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INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

6005 Air Spring Kit 1988-98 Chevrolet/GMC 1500 2WD & 4WD

Thank you for purchasing a quality Hellwig Product.

PLEASE READ THIS INSTRUCTION SHEET COMPLETELY BEFORE STARTING
YOUR INSTALLATION

IMPORTANT NOTES

DO NOT INFLATE AIR SPRING ASSEMBLY UNLESS IT HAS BEEN
PROPERLY INSTALLED ON VEHICLE.

DO NOT INFLATE AIR SPRINGS OVER 100 PSI

A MINIMUM OF 5-10 PSI MUST BE MAINTAINED IN AIR SPRINGS
AFTER INSTALLATION FOR WARRANTY TO BE VALID. FAILURE TO
KEEP MINIMUM PRESSURE IN AIR SPRINGS WILL VOID WARRANTY.

THIS UNIT IS DESIGNED TO INCREASE THE LEVEL LOAD CARRYING
CAPACITY OF YOUR VEHICLE. NEVER LOAD THE VEHICLE THIS
UNIT IS INSTALLED ON BEYOND THE MANUFACTURER'S MAXIMUM
GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT RATING.

**OVERINFLATION AND IMPROPER USE MAY RESULT IN PERSONAL
INJURY AND/OR DAMAGE TO YOUR VEHICLE AND PROPERTY.**



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BEFORE STARTING YOUR PROJECT

WHEN LIFTING A VEHICLE WITH A JACK, BE SURE TO SET THE PARKING BRAKE AND USE SAFETY STANDS.

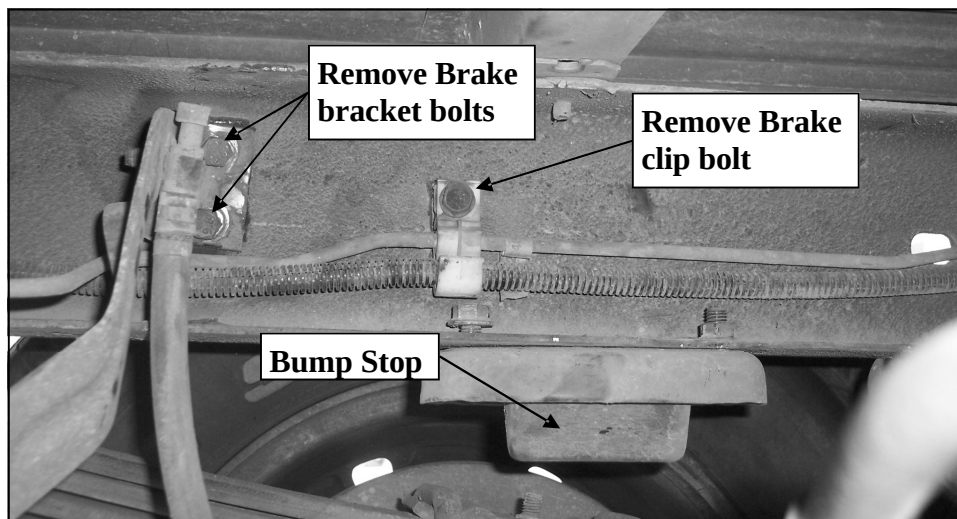
ENSURE THAT THE INSTALLATION OF COMPONENTS WILL NOT CRUSH OR DAMAGE FUEL AND BRAKE LINES OR ELECTRICAL HARNESES.

BEFORE DRILLING ANY HOLES, ENSURE THAT ALL ELECTRICAL WIRES, FUEL LINES, BRAKE LINES, BRAKE HOSES AND ANY OTHER COMPONENTS ARE MOVED OR PROTECTED TO AVOID DAMAGE FROM DRILLING ANY HOLES .

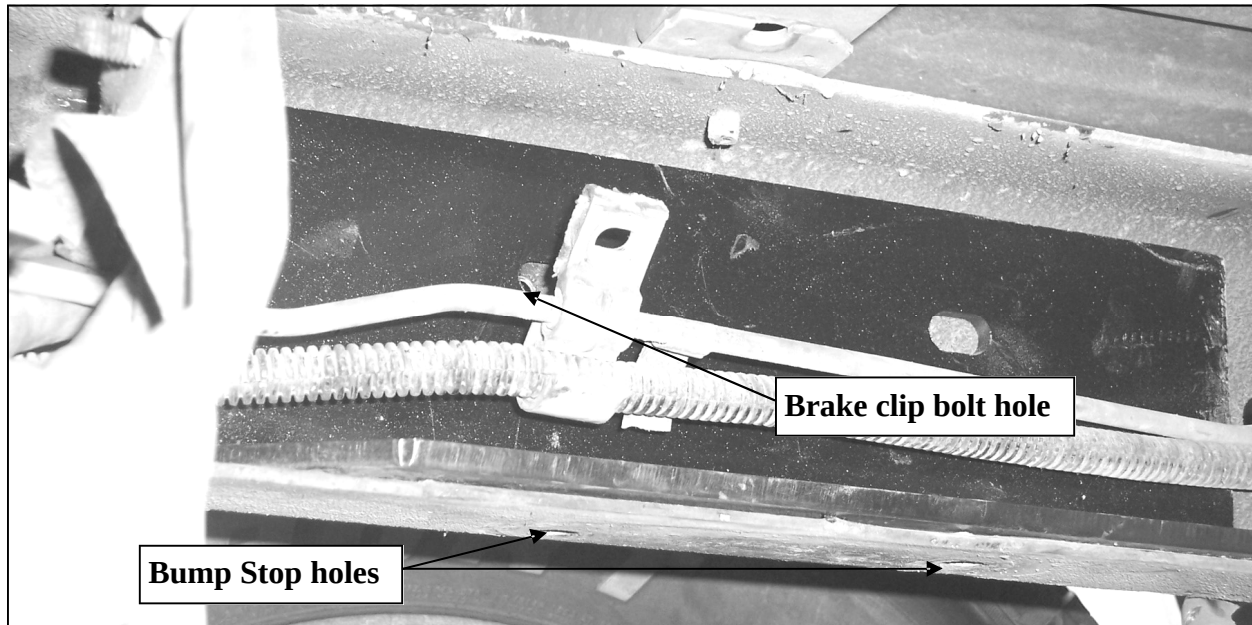
DO NOT ATTEMPT ANY MODIFICATIONS TO THE VEHICLE OTHER THAN THOSE OUTLINED IN THIS INSTRUCTION SHEET. IF ANY INTERFERENCE WITH THE GAS TANK, FUEL LINES, BRAKE LINES, EXHAUST PIPE, ETC. EXISTS, STOP YOUR INSTALLATION AND CALL HELLWIG PRODUCTS FOR TECHNICAL HELP.

IF WHEELS ARE REMOVED FOR INSTALLATION OF KIT, CHECK MANUFACTURERS SPECIFICATIONS FOR PROPER LUG NUT TORQUE BEFORE REINSTALLING WHEELS.

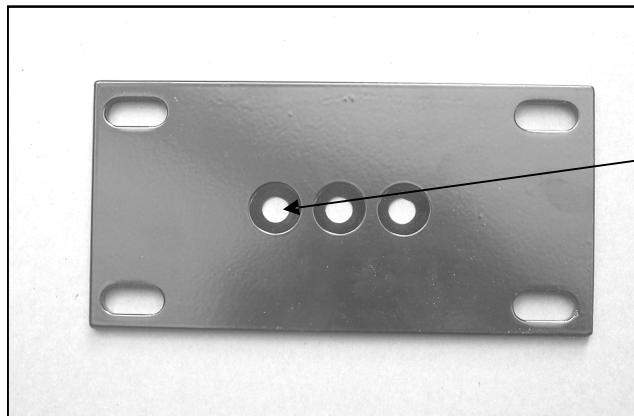
WHEN CUTTING AIR BRAKE TUBING A SQUARE CUT IS REQUIRED OR LEAKAGE MAY RESULT.



1. Park vehicle securely and set parking brake and chock wheels. Remove factory bump stops from vehicle by removing nuts from studs using a 15mm wrench or socket. Disconnect brake line clip and bracket from frame rail.



2. Slide angle bracket behind brake line and brake bracket as shown. Align bracket with existing hole in frame for brake line clip and bump stop holes.

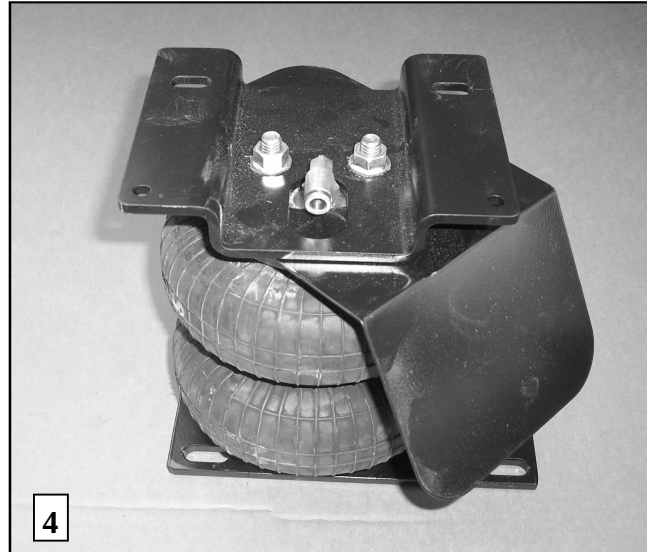


Attach air spring to plate using forward most countersunk hole

Front of Vehicle



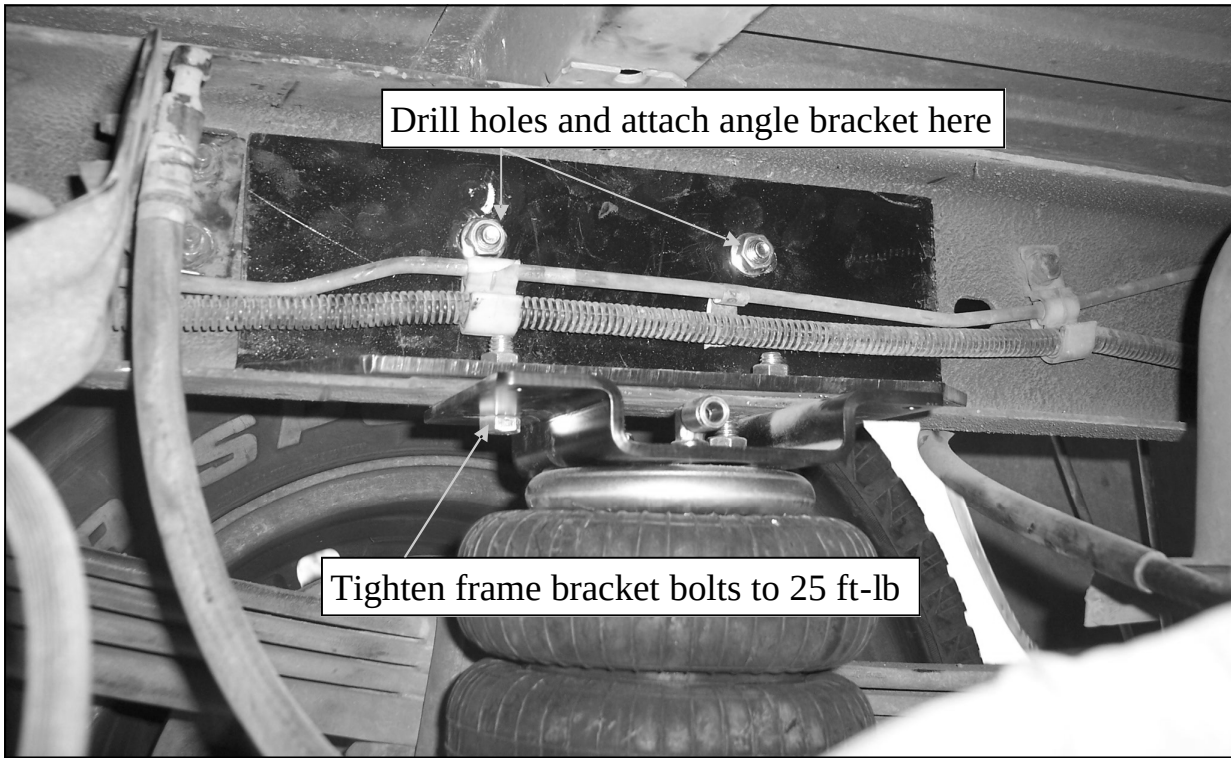
3. Lay out base plate as shown in photo. Attach air spring to base plate using 3/8" x 1" flat head cap screw in forward most hole. Torque to 20-25 ft-lb.



4. Install heat shield and frame bracket as shown. (Passenger side shown. Driver's side does not require heat shield.) Torque nuts to 20 ft-lb.



5. Place air spring assembly between frame rail and axle pad as shown. Attach frame bracket to rail and angle bracket using 3/8 x 1-1/4 bolts and flange nuts. LEAVE LOOSE FOR ADJUSTMENT LATER.



6. Drill $13/32$ " holes in frame using existing holes in angle bracket as a guide. Attach angle bracket using $3/8$ " x 1" bolts and flange nuts with a washer placed under the bolt head. Reattach brake line brackets using factory fasteners and tighten to factory specification. Tighten frame bracket and angle bolts to 25 ft-lb.



7. Insert carriage bolts into slotted holes in axle plate as shown in photo. Attach axle strap using washers and flange nuts. Tighten nuts until arms of axle strap flex slightly. It may be necessary to unclip the brake line from the axle and place axle strap under brake line if required for clearance. Check your installation to ensure that all fasteners are tight and that the assembly and all fasteners clear brake and fuel lines, emergency brake cables, fuel tanks, wiring harnesses, etc.



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8. Complete passenger and driver's side installation of air spring assembly.
9. Select a location for the air inflation valves. The location can be on the bumper or body of the vehicle where an air chuck can be used to inflate the air springs. Select a location where the valve will not be damaged or interfere with the operation of other components.
10. Cut air brake lines to length and connect air lines to fittings by pushing the air line into the air fittings as far as possible. **WHEN CUTTING AIR BRAKE TUBING, A SQUARE CUT IS REQUIRED AND THE HOSE END MUST NOT BE DEFORMED OR LEAKAGE MAY RESULT. IF DEFORMATION OF THE HOSE END OCCURS, THE HOSE END MUST BE RE-WORKED SO THAT IT IS ROUND.** Engagement of the sealing O-ring will be felt when the air line has been inserted properly into the fitting. Fittings may be disconnected if required by pushing down on the outer ring while pulling firmly on the air line. Route air lines away from exhaust pipes or any other sources of heat and ensure that the air lines are protected from sharp edges. A length of heat shielding is provided to protect the air line as it exits the passenger side air spring.
11. Inflate air springs to 40 psi and check for leaks. A soapy water solution can be used to find slow leaks.
12. When satisfied with integrity of the system, adjust air pressure to desired level. The air springs can be inflated to any level between 10 and 100 psi. **DO NOT** run the air springs empty or warranty will be void. **MINIMUM** air spring pressure is 5 psi. Failure to keep air in the air springs will void the warranty. For best **RIDE** use only enough air pressure as required to level the vehicle. If a firmer ride is desired, more pressure can be used.
13. Check air pressure in the system regularly to ensure system performance and maintenance of warranty. Just like tires, the air pressure in the system will vary due to temperature changes. For your air spring system to function properly it must be checked on a regular basis.

ATTENTION INSTALLER: BE SURE THAT THE CUSTOMER RECEIVES THIS INSTRUCTION SHEET, ALL IMPORTANT NOTE CARDS AND THE WARRANTY FORM.