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Part#: **012801**

Product: **6" and 8" Long Travel Suspension System**

Application: **2003–2012 Dodge Ram 2500**

READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS PRIOR TO INSTALLATION OF SYSTEM AND OPERATION OF VEHICLE.

SAFETY WARNING BDS Suspension Co. 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.

PRODUCT SAFETY WARNING Certain BDS 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. BDS Suspension Co. 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.

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 BDS Suspension components. Always wear safety glasses when using power tools.
6. If installation is to be performed without a hoist, BDS Suspension Co. 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.

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 500 miles. Always inspect fasteners and components during routine servicing.

PARTS LIST

Part # Qty Description

032801R 2 Front Coil Spring - Diesel 8"

012801 Long Arm Box Kit

95105A169 9 1/2-13 Rivet Nut
 782 1 Bolt Pack
 10 1/2"-13 x 1-1/2" bolt - grade 8
 10 1/2" SAE thru hardened washer
 2 1/2" External serrated edge washer
 2 5/8"-11 Hex nut
 6 5/8" USS washer
 4 9/16"-12 x 7" bolt - grade 8
 4 14mm-2.00 x 100mm bolt class 10.9
 16 9/16" SAE thru hardened washer
 4 9/16"-12 Prevailing torque nut
 2 3/4"-10 x 5" bolt grade 8
 2 3/4"-10 preveiling torque nut
 4 3/4" SAE flat washer thru-hardened
 4 14mm-2.00 prevailing torque nut
 01286B 1 Long Arm Bracket - Drv
 01287B 1 Long Arm Bracket - Pass

012802 Long Arm Box Kit

114 4 UCA Sleeve .750 x .095 x 2.33
 120 2 LCA Sleeve 1.00 x .1875 x 2.60
 121 2 LCA Sleeve 1.00 x 5/32 x 2.60
 (2010+ only (18mm ID)
 7 2 LCA Sleeve 1.00 x .120 x 3.25
 60107 8 90 Degree Grease Zerk
 01288B 1 Upper Control Arm - Drv
 02288B 1 Upper Control Arm - Pass
 01289B 2 Lower Control Arm
 3522BK 8 UCA Bushing - 3/4" ID
 3536BK 4 LCA Bushing - Axle
 3527BK 4 LCA Bushing - Frame

6"-012601/8"-012803 Box Kit- 2009+ models

6"-012602/8"-012804 Box Kit- 2008 models

6"-012603/8"-012805 Box Kit- 03-07 models

082403R 1 Pitman Arm (03-08)
 082404R 1 Pitman Arm (09+)
 02258B 1 Track Bar Bracket (03-07)
 609 1 Bolt Pack (03-07)
 2 9/16"-12 x 3" bolt grade 8
 4 1/2" USS flat washers thru-hardened
 2 9/16"-12 prevailing torque nut
 1 14mm-2.00 x 80mm bolt class 10.9
 1 9/16" SAE flat washer
 02259B 1 Track Bar Bracket (08+)
 642 1 Bolt Pack (08+)
 1 9/16"-12 x 3" bolt grade 8
 2 1/2" USS flat washers thru-hardened
 1 9/16"-12 prevailing torque nut
 2 5/8"-11 x 3" bolt grade 8
 4 5/8" SAE flat washer thru-hardened

01311 2 Sway Bar Link (03-08)
 911110 2 Sway Bar Link (09+)
 02294B 1 Sway Bar Mount - Drv (03-08)
 02295B 1 Sway Bar Mount - Pass (03-08)
 02255B 2 Bump Stop Bracket
 M02096-BK 2 Urethane Bump Stop
 02256 1 Brakeline adaptor - Drv
 02257 1 Brakeline adaptor - Pass
 02260 2 Steering Stop - Weld On
 02129 2 Sway Bar Link U-Bracket
 SB58BK 2 5/8" ID Hourglass Bushing
 SB35BK 2 3/4" ID Wide Hourglass Bushing
 45313 2 .625 x .109 x 1.375 Sleeve
 54587 2 .750 x .090 x 1.575 Sleeve
 783 1 Bolt Pack - Sway Bar Hardware
 2 5/8"-11 Nylock nut
 3 5/8" SAE Washer
 2 3/8"-16 x 2-1/4" bolt - grade 5
 4 3/8" SAE Thru hardened washer
 2 3/8"-16 Prevailing Torque nut
 2 9/16"-12 x 3" bolt - grade 5
 2 9/16"-12 Nylock nut
 5 9/16" SAE washer
 3 1/2"-13 square nut (13/16" width)
 3 1/2"-13 x 1-1/4" bolt - grade 8
 3 1/2" SAE Thru hardened washer
 1 14mm-2.00 x 75mm bolt - class 10.9
 1 16mm-2.00 x 75mm bolt - class 10.9
 784 1 Bolt Pack - Misc. Hardware
 4 3/18"-16 x 1-1/4 self tapping screw
 4 3/8"-16 x 2" bolt - grade 5
 6 3/8" SAE Washer
 2 3/8" Split lock washer
 2 3/8"-16 nut - grade 5
 2 5/16"-18 x 1" bolt - grade 5
 4 5/16" SAE Washer
 2 5/16"-18 Nylock nut - grade 5
 1 1/4"-20 x 1" self threading bolt
 1 1/4"-20 x 1" bolt - grade 5
 1 1/4"-20 Nylock nut
 1 1/4" SAE Washer
 6 1.25 x 5/16 x .875 Sleeve
 812 1 Bolt Pack - Bumper Spacer
 6 1/2"-13 x 2" carriage bolts - grade 5
 6 1/2"-13 Nylock nut
 6 1/2" internal tooth washer
 6 1/2" USS washer
 2 5/16"-18 x 1-1/2" self threading bolt
 2 5/16" Fender washer
 2 3/4" SAE washer
 01642 1 Rear Brake Line Brkt (03-08)
 02422 1 Rear Brake Line Brkt (09-12)

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Park vehicle on clean flat and level surface.
2. Block the wheels for safety.
3. Measure and record the distance from the center of the hub to the bottom of the fender lip. Record below:

Left Front _____

Right Front _____

Left Rear _____

Right Rear _____

4. These instructions cover a complete BDS lift kit installation. If installing a long arm upgrade kit, follow steps 29-37 for the bracket installation and steps 43-47 for the long arm installation. For final control arm torque specifications follow step 82-84.
5. Disconnect the front trackbar from the frame. Retain hardware. Do this when the vehicle is on the ground. It may be necessary to have an assistant shake the steering wheel back and forth to get the bolt to remove more easily. (Fig 1a)



Fig. 1

8" Kits Only - Transfer case indexing ring (Bolt Pack # 933)

- ⓘ *Note: Due to variances in OE drivetrains, it may not be necessary to install the transfer case indexing ring. The indexing ring lowers the front output by approximately 2.5". Measure the clearance from the driveshaft flange down to the top of the crossmember. On most applications this will measure about 3" and will require the indexing ring. If the measurement is close to 2.5" some minor grinding may be necessary on the crossmember for driveshaft clearance once the indexing ring has been installed. If it is less than 2.5", do not install the transfer case indexing ring. Once the driveshaft is re-installed verify it has adequate slip engagement and does not bind when the suspension is at full droop.*

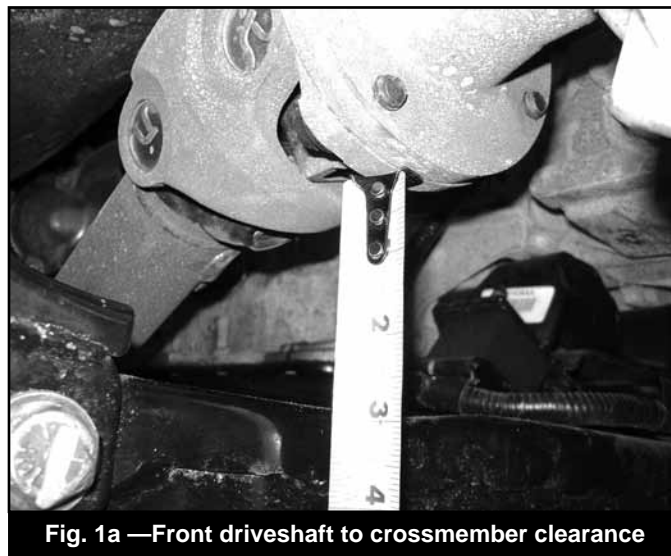
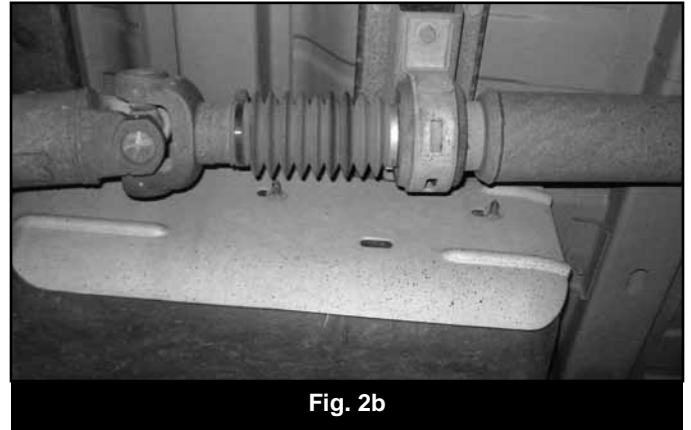
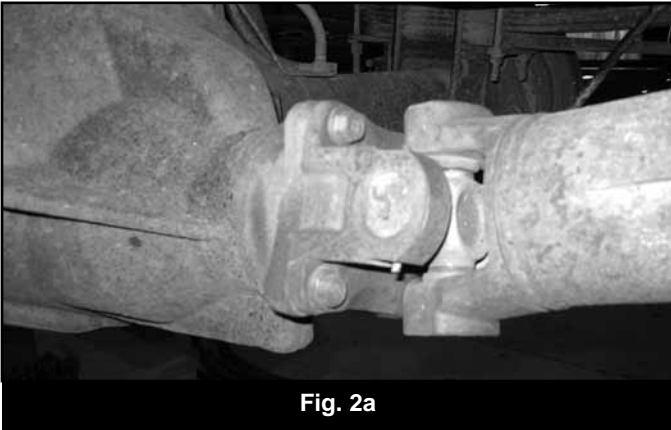


Fig. 1a —Front driveshaft to crossmember clearance

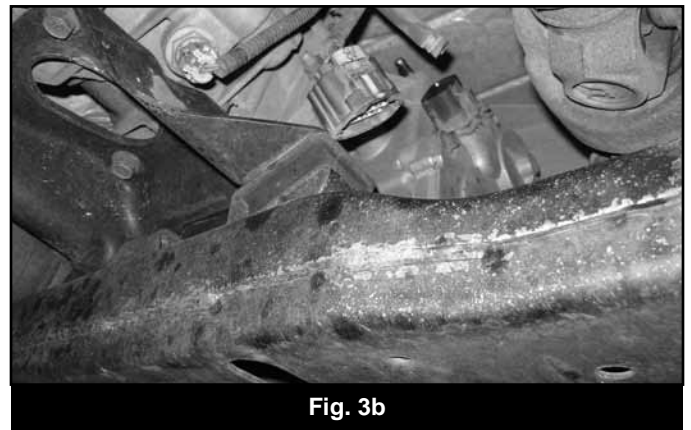
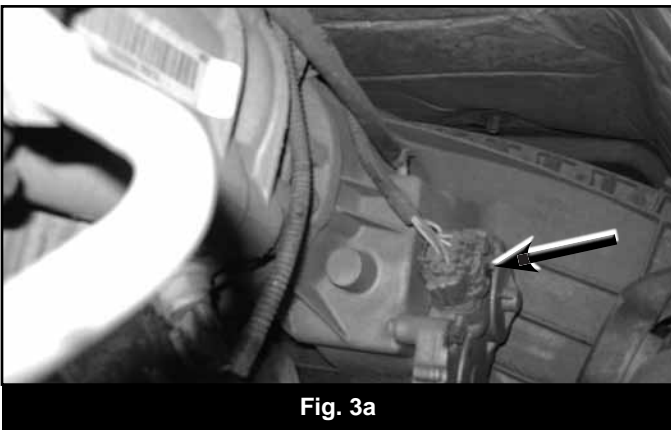
- ⓘ *Note: Typically 6" kits do not require a transfer case indexing ring, only a driveshaft spacer. Skip to step 29 if installing a 6" kit.*

6. Leave the transmission in neutral for the installation of the transfer case indexing ring.

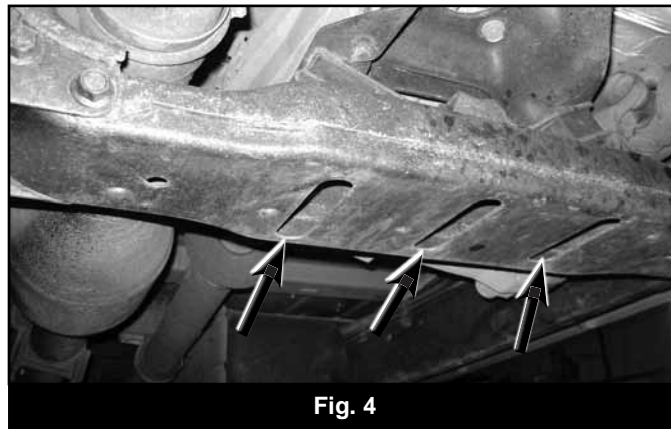
7. Remove the rear driveshaft from the vehicle. Mark the driveshaft at the axle so that it can be reinstalled in the same manner it was removed. It will take 2 people to hold the weight of the driveshaft (it's heavy), remove carrier bearing hardware if equipped. (Fig 2a, 2b)



8. Support the transmission with an appropriate type of transmission jack. Take extra care not to damage the transmission pan or any lines around the pan.
9. Disconnect the transfer case shift linkage for manual transfer cases, disconnect the transfer case shift module for auto shift applications. (Fig 3a, 3b)



10. Disconnect the breather tube
11. Disconnect the transmission mount from the transmission crossmember (3 nuts). Retain nuts. (Fig 4)



12. Remove the mount from the transmission (4 bolts), retain bolts. (Fig 5a, 5b)

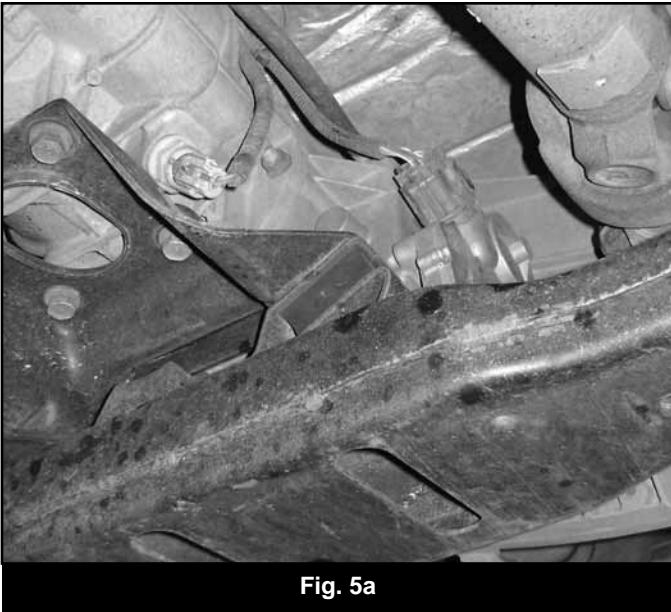


Fig. 5a

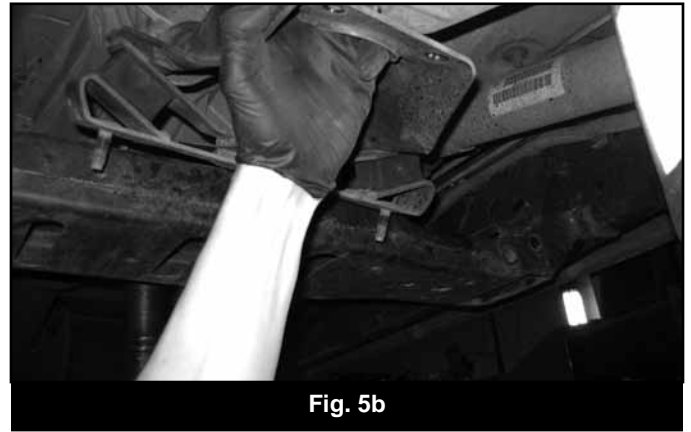


Fig. 5b

13. Remove the 4 bolts that hold the transmission crossmember into position. Mark the front side of the crossmember and remove from vehicle. (Fig 6a, 6b)

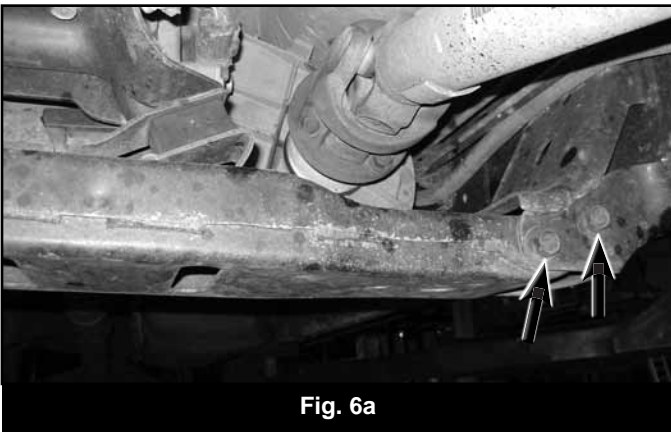


Fig. 6a

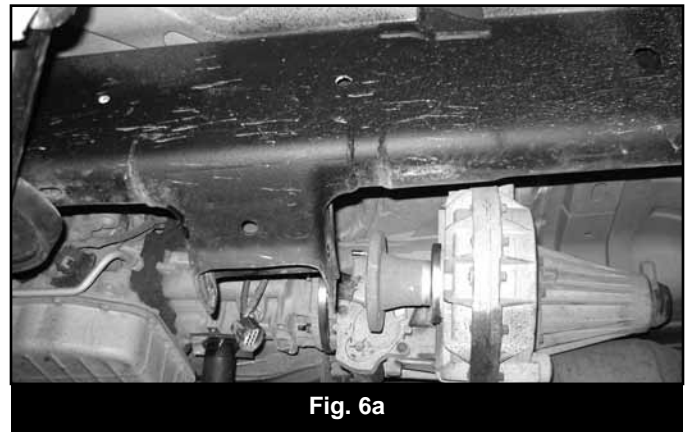


Fig. 6b

14. Remove the 4 bolts that attach the front driveshaft to the transfer case. (Fig 7a, 7b)

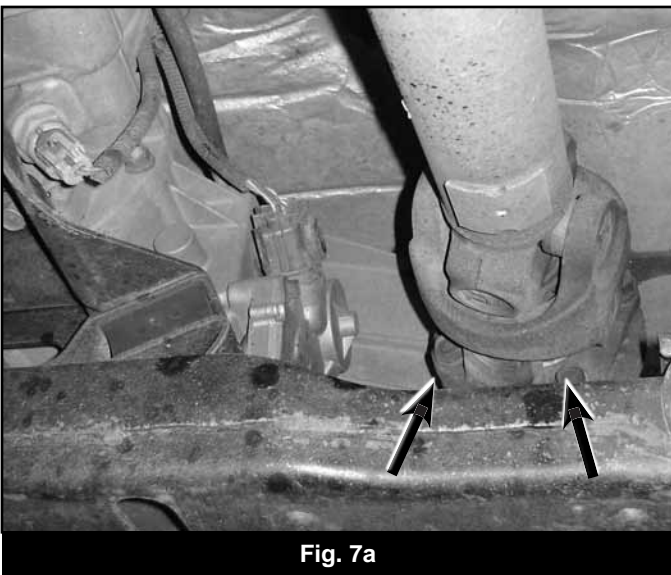


Fig. 7a

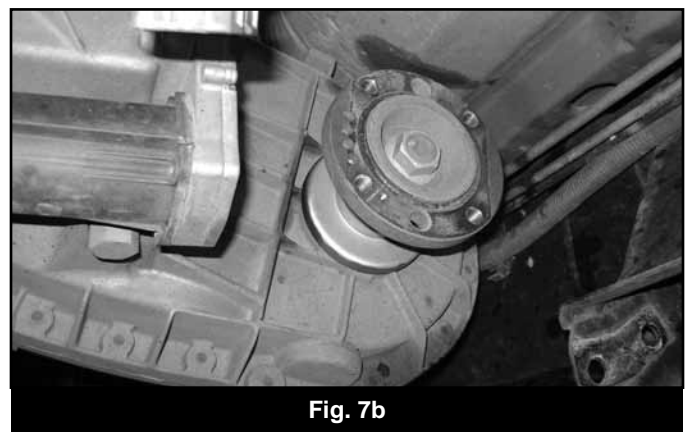
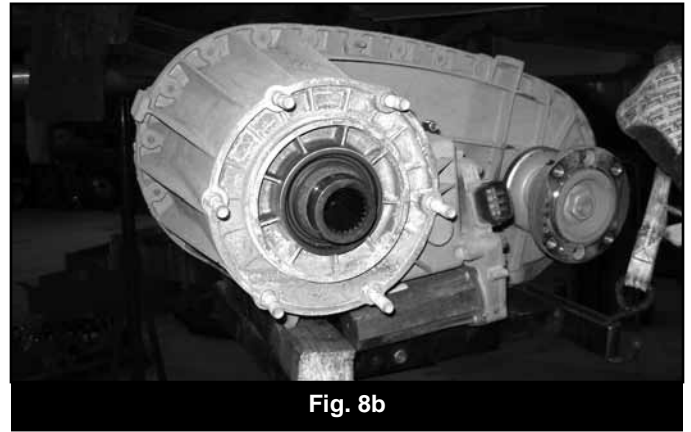
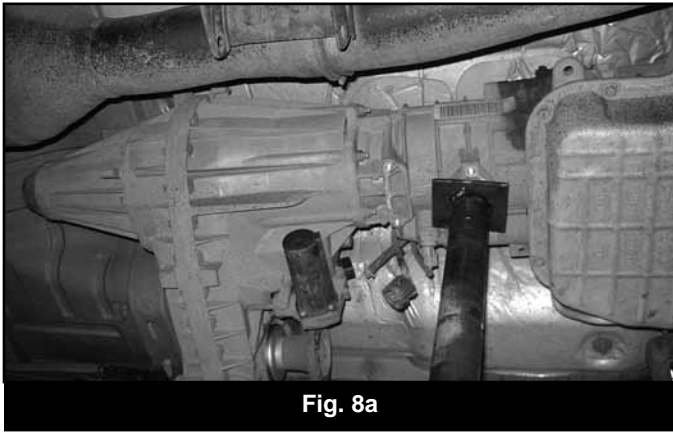


Fig. 7b

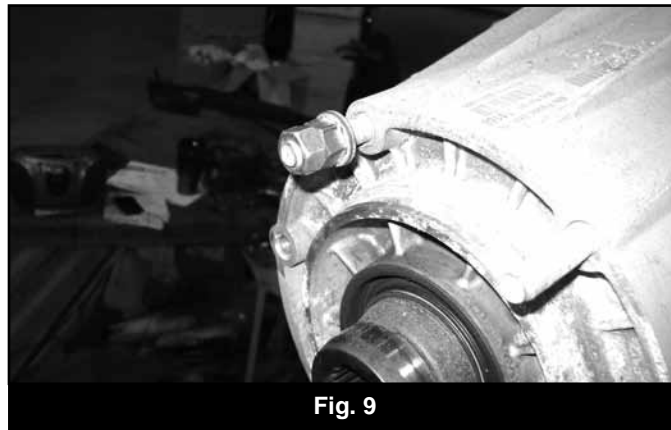
15. Support the transfer case and remove the 6 nuts that attach the transfer case to the transmission. (Fig 8a, 8b)



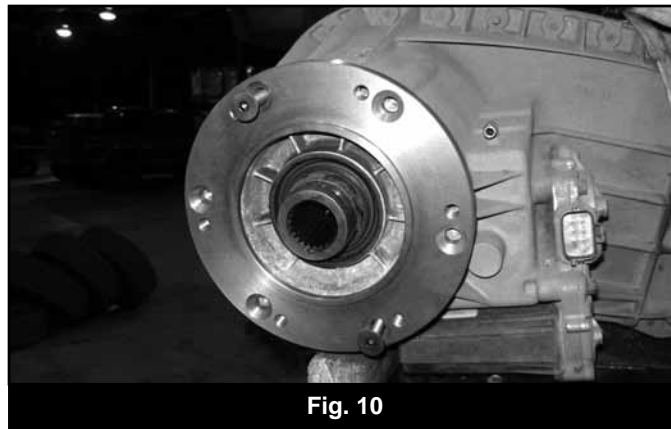
16. Remove the transfer case from the vehicle.

17. Clean the mounting surfaces from any corrosion or oxidation that may be present.

18. Remove the studs from the transfer case. Thread on up to 3 nuts in order for there to be enough resistance to unthread the studs. (Fig 9)

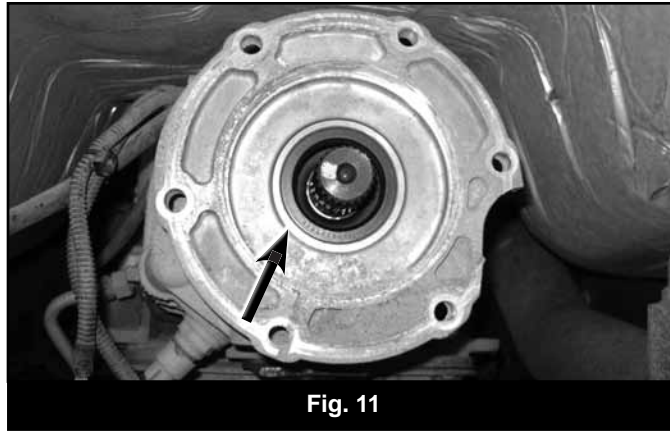


19. Install the transfer case indexing ring onto the transfer case. Note: This will only go on one way, rotate until the holes line up. Certain model years use metric hardware (BP# 937), earlier years use standard 3/8" hardware (BP# 933). Match up the threads from the removed studs to ensure proper hardware is selected and attach with counter sunk allen bolts with loc-tite on threads. Ensure the ring goes on square and there are no gaps. Tighten to 35 ft-lbs. (Fig 10).

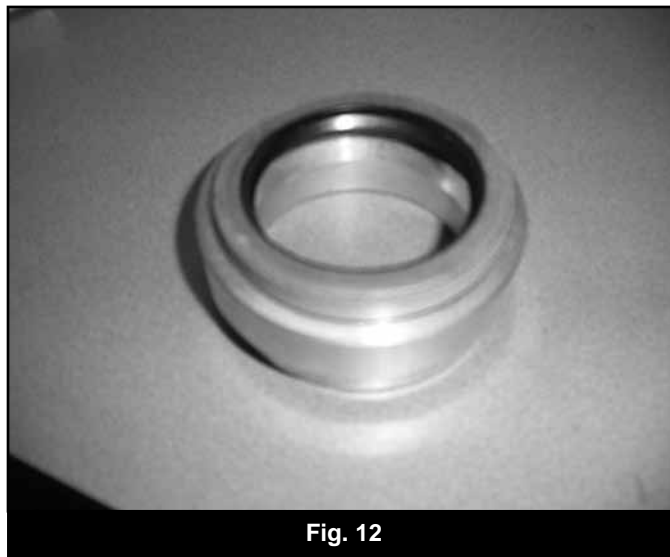


20. Thread in the 3/8" set screws into the indexing ring with loc-tite on threads. Securely tighten to 25 ft-lbs.

21. Remove the output seal from the transmission. (Fig 11)



22. Pick the correct output seal extension from the kit that matches the inside diameter of the transmission. Lightly grease the outer surface of the transmission output seal extension and install into the transmission. Make sure it is seated flush against the transmission.
23. Lightly grease the outside of the seal to aid in installation. Install the new transmission output seal into the adaptor. Ensure that it is seated flush with the extension. Lightly grease the inner lip of the seal. (Fig 12).



24. Reinstall the transfer case. It may be necessary to grab the output shaft of the transfer case and rotate it to get it to align with the transmission output shaft. Attach the transfer case with new 3/8" flanged nuts. Use loc-tite on the threads. Tighten to 35 ft-lbs. (Fig 13)



25. Reattach the breather line and electric connection for auto shift 4x4 models. Attach the shift linkage for manual transmissions.
26. Reinstall the transmission mount with OE hardware, tighten to 35 ft-lbs.

27. Reinstall the transmission crossmember with new 9/16" x 7" bolts, do not put the nuts on at this time. This hardware will be replaced shortly.
28. If installing a suspension lift after the indexing ring, do NOT reinstall the driveshafts at this time. Strap the front driveshaft up above the transmission crossmember. Do not let it hang down. They will be installed after the entire kit is installed.

6" and 8" Long arm bracket installation (Bolt Pack # 782):

29. Support the transmission crossmember with a jack.
30. Remove the 4 bolts that hold the transmission crossmember into position (Fig 6a).
31. Remove the 4 bolts that attach the front driveshaft to the transfer case. (Fig 7a, 7b)
32. Remove transfer case skid plate if equipped. It will not be reinstalled.
33. Install long arm bracket to the side of the frame rail around the transmission crossmember mount. Loosely attach with 9/16" x 7" bolts. Mark the top center holes to be drilled. Bolt pack # 782 (Fig 14a, 14b)

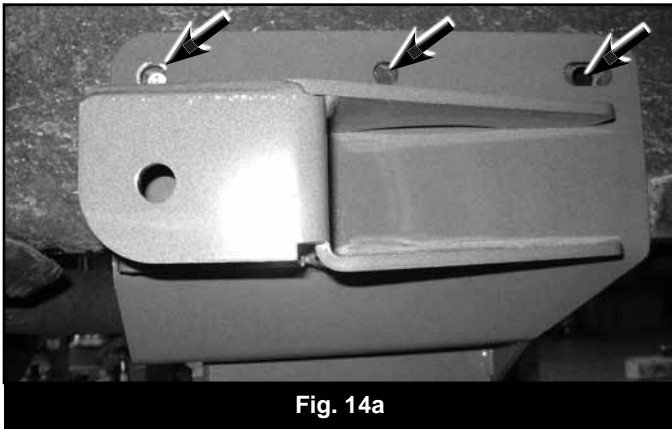


Fig. 14a

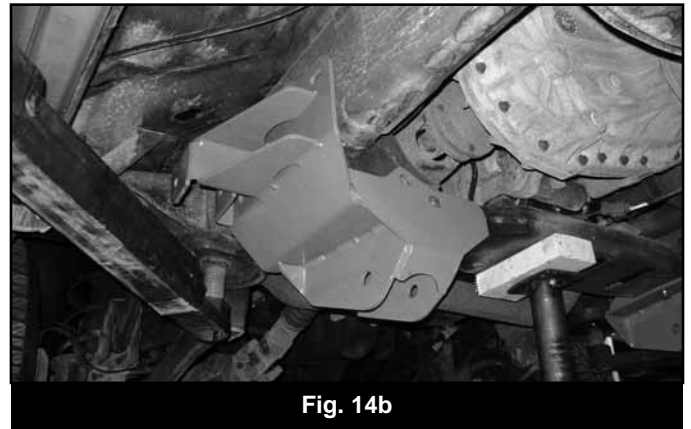


Fig. 14b

34. Remove the bracket and drill / clearance holes to 11/16". A step drill is highly recommended.
35. Install rivet nuts with serrated edge washer as shown (Fig 15a, 15b, 15c – shows collapsed rivet nut as a reference). The 1/2" bolt goes thru the 5/8" nut with a serrated edge washer that will bite into the rivet nut to keep it from spinning. Tighten until the backside of the rivet nut has been deformed INSIDE THE FRAME RAIL and is set into place (rivet nut will lock itself in place).

ⓘ Note: See the end of this instruction sheet for detailed rivet nut installation procedures.

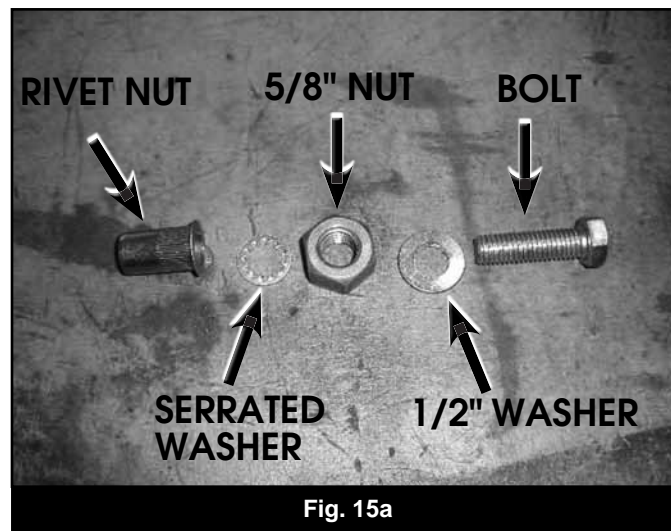


Fig. 15a

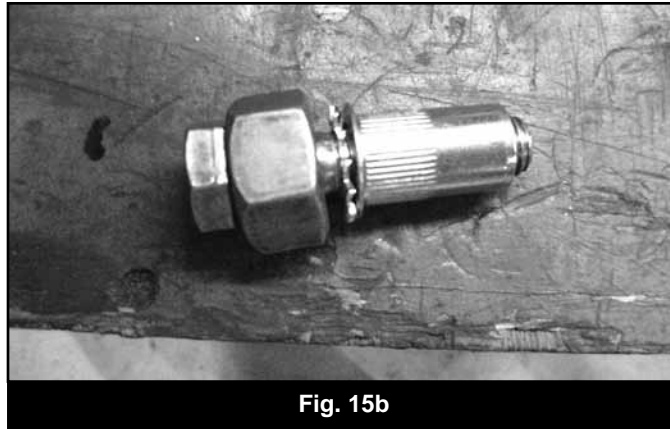


Fig. 15b

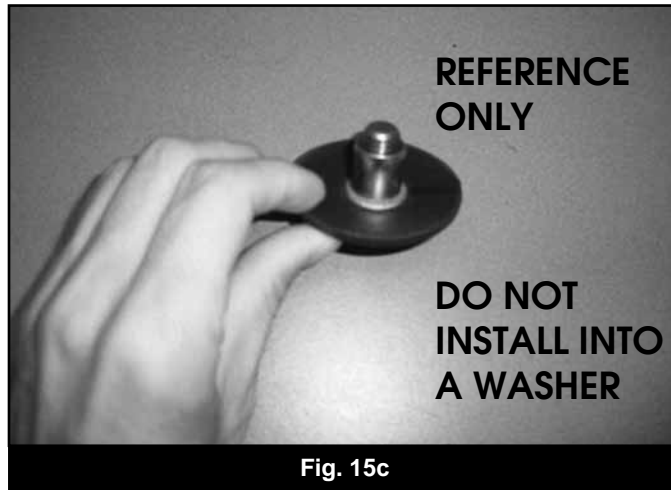


Fig. 15c

36. Reinstall brackets with 9/16" x 7" bolts through the bracket and transmission cross member. Attach to rivet nuts with 1/2" x 1-1/2" bolts with loc-tite on threads, use a spacer washer at the 3 locations on outside of the frame rail. Tighten 1/2" hardware to 60 ft-lbs and 9/16" hardware to 95 ft-lbs. (Fig 16)

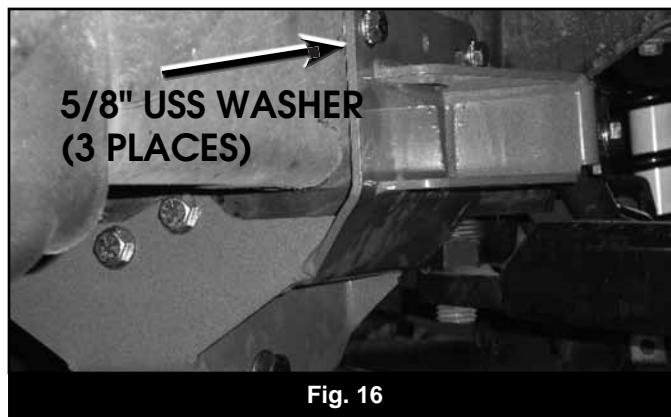
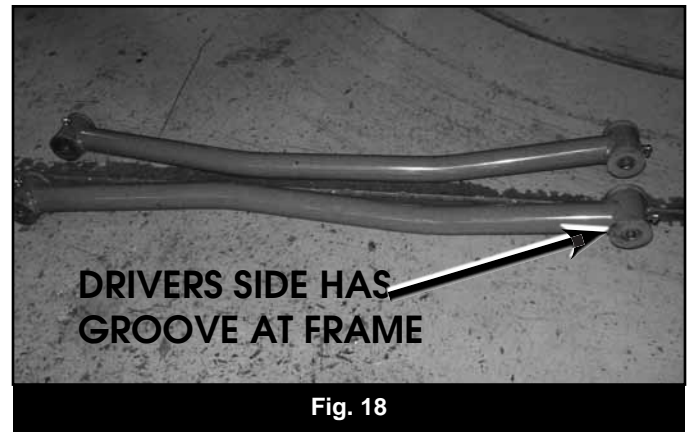
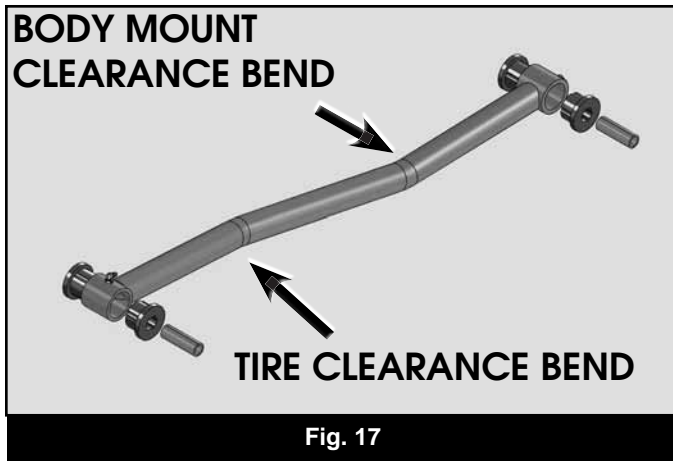


Fig. 16

37. Repeat for opposite side.
38. Disconnect the drag link from the pitman arm. Do not damage the rubber boot.
39. Disconnect the brakeline bracket from the axle. Retain bolt.
40. Support the front axle. Disconnect the front shocks
41. Lower the front axle and remove the front coils.
42. Grease and install bushings and sleeves into new longer shocks. Install the shocks with OE bolt in the lower mount, and new cup washers and bushings in the upper mount. Thread the upper nut on to get full engagement. The shocks will be removed and reinstalled later. The shocks are designed to carry the weight of the front axle and will allow the axle to move easily to remove and install the control arms.

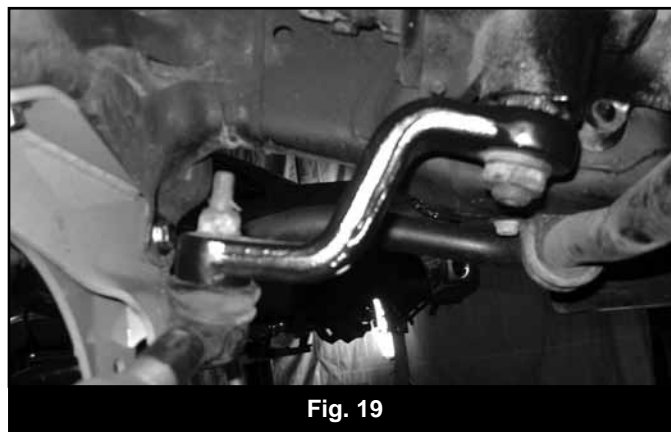
43. With the axle well supported, remove the upper and lower control arms from the vehicle.
44. Grease and install the bushings and sleeves into the lower longer control arms. *note 2003-2009 models require 16mm ID sleeves, 2010 models require 18mm ID sleeves in the axle end of the lower control arm. Install the grease zerks into control arms. All grease fittings are 90 degree fittings, rotate so they will be accessible once installed. (DRV Upper arm shown - Fig 17 & 18)



45. Install the upper control arms into the vehicle. Use new 14mm x 100mm bolts for the upper arms at both the bracket and axle. The upper arm will have a clearance bend to clear the tire when the wheel is turned. Run the bolts from outside to inside the vehicle. The Driver's Arm will have a groove machined on the OD of the end that will go in the frame bracket. The main tube will be offset to the bottom side of the arm to give clearance to the body mount.
46. Use the factory cam bolt at the axle for the lower control arms. Attach the lower control arm to the relocation bracket with 3/4" x 5" hardware.
47. Do not tighten the control arm hardware at this time. It will be done with the vehicle set at ride height.

Trackbar / pitman arm instructions (Bolt Pack # 609 / 642):

48. Mark the orientation of the pitman arm. Remove the pitman arm with appropriate tool.
49. Transfer mark over to the new pitman arm and reinstall with factory hardware. Tighten nut 150 ft-lbs.
50. Attach the tie rod end from the bottom with factory nut. Tighten to 65 ft-lbs. (Fig 19)



51. Install new trackbar bracket with 9/16" (#609 03-07 model years), 5/8" (#642 08+ model years) through the original trackbar mounting hole. Attach the opposite end of the bracket to the frame crossmember with 9/16" x 3" bolt. (Fig 20)

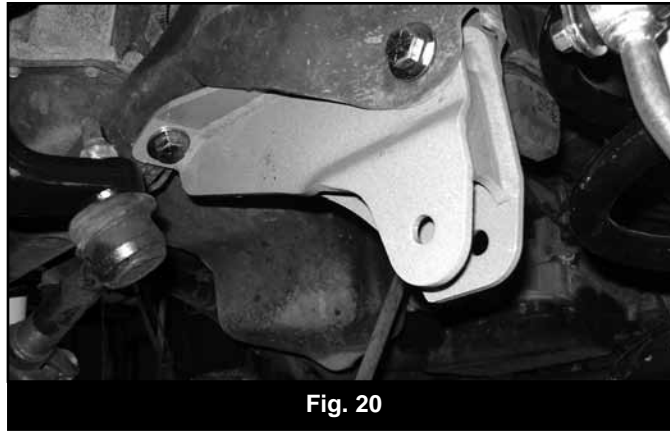


Fig. 20

52. Tighten 9/16" hardware to 95 ft-lbs, 5/8" hardware to 120 ft-lbs.
53. Do not install the trackbar into this bracket at this time.

Bump stop instructions (Bolt Pack # 784):

54. Remove factory bumpstops. It is easiest to take a hammer and hit the bumpstop sideways in order to get them to pop out of the cups, or use a set of channel locks. (Fig 21)



Fig. 21

55. Locate the center of the two circular recesses in the cup. Mark the centers and drill out to 5/16"~21/64". Install the 3/8" x 1-1/4" self threading bolts to cut threads into the frame. Remove the bolts after the threads are cut. BP# 784 (Fig 22)

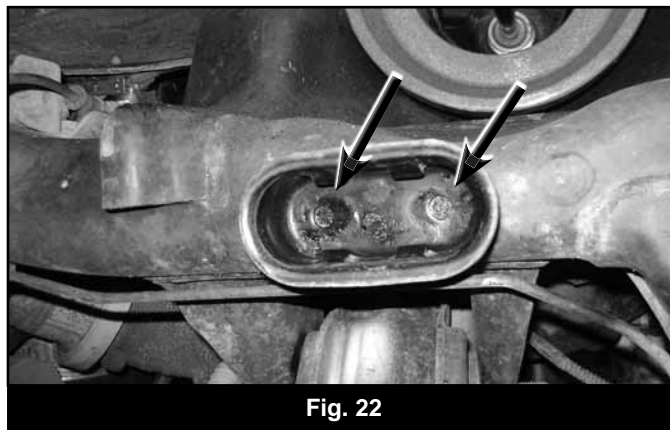


Fig. 22

56. Install the new urethane bumpstop into the bumpstop brackets with 3/8" flat washer, lock washer, and nut. Tighten nut securely. Bolt pack #784
57. Install the bumpstop assembly onto the frame with new 3/8" x 2" bolts and washers with loc-tite on the threads. Tighten to 35 ft-lbs. (Fig 23)



Fig. 23

Sway bar link instructions (*Bolt Pack # 783*):

Models with solid tie rod (T-Link Steering Setup, 09 and newer models).

58. Grease and install SB35 bushings (longer hour glass bushings with $\frac{3}{4}$ " ID) into one end of the sway bar link with 54587 sleeve ($\frac{3}{4}$ " x $\frac{9}{16}$ " ID x 1.575). Grease and install SB58 (shorter bushings with $\frac{5}{8}$ " ID bushing) into the other end with 45313 sleeve ($\frac{5}{8}$ " x 10mm ID x 1- $\frac{3}{8}$ " long).
59. Attach stem eliminator bracket to the sway bar with $\frac{5}{8}$ " nylock nut with washer. Tighten securely.
60. Install the sway bar link with the small bushings into the stem eliminator bracket with $\frac{3}{8}$ " hardware.
61. Attach the other end of the sway bar link to the axle with $\frac{9}{16}$ " hardware. Run the bolts from inside to the outside of the vehicle. (Fig 24) It may be necessary to slightly clearance the holes to accept the $\frac{9}{16}$ " hardware. 09 and newer models will have left over hardware from bolt pack #783.



Fig. 24

Models with y-link steering (03-08 models that have the drag link go from the pitman arm to the passenger's side steering knuckle). This steering does not provide enough clearance to the sway bar mounts, they must be modified. If you have an 03-08 model with the new T-link setup, installation of the brackets is still required due to the length of the sway bar links.

62. Disconnect the tie rod end from one of the steering knuckles and swing the whole assembly out of the way. (Fig 25)



Fig. 25

63. Disconnect the trackbar from the axle. Retain nut tab.
64. Cut the welds on both sides of the sway bar link mount at the axle. Remove the brackets from the vehicle.
65. Clean the area with a flap wheel or grinding wheel.
66. Place the sway bar mounting bracket against the axle as shown. The passenger's side will use the factory trackbar hole. Mark and drill the other hole to $\frac{1}{2}$ "-17/32".
67. Attach the bracket to the axle with the trackbar in position with new trackbar bolt and washer (14mm 03-07 / 16mm 08+) with factory nut tab, and $\frac{1}{2}$ " bolt (with loc-tite), with washer on the outside and square nut on the inside. The square nut will rest against the inside gussets of the axle and eliminate the need for a wrench. Tighten the $\frac{1}{2}$ " hardware to 65 ft-lbs. Do not tighten the trackbar mounting bolt at this time. (Fig 26)

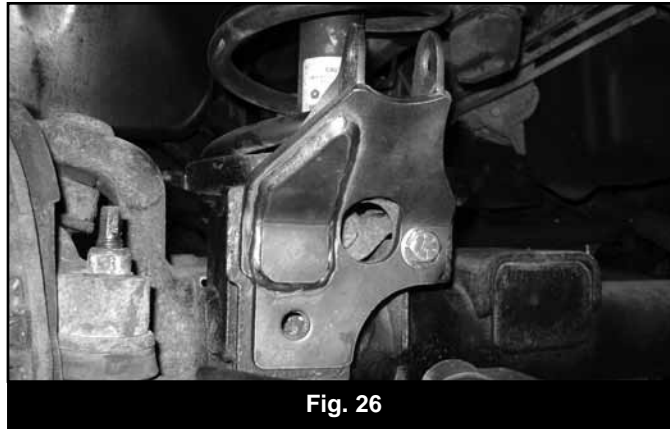


Fig. 26

68. Repeat installation for drivers side. Align the bracket with the existing hole. Mark the opposite hole and drill both holes to $\frac{1}{2}$ "~ $\frac{17}{32}$ ". Reinstall the bracket with $\frac{1}{2}$ " bolts (with loc-tite) with washers on the outside and square nuts on the inside of the bracket. Tighten to 65 ft-lbs. (Fig 27)



Fig. 27

69. Grease and install SB35 (3/4" ID) bushings into one end of the sway bar link with 54587 sleeve (3/4" x 9/16ID x 1.575). Grease and install SB58 (5/8" ID) into the other end with 45313 sleeve (5/8" x 10mm ID x 1.375).
70. Attach stem eliminator bracket to the sway bar with 5/8" nylock nut with washer. Make the brackets parallel to the axle. Tighten securely.
71. Install the sway bar link with the small bushings into the stem eliminator bracket with 3/8" hardware.
72. Attach the other end of the sway bar link to the new axle bracket with 9/16" hardware. Run the bolts from inside to the outside of the vehicle. (See above Fig 24)

ⓘ *Note: Depending on model year, there will be either an extra 14mm or 16mm bolt leftover from bolt pack #783.*

Coil / shock Installation:

73. Lower the front axle enough to install the coils. Use care not to overextend the factory brakelines or ABS wires.
74. Install the factory rubber isolator on top of the coils.
75. Install the coil and shock at the same time. Attach the lower shock mount to the axle with factory hardware.
76. Use caution and compress the coil slightly to hook up the upper shock mount.
77. Tighten the upper shock hardware until the bushings begin to swell.
78. Install brakeline relocation brackets to axle with factory hardware. Attach factory brakelines to the relocation brackets with 5/16" x 1" hardware (#784). Tighten to 25 ft-lbs. (Fig 28a, 28b)

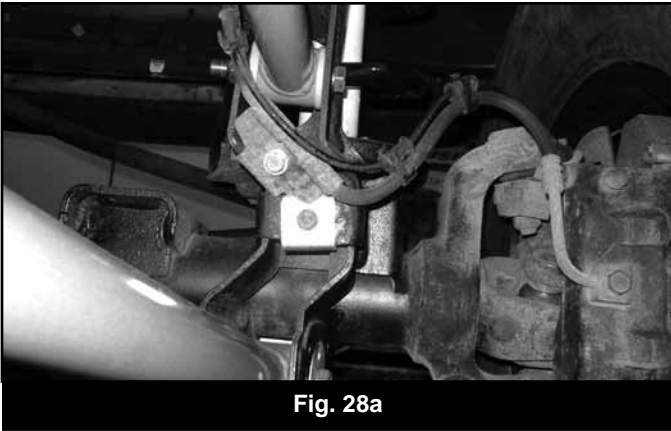


Fig. 28a

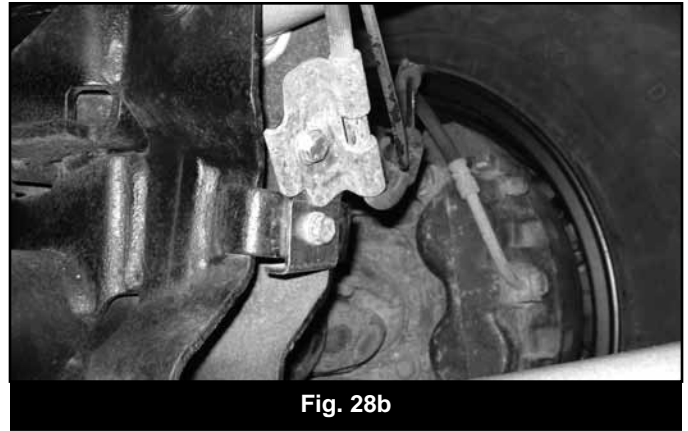


Fig. 28b

Final Front Steps:

79. Reinstall the rear driveshaft with factory hardware, use loctite on threads. If the vehicle is equipped with a carrier bearing, install carrier bearing drop at this time (sold separately).
80. Reinstall front driveshaft with driveshaft spacer and new hardware. Use loctite on threads and tighten to 45 ft-lbs. Bolt pack # 932 (Fig 29a, 29b)



Fig. 29a



Fig. 29a

81. Reinstall wheels and tighten lug nuts to factory specifications.
82. Once the front driveshaft has been re-installed, Lower the vehicle to the ground.
83. Tighten control arm hardware as follows: 14mm upper arm hardware 120 ft-lbs, 3/4" Lower at frame 160 ft-lbs, 16mm cam bolt at axle 160 ft-lbs (03-09 models only), 18mm cam bolt at axle 180 ft-lbs (2010+ models only).
84. Attach the trackbar to the relocation bracket with 14mm hardware (03-07) or 5/8" hardware (08+). Tighten 14mm hardware to 120 ft-lbs at axle and relocation bracket. Tighten 5/8" hardware to 150 ft-lbs.

REAR INSTALLATION

1. 2003-11 Models: Drill the hole in the brakeline bracket at the frame to 1/4"-5/16"
2. 2003-11 Models: Use extreme caution around the fuel tank. Cut the factory brakeline bracket with a sawzall. Do not use any method that will create sparks. (Fig 30a, 30b)



Fig. 30a

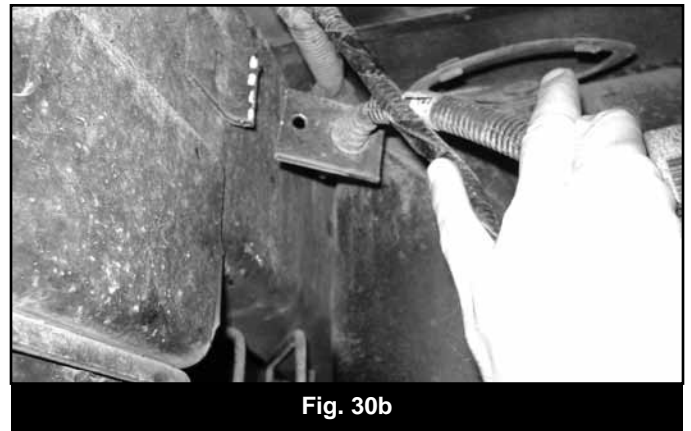


Fig. 30b

3. 2003-11 Models: Reform the brakeline to aim down towards the axle.
4. 2012 Models: Disconnect the rear brake line bracket from the axle by removing the vent line. (Fig 30c)

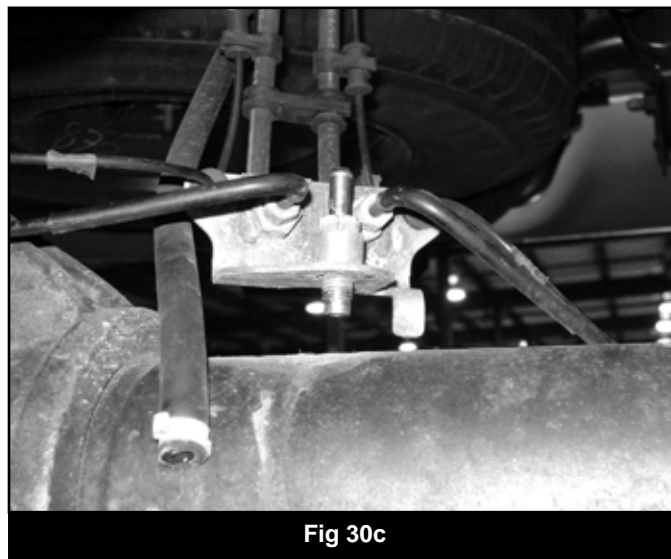


Fig 30c

5. Disconnect parking brake guide bracket on side of frame and remove from vehicle, it will not be reused. (Fig 31)

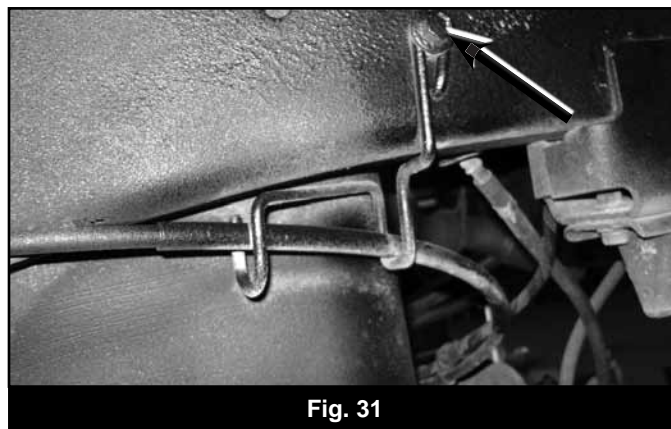


Fig. 31

6. Disconnect the parking brake cable by unthreading nut with 13mm ratchet wrench.
7. Disconnect the cable completely from the junction in front of the rear spring hanger. Reroute the cable to the inside of the leaf spring hanger as shown to give more slack at full droop. (Fig 32a & 32b)

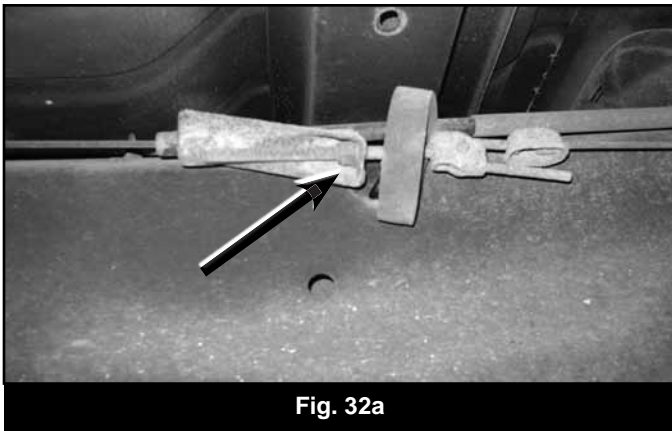


Fig. 32a



Fig. 32b

8. Support the axle.
9. Disconnect the shocks, retain hardware.
10. Remove the passenger side factory u-bolts and lower axle.
11. If installing new leaf springs, remove the spring from the vehicle and replace with the BDS leaf spring so the shorter side that is labeled front is towards the front of the vehicle.
12. If installing rear lift blocks, install the new press in center pin into the leaf pack.
13. Install the new lift blocks with the bump stop wing facing 'in' towards the center of the vehicle.
14. Align the pins and install into the axle perch.
15. Install new u-bolts. Snug but do not tighten at this time.
16. Repeat leaf spring or block and pin installation on opposite side of the vehicle.
17. Grease and install bushings and sleeves into the new shocks. Install the shocks with factory hardware.
18. 2003-11 Models: Adjust the brakeline bracket at the frame to give adequate slack at full droop.
19. 2003-11 Models: Attach the brakeline relocation bracket to the factory bracket. Form bracket to rest against the frame. Mark the hole center and drill out to 7/32". (Fig 33a)

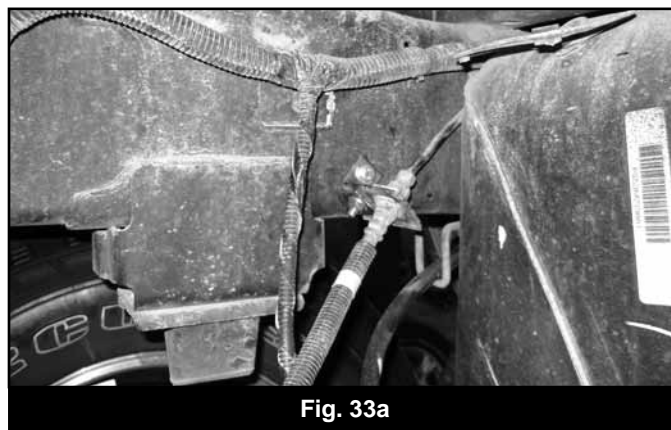


Fig. 33a

20. 2003-11 Models: Attach 'L' bracket to the frame with 1/4"x1" Self threading bolt. Attach brakeline bracket to 'L' bracket with 1/4" x 1" hardware. Tighten to 15 ft-lbs. (#784).
21. 2012 Models: Remove the brake line bracket from the lines. This can be done by cutting slots in the bracket with a small cut-off wheel to avoid disconnecting the lines.
22. 2012 Models: Install the provided brake line relocation bracket with the provided sleeve and factory vent bolt. Reform the lines to line up with the bracket and attach them with the factory clips.

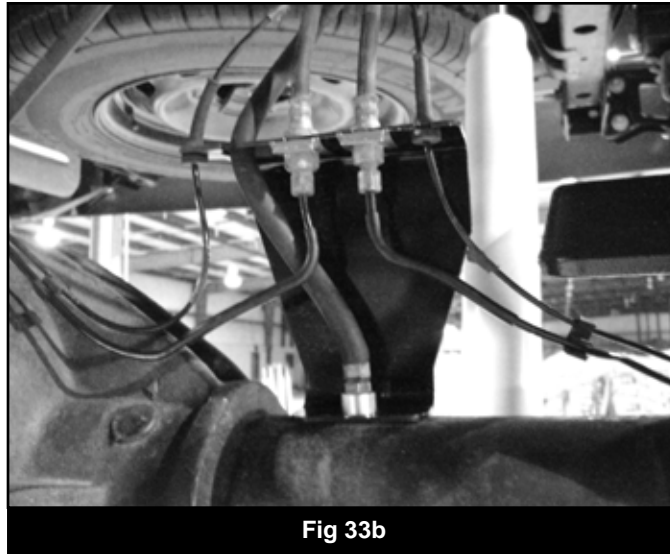


Fig 33b

23. Lower vehicle and tighten u-bolts to 125 ft-lbs.

BUMPER SPACER & PINCH WELD MODIFICATION FOR 38" TIRES (*Bolt Pack # 812*)

1. Disconnect the fog light wiring harness (if equipped).
2. Remove the 6 bolts (3 per side) that attach the bumper to the frame horns.
3. Knock out the carriage bolts from the bumper.
4. Install new carriage bolts with retaining clips on the outer 2 positions. Install carriage bolt into the center positions without a retaining clip. (Fig 34a, 34b)



Fig. 34a

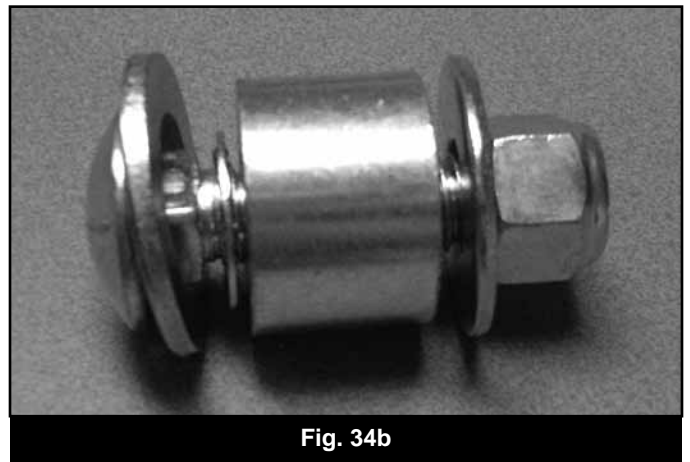
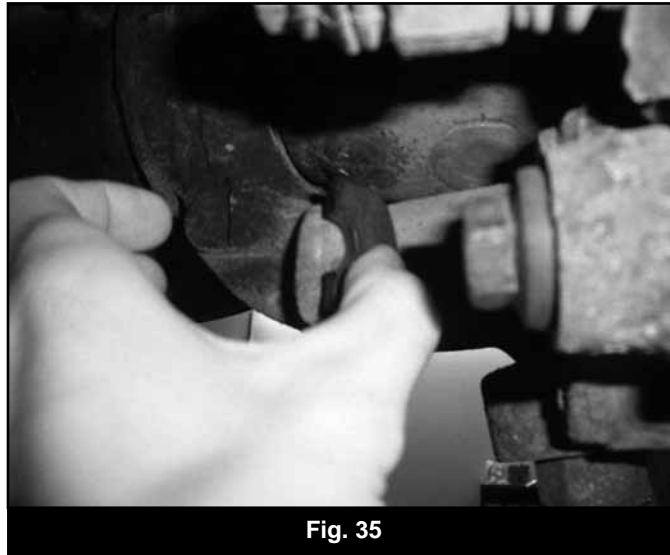


Fig. 34b

5. Install bumper onto vehicle with spacers over the carriage bolts. There are 2 bolts that will need to have a $\frac{3}{4}$ " washer added under the head. These bolts only go through one layer of the bumper. The rest of the bolts do not need a washer under the head of the carriage bolt.
6. Adjust bumper so that it sits even.
7. Tighten $\frac{1}{2}$ " carriage bolts to 55 ft-lbs.
8. Reconnect the fog light wiring harness.
9. The front plastic inner fender well needs to be removed. Bend over the pinch weld and trim 4 inches from the bottom of the foam insulation.
10. Reinstall plastic inner fender well, but do not attach the lower rear mount to the body.
11. Mark and drill a $\frac{1}{4}$ " ~ $\frac{17}{64}$ " hole thru the inner fender well into the body. Attach the plastic inner fender well with $\frac{5}{16}$ " self threading bolt with a fender washer. This will give more clearance for larger sized tires, additional trimming on the bottom of the plastic may be required.

12. Place the inner fender well to the 'front' side of the bumper.
13. Perform a steering sweep to ensure there is enough clearance. If the tires rub on the upper control arm, disconnect the battery and weld on the steering stops. (Fig 35)
14. Check the shift linkage for manual shift transfer cases. Adjust the linkage as necessary to allow all gear ranges to be selected.
15. Recheck all fasteners for proper torque.



NOTICE TO DEALER/INSTALLER

These instructions, the warning card, and included decals must be given to the owner of this BDS Suspension product.

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DETAILED RIVET NUT INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Rivet Nut Sizing

1. Verify the correct size rivet nut for the application based on the thickness of material where the rivet nut is to be installed using the following chart.

Part Number	Thread Size	Body Length (in)	Material Thickness (in)		Drill Size (in)
			Min.	Max.	
95105A159	3/8-16	.690	.027	.150	17/32
95105A168	3/8-16	.805	.150	.312	17/32
95105A169	1/2-13	1.150	.063	.200	11/16
95105A170	1/2-13	1.300	.200	.350	11/16

Hole Preparation

2. Drill hole to appropriate size for rivet nut installation. 1/2" Rivnuts require an 11/16" hole and 3/8" Rivnuts require a 17/32" drill. It is critical that this hole is drilled to the correct size. Remove any burrs that could keep the rivet nut from seating flat against either side of the hole surface.

ⓘ *Note: If the correct drill size is not available, it is possible to drill the hole to an available smaller size and slowly grind it out to until the rivet nut fits tight.*

Rivet Nut Installation Tool Assembly

3. For a 3/8" rivet nut, place the provided 3/8" SAE flat washer on the 3/8" x 1-1/2" bolt, followed by 7/16" hex nut and then a 3/8" serrated washer. Thread this tool assembly into the rivet nut.
4. For a 1/2" rivet nut, place the provided 1/2" SAE washer on a 1/2" bolt followed by a 5/8" nut and 1/2" serrated edge lock washer. Thread this tool assembly into the rivet nut.

Rivet Nut Installation

5. Place the installation tool with the rivet nut threaded on the end into the appropriately sized hole.
6. For a 3/8" rivet nut, hold the nut closest to the rivet nut still with an 5/8" wrench and tighten the 3/8" bolt with a 9/16" wrench to set the rivet nut. Be sure to hold the rivet nut flush to the surface and square to the hole as it is tightened. **Figure 1**

ⓘ *Note: If available, an impact gun is recommended for tightening the bolt to ensure the rivet nut remains square to the hole and to ease holding the nut from spinning.*

7. For a 1/2" rivet nut, hold the nut closest to the rivet nut still with a wrench and tighten the 1/2" bolt with a 3/4" wrench or impact gun to set the rivet nut. Be sure to hold the rivet nut flush to the surface and square to the hole as it is tightened. **Figure 1**

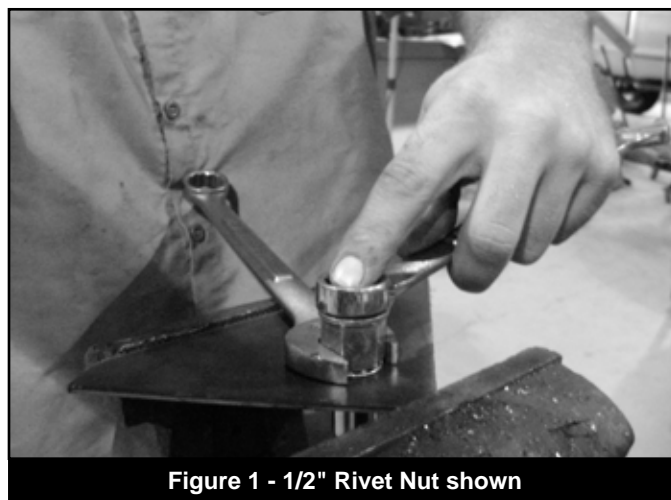


Figure 1 - 1/2" Rivet Nut shown

Torque Specifications

8. 3/8" rivet nuts will approach 40 ft. lbs for maximum grip strength. Do not exceed 45 ft-lbs when setting the rivet nut.
9. 1/2" rivet nuts will approach 90 ft lbs for maximum grip strength. Do not exceed 100 ft-lbs when setting the rivet nut.

🔊 *Note: If using the recommended impact gun, use caution to not exceed the recommended torque specifications.*

Rivet Nut Tool Removal

10. Once the center bolt is tightened, remain holding the nut from spinning with the wrench and loosen the center bolt to remove the installation tool.

⚠️ ***IMPORTANT*** It is very important to hold the nut as the bolt is loosened because the grip of the star washer will try to spin the rivet nut and ruin the installation.

11. Verify proper installation by checking for consistent rivet nut deformation to see the threads are square and centered to the rivet nut. [Figure 2](#).

