



## INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS



**2014-2018 GM C/K1500 2WD/4WD**

**2017-2020 GM C/K 1500 SUV**

**6" BASIC & PERFORMANCE SYSTEMS**

**(GEN 2)**

**FT21170i**

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**- PARTS LIST -**  
**6" SYSTEM - FACTORY FORGED STEEL SUSPENSION (GEN 2)**  
 (refer to page 5 for hardware list)

| <b>K1083 6" BASIC SYSTEM GEN 2 W/PERFORMANCE SHOCKS W/STEEL SUSPENSION</b> |          |                                |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------|
| 1                                                                          | FTS21170 | COMPONENT BOX 1                |
| 1                                                                          | FTS21171 | COILOVER SPACER KIT            |
| 1                                                                          | FTS21173 | COMPONENT BOX 2 (GEN2) - STEEL |
| 2                                                                          | FTS7240  | REAR PERFORMANCE SHOCK         |

| <b>K1083M 6" BASIC SYSTEM GEN 2 W/STEALTH SHOCKS W/STEEL SUSPENSION</b> |          |                                |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------|
| 1                                                                       | FTS21170 | COMPONENT BOX 1                |
| 1                                                                       | FTS21171 | COILOVER SPACER KIT            |
| 1                                                                       | FTS21173 | COMPONENT BOX 2 (GEN2) - STEEL |
| 2                                                                       | FTS6240  | REAR STEALTH SHOCK             |

| <b>K1083DL 6" PERFORMANCE SYSTEM GEN 2 W/DIRT LOGIC SHOCKS W/STEEL SUSPENSION</b> |           |                                |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| 1                                                                                 | FTS21170  | COMPONENT BOX 1                |
| 1                                                                                 | FTS21173  | COMPONENT BOX 2 (GEN2) - STEEL |
| 1                                                                                 | FTS21207  | FRONT DIRT LOGIC 2.5 COILOVER  |
| 2                                                                                 | FTS810562 | DIRT LOGIC 2.25 NON RESI BLACK |

| <b>K1085DB 6" PERFORMANCE SYSTEM GEN 2 W/DIRT LOGIC 4.0 NON-RESI SHOCKS W/STEEL SUSPENSION</b> |           |                                |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| 1                                                                                              | FTS21170  | COMPONENT BOX 1                |
| 1                                                                                              | FTS21173  | COMPONENT BOX 2 (GEN2) - STEEL |
| 2                                                                                              | FTS835082 | FRONT DIRT LOGIC 4.0 COILOVER  |
| 2                                                                                              | FTS810562 | DIRT LOGIC 2.25 NON RESI BLACK |

| <b>FTS21170 COMPONENT BOX 1 (GEN2)</b> |           |                        |
|----------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| 1                                      | FT20657BK | FRONT SKID PLATE       |
| 2                                      | FT20658   | SWAY BAR DROP BRACKET  |
| 1                                      | FT20647   | DIFF BRACKET DRIVER    |
| 1                                      | FT20637BK | FRONT CROSSMEMBER      |
| 1                                      | FT20638BK | REAR CROSSMEMBER       |
| 1                                      | FT20648   | DIFF BRACKET PASSENGER |
| 1                                      | FT20655   | REAR DIFF SUPPORT      |
| 1                                      | FT20678   | HARDWARE SUBASSEMBLY   |
| 1                                      | FT20685   | HARDWARE KIT           |

| <b>FTS21173 COMPONENT BOX 2 (GEN2) STEEL</b> |                       |                             |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 4                                            | FT1500U-3             | UBOLT SQ 9/16-18X12.50X2.63 |
| 1                                            | FT20679               | HARDWARE SUBASSEMBLY        |
| 2                                            | FTBK5                 | BLOCK 5.0"                  |
| 1                                            | FTS20641D or FT20736D | SPINDLE (DRIVER)            |
| 1                                            | FTS20641P or FT20736P | SPINDLE (PASSENGER)         |

| <b>FT20678 HARDWARE SUBASSEMBLY</b> |           |                                     |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| 1                                   | FT20313   | FRONT BRAKELINE BRACKET (DRIVER)    |
| 1                                   | FT20314   | FRONT BRAKELINE BRACKET (PASSENGER) |
| 1                                   | FT90085   | BUSHING KIT (REAR DIFF SUPPORT)     |
| 1                                   | FTAS12    | STICKER FT BLUE 10X4 DIE CUT        |
| 1                                   | FTAS16    | DRIVER WARNING DECAL                |
| 1                                   | FTREGCARD | REGISTRATION CARD                   |
| 1                                   | FT21170i  | INSTRUCTIONS                        |

| <b>FT20679 HARDWARE SUBASSEMBLY</b> |         |                               |
|-------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| 2                                   | FT20025 | REAR BUMPSTOP SPACERS         |
| 2                                   | FT20277 | OUTER TIE ROD                 |
| 1                                   | FT20300 | 6 LUG 1/4" SPARE WHEEL SPACER |
| 1                                   | FT20349 | REAR BRAKE LINE BRACKET       |
| 2                                   | FT20664 | AXLE SHAFT SPACER             |
| 1                                   | FT757U  | U-BOLT                        |

| <b>FTS21171 GM 1500 6" SPACER KIT</b> |           |                                   |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| 1                                     | FT20667BK | UPPER SHOCK EXTENSION (DRIVER)    |
| 1                                     | FT20668BK | UPPER SHOCK EXTENSION (PASSENGER) |

## - PARTS LIST -

# 6" SYSTEM - FACTORY ALUMINUM OR STAMPED STEEL SUSPENSION (GEN 2) (refer to page 5 for hardware list)

| K1084 6" BASIC SYSTEM GEN 2 W/PERFORMANCE SHOCKS W/ALUMINUM & STAMPED STEEL SUSPENSION |          |                                   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|
| 1                                                                                      | FTS21170 | COMPONENT BOX 1                   |
| 1                                                                                      | FTS21171 | COILOVER SPACER KIT               |
| 1                                                                                      | FTS21172 | COMPONENT BOX 2 (GEN2) - ALUMINUM |
| 2                                                                                      | FTS7240  | REAR PERFORMANCE SHOCK            |

| K1084M 6" BASIC SYSTEM GEN 2 W/STEALTH SHOCKS W/ALUMINUM & STAMPED STEEL SUSPENSION |          |                                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|
| 1                                                                                   | FTS21170 | COMPONENT BOX 1                   |
| 1                                                                                   | FTS21171 | COILOVER SPACER KIT               |
| 1                                                                                   | FTS21172 | COMPONENT BOX 2 (GEN2) - ALUMINUM |
| 2                                                                                   | FTS6240  | REAR STEALTH SHOCK                |

| K1084DL 6" PERFORMANCE SYSTEM GEN 2 W/DIRT LOGIC SHOCKS W/ALUMINUM & STAMPED STEEL SUSPENSION |           |                                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| 1                                                                                             | FTS21170  | COMPONENT BOX 1                   |
| 1                                                                                             | FTS21172  | COMPONENT BOX 2 (GEN2) - ALUMINUM |
| 1                                                                                             | FTS21207  | FRONT DIRT LOGIC 2.5 COILOVER     |
| 2                                                                                             | FTS810562 | DIRT LOGIC 2.25 NON RESI BLACK    |

| K1086DB 6" PERFORMANCE SYSTEM GEN 2 W/DIRT LOGIC SHOCKS W/ALUMINUM & STAMPED STEEL SUSPENSION |           |                                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| 1                                                                                             | FTS21170  | COMPONENT BOX 1                   |
| 1                                                                                             | FTS21172  | COMPONENT BOX 2 (GEN2) - ALUMINUM |
| 2                                                                                             | FTS835082 | FRONT DIRT LOGIC 4.0 COILOVER     |
| 2                                                                                             | FTS810562 | DIRT LOGIC 2.25 NON RESI BLACK    |

| FTS21170 COMPONENT BOX 1 (GEN2) |           |                        |
|---------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| 1                               | FT20657BK | FRONT SKID PLATE       |
| 2                               | FT20658   | SWAY BAR DROP BRACKET  |
| 1                               | FT20647   | DIFF BRACKET DRIVER    |
| 1                               | FT20637BK | FRONT CROSSMEMBER      |
| 1                               | FT20638BK | REAR CROSSMEMBER       |
| 1                               | FT20648   | DIFF BRACKET PASSENGER |
| 1                               | FT20655   | REAR DIFF SUPPORT      |
| 1                               | FT20678   | HARDWARE SUBASSEMBLY   |
| 1                               | FT20685   | HARDWARE KIT           |

| FTS21172 COMPONENT BOX 2 (GEN2) - ALUM |                        |                             |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 4                                      | FT1500U-3              | UBOLT SQ 9/16-18X12.50X2.63 |
| 1                                      | FT20679                | HARDWARE SUBASSEMBLY        |
| 2                                      | FTBK5                  | BLOCK 5.0"                  |
| 1                                      | FTS20640D or FTS20642D | SPINDLE (DRIVER)            |
| 1                                      | FTS20640P or FTS20642P | SPINDLE (PASSENGER)         |

| FT20679 HARDWARE SUBASSEMBLY |         |                               |
|------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| 2                            | FT20025 | REAR BUMPSTOP SPACERS         |
| 2                            | FT20277 | OUTER TIE ROD                 |
| 1                            | FT20300 | 6 LUG 1/4" SPARE WHEEL SPACER |
| 1                            | FT20349 | REAR BRAKE LINE BRACKET       |
| 2                            | FT20664 | AXLE SHAFT SPACER             |
| 1                            | FT757U  | U-BOLT                        |

| FT20678 HARDWARE SUBASSEMBLY |           |                                     |
|------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| 1                            | FT20313   | FRONT BRAKELINE BRACKET (DRIVER)    |
| 1                            | FT20314   | FRONT BRAKELINE BRACKET (PASSENGER) |
| 1                            | FT90085   | BUSHING KIT (REAR DIFF SUPPORT)     |
| 1                            | FTAS12    | STICKER FT BLUE 10X4 DIE CUT        |
| 1                            | FTAS16    | DRIVER WARNING DECAL                |
| 1                            | FTREGCARD | REGISTRATION CARD                   |
| 1                            | FT21170i  | INSTRUCTIONS                        |

| FTS21171 2014 GM 1500 6" SPACER KIT |           |                                   |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| 1                                   | FT20667BK | UPPER SHOCK EXTENSION (DRIVER)    |
| 1                                   | FT20668BK | UPPER SHOCK EXTENSION (PASSENGER) |

**- PARTS LIST -**  
**6" SYSTEM - GM 1500 SUV - (GEN 2)**  
**(refer to page 5 for hardware list)**

| <b>K1125 6" BASIC SYSTEM GEN 2 CHEVY 1500 SUV</b> |          |                              |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------|------------------------------|
| 1                                                 | FTS21170 | COMPONENT BOX 1              |
| 1                                                 | FTS21171 | COILOVER SPACER KIT          |
| 1                                                 | FTS21246 | COMPONENT BOX 2 (GEN2) - SUV |
| 1                                                 | FTS21247 | REAR BOX KIT                 |

| <b>FTS21170 COMPONENT BOX 1 (GEN2)</b> |           |                        |
|----------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| 1                                      | FT20657BK | FRONT SKID PLATE       |
| 2                                      | FT20658   | SWAY BAR DROP BRACKET  |
| 1                                      | FT20647   | DIFF BRACKET DRIVER    |
| 1                                      | FT20637BK | FRONT CROSSMEMBER      |
| 1                                      | FT20638BK | REAR CROSSMEMBER       |
| 1                                      | FT20648   | DIFF BRACKET PASSENGER |
| 1                                      | FT20655   | REAR DIFF SUPPORT      |
| 1                                      | FT20678   | HARDWARE SUBASSEMBLY   |
| 1                                      | FT20685   | HARDWARE KIT           |

| <b>FT20678 HARDWARE SUBASSEMBLY</b> |           |                                     |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| 1                                   | FT20313   | FRONT BRAKELINE BRACKET (DRIVER)    |
| 1                                   | FT20314   | FRONT BRAKELINE BRACKET (PASSENGER) |
| 1                                   | FT90085   | BUSHING KIT (REAR DIFF SUPPORT)     |
| 1                                   | FTAS12    | STICKER FT BLUE 10X4 DIE CUT        |
| 1                                   | FTAS16    | DRIVER WARNING DECAL                |
| 1                                   | FTREGCARD | REGISTRATION CARD                   |
| 1                                   | FT21170i  | INSTRUCTIONS                        |

| <b>FTS21171 2014 GM 1500 6" SPACER KIT</b> |           |                                   |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| 1                                          | FT20667BK | UPPER SHOCK EXTENSION (DRIVER)    |
| 1                                          | FT20668BK | UPPER SHOCK EXTENSION (PASSENGER) |

| <b>FTS21246 COMPONENT BOX 2 (GEN2) - SUV</b> |                        |                      |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1                                            | FT20826                | HARDWARE SUBASSEMBLY |
| 1                                            | FTS20640D or FTS20642D | SPINDLE (DRIVER)     |
| 1                                            | FTS20640P or FTS20642P | SPINDLE (PASSENGER)  |

| <b>FT20826 HARDWARE SUBASSEMBLY</b> |         |                               |
|-------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| 2                                   | FT20277 | OUTER TIE ROD                 |
| 1                                   | FT20300 | 6 LUG 1/4" SPARE WHEEL SPACER |
| 2                                   | FT20664 | AXLE SHAFT SPACER             |
| 1                                   | FT757U  | AXLE U-BOLT                   |

| <b>FTS21247 SUV REAR BOX KIT</b> |               |                                 |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| 1                                | FT1599-2-2DBK | 5" SHOCK DROP BRACKET (DRIVER)  |
| 1                                | FT1599-2-2PBK | 5" SHOCK DROP BRACKET (PASS)    |
| 2                                | FT1599-2-4    | 5" SWAY BAR LINK                |
| 1                                | FT20292BK     | REAR TRACK BAR BRACKET          |
| 1                                | FT20299       | BUSHING AND SLEEVE KIT          |
| 1                                | FT20307BK     | TRACK BAR BRACKET SUPPORT       |
| 1                                | FT20309       | HARDWARE KIT                    |
| 1                                | FT20319BK     | REAR BUMP STOP BRACKET (DRIVER) |
| 1                                | FT20320BK     | REAR BUMP STOP BRACKET (PASS)   |
| 1                                | FT20823       | REAR UPPER LINK (DRIVER)        |
| 1                                | FT20824       | REAR UPPER LINK (PASS)          |
| 2                                | FT20825       | LOWER LINK                      |
| 2                                | FT1599-2BK    | REAR COIL SPRING                |
| 1                                | FT20827       | HARDWARE SUBASSEMBLY            |

| <b>FT20827 HARDWARE SUBASSEMBLY</b> |             |                               |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| 4                                   | 12001407100 | ZIP TIE 14"                   |
| 4                                   | 12008007100 | ZIP TIE 8"                    |
| 8                                   | FT1004      | SWAY BAR LINK BUSHING HALF    |
| 1                                   | FT21247i    | INSTRUCTIONS                  |
| 4                                   | FT404739    | SLEEVE OD 0.62 ID 12MM L 1.48 |



## - PARTS LIST - HARDWARE LIST

| FT20685 - HARDWARE KIT<br>SUB BAG 1 |                                  | LOCATION            |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 8                                   | 9/16 SAE WASHER G5 ZINC          | U-BOLT HARDWARE     |
| 8                                   | 9/16-18 NYLOCK NUT G5 ZINC       |                     |
| 2                                   | 5/16 SAE WASHER G5 ZINC          | REAR BRAKELINE BRKT |
| 1                                   | 5/16-18 X 1 HEX BOLT G5 ZINC     |                     |
| 1                                   | NUT 5/16-18 STOVER G5 Z1         |                     |
| 2                                   | M10 FLAT WASHER ZINC             | REAR BUMP STOP      |
| 2                                   | M10-1.5 X 25MM HEX HD C/S CL10.9 |                     |

| FT20685 - HARDWARE KIT<br>SUB BAG 2 |                                  | LOCATION         |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| 2                                   | BOLT 5/8"-11 X 4.5" G8 Z2        | FRT CROSSMEMBER  |
| 4                                   | 5/8 SAE WASHER G8 ZINC           |                  |
| 2                                   | LOCK NUT STOVER 5/8"- 11 G8      |                  |
| 4                                   | 5/8- 11 X 5-1/2 HEX BOLT G5 ZINC | REAR CROSSMEMBER |
| 8                                   | 5/8 SAE WASHER G8 ZINC           | REAR BUMP STOP   |
| 4                                   | LOCK NUT STOVER 5/8"-11 G8       |                  |
| 2                                   | 7/16- 14 X 1-1/2 HEX BOLT G8 ZC  | SKID PLATE       |
| 4                                   | 7/16 SAE WASHER G8 ZINC          |                  |
| 2                                   | 7/16-14 C-LOCK NUT ZINC          |                  |
| 1                                   | 1/2-13 X 1-1/2 HEX BOLT G8 ZINC  | SKID PLATE       |
| 2                                   | 1/2 SAE WASHER G8 ZINC           |                  |
| 1                                   | 1/2-13 C-LOCK NUT ZINC           |                  |

| FT20685 - HARDWARE KIT<br>SUB BAG 3 |                                  | LOCATION            |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1                                   | 9/16-18 X 4-1/2 HEX BOLT G8 ZC   | REAR DIFF SUPPORT   |
| 2                                   | 9/16 SAE WASHER G8 ZINC          |                     |
| 1                                   | 9/16-18 NYLOCK NUT G5 ZINC       |                     |
| 3                                   | M10-1.5 X 60MM HEX BOLT G10.9    |                     |
| 3                                   | M10 FLAT WASHER ZINC             |                     |
| 2                                   | 1/2-13 X 1-3/4 HEX BOLT G8 ZINC  | DRIVER DIFF BRACKET |
| 4                                   | 1/2 SAE WASHER G8 ZINC           |                     |
| 2                                   | 1/2-13 C-LOCK NUT ZINC           |                     |
| 2                                   | 1/2 SAE WASHER G8 ZINC           | PASS DIFF UBOLT     |
| 2                                   | 1/2-13 C-LOCK NUT ZINC           |                     |
| 1                                   | 9/16-12 X 1-3/4 HEX BOLT G8 ZINC | PASS DIFF BRACKET   |
| 2                                   | 9/16 SAE WASHER G8 ZINC          |                     |
| 1                                   | C-LOCK NUT 9/16"-12 CLEAR ZINC   |                     |

| FT20685 - HARDWARE KIT<br>SUB BAG 4 |                                   | LOCATION            |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 6                                   | 7/16 SAE WASHER G8 ZINC           | UPPER SHOCK EXT     |
| 6                                   | 7/16-14 C-LOCK NUT ZINC           |                     |
| 4                                   | 3/8-16 X 1-1/2 HEX BOLT G8 ZINC   | SWAY BAR            |
| 8                                   | 3/8 SAE WASHER G8 ZINC            |                     |
| 4                                   | 3/8-16 C-LOCK NUT ZINC            |                     |
| 4                                   | M10-1.5 X 30 HEX BOLT G10.9 ZINC  | SWAY BAR            |
| 4                                   | 10MM SPLIT WASHER                 |                     |
| 2                                   | 1/4-20 X 3/4 HEX BOLT G5 ZINC     | SPINDLE ABS         |
| 2                                   | 1/4 LOCK WASHER G5 ZINC           |                     |
| 4                                   | 1/4-20 X 1 HEX BOLT G5 ZINC       | BRAKE LINE BRACKET  |
| 8                                   | 1/4 SAE WASHER G5 ZINC            |                     |
| 4                                   | 1/4-20 C-LOCK NUT ZINC            |                     |
| 2                                   | CLAMP 3/8 X 1/2W .26 RUBBER CLAMP | FRONT BRAKE LINES   |
| 12                                  | 8" CABLE TIE BLACK                | FRT/REAR BRAKE LINE |
| 2                                   | THREAD LOCKING COMPOUND 2 MIL     |                     |

**NOTE:** TO ORDER WEARABLE REPLACEMENT COMPONENTS DO NOT USE PART NUMBERS SHOWN ON THIS INSTRUCTION SHEET. GO TO FABTECH WEBSITE AND LOOK UP WEARABLE REPLACEMENT PARTS TO FIND THE PROPER PART NUMBER TO ORDER.

## - TOOL LIST -

### ***Required Tools (Not Included)***

Basic Hand Tools  
Floor Jack  
Jack Stands  
Assorted Metric and S.A.E sockets, and Allen wrenches  
Torque Wrench  
Die Grinder w/ Cutoff Wheel or Reciprocating Saw

## - PRE-INSTALLATION NOTES -

For technical assistance call: **909-597-7800** or e-mail: **info@fabtechmotorsports.com**

### ***READ THIS BEFORE YOU BEGIN INSTALLATION -***

Check all parts to the parts list above before beginning installation. If any parts are missing contact Fabtech at 909-597-7800 and a replacement part will be sent to you immediately.

Read all instructions thoroughly from start to finish before beginning the installation. If these instructions are not properly followed severe frame, driveline and / or suspension damage may occur.

Check your local city and state laws prior to the installation of this system for legality. Do not install if not legal in your area.

Prior to the installation of this suspension system perform a front end alignment and record. Do not install this system if the vehicle alignment is not within factory specifications. Check for frame and suspension damage prior to installation.

The installation of this suspension system should be performed by two professional mechanics.

This suspension must be installed with Fabtech shock absorbers.

Use the provided thread locking compound on all hardware.

**WARNING-** Installation of this system will alter the center of gravity of the vehicle and may increase roll over as compared to stock.

Vehicles that receive oversized tires should check ball joints, uniballs, tie rods ends, pitman arm and idler arm every 2500-5000 miles for wear and replace as needed.

Verify differential fluid is at manufactures recommended level prior to kit installation. Installation of the kit will reposition the differential and the fill plug hole may be in a different position. (For example, if the manufacture recommends 3 quarts of fluid, make sure the diff has 3 quarts of fluid). Check your specific manual for correct amount of fluid.

### ***FOOTNOTES -***

- Will not fit all wheel drive models.
- Cannot use OEM wheel and tire. Use wheels with 5" Backspacing.
- Does not fit standard cab.
- Will not fit vehicles equipped with super cruise

## - INSTRUCTIONS -

### FRONT SUSPENSION

1. Disconnect the negative terminal on the battery. Jack up the front end of the truck and support the frame rails with jack stands. **NEVER WORK UNDER AN UNSUPPORTED VEHICLE!** Remove the front tires.
2. Working from the front of the truck, remove factory skid plate. Disconnect the tie rod ends from the steering knuckle by striking the knuckle to dislodge the tie rod end. **SEE FIGURE 1**



FIGURE 1 - STEP 2

3. Remove the brake hose bracket from the steering knuckle and coil bucket, save hardware. Remove the caliper from the rotor and secure the brake caliper to the frame out of the way. **DO NOT ALLOW THE BRAKE CALIPER TO HANG FROM THE HOSE. SEE FIGURES 2-3**



FIGURE 2 - STEP 3



FIGURE 3 - STEP 3

4. Remove the wheel stud clips and discard. Remove the rotor positioning screw, and remove the rotor. Put in safe place not allowing it to get damaged. Retain hardware for reinstallation. **SEE FIGURES 4-5**



FIGURE 4 - STEP 4

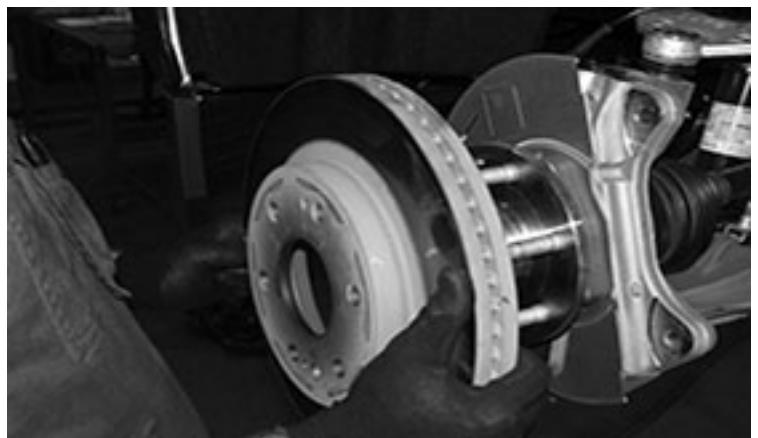


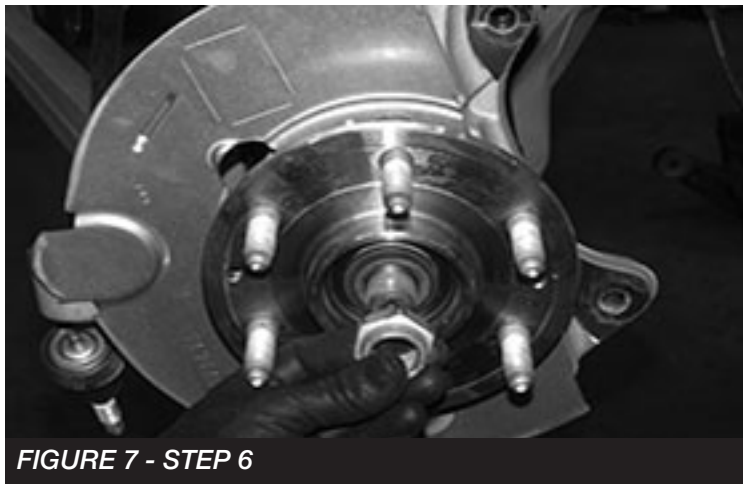
FIGURE 5 - STEP 4

5. Remove the wheel sensor screw and carefully remove the sensor and reroute it away from the spindle. Save hardware. **SEE FIGURE 6**



**FIGURE 6 - STEP 5**

6. Remove the axle nut and washer, save for re-installation. **SEE FIGURE 7**

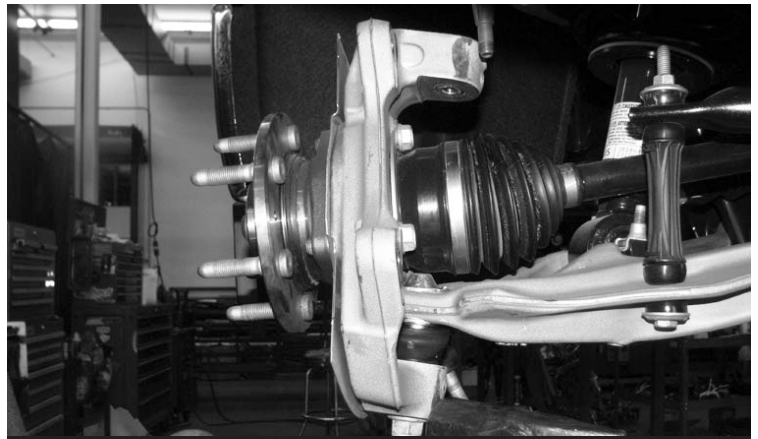


**FIGURE 7 - STEP 6**

7. Loosen the upper and lower ball joint nuts. Using a large hammer, carefully strike the spindle at the ball joint to dislodge the ball joint. Use care not to hit the ball joints when removing. **SEE FIGURES 8-10.** Remove and save the nuts. Discard the factory spindle.



**FIGURE 8 - STEP 7**



**FIGURE 9 - STEP 7**



**FIGURE 10 - STEP 7**

8. Remove the sway bar end link bolt and the end link save the bolt for reinstallation. **SEE FIGURE 11**



**FIGURE 11 - STEP 8**



9. Remove and save the upper coilover assembly nuts, and lower bar pin bolts. Remove the coilover. **NOTE: For Magna-Ride models disconnect the wire at the top of the coilover. SEE FIGURES 12-14.**



FIGURE 12 - STEP 9

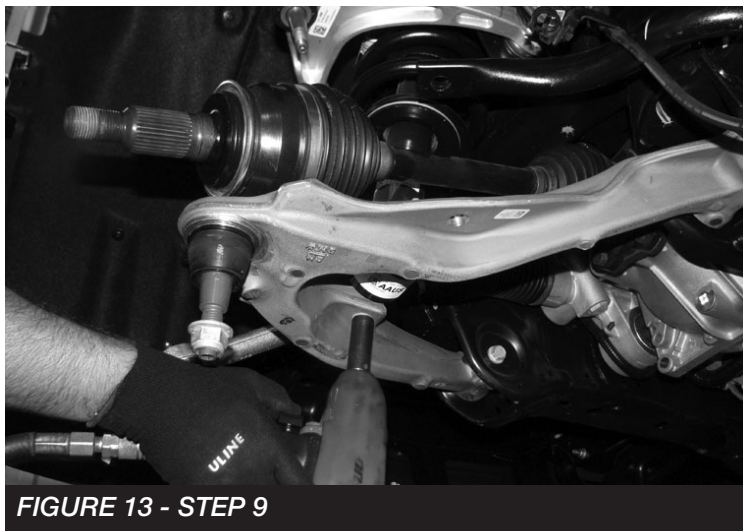


FIGURE 13 - STEP 9



FIGURE 14 - STEP 9

10. Remove and save the bolts attaching the axle shaft to the differential. Remove the axle shaft. **SEE FIGURE 15**

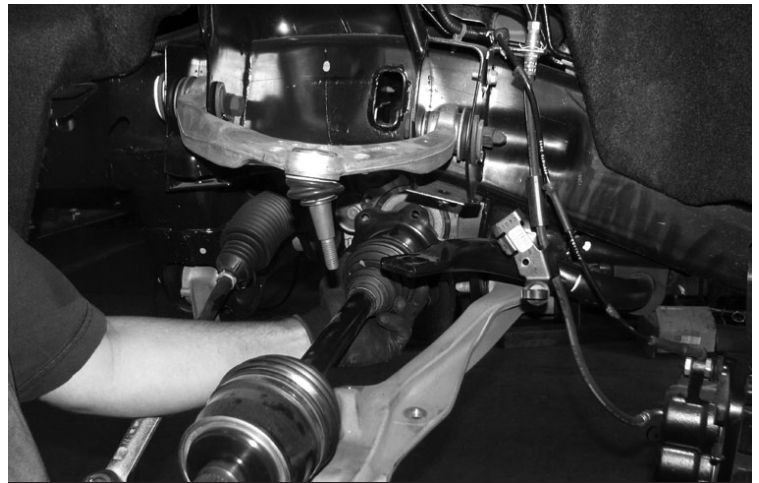


FIGURE 15 - STEP 10

11. Loosen and remove the lower control arm bolts. Remove control arms and set aside with hardware. **SEE FIGURES 16-17**



FIGURE 16 - STEP 11



FIGURE 17 - STEP 11



12. Remove sway bar from vehicle, discard hardware. **SEE FIGURE 18**

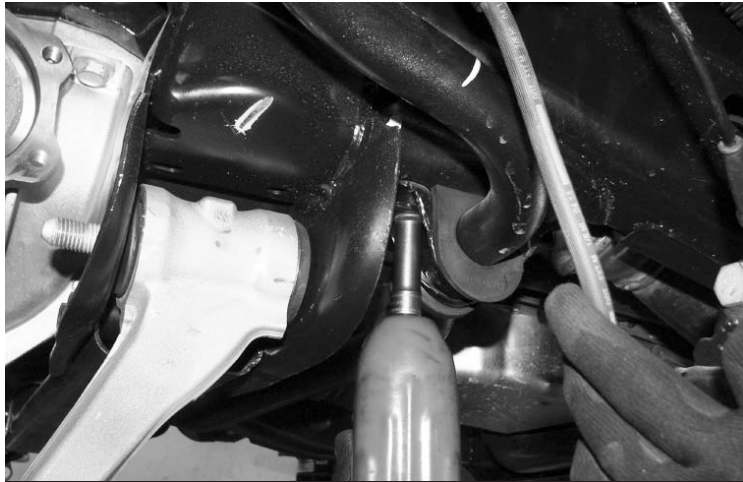


FIGURE 18 - STEP 12

13. Remove the factory brake line bracket from the brake line. Be careful not to damage the hose. **NOTE: May require cutting, be careful not to damage the hose. SEE FIGURE 19**



FIGURE 19 - STEP 13

14. Locate and remove the rear factory cross member and discard. **SEE FIGURE 20**

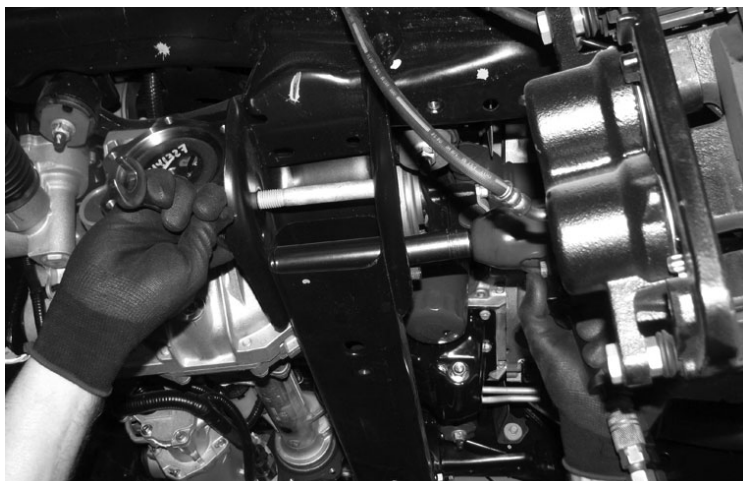


FIGURE 20 - STEP 14

15. Locate the rear driver lower control arm mount on the frame. Measure 3" from the inside edge of the mount and mark with a paint pen. Use a reciprocating saw and cut both sides of the mount from the frame. **SEE FIGURES 21-22**



FIGURE 21 - STEP 15

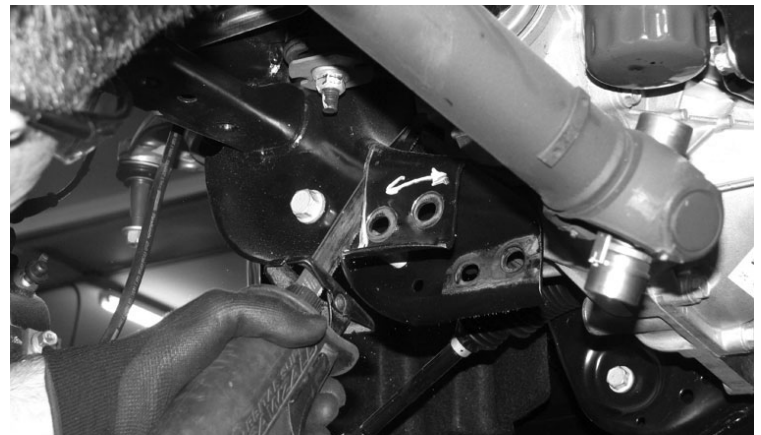


FIGURE 22 - STEP 15

16. Locate the rear passenger lower control arm mount on the frame. Measure 3-1/2" from the inside edge of the mount and mark with a paint pen. Use a reciprocating saw and cut both sides of the mount from the frame. **SEE FIGURES 23-24**



FIGURE 23 - STEP 16





FIGURE 24 - STEP 16

17. Locate the factory front lower control arm pockets. Grind about 1/4" from both corners on both pockets. **SEE FIGURES 25-26**



FIGURE 25 - STEP 17



FIGURE 26 - STEP 17

18. DUE TO VARIANCES IN EACH TRUCK, ADDITIONAL GRINDING MAY BE REQUIRED FOR PROPER FITMENT OF THE CROSS MEMBERS. USE THESE MEASUREMENTS AS A STARTING POINT AND CLEARANCE THE FRAME POCKETS AS NEEDED FOR PROPER FITMENT OF THE CROSS MEMBERS.

19. Locate the driver and passenger rear lower control arm pockets. On the front side of the pockets, measure and mark 1" down from the mounting hole. Cut the brackets like shown in **FIGURES 27-28**



FIGURE 27 - STEP 19



FIGURE 28 - STEP 19

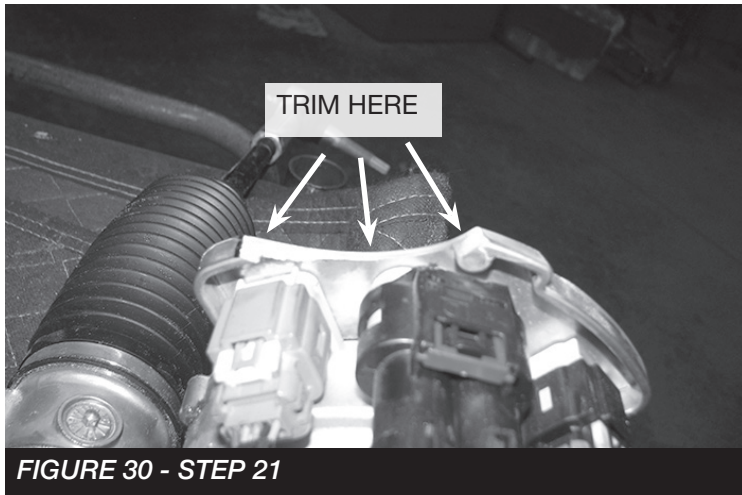
20. Disconnect the front driveshaft from the differential housing and retain bolts and u joint clamps for reinstallation. **SEE FIGURE 29**



FIGURE 29 - STEP 20



21. Unplug the steering rack harness and remove the steering rack. Due to manufacturer variances, some steering racks will need to be trimmed on the passenger side where the wiring harnesses are located. If the rack has an extended lip over the harness carefully trim a radius like shown in **FIGURE 30**



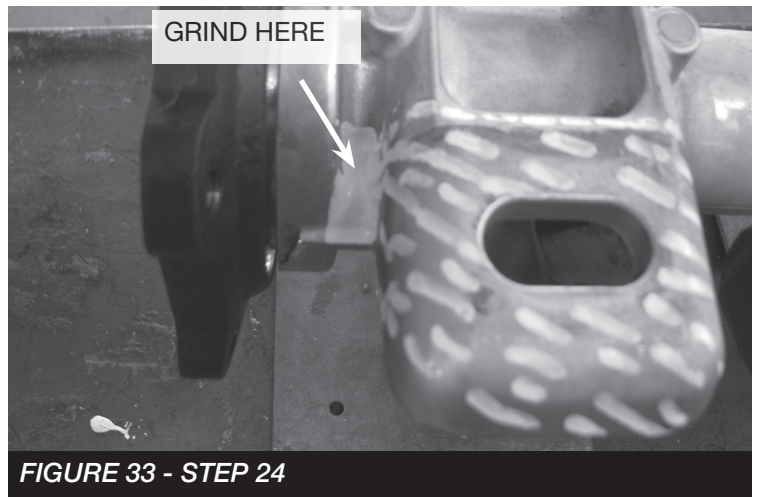
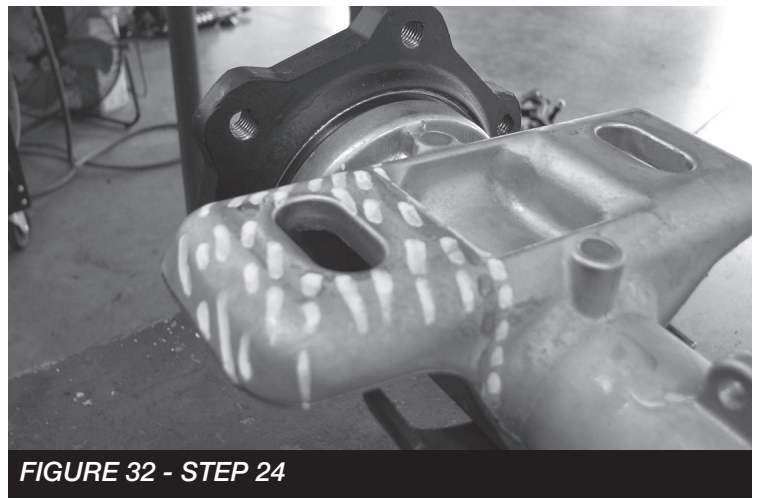
22. Disconnect the electrical connection (pass side) and the vacuum line (driver side) from the differential housing. Make sure the wire harness is completely detached from the housing. Carefully remove the differential and set aside. Retain hardware for reinstallation.

23. Locate the drivers side differential mount. The locating pin on the mount needs to be cut off. Using a die grinder with a cut off wheel, cut the pin flush with the bracket. **SEE FIGURE 31**

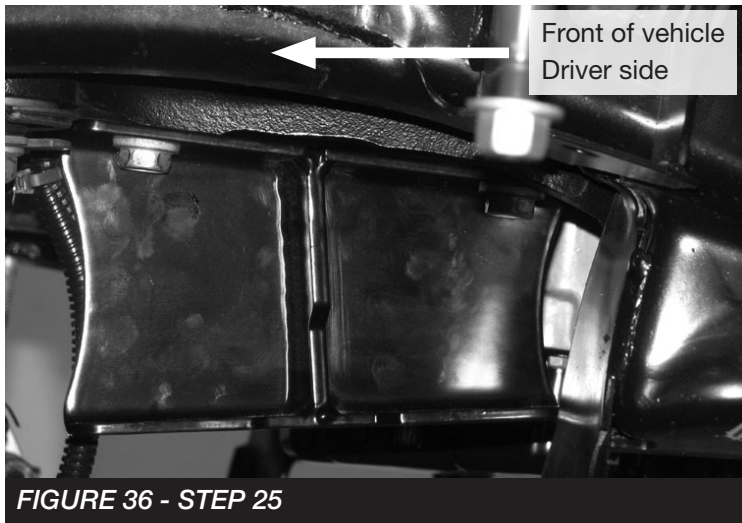
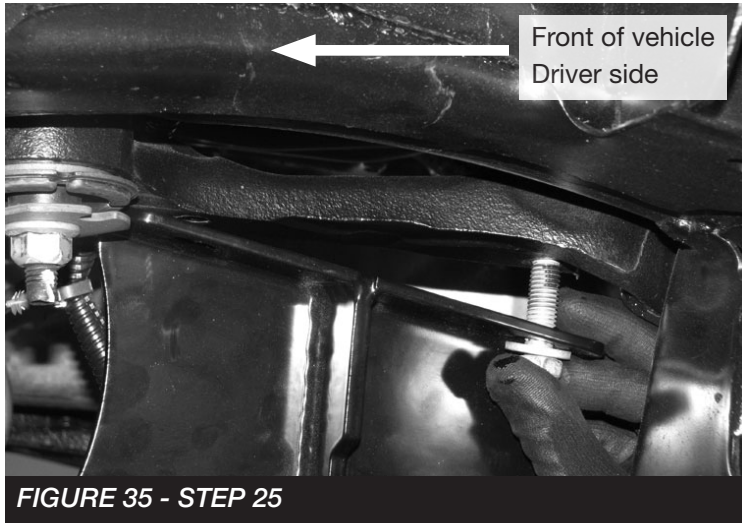


24. Locate the passenger side front mounting tab on the differential. Cut the front tab straight off and sand to a smooth finish. The end should be flush with the axle housing. **NOTE: More sanding may be required due to manufacturer variances. SEE FIGURES 32-34**

**Note:** Grind a flat spot on the axle (approx. 1/8" deep) just to the side of the mounting tab. **SEE FIGURE 33.** This is to prevent the steering rack and differential from making contact.



25. Locate FT20647 (driver) and FT20648 (pass) differential drop brackets and factory hardware. Install the brackets to the factory mounts with the taller part of the bracket towards the front of the vehicle. **SEE FIGURES 35-37**  
Torque to 100 ft-lbs.



26. Locate the Differential drop bracket hardware. (driver) 1/2"-13 x 1-3/4" bolt, washers, and nuts. (Pass) 9/16"-12 x 1-3/4" bolt, washer, and nut, FT757U (ubolt) and 1/2" washers and nuts. Using a transmission jack, install the differential into the vehicle with the provided hardware, leave loose at this time. **SEE FIGURES 38-41**







**FIGURE 41 - STEP 25**

27. Reinstall the steering rack and plug all harnesses back in. Locate and install FT20637BK (front crossmember) into the factory lower control arm pockets using the stock hardware. Leave loose at this time. **SEE FIGURE 42**



**FIGURE 42 - STEP 27**

28. Install FT90085 (bushing kit) into FT20655 (rear diff support) **SEE FIGURES 43-44**

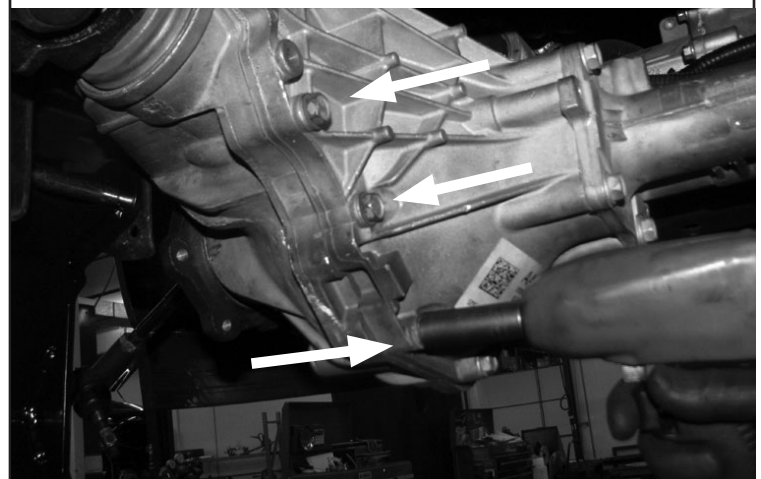


**FIGURE 43 - STEP 28**



**FIGURE 44 - STEP 28**

29. Remove the 3 factory differential housing bolts and discard. **SEE FIGURE 45**



**FIGURE 45 - STEP 29**

30. Install the FT20365 (rear diff support bracket) on the differential using the provided M10-1.5 X 60mm bolts, washers and thread lock. Torque to 58 ft-lbs. **SEE FIGURE 46**



**FIGURE 46 - STEP 30**

31. Locate and install FT20638BK (rear crossmember) using the provided 5/8"-11 X 5-1/2" bolts, washers, and nuts, leave loose at this time. Locate the rear diff support hardware 9/16"-18 X 4-1/2" bolt, washers and nut. Install the hardware and leave loose at this time. **SEE FIGURE 47-48**



FIGURE 47 - STEP 31

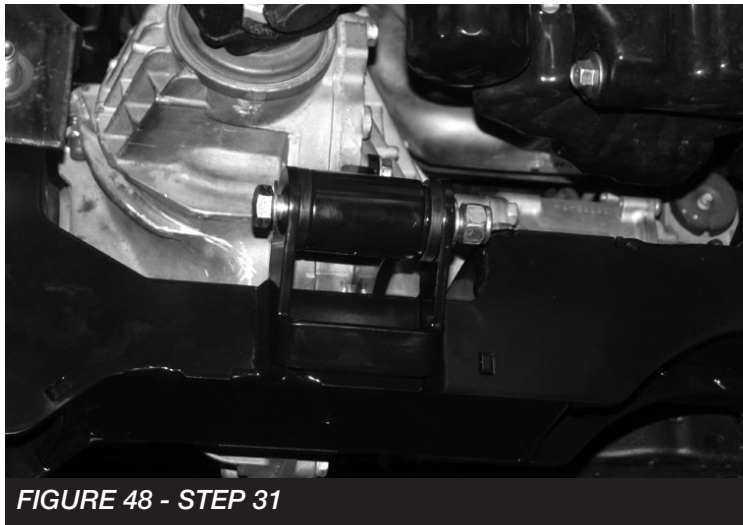


FIGURE 48 - STEP 31

32. Locate FT20657BK (front skid plate) using the provided hardware, install the skid plate by using the 7/16"-14 x 1-1/2" bolts, washers and nuts to the front crossmember. **Torque to 83 ft-lbs.** Use the 1/2"-13 x 1-1/2" bolt, washer and nut on the rear crossmember. Torque to 127 ft-lbs. **SEE FIGURE 49**



FIGURE 49 - STEP 32

33. Reinstall the lower control arms using the provided 5/8"-11 X 4-1/2" bolt, washers and nut for the front pocket. Use the 5/8"-11 X 5-1/2" bolt, washers, and nut for the rear pocket. Leave loose at this time. **SEE FIGURE 50**



FIGURE 50 - STEP 33

34. Locate the factory spindle. Disassemble the factory knuckle from the hub assembly by removing the 3 bolts. Discard knuckle washer. **SEE FIGURES 51-52**

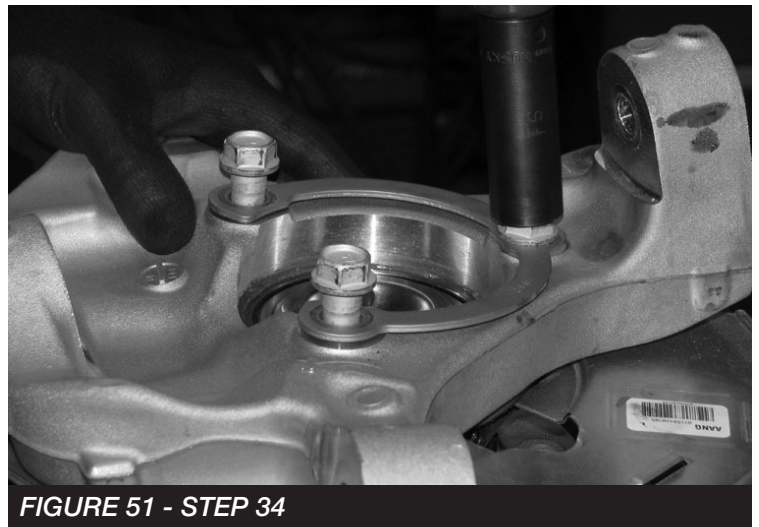


FIGURE 51 - STEP 34



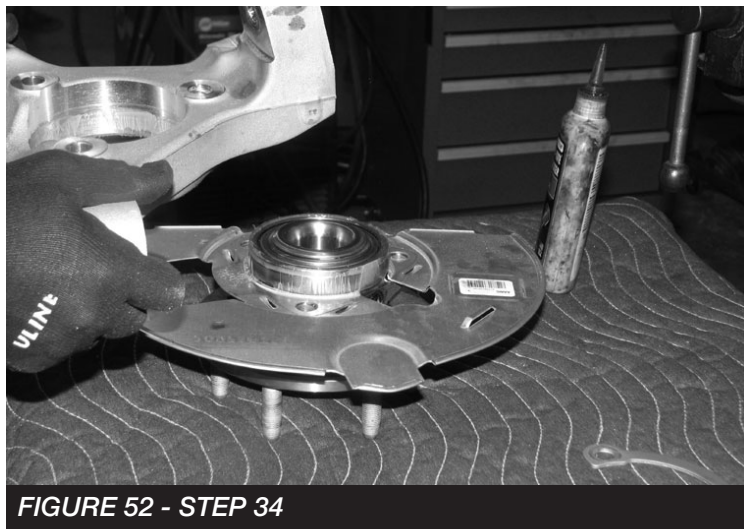


FIGURE 52 - STEP 34

35. The dust shield on the hub assembly needs to be trimmed to clear the new Fabtech spindle. Refer to **FIGURE 53**. Repeat for passenger side.

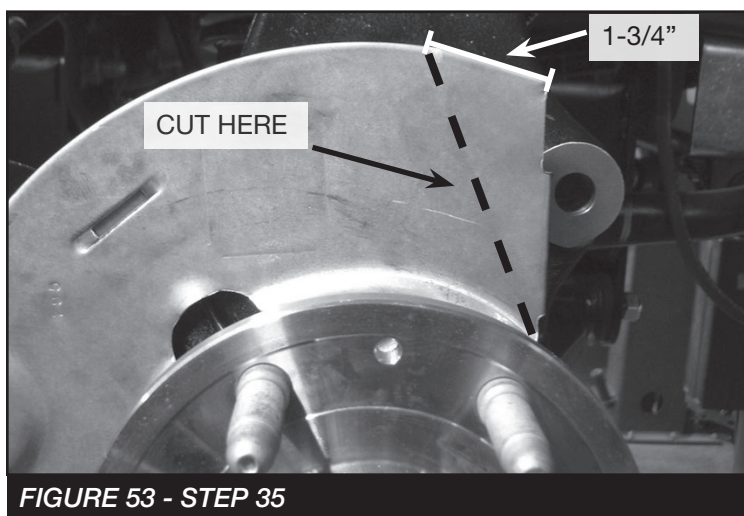


FIGURE 53 - STEP 35

36. Locate FTS20641D, FTS20640D, FTS20642D or FT20736D (Driver Knuckle), assemble the new spindle on the hub assembly. Use thread lock on the factory hardware and torque to 125 ft-lbs. Repeat on passenger side using the corresponding knuckle. **SEE FIGURE 54**



FIGURE 54 - STEP 36

37. Locate the drivers side axle shaft, factory hardware and FT20664 (Axle Shaft Spacer). Using thread lock install the Axle shaft to the differential **SEE FIGURE 55**, Torque to 55 ft-lbs. Install FT20664 (Axle Shaft Spacer) onto the axle **SEE FIGURE 56**.



FIGURE 55 - STEP 37

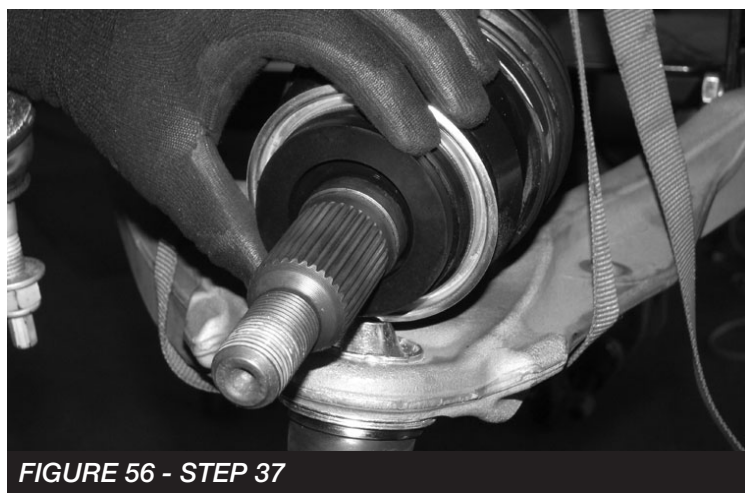


FIGURE 56 - STEP 37



38. **NOTE:** For Dirt Logic Coilovers skip to step 40. Locate the factory drivers side coilover assembly and FT20667BK (Driver side shock extension). **NOTE: When installing on vehicle equipped with Magna-Ride. Route the wire up through the inside of the new Fabtech spacer before installing the factory nuts.** Using the thread lock assemble the two with the factory hardware. Torque to 58 ft-lbs. **SEE FIGURE 57-58 Repeat for Passenger side.**



FIGURE 57 - STEP 38



FIGURE 58 - STEP 38

39. Install the coilover assembly into the top mount using the provided 7/16" hardware. Torque to 83 ft-lbs. Then, use the factory hardware to assemble the lower control arm to the coilover. Torque to 100 ft-lbs **SEE FIGURES 59-61**



FIGURE 59 - STEP 39



FIGURE 60 - STEP 39



FIGURE 61 - STEP 39



40. For Dirt Logic Coilovers use the supplied 3/8" hardware for the top mount, and 7/16" hardware for the lower mount. When installing the coilover, it will offset towards the rear of the vehicle. **SEE FIGURES 62-64.**



FIGURE 62 - STEP 40



FIGURE 63 - STEP 40

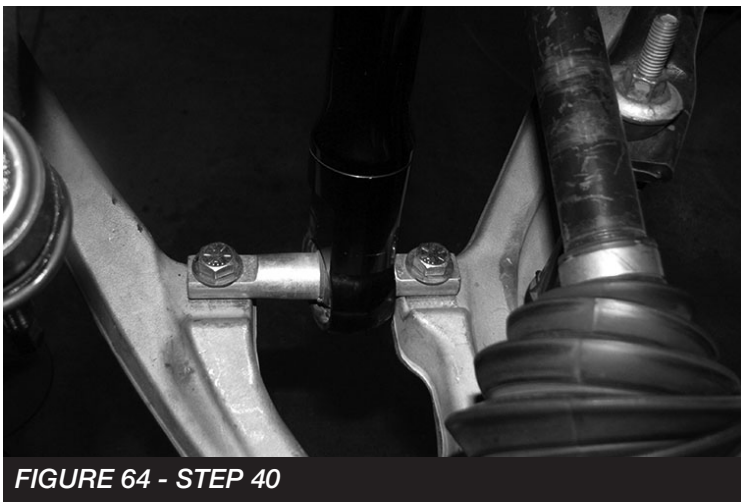


FIGURE 64 - STEP 40

41. If installing the Dirt Logic 4.0 Coilover. It will install the same as in **Step 39.** **SEE FIGURE 65**



FIGURE 65 - STEP 41

42. Install the new spindle onto the lower control arm ball joint while inserting the axle end through the hub assembly **SEE FIGURE 66** Torque to 83 ft-lbs. Finally, connect the upper control arm to the spindle. **SEE FIGURE 67.** Torque the upper ball joint to 58 ft-lbs, and the lower ball joint to 70 ft-lbs. **NOTE: If installing on a vehicle with factory stamped steel control arms the rubber stop on the control arm pocket will need to be removed.**

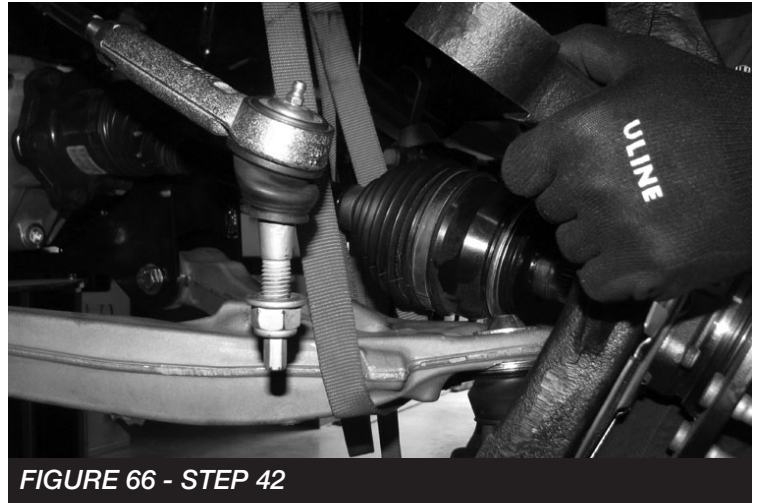


FIGURE 66 - STEP 42

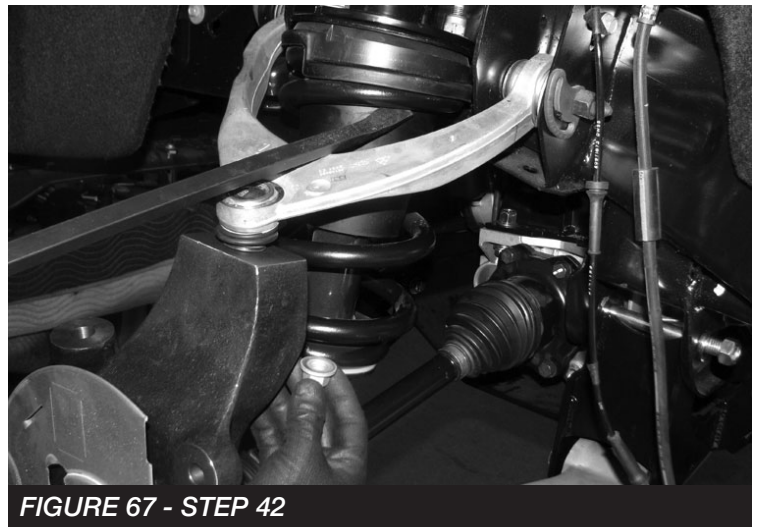


FIGURE 67 - STEP 42



43. Locate the FT20277 (Outer Tie Rod), install the zerk fitting that is provided. **SEE FIGURE 68.** Loosen the jam nut and remove factory tie rod end, leaving the factory jam nut in place, install the FT20277 until it makes contact with the jam nut. Attach the new tie rod end to the spindle with the supplied nut and torque to 40 ft-lbs. Then, tighten the jam nut. **SEE FIGURE 68-71. NOTE: IF USING 17"/18" WHEELS, THE EXCESS THREAD ON THE BOTTOM OF THE LOWER BALL JOINT WILL NEED TO BE CUT OFF.**

**NOTE:** Make sure to grease the new tie rod end ball joints.



FIGURE 68 - STEP 43



FIGURE 69 - STEP 43



FIGURE 70 - STEP 43



FIGURE 71 - STEP 43

44. Locate and install the factory hub assembly washer and nut using the provided thread lock. Torque to 150 ft-lbs **SEE FIGURE 72**

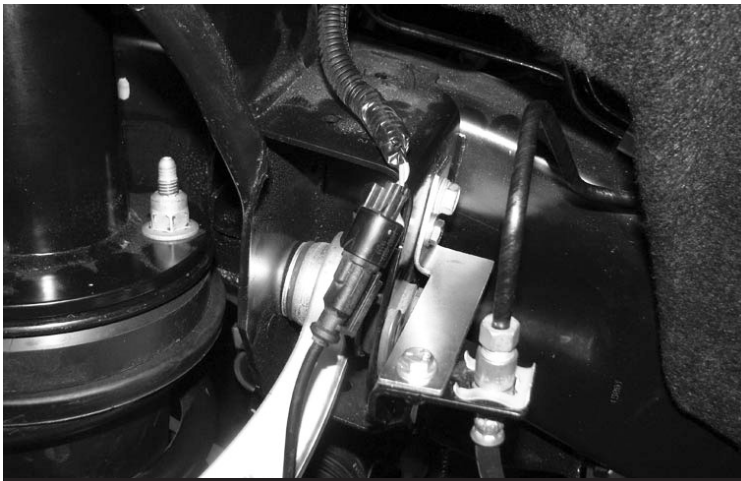


FIGURE 72 - STEP 44

45. Locate FT20313 (Driver), FT20314 (Pass) brake line bracket and the provided 1/4"-20 x 1" bolts, washers and nuts. Position the new bracket into the factory brake line bracket location and attach with the factory hardware and the 1/4" hardware. Attach the factory bracket to the new Fabtech bracket. Carefully bend the hard brake line and attach with the supplied 1/4" hardware. Torque to 10 ft-lbs. **SEE FIGURES 73-74**



**FIGURE 73 - STEP 45**

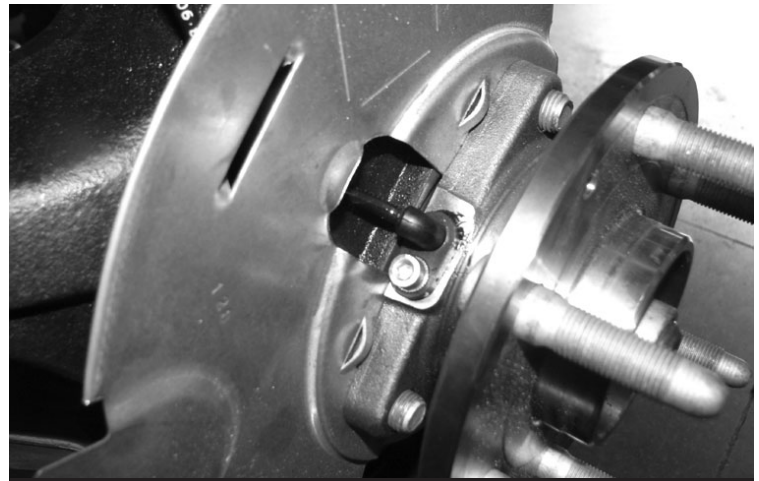


**FIGURE 74 - STEP 45**

46. Re-route the brake hose and the ABS line to the steering knuckle. Secure the ABS line to the back of the knuckle using the provided clamp and 1/4" bolt and washer. Torque to 10 ft-lbs. Re-connect the ABS line into the hub assembly and torque to 10 ft-lbs. Use the provided black zip ties to mount the brake line in a safe location. **SEE FIGURES 75-76**



**FIGURE 75 - STEP 46**



**FIGURE 76 - STEP 46**

47. Proceed with torquing all bolts and nuts. Differential bracket bolts torque to 106 ft-lbs. Cross member bolts torque to 212 ft-lbs, rear differential bracket torque to 100 ft-lbs.
48. Re-install the front driveshaft to the differential with the factory hardware and torque to 50 ft-lbs.



49. Locate FT20658BK (sway bar drop brackets), and M10-1.5 x 30 bolts and washers. Install the new brackets with the flat side towards the outside of the vehicle. Torque to 58 ft-lbs. **SEE FIGURE 77**

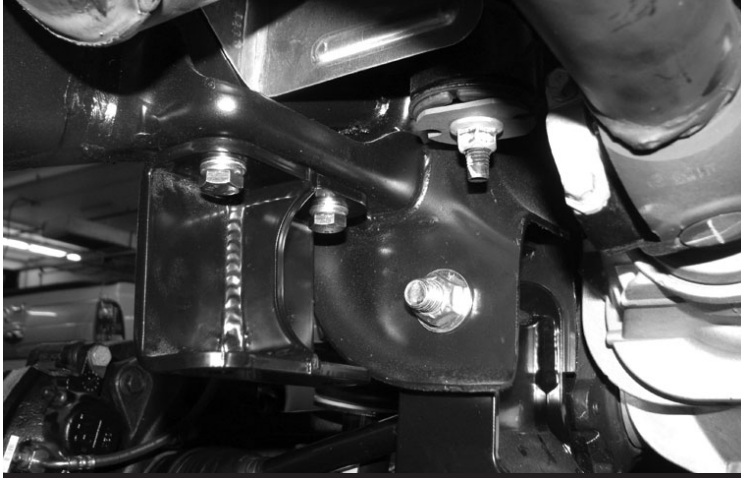


FIGURE 77 - STEP 49

50. Install the factory sway bar using the provided 3/8"-16 x 1-1/2" bolts, washers and nuts. Torque to 52 ft-lbs. Install the factory sway bar links with the factory hardware and torque to 58 ft-lbs. **SEE FIGURES 78**



FIGURE 78 - STEP 50

## REAR SUSPENSION

**NOTE: IF INSTALLING ON A SUV REFER TO THE INSTRUCTIONS IN THE REAR BOX KIT.**

**NOTE: Be sure not to over extend any electrical harnesses attached to the rear axle.**

51. Jack up the rear end of the vehicle and support the frame rails with jack stands. Supporting the rear differential, remove and discard the rear shocks, u-bolts and blocks. Disconnect the brake line bracket at the differential and save the hardware. Remove the ABS line clip from the top of the frame and at the axle. Remove the e-brake cable bracket on the drivers side of the frame and save the hardware. Lower axle down slowly. Use care not to over extend the brake hose. **SEE FIGURES 79-81**



FIGURE 79 - STEP 51

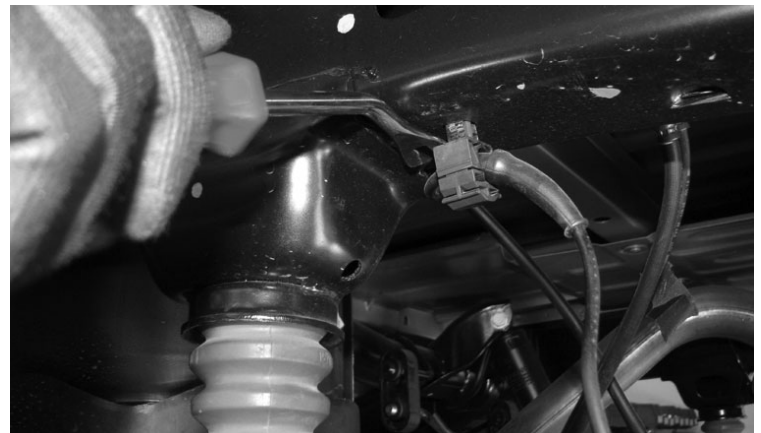


FIGURE 80 - STEP 51

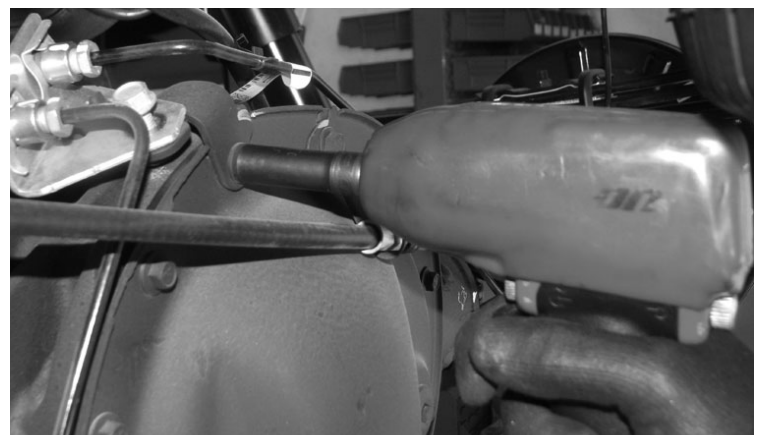
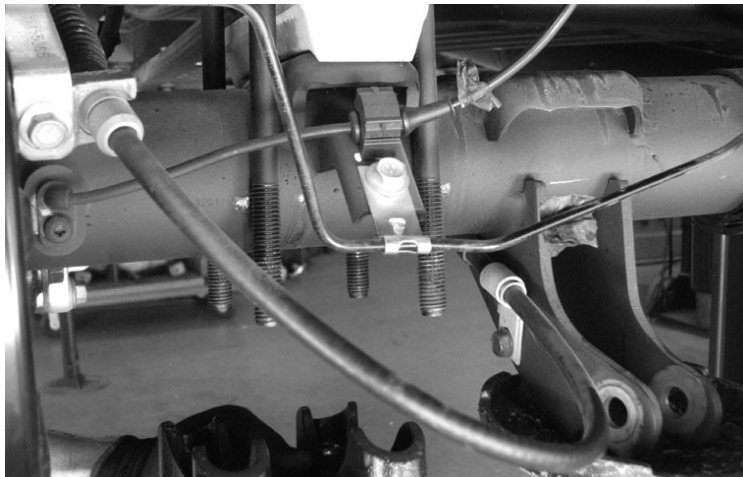
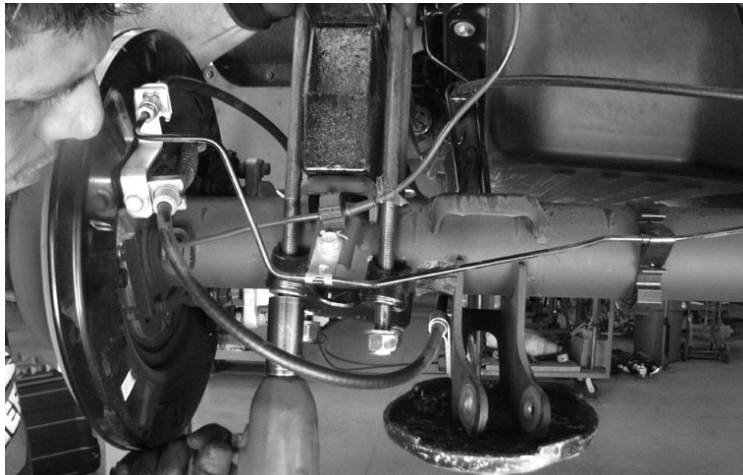


FIGURE 81 - STEP 51



**FIGURE 82 - STEP 51**

52. Locate FTBK5 (5" Block), FT1500U-3 (Ubolts) and 9/16" Hardware. Install the blocks with the new hardware, the short end of the block should be facing the front of the vehicle. Torque to 184 ft-lbs. **SEE FIGURE 83**



**FIGURE 83 - STEP 52**

53. Remove the rear bump stops from the frame. Take the factory bolts and use a die grinder with a cut off wheel to cut 1/2" from the end. Locate FT20025 bump stop spacers and install to the factory bumpstops using the trimmed factory bolt. Use a drill with a 7/16" bit and drill out the weld nut in the frame that originally held the bumpstops in place. Install the 10mm x 25mm bolt and washer from the inside of the frame and attach the new bumpstop spacer. Torque the bolts to 58 ft-lbs. **SEE FIGURE 84-88**



**FIGURE 84 - STEP 53**



**FIGURE 85 - STEP 53**



**FIGURE 86 - STEP 53**





FIGURE 87 - STEP 53



FIGURE 88 - STEP 53

54. Locate FTS7240 (Performance), FTS6240 (Stealth) or FTS810562 (Dirt Logic 2.25 Black Shock). Insert the bushings and sleeves into the ends, and install. Torque to 65 ft-lbs. **SEE FIGURES 89-90**



FIGURE 89 - STEP 54



FIGURE 90 - STEP 54

55. Locate FT20349 (Brake Line Bracket) and the supplied 5/16"-18 x 1" bolt, washers and nut. Attach the new bracket to the differential using the factory bolt. Then, attach the brake line assembly to the new fabtech bracket using the supplied 5/16" hardware. Torque to 29 ft-lbs. **SEE FIGURE 91**

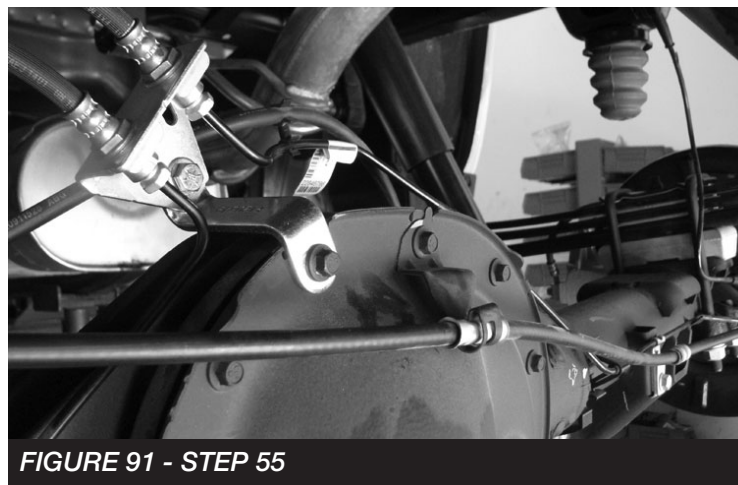


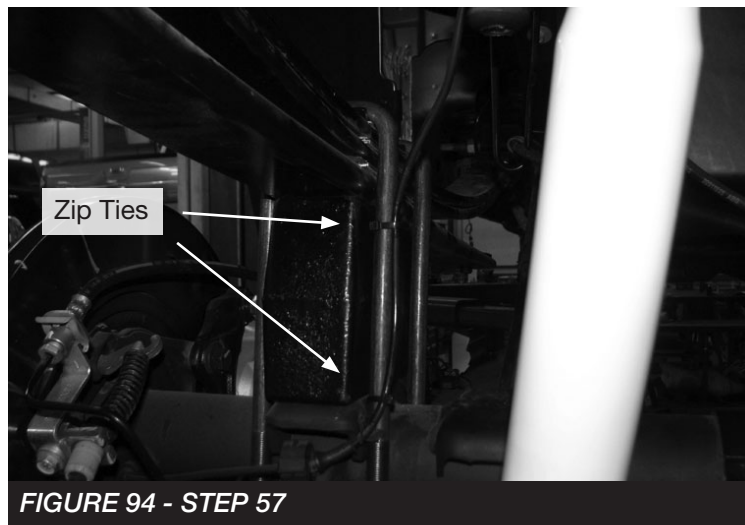
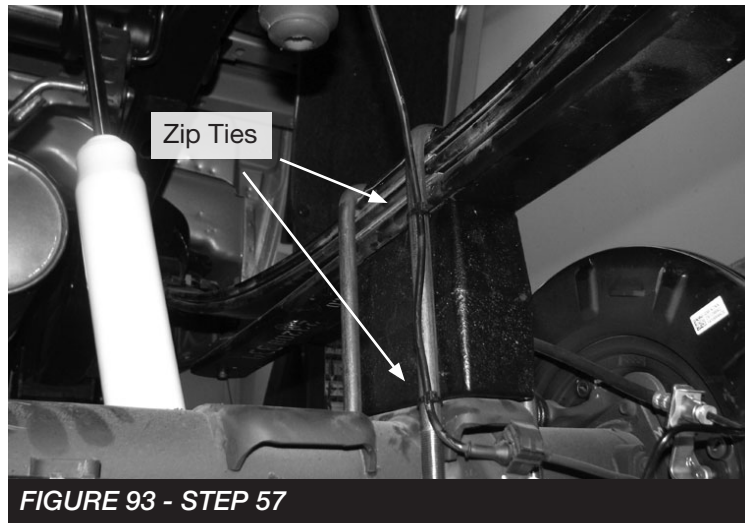
FIGURE 91 - STEP 55

56. Remove the drivers side E-brake cable from the previously removed bracket. Position the passenger side cable into the bottom position of the bracket where the drivers side was originally. Re-install the bracket into the factory location with the factory hardware. **SEE FIGURE 92**



FIGURE 92 - STEP 56

57. Using the supplied black zip ties, secure both ABS lines to the inside part of the u bolt. Allow some slack when securing them all the way. **SEE FIGURE 93-94**



58. Install tires and wheels and torque lug nuts to wheel manufacturer's specifications. Turn front tires left to right and check for appropriate tire clearance. **Note - Some oversized tires may require trimming of the front bumper & valance.**
59. Check front end alignment and set to factory specifications. Readjust headlights.
60. Recheck all bolts for proper torque.
61. Recheck brake hoses, ABS wires and suspension parts for proper tire clearance while turning tires fully left to right.
62. Check the fluid in the front and rear differential and fill if needed with factory specification differential oil. **Note - some differentials may expel fluid after filling and driving. This can be normal in resetting the fluid level with the new position of the differential/s.**

63. Install Driver Warning Decal. Complete product registration card and mail to Fabtech in order to receive future safety and technical bulletins on this suspension.

**Vehicles that will receive oversized tires should check ball joints, uniballs and all steering components every 2500-5000 miles for wear and replace as required.**

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