



D1602 Installation Instructions

2013-14 Ram 3500, 2014 Ram 2500

5.5" Gas Replacement Radius Arm Susp. Lift

6.5" Diesel Replacement Radius Arm Susp. 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

www.zoneoffroad.com may have additional information about this product including the latest instructions, videos, photos, etc.

Send an e-mail to tech-zone@ridefox.com detailing your issue for a quick response.

888.998.ZONE Call to speak directly with Zone tech support.

Difficulty Level

easy 1 2 3 **4** 5 difficult

Estimated installation: 6 hours

Special Tools Required

Pitman Arm Puller

Tire/Wheel Fitment

37x12.50 w/5-1/4" Backspacing

36x1250 w/ 4-1/2" Backspacing

»» 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.

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***Important* Verify you have all of the kit components before beginning installation.**

D1602 Kit Contents

Qty Part

1	DRV Coil - Gas	2	Brakeline L Bracket
1	PASS Coil - Gas <i>or</i>	2	5/16"-18 x 1" self threading bolt - clear zinc - hex head
2	Diesel Coils	1	Loctite
2	Bump Stop	2	Zip Tie
1	Pitman Arm	4	1/2" Bolt Tab
1	4" Zone Track Bar Bracket	1	Drv Sway Bar Drop Bracket
1	Fish Wire	1	Pass Sway Bar Drop Bracket
1	1/2" Bolt Tab	1	Bolt Pack - Sway Bar Drop
1	1/4" Track Bar Spacer		
1	Bolt Pack		
	1 1/2"-13 x 1-3/4" bolt - grade 8 - yellow zinc		
	1 1/2"-13 Prevailing torque nut - yellow zinc		
	1 1/2"-13 Nut (non locking) - yellow zinc		
	3 1/2"-13 USS Washer - yellow zinc		
	1 18mm-2.50 x 80mm bolt - class 10.9 clear zinc		
	1 18mm-2.50 Prevailing torque nut - clear zinc		
	2 3/4" SAE Washers - Clear zinc		

Important—measure before starting!

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

LF _____ RF _____

LR _____ RR _____

» PRE-INSTALL NOTES

Note: A transfer case indexing ring kit may be needed for high speed 4wd driving. This kit is available separately, D5613 for 6 bolt transfer cases and D5813 for 8 bolt (Aisin Transmission).

» INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Park vehicle on clean, flat, and level surface. Block the rear wheels for safety.
2. Remove the front trackbar bolt from the frame rail. Retain all hardware. **Figure 1**



Figure 1

3. Raise the front of the vehicle and support the frame rails with jackstands. Do not support on the radius arms, they will be removed during the installation.
4. Support the front axle with a hydraulic jack.

5. Remove the factory wheels, remove the retaining clips that hold the rotor on and may interfere with aftermarket wheels.
6. Break the jam nuts loose on the adjusting collar of the drag link. **Figure 2**



Figure 2

7. Disconnect the tie rod from the pitman arm, do not damage the tie rod boot. Mark the orientation of the pitman arm and remove the pitman arm from the sector shaft. **Figure 3**

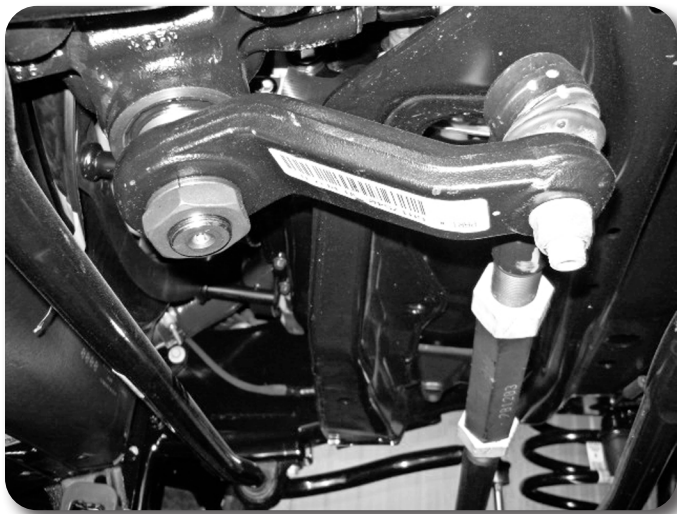


Figure 3

8. Disconnect the sway bar links from the sway bar. Keep the nuts. **Figure 4**



Figure 4

9. Disconnect the brake line bracket from the top of the radius arm mount on the axle, retain bolt, discard bracket. Figure 5



Figure 5

10. Disconnect the factory shock from the lower shock mount. Figure 6 Lower the front axle and remove the coil springs.

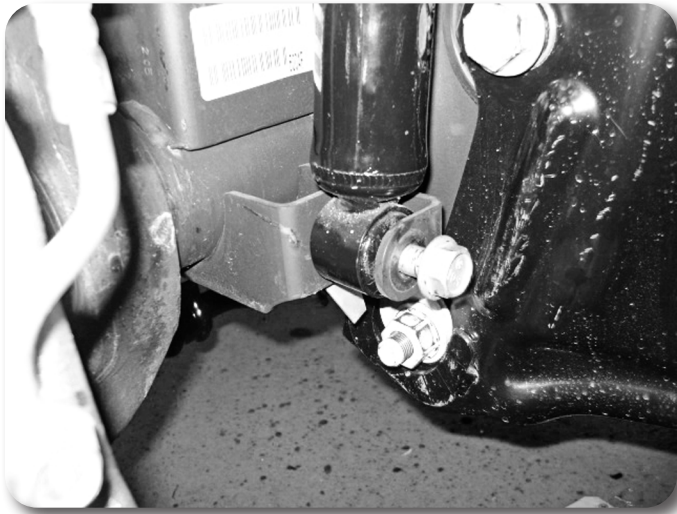


Figure 6

11. Raise the front axle and reattach stock shocks with factory bolt. It is not necessary to put the nut tab back on. The shocks will be there to keep the axle secure. Keep a jack under the axle for extra support.
12. Grease bushings and sleeves, install into the new replacement radius arm. Thread grease fitting into eye with grease fitting facing down. Figure 7

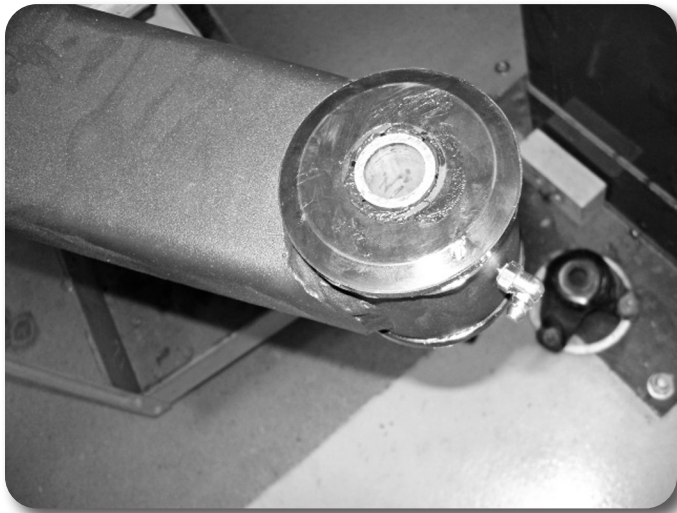


Figure 7

13. Remove the passenger's side radius arm. Retain all hardware. It will be necessary to remove the shock bolt and move the shock out of the way to get the upper hardware out.
14. Install new radius arm with the offset facing out towards the wheel for additional clearance when turning. It may be difficult to hookup all of the hardware at this time. Hook up the upper radius arm bolt at the axle and the frame first. Reattach the front shock for safety. Figure 8 & 9

Step #14 Note:

Radius arm is designed to clear the tire at full lock. Offset will be closest to the tire.

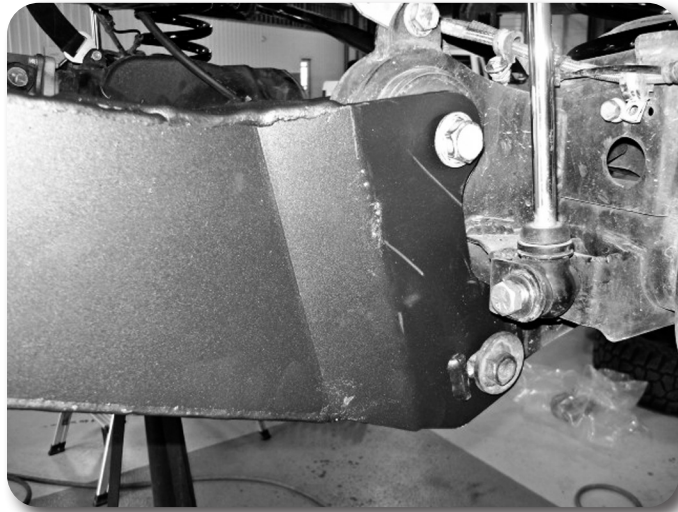


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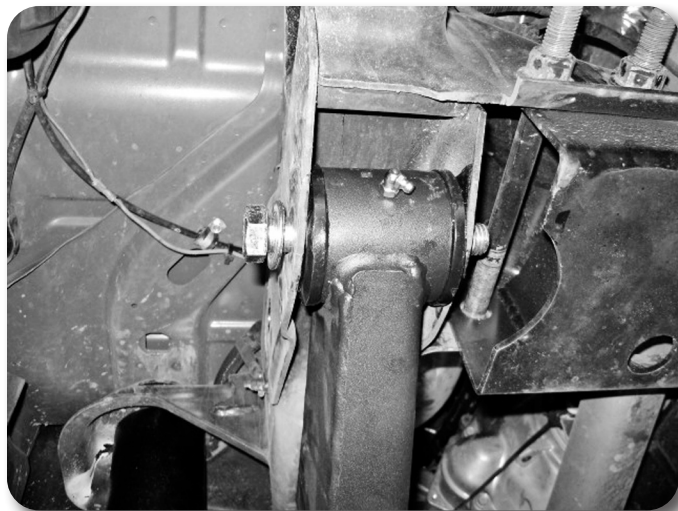


Figure 9

15. Support the pinion, disconnect the driver's side radius arm hardware and remove the stock arm.
16. Install the lower cam bolt on the passenger's side if it was unable to be installed in the previous step.
17. Install new driver's side arm with factory hardware. Reattach the factory shock for safety.
18. Adjust the cam so the bolt head is as far forward as possible (same as Pass side). Tighten radius arm hardware at the axle to 133 ft-lbs plus 90 deg. Leave radius arm pivot hardware loose at the factory brackets.
19. Remove the factory bump stops, it is easiest to hit them from side with a hammer to pop them out. **Figure 10**



Figure 10

20. Grease new replacement bump stops and raise axle with hydraulic jack to press the bump stops into position. These will be a tight fit. Figure 11



Figure 11

21. Install the trackbar bracket with factory bolt through the original trackbar hole, do not tighten.
22. Clearance the factory hole on the frame crossmember where the trackbar bracket meets to 9/16".

23. The upper slot in the trackbar bracket will align with the hole in the factory trackbar bracket. These holes have variations in their position, and minor grinding of the factory hole may be required. Clearance the hole so $\frac{1}{2}$ " hardware will fit through it. Figure 12

Fig 12 Note:

Insert spacer washer between trackbar bracket and factory mounting plate.

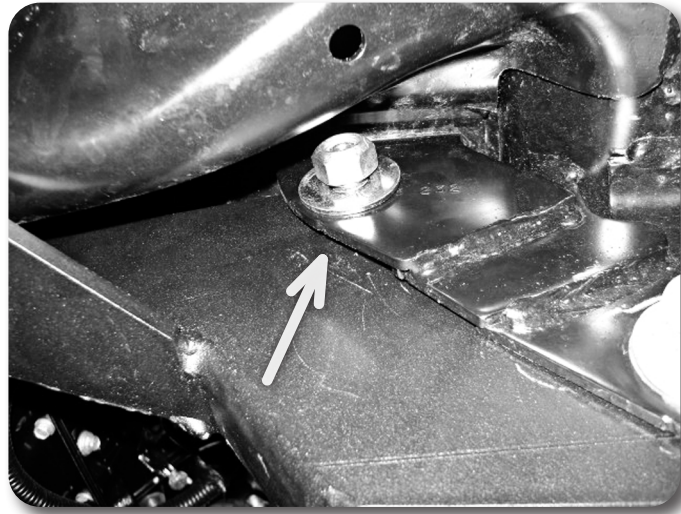


Figure 12

24. Fish the bolt tab through the frame rail with the included bolt wire and attach to the trackbar bracket with $\frac{1}{2}$ " USS washer and regular nut. Attach the upper hole with $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 1-1/2" bolt with spacer washer as shown. Figure 13, 14, 15



Figure 13



Figure 14

Fig 14 Note:

Use fish wire to thread the bolt tab through the frame



Figure 15

25. Tighten ½" trackbar hardware to 65 ft-lbs. Tighten 18mm factory bolt to 250 ft-lbs.
26. Support front axle and remove the stock shocks. Retain the lower hardware, discard shocks and upper hardware.

27. Gas Kits Only:
Lower the axle and install the new coils with factory isolator. The coils are side specific to reduce the amount of bow. There may be a slight amount of bow in the coils, this is due to the radius arm design and the caster change through wheel travel along with the offset coil mounts. Have an assistant help ensure the coils are seated properly.

DieselKits Only:
Lower the axle and install the new coils with factory isolator. The passenger's side upper mount will need to be reindexed. There is a template at the end of the instruction sheet. Cut this out and place over the passenger's side upper mount, mark hole center, and drill to 1/2". The hole should now be directly to the 'REAR' of the vehicle. Install isolator with new coil spring. Ensure that coils are seated properly, have someone help if necessary. Figure 16a, 16b, & 16c

Fig 16a, 16b, 16c Note:

Index the Passenger's side coil only as shown - Diesel models only.



Figure 16a



Figure 16b



Figure 16c

28. Grease and install bushings and sleeves into the shocks. Attach the lower shock with factory hardware. Tighten hardware to 65 ft-lbs.
29. Attach shocks with new cup washers, bushings, and ½” nut at the top mount. Tighten the nut until the bushings begin to swell.
30. Disassemble the drag link. Trim the tab from the tie rod end flush with the end of the threads Figure 17a, 17b Trim the end of the tab on the drag link flush with the threads as well Figure 18

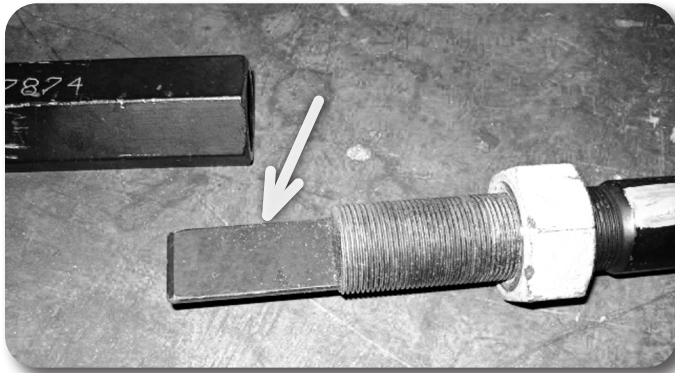


Figure17a

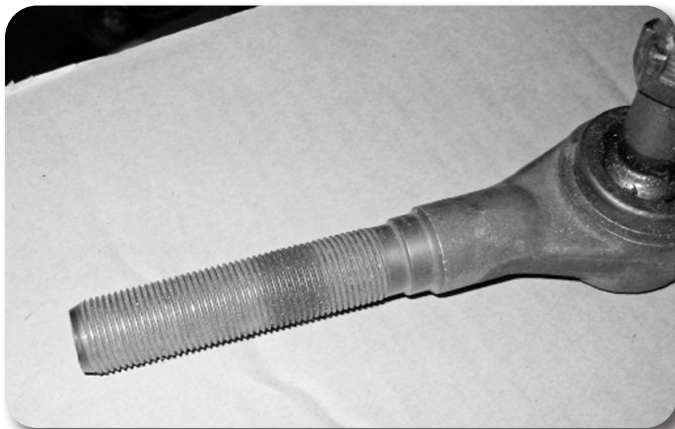


Figure 17b

Fig 17a, 17b Note:

Cut the tab from the tie rod and drag link

Fig 18 Note:

Cut the tab from the drag link
(shown in figure to right)

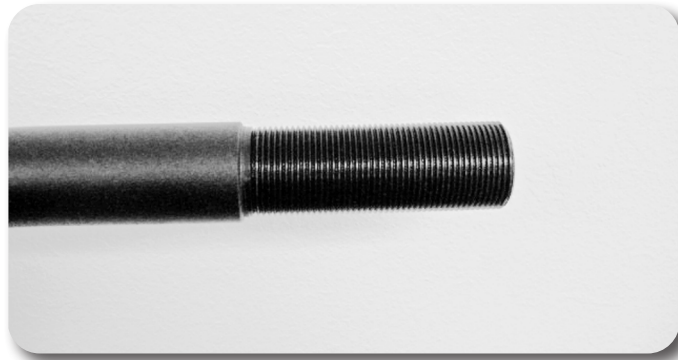


Figure 18

31. Reassemble the drag link, adjust so that there is approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ "~ $\frac{7}{8}$ " of thread exposed past the jam nuts and that the tie rod end faces up. This is a starting point and will need to be adjusted after the installation is complete. Figure 19

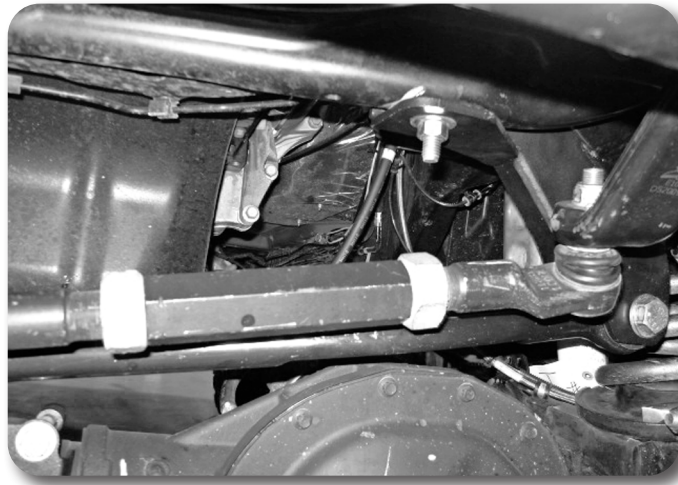


Figure 19

32. Install new pitman arm, use alignment mark made earlier. Loctite factory nut and install with lock washer tighten nut to 225 ft-lbs.
33. Attach drag link to pitman arm from the bottom side with factory nut. Tighten to 65 ft-lbs. Figure 20



Figure 20

34. Attach brake line relocation brackets to the top side of the axle with the factory bolt and 5/16" self threading bolt into the original locating tab hole. The brake lines will need to have the fittings loosened so they can be rotated and pointed up. Attach the brake line to the bracket with retaining clip. **Figure 21**



Figure 21

35. Remove the factory sway bar mounting hardware. Install new drop brackets with the flat side facing out and the brackets offset forward slightly. Attach with factory hardware and new 3/8" hardware. **Figure 22a & 22b**



Figure 22a

Fig 22b Note:

Attach sway bar drop bracket with factory hardware and new 3/8" hardware (Bolt Pack #422). Tighten hardware to 35 ft-lbs.



Figure 22b

36. Reattach the sway bar to the sway bar links with factory nuts. Tighten to 40 ft-lbs.
37. Spin the front driveshaft. At full droop if there is interference within the dual cardan it must be cleared to allow the driveshaft to spin freely. Remove the sharp edge from the driveshaft to allow for clearance. Use a rotary die grinder to remove material, not much material is required to be removed for clearance. Figure 23

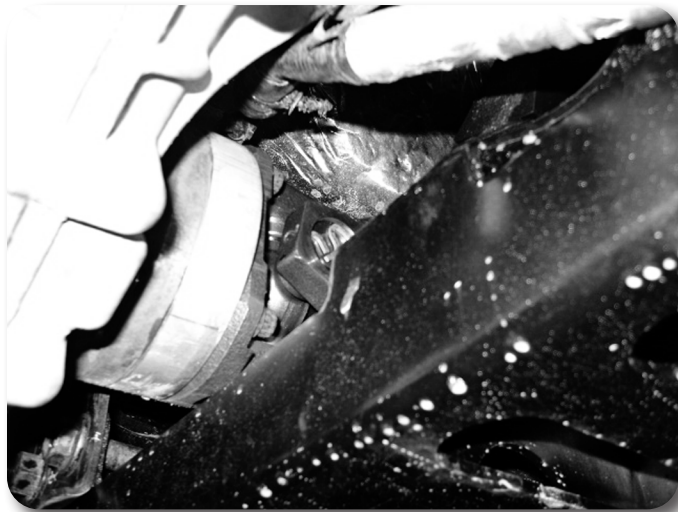


Figure 23

38. Install wheels and tighten lug nuts to factory specifications. Ensure that the coils are seated properly on the upper rubber mount. Lower the vehicle to the ground.
39. Tighten radius arm hardware to 133 ft-lbs plus 90 deg. Grease radius arm bushings at the frame at this time.
40. If any brake fluid was lost during installation, the brake system must be bled. Follow factory procedure for bleeding brakes.
41. Turn the steering wheel to get the trackbar sleeve to align with the hole in the bracket. Install new 18mm bolt tighten to 270 ft-lbs.

» **3500 MODEL TRUCKS W/ LEAF SPRINGS REAR INSTALLATION (2500 TRUCKS SEE SEPARATE INSTRUCTION SHEET):**

42. Raise the rear of the vehicle, block the front wheels for safety. Support the frame rails with jackstands.
43. Disconnect e-brake cable and reroute the line below the front leaf spring eye mount to give adequate slack in the cable at full droop, reattach once routed for extra slack. Figure 24, 25

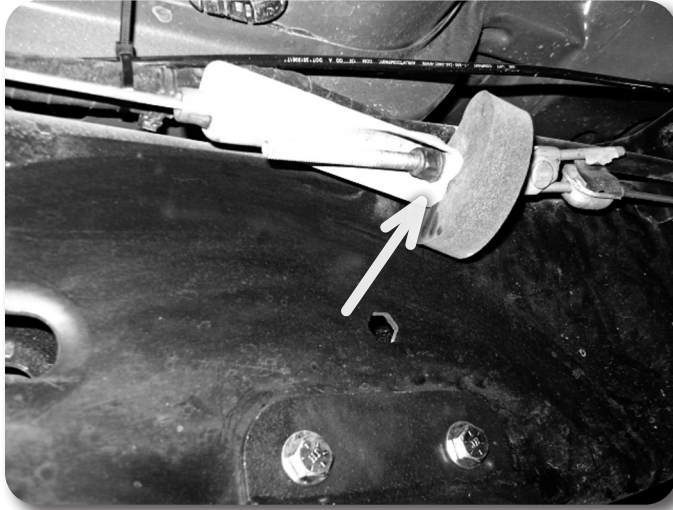


Figure 24



Figure 25

Fig 25 Note:
Route the e-brake cable below the factory bracket.

44. Remove the factory shocks, retain all mounting hardware.
45. Support the rear axle with a hydraulic jack. Remove the u-bolts and plates from one side of the vehicle only. Loosen the u-bolts, but do not remove the opposite side.
46. Lower the axle and remove the stock plastic center pin. Replace the center pin with new metal pin. It will be a tight fit. It may be necessary to clean the hole in the factory leaf pack to get the pin to press in. It must be a tight fit to keep the pin in place. Figure 26



Figure 26

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. Longer replacement hoses, if needed can be purchased from a local parts supplier.
3. Perform head light check and adjustment.
4. Re-torque all fasteners after 100 miles. Always inspect fasteners and components during routine servicing.

47. Install new lift block with the wing facing in towards the center of the vehicle. Install new u-bolts and install the nuts/washers, but do not tighten at this time.
48. Repeat block and u-bolt installation on opposite side of the vehicle.
49. Tighten u-bolts snugly at this time, do not torque until the vehicle is on the ground.
50. Grease bushings and sleeves, install them into both ends of the shocks. Install new shocks with factory hardware. Tighten to 65 ft-lbs.
51. Install optional carrier bearing drop (mega cab / crew cab long bed models only). This part is available separately and is not included with the kit.
52. Reinstall wheels, torque lug nuts to factory specifications (130 ft-lbs).
53. Lower vehicle to the ground. Torque U-bolts to 120 ft-lbs.
54. Recheck all hardware, check again at 500 miles, and again at regularly scheduled maintenance intervals.
55. Straighten the wheels, adjust the steering wheel to center. Do not drive the vehicle with the wheel off center or adverse traction control events may occur. An alignment is recommended at this time. If 4wd driveline or driving characteristics are not ideal, the caster can be lowered, however it is recommended to run as much caster as possible.
56. Test drive the vehicle. As noted before the installation, if a 4wd vibration is present an indexing ring kit must be purchased separately.

