

# P/N# 19367 Forged Torsion Bars Installation Instructions

Thank you for your purchase of this Hotchkis Performance product. Your torsion bar set was designed with the performance and durability you've come to expect from Hotchkis Performance.

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

# 1. Remove Upper Control Arm Droop stop

Access underneath the front fender and unbolt the droop stop snubber that normally restricts how low the suspension can droop. Droop refers to the suspension completely decompressed (or hanging down in midair) as it would if the entire weight of the vehicle was off of the wheels.

## 2. Raise the Front of the Vehicle

Jack the front of the vehicle up and support the chassis with jack stands. Allow the front suspension to fully droop.

## 3. Loosen Torsion Bar Tension

Fully loosen the torsion bar tension bolt under the lower control arm on both sides.

# 4. Remove the Torsion Bar Retainer Clip

Move toward to the rear end of the torsion bar and remove the retaining clip located in the cross member.

## 5. Mark Current Torsion Bars

For future reference, mark each torsion bar that is on the car left or right. It is important to always put used torsion bar back on the original side.

## 6. Remove Torsion Bars

Use a torsion bar removal tool (Miller Tools C-3728 or similar) to grip onto the torsion bar and tap it out toward the rear of the car. Note: There are different removal tools available and some customers have made their own. However, we highly suggest that you do not use vise grips on the torsion bars. This can damage the torsion bar by marring the surface causing a potential stress point.



# 7. Hex End Clocking

Since the Hotchkis torsion bars are larger (stiffer) than most stock bars, the hex ends may be clocked differently compared to the old bars you had. Please note that these are performance torsion bars suited for a car that is intended to be lower than stock.

### 8. Install Hotchkis Torsion Bar

Grease both ends of the torsion bar as well as the control arm cavity and cross member cavity. Insert the torsion bar in the same manner as removal, starting from the rear and working your way forward. Using a floor jack, raise the suspension on the side you are working on to line up/clock the control arm cavity with the hex on the torsion bar.

## 9. Replace Retainer Clip

Once the bar is completely positioned and seated, insert the retainer clip into the crossmember cavity.

# 10. Set Adjuster Bolt for Initial Setting

Tighten the adjuster bolt under each control arm to about ½ to ¾ of it's travel. This should be a good starting off point.

### 11. Lower the Vehicle

Lower the vehicle back onto the ground and roll the car back and forth.

# 12. Adjust Ride Height

Adjust ride height to desired height. Keep in mind that these torsion bars are meant for lower-than-stock stances.

# 13. Reinstall Upper Control Arm Droop Stop

Access underneath the front fender again and reattach the droop stop snubber.

# 14. Perform front wheel alignment

It is highly recommended that you perform a front wheel alignment once you are finished. Excessive toe-in or toe-out as a result of the initial ride height change can cause the vehicle to raise or lower as you move forward or backward. We suggest 1/8" of toe-in.



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Effective December 1, 2010 all Hotchkis products must be registered to qualify for warranty at <a href="www.hotchkis.net">www.hotchkis.net</a> or via the mail-in warranty card, included with the product, within 30 days of the original purchase date.

IMPORTANT: This warranty supersedes all other warranties included with this product.

#### **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**

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- 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 racingtype 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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Hotchkis Performance makes every effort to ensure that you are provided with the most accurate and up-to-date technical information. However, all technical information is approximate and may vary upon application. Additional suspension components may be needed in some applications, depending upon the make, model, engine and chassis of the vehicle. Hotchkis Performance is not responsible for any consequences resulting from manufacturer's technical mid-year changes. Hotchkis Performance products should only be installed by a qualified, licensed auto mechanic experienced in the installation of such products.

#### **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 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?
- Is the return date within 36 months from the purchase date?
- 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 8633 Sorensen Avenue SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670

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