



## **INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS**

# **2020-2024 GM 2500/3500HD 4WD/2WD 6" RTS SUSPENSION KIT**

**FTS21277**

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<b>K1159 6" RTS SYSTEM W/ PERF SHOCKS</b>		
1	FTS21277	COMPONENT BOX 1
1	FTS21278	COMPONENT BOX 2
1	FTS21279	COMPONENT BOX 3 - 2500HD
2	FTS7358	FRONT PERFORMANCE SHOCK
2	FTS7240	REAR PERFORMANCE SHOCK

<b>K1159DL 6" RTS SYSTEM W/ DLSS SHOCKS</b>		
1	FTS21277	COMPONENT BOX 1
1	FTS21278	COMPONENT BOX 2
1	FTS21279	COMPONENT BOX 3 - 2500HD
2	FTS811552	FRONT 2.25" DIRT LOGIC N/R SHOCK
2	FTS811562	REAR 2.25" DIRT LOGIC N/R SHOCK

<b>K1159M 6" RTS SYSTEM W/ STEALTH SHOCKS</b>		
1	FTS21277	COMPONENT BOX 1
1	FTS21278	COMPONENT BOX 2
1	FTS21279	COMPONENT BOX 3 - 2500HD
2	FTS6358	FRONT STEALTH SHOCK
2	FTS6240	REAR STEALTH SHOCK

<b>K1160DL 6" RTS SYSTEM W/ DLSS RESI SHOCKS</b>		
1	FTS21277	COMPONENT BOX 1
1	FTS21278	COMPONENT BOX 2
1	FTS21279	COMPONENT BOX 3 - 2500HD
1	FTS801552D	FRONT 2.25" DIRT LOGIC W/RESI SHOCK (DRIVER)
1	FTS801552P	FRONT 2.25" DIRT LOGIC W/RESI SHOCK (PASS)
2	FTS811562	REAR 2.25" DIRT LOGIC N/R SHOCK

<b>K1161 6" RTS SYSTEM W/ PERF SHOCKS</b>		
1	FTS21277	COMPONENT BOX 1
1	FTS21278	COMPONENT BOX 2
1	FTS21280	COMPONENT BOX 3 - 3500HD
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1	FTS21278	COMPONENT BOX 2
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1	FTS801552P	FRONT 2.25" DIRT LOGIC W/RESI SHOCK (PASS)
2	FTS811562	REAR 2.25" DIRT LOGIC N/R SHOCK

FTS21277		COMPONENT BOX 1
2	FT20277	OUTER TIE ROD
1	FT20777	DIFF BRACKET (REAR)
1	FT20913D	6" HD SPINDLE (DRIVER)
1	FT20913P	6" HD SPINDLE (PASS)
2	FT20922	CV AXLE SPACER
1	FT20925	DIFF BRACKET (DRIVER)
1	FT20926	DIFF BRACKET (PASSENGER)

FTS21278		COMPONENT BOX 2
1	FT20911	FRONT CROSSMEMBER
1	FT20912	REAR CROSSMEMBER
1	FT20914	HARDWARE SUBASSEMBLY
1	FT20928	DIFF SKID PLATE
1	FT20522	8 X 180 1/4" WHEEL SPACER

FTS21279		COMPONENT BOX 3 - 2500HD
1	FT20916	RTS BRACKET (DRIVER)
1	FT20917	RTS BRACKET (PASS)
2	FT20920	RTS BUSHING (FRONT)
2	FT20921	RTS BUSHING (REAR)
1	FT20923	BUMP STOP W/ SWAY BAR MOUNT (DRIVER)
1	FT20924	BUMP STOP W/ SWAY BAR MOUNT (PASSENGER)
1	FT20938	HARDWARE KIT
2	FT20941	REAR BUMPSTOP BRACKET
2	FT20955	RTS BUSHING SMALL
4	FT755U	U-BOLT SQ 3/4-16 X 14 X 3.100
2	FTBK3	3" BLOCK

FTS21280		COMPONENT BOX 3 - 3500HD
1	FT20916	RTS BRACKET (DRIVER)
1	FT20917	RTS BRACKET (PASS)
2	FT20920	RTS BUSHING (FRONT)
2	FT20921	RTS BUSHING (REAR)
1	FT20923	BUMP STOP W/ SWAY BAR MOUNT (DRIVER)
1	FT20924	BUMP STOP W/ SWAY BAR MOUNT (PASSENGER)
1	FT20938	HARDWARE KIT
2	FT20941	REAR BUMPSTOP BRACKET
2	FT20955	RTS BUSHING SMALL
4	FT753U	U-BOLT SQ 3/4-16 X 17 X 3.100
2	FTBK4	4" BLOCK

**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.

FT20938 - HARDWARE KIT		LOCATION
	<b>BAG 1</b>	
2	M12-1.75 X 40 MM HEX BOLT	DRIVER DIFF
2	M12 SPLIT LOCK WASHER	
2	M12 WASHER	
3	1/2-13 X 1-1/4" HEX BOLT	
2	1/2-13 X 1-1/2 HEX BOLT	
1	1/2-13 X 2" HEX BOLT	
2	1/2-13 X 3-1/2 HEX BOLT	DIFF MOUNT
1	1/2-13 X 3-3/4" HEX BOLT	
19	1/2 SAE WASHER	
8	1/2-13 C-LOCK NUT	
2	M18-2.5 X 120 MM HEX BOLT	CONTROL ARM (FRT)
2	M18-2.5 X 150 MM HEX BOLT	CONTROL ARM (REAR)
8	M18 FLAT WASHER	
4	M18-2.5 C-LOCK NUT	
1	THREAD LOCKING COMPOUND 1 MIL	
	<b>BAG 2</b>	
2	1/2-13 X 2-3/4 BUTTONHEAD BOLT	LWR SHOCK
2	1/2-13 C-LOCK NUT	
4	1/2" SAE WASHER	
8	7/16-14 X 1-1/2" HEX BOLT	
16	7/16 SAE WASHER	
8	7/16-14 C-LOCK NUT	
2	M12-1.75 X 60MM HEX BOLT	
4	12MM FLAT WASHER	
2	M12-1.75 C-LOCK NUT	
2	9/16-12 X 7-3/4" HEX BOLT	
4	9/16 SAE WASHER	
2	9/16-12 C-LOCK NUT	
2	5/8-11 X 6-3/4" HEX BOLT	
4	5/8" SAE WASHER	
2	5/8-11 C-LOCK NUT	
2	5/16-18 X 3/4" HEX BOLT	
4	5/16 WASHER	
2	5/16-18 C-LOCK NUT	
6	1/4-20 X 1/2" HEX BOLT	BRAKE LINE (FRONT)
6	1/4 SAE WASHER	
6	1/4 SPLIT LOCK WASHER	
4	NEOPRENE CLAMP	
10	PLASTIC CABLE TIE	

FT20938 - HARDWARE KIT		LOCATION
	<b>BAG 3</b>	
2	5/16-18 X 1" HEX BOLT	
4	5/16 SAE WASHER	
2	5/16-18 C-LOCK NUT	
8	3/4-16 NYLOCK NUT	UBOLTS
8	3/4" SAE WASHER	UBOLTS
2	M6-1.0 X 40MM HEX BOLT	
2	M6 FLAT WASHER	
2	1/2-13 X 1-1/2" HEX BOLT	
2	1/2" SAE WASHER	
2	1/2" LOCK WASHER	

FT20914	HARDWARE SUBASSEMBLY	
2	FT1020	BUSHING
2	FT120	LOWER SHOCK WASHER 1.000 X .563 X .310
1	FT181	SLEEVE .625 X .500 X 2.375
1	FT20520	FRONT BRAKELINE BRACKET (DRIVER)
1	FT20521	FRONT BRAKELINE BRACKET (PASS)
1	FT20918	BRAKELINE BRACKET
1	FT20919	REAR DIFF SPACER
2	FT20942	NUT TAB
2	FT20956	REAR BUMPSTOP WASHER
1	FT21277i	INSTRUCTIONS
1	FT30182	NUT TAB
2	FT629	SLEEVE
1	FTAS12	STICKER FT BLUE 10X4 DIE CUT
1	FTAS16	DRIVER WARNING DECAL
1	FTREGCARD	REGISTRATION CARD

Prior to installing this kit, with the vehicle on level ground. Measure the height of your vehicle. This measurement can be recorded from the center of the wheel, straight up to the top of the inner fender lip. Record the measurements below.

LF: \_\_\_\_\_ RF: \_\_\_\_\_

LR: \_\_\_\_\_ RR: \_\_\_\_\_



## - TOOL LIST -

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

- Basic Hand Tools
- Floor Jack
- Jack Stands
- Torsion Key Removal Tool
- Drill w/ Assorted Drill Bits.
- Assorted Metric and S.A.E sockets, and Allen wrenches
- Torque Wrench
- Die Grinder w/ Cutoff Wheel or Sawzall

## - 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 -**

- *Can not use OEM wheel and tire.*
- *Does not fit standard cab models.*
- *Diesel models only.*
- *Vehicles equipped with 2 piece rear driveshaft require FTS21292*

### **Recommend Tires and Wheels:**

- Use 37/12.50R18 tire w/ 18x9 wheels w/ 5-3/4" BS w/ minor trimming
- Use 37/12.50R20 tire w/ 20x9 wheels w/ 5-3/4" BS w/ minor trimming
- Use 37/12.50R22 tire w/ 22x9 wheels w/ 5-3/4" BS w/ minor trimming

# - INSTRUCTIONS -

## FRONT SUSPENSION

- Measure the vehicles height at each corner and record on page 4.
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 cams and threaded bolts. Measure exposed threads of torsion bar adjusting bolts and record for reinstallation. Mark torsion bars indicating driver and passenger. Using a torsion bar removal tool unload the torsion bars and remove the cross member and bars. Retain the hardware for reinstallation. NOTE- Do not attempt to unload or remove torsion bars without the proper torsion bar tool. Torsion Bars are under extreme spring load.
  3. Remove the sway bar link ends from the sway bar and lower control arm.
  4. Remove and discard front factory differential skid plate and splash shield.
  5. 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 5

6. Disconnect the brake hose bracket from the back of the steering knuckle. Remove the bracket from the hoses and discard. Disconnect the brakeline bracket from the upper control arm bumpstop pad. Unbolt the wheel speed sensor from the hub/control arm. Save all hardware. **SEE FIGURES 2-3**

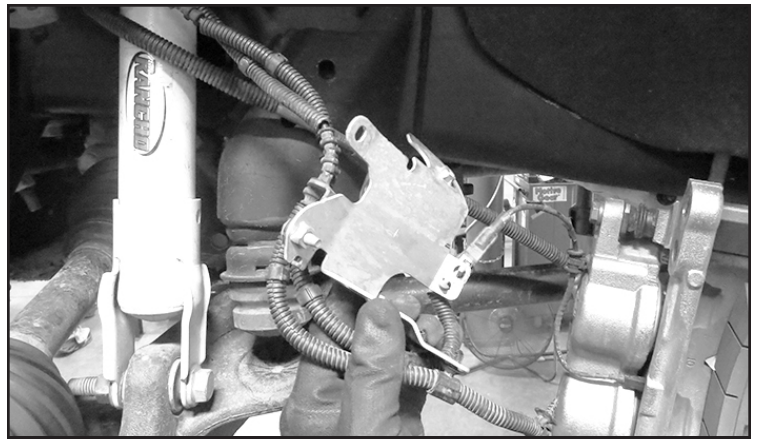


FIGURE 2 - STEP 6

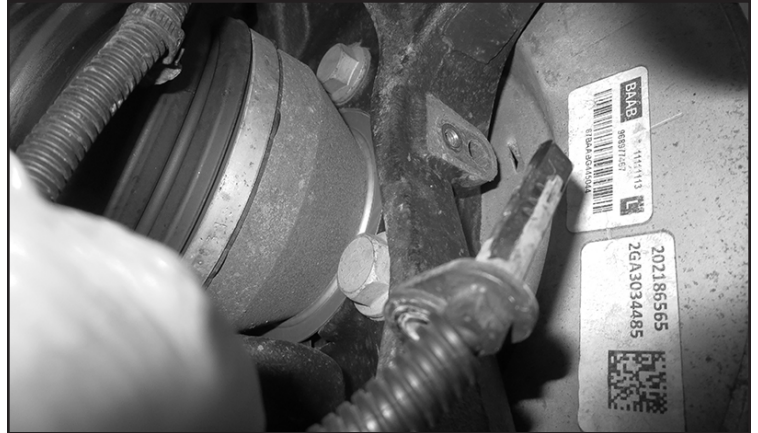


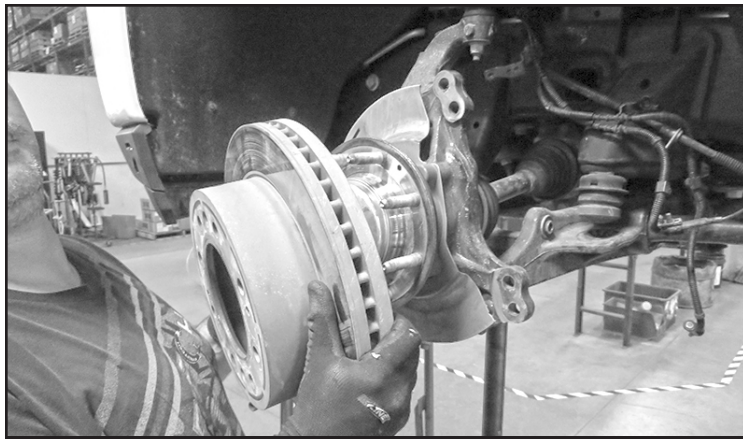
FIGURE 3 - STEP 6

7. Remove the caliper from the rotor and place above the upper control arm during this portion of the installation. Remove rotor set screw then remove the brake rotor from the knuckle. **SEE FIGURES 4-5**



FIGURE 4 - STEP 7





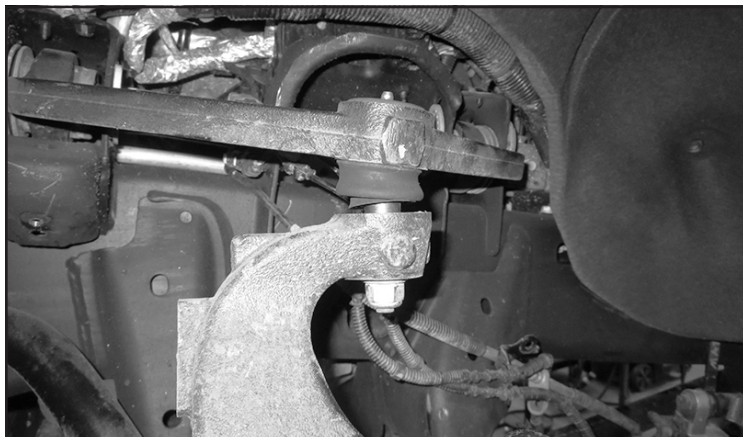
**FIGURE 5 - STEP 7**

8. Remove axle bearing cover. Then remove the axle nut. Save all parts and hardware for reinstallation. **SEE FIGURE 6**

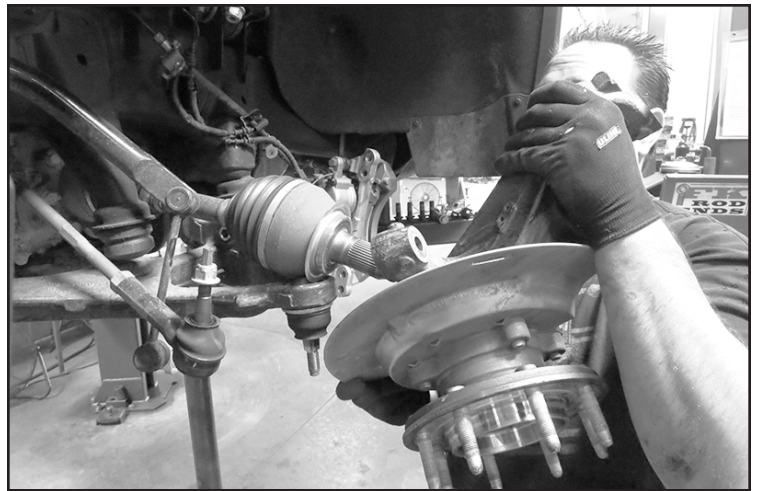


**FIGURE 6 - STEP 8**

9. Loosen the upper and lower control arm ball joint nuts. Disconnect the upper and lower ball joints from the steering knuckle by striking the knuckle with a large hammer next to each ball joint on the knuckle to dislodge the ball joints. Use care not to hit the ball joints. Remove the factory knuckle. Save all hardware. **SEE FIGURE 7-8**



**FIGURE 7 - STEP 9**

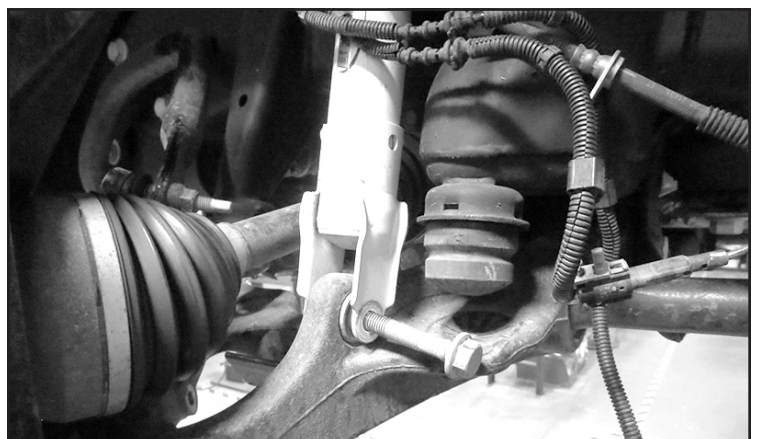


**FIGURE 8 - STEP 9**

10. Remove and discard the front factory shocks. Save hardware. **SEE FIGURES 9-10**



**FIGURE 9 - STEP 10**



**FIGURE 10 - STEP 10**



11. Remove the lower control arm from the frame and torsion bar by sliding the control arm forward. Retain the arms and hardware for reinstallation. Then, remove the torsion key & torsion bar from the vehicle. **SEE FIGURES 11-13**



**FIGURE 11 - STEP 11**

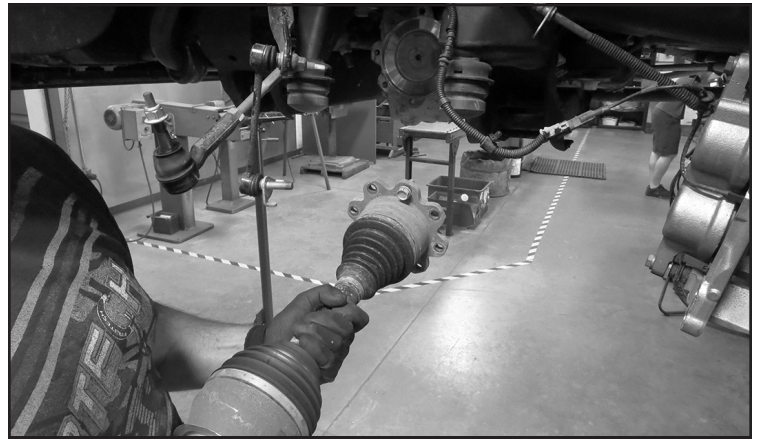


**FIGURE 12 - STEP 11**



**FIGURE 13 - STEP 11**

12. Disconnect CV axles from differential housing and remove axle assembly. Save hardware. **SEE FIGURE 14**



**FIGURE 14 - STEP 12**

13. Repeat steps on the opposite side.
14. Remove the stock differential rear cross member and discard. **SEE FIGURE 15**



**FIGURE 15 - STEP 14**

15. Disconnect front drive shaft from differential housing. Retain bolts and u-joint clamps for reinstallation. **SEE FIGURE 16**



**FIGURE 16 - STEP 15**

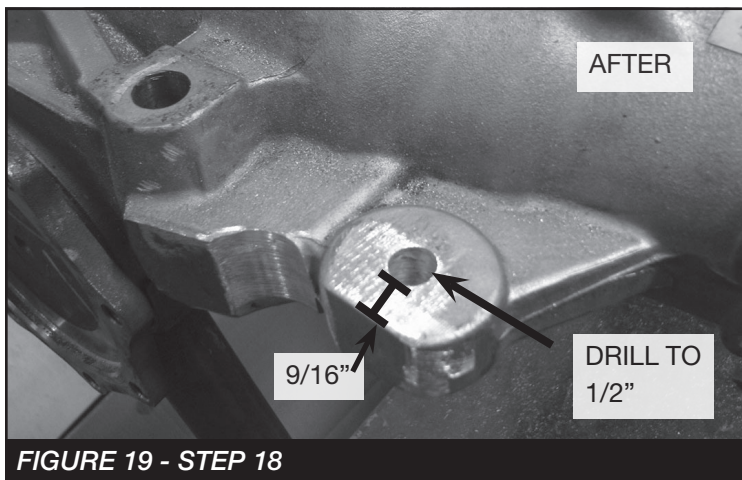
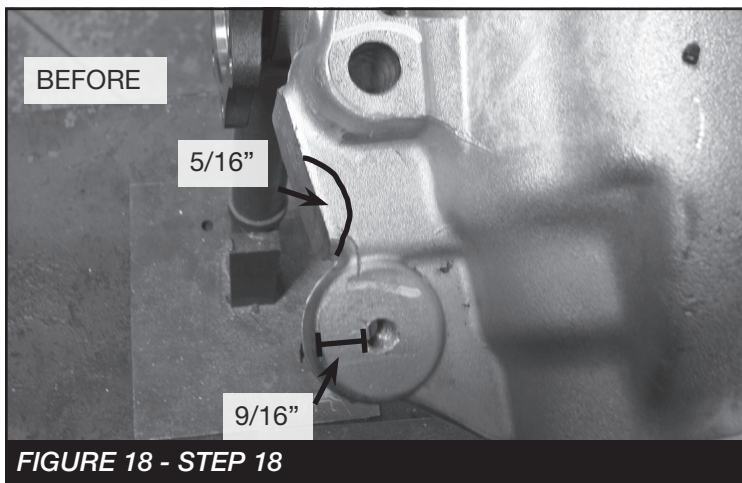


16. Disconnect the differential housing electrical connection and vacuum line from differential housing.

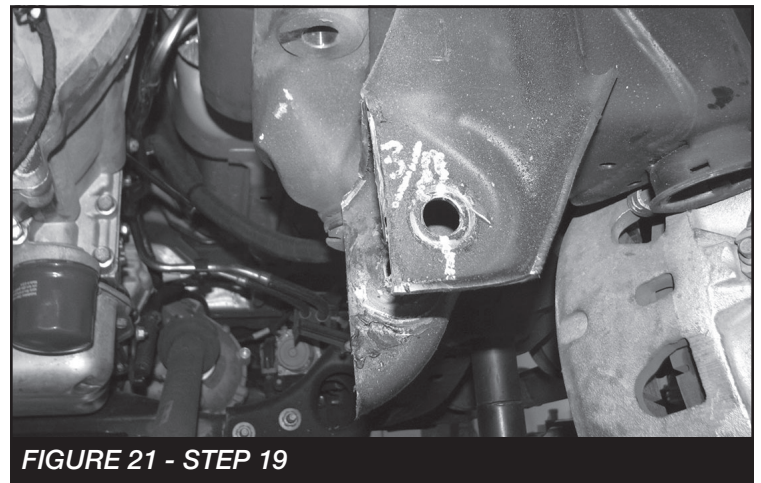
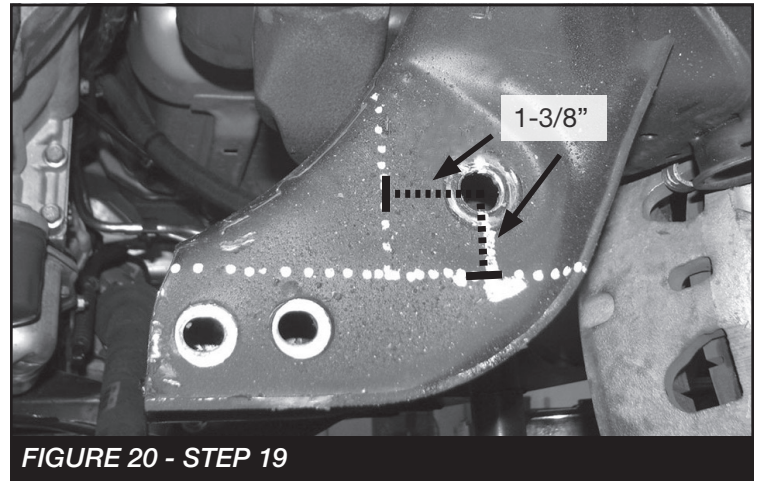
17. Remove the differential housing assembly from vehicle.  
**SEE FIGURE 17**



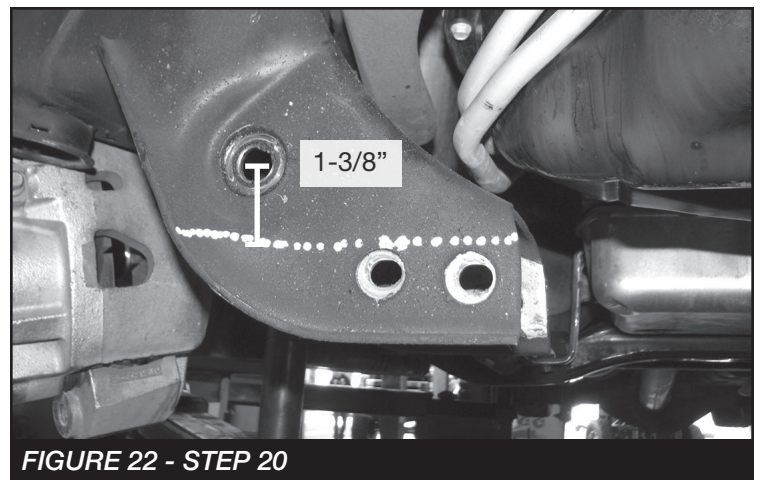
18. Locate the driver side rear mount on the differential. Using a die grinder, modify the diff like shown in **FIGURES 18-19** grind off  $\frac{9}{16}$ " from the edge of the hole. Next, grind a  $\frac{5}{16}$ " radius in the flat spot just in front of the diff mount. Then, drill out the same diff mount hole using a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " drill bit.



19. Locate the driver side rear lower control arm pocket, measure  $1\frac{3}{8}$ " from the center of the pivot hole of the pocket and mark a vertical and horizontal line on the pocket. Using a reciprocating saw or cut off wheel cut the pocket on both the front and back side. **SEE FIGURES 20-21**



20. Locate the passenger side lower control arm pocket. From the center of the control arm pivot hole, measure  $1\frac{3}{8}$ " down and make a straight line across on the front side only. Using a sawzall, cut the front portion of the pocket only. **SEE FIGURES 22-23**





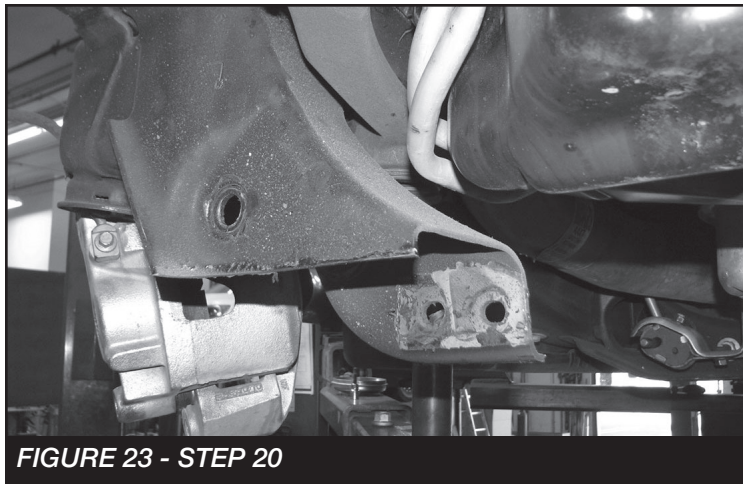


FIGURE 23 - STEP 20

21. Install the new Driver side Diff bracket (FT20925) to the Driver side of the vehicles bottom factory frame mount using two M12-1.75x40mm bolts, lock washers and flat washers. The smaller taper should face the front of the vehicle. Torque to 100 ft-lbs. **SEE FIGURE 24**



FIGURE 24 - STEP 24

22. Install the Fabtech Pass side Diff bracket (FT20926) to the Passenger side of the vehicles bottom factory frame mount using the factory hardware. Torque to 120 ft-lbs **SEE FIGURE 25**

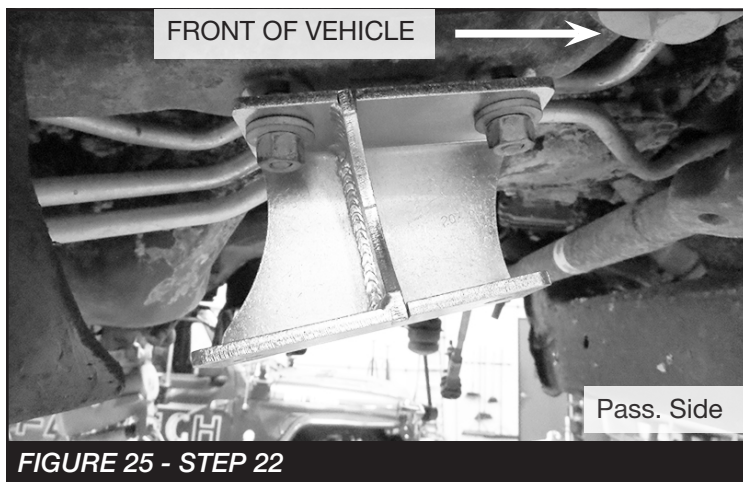


FIGURE 25 - STEP 22

23. Re-install the factory differential using the supplied 1/2" X 3-1/2" bolts, nuts and washers on the driver side and the 1/2" X 1-1/2" bolts, nuts and washers on the passenger side. Torque all 1/2" hardware to 106 ft-lbs. **SEE FIGURES 26-27**

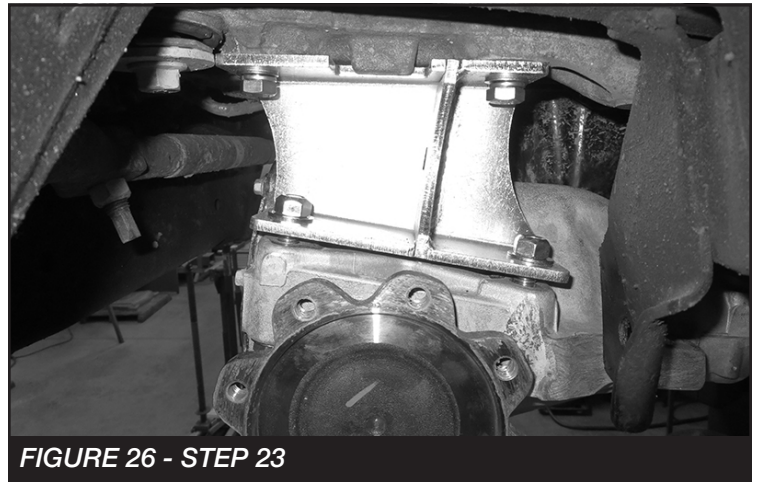


FIGURE 26 - STEP 23



FIGURE 27 - STEP 23

24. Install the new Fabtech rear crossmember (FT20912) using the factory bolts. Leave loose. Next, Insert (2) FT1020 (Bushings) and a FT181 (Sleeve) into FT20777 (Rear diff bracket). Install the FT20777 onto the rear crossmember using the supplied 1/2" X 3-3/4" bolt, nut and washers. Then, install 1/2" X 2" bolt and washer through the FT20777 bracket and the differential using FT30182 (Nut Tab). Leave loose. **NOTE: Trimming of the driver rear pocket made be required to properly install the rear diff bracket. SEE FIGURES 28-29**

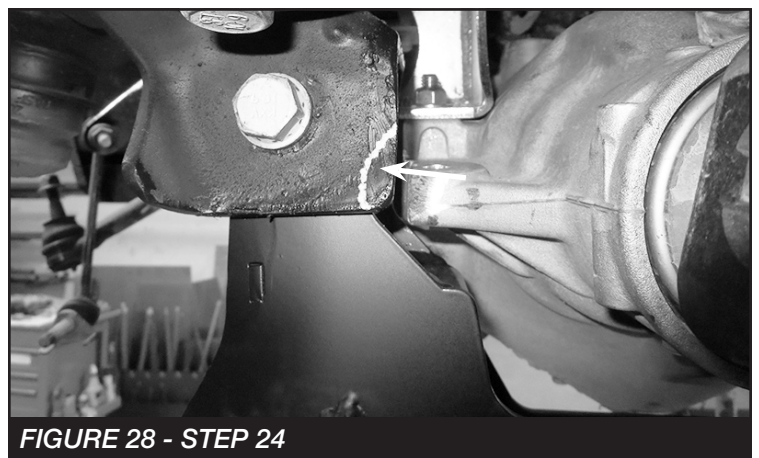


FIGURE 28 - STEP 24



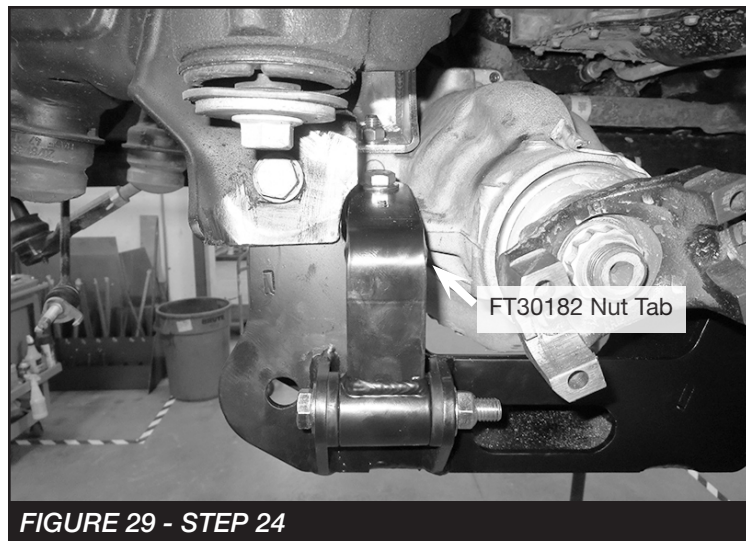


FIGURE 29 - STEP 24

25. Re-connect the front driveshaft to the differential using the factory hardware. Torque to 60 ft-lbs.

26. Install the new Fabtech front crossmember (FT20911) using the factory hardware. Leave loose. **SEE FIGURE 30**



FIGURE 30 - STEP 26

27. Locate the opening on the frame that the torsion bars run through. The front side on both driver and pass sides will need to be ground out 1/2" to avoid contact with the new torsion bar angle. **SEE FIGURES 31-32**



FIGURE 31 - STEP 27

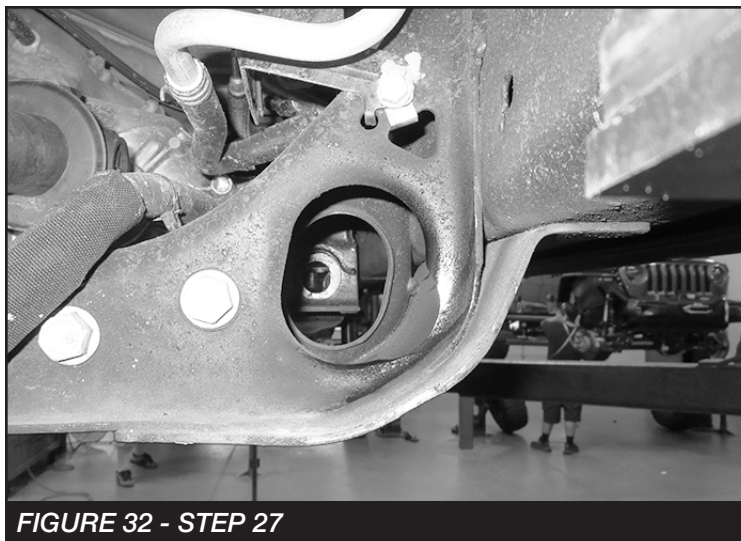


FIGURE 32 - STEP 27

28. Using a ball joint clamp or press. Remove the factory bushings from the lower control arm. **SEE FIGURES 33-34**

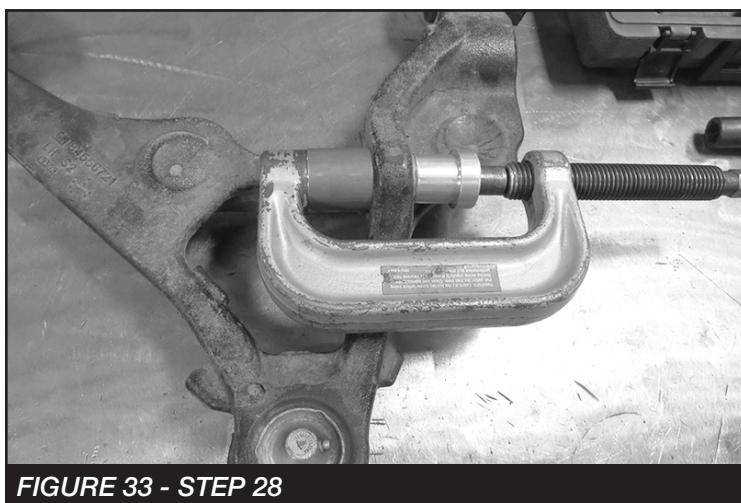


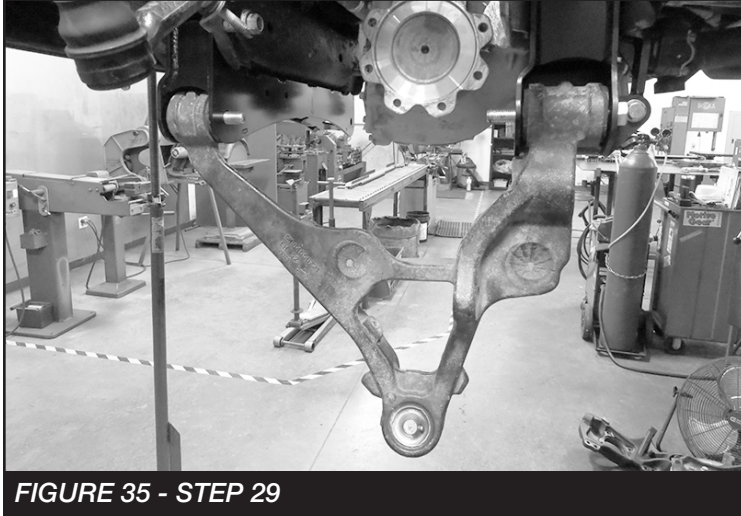
FIGURE 33 - STEP 28



FIGURE 34 - STEP 28



29. Install both lower control arms into the Fabtech crossmember pockets using the supplied M18 X 120mm hardware for the front pivot and M18 X 150mm hardware for the rear pivot. Leave loose. **SEE FIGURE 35**

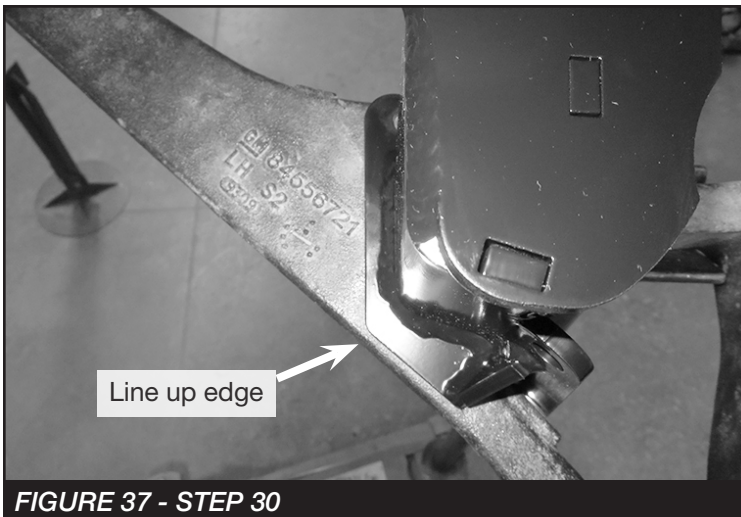


**FIGURE 35 - STEP 29**

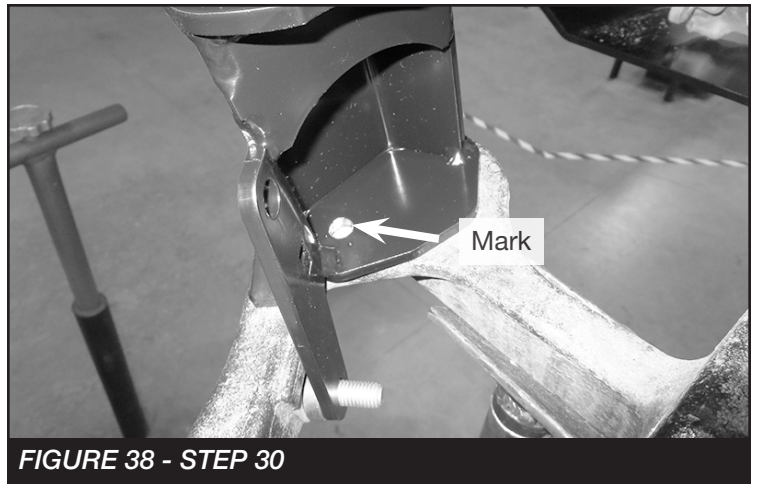
30. Locate FT20923 (Driver bump stop bracket). Place the FT20923 onto the arm. Lightly install using the supplied M12 x 60mm bolt and FT120 (Spacer) to the existing factory hole on the lower control arm. Line up the bracket with the edge of the factory arm then mark the two holes to drill on the control arm. Remove and drill to 7/16" **SEE FIGURES 36-40**



**FIGURE 36 - STEP 30**



**FIGURE 37 - STEP 30**



**FIGURE 38 - STEP 30**



**FIGURE 39 - STEP 30**



**FIGURE 40 - STEP 30**



31. Reinstall the bracket to the lower control arm using the 12mm hardware and spacer as well as the supplied 7/16" x 1-1/2" bolts, nuts and washers for the two locations that were drilled. Torque to 54 ft-lbs. **SEE FIGURE 41**



**FIGURE 41 - STEP 31**

32. Install the large aluminum bushing (FT20920) into the front side of the torsion bar hex on the lower control arm. Then, install the medium size aluminum bushing (FT20921) in the rear side of the hex on the lower control arm. **SEE FIGURE 42**



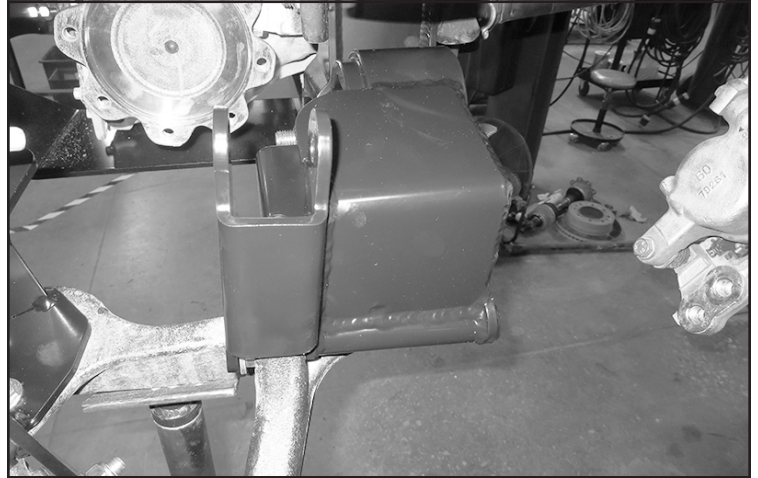
**FIGURE 42 - STEP 32**

33. Install the small aluminum bushing (FT20955) into the front side of the control arm where the bushing was removed earlier. **SEE FIGURE 46**

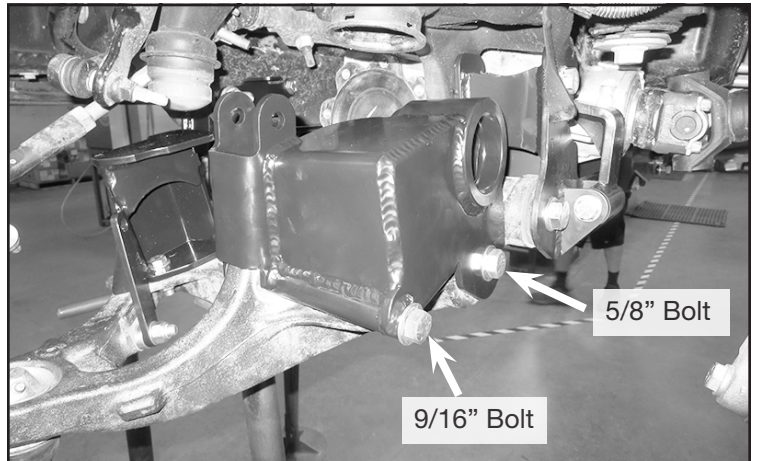


**FIGURE 45 - STEP 33**

34. Install the new RTS driver side bracket (FT20916) onto the lower control arm using the supplied 9/16" x 7-3/4" bolt, nut and washers and 5/8" x 6-3/4" bolt, nut and washers. Leave Loose. **SEE FIGURES 43-44**



**FIGURE 43 - STEP 34**



**FIGURE 44 - STEP 34**

35. Repeat steps on the opposite side.
36. Reinstall the factory torsion bars then slide forward into the new RTS bracket. Torque the 9/16" hardware for the RTS bracket to 129 ft-lbs and the 5/8" hardware 180 ft-lbs.



37. Locate the factory knuckle. Remove the four mounting bolts attaching the hub assembly to the knuckle. **SEE FIGURE 46**



**FIGURE 46 - STEP 37**

38. Remove the o-ring from the factory knuckle then install it in the new Fabtech driver knuckle (FT20913D). **SEE FIGURE 47**



**FIGURE 47 - STEP 38**

39. Install the dust shield/hub assembly onto the new knuckle using the four bolts previously removed. Torque to 165 ft-lbs. **SEE FIGURE 48** Repeat steps for the passenger side knuckle.



**FIGURE 48 - STEP 39**

40. Reinstall the factory CV axles to the diff using the factory hardware. Torque to 58 ft-lbs .
41. Install the factory sway bar end links to the sway bar and the new Fabtech bumpstop brackets using the factory hardware. Torque to 46 ft-lbs. **SEE FIGURE 49**



**FIGURE 49 - STEP 41**



42. Install the new front shocks with the supplied shock hardware and 1/2" x 2-3/4" Buttonhead bolt, nut and washers. **NOTE: Install the buttonhead bolt so the head is facing towards the rear of the vehicle.** If installing Dirt Logic shocks refer to the instructions provided with the shocks. **SEE FIGURE 50** Repeat steps on the opposite side.

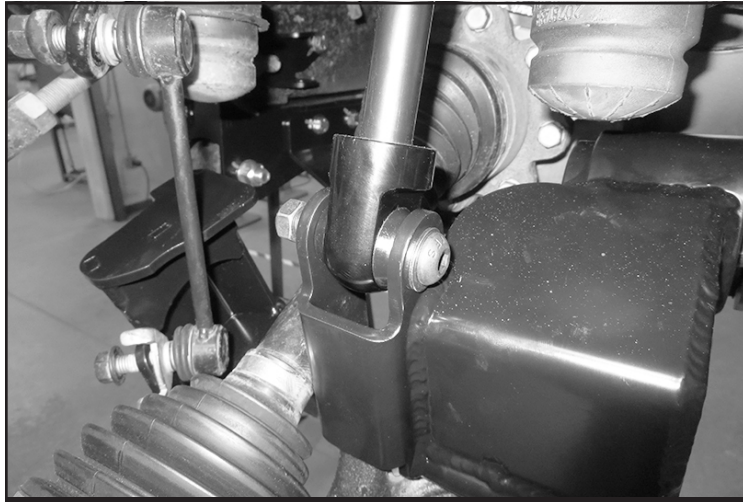


FIGURE 50 - STEP 42

43. Locate the FT20922 (Axle spacer). Install the axle spacer onto the axle shaft while installing the new Fabtech spindles FT20913D & FT20913P. Torque to upper ball joint to 45 ft-lbs and the lower to 70 ft-lbs. **SEE FIGURES 51-52**

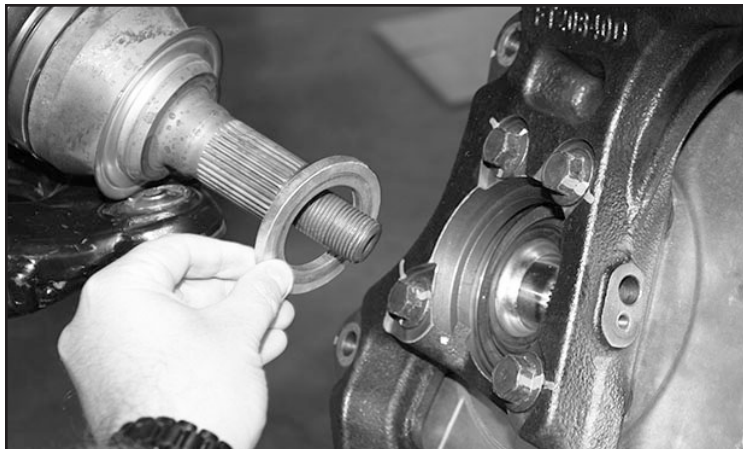


FIGURE 51 - STEP 43



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44. Install the axle nut and dust cover. Torque to 165 ft-lbs. Then, install the brake rotor with the factory locating screw. Torque to 17 ft-lbs. **SEE FIGURES 53-54**

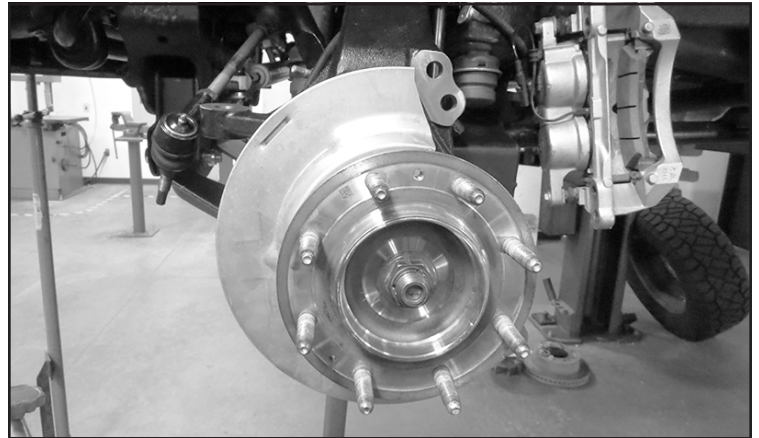


FIGURE 53 - STEP 44



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45. Install the brake caliper to the new knuckle using the factory bolts. Torque to 180 ft-lbs.
46. Install FT20928 (Skid Plate) to the front and rear crossmembers using the supplied 1/2" x 1-1/4" bolts, nuts and washers. Torque to 106 ft-lbs. **SEE FIGURES 55-56**

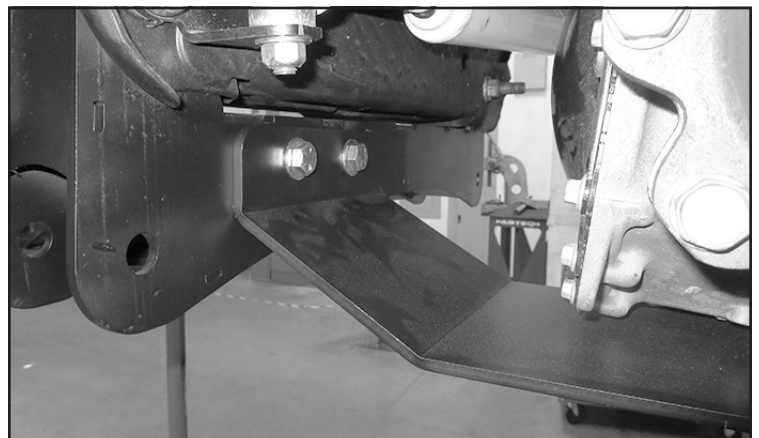


FIGURE 55 - STEP 46



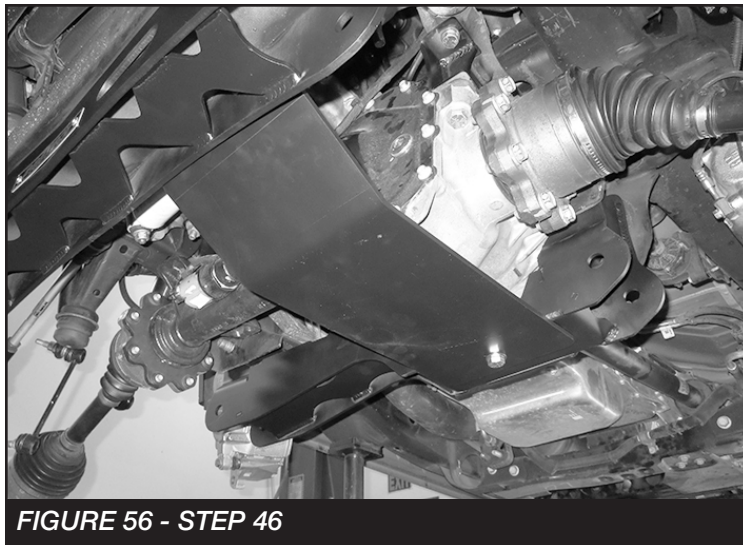


FIGURE 56 - STEP 46

47. Install FT20520 (Driver brake line bracket) onto the factory brakeline bracket using the supplied 5/16" x 3/4" bolt, nut and washers. Then, attach the new bracket to the upper control arm bumpstop pad using the factory bolt removed earlier. **SEE FIGURE 57** Repeat on passenger side.

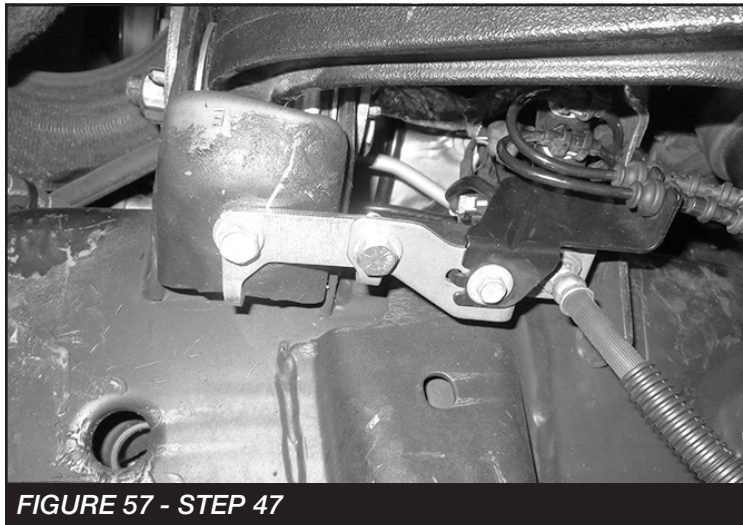


FIGURE 57 - STEP 47

48. Remove the factory outer tie rod ends and install the new Fabtech FT20277 tie rods. Install onto the new spindle. Torque to 60 ft-lbs. **SEE FIGURE 58** Repeat on passenger side.



FIGURE 58 - STEP 48

49. Using the supplied clamps, 1/4" hardware and zip ties. Secure the brake/ABS lines to the new Fabtech knuckle. Install the ABS sensor into the knuckle using the factory hardware. Torque to 8 ft-lbs. **SEE FIGURES 59-61**



FIGURE 59 - STEP 49

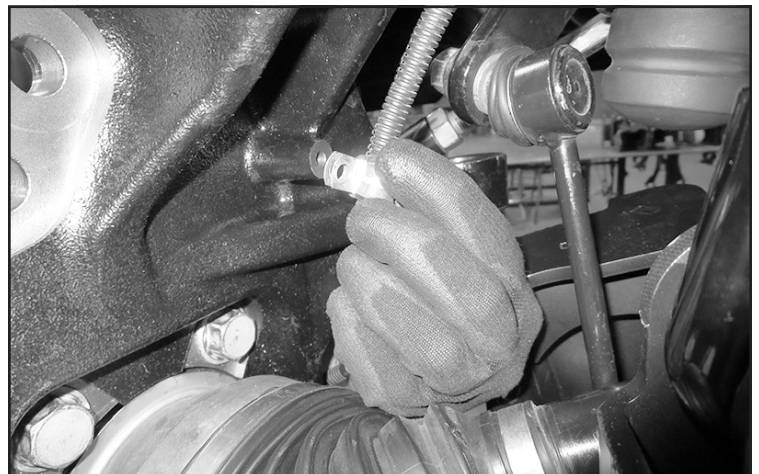


FIGURE 60 - STEP 49



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50. Proceed to torque all the differential and crossmember hardware except the lower control arm pivot bolts. These will be torqued once its on the ground.

- 9/16" - 153 ft-lbs
- M18 - 285 ft-lbs
- 1/2" - 106 ft-lbs

51. Set the torsion key bolts to the measurements recorded from step 2. This is a starting point. Adjustments will be made once vehicle is on the ground.

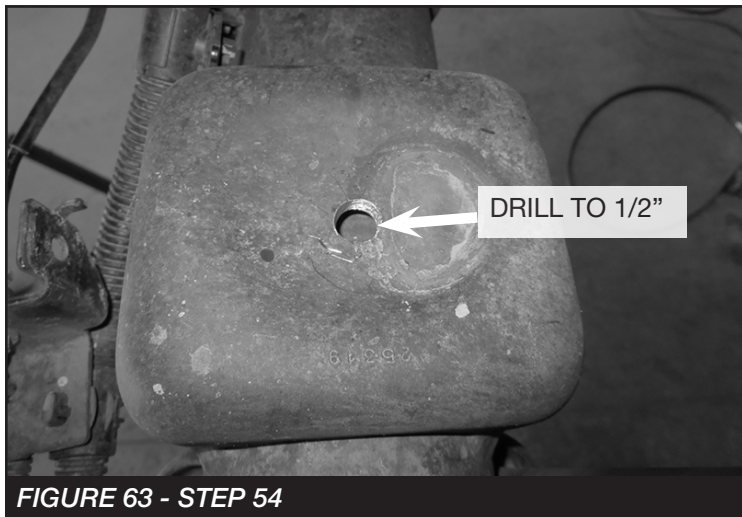
### **- REAR SUSPENSION -**

52. 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 and u-bolts. Lower axle down slowly. Use care not to over extend the brake hose.

53. On the front side of the axle bumpstop pad. The center existing hole will need to be drilled out to 1" **SEE FIGURE 62**



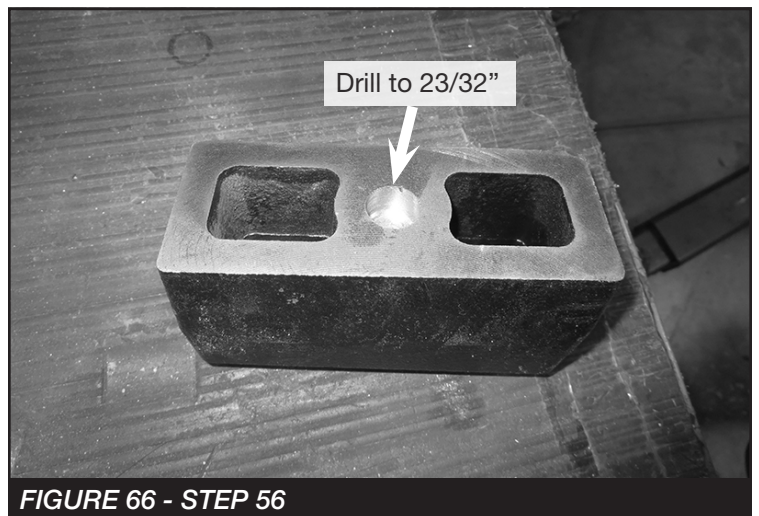
54. On the same bumpstop pad open up the hole on the top to 1/2" **SEE FIGURE 63**



55. Install FT20956 (Spacer) onto the top of the bumpstop pad. **SEE FIGURE 64.** Next, installing FT20941 (Bumpstop Bracket) onto the bumpstop pad using the supplied 1/2" x 1-1/2" bolt, washers and FT20942 (Nut Tab). **NOTE: The nut tab will be inserted through the front side where the hole was opened to 1".** Torque to 106 ft-lbs. **SEE FIGURE 65**



56. Using 23/32" drill bit. Drill out the centering pin hole on both new blocks. **SEE FIGURE 66.**





57. Locate the vehicles axle block pad. Using a 3/4" drill bit open up the existing holes on both driver and passenger sides. **SEE FIGURE 67**. Then, insert FT629 (Block sleeve into the holes. **SEE FIGURE 68**



FIGURE 67 - STEP 57



FIGURE 68 - STEP 57

58. Install the new blocks and u-bolts. Install the block with the small taper towards the front of the vehicle. Torque the u-bolts to 215 ft-lbs. **SEE FIGURE 69**



FIGURE 69 - STEP 58

59. Disconnect the brakeline bracket from the rear axle differential. Install FT20918 (Brake Line bracket) using the factory hardware. Then, install the factory brakeline bracket to the new bracket using the supplied 5/16" hardware. Torque to 17 ft-lbs. **SEE FIGURE 70**

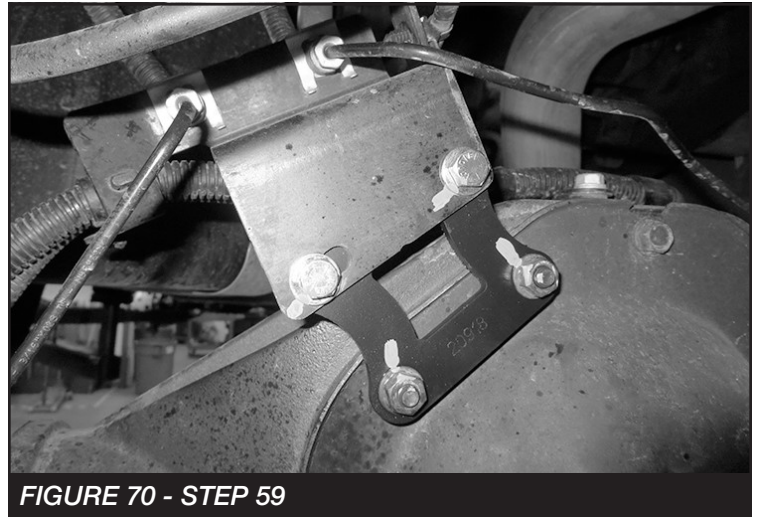


FIGURE 70 - STEP 59

60. Disconnect the electrical harness from the top of the rear axle differential by removing the two factory bolts. Install FT20919 (Differential spacer) between the differential and connector using the supplied M6 bolts and washers. Torque 8 ft-lbs. **SEE FIGURE 71**



FIGURE 71 - STEP 60

61. Install the new Fabtech shocks with the factory hardware. Torque to 127 ft-lbs.

62. 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.**
63. Check front end alignment and set to factory specifications. Re-adjust headlights.
64. Recheck all bolts for proper torque.
65. Recheck brake hoses, ABS wires and suspension parts for proper tire clearance while turning tires fully left to right.
66. 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.**
67. 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.**

**RE-TORQUE ALL NUTS, BOLTS AND LUGS  
AFTER 50 MILES AND PERIODICALLY  
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FTS801552D 2.25" DLSS RESI (DRIVER)		
1	FT20717BK	RESI MOUNT (DRIVER)
1	FT801552i	INSTRUCTIONS
1	FT86121	HARDWARE & BUSHING KIT 121

FTS801552P 2.25" DLSS RESI (PASSENGER)		
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FT86118 HARDWARE KIT		
4	43000005252	7/16 SPLIT LOCK WASHER
2	43140004152	7/16-14 C-LOCK NUT
2	43141501081	7/16-14 X 1-1/2" BOLT
2	FT1039	BUSHING HALF
1	FT107	SLEEVE
2	FT89026	RESI CLAMP

Thank you for purchasing Dirt Logic shocks, the finest off-road shock in the industry. Each unit is built to exacting standards and is properly tuned specifically for your vehicle. Dirt Logic shocks are designed and built to both beautify and upgrade your suspension system.

### **How To Care For Your Dirt Logic Shocks**

Dirt Logic shocks have been designed as a take apart, serviceable, race style unit. That means, just like a race shock, it will need to be maintained and periodically rebuilt. The tight tolerances of this provide the exceptional ride and performance you are paying for but do require maintenance which is normal in a take apart shock like a Dirt Logic.

Externally, the shock should be kept clean at all times and kept free of dirt, road salt or other corrosive elements. The unit should be routinely washed with a pH balanced cleaner to keep the finish looking new. Do not use any abrasive or aggressive cleaners or degreasers as it will harm the finish for life including the aluminum anodizing.

Internally, the shock has high performance seals that allow the shock to cycle at very high rates and provide exceptional damping in aggressive off-road conditions. These seals are a wearable item and may need to be replaced periodically to keep the shock functioning correctly. Our in house Shock Lab is equipped to handle these needs when necessary.

### **Caution – Read Before Installing**

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This Dirt Logic Shock is shipped pressurized with Nitrogen. Do not remove tamper cap or warranty will be void.

If this shock is equipped with a reservoir hose, do not loosen or remove the hose or warranty will be void.

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If this shock product needs to be returned for any reason, it must be returned in its original packaging or warranty will be void.

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A spanner wrench can be purchased for future adjustment. (FTS89905 for 4.0, FTS98008 for 2.5, FTS98006 for 2.0)

If adjustment is needed. Jack up the vehicle to relieve tension on the Dirt Logic coil over before making adjustments or the top cap may come loose.

Should you have any questions regarding your Dirt Logic Shocks, please feel free to contact us.

## - INSTRUCTIONS -

1. Install two FT1039 (Bushings) and FT107 (Sleeve) into the shaft end of the new Dirt Logic shock.
2. Install FTS801552D (Dirt Logic Resi Shock) using the supplied 7/16" hardware and FT20717BK (Driver Side Resi Mount) or FT20718BK (Passenger) at the same time on the top of the coil bucket. Torque to 129 ft-lbs. Install the lower end to the Fabtech RTS bracket using the supplied 1/2" buttonhead bolt. **NOTE: Install the buttonhead bolt from the rear side of the bracket.** Torque to 97 ft-lbs (**Trimming of the inner liner will be required**). SEE FIGURES 1-4

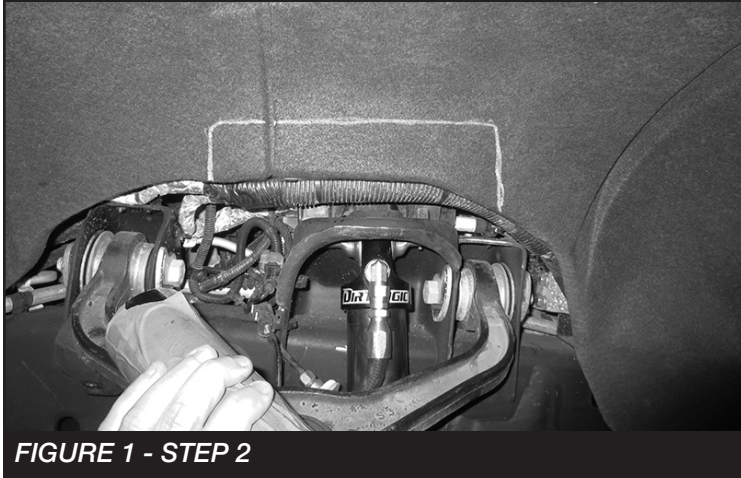


FIGURE 1 - STEP 2



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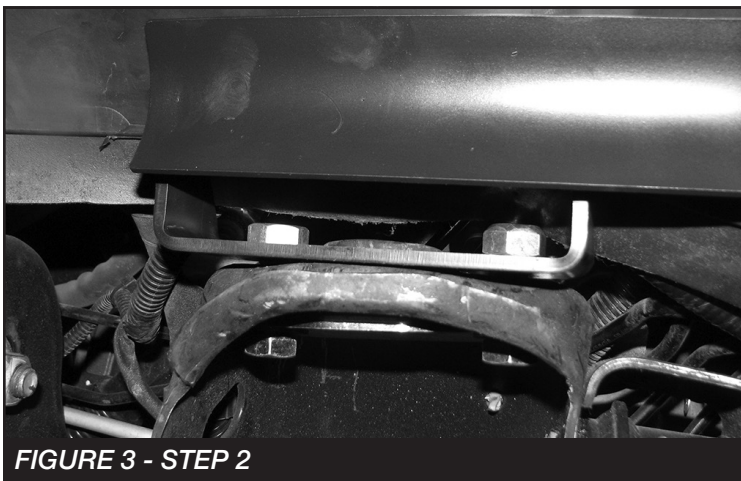


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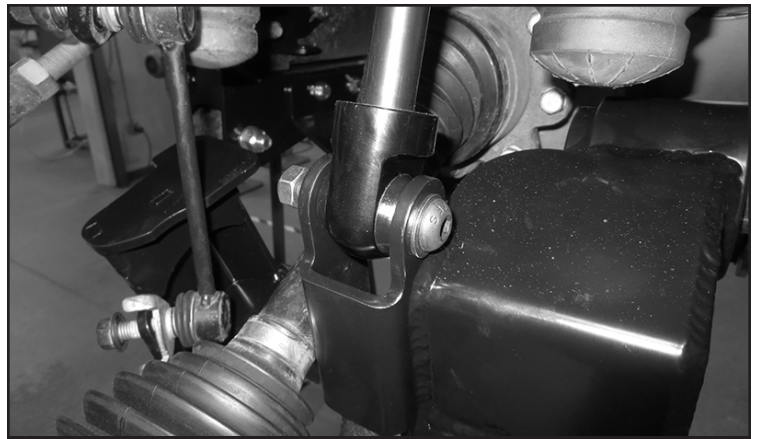


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3. Install the resi to the new resi mount using the supplied hose clamps. SEE FIGURE 5



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