

# HOTCHKIS SPORT SUSPENSION

## 1501 DOUBLE ADJUSTABLE PANHARD BAR 82-02 CHEVROLET/PONTIAC F-BODY



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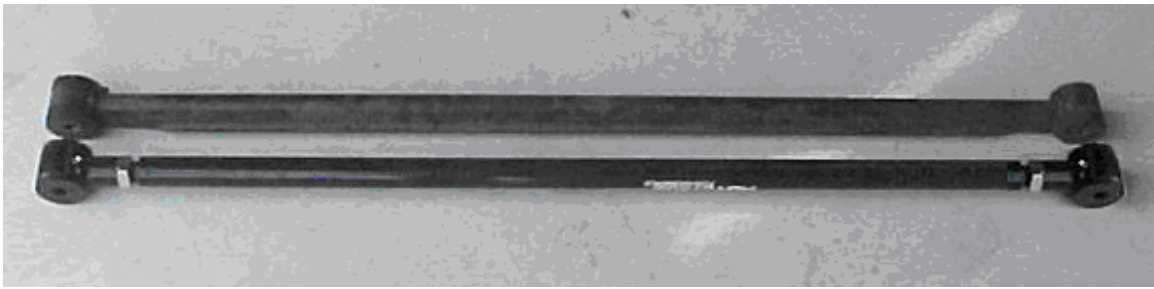
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### INSTALLATION OF HOTCHKIS PERFORMANCE ADJUSTABLE PANHARD BAR

- 1) Jack up the rear of the vehicle and use jack stands to support the sub-frame.
- 2) Place the jack under the differential to raise or lower the axle as necessary. You will need to do this so that the axle sits at ride height in the vehicle. **USE CAUTION!** Do not take the vehicle weight off the jack stands.
- 3) Remove the bolts at each end of the stock panhard bar and remove the bar. Retain and clean the stock hardware for later use!



- 4) Place the stock panhard bar on a flat, level surface, next to the Hotchkis panhard bar. Match the length between the bushing centers on the stock bar to the Hotchkis bar. If the lengths are uneven, then loosen the jam nut on the Hotchkis bar and rotate the head of the bar to adjust. Make sure you keep the exposed threads the same on both sides of the panhard bar.

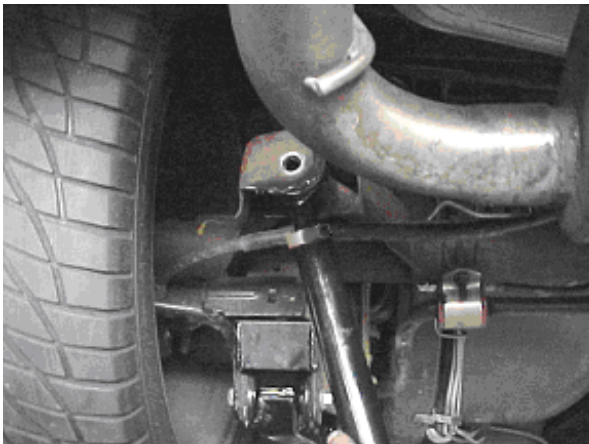


With all adjustments to the bar complete loosely tighten the jam nuts by hand to keep the heads from spinning when installing the bar.

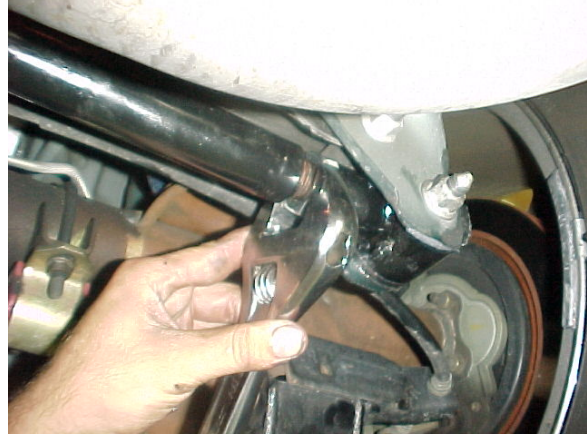
- 5) Use the grease provided in the kit to apply a thick coat of grease to the sides of the panhard rod bushings to prevent squeaking after installing.



- 6) Install the Hotchkis panhard rod back into the mounting points the stock bar used. Make certain that the grease fittings on the bar point towards the ground (if the head isn't facing the opposite direction of the non-adjustable end), as this will make it easier to grease the bar after installation. Install the fixed end of the bar first. Re-use the stock hardware to attach the bar, and loosely tighten it by hand.



- 7) Once the bar is in the correct position, secure the brake line to the panhard rod with a zip-tie or similar device. Apply one drop of Loctite to the threads that hold the panhard rod to the car and axle (the threads should be clean), and tighten all of the attaching hardware. Torque the attaching hardware to 50ft./lbs.



Once you have centered your axle using a tape measure, use a wrench to tighten the jam nuts against the panhard rod to keep it from rotating. Cover the zerk fittings using the caps provided. Remove the jack stands and lower the vehicle to finish the install.

**IMPORTANT:** Torque the jam nut before use. Re-torque the jam nut after the first use! Check all hardware after driving five miles.

To avoid bushing squeak, use the zerk fittings and grease gun to lube the bushings. The bushings will typically need to be lubed only once a year, but you can also consider lubing them with every oil change for good measure. **Use only NON-LITHIUM based grease** for lubrication as lithium base grease can wash out with water.





## Hotchkis Performance LLC Return Policy & Limited Warranty

Effective January 1, 2009 all Hotchkis 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.

### 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.**

### Limitation of Warranty

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



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#### **Technical Information**

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](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 inquiries 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.

**Effective January 1, 2009. This return policy and limited warranty supersedes all previous policy and warranty statements. Policies and warranties are subject to change without notice. Hotchkis Performance is not responsible for printing errors.**