



## **INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS**



### **2011-19 GM C/K2500HD & C/K3500HD 2WD/4WD 3.5" UNIBALL UPPER CONTROL ARMS**

**FTS21126**

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**- PARTS LIST -**

	<b>FTS21126</b>	<b>3.5" HD UNIBALL UCA KIT</b>
1	FT20575BK	UCA DRIV ASMBLD
1	FT20576BK	UCA PASS ASMBLD
1	FT20593	HARDWARE SUBASSEMBLY

	<b>FT90121</b>	<b>HARDWARE KIT</b>
2	56180004152	9/16" -18 C LOCK NUT
2	56000005052	9/16 SAE WASHER G5 ZINC
2	75160004152	3/4-16 C-LOCK NUT ZINC

	<b>FT20593</b>	<b>HARDWARE SUBASSEMBLY</b>
1	FT90121	HARDWARE KIT
4	FT147	HD MISALIGNMENT
2	FT20579	UNIBALL SPACER
1	FT90111	BUSHING KIT
4	FT84	GREASE FITTING 1/4-28
2	FT94500	UNIBALL ADAPTER PIN
2	FT21126I	INSTRUCTIONS
1	FTLUBE	URETHANE LUBE 1 PACKET
1	FTLOCK	THREAD LOCKING COMPOUND 1 MIL
4	12008007100	ZIP TIE 8" BLACK 40 LBS

	<b>FT90111</b>	<b>BUSHING KIT</b>
4	FT77	SLEEVE 1.000 X .630 X 2.620
8	FT1038	BUSHING BLACK URETHANE 88 A

**- 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
- Torsion Bar Removal Tool

**- PRE-INSTALLATION NOTES -**

***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.

Use the provided thread locking compound on all hardware.

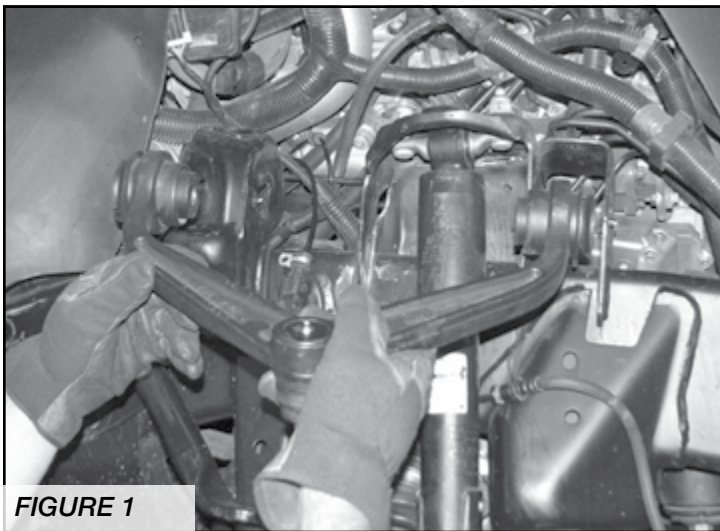
This suspension must be installed with Fabtech shock absorbers.

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

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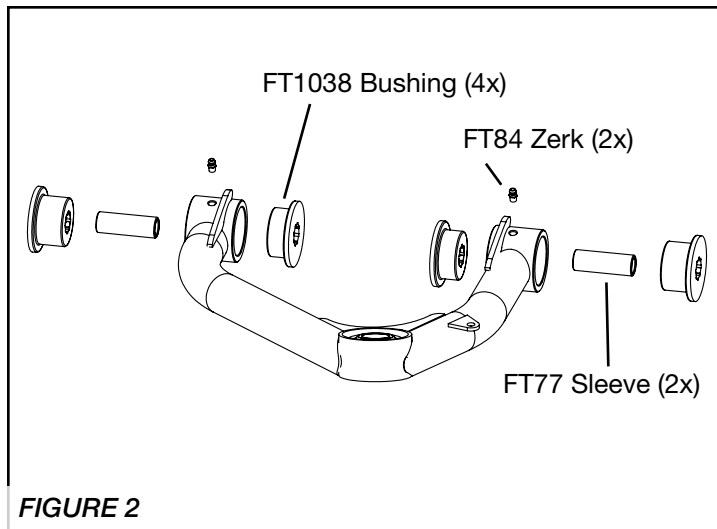
## - INSTRUCTIONS -

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. Locate the torsion bar adjusting keys and threaded bolts. Measure exposed threads of torsion bar adjusting bolts and record for reinstallation. Use a torsion bar removal tool to unload the torsion bars. NOTE- Do not attempt to unload or remove torsion bars without the proper torsion bar tool. Torsion Bars are under extreme spring load. Remove the Torsion Bar bolt and nut. Remove the torsion bar tool so the torsion bars are completely unloaded.
3. Remove the upper ball joint nut. Disconnect the upper ball joint from the knuckle by striking the knuckle with a large hammer next to the upper ball joint on the knuckle to dislodge the ball joints. Use care not to hit the ball joints when removing.
4. Mark the location of the alignment cams on the frame of the upper control arm pocket. Remove the upper control arm and retain the factory hardware. **SEE FIGURE 1**



**FIGURE 1**

5. Locate the Fabtech driver's side control arm FT20575BK, four bushings FT1038; two grease zerks FT84, and two sleeves FT77.
6. Install all these components in the control arm barrels. **SEE FIGURE 2**

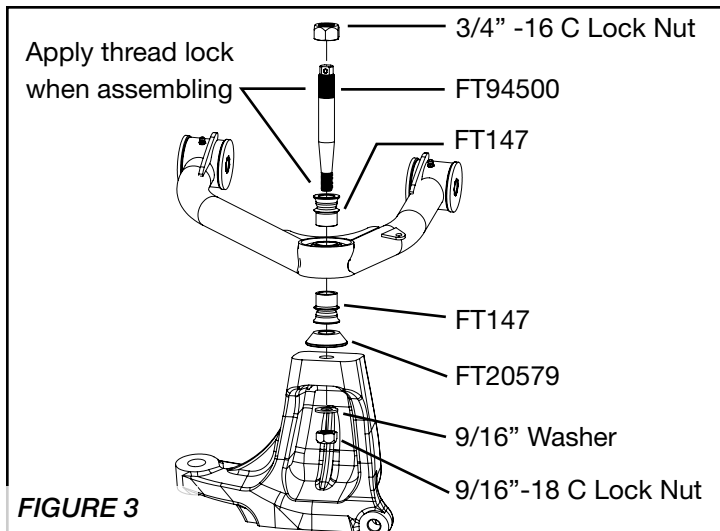


**FIGURE 2**

7. Install the new Fabtech upper control arm in the factory upper control arm pockets using the factory hardware at the previously marked alignment cam location. When installing the arm on the truck make sure the barrel gussets are up. Torque to 150 ft- lbs.
8. Locate FT94500 Uniball adapter pin, and two FT147 uniball misalignment spacers. Using a 19/32" drill bit, chase out the upper ball joint hole on the factory knuckle.

### **SEE FIGURE 3 FOR STEPS 9-14**

9. Insert the uniball pin into the factory knuckle upper ball joint taper. Install the 9/16"-18 lock nut with thread lock compound and flat washer on to the bottom side of the pin. This will lock the pin into the knuckle. Torque to 129 ft-lbs.
10. Install one FT20579 uniball spacer onto the uniball pin mounted in the knuckle with the large side toward the knuckle.
11. Install one FT147 uniball misalignment spacer on to the pin.
12. Swing the control arm down, slide the pin into the uniball on the control arm seating the lower FT147 spacer in the control arm.
13. Install the upper FT147 uniball misalignment spacer onto the pin.
14. Install the 3/4" -16 lock nut on the top side of the pin with thread lock compound and torque to 250 ft-lbs.

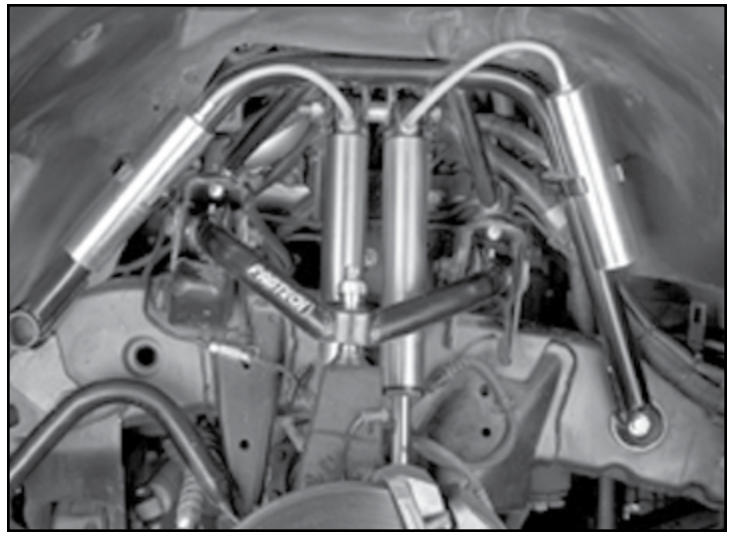


15. Repeat 3-14 on the passenger side of the vehicle.
16. Reinstall torsion bar hardware using your previously recorded measurements.
17. Install tires and wheels and torque lug nuts to wheel manufacturer's specifications. Turn front tires left to right and check for appropriate tire clearance. **Note - Some oversized tires may require trimming of the front bumper & valance.**
18. Check front end alignment and set to factory specifications. Readjust headlights.
19. Recheck all bolts for proper torque.
20. Recheck brake hoses, ABS wires and suspension parts for proper tire clearance while turning tires fully left to right.
21. 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 and all steering components every 2500-5000 miles for wear and replace as required.**

**RE-TORQUE ALL NUTS, BOLTS AND LUGS AFTER 50 MILES AND PERIODICALLY THEREAFTER.**

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**FINISHED INSTALL**

## - Product Warranty and Warnings -

Fabtech provides a Limited Lifetime Warranty to the original retail purchaser who owns the vehicle, on which the product was originally installed, for defects in workmanship and materials.

The Limited Lifetime Warranty excludes the following Fabtech items; bushings, bump stops, ball joints, tie rod ends, limiting straps, cross shafts, heim joints and driveshafts. These parts are subject to wear and are not considered defective when worn. They are warranted for 60 days from the date of purchase for defects in workmanship.

Dirt Logic and Performance Coilover take apart shocks are considered a serviceable shock with a one year warranty on leakage only. Service seal kits are available separately for future maintenance. All other shocks are covered under our Limited Lifetime Warranty.

Fabtech does not warrant any product for finish, alterations, modifications and/or installation contrary to Fabtech's instructions. Alterations to the finish of the parts including but not limited to painting, powder coating, plating and/or welding will void all warranties. Some finish damage may occur to parts during shipping, which is considered normal and is not covered under warranty.

Fabtech products are not designed nor intended to be installed on vehicles used in race applications or for racing purposes or for similar activities. (A "RACE" is defined as any contest between two or more vehicles, or any contest of one or more vehicle against the clock, whether or not such contest is for a prize). This warranty does not include coverage for police or taxi vehicles, race vehicles, or vehicles used for government or commercial purposes. Also excluded from this warranty are sales outside of the United States of America.

Installation of most suspension products will raise the center of gravity of the vehicle and will cause the vehicle to handle differently than stock. It may increase the vehicle's susceptibility to a rollover, on road and off road, at all speeds. Extreme care should be taken to operate the vehicle safely at all times to prevent rollover or loss of control resulting in serious injury or death. Fabtech front end Desert Guards may impair the deployment or operation of vehicles equipped with supplemental restraining systems/air bag systems and should not be installed if the vehicle is equipped as so.

Fabtech makes every effort to ensure suspension product compatibility with all vehicles listed on the website, but due to unknown auto manufacturer's production changes and/or inconsistencies by the auto manufacturer, Fabtech cannot be responsible for 100% compatibility, including the fitment of tire and wheel sizes listed. The Tire and Wheel sizes listed in Fabtech's website are only a guideline for street driving with noted fender trimming. Fabtech is not responsible for damages to the vehicle's body or tires. Fabtech is not responsible for premature wear of factory components due to the installation of oversized tires and wheels.

Fabtech's obligation under this warranty is limited to the repair or replacement, at Fabtech option, of the defective product only. All costs of removal, installation or re-installation, freight charges, incidental or consequential damages are expressly excluded from this warranty. Fabtech is not responsible for damages and/or warranty of other vehicle parts related or non related to the installed Fabtech product. This warranty is expressly in lieu of all other warranties expressed or implied. This warranty shall not apply to any product that has been subject to accident, negligence, alteration, abuse or misuse as determined by Fabtech.

Fabtech suspension components must be installed as a complete system including shocks as shown on our website. All warranties will become void if Fabtech parts are combined and/or substituted with other aftermarket suspension products. Combination and/or substitution of other aftermarket suspension parts may cause premature wear and/or product failure resulting in an accident causing injury or death. Fabtech does not warrant products not manufactured by Fabtech.

Depending on the condition of the factory suspension components retained after the installation of a Fabtech suspension not all vehicles may have the same ride stance front to rear as described in the website. The blue color of suspension components shown in all Fabtech photographs are for display purposes only. Majority of all Fabtech components will be black specifically where noted with part numbers ending in BK.

Installation of Fabtech product may void the vehicles factory warranty; it is the consumer's responsibility to check with their local vehicle's dealer for warranty disposition before the installation of the product. Some state laws may prohibit modification of suspension to a vehicle in whole or in part. It is the responsibility of the installer and consumer to consult local laws prior to the installation of any Fabtech suspension product to comply with such written laws.

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