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**Part # 11037199**  
**55-57 Chevy Rear AirBar**  
**(Two Piece Frame)**

**Components:**

1	90000160	Driver side lower axle bracket
1	90000558	Passenger side lower axle bracket
1	90000557	Front cross member (35.125")
1	90000554	Upper shock mount
1	90000555	Upper shock mount
4	90000552	Heim end spacer for diagonal bar
1	90000550	Lower shockwave mount – Driver
1	90000551	Lower shockwave mount – Passenger
8	90001942	Pressed into bars
4	90000956	Parallel Bars C-C 18.50"
1	90000941	Diagonal bar C-C 30.25"
2	90001617	5/8" Shock studs
1	90000266	Brake line tab
4	90001584	Rod end
2	90001589	Heim end for Diagonal link
6	99752004	3/4"-16 Hex jam nut for rod ends
4	90002067	Aluminum spacers – lower shock bearing

**Hardware Kit: Part # 99010019:**

4	1/2"-20 x 3/4" Gr.5 bolt	Lower Shockwave Mount
10	5/8"-11 Nylok jam nut	Rod ends
8	5/8"-11 x 2 3/4" Gr.5 bolt	Bar ends
2	5/8"-11 x 3" Gr.5 bolt	Bar ends with diagonal link mounts
2	1/2"-13 x 2 1/4" Gr.5 bolt	Upper Shockwave mount
2	1/2"-13 Nylok jam nut	Upper Shockwave mount
20	3/8"-16 x 1" type F thread forming bolt	Cross member and upper Shockwave mount
20	3/8" Lock washer	Cross member and upper Shockwave mount
2	#10 x 3/4" Tek screws	Brake line bracket

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1. Raise the vehicle to a safe and comfortable working height. Use jack stands to support the vehicle with the suspension hanging freely.
2. Support the axle and remove the leaf springs, shocks, bump stops, pinion snubber and tail pipes. Refer to the factory service manual for proper disassemble procedures.



3. The parking brake brackets will be in the way of the 4 link and must be removed. Loosen the parking brake adjustment nut and remove the cable from the frame bracket. The tack weld can be broke loose with a hammer and chisel. Grind the remains of the weld smooth.

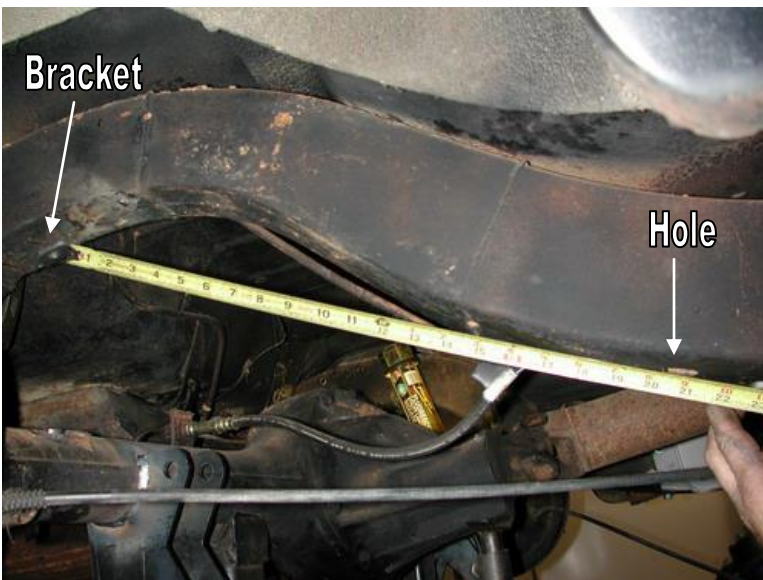


4. The rear brake line bracket on the passenger side frame rail must also be removed. Be careful not to cut fuel line.



5. Use a couple clamps to secure the crossmember between the frame rails. Slide it forward to the edge of the body mounts. Drill the holes with a 5/16" bit and thread the 3/8" x 1" self-tapping bolts in one at a time.

**Do not over tighten the self-tapping bolts; they can be stripped.**



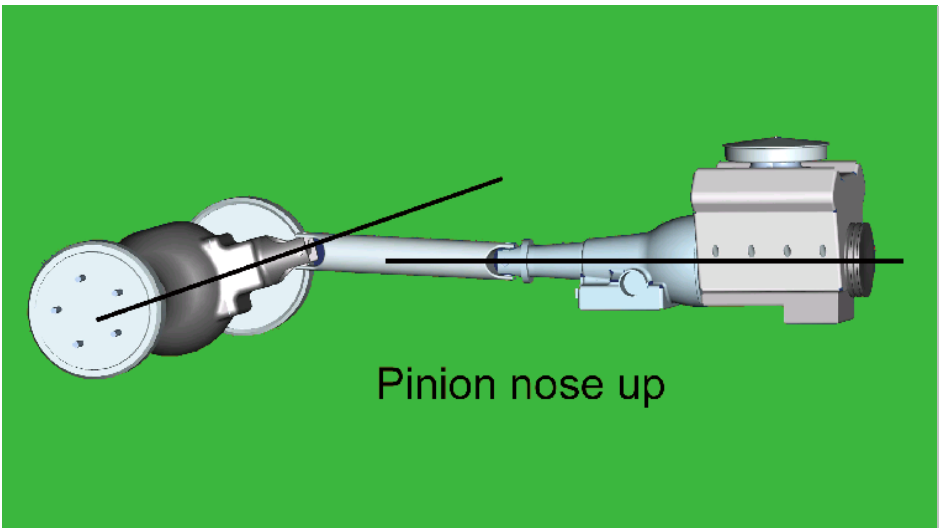
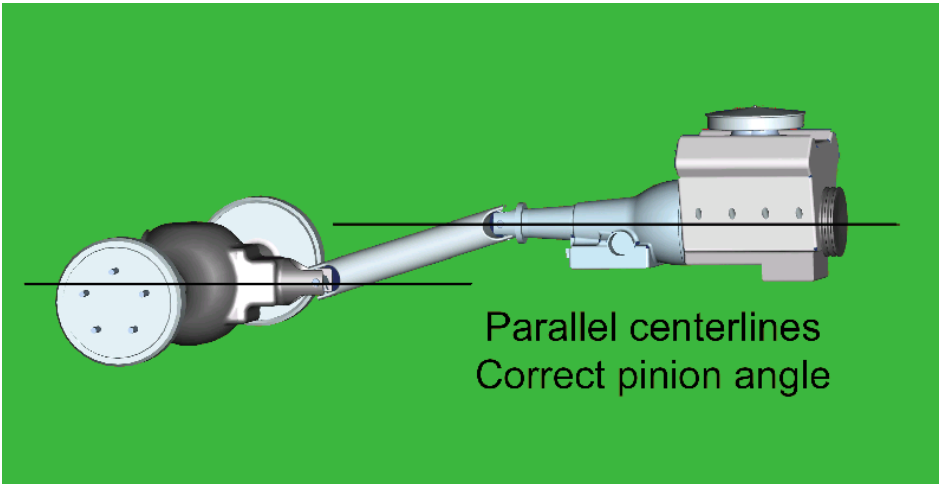
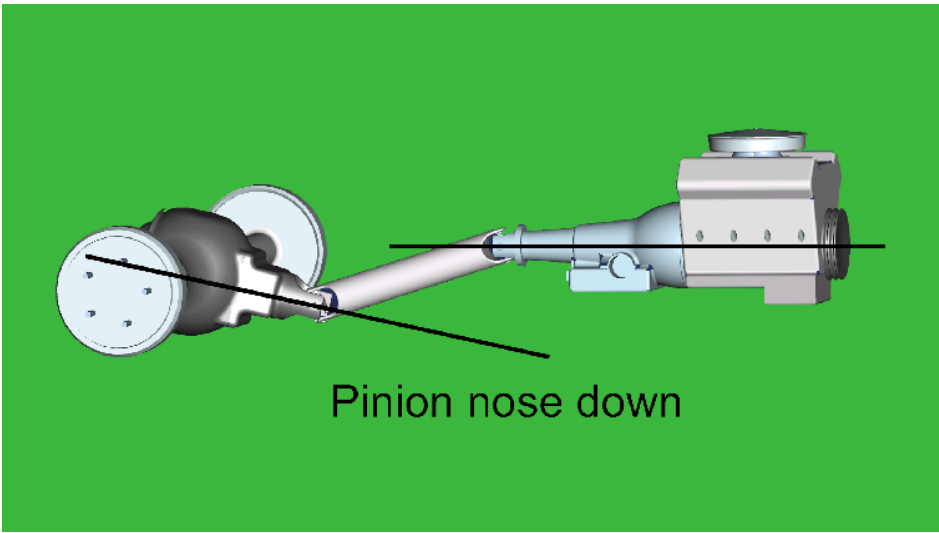
6. The location of the upper Shockwave mount is determined by measuring 14 1/2" from the edge of the bracket to the large hole in the bottom of the frame.



7. Use a clamp to hold the bracket against the inside of the frame and drill the holes with a 5/16" bit. Thread a 3/8" x 1" self-tapping bolt into the frame after drilling each hole.

8. Note there is a driver and passenger side bracket and are stamped accordingly. When using the correct bracket the Shockwave will be perpendicular with the ground.





9. How do you set the pinion angle? On a single-piece shaft you want to set it up where a line drawn through the center of the engine crankshaft or output shaft of the transmission and a line drawn through the center of the pinion are parallel to each other but not the same line.

A simple way to do this is to place a digital angle finder or dial level on the front face of the lower engine pulley or harmonic balancer. This will give you a reading that is 90 degrees to the crank or output shaft unless you have real problems with your balancer. At the other end, you can place the same level or angle finder against the front face of the pinion yoke that is also at 90 degrees to the centerline. If you rotate the yoke up or down so both angles match, you have perfect alignment.

Road testing will tell you if you have it right. If you accelerate and you get or increase a vibration, then the pinion yoke is too HIGH. Rotate it downward in small increments of a degree or two until the problem goes away. If you get or increase a vibration when decelerating, then the pinion yoke is too LOW. Rotate it upward to correct it.



10. Pinion angle must be set at ride height. At ride height there should be 4 1/2" between the axle and frame.

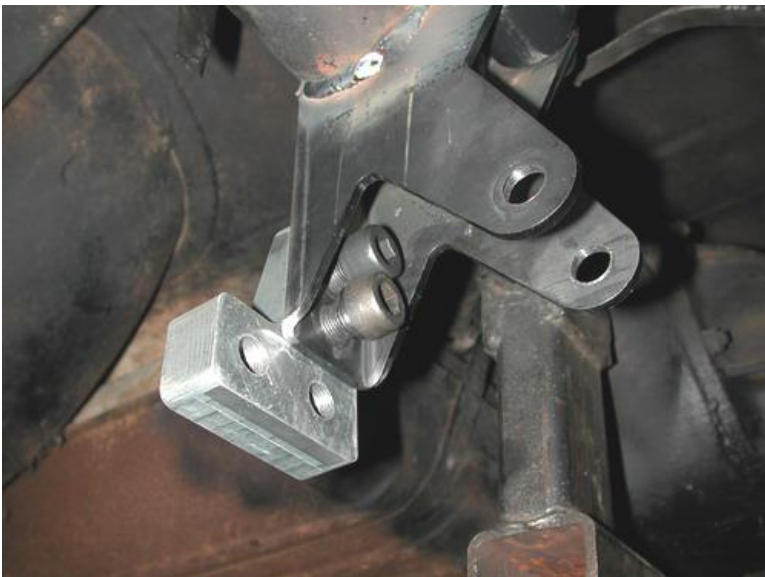
11. One trick to help maintain these setting while welding in the axle bracket is to tack weld a 4 1/2" long spacer between the axle and frame.

12. After setting the pinion angle, make sure the axle is centered. This can done by measuring from the axle flange in to the frame rail.



13. Install the 4 link bars into the crossmember and axle bracket, but **do not tighten the bolts yet**. Use the 5/8" x 2 3/4" bolts and nylocs supplied. Check the length of the bars; they should be 18 1/2" C-C.

14. There is a driver and passenger side bracket. The passenger side bracket has the diagonal link bracket welded to it. These rod ends will use a 3" bolt. You can use a large hose clamp to hold these in place temporarily.



15. Swing the axle bracket up to the axle. These brackets must be centered and aligned with the crossmember mounts before welding. The brackets should be 31 5/8" apart on the outside measurement. Then just center it between the axle flanges.

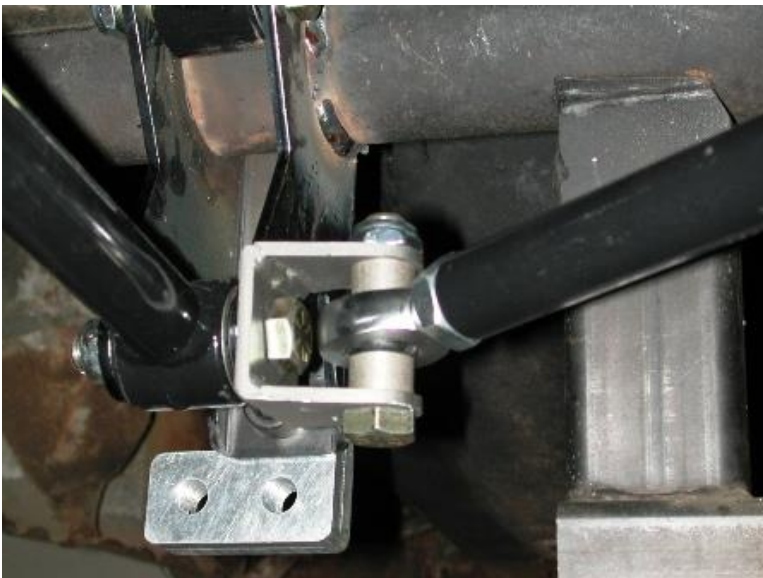
16. Tack weld the bracket to the axle. Double-check axle center, bracket alignment, and pinion angle. Remove the bars to avoid frying the bushings. Then finish welding the bracket 1" at a time in different spots to avoid warping the axle.





17. Bolt the lower Shockwave mount to the axle bracket using the  $\frac{1}{2}$ "-20" x  $\frac{3}{4}$ " Hex Head Bolt. Apply anti-seize to the threads. It is easier to remove the bars to install these bolts.

18. There is a driver and passenger side bracket, the correct bracket will offset the Shockwave toward the wheel.



19. Bolt the diagonal link into place with a spacer on both sides of it using a  $\frac{5}{8}$ " x  $2\frac{3}{4}$ " bolt and nyloc. It should measure  $30\frac{1}{4}$ " C-C.

20. Install the parking brake cable into the new tab on the crossmember.

21. With the axle at ride height snug all the 4 link bolts. These bushings are rubber and do not require lubrication.



22. Apply thread sealant onto the air fitting and screw it into the top of the shockwave. Air fitting location can be moved by rotating the bellow assembly separate from the shock.

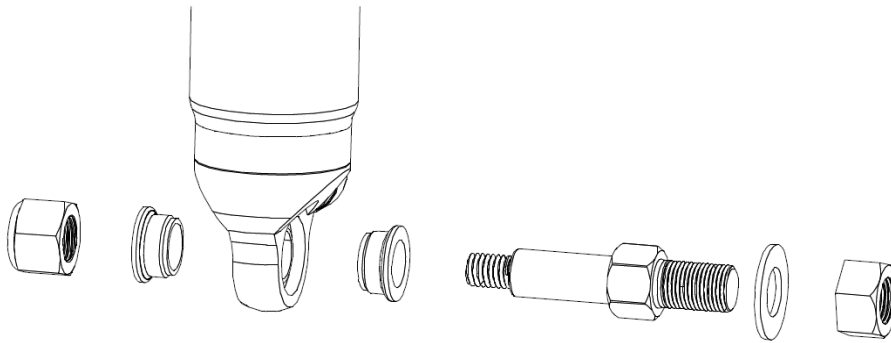
23. Screw the stud into the lower billet mount. Place the washer over the stud then the Shockwave followed by another washer. Apply anti-seize to the threads and then nyloc nut.

24. The Shockwave/Coilover is held to the upper mount using a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $2\frac{1}{4}$ " bolt and nyloc.



**25. Remove the spacer from between the axle and frame.**

26. A new brake line tab is supplied and will mount just below the original. Make sure it clears the bar through full suspension travel.



**27. Driving height will be with approximately 13" from center eye to center eye.**

