



**Rancho Suspension System — RS66157B**  
Rear Upper Adjustable Control Arm Upgrade — Black  
Fits 2016-2007 Jeep Wrangler JK

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS THOROUGHLY FROM START TO FINISH BEFORE BEGINNING INSTALLATION



**⚠ WARNING**

Carefully read, understand and follow the instructions provided in this manual, and keep it in a safe place for future reference. If you have any doubt whatsoever regarding the installation or maintenance of your Rancho suspension system, please see your retailer for assistance or advice. Failure to follow the warnings and instructions provided herein can result in the failure of the suspension system, or can cause you to lose control of your vehicle, resulting in an accident, severe personal injury or death.

These instructions should remain in the vehicle glove box for future reference.

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## **PRELIMINARY**

This manual presumes that all persons installing this suspension system have a high level of mechanical training and experience, and have available to them all necessary tools and safety equipment. This manual is not and should not be construed as an exhaustive list of all required safety measures. Personnel should rely primarily on their training and experience, as well as on their own common sense.

This Manual is to be read as a supplement to, and must not be construed as a substitute for, the owner's manual and/or shop manual that originally accompanied the vehicle. Refer to such use, operation, maintenance and safety manuals as necessary, and especially after installation is complete, to insure proper vehicle operation.

The following terminology has been used in this Manual:

**ACCIDENT:** Any event which could cause personal injury or death to anyone installing or using the suspension system, as well as to passengers and bystanders, or otherwise may result in property damage.

## **PRE-INSTALLATION WARNINGS and INSTRUCTIONS**

**⚠ WARNING: Only the following wheel / tire size may be used with this suspension system: 35 x 12.50 R17 tires, 17" x 9" wheel with 4.5" of backspacing.**

**Use of any other rim/tire combination increases the risk of a roll-over and/or accident, resulting in severe personal injury or death.**

**⚠ WARNING: This suspension system will enhance the off-road performance of your vehicle. It will handle differently; both on and off-road, from a factory equipped passenger car or truck. Failure to drive this vehicle safely may result in serious injury or death to the driver and passengers. ALWAYS WEAR your seat belts, REDUCE your speed, and AVOID sharp turns and other abrupt maneuvers.**

1) Service and repair tasks require specialized knowledge, training, tools, and experience. General mechanical aptitude may not be sufficient to properly install this suspension system. If you have any doubt whatsoever regarding your ability to properly install the suspension system, please consult a qualified mechanic.

2) Your brake lines and fuel lines should remain undisturbed during and after installation. If you think you need to modify these components in any way, you are mistaken. You are installing the lift improperly and will be creating a significant risk of an accident. In case of any doubt, consult a qualified mechanic.

3) If any component does not fit properly, something is wrong. You are installing the lift kit improperly and will be creating a significant risk of an accident. Never modify any component of the vehicle or suspension system, except as instructed herein. Do not continue with installation until you have identified the problem.

4) Several of the procedures described herein require at least two (2) persons to safely complete the task. If you have any doubt about your ability to complete any operation by yourself, always ask for help from a qualified assistant.

5) Before starting any operation, confirm that all personal safety devices and safety equipment are in proper condition and position.

6) Give your work undivided attention. Looking around, carrying on a conversation and "horse-play" are careless acts that can result in an error in installation and/or serious injury.

7) Install only tires approved by the United States Department of Transportation ("DOT approved"). Make sure the rim and tire size are properly matched.

8) If any components of the vehicle or suspension system are damaged in any way during installation, immediately replace the component.

9) During installation, carefully inspect all parts of the vehicle and replace anything that is worn or damaged.

10) Nip points present the risk of the catching, lacerating, crushing and/or amputating fingers, hands, limbs and other body parts during operations. Always keep clear. Wear protective gloves.

11) Oil and hydraulic fluids are poisonous, dangerous to health and are known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm. Do not inhale vapors or swallow. Do not allow contact with the eyes or skin. Should any oil or fluids be swallowed or inhaled or come into contact with the eyes, immediately follow the safety precautions on the label or call a poison control center immediately. Should any of the oil or fluids contact your skin, immediately wash thoroughly.

12) Never install the suspension system if you are under the effects of alcohol, medications and/or drugs. If you are taking prescription or over the counter medication, you must consult a medical professional regarding any side effects of the medication that could hinder your ability to work safely.

## **AFTER INSTALLATION WARNINGS AND INSTRUCTIONS**

13) After installation is complete, drive the vehicle slowly in an area free from heavy traffic for at least three (3) miles. Likewise, before traveling on any highways or at a high rate of speed, drive the vehicle for ten (10) miles on side roads at moderate speed. If you hear any strange noise or feel unusual vibration, if a component of the suspension system is not operating properly, or if any warning lights illuminate or buzzers sound, stop the vehicle immediately. Identify the cause and take any necessary remedial action.

14) Confirm that all components of the vehicle, including all lights (headlights, turn signals, brake lights, etc.), linkages (accelerator, etc.), electrical switches and controls (windshield wipers and defoggers, etc.), and other warning devices (low tire pressure monitoring systems) are fully operational.

15) Your headlights will need to be readjusted before the vehicle is used on the roads. Consult the vehicle owners' manual.

16) The speedometer and odometer will need to be recalibrated after installation. See your dealer.

17) Confirm proper rear view and side view while seated in the driver seat. Install supplemental mirrors as necessary.

18) Your original low tire pressure monitoring system may be re-installed in your new wheels. However, if you choose to purchase a new system, see your dealer to have them properly calibrated. Proper tire pressure is critical to safe operation of the vehicle.

## **OPERATION**

19) Because it has been modified, the vehicle will not handle, turn, accelerate or stop in the same manner as an unmodified vehicle. In addition, the crash protection systems designed in the vehicle may operate differently from an unmodified vehicle. For example, turning and evasive maneuvers must be executed at a slower rate of speed. Further, there is a greater risk that the vehicle could roll over. These differences could result in an increased possibility of an accident, personal injury or death. Learn the vehicle's operations and handling characterizes and drive accordantly.

## **IMPORTANT NOTES**

- A. Before installing this system, have the vehicle's alignment and frame checked by a certified technician. The alignment must be within factory specifications and the frame of the vehicle must be sound (no cracks, damage or corrosion). Have all suspension, steering and driveline components inspected and replaced if worn or damaged
- B. The components of Rancho's suspension system are designed as a single integrated system. To avoid compromises in terms of safety, performance, durability or function, do not install a body lift kit with Rancho's suspension system or interchange parts from this system with components from another manufacturer. Use of other components will result in the forfeiture of any type of warranty on the vehicle/suspension system.
- C. Some components required for the installation of this kit may need to be purchased separately. See "SPECIFICATIONS & REQUIREMENTS" on next page of this manual.
- D. Compare the contents of this system with the parts list in these instructions. If any parts are missing, contact the Rancho Technical Department at 1-734-384-7804.
- E. Do not powder-coat or plate any of the components in this system. To change the appearance of components, automotive paint can be applied over the original coating.
- F. Each hardware kit in this system contains fasteners of high strength and specific size. Do not mix hardware kits or substitute a fastener of lesser strength. See bolt identification table at end of instruction.
- G. Install all nuts and bolts with a flat washer. When both SAE (small OD) and USS (large OD) washers are used in a fastener assembly, place the USS washer against the slotted hole and the SAE washer against the round hole.
- H. Apply a drop of thread locking compound to all bolts during installation. ⚠ CAUTION: Thread locking compound may irritate sensitive skin. Read warning label on container before use.
- I. Unless otherwise specified, tighten all nuts and bolts to the standard torque specifications shown in the table at end of instruction. USE A TORQUE WRENCH for accurate measurements.
- J. Do not weld anything to these components, and do not weld any of these components to the vehicle unless specifically stated in the instructions. Welding on a vehicle creates an electrical charge throughout the body and frame. Disconnect the vehicle's battery prior to any welding. Place welding ground clamps as near as possible to the weld. Never use a vehicle suspension component as a welding ground point.
- K. It is extremely important to replace coil springs, axle flanges, and drive shaft/pinion relationships as original. Be sure to mark left/right, front/rear, and indexing of mating parts before disassembly. A paint marker or light colored nail polish is handy for this.
- L. Suspension components that use rubber or urethane bushings should be tightened with the vehicle at normal ride height unless otherwise specified. This will prevent premature failure of the bushing and maintain ride comfort.
- M. Some of the service procedures require the use of special tools designed for specific procedures. If you do not know how to safely use any of these tools, or do not have them, stop the project and consult a qualified mechanic. See "Tools and Supplies" on next page of this manual
- N. The required installation time for this system is approximately 2 hours for two people. Check off the box (☐) at the beginning of each step when you finish it. Then when you stop during the installation, it will be easier to find where you need to continue from.
- O. Important information for the end user is contained in the consumer/installer information pack. If you are installing this system for someone else, place the information pack on the driver's seat. Please include the installation instructions when you finish.
- P. The lifespan of Rancho products depends on many factors. Improper use, abuse or harsh use in general may compromise the integrity of the suspension system and significantly reduce its lifespan. The suspension system is also subject to wear over time. Have the suspension system regularly inspected and maintained by qualified mechanics. If the inspection reveals any damage or excessive wear, no matter how slight, immediately replace or repair the component. The suspension system must be regularly maintained in order to optimize its safe and efficient use. The more severe the conditions under which the suspension system is operated, the more often it must be inspected and maintained.
- Q. If any component breaks or bends, contact your local Rancho dealer or Rancho for replacement parts or, contact the Rancho Technical Department at 1-734-384-7804.

Thank you for purchasing the best suspension system available. For the best installed system, follow these instructions. If you do not have the tools or are unsure of your abilities, have this system installed by a certified technician. RANCHO IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DAMAGE OR FAILURE RESULTING FROM AN IMPROPER INSTALLATION

**The driver of this suspension system recognizes and agrees that there are risks inherent in driving a vehicle with a lifted suspension system, including but not limited to the risk that you could be involved in an accident that would not occur in an unmodified vehicle. By his/her purchase and use of this suspension system, the user expressly, voluntarily and knowingly accepts and assumes these risks, and agrees to hold Tenneco, Inc. and its related companies harmless to the fullest extent permitted by law against any resulting damages.**

## SPECIFICATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

### **Shock Absorbers** (MUST BE PURCHASED SEPARATELY)

Rancho Adjustable Control Arms may increase articulation and wheel travel.  
Follow lift kit manufactures recommendations when installing replacement shocks.

**⚠️WARNING** Use of the wrong shock absorbers can cause damage to vehicle without the damage being visible to you, resulting in loss of vehicle control and an accident.

### **Wheels and Tires**

This suspension system was developed using the following tire & wheel combination:

Tire: BF Goodrich® Mud-Terrain™ T/A® KM-35 x 12.50 R17

Wheel: 17" x 9" wheel with 4.5" of backspacing.

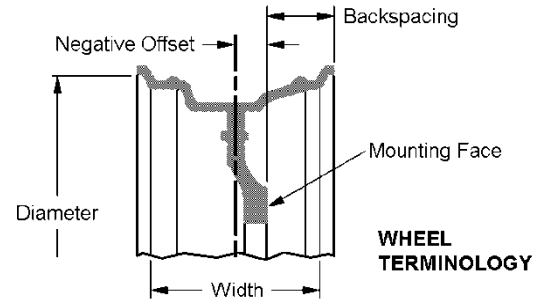
Total backspacing 5.9"

Maximum total backspacing is 6.8". Before installing any other combination, consult your local tire and wheel specialist.

Compatible With OE Wheels	Development Tire Size (Actual)	Optional Tire Size <sup>2</sup> (Actual)	Wheel Size (Backspacing)
Yes <sup>1</sup>	35x12.5xR17 (34.8"x12.5")	37x12.5xR17 (36.3"x12.8")	17x9 (4.5")

<sup>1</sup> OE wheels compatible with stock size tires only.

<sup>2</sup> Fitment of the optional tire size may require trimming to provide proper clearance and may contact control arms



### **Recommended Components and Modifications** (MUST BE PURCHASED SEPARATELY)

During high articulation events, the front drive shaft may contact exhaust or transmission oil pan. A smaller diameter drive shaft is suggested for optimal performance.

Rancho recommends Powertrain Industries drives shafts:  
Powertrain Industries, Garden Grove, CA.  
1-800-798-4585.

<b>2007 — 2011 Models</b>	Part Number
Front drive shaft 2dr / 4dr	3194-1925
Rear drive shaft 2dr	3194-2750
Rear drive shaft 2dr	3194-0725
<b>2012 — Newer Models</b>	
Front drive shaft 2dr / 4dr:	3194-2125
Rear drive shaft 2dr:	3194-0475
Rear drive shaft 4dr	3194-2550

### **Tools and Supplies** (BECAUSE OF VEHICLE VARIATIONS, THIS MAY NOT BE A COMPLETE LIST)

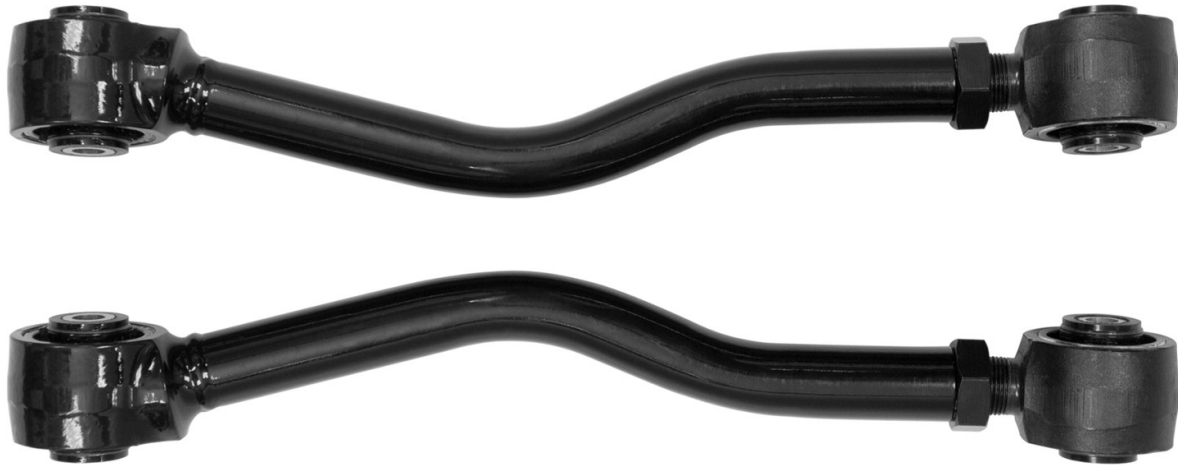
Jeep Service Manual	Wire Brush (to clean mounting surfaces)	Hydraulic Floor Jack
Torque Wrench (250 FT-LB capacity)	Red LocTite	Heavy Duty Jack stands
Hammer	Penetrating Lube (to aid removal of corroded and frozen hardware)	Wheel Chocks (Wooden Blocks)
1/2" Drive Ratchet and Sockets	File	<b>Safety Glasses-</b> Wear safety glasses at all times
Combination Wrenches		

### **Installing with Lift**

If installing lift kit at same time as Rancho Adjustable Control Arms , follow lift kit manufactures installation instructions to install lift. Install Rancho Front Control Arm Brackets when coil springs are removed from vehicle.

If lift is already installed, Rancho Adjustable Control Arms may be installed with vehicle on the ground, or with the vehicle up on jack stands or vehicle lift / hoist. Instruction are supplied to remove and install Rancho lifted coil springs. If another manufactures lift kit is installed, follow lift kit manufactures instructions to remove and install coil springs.

Follow all lift kit manufactures recommendations and warnings



Parts List

PART #	DESCRIPTION	QTY
RS881004B	Rear Upper Control Arm	2
RS89157	Instructions	1

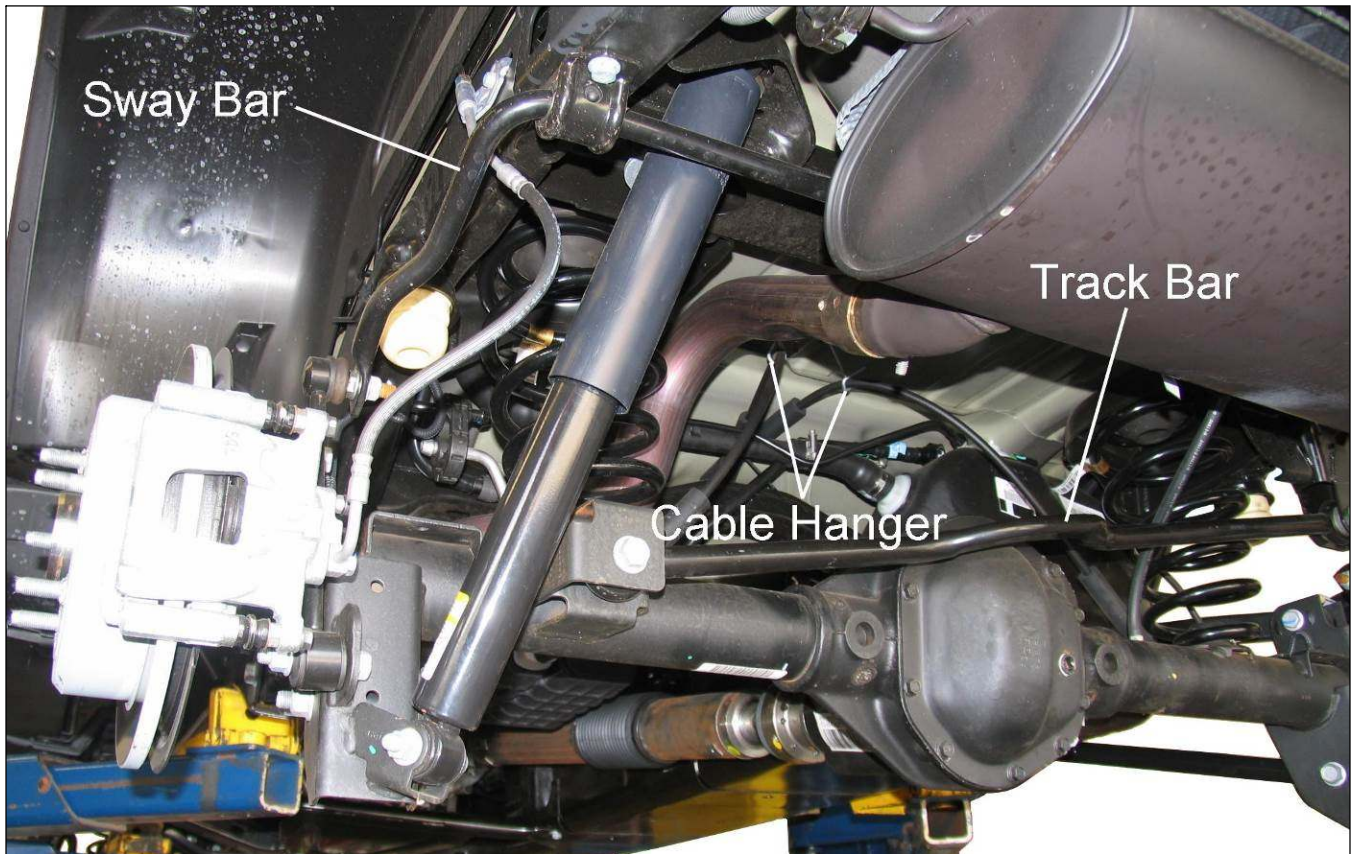


Illustration 1

1)  Park vehicle on a level surface. Set the parking brake and chock front wheels.

**SHOCK ABSORBER & COIL SPRING REMOVAL**

Control arms can be replaced with the vehicle at ride height on the ground, or with vehicle raised on jack stands or vehicle hoist. To perform installation with vehicle on the ground, skip to next section "CONTROL ARM REPLACEMENT".

- 1)  Disconnect the track bar from the axle bracket.
- 2)  Disconnect the sway bar end links from the axle.
- 3)  Raise the rear of the vehicle and support the frame with jack stands. Remove the rear wheels.
- 4)  Support the rear axle with a floor jack.

5)  Remove bolts and separate the brake hoses from the frame rails. Remove clips holding ABS wire to frame. If necessary, disconnect any vent hoses and electrical wiring from the axle.

6)  Remove the nuts or bolts from the brake parking cable hanger above the rear axle. Remove the hanger from the cables.

7)  Remove the shock absorber lower nut and bolt from the axle bracket.

8)  Carefully lower the rear axle until the coil springs are free from the upper mount seat. Remove the coil springs.

**CAUTION:** Do not allow the axle to hang by any hoses or cables.

**CONTROL ARM REPLACEMENT**

1)  Adjust Rancho upper control arms RS881004B to desired length.

TIP: a good starting point is the length of the arm on the vehicle. Adjust from there to achieve desired pinion angle. See Illustration 2.

**CAUTION:** Do not exceed maximum length of 17.82" Exposed thread must be 1-3/16" (1.188") or less.



Illustration 2

2)  Remove the driver side upper control arm flag nut and bolt from the axle bracket. See Illustration 3

3)  Remove the flag nut and bolt at the frame rail bracket. Remove the upper control arm.

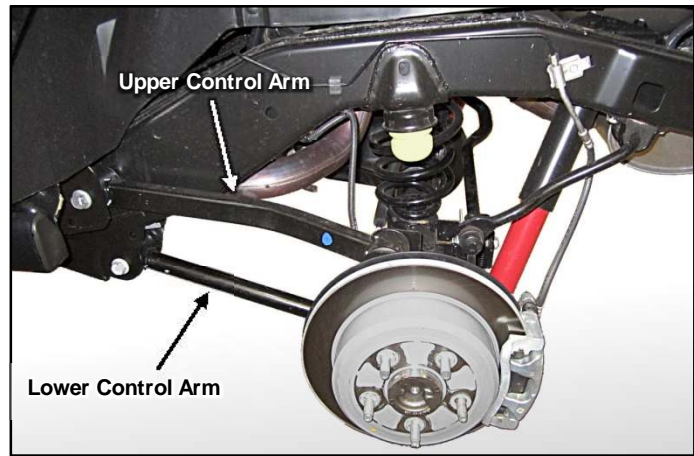


Illustration 3

4)  Attach the adjustable end of the upper control arm RS881004B to the frame bracket with the original hardware. The bend of the arm goes to the inside to provide clearance for tire. See Illustration 4.

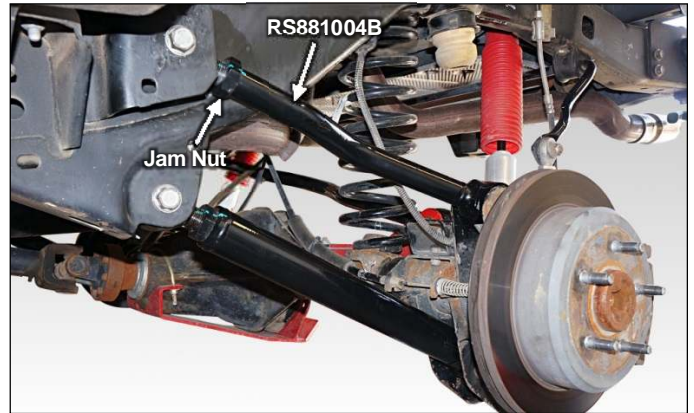


Illustration 4

5)  Attach the upper control arm to the axle bracket with the original hardware.

If control arms do not align with mounting holes, use a jack under the axle pinion housing or under the differential to slightly rotate axle the desired direction.

If vehicle is on stands, raising axle to ride height will help to align holes.

Do not lift vehicle off of jack stands.

6)  Repeat steps 2 through 5 for the passenger side.

7)  Torque the control arm bolts to 125 lb-ft. Tighten jam nuts to 200 lb-ft.

**COIL SPRING & SHOCK ABSORBER INSTALLATION**

1)  Place OE rubber isolators on top of coil springs.

2)  Set coil onto the axle pads. Raise the axle until the coil springs and isolators seat on the upper mounts. Move coils back and forth to seat on upper mounts when raising axle. Align the last wrap of the coil so it hooks around the front of the upper mount. See Illustration 5.

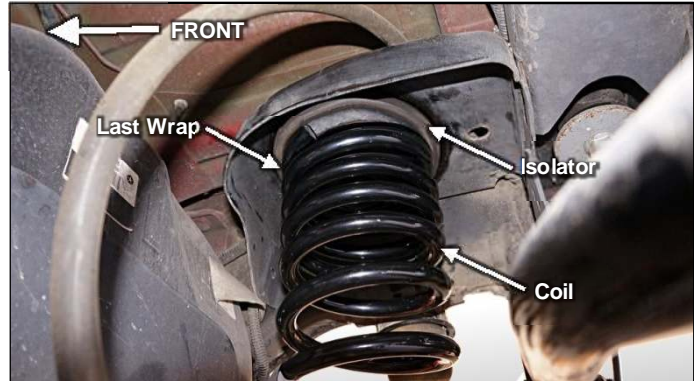


Illustration 5

**NOTE:** When installing coil springs, make sure that the rubber isolator is positioned in the upper mount and the small egg-shaped pig tail end is at the bottom.

3)  Attach shocks to the axle brackets. Torque the shock absorber lower mounting bolts to 74 lb-ft.

4)  Reattach sway bar end links to. Tighten to 75 lb-ft.

**LOWER VEHICLE**

1)  Install rear wheels and lower vehicle to the ground. Tighten lug nuts to 80-110 lb-ft.

2)  Attach rear track bar to axle bracket. Torque track bar hardware to 125 lb-ft.

**FINAL CHECKS & ADJUSTMENTS**

1)  Turn the front wheels completely left then right. Verify adequate tire, wheel, brake hose and ABS wire clearance. Inspect steering and suspension for tightness and proper operation.

2)  With the suspension at maximum extension (full droop), inspect and rotate all axles and drive shafts. Check for binding and proper slip yoke insertion. The slip yoke should be inserted a minimum of one inch into the transfer case and/or transmission.

3)  Ensure that the vehicle brake system operates correctly. If new brake hoses were installed, verify that each hose allows for full suspension movement.

4)  Readjust headlamps.

5)  Have vehicle Aligned to manufacturer's specifications.

**Alignment Specifications**

Caster	4.6° ± 1.0°
Camber (fixed angle)	-0.25° ± 0.63°
Toe-In (each wheel)	0.15° ± 0.15°
Thrust Angle	0 ± 0.15°

**Torque Specs**

**Front Components**

Upper Control Arm	75 lb-ft
Lower Control Arm	125 lb-ft
Control Arm Jam Nuts	200 lb-ft
Front Bump Stop Spacer RS176443	20 lb-ft
Shock Absorber Lower Mount	56 lb-ft
Front Drive Shaft to Pinion Flange	81 lb-ft
Sway Bar end Link	75 lb-ft
Track Bar	125 lb-ft
Drag Link Adjustment Sleeve Clamp	26 lb-ft
Brake Hose to Caliper	23 lb-ft.
Brake Hose to Brake Tube	18 lb-ft.
Wheels (Lug Nuts)	110 lb-ft.

**Rear Components**

Control Arm	125 lb-ft
Control Arm Jam Nuts	200 lb-ft
Shock Absorber Upper Mount	23 lb-ft
Shock Absorber Lower Mount	56 lb-ft
Track Bar	125 lb-ft
Sway Bar to Frame	33 lb-ft
Sway Bar End Link to Axle	75 lb-ft
Wheels (Lug Nuts)	110 lb-ft

**STANDARD BOLT TORQUE & IDENTIFICATION**

INCH SYSTEM			METRIC SYSTEM			
Bolt Size	Grade 5	Grade 8	Bolt Size	Class 8.8	Class 10.9	Class 12.9
5/16	15 LB-FT	20 LB-FT	M6	5 LB-FT	9 LB-FT	12 LB-FT
3/8	30 LB-FT	35 LB-FT	M8	18 LB-FT	23 LB-FT	27 LB-FT
7/16	45 LB-FT	60 LB-FT	M10	32 LB-FT	45 LB-FT	50 LB-FT
1/2	65 LB-FT	90 LB-FT	M12	55 LB-FT	75 LB-FT	90 LB-FT
9/16	95 LB-FT	130 LB-FT	M14	85 LB-FT	120 LB-FT	145 LB-FT
5/8	135 LB-FT	175 LB-FT	M16	130 LB-FT	165 LB-FT	210 LB-FT
3/4	185 LB-FT	280 LB-FT	M18	170 LB-FT	240 LB-FT	290 LB-FT

<p><b>1/2-13x1.75 HHCS</b></p> <p>D T L X</p> <p>G = Grade Marking (bolt strength) D = Nominal Diameter (inches) T = Thread Pitch (threads per inch)</p>	<p>Grade 5 Grade 8</p> <p>L = Length (inches) X = Description (hex head cap screw)</p>	<p><b>M12-1.25x50 HHCS</b></p> <p>D T L X</p> <p>P = Property Class (bolt strength) D = Nominal Diameter (millimeters) T = Thread Pitch (thread width, mm)</p>	<p>10.9</p> <p>L = Length (millimeters) X = Description (hex head cap screw)</p>
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