New front driveshaft will be required.

Version 1.3

This kit requires welding.

Electronics protection is Recommended.



AIR SUSPENSION SYSTEMS

PART # 10003641 PART # 10005987

Required Tools: -90 degree drill -1/4-20", 3/8-24", and 1/2-20" taps -Welder

<u>INSPECT ALL</u> <u>CONTENTS OF KIT</u> <u>PRIOR TO BEGINNING</u> <u>THE NSTALLATION</u>

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2019+ Ram 2500/3500 10-12" Front Lift Kit Installation Instructions



Bolt Fastening Torque Guide

BOLT DIAMETER	ft. lbs.
1/4"	10
5/16"	20
3/8"	37
7/16"	58
1/2"	90
9/16"	129
5/8"	180
3/4"	315
7/8"	501

1. Measure all dimensions below before any uninstalling or installing.



- Measure the angle the front differential makes with the ground and take note of where on the differential the measurement took place.
- To measure the angle, find a flat surface to attach angle gauge. Mark the location of your gauge with a marking pen or scribe. Record the angle on the gauge for future reference.
- 3. Write angle here _____.

Note: It may be necessary to remove gauge. Marking the position of the gauge is critical to ensure accurate angle readings during adjustment steps of the assembly of the suspension system.





1. If you are not using a lift, jack the truck up by the front axle and place jack stands under the front of the frame just behind the radiator. Remove the wheels. Remove the shocks and unhook the sway bar end links from the sway bar. Lower the jack down so the tension is off the coil springs and remove them. Since we will be welding on the chassis, disconnect all the battery cables or attach an electronics protection device on the battery.





2. Remove the transfer case. On the 2500/3500single wheel trucks, you will have to remove the transmission crossmember to get the transfer case out. With 3500 dual rear wheel trucks, the DEF tank and crossmember need to be dropped 4-5" and pushed towards the rear of the truck.

3. Remove the front and rear drive shafts. To remove the front driveshaft off the transfer case, the collar has to be spread apart and then the driveshaft will be slid forward. The easiest way to do that is with a pair of pliers like the ones shown below.

4. Place a jack under the transmission. Use a block to distribute the weight over the entire transmission pan. Remove the three nuts from the transmission mount where it fastens to the cross member. Remove the four bolts that hold the transmission cross-member in place. On the passenger side you will need a Sawzall to cut the bolts because they hit the exhaust. *Note*: Later models no not need to cut bolts.

5. Remove the crossmember. Loosen the two bolts that fasten the control arms to the frame. Keep the nuts for the transmission mount. Unhook the wires that go to the transfer case and remove it.



Shown: Snap-On Snap Ring Pliers #SRP2B



6. With the transfer case out, remove the bolts that held the transfer case in place. Locate the indexing plate. If the ARP studs are not installed, insert them in the hole furthest away from the countersunk hole. The hole closest to the countersunk hole is for the 5-6" lift. Use a vice grips to remove the studs in the transfer case. Use red Loctite, fasten the indexing plate to the transfer case with the countersunk bolts. Torque these bolts to 40 ft./lbs. Re-install the transfer case to the transmission. Use some red Loctite on the studs, and use the 3/8" nuts and washers and torque to 55 ft./ lbs.



68 RFE pictured above (6 bolt) Steel Plate

AISIN indexing ring Aluminum Plate

AISIN 8 bolt transfer case pictured below







Indexing plate installed

Note: AISIN & 68RFE are different driveshafts. Verify your model AISIN is 6" longer than 68RFE 7. Once the indexing plate is installed on the transfer case, locate the crossmember part # (10003645). It bolts to the factory mounts where the OEM transmission crossmember installed with the (4) 5/8" x 8" bolts. Once the (4) crossmember bolts are installed, fasten the transmission to the crossmember with the factory nuts. Do not torque yet.

8. Locate item #3 (threaded bushings) on the exploded view diagram below. These threaded bushings will be welded to the frame. Slide the bushing between the frame and crossmember and bolt the bushing to the side plate of the crossmember. Install crossmember in place using the (4) 5/8"x 8" bolts. Use a marker and mark a circle around the bushing. Remove the (4) 5/8" x 8" bolts and drop the crossmember out. Weld (2) bushings to the frame (See Figure 2 on Page 9). Clean up the area and coat the welded area with paint, undercoating, etc.. Re-install the crossmember. Install the (4) 5/8" x 8" crossmember bolts and the (2) 5/8" x 1" side plate bolts. Locate wire loom bracket part# (18474) bolt-on to front of crossmember using the (2) driver side 5/8" x 8" bolts, see figure 1.

9. Re-install the rear driveshaft and then install the *NEW* front Figure 1 driveshaft. 5/8" x 8" Wire Loom Bracket #3 5/8" x 1"



Crossmember Bracket Location



Locate part #10006039 and bolt brackets to crossmember and mark inside slot with marker on both sides of the frame. Weld the bracket to the underside of the frame. Weld inside the slot on the bracket.

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10. Install the trailing arms so the fabricated knuckles are spaced towards the tire. The knuckles also should be positioned so the female threaded portions are furthest away from each other.



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Drivers side bottom knuckle

Spacer on each side of knuckle

Drivers side Top knuckle

Spacer on each side of knuckle

11.Locate the lower pan hard bar mount (Part # 10000546 & 10000474). It fastens to the axle where the OEM pan hard bar mounts. Use the OEM lower pan hard bar bolt and two 7/16" x 1-3/4" bolts to fasten the two halves together. Use the spacer (Part # 10000477) in between the axle mount where the pan hard bar mounts. Once the upper pan hard bar is installed, use the 3/4" bolt and spacers on the pan hard bar Heim ends to fasten in place.



12. Locate the pitman arm. You will use the OEM nut to seat the pitman arm. Tighten to 300 ft./lbs. once the truck is drivable. Turn the steering wheel lock to lock 4-5 times. Retighten the OEM nut. Repeat this step after each initial test drive. It may take 3-4 times to get the pitman arm fully seated. Once seated, install the extended nut (Part #3077) and pillow block bearing (Part #0482).







Front Lower Pan Hard Bar (PHB) Axle Mount Hardware

13. Locate the front brake lines. There is insulation on the top end of the OEM brake lines. Peel that insulation back and do not discard it. It will be re-used on the new brake lines.

14. Remove the OEM brake lines and install the longer braided lines. Grind off tab on brake line bracket so it works with provided braided lines.



Drivers side lower

Passenger side upper





Grind off tab

Drivers side upper



Passenger side lower





15. Locate the upper track bar drop (Part # 4727). It fastens to and is welded where the OEM bracket was. Fasten the side of the bracket with the 1/2" x 1-1/2" Allen head bolts.

16. The bottom of the bracket fastens to the bottom of the engine crossmember with the factory 14mm bolts. The end of the pan hard bar drop bracket needs to be welded around the edges, as well as in the circle cut outs.





17. Locate the supplied track bar. It fastens to the upper and lower track bar mounts with the 7/8" x 4-1/2" bolts. Once the kit is installed and the air bags are at ride height, you will adjust this to center the axle from side to side.







ITEM NO. PART NUMBER

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10007566

Assembly - PanHard Bar (PHB) Axle Mount

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18. Install the sway bar end links (Part # 10000488) & attach front sway bar (Part # 10000486) to sway drop crossmember (Part # 10003682) with 3/8"-24 x 1-1/4" bolts and end links (See page 24 for hardware). You will reuse factory sway bar bushing mounts.







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19. Locate the lower bag mounts (Part # 10004327-DS and 10004324-PS). Install lower bag mounts and mark for holes. Drill 25/64" for the holes in the side of the spring bucket. Fasten with 3/8-24" x 1-1/2" bolts. Mark holes for tapped holes in the bottom of the spring bucket. Drill 25/64" or 13/32", tap the holes with 1/2"-20 tap and fasten with 1/2" x 1-1/2" bolts. Attach air bags (Part # F8979) to lower bag mount with the 1/2" x 3-1/2" bolt on the bottom (with flat washer and lock washer).



Drivers side shown

Tap this hole to 1/2-20"





20. Locate the upper bag mounts (Part # 10012912-DS and 10012920-PS) and the remote reservoir brackets (Part # 10004566). The passenger side upper air bag mounts have (4) bolts that fasten to the side of the frame and the driver side has (3) bolts that fasten to the side of the frame. There are (2) holes in the upper coil spring bucket that you will use to fasten the top of the air bag mount to the coil bucket. Do not use inner top hole on bag mount as this will interfere with the ABS module.

21. Hold the bag mounts against the frame and mark where to drill into the side of the frame. Use a center punch to mark the frame and drill 21/64" holes into the frame. You will then tap 3/8"-24 the holes. Once the holes are tapped, fasten the upper bag mount in place (MAKE SURE TO SLIDE THE SHOCK RESERVOIR BRACKETS IN BETWEEN THE UPPER COIL BUCKET & UPPER AIR BAG MOUNT) with the three 3/8" x 1-1/2" bolts and fasten the bag mounts to the side of the frame. Torque them to 35 ft./lbs.



22. Locate the air bags (Part # 5323). They fasten to the upper air bag mounts with the 1/2" and 3/4" nuts and washers. The bottom fastens to the lower air bag mount with the 1/2" x 4" bolts. Torque these bolts and nuts to 35 ft./lbs.



NOTE: If replacing 8979 bags, a spacer (Part # 10012283) is require to get correct spacing with 5323 air bag.

Per May 1st, Air bag was changed to 5323 from 8979 bag, due to difficulties sourcing air bag.



23. Locate the shocks (Part # 10096LH & 10096RH), upper shock mounts (Part #10005835) and lower shock mounts (Part # 10004628). The upper shock mounts install into the OEM upper shock hole with the $5/8"-18 \times 1-1/2"$ bolt. The top of the shock fastens into the upper shock mount with the $1/2"-20 \times 3-1/2"$ bolt. The remote reservoirs attach to the reservoir mount with the billet clamps. Fasten the lower end of the shock into the shock mount with the $1/2-20" \times 3"$ bolt and slide the round end of the mount in the factory shock location on the axle. Torque this bolt to 125 ft./lbs.





24. Locate the steering stabilizer kit (Part # 18401). The main bracket with the "K" fastens to the axle with (2) M8x40 and (2) M10 x 40 bolts. The outer shock mounts fasten to the tie rod with 1/2" x 3" bolts, as well as the factory bolt. The shocks bolt to the center bracket with the 1/2" x 3" bolts. Make sure to use the center tie bracket (Part #20227)



25. The best location for mounting the air control system is in the factory spare tire location. The spare tire carrier needs to be removed before mounting air control system, if not already removed. For additional information on the process of installing controls and other tips, find our tutorial on our YouTube page. Link below.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s_963FdfkvI



26. Once the kit is installed, go back through and make sure all the bolts are tightened to the supplied torque specs. You can do the final set up now, or wait until the controls are installed.



Suggested mounting location for optional ESLK3H2 Controls System

27. Pictured on this page are the Hadley sensors used with the 3H air management system. Locate the mounting key (Part #14837). The key will weld to the side of the frame. Measure 2-1/2" from the front of the body mount. Make sure when placing the sensor mount in position that it is far enough down to attach the nut on the slotted key. The linkages are 8" long and the collar installs 2-1/4" away from the end of the jam nut.







The linkage is threaded rod with a piece of air line over it. Unthread the ball end and cut the threaded rod to length. The female end has a clip on it to keep it on the ball stud. Use the picture to the left to see how the clip works.

Edge of sensor mount is 2-1/2" away from the body mount



28. When programing the control system, use shop air with a check valve to inflate the front air bag to a ride height of 11-1/2" — 12-1/2." When measuring the air bag, measure between the mounting brackets. Adjust the trailing arms to adjust the caster if needed. Adjust the pan hard bar to get the axle squared in the axle squared up with the chassis.

NOTE: Remember to bleed the brakes at this point.

29. Inspect all the components of the kit and re-torque all the bolts if you have not done so. Once the truck has 300 miles on it, re-torque all the bolts.

30. Check the bolts at regular service (oil change) intervals after that.

Designed ride height of the air bag is between 11-1/2" — 12-1/2". Measure between the air bag mounting brackets shown below.



Check Valve Orientation



31. Check tire clearance if not using after market bumper. If using 40-42" tires, the bumper will require spacers to move the bumper away from the tires. Trim the lower plastic valence and make sure to turn tires left and right to check clearance with the bumper.

If bumper spacers are required find Spacers (Part #11565) and (Part #18769) and Hex Bolts (Part #12017), Flat Washer (Part #13024) and Hex Nut (Part #13164).





