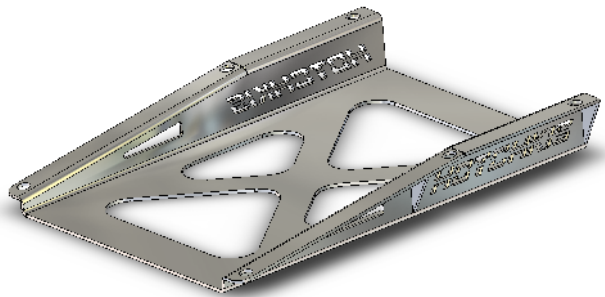


## 1967-1969 GM F-Body Convertible 1404 Center X-Brace Installation Instructions

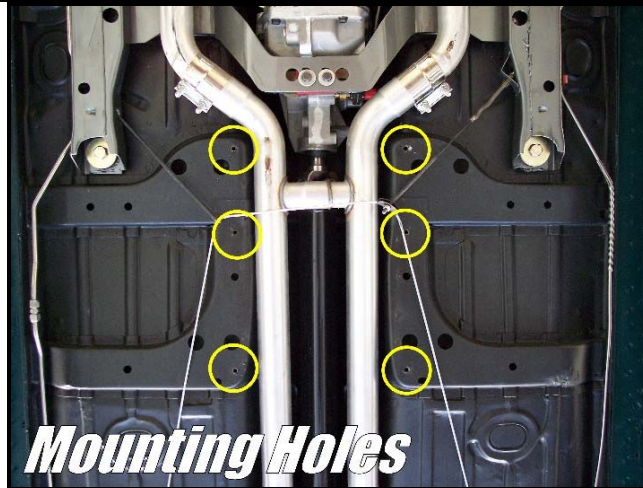


Thank you for your purchase of this Hotchkis Performance product. Your X-Brace was designed with the performance and durability you've come to expect from Hotchkis Performance. This lower profile brace will allow you to run larger exhaust piping while still bracing the center section of your convertible chassis.

*Note: Please read the entire installation instructions before starting. Having the right tools will ensure a smooth install process.*

### *X-BRACE INSTALLATION*

- 1 Jack the vehicle up and support it on jack stands.
- 2 Creep underneath the car and locate the stock X-Brace and remove it by undoing the 6 bolts that secure it. You may discard the brace and hardware.



- 3 Using the provided stainless hardware, coat each bolt with a small amount of anti-seize.

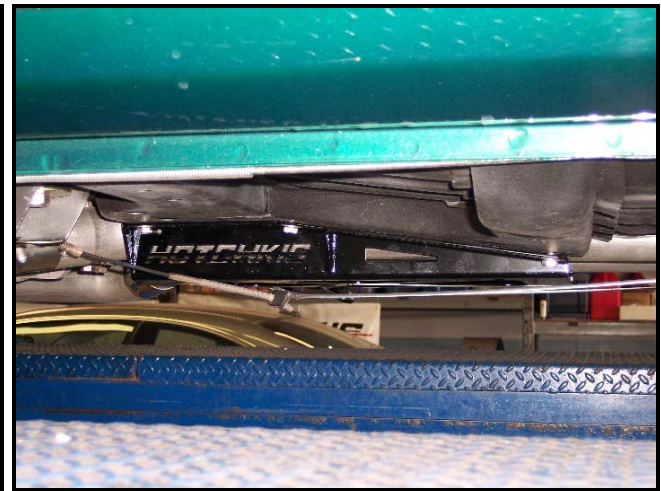
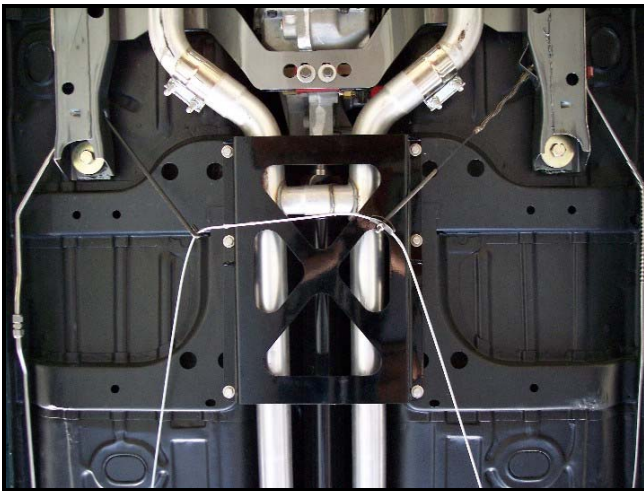


- 5 Slide your new Hotchkis Brace into position. Start each bolt by hand then fully tighten.





5 You are finished installing your new Hotchkis X-Brace.



Note:  
Hooker Super Comp headers may have clearance issues with this brace or any cross brace due to the header's low profile.

## Hotchkis Performance LLC Return Policy & Limited Warranty

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### Return Policy

We want you to be completely satisfied with your Hotchkis Performance product. For products, presenting signs of shipping damage please contact the freight carrier immediately. All our products are guaranteed to be free from manufacturer's defects. If your order arrives with a manufacture defect, please contact our Customer Service Department at (562) 907-7757. You will be assigned a Returned Goods Authorization Number (RGA). The package you return must show the RGA on the outside of the package, include the original invoice and be shipped prepaid to our facility. The product has to be unused and in its original packaging materials. Exchanges or refunds made after 30 days will be subject to a 20% restocking charge. **If you purchased your Hotchkis Performance product from an authorized dealer, you are still covered by this return policy. All returns however, should be made to your dealer, not to Hotchkis Performance directly.**

### Limited Warranty

Hotchkis Performance offers a Limited Warranty against defects in materials and workmanship of its products. This Warranty only applies to the original retail purchaser who retains ownership of the vehicle on which the product was originally installed. If the product is determined to be defective, Hotchkis Performance will repair, replace or refund the purchase price of the defective product at Hotchkis Performance's sole discretion, which shall fully satisfy and discharge any and all warranty claims. Any repaired or replaced product will be returned to the sender excluding the cost of freight. **Products must be registered to qualify for warranty at [www.hotchkis.net](http://www.hotchkis.net) or via the mail-in warranty card, included with the product, within 30 days of the original purchase date.**

### Exclusions from Warranty

Items offered but not manufactured by Hotchkis Performance are warranted according to the manufacturer's terms and are not covered by this limited warranty. Hotchkis Performance shall not be responsible for any labor, removal, installation, re-installation or maintenance costs. This warranty does not cover the cosmetic finish or plating of any product or any normal wear and tear to any product including, but not limited to bushings, brackets, end-links, hardware, steering components, shocks or springs. In addition, this warranty does not apply to any products that have been:

- **Improperly installed or installed by someone other than a qualified, licensed auto mechanic experienced in the installation and removal of suspension products;**
- **Improperly serviced, misused, or modified, altered or subjected to abuse, negligence, accident or collision;**
- **Installed in any vehicle that has been modified;**
- **Installed on any vehicle that has carried loads in excess of automobile manufacturer suggested weight limits; or**
- **Installed on any vehicle that has been subject to abnormal or excessive use, including rallying, racing, or racing-type activities or off-road use.**

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This limited warranty is the entire and only warranty for the products and may not be modified or supplemented by any other person or company in any form. Any description of the products, by anyone, is for the sole purpose of identifying them and is not part of the basis of the bargain, and does not constitute a warranty that the products will conform to that description. The statements of any salesperson do not constitute part of this limited warranty and cannot be relied upon as a warranty.

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#### **Warranty Claim Procedure:**

The answer to ALL the following questions should be YES before making a warranty claim:

- **Did you register the product at [www.hotchkis.net](http://www.hotchkis.net) or via the mail-in warranty card within 30 days of purchase?**
- **Is the product appropriate to your application?**
- **Did you carefully and thoroughly read the instructions provided along with the product?**
- **Do you have the original invoice or sales receipt?**
- **Are you the original purchaser?**
- **Was the product properly installed by a qualified, licensed auto mechanic?**
- **Has the product been installed on the original vehicle on which it was installed at all times?**
- **Is the product unmodified and clean?**
- **Is the reason for return a legitimate product defect?**

If the answer to all these questions is YES, please contact our Customer Service Department at (562) 907-7757. You will be given a Returned Goods Authorization Number (RGA) valid for 60 days. You will also be asked to ship the product prepaid to our facility. All shipments MUST be (i) prepaid, (ii) include the original invoice or sales receipt, (iii) show the RGA on the outside of the package and (iv) include your name, address, make and model of the vehicle, and a brief description of the claimed defect, including the circumstances under which the defect occurred. If the warranty claim is deemed valid then Hotchkis will estimate shipping costs to return the repaired or replacement part and contact you for payment. Hotchkis's Limited warranty requires that any repaired or replaced product will be returned to the sender excluding the cost of freight. Warranty related inquires should be sent to the following address:

**HOTCHKIS PERFORMANCE, LLC  
C/O CUSTOMER SERVICE  
12035 BURKE ST. SUITE 13  
SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670**

Hotchkis Performance will not accept product returns without the RGA number, receipt and the information described above. C.O.D. or collect shipments will be refused. Once the returns are received at Hotchkis Performance, we will evaluate the products, verify the sales receipt, and investigate the warranty claim. Any repaired or replaced product will be returned to the sender.

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