

# Sport Sway Bar Kit 2254 70-74 Chrylser E-Body 'Cuda, Challenger'



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Please call us at 877 - 4NO - ROLL if you have any questions regarding the service or installation of your Hotchkis Performance products.

IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ THE <u>ENTIRE</u> INSTRUCTION MANUAL BEFORE STARTING THIS INSTALLATION. THERE'S SOME HOLE DRILLING INVOLVED AND IT WOULD BE A SHAME TO MAKE ANY UNNECESSARY HOLES DUE TO INSTALLER ERROR. METAL GRINDING IS ALSO NECESSARY.

## Installation of Hotchkis Front Sway Bar

#### 1F Raise the Vehicle

Raise the vehicle and safely secure it on jack stands. Remove either the driver or passenger side wheel.

### *2F. Disconnect End Lniks*

Disconnect the stock sway bar end links form the lower control arm and the sway bar

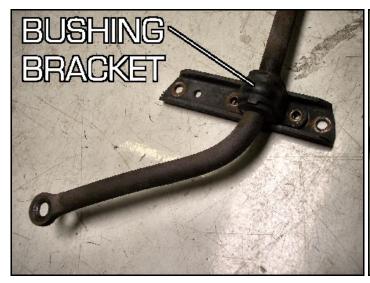
## 3F. Disconnect Bushing Brackets

Disconnect the bushing bracket from the subframe bushing mounts.

## 4F. Remove Subframe Bushing Mounts.

Unbolt the 2 nuts and remove the subframe bushing mounts.







#### 5F. Remove the Front Stock Sway Bar

Fish the stock bar towards the side that the wheel was taken off. The stock sway bar should be able to be completely removed from the vehicle.

#### 6F. Disconnect the Radiator Bracket

There is a radiator bracket directly in front of the k-frame. Disconnect the rearward bolt and loosen the front bolt to swing the bracket out of the way.





#### **7F. Cut Skid Plate**

If your k-frame has a skid plate you will need to cut the front welds that attach the plate to the k-frame. This will allow you to carefully bend the skid plate downward to allow the new bar to go in. Use a cut-off wheel or grinder to cut the welds. You will be re-bending and rewelding the plate back to it's original position later in this installation.

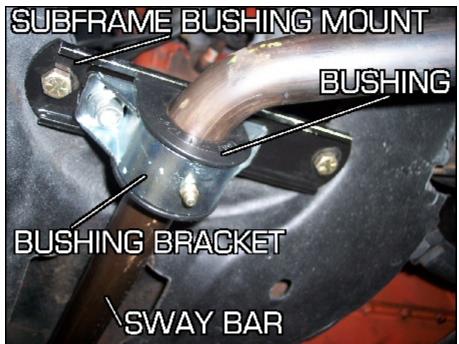


## 8F. Install Hotchkis Sway Bar

Insert the Hotchkis front sway bar through the middle of the k-frame like the stock bar use to.

### 9F. Install New Subframe Bushing Mounts

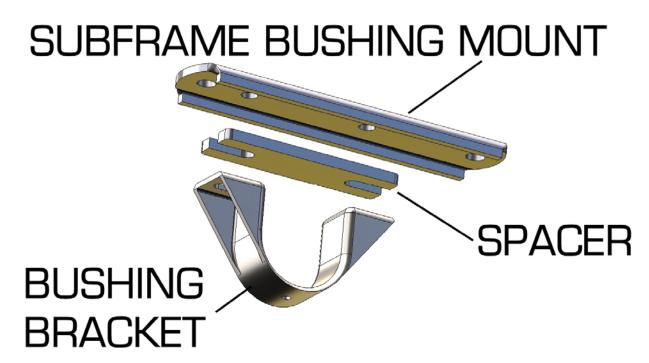
Install the Hotchkis subframe bushing mounts with the included hardware. Use the fine thread 3/8 hex bolts for this mount. Make sure to use a washer for the bolt head and the nut side.





#### 10F Install the Bushings & Brackets

Lube the inside surface of the new bushings with the provided grease. Install the bushings on to the bar. Install the bushing bracket onto the bushing. You will need to install the included spacer between the bushing and the subframe bushing mounts. Use the provided 3/8 socket head bolts and nuts. These are course thread. Use the flat cut washers on the socket head side.



#### 11F. Install End Links

Install the new end links in the same fashion as the stock removal.





## 12F Re-Weld Skid Plate

Use a jack to push the skid plate back to it's original position. Sand or grind down the area near the cut. Disconnect the car battery and re-weld the plate.

## 13F Sway Bar Stiffness

This bar is 220% stiffer than stock.





## Installation of Hotchkis Rear Sway Bar

#### 1R. Raise the Vehicle, Remove Rear Bar

Installation must be done at ride height. Drive vehicle on to ramps, or use a 4-post alignment style rack. If your vehicle has a factory sway bar, jack up the vehicle and support with jack stands, remove one wheel, remove end links and bushing brackets, and slide bar out side of vehicle. Install wheel, and lower vehicle back down to ride height.



#### 2R. Install Axle Brackets

Hang the bushing bracket u-bolts over the axle tubes.

### 3R. Install Bushings & Brackets

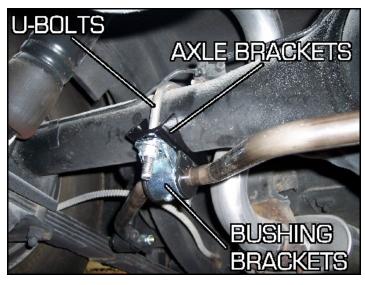
Apply grease to the new bushings with the supplied grease, install onto sway bar, and press bushing brackets over bushings.

#### 4R. Attach bar to Axle

Lift the sway bar into position, and attach to u-bolts with the axle brackets. Install the nuts onto the u-bolts, but do not completely tighten yet. Align the axle brackets so they are level with the ground.









#### 5R. Install End Link Dog Bones

Install dog-bones, and frame brackets onto sway bar with the supplied hardware in the center hole of the sway bar.

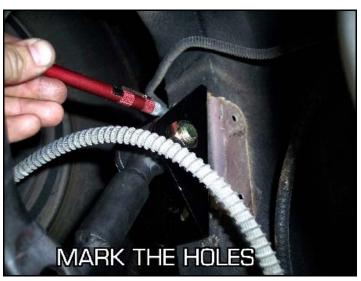


We've noticed on some E-bodies that the distance between the left and right frame rails were ½" wider. If the frame bracket does not line up in the center of each frame rail due to the frames having a wider span, then please install the optional spacer between the sway bar and the end link.



## 6R. Mark the Frame For Drilling

Raise sway bar until the frame brackets touch the frame. Make sure the sway bar is centered on the axle, and dog-bones are vertical. Also make sure the axle bracket is still level. Mark the holes to drill.





#### 7R. Drill Holes in Frame

Lower the sway bar back down, and drill the holes with a 7/16 drill bit.





## 8R. Install Frame Mounts

Place the frame bracket u-bolt through the frame, and attach the bracket.











#### 9R. Attach End Links

Raise the sway bar back into position, attach the dog-bones, and completely tighten all hardware.



### 10R Stiffness Adjustment

Your Hotchkis rear bar has 3 adjustment holes, which allows you to change the sway bar stiffness harder or softer. The hole closets to the sway bar end is the softer setting, while the hole furthest from the end is the stiffest. The stiffness values are as follows:

Soft Setting: 40% Stiffer than Stock Medium Setting: 75% Stiffer than Stock Stiff Setting: 120% Stiffer than Stock





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