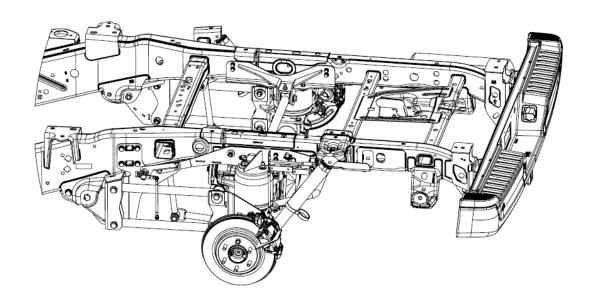


Stock Height 4-Link Rear Air Ride Installation Manual

- 2021+ Ford F150

Kelderman 4-Link Air Ride



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Kit Numbers

This installation manual covers the following air ride kits.

| Kit Number | Description |
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| 10011486 | Kit - Stock Height - 4-Link Rear - Ring Gear 9.75" (EGPAF0): |
| | 2021+ Ford F150 Pickup - Stock Height 4-Link Rear |
| 10013624 | Kit - Stock Height - 4-Link Rear - Ring Gear 8.8" (EGPAE0) : |
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Introduction

Important

It is important that the entire installation instructions be read thoroughly before proceeding with installation.

Product Installer Responsibilities

Installer is responsible for installing this product in accordance with Kelderman Mfg. Inc. specifications and installation instructions.

Installer is responsible for providing proper installation of vehicle components and attachments as well as required or necessary clearance for suspension components, axles, wheels, tires, and other vehicle components to ensure a safe and sound installation and operation of this product.

Product Owner Responsibilities

Owner is solely responsible for pre-operation inspection, periodic inspections, maintenance, and use of the product as specified by Kelderman Mfg. Inc. Of particular importance is the re-torque of fasteners. This re-torque must be performed within 90 days or 1000 miles of this product being put into service.

Definition of Terms

- **Warning:** Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.
- Caution: A potential hazardous situation may result in property damage.
- **Note:** Provide information or suggestions that help correctly perform a task.
- **Torque:** When italicized "torque" alerts the installer to tighten fasteners to a specified value.

Safety

- Your Safety and the Safety of Others is Very Important.
 Read and understand all safety precautions and instructions before installing this product.
- CAUTION: Trucks Equipped with Parking Sensors or Other Like Devices.

 Relocation of these devices will alter the field of view. It is the responsibility of the owner to understand how these changes affect the operation of these systems.
- WARNING: Careless Installation Can Result in Serious Injury or Property Damage
 - Wear eye protection.
 - Disconnect the battery before doing any work on the vehicle.
 - Work on flat level ground.
 - Ensure truck is properly supported by jack stands. Never work under a vehicle supported only by hydraulic jacks.
 - Take precautions when lifting product. Due to the size and weight of this product three people are recommended for installation.
 - Never work directly under the product until it has been securely fastened to the vehicle.
 - Avoid sharp, hot, and moving components when routing electrical cables.
 - If drilling inspect both sides of the surface and remove/relocate any objects located in the way.
 - Ensure all bolts are properly tightened before driving.

Suspension Removal

- 1: Before starting the removal process, take some time to examine the muffler and tail section of the exhaust to see if these need to be replaced as you will be required to drop the tail section during the removal and assembly processes.
- 2: Next, measure the pinion angle and record it. This is important because you will need to put the axle back to this measurement after installation. See figure 1.

Pinion angle____



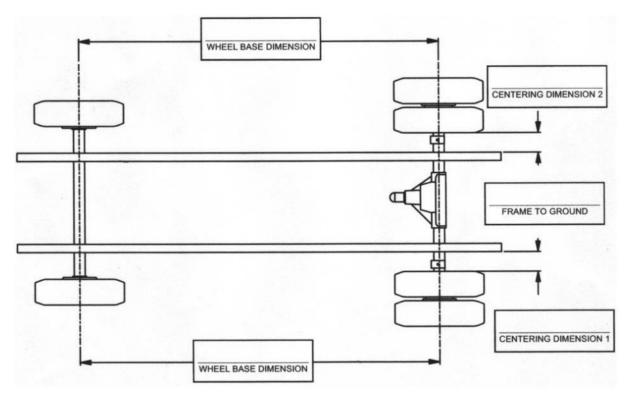
Tools/Equipment needed: Floor jack, grinder with cut off wheel, wrenches/sockets, impact gun

3: Drop the spare tire and remove from the truck.





4: Take the following measurements for future reference. You will need to refer to these measurements to adjust the suspension system. See figure 2 below.



5: Remove the bolt on passenger side of tailgate and unplug harness attached to tailgate



6: Remove the tailgate and set aside.



7: Unplug harnesses behind bumper before removing bumper/truck bed. There will be harnesses attached to the truck bed with ties that will need to be cut off.



8: Remove (6) M24 bolts & ground straps on bumper before removal.





9: Remove bumper and hardware. Keep bumper hardware as they will be required later.



10: Remove (6) bolts on the bed & bolts attaching fuel filler neck to bed





11: Remove bed from truck. Make sure to push fuel filler neck through rubber gasket during removal.



12: Remove rear fuel tank strap & remove fuel tank to allow clearance to remove front leaf spring bolt (Note: best to have minimal gas in the fuel tank.)



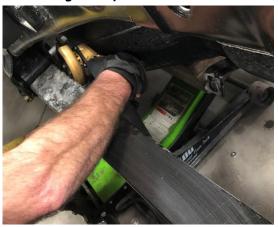


: Jack up the rear of the truck until weight is taken off the leaf springs. (Note: Use a block or extension if height maximizes jack height.)



: Remove front driver side leaf spring bolt. (Note: Bolt may have to be cut off and replaced. *(Recommended to use cut off wheel on a 4" grinder).*





: Remove bolts on the tail section of the exhaust to drop muffler & tailpipe to allow for clearance to remove passenger side front leaf spring bolt.



: Remove passenger side front leaf spring bolt. (Note: Keep all leaf spring bolts for later install.)



17: Remove both rear leaf spring bolts, shackle mount & shackle mount bolts.



- 18: Fuel tank can be bolted back in place but leave exhaust loose during install process
- **19**: Remove ride height sensor from driver side leaf spring & frame. Remove the bracket attached to axle mount before taking off bolts on the axle.





20: Remove bolts & U-bolts attaching leaf spring to the axle

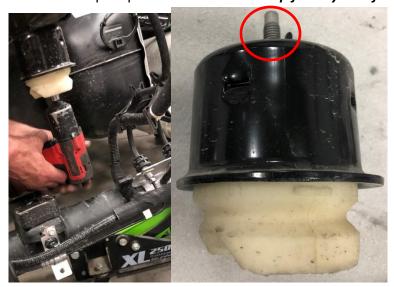


21: Remove the lower axle clamps from both sides & keep for later install.

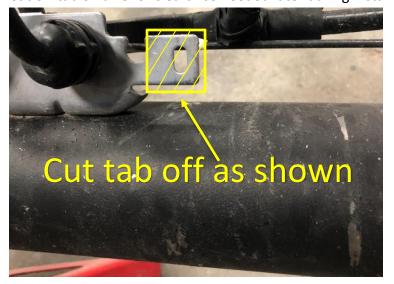




22: Remove bump stops from both sides. Keep factory bolt for install.



23: Cut off tab on axle for clearance needed later during install.



24: Un-install is now complete & install can now be started.

Air Ride Installation

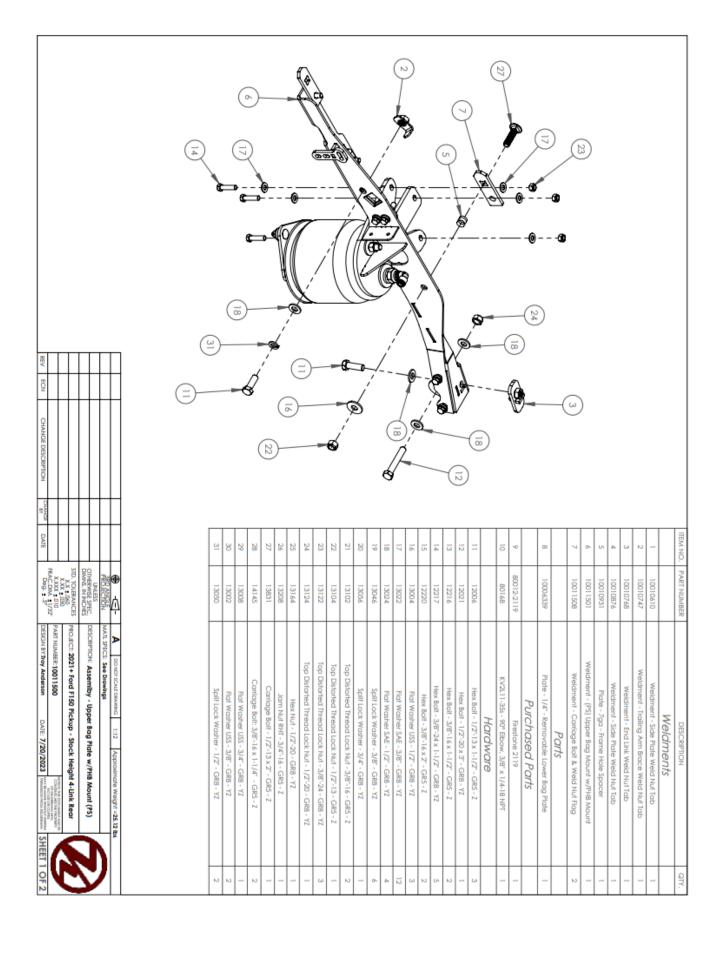
 Open every box and locate all parts. There are several smaller bushing pieces and bolts that are packaged separately inside the main box.

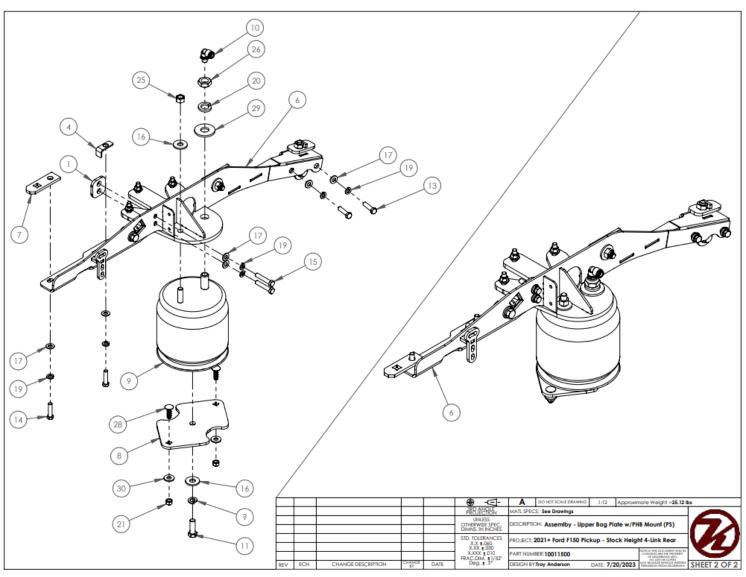
NOTE: All of the bolts in this kit use a flat washer on each side of the bolt.

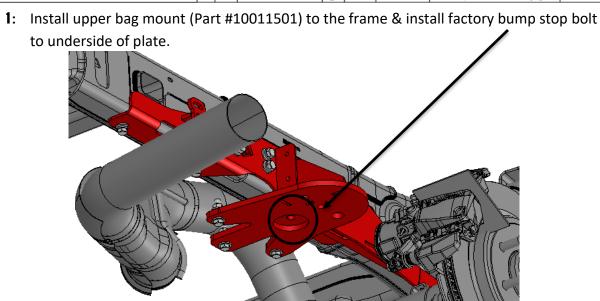
NOTE: Snug all bolts but do not tighten until the entire kit is installed

NOTE: Best practice to keep a jack under rear differential during install

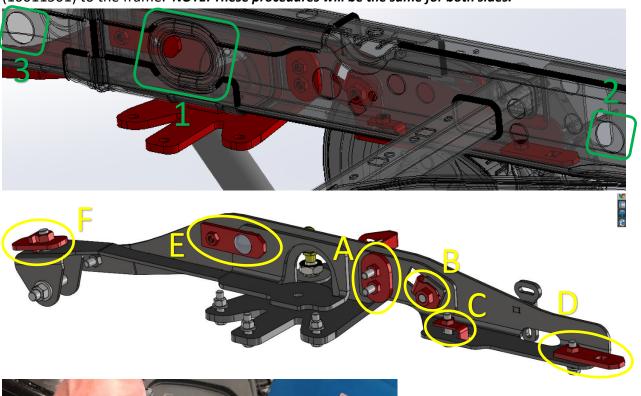
Tools/Equipment needed: Jack stand/Floor Jack, wrenches/sockets, impact gun, needle nose vise grip, bendable telescoping magnet

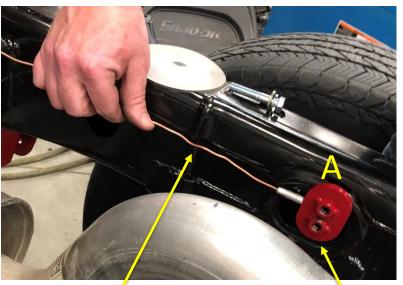






2: Next step will consist of fishing the weld nut tabs through the frame to securely attach (10011501) to the frame. *NOTE: These procedures will be the same for both sides.*





Weld Tab #'s

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B: #10010747

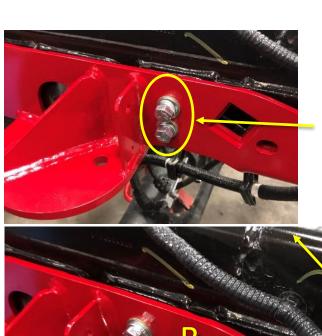
C: #10010876

D: #10011508

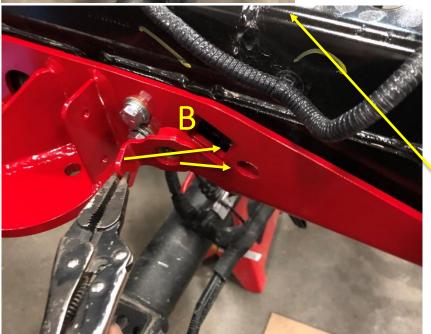
E: #10011508/10010931

Recommended to use a bendable telescoping magnet or wire magnet to help to place the weld tabs in their intended location

Fish item #10010610 through the opening (#1)



- (2) Hex bolt 3/8"-16 x 2"
- (2) 3/8" split lock washer
- (2) 3/8" flat washer

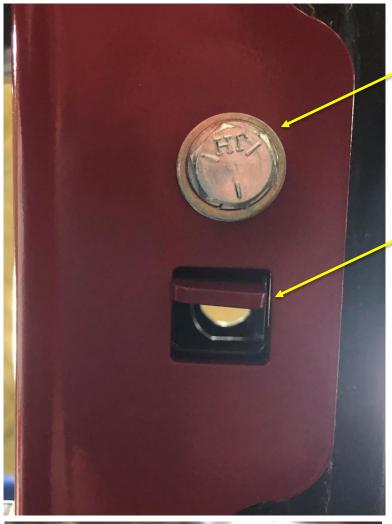


(B) Must come in from back side of the frame



NOTE: Recommended way to hold weld tab is to use a needle nose vise

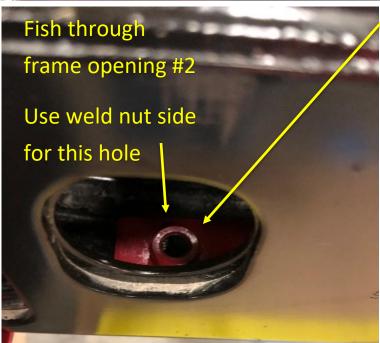
- (2) Hex bolt ½-13 x 1-1/2"
- (1) ½" flat washer



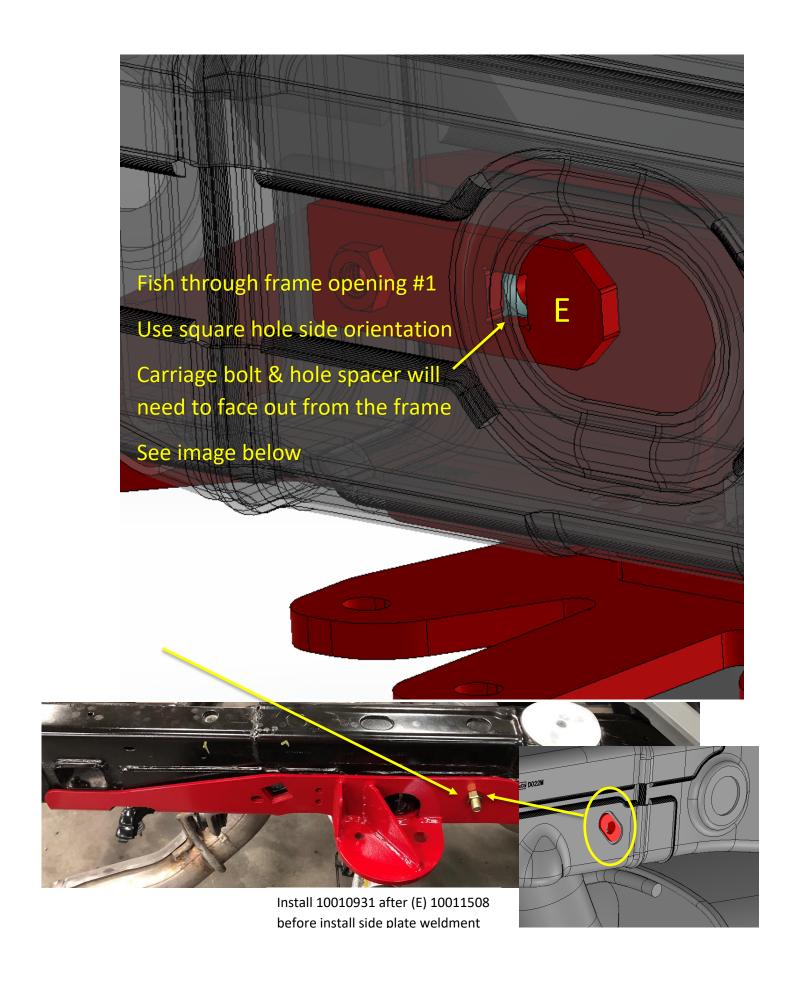
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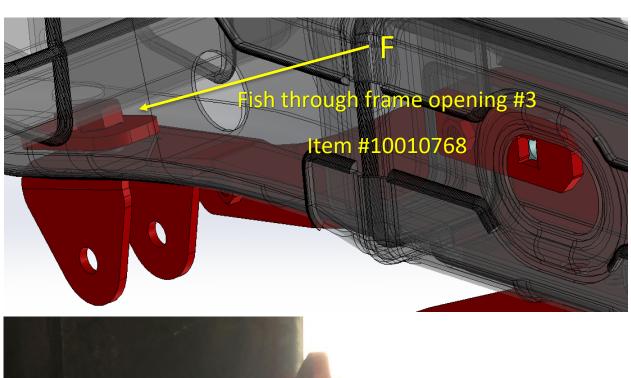
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Fish through frame opening #1

- (1) Hex Bolt 3/8"-24 x 1-1/2"
- (1) 3/8" Split Lock Washer
- (1) 3/8" Flat Washer







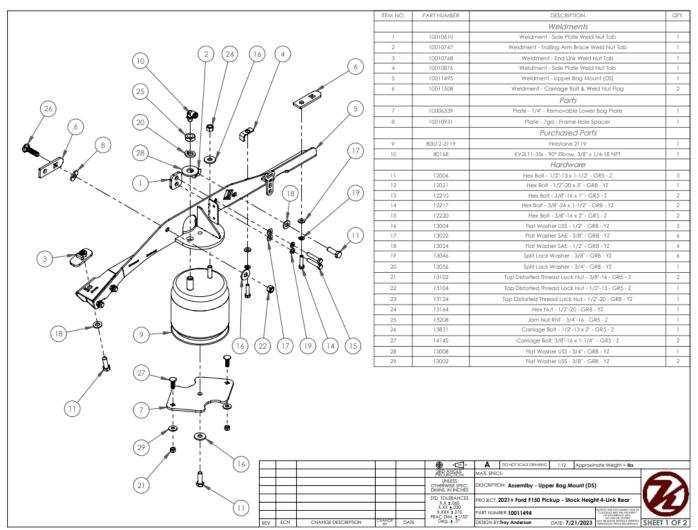


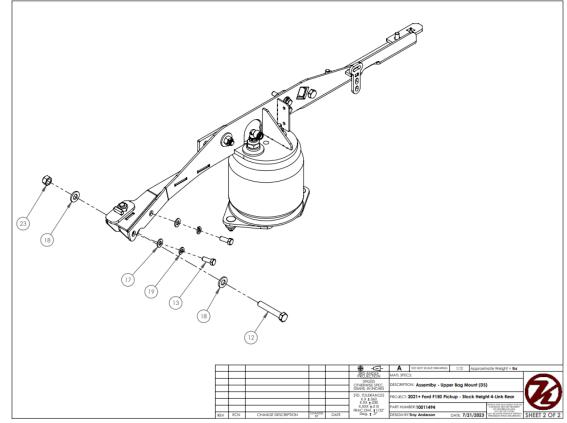


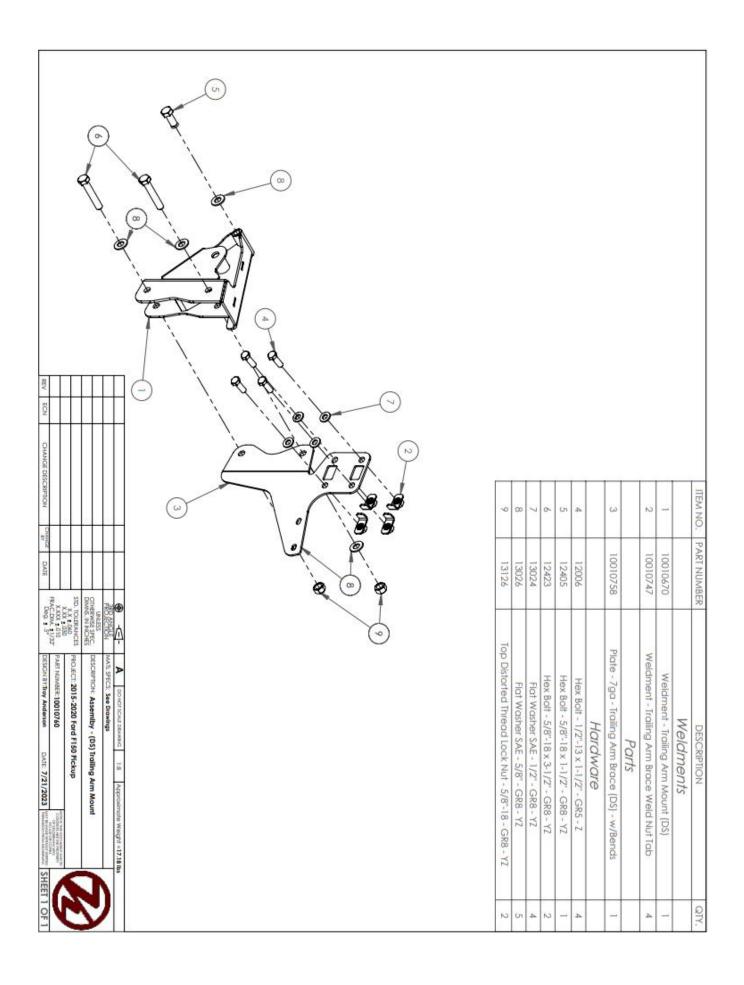
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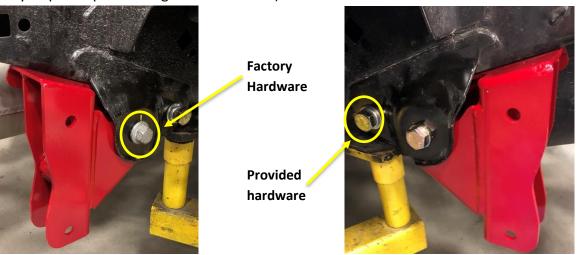
3: Follow same procedures with driver side weldment (10011495).







4: Install trailing arm mounts (10010750 & 10010670) to factory front leaf spring mounts. Note: Use factory bolt for rear hole & front hole uses (2) hex bolt 5/8-18" x 1-1/2" & 5/8" split lock and flat washer. (Note: It's a tight fit where factory bolt goes through and may require a pass through with a drill bit.)



- 5: Install trailing arm brace to both sides (10010758 & 10010762)
 - These plates bolt to trailing arm mounts (10010750 & 10010670) & upper bag mounts (10011495 & 10011501)



6: Insert trailing arm brace weld nut tab through openings in brace plate.

Note: Install is easier with a needle nose vise grip



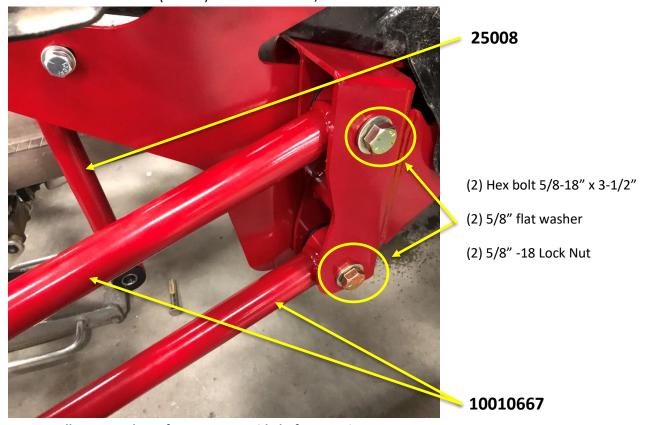




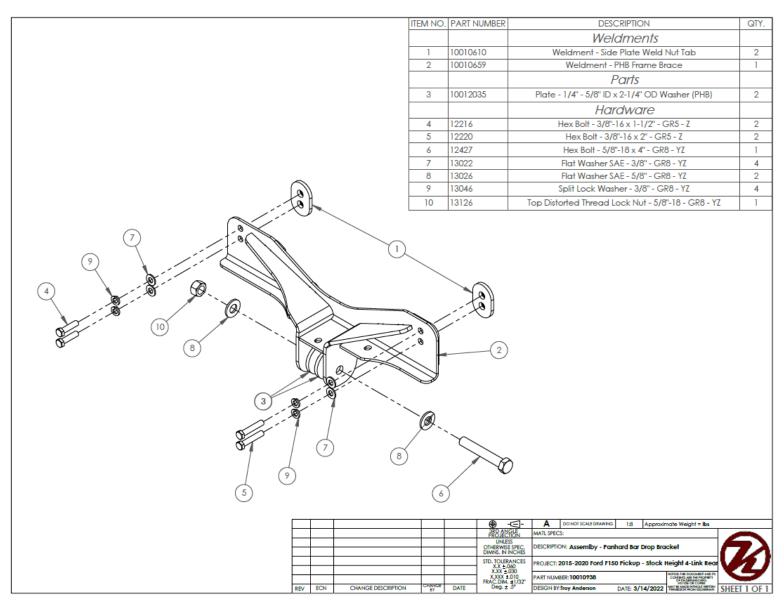


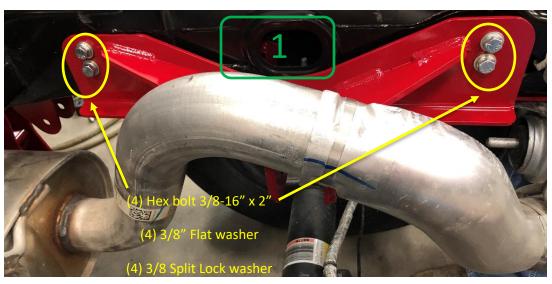


7: Install trailing arms (10010667) to trailing arm mount & trailing arm brace on both sides
Also both end links (25008) can be installed, leave bottom un-bolted as shown.

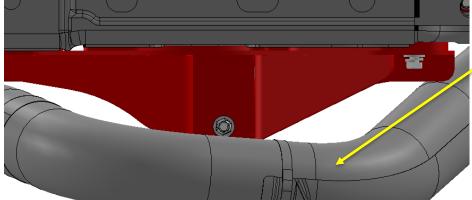


NOTE: Follow procedures for passenger side before moving to next step.

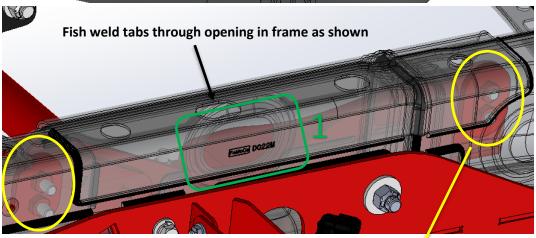




8: Install Panhard Bar Frame Brace (10010659) to inside of passenger side frame.

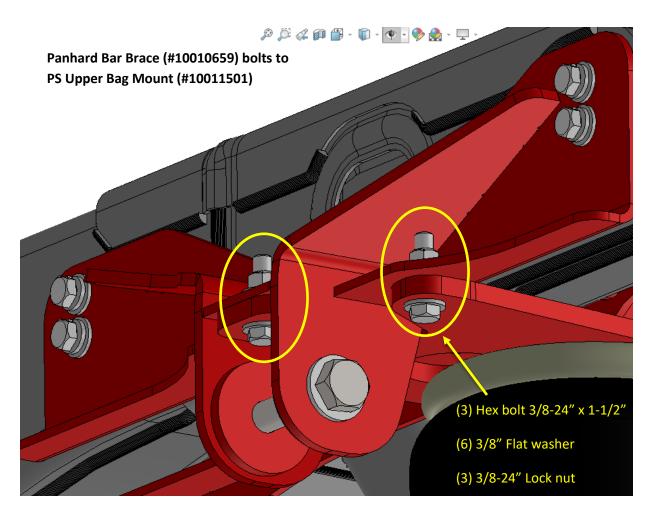


The exhaust tube will need to be pushed out to fit pan hard bar brace in.



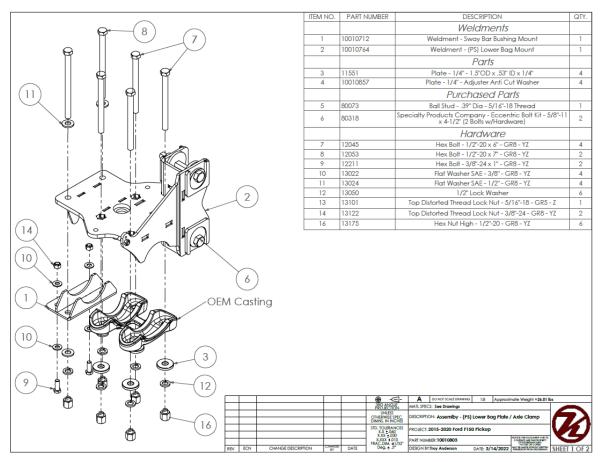


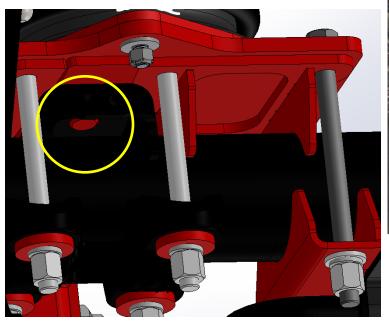
NOTE: Telescoping magnet is recommended when fishing weld nut.



: Install lower bag mounts DS/PS (10010702-DS/10010764-PS)









NOTE: Line up stud on lower bag mount with hole shown on axle tube mount.

10: Install OEM casting axle clamps to underside of axle tube & bolt with lower bag mount.

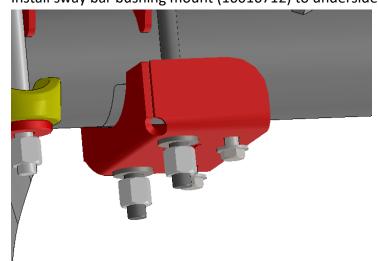


- (4) Hex bolt ½-20" x 7"
- (4) ½" Flat washers
- (4) Washer plate (11551)
- (4) 1/2" Split Lock washers
- (4) High Hex Nut 1/2-20"
- (1) OEM cast axle clamp



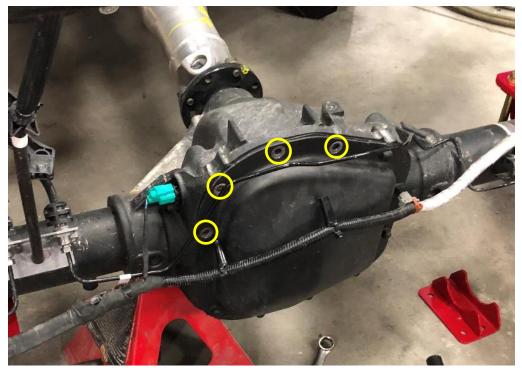
OEM cast axle clamp

11: Install sway bar bushing mount (10010712) to underside of axle tube.

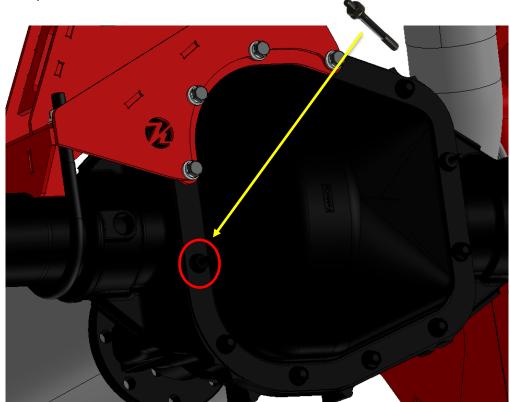


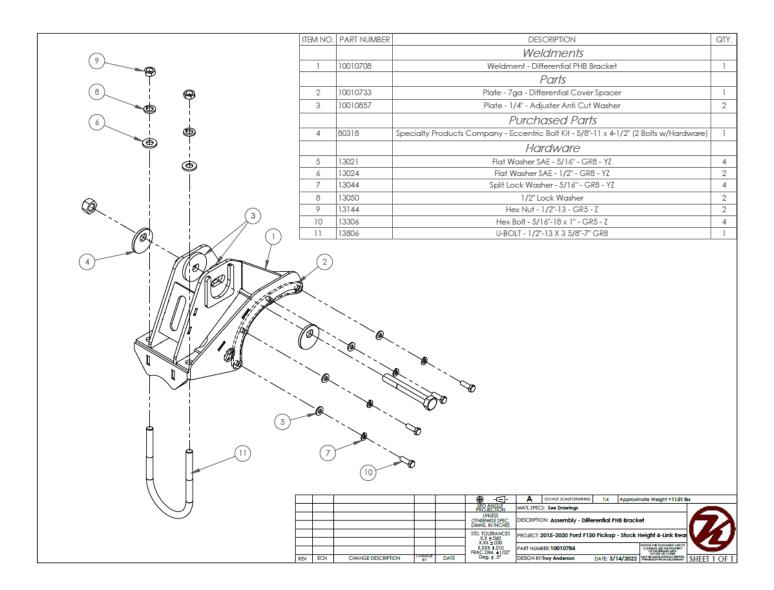
- (2) Hex bolt ½-20" x 7"
- (4) 1/2" Flat washers
- (2) 1/2" Split Lock washers
- (2) High Hex Nut 1/2-20"

- **12**: Follow same procedures for DS Lower bag plate (10010702)/axle clamp (10010712) installation.
- 13: Remove bolts from rear differential cover.

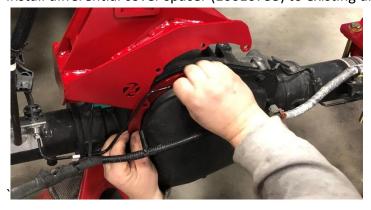


Remove bolt on the lower portion of the rear differential & replace with stud bolt removed from the cover. Wire harness end will need to be mounted to this for stability.



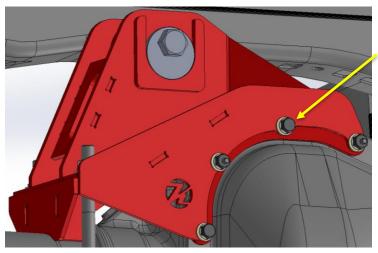


14: Install differential cover spacer (10010733) to existing differential cover holes.



Install Differential PHB Bracket Weldment (10010708) over the spacer & line up holes.

Note: All holes should line up before bolting



- (4) Hex bolt 5/16-18" x 1"
- (4) 5/16" Flat washers
- (2) 5/16" Split Lock washers
- (1) U-bolt 1/2-13" x 3-5/8"-7"
- (2) 1/2" Flat washers
- (2) 1/2" Split Lock washers
- (2) Hex nut ½-13"



15: Attach air bag to removeable lower bag plate (10006339). Then attach to upper bag mount (10011495).



- (1) Hex bolt ½-13" x 1-1/2"
- (1) ½" USS flat washer
- (1) ½" Split lock washer



- (1) Jam Nut ¾"-16
- (1) ¾" Flat Washer
- (1) ¾" Split Lock Washer
- (1) Hex Nut ½"-20
- (1) ½" Flat Washer
- (1) ½" Split Lock Washer

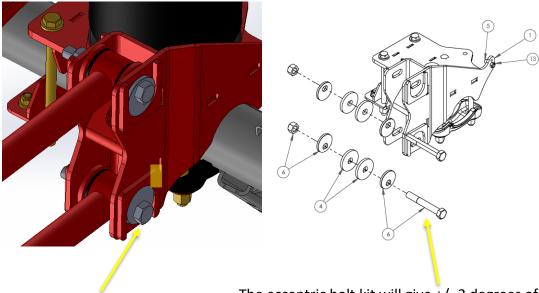
16: Lower the truck to attach Lower Bag Plate (10006339) to DS Lower Bag Mount (10010702).



- (2) Carriage Bolt 3/8"-16 x 1/1/4"
- (2) 3/8" USS Flat Washer
- (2) 3/8" Hex Nut



- **17**: Follow same procedures for passenger side bag installation.
- **18**: Attach Trailing Arms (10010667) to DS Lower Bag Mounts (10010702). Install eccentric bolt kit as shown in image below. (*NOTE:* The bolts cannot be in dead center because of flat on the bolt.)

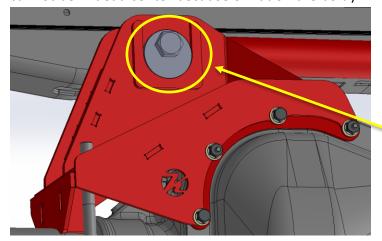


80318 – Eccentric Bolt Kit

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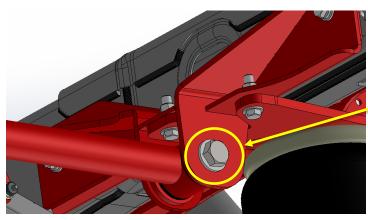
19: Follow the same procedure for passenger side Trailing Arms & Lower Bag Mount.

20: Install Panhard Bar (10010667) to PHB frame brace (10010659) & Differential PHB bracket (10010708). Install eccentric bolt kit as shown in image below. (*NOTE:* The bolts cannot be in dead center because of flat on the bolt.)



80318 - 5/8" Eccentric Bolt Kit

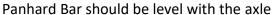
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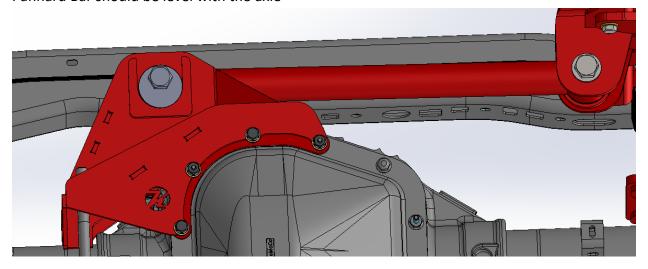


(1) Hex Bolt 5/8"-18 x 4"

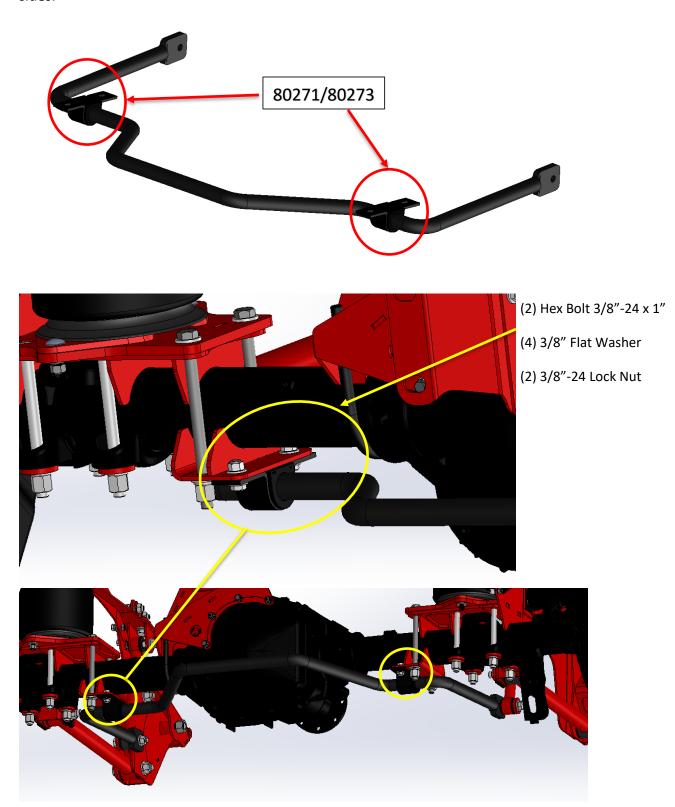
(2) 5/8" Flat Washer

(1) 5/8"-18 Lock Nut

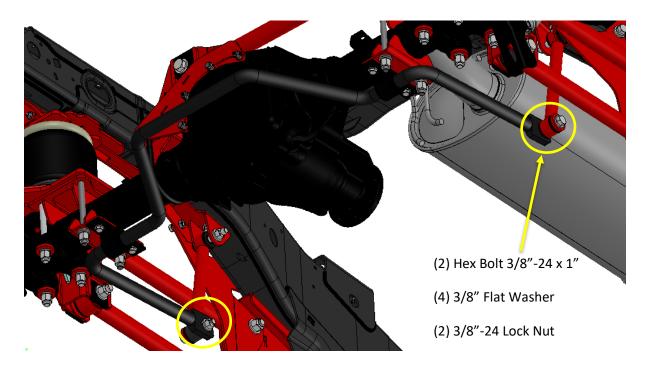




21: Attach sway bar bushings (80271/80273) to sway bar bushing mounts (10010712) both sides.



Attach sway bar ends to sway bar end links (25008) on both sides.



22: Install shocks (10153). Shocks will use factory shock mounts & hardware.

<u>NOTE:</u> Attach shock reservoir to shock using bracket included with the shocks.

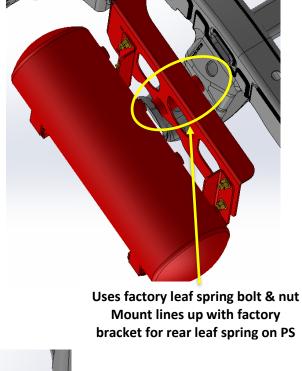


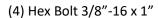
23: Attach the tank brackets (10011564) to frame & bolt on air tank.

NOTE: The bumper should be attached back to the truck at this point.



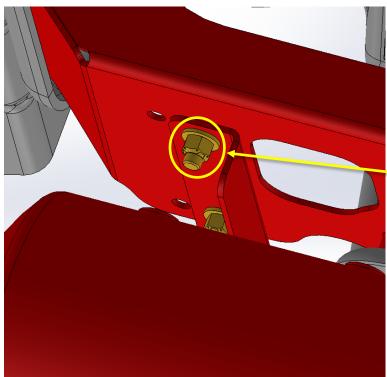
Uses factory bumper bolts & nuts

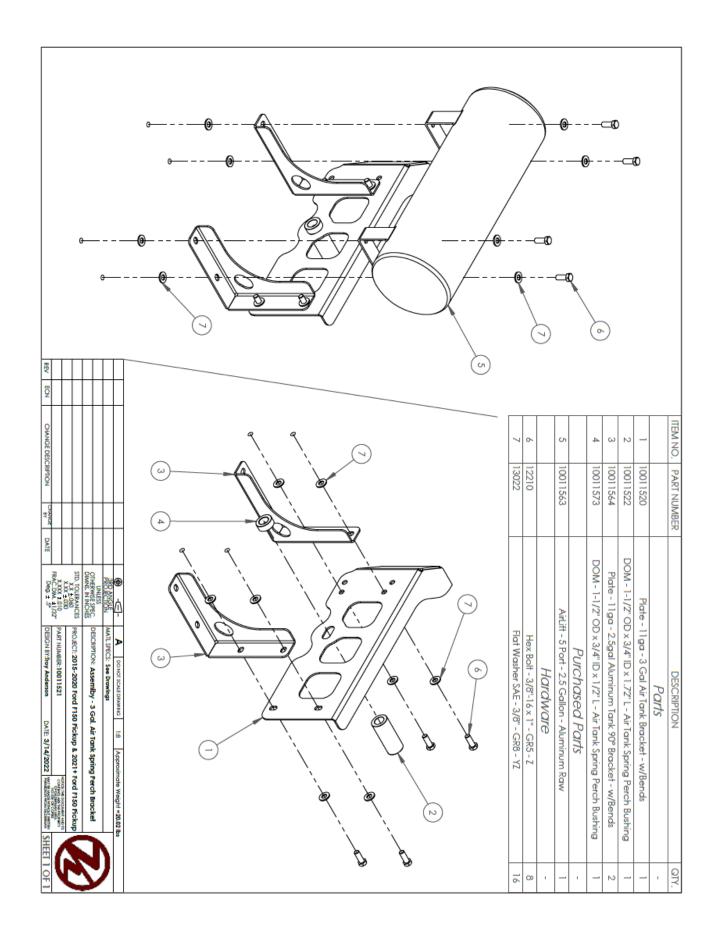




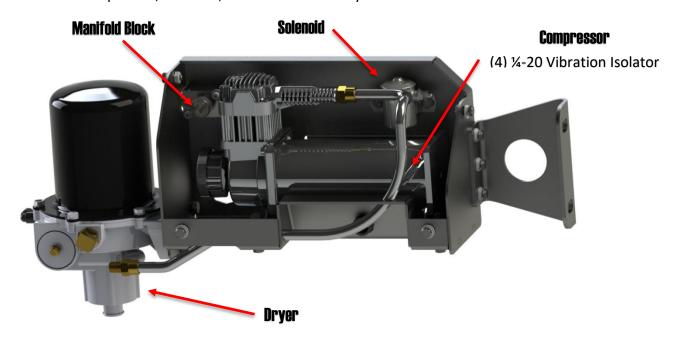
(8) 3/8" Flat Washer

(4) 3/8"-16 Lock Nut





24: Attach the compressor, solenoid, manifold block & dryer to the bracket



25: Follow included instructions on how to wire compressor kit together.

26: Attach front cover plate & bolt on rear bracket to attach to the bumper.



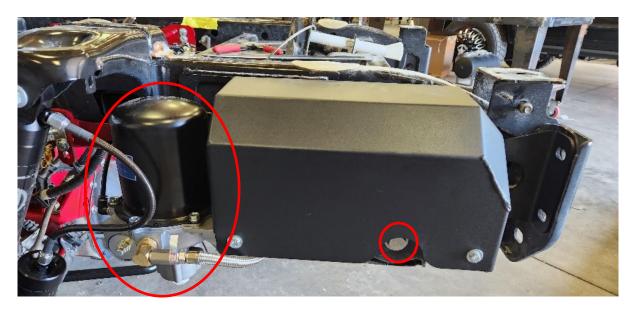
- (7) ¼"-20 x ¾" Hex Bolt
- (7) ¼" Split Lock Washer
- (7) ¼" Flat Washer SAE
- (8) ¼" Flat Washer USS
- (4) ¼"-20 x 1" Hex Bolt
- (8) 3/8" Flat Washer SAE
- (4) 3/8"-24 x 1" Hex Bolt
- (4) 3/8"-24 Lock Nut

- (3) M10-1.5 Hex Bolt
- (3) M10 Split Lock Washer
- (2) #10-24 x ¾" Hex Screw
- (4) #10 Flat Washer SAE
- (4) #10-24 Hex Nut

27: Attach compressor/dryer bracket to existing rear leaf spring bracket & bumper.

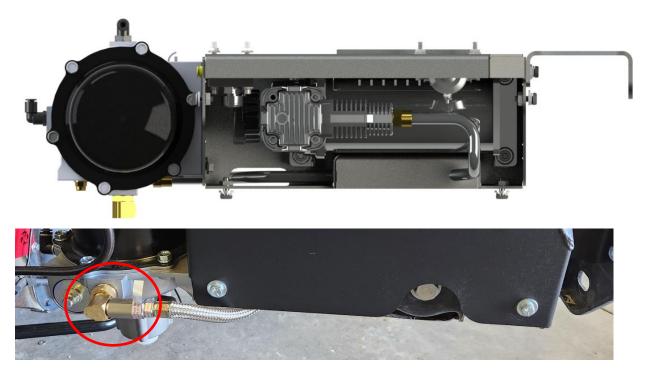
NOTE: Uses the factory bolt for leaf spring & uses factory bumper hardware.

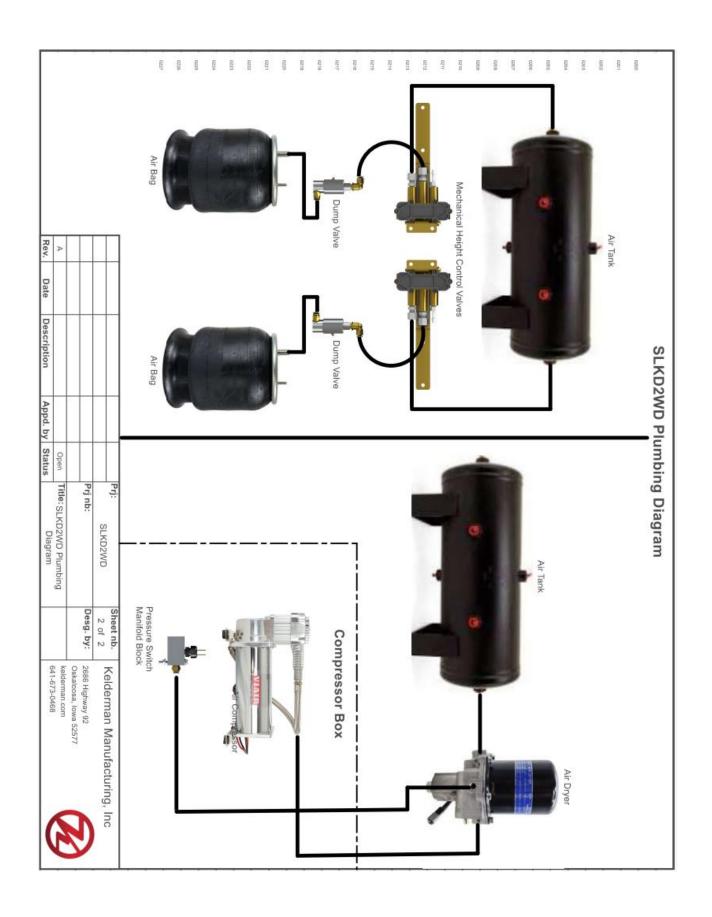
After attaching bracket, the dryer can be bolted to the front of the bracket.



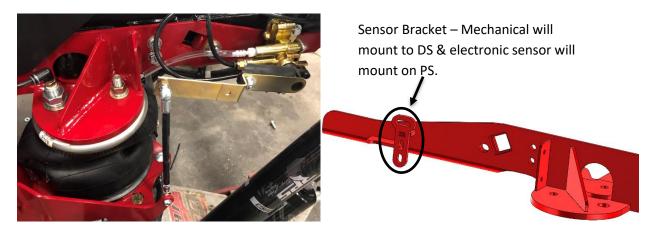
28: Attach hose from compressor to the dryer port on the side.

NOTE: Before hose can be attached to dryer, fittings 80124 & 80125 will need to be installed.

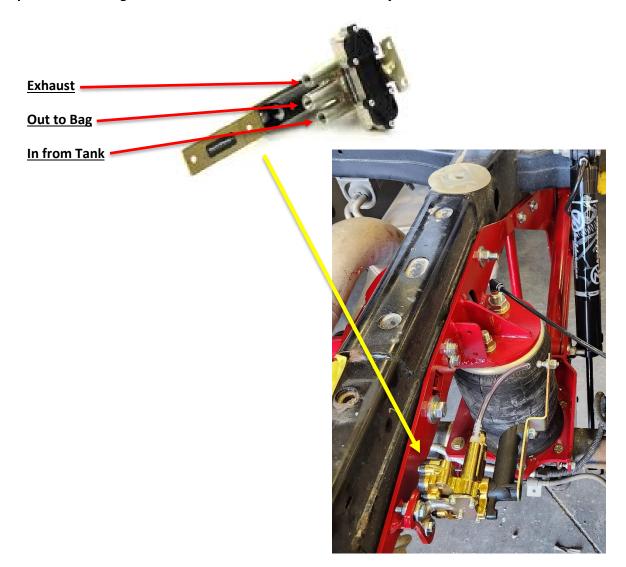




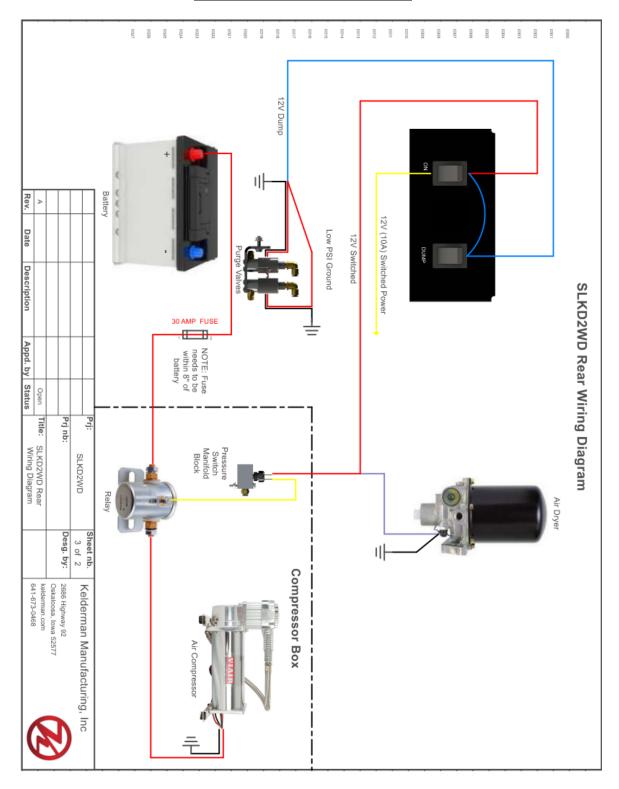
29: Attach the height control valve to the upper bags mount sensor bracket on DS & PS. Linkage needs to be straight up and down when bolted to the bracket and the arm straight out at ride height. Attach the ends mount on end of arm and the lower bag mount on each side.



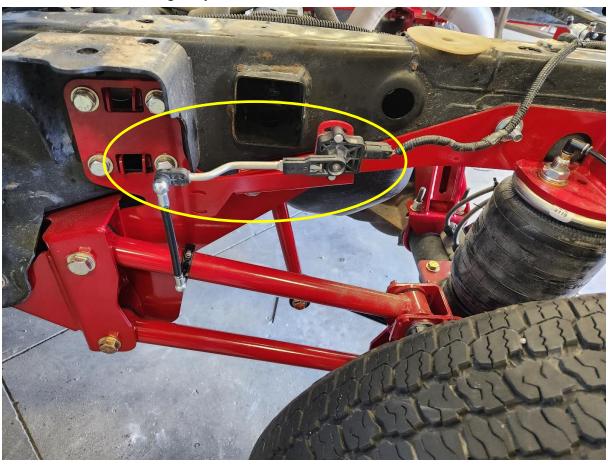
NOTE: Before installing the mechanical valve, rotate the arm clockwise and counterclockwise 4-5 times each way. This will get the internals ready for operation after sitting in inventory after production. Height control valves have an 8 second delay.



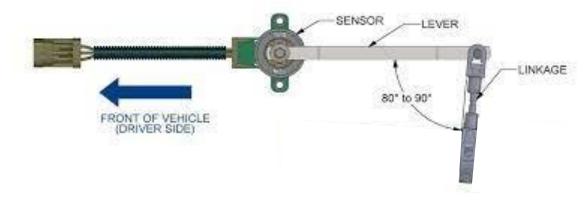
Mechanical Wiring Diagram



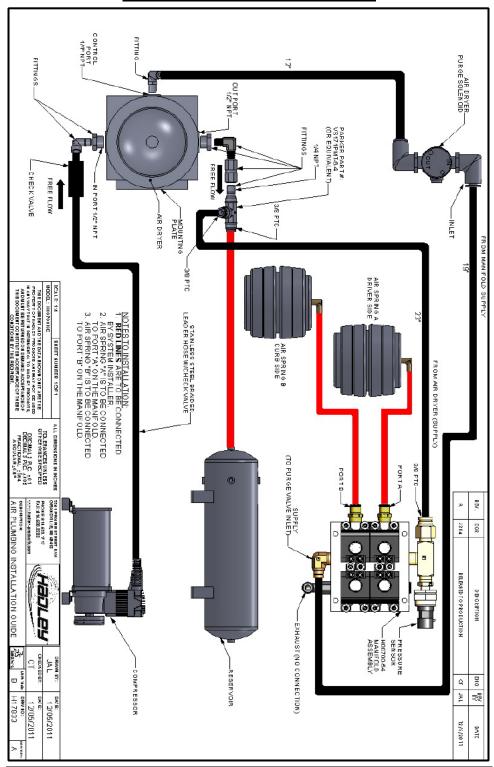
Relocate automatic headlight adjustment sensor to the location shown.



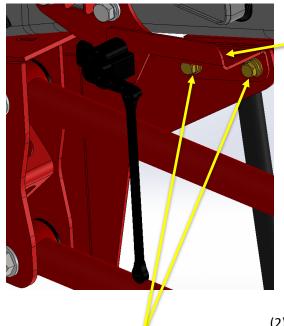
30: If you have an electronic height control device, you will mount to the same bracket as the mechanical. When setting the device makes sure the truck is a ride height and make sure the sensor is parallel to the ground. It will connect to the lower bag mount the same way as the mechanical control valve.



Optional Hadley Sensor Diagram



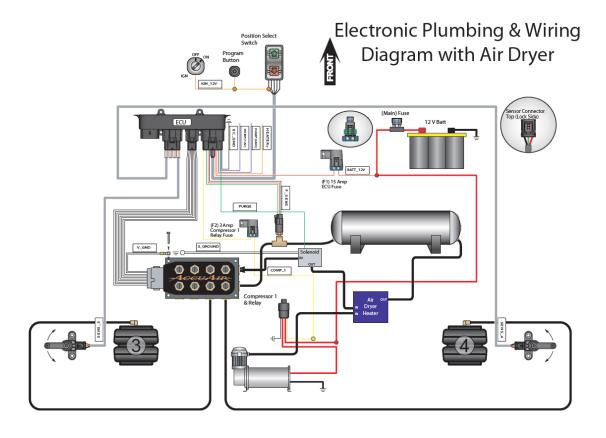
Optional AccuAir Sensor Diagram



The AccuAir Sensor mounts to the DS with AccuAir Sensor bracket (10010885). The bracket bolts to DS Trailing Arm Brace (10010758).



- Set this length to 7" for stock height kit
- (2) 3/8"-16 x 1" bolts
- (2) 3/8" SAE Flat Washer
- (2) 3/8" Split Lock Washer



After install is complete, and the rear axle is square, torque all fasteners to the specifications in the chart.

After the bolts are torqued and the air bags are inflated to ride height, you can now replace the bed.

Set the pinion angle to the measurement that you took in Suspension Removal step 1.

Now the truck is ready for a test drive. Pay close attention to how the truck handles and if there are any vibrations.

When you test drive the truck, if the truck pulls to one side, shorten the <u>opposite side</u> trailing arms one turn and test drive again. Repeat until pull is no longer noticeable.

| Bolt Size | Torque |
|------------------|------------|
| 1/4"-20 | 70 in-lb. |
| 3/8"-16 | 20 ft-lb. |
| 1/2"-20 | 50 ft-lb. |
| 9/16"-18 | 100 ft-lb. |
| 5/8"-18 | 250 ft-lb. |
| 7/8"-14 | 300 ft-lb. |



Owner Responsibilities

The Kelderman suspension needs no lubrication and little maintenance. However, immediate corrective action should be taken if a serious malfunction occurs.

<u>CAUTION!</u> If maintenance or service is to be done on the air system, be sure to drain all air from the system. Serious injury could occur if components are removed while system is full of air.

PRODUCT OWNER RESPONSIBILITIES

- Owner is solely responsible for pre-operation inspection, periodic inspections, maintenance, and
 use of the product as specified in the particular Kelderman MFG. instructions available by product model, except as provided in this warranty, and for maintenance of other vehicle components. Of particular importance is the re-torque of fasteners including axle bolts, four link bolts,
 and pan hard bar bolts. This re-torque must be performed within 90 days of the suspension being put into service.
- Owner is responsible for "down time" expenses, cargo damage, and all business costs and losses resulting from a warrantable failure.
- The Kelderman Air Suspension is fully automatic in controlling the height of the chassis when
 properly installed. No manual intervention to control air pressure or ride height is needed during
 the course of operation.
- The Compressor Switch must be on for the compressor to operate. During difficult starting circumstances, (i.e. extremely cold weather) it is recommended to turn the compressor switch off until the vehicle is running, so it will not draw current from the battery. The compressor is controlled by the pressure switch located in the Air Control Box. This switch automatically turns the compressor on when the tank pressure falls below 110 psi, and turns them off at 145 psi.

CHECK AT EVERY VEHICLE SERVICE INTERVAL:

Check Ride Height ±1/4"
Check for air leaks around fittings.

CHECK AFTER THE FIRST 1000 MILES:

Recheck & tighten any loose fasteners. Check for any loose or worn components.

CHECK AFTER EVERY 30,000 MILES:

Check trailing arm bushings and pan hard bar bushings for wear; replace if worn.

Notes

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