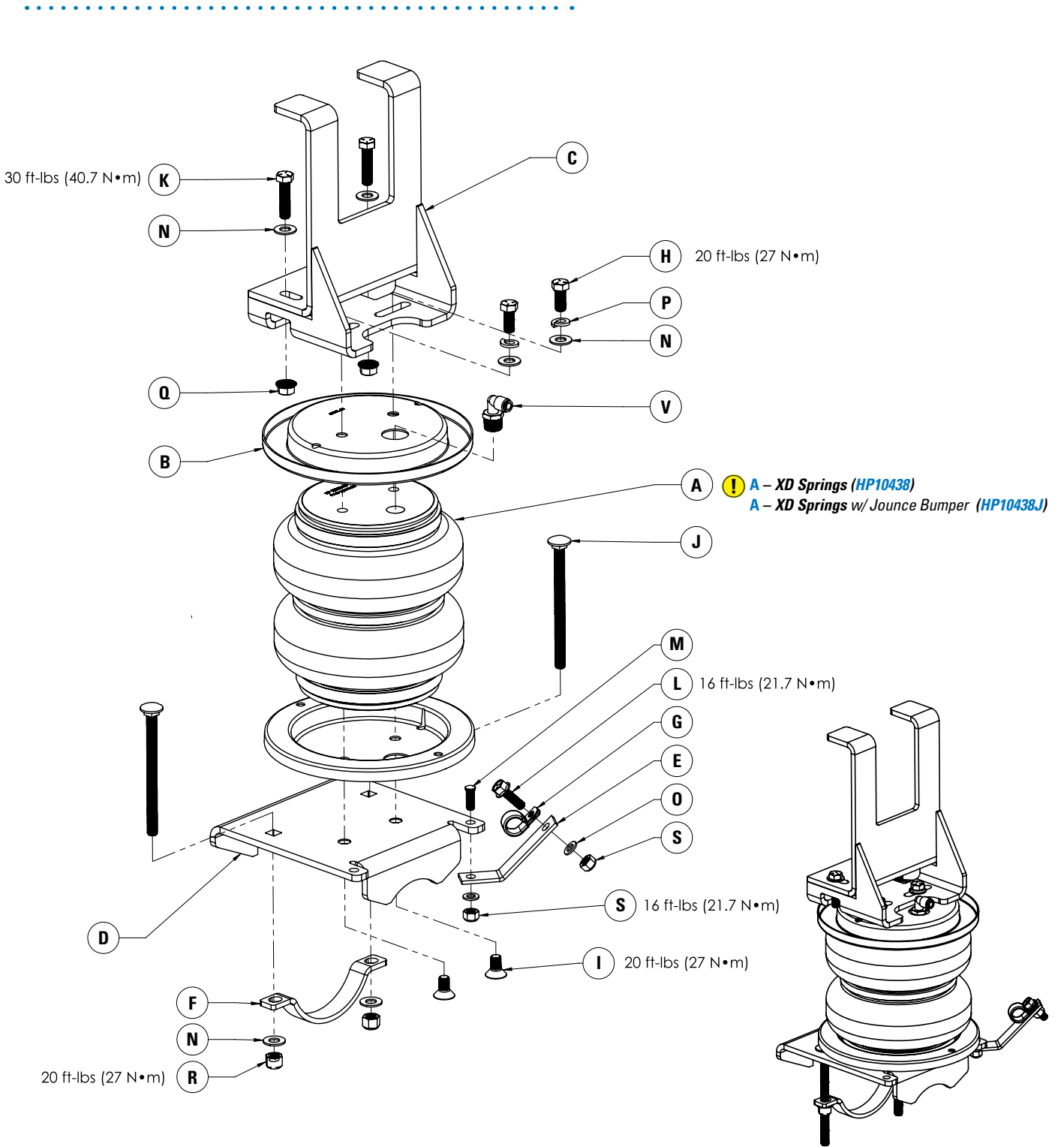
KIT CONTENTS		QTY	PART #
B	Roll Plate	4	HP10069
C	Upper Bracket	2	HP1666
D	Lower Bracket	2	HP1667
E	Brake Line Relocation Bracket	1	HP1668
F	Axle Strap	2	HP0009
G	5/8" Adel Clamp	1	HP1006
H	Bolt, 3/8" – 24 x 7/8" Hex Head	4	HP1002
I	Bolt, 3/8" – 24 x 3/4" Countersunk	4	HP1008
J	Bolt, 3/8" – 16 x 5" Carriage	4	HP1022
K	Bolt, 3/8" – 16 x 1.5" Hex Head	4	C18018
L	Bolt, 5/16" – 18 x 1" Flange	1	C11819
M	Stud, 5/16" – 18 x 7/8" Clinch	1	HP1007
N	Washer, 3/8" Flat	12	C653
O	Washer, 5/16" Flat	2	C11944
P	Washer, 3/8" Split Lock	4	C18007
Q	Nut, 3/8" Serrated Flange	4	HP1338
R	Nut, 3/8" Nylon Lock	4	HP1000
S	Nut, 5/16" Nylon Lock	2	C11943
T	Heat Shield	1	HP0012
U	Worm Gear Ring Clamp	2	HP1001
V	Fitting, 90° Brass	2	HP1245
W	Airline Hose Assembly (not shown)	1	HP1344
X	Tie Strap (not shown)	6	C11618

**REQUIRED TOOLS**

- Hoist or Floor Jack
- Safety Stands
- Safety Glasses
- Torque Wrench
- Standard Combination Wrenches
- 7/32" Hex Allen Wrench
- Ratchet
- Metric & Standard Sockets
- Hose Cutter (included) or Sharp Utility Knife
- Pipe Thread Sealant
- Spray Bottle with Dish Soap/Water
- Air Compressor/Compressed Air Source (to test/fill air springs)

**KIT EXPLOSION DIAGRAM**

**DRIVER SIDE ASSEMBLY SHOWN (Passenger side assembly is mirrored)**



## INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

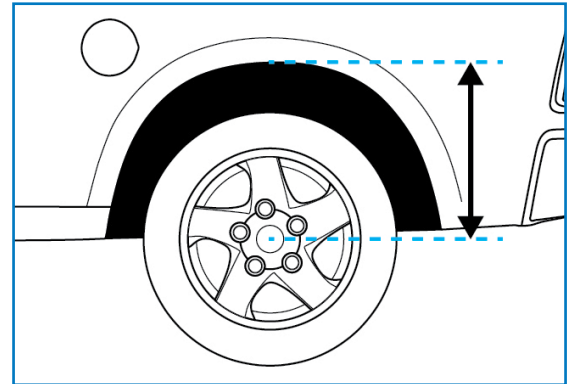
### 1 MEASURE STOCK RIDE HEIGHT & CLEARANCE

Park the vehicle on a level surface and remove any unnecessary weight from the vehicle to attain a "Normal Ride Height".

Using a measuring tape, measure the distance between the center of the wheel hub and the bottom of the fender well (see Figure 1A for reference) this will give you your stock Normal Ride Height.

Note the ride height for all four tires.

Check the clearance between the outside of the frame and the inside of the rear tires (as shown in red in Figure 1B), a minimum of 5" is required for adequate air spring clearance.



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### 2 REMOVE REAR WHEELS

**+ PLEASE NOTE:** This step is optional for this installation but will make the install easier to complete.

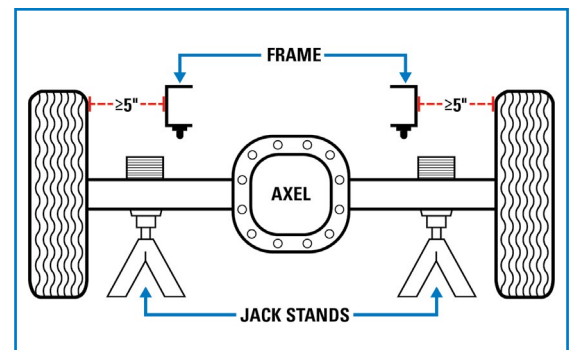
Place wheel chocks in front of and behind both front wheels.

Raise the rear of the truck high enough to remove both wheels and attain a comfortable working height.

Place two jack stands under rear axle (as shown in Figure 1B).

Lower the vehicle until the axle is supported by the jack stands.

Remove rear wheels.

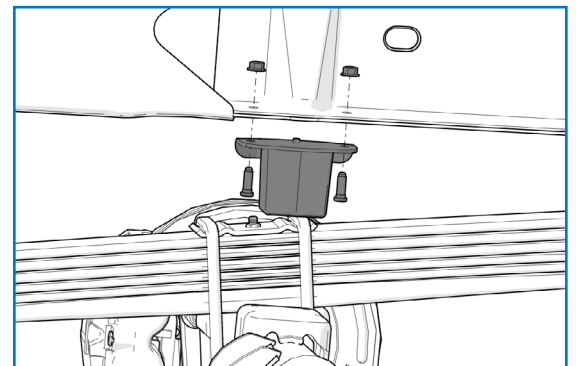


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### 3 REMOVE JOUNCE BUMPER

Remove the two bolts and flange nuts securing the jounce bumper to the frame rail on both sides of the vehicle.

**+ Discard the hardware as it will not be reused in this installation.**



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#### 4 INSTALL UPPER BRACKETS

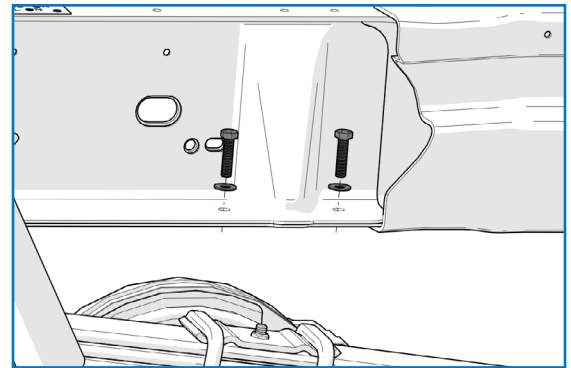
Insert two 3/8" – 16 x 1.5" hex bolts with two 3/8" flat washers through the frame holes previously occupied by the jounce bumper hardware (shown in Figure 4A).

Position the upper bracket on the frame as shown in Figure 4B.

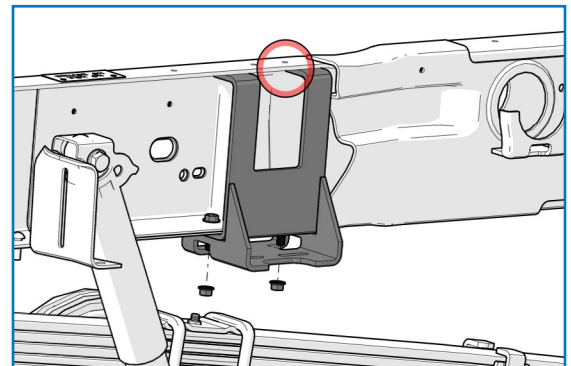
**On the driver side**, ensure the hard brake line passes between the two vertical flanges of the bracket.

**!** *On some models, a harness mount may need to be removed from the upper frame rail hole (circled in red in Figure 4B) in order for the upper bracket to sit correctly.*

Install two 3/8" serrated flange nuts on the hex bolts and torque bolts to 27 N•m (20 ft-lbs).



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#### 5 ASSEMBLE AIR SPRINGS

Assemble the air springs as shown in Figure 5.

First insert two 3/8" – 16 x 5" carriage bolts through the square holes in the lower bracket.

On one spring assembly, install the brake line relocation bracket and secure with a 5/16" – 18 x 7/8" clinch stud, 5/16" flat washer and 5/16" nylon lock nut.

Do not fully tighten hardware yet.

Place a roll plate on the bottom surface of the air spring followed by a bracket with carriage bolts.

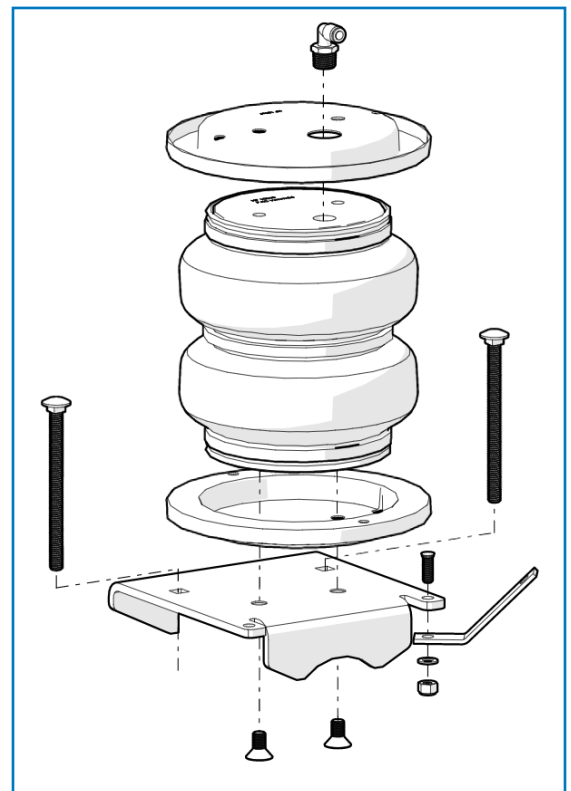
Align the holes in the air spring, roll plate and bracket and secure with two 3/8" – 24 x 3/4" countersunk bolts.

Torque bolts to 27 N•m (20 ft-lbs).

Turn the assembly over and place a roll plate on the top surface of the air spring.

Install the air fitting into the air spring finger tight plus an additional 1.5 turns.

**+** *The use of thread sealant or Teflon tape is recommended.*



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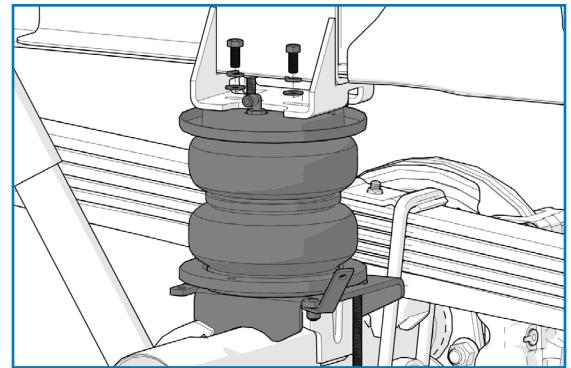
## 6 INSTALL AIR SPRING IN VEHICLE

- ⊕ *It may be necessary to raise the frame of the truck a few inches to allow more clearance to install the air spring assemblies*

Set the air spring assembly in position as shown in Figure 6A. Ensure the spring assembly with the brake line relocation bracket is installed on the driver side of the vehicle.

Secure the air spring to the upper bracket using two 3/8" – 24 x 7/8" hex head bolts two 3/8" lock washers and two 3/8" flat washers.

Correctly align the air spring vertically (as per Figure 6B) and torque bolts to 27 N•m (20 ft-lbs).

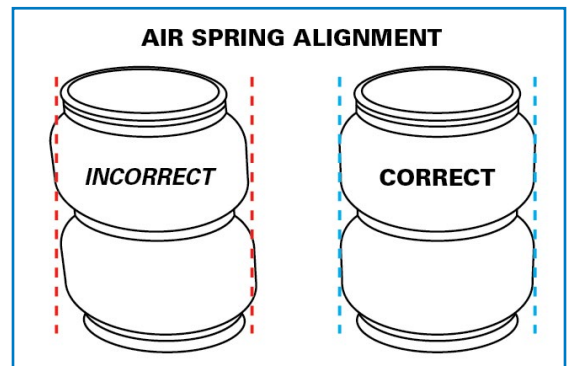


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## 7 ATTACH AXLE STRAP

Attach the axle strap to the earlier installed carriage bolts as shown in Figure 7 using two 3/8" flat washers and two 3/8" nylon lock nuts.

Ensure the air spring remains vertical and torque lock nuts to 27 N•m (20 ft-lbs).



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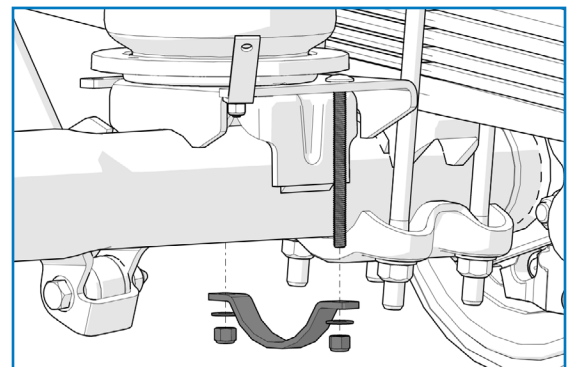
## 8 RELOCATE EMERGENCY BRAKE LINE

**On the driver side assembly,** attach the adel clamp around the emergency brake line next to the air spring.

Secure the adel clamp to the relocation bracket (see Figure 8 for assembly reference) with a 5/16" – 18 x 1" flange bolt, 5/16" flat washer and 5/16" nylon lock nut.

Torque bolt to 21.7 N•m (16 ft-lbs)

- ⚠ *It may be necessary to bend the brake line relocation bracket upwards towards the air spring if it is too close to the fuel tank.*



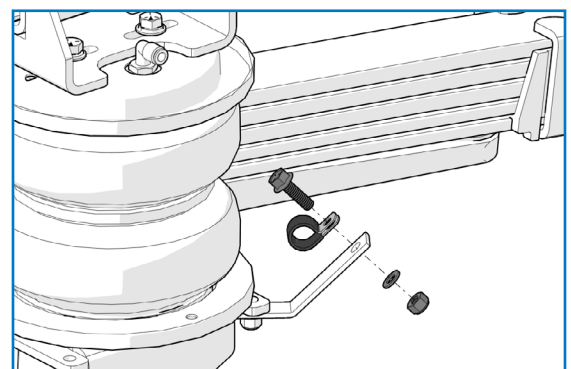
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## 9 INSTALL HEAT SHIELD

Bend tabs on the heat shield so the required 1/2" of dead space exists between the heat shield and exhaust when attached.

Attach the heat shield to the exhaust pipe on passenger side using two ring clamps.

Each hose clamp holds a tab against exhaust pipe.



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### INSTALL AIR LINE

Two fill valves are provided in this kit. The most common place to install them is in place of the license plate fasteners. Alternatively, two 5/16" holes can be drilled in a location of your choosing.

Cut the air line assembly into two equal lengths with the hose cutter provided in this kit or a sharp utility knife.

**⚠ PLEASE NOTE:** *This kit contains push-to-connect fittings; using scissors or wire cutters to cut the nylon air line will distort the line and cause the connection to leak. The air line must be cut off squarely with a hose cutter or a sharp utility knife.*

Install one air line at a time starting at the fill valve location. Place a 5/16" nut on the air valve. Leave enough of the inflation valve in front of the nut to extend through the hole, install a flat washer, and 5/16" nut and cap (reference Figure A for assembly). There should be enough valve exposed after installation – approximately 1/2" – to easily apply a pressure gauge or an air chuck.

Route the air line back to the NPT fitting on the air spring, then cut the hose to length. Moisten the end of the air line prior to inserting it into the fitting and push it in until it stops.

**Repeat with the other fill valve.**

Secure the air lines using the provided tie-straps, away from any moving items and heat sources.

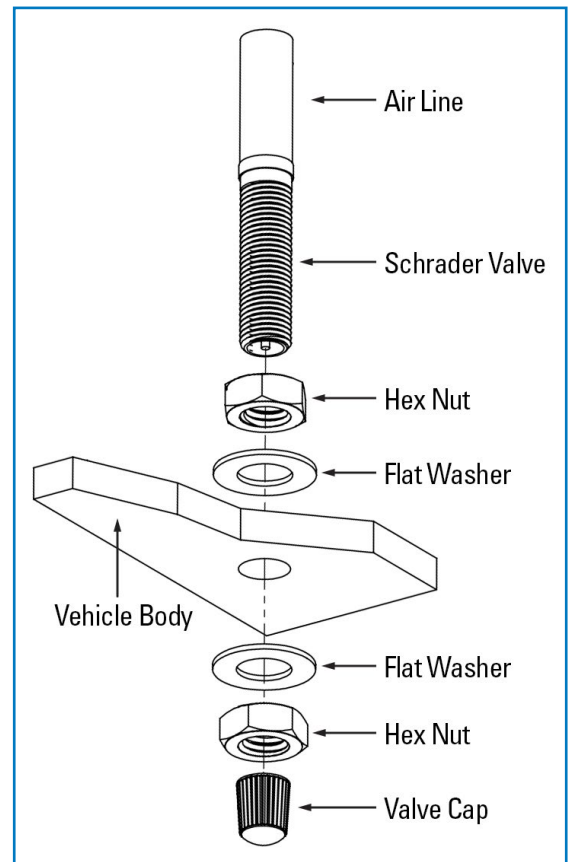
### CHECK SYSTEM FOR LEAKS

Inflate both air springs to 90 psi (60 psi for in-coil bags), then use a mixture of dish soap and water on all air line connections to detect any air leaks. Large, expanding bubbles indicate a leak (as shown in Figure B).

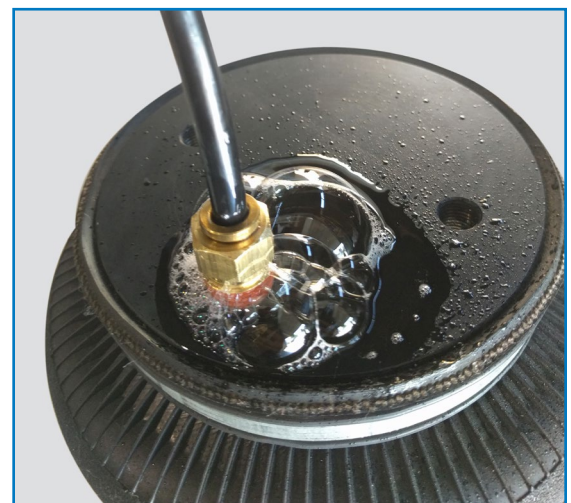
**Repair as necessary and retest.**

Inflate air springs to a predetermined value and on following day recheck pressure. If one or both of air springs have lost pressure, an air leak is present.

**⚠ Leak must be repaired, and then retested until no leaks exist.**



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\*Air Spring & NPT Air Fitting may differ between kits

B

**CONGRATULATIONS! You have completed the install**

**After Installation continues on the following page.**



**Thank you again, and congratulations on the installation of your Air Suspension kit.**

**AFTER COMPLETING THE INSTALLATION**

- The air spring must have clearance between itself and the surrounding components to prevent any contact when spring is inflated or compressed. Trimming off excess bolt length may also be required to ensure no contact with the spring or other suspension components can be made once installed.
- If removed, re-install the wheels and torque fasteners to the manufacturer’s specifications. Re-torque all fasteners after the first 500 miles of driving.

**OPERATING YOUR VEHICLE WITH AIR SUSPENSION**

Air springs have minimum and maximum recommended pressure requirements:

PART #	SPRING STYLE	SPRING TYPE	MIN PSI	MAX PSI
HP10189	In-Coil	STANDARD DUTY	5 PSI	70 PSI
HP10560		STANDARD DUTY		
HP10001	Sleeve Style	STANDARD DUTY	10 PSI	100 PSI
HP10173		STANDARD DUTY		
HP10199		STANDARD DUTY		
HP10083	Single Convoluted	HEAVY DUTY	5 PSI	100 PSI
HP10083J		HEAVY DUTY with JOUNCE BUMPER	0 PSI* / 5 PSI	100 PSI
HP10000	Double Convoluted	HEAVY DUTY	5 PSI	100 PSI
HP10000J		HEAVY DUTY with JOUNCE BUMPER	0 PSI* / 5 PSI	100 PSI
HP10068	Large Double Convoluted	HEAVY DUTY	5 PSI	100 PSI
HP10438	Double Convoluted	EXTREME DUTY	5 PSI	100 PSI
HP10438J		EXTREME DUTY with JOUNCE BUMPER	0 PSI* / 5 PSI	100 PSI

*\* Springs with a jounce bumper can be run at zero PSI when vehicle is unloaded only*

For safe and proper operation, never operate the vehicle over the maximum listed PSI in the air springs. Staying under the pressure limit will ensure maximum air spring life. **Failure in doing so may result in damage to your vehicle and/or a void warranty.**

**! It is recommended to check the air pressure in your air springs daily for first couple of days to ensure a leak has not developed.**

Air springs are designed to maintain the vehicle’s stock ride height with a load. Do not use the air springs as a means to lift vehicle with no load. This will result in a harsh ride.

**SERVICING YOUR VEHICLE WITH AIR SUSPENSION**

When lifting the vehicle with a floor jack or hoist on the frame, never allow the air spring to limit the travel of the axle. Try to always jack the vehicle on the axle. Suspending the axle with the air spring limiting the axle travel will damage the air spring and void the air spring warranty.

**WARRANTY**

**See additional warranty included with this kit for details.**