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ROUGH COUNTRY

SUSPENSION SYSTEMS®



1260BAG8

2011-UP CHEVY/GM 2500HD 2WD/4WD 5"NTD LIFT KIT

Thank you for choosing Rough Country for all of your suspension needs.

Rough Country recommends a certified technician installs this system. In addition to these instructions, professional knowledge of disassemble/reassembly procedures as well as post installation checks must be known. Attempts to install this system without this knowledge and expertise may jeopardize the integrity and/or operating safety of the vehicle.

Please read all the instructions before beginning the installation. Check the kit hardware against the Kit Contents list on next page. Be sure you have all the needed parts and understand where they go. Also please review the tools needed list to be certain that you have the tools necessary to complete the installation.

PRODUCT USE INFORMATION

▲ WARNING As a general rule, the taller a vehicle is the easier it will roll. We strongly recommend, because of rollover possibility, that seat belts and shoulder harnesses should be worn at all times. Avoid situations where a side rollover may occur. Braking performance and capabilities are decreased when significantly larger/heavier tires and wheels are used. Take this into consideration while driving. Also, speedometer recalibration is necessary when larger tires are installed.

Do not add, alter, or fabricate any factory or after-market parts which increase vehicle height over the intended height of the Rough Country product purchased. Mixing component brands, lifts, with this suspension lifts voids all warranties. Rough Country makes no claims regarding lifting devices and excludes any and all implied claims. We will not be responsible for any product that is altered.

Due to differences in manufacturing, dimension and inflated measurements, tire and wheel combinations should be test fit prior to installation. For this application we recommend a wheel not to exceed 9" in width with 4.5" of backspacing. We used a 20" x 9" wheel with a 0 to -12mm offset and a 295/60R-20 tire. Must use 17" or larger wheel with 0 to -12mm offset, factory wheel offset will **NOT** work. Additionally a quality tire of radial design is recommended.

▲ NOTICE Gas models may require modification to the exhaust to clearance the driveshaft. We recommend an exhaust professional perform this modification.

▲ NOTICE Due to varying cab, motor, and bed length configurations on these trucks the final ride height measurement may need to be adjusted. After installation roll the truck forward and backwards, next measure from the center of the front hub to the edge of the fender the truck should be a minimum of 31.0" and a maximum of 32.5". The torsion bar bolt will need to be adjusted until the measurement falls into this range.

▲ NOTICE NOTICE TO DEALER AND VEHICLE OWNER

Any vehicle equipped with any Rough country product must have the "Warning to Driver" decal installed on the sun visor or dash. The decal is to act as a constant reminder for whoever is operating the vehicle of its unique handling characteristics. **INSTALLING DEALER**—It is your responsibility to install the warning decal and to forward these installation instructions on too the vehicle owner for review and to be kept in the vehicle for its service life.

We hope installing your Rough Country lift kit is a positive experience. Please note that variations in construction and assembly in the vehicle manufacturing process will virtually ensure that some parts may seem difficult to install. Additionally, the current trend in manufacturing of vehicles results in a frame that is highly flexible and may shift slightly on disassembly prior to installation. The use of pry bars and tapered punches for alignment is considered normal and usually does not indicate a faulty product. However, if you are uncertain about some aspect of the installation process, please feel free to call our tech support department at 800-222-7023. We do not recommend that you modify the Rough Country parts in any way as this will void any warranty expressed or implied.

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Driver Side Knuckle

1253Box2

Pass Side Knuckle

1260Box3

Dr Diff Bracket

Pass Diff Bracket

1260BAG8

1253BAG6

RR Lift Blocks (2)

5/8" X 3" X 13" Square U-bolts (4)

5/8" Nut Bag For U-bolts

Front Shocks (2)

Rr Shocks(2)

1260Box2

Torsion Bracket Sleeves (2)

Bump Stop Brackets (2)

Fr Sway Bar Link (2)

Rr Dr Diff Brake Bracket

Rr Pas Diff Brake Bracket (2)

Rr E-Brake Bracket

Dr NTD Bracket

Pass NTD Bracket

1253BAG4

1253BAG3

1253BAG10

Sway Bar Relocation Bracket (2)

1253BAG7

1253Box9

Rear Cross Member

Frt Cross Member

Dr Fr Brake Line Bracket

Pass Fr Brake Line Bracket

1253Box6

Front Skid Plate

Fastener Breakdown:**For Front Cross Member: 1253Bag2**

18mm x 120mm Bolt (2)

18mm Nylock Nut (2)

Flat Washer (4)

For Rear Cross Member:

18mm x 140mm Bolt (2)

18mm Nylock Nut (2)

Flat Washer (4)

For Pass Side Dif Drop Brkt: 1253Bag3

12mm Lock Nut (2)

12mm x 35mm Bolt (2)

For Driver Side Front Dif Drop Brkt.

12mm x 35mm Bolt (2)

Flat Washers (2)

For Driver Side Rear Diff Drop Brkt

12mm Lock Nut

12mm x 35mm Bolt

For Front Sway Bar Links:

Sway bar Link (2)

Sway Link Washers (8)

7/16" x 3" Bolt (4)

Link Washers (8) 1253Bag7**For Front Shock Absorber Bracket**

1/2" x 1 1/2" Bolt (4)

Flat Washers (8)

1/2" Lock Nut (4)

9/16" x 3 1/2" Bolt (4)

Flat Washer (8)

9/16" Lock Nut (4)

For Skid Plate:

3/8" x 1 1/4" Bolt (4)

Flat Washer (8)

3/8" Lock Nut (4)

For Sway Bar Bracket:

3/8" x 1.25" Bolt (4)

3/8" Flat Washer (4)

3/8" Nut (4)

3/8" Lock Washer (4)

For Non-Torsion Bar Bracket: 1253Bag17

Sleeves (2)

3/4" X 5 1/2" Bolt (2)

3/4" Lock Nut (2)

For Front Brake Line Relocation Brackets:

5/16" x 3/4" Bolts (2)

5/16" Flange Lock Nuts (2)

5/16" Flat Washers (2)

For Rear Bump-stop Brackets: 1260Bag2

3/8" x 1" Self Tapping Bolt (2)

For Rear Brake Brackets:

5/16" Lock Nut

Flat Washer (5)

5/16" x 3/4" Bolt (4)

5/16" Lock Nut (4)

For Rear Bump-stops: 1253Bag7

Flag Nuts (4)

For Rear Shocks: 1253Bag6

Shock Sleeves (4)

Rear U-bolts:

5/8" Nuts

TOOLS NEEDED:

10mm socket /wrench
 11mm socket /wrench
 13mm Deep Socket
 13mm wrench
 15mm socket / wrench
 17mm socket / wrench
 18mm socket /wrench
 19mm socket /wrench
 21mm socket /wrench
 24mm socket /wrench

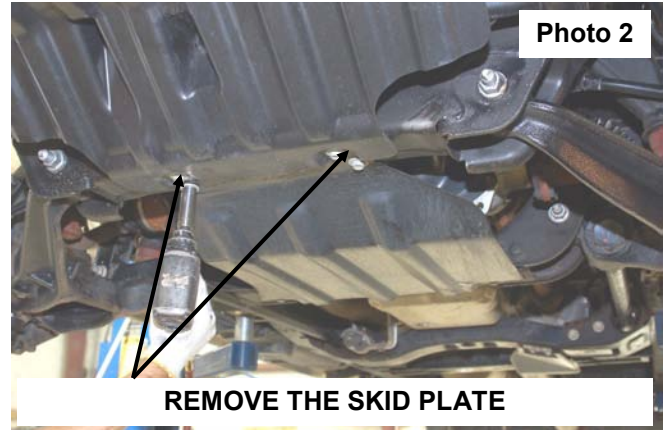
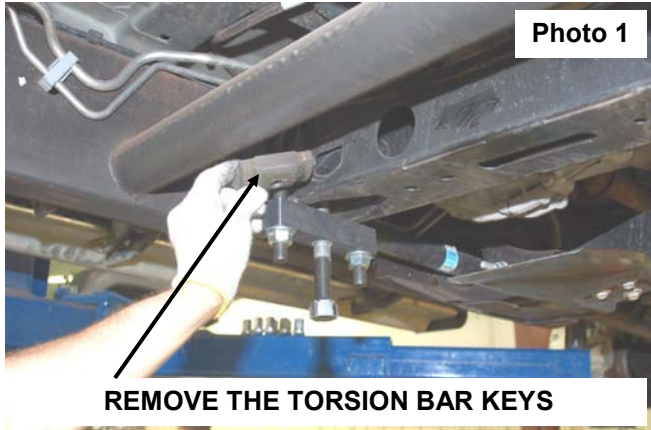
1/2" Socket/Wrench
 9/16 socket /Wrench
 Torsion bar Tool
 Drill
 13/32 Drill Bit
 Loc-Tite
 Reciprocating Saw
 Floor Jack
 Jack Stands

Size	Grade 5	Grade 8
3/8"	30 ft/lbs	35 ft/lbs
7/16"	45 ft/lbs	60 ft/lbs
1/2"	65 ft/lbs	90 ft/lbs
9/16"	95 ft/lbs	130 ft/lbs
5/8"	135 ft/lbs	175 ft/lbs
10MM	Class 8.8 32ft/lbs	Class 10.9 45ft/lbs
12MM	55ft/lbs	75ft/lbs
18MM	170ft/lbs	240ft/lbs

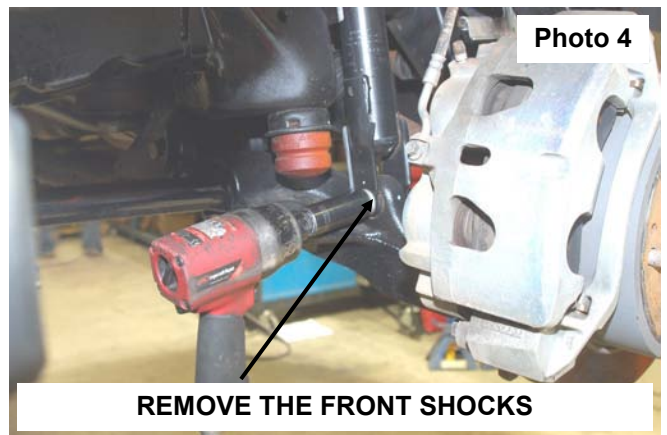
TORQUE SPECS:

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

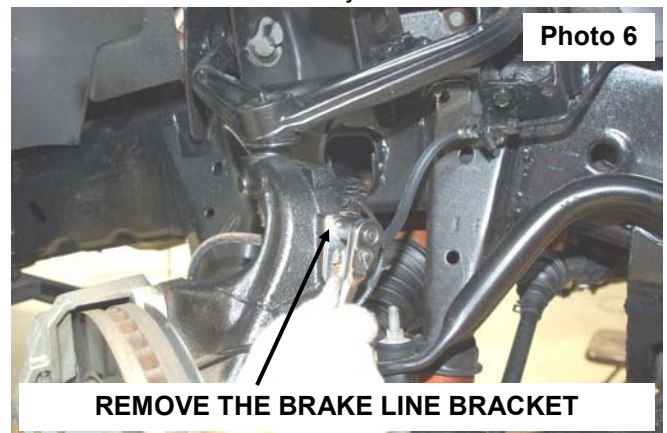
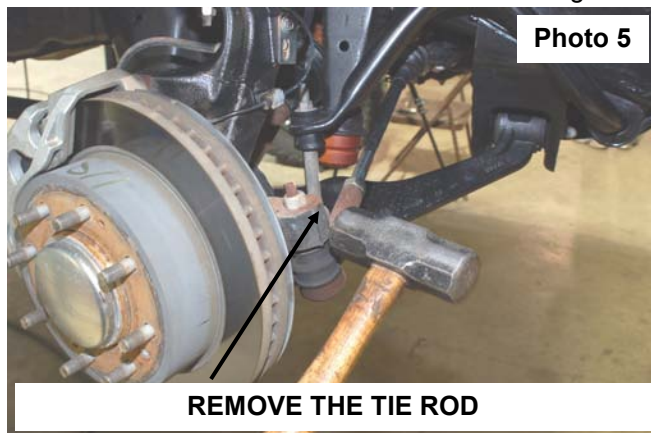
1. Chock the rear wheels.
2. Jack up the front of the vehicle.
3. Place jack stands on the frame behind the lower control arms.
4. Lower the vehicle onto the jack stands and remove the tires and wheels.
5. Place the floor jack under the differential.
6. Using a torsion bar tool, unload the torsion bars using a 21mm socket and remove the threaded block. Retain the stock hardware **See Photo 1**.
7. Slide the bars forward to disengage the torsion bar adjusters. Pay attention to how the adjusters are positioned / clocked in the cross-member.
8. Remove the torsion bars from the vehicle and be sure to mark bars driver and passenger side and front to rear.
9. Remove the skid plate from the frame using a 15mm socket. **See Photo 2**.



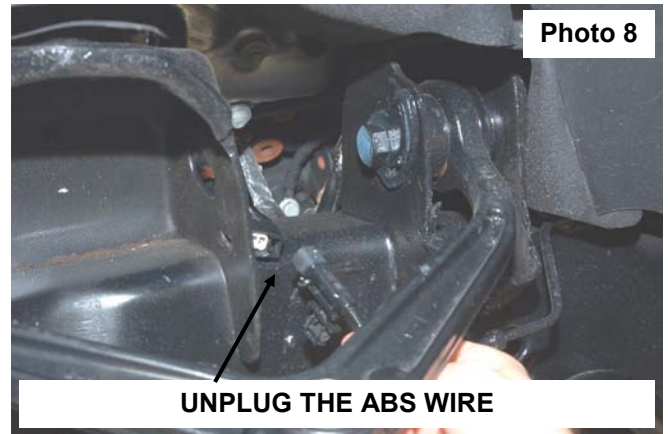
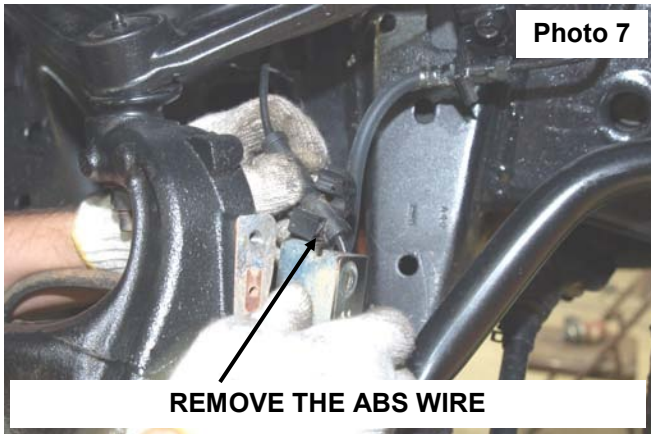
10. Remove the upper shock using a 21mm socket. **See Photo 3**.
11. Remove lower shock 21MM remove shock. **See Photo 4**.



12. Remove tie-rod using a 21mm socket / wrench. Retain the stock hardware. **See Photo 5**.
13. Remove brake line bracket from knuckle using a 10mm socket / wrench. Retain the factory hardware. **See Photo 6**.

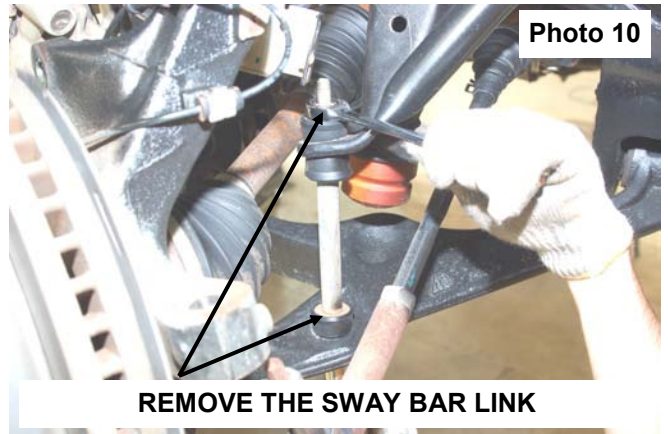
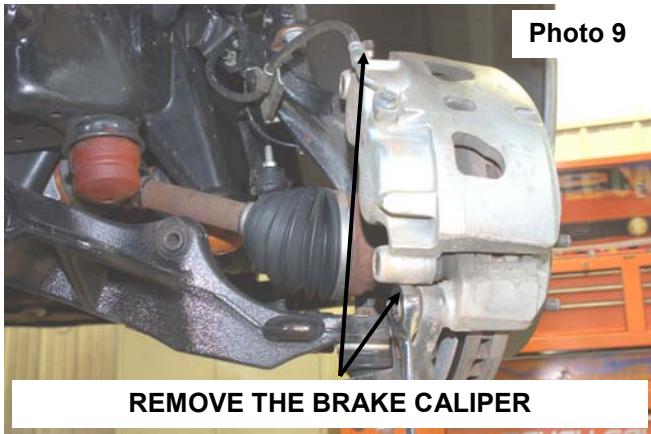


14. Remove the ABS wire from the bracket as shown in **Photo 7** and from disconnect at the frame as in **Photo 8**.



15. Remove brake caliper from the rotor using a 21mm socket / wrench. Retain the factory hardware. **See Photo 9.**

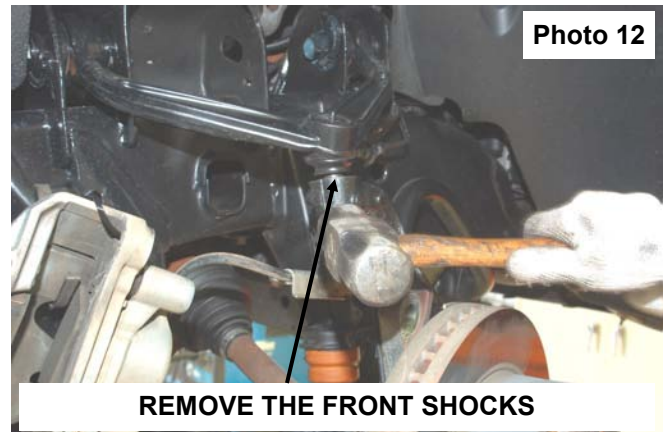
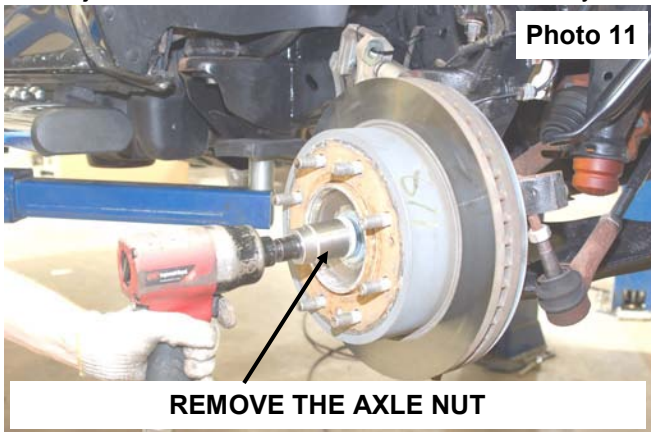
16. Remove sway-bar link hardware as shown in **Photo 10** using a 15mm socket/ wrench. Retain the factory hardware.



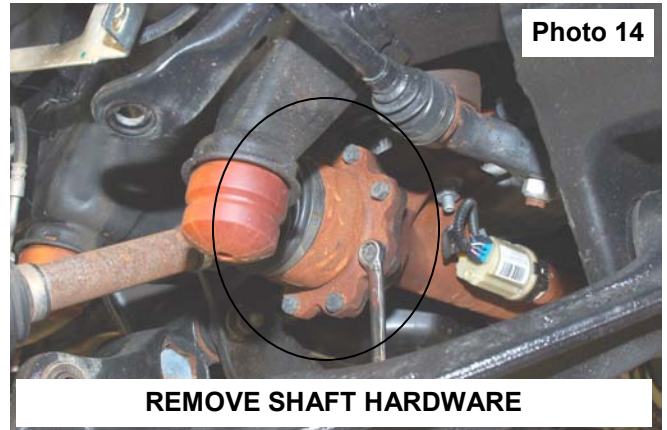
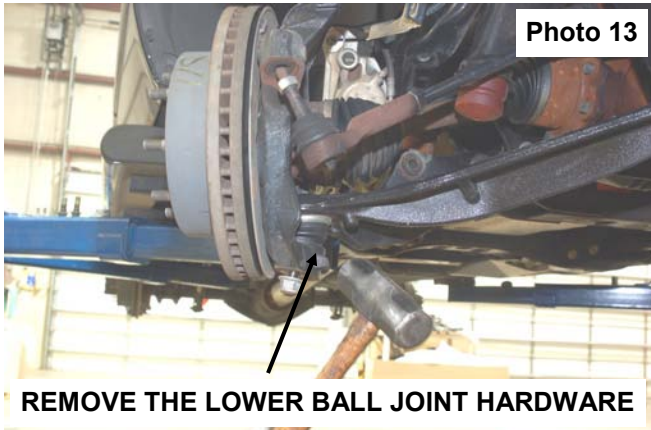
17. Remove dust cap using a flat head screwdriver to access the axle nut.

18. **2wd models skip to step 19.** Remove axle nut using a 33mm socket. Retain the factory hardware. **See Photo 11.**

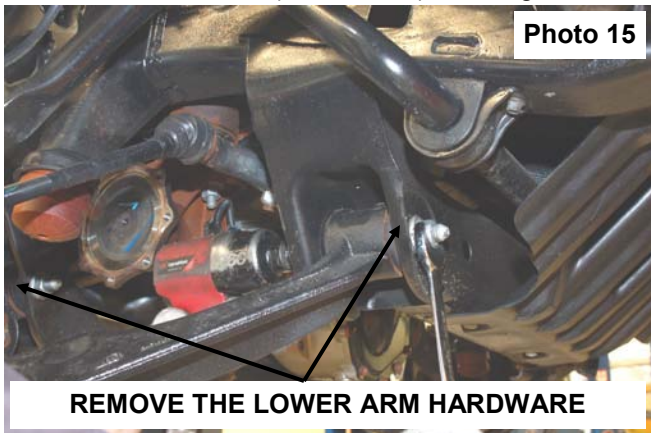
19. Loosen but do not remove the upper ball-joint nut using a 18mm socket/ wrench. Strike the knuckle to release the ball joint and remove the nut. Retain the factory hardware. **See Photo 12.**



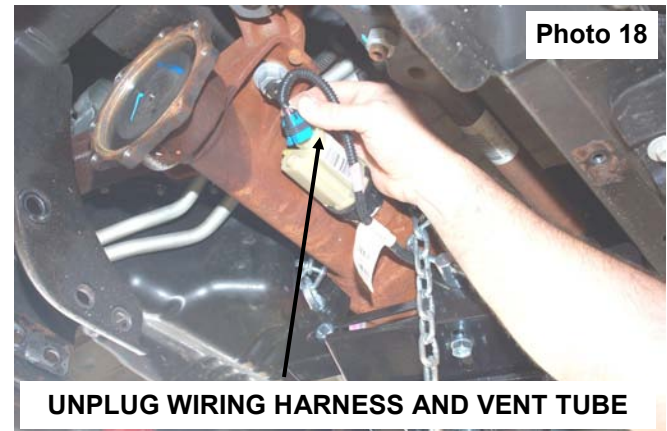
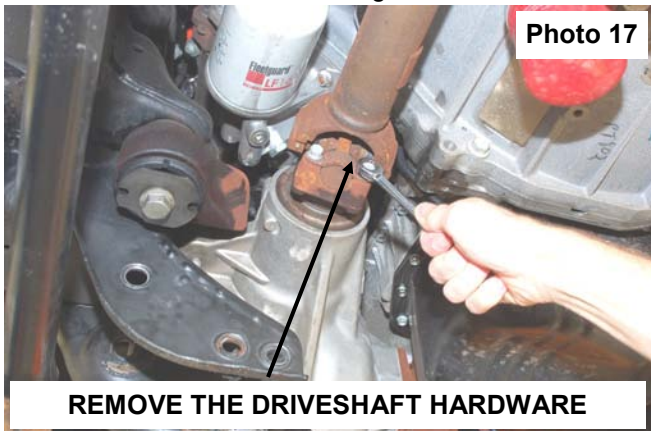
20. Loosen but do not remove the lower ball-joint nut using a 24mm socket/ wrench. Strike the knuckle as shown to dislodge the ball joint and remove the nut. Retain the hardware for reuse. **See Photo 13.**
21. Remove knuckle from the vehicle.
22. **2wd models skip to step 23.** Remove the axle shaft as shown using a 15mm socket/ wrench. **See Photo 14.**



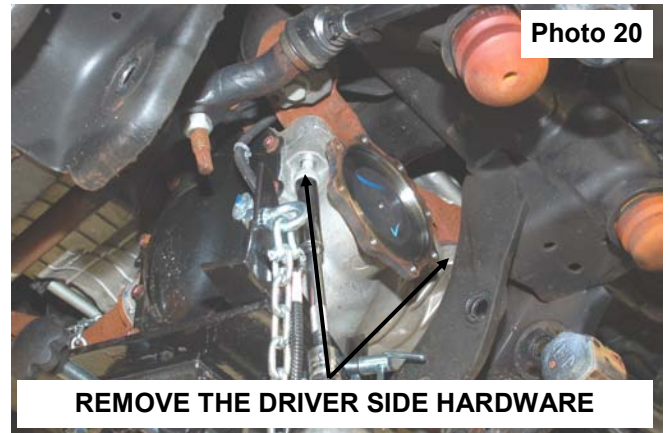
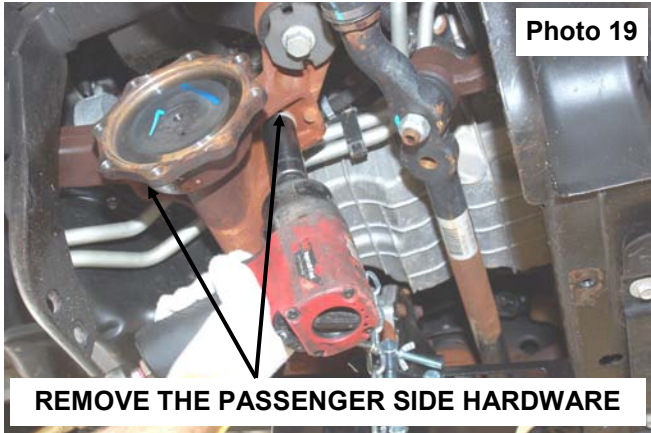
23. Remove lower arm using a 21mm socket and wrench. Retain hardware for reuse. **See Photo 15.**
24. Remove the 4 bolts (2 each side) securing the cross-member using a 18mm socket and wrench. **See Photo 16.**



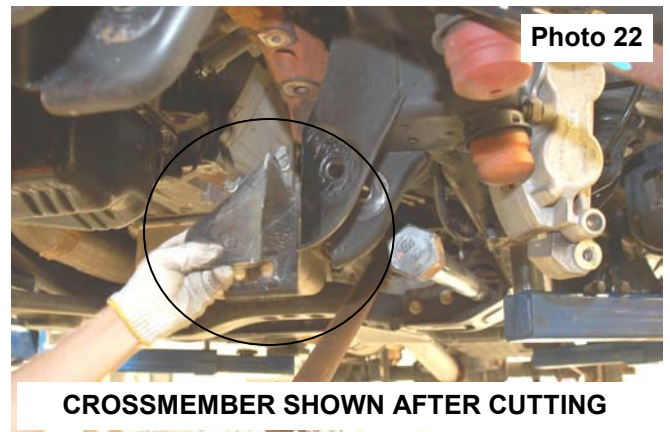
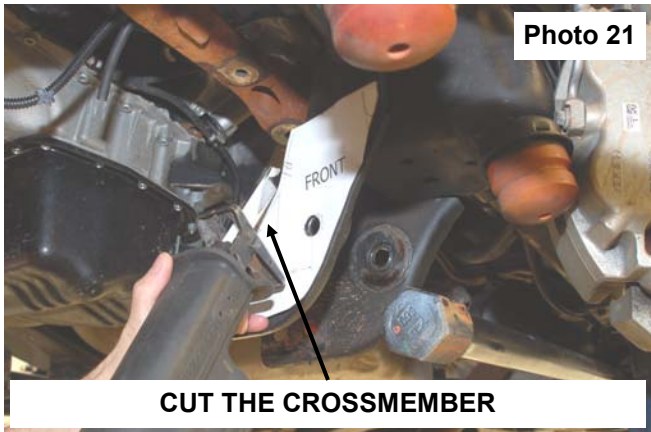
25. **2wd models skip to step 37.** Remove the front drive shaft using a 11mm socket. **See Photo 17.**
26. Remove the differential wiring harness from the axle and vent tube. **See Photo 18.**



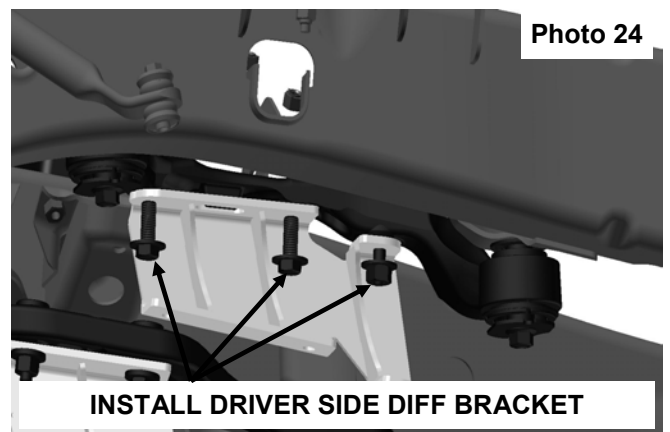
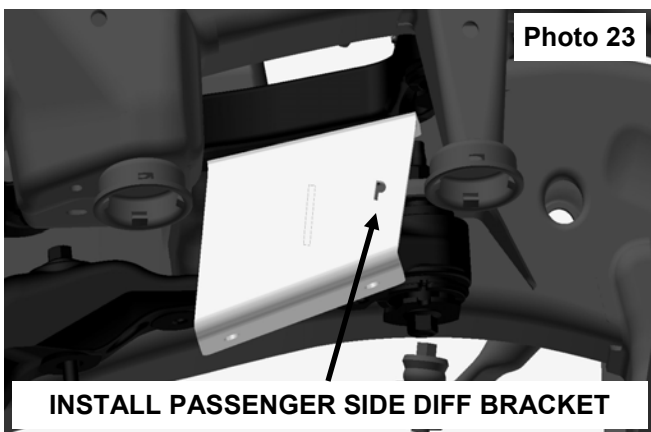
27. Remove the passenger side diff 2 bolts using a 21mm socket. Retain the stock hardware. **See Photo 19.**
 28. Remove the two forward driver diff front bolts using a 15mm socket and the rear bolt using a 18mm socket. **See Photo 20.**



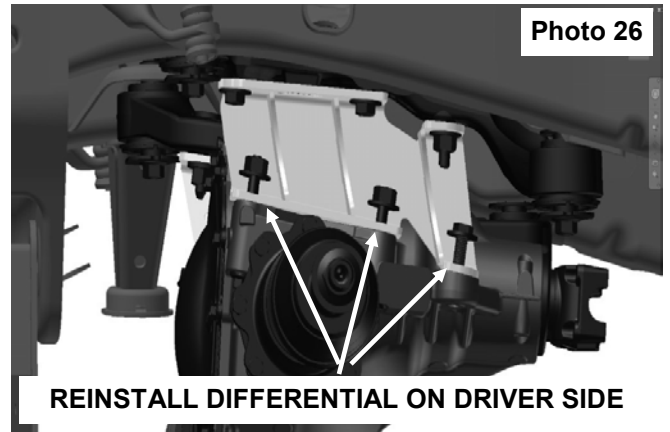
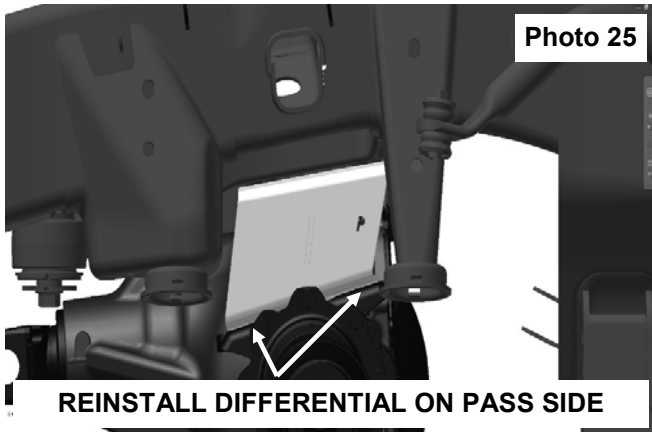
29. Position supplied front and rear trim templates on driver side rear lower arm mount, aligning the holes. Tape templates in place and cut with a reciprocating saw. **See Photo 21.** Cut through both front and back side of mount to allow space for the differential.
 30. **Photo 22** shows the piece separated from the mount.



31. Install pass diff drop, taller portion toward the rear, with the supplied 12mm flange lock nuts. Tighten using a 18MM wrench. **See Photo 23.** "P" will face forward and upright when looking from outside of truck.
 32. Apply thread locker to the 12mm x 35mm bolts and install driver differential bracket, taller portion toward the rear using the bolts and 12mm flat washers. Tighten using a 19mm socket. **See Photo 24.** Gussets to the outside of the vehicle.

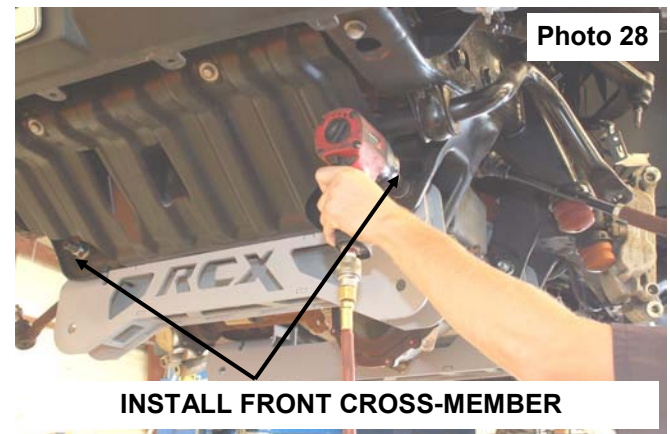
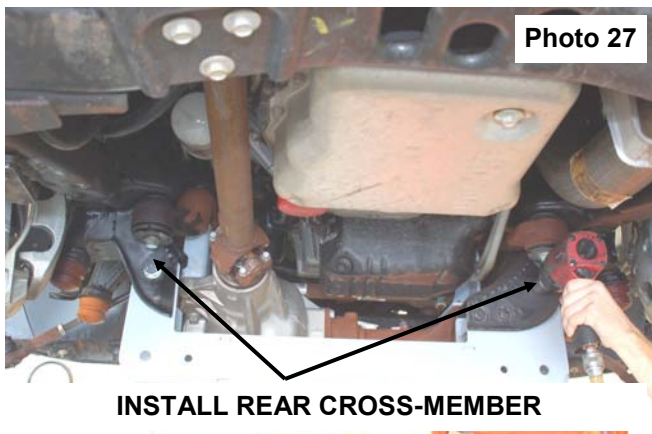


33. Apply thread locker to the two 12mm x 35mm bolts and install the passenger differential on the brackets with the supplied 12mm flat washers using stock nuts in 1253Bag3. **Do Not Tighten! See Photo 25.**
34. Install the differential on the drivers side to the bracket with the stock bolts and supplied 12mm flange lock nuts from 1253Bag3. **See Photo 26. Do Not Tighten!**



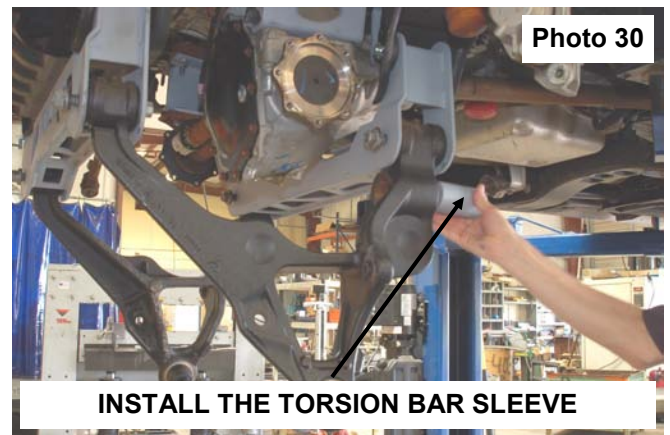
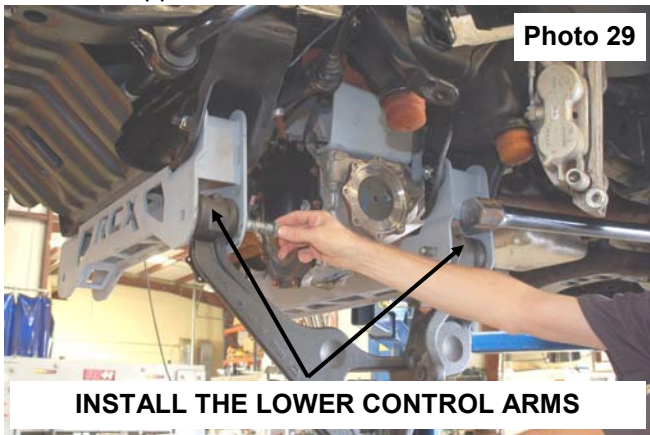
▲ NOTICE Make sure the differential is pushed to the driver side as far as it can go. Tighten the driver side first using 15mm & 18mm wrenches. Tighten the passenger side using 19mm & 21mm wrenches. Torque to factory specs.

35. Reattach the differential wires and vent tube to the axle. It may be necessary to pull some slack from top. Do Not pull on the wiring connector as damage to the wires can occur.
36. Reinstall front drive shaft using the factory hardware. Tighten using a 11mm socket.
37. Install rear cross-member using the supplied 18mm x 140mm bolts, flat washers and lock nuts in 1253Bag2. Tighten using a 27mm socket/ wrench. **See Photo 27.**
38. Install the two stock bolts in the stock location and tighten using a 18mm socket / wrench.
39. Install front cross-member using the supplied 18mm x 120mm bolts, flat washers and lock nuts in 1253Bag2. **See Photo 28.**



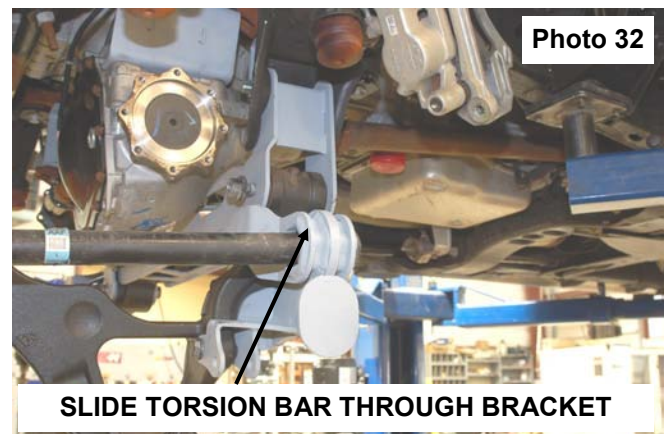
40. Reinstall the lower control arm with stock hardware. **See Photo 29.**

41. Install supplied NTD sleeve in lower arm. **See Photo 30.**



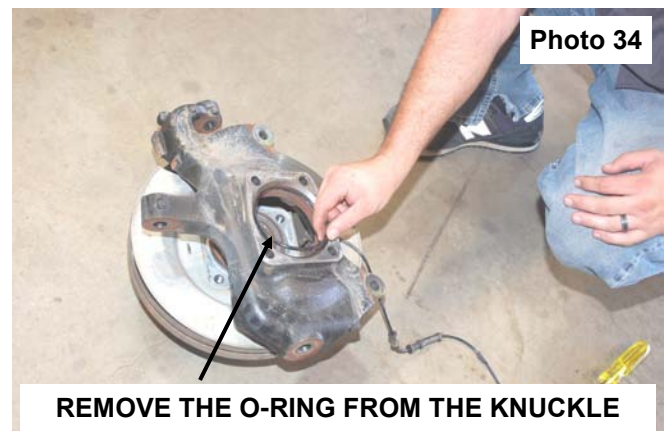
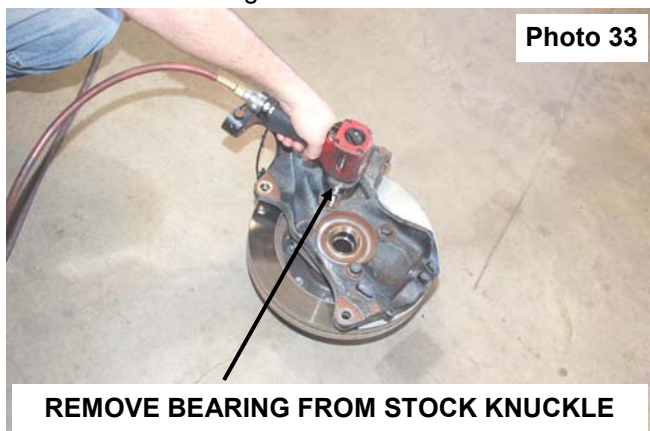
42. Install NTD bracket with the supplied 3/4" x 5 1/2" bolts, flat washers and 3/4" lock nut in 1253Bag8. **See Photo 31.** Tighten using 1- 1/8 wrench. The stock shock bolt will be used in the other hole. Tighten using a 21mm wrench. Slight grinding on the lower control arm may be needed for the bracket to seat properly.

43. Reinstall Torsion bar from front. Be sure to reinstall the passenger and driver side in the position as they were removed. **See Photo 32.**



44. Remove hub bearing from knuckle as shown in **Photo 33** using a 21mm socket.

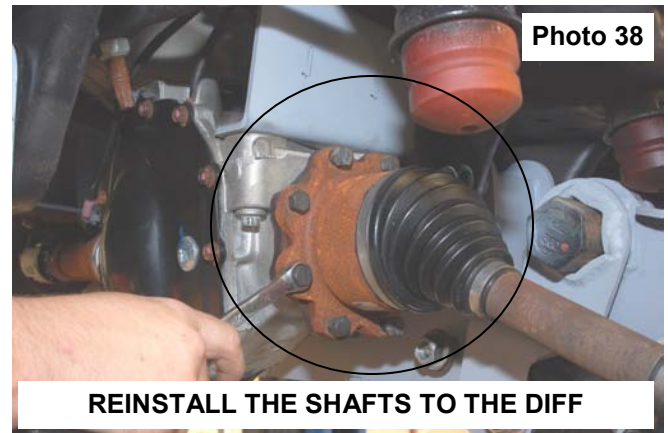
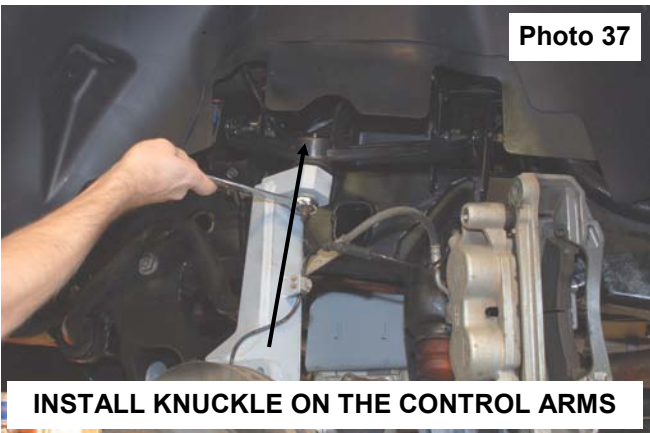
45. Remove the o-ring in the stock knuckle and retain. **See Photo 34.**



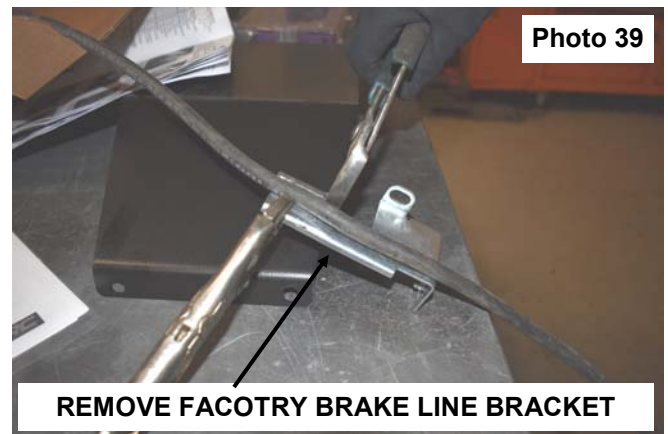
- 46. Remove the ABS wire and clamp from the stock knuckle.
- 47. Install the o-ring as shown in **Photo 35**.
- 48. Install bearing assembly in lifted knuckle with the factory hardware. Tighten using a 21mm socket. **See Photo 36**.



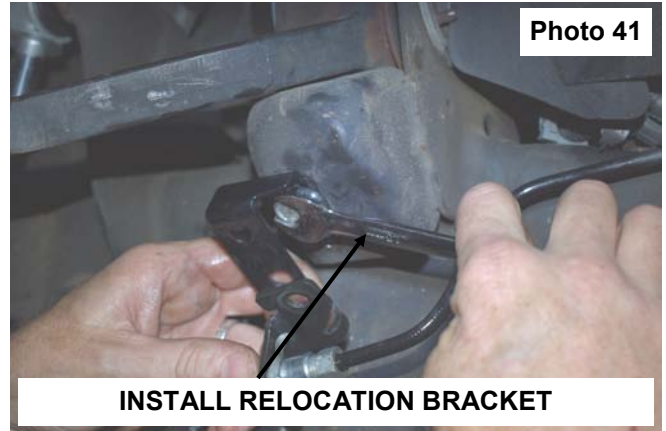
- 49. Install knuckle on the lower and upper control arms. **See Photo 37**.
- 50. **2wd models skip to step 51.** Reinstall axle shaft in the knuckle bearing and on the differential with the stock hardware. Tighten axle shaft bolts as shown in **Photo 38** with a 15mm socket / wrench and the axle nut using a 33mm socket.



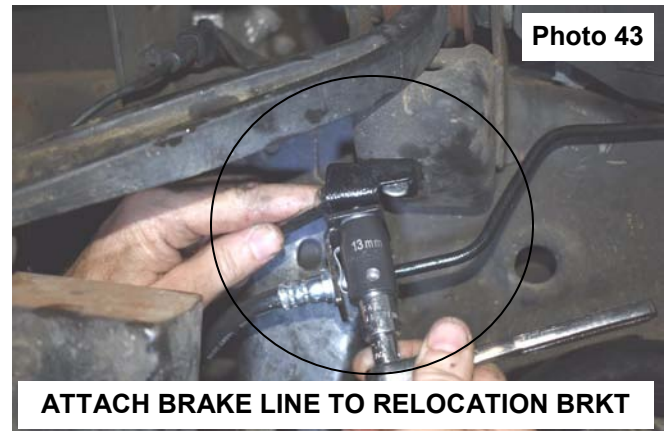
- 51. Install the caliper on the knuckle using factory hardware. Tighten using a 21mm socket / wrench. Using the supplied zip ties from 1253Bag5, secure to the brake lines to the tab on the knuckle.
- 52. Using pliers, carefully remove the factory brake line bracket from the brake line. **See Photo 39**.



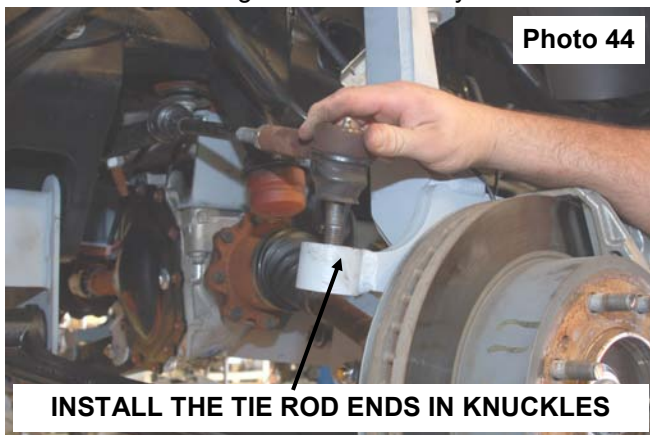
53. Using a 13mm socket, remove the brake line bracket from the frame. Retain hardware. **See Photo 40.**
 54. Install the supplied brake line relocation bracket (dr & pass side specific) using the factory hardware. Torque to factory spec using a 13mm. **See Photo 41.**



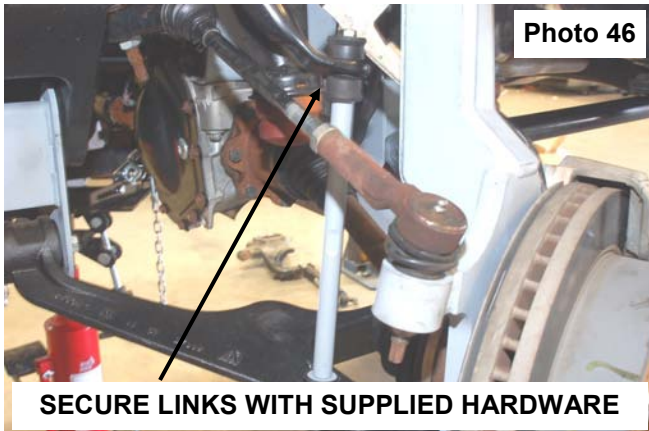
55. Carefully, straighten the bends in the brake line slightly until the factory bracket hole aligns with the relocation bracket mounting hole. **See Photo 42.**
 56. Attach the factory bracket to the relocation bracket using the supplied 5/16" x 3/4" bolt, washer, and nut (1253BAG17). Torque to 15ft/lbs using a 1/2" socket and wrench. **See Photo 43.**



57. Install tie-rod on the knuckle with the factory hardware. Tighten using a 21mm socket / wrench. **See Photo 44.**
 58. **Photo 45** shows the location of the supplied sway bar washers. The washers from 1253Bag7 will install on the upper and lower bushings of both the sway bar and the lower control arm.



59. Install the stock sway bar bushings and secure with the supplied 7/16" x 3" bolts in 1253Bag3. Tighten assembly using a 5/8" wrench. **See Photo 46.**
60. Using a hammer, drive out the studs from the upper stock shock bar-pin. **You may need to place the bar-pin in a vise. See Photo 47.**



61. Drive the studs into the bar-pin on the supplied Rough Country shock. **You may need to place the bar-pin in a vise. See Photo 48.**
62. Install the supplied RC shock into the upper mount using the stock hardware.
63. Install the shock in the lower mount with the supplied 9/16" x 3 1/2" bolts, flat washers and lock nuts from 1253Bag3. **See Photo 49.**

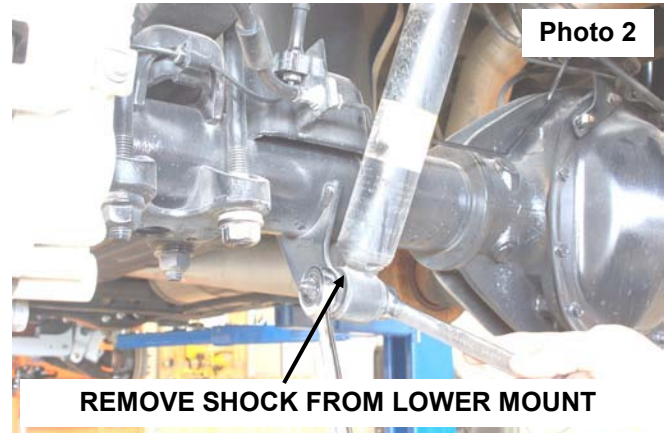


64. **2wd models skip to step 63 (skid plate is optional on 2wd models).** Install the skid plate as shown in **Photo 50** with the supplied 3/8" x 1 1/4", flat washers and lock nuts from 1253Bag3. Tighten using a 9/16" socket / wrench.
65. Using the torsion bar tool, reinstall the torsion bar keys as they were removed and adjust the bolt as it was stock.
66. Install the tires / wheels.
67. Jack up the vehicle.
68. Remove the jack stands and lower the vehicle to the ground.
69. Tighten the lower control arms using a 21mm socket & wrench and reattach the ABS harness.

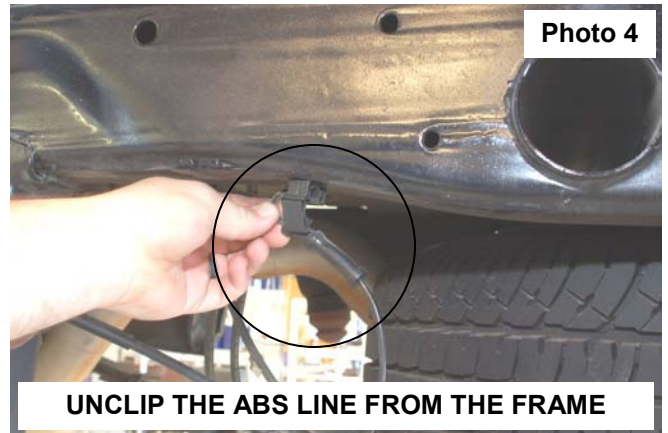


REAR INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

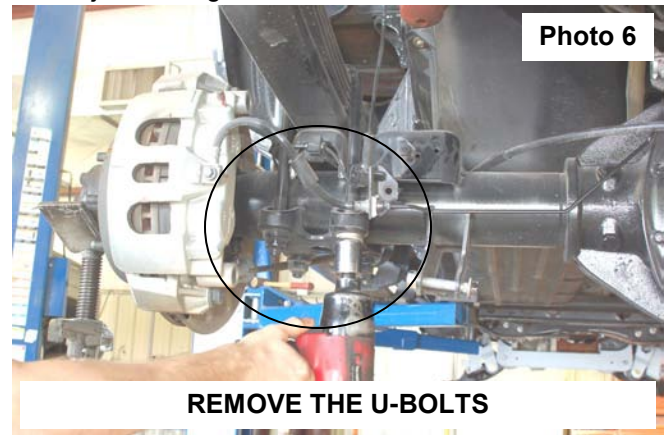
1. Chock the front tires.
2. Position a floor jack under the rear differential and jack up the vehicle.
3. Place jack stands under the frame rails just forward of the front leaf spring hangers and lower the frame on the jack stands.
4. Reposition the floor jack under the center of the differential and apply slight pressure for support, but do not raise the frame off the jack stands.
5. Remove the rear shock with a 21mm wrench on the upper and lower mount **See Photo 1 & 2.**



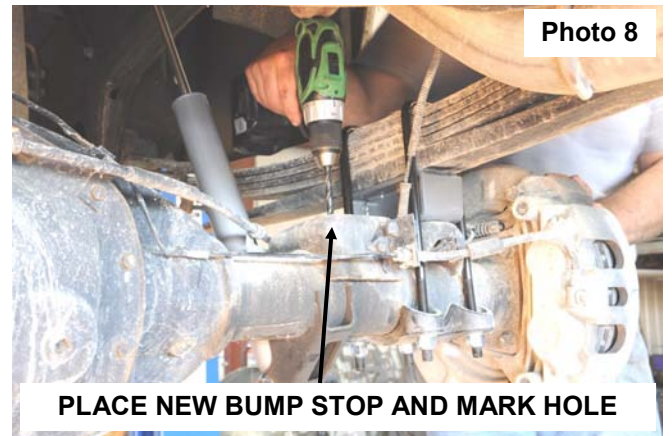
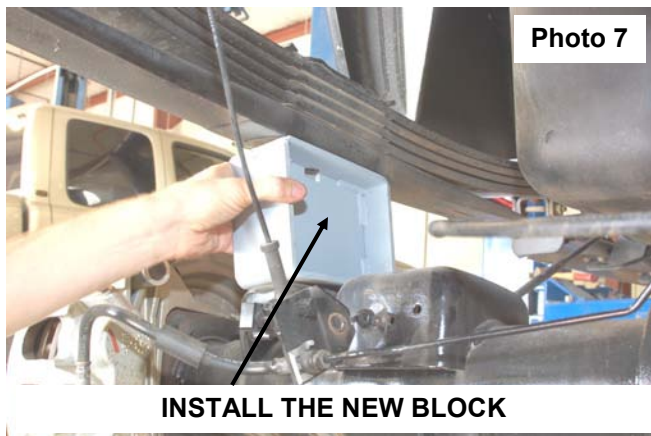
6. Remove the brake line brackets and e-brake bracket off the center of the rear end using a 13mm wrench. **See Photo 3.**
7. Release the line from the frame mount. **See Photo 4.**



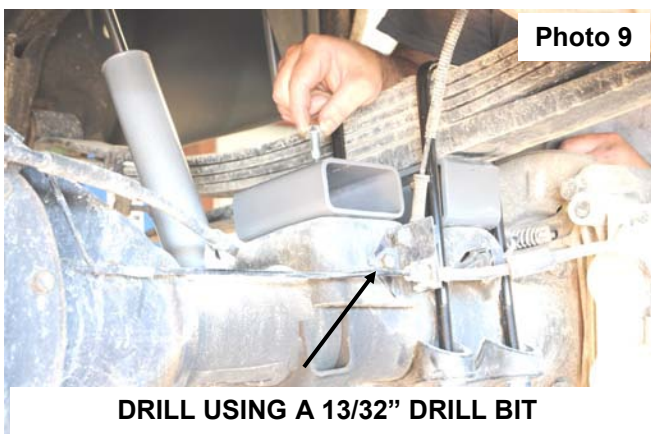
8. Remove the e-brake from the frame. **See Photo 5.** Retain the stock hardware for reuse.
9. Remove U-bolts use 27mm socket and lower the axle with the floor jack enough to install the lift block. **See Photo 6.**



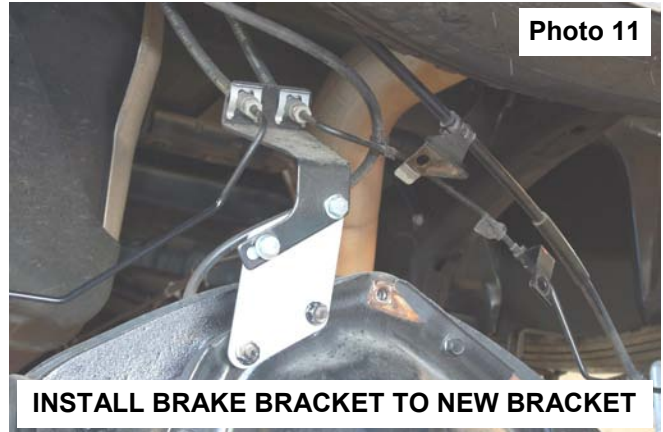
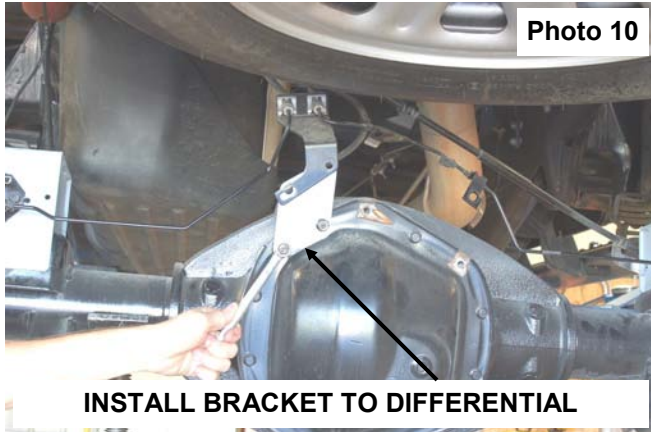
10. Position the lift block on the leaf spring and axle. **See Photo 7.**
11. Install the supplied u-bolts and tighten using a 15/16" socket.
12. Lay the new bump stop on the axle, and center the bump stop and mark hole to be drilled. Use a 11/32 drill to drill the mounting hole on the bump stop pad. **See Photo 8.**



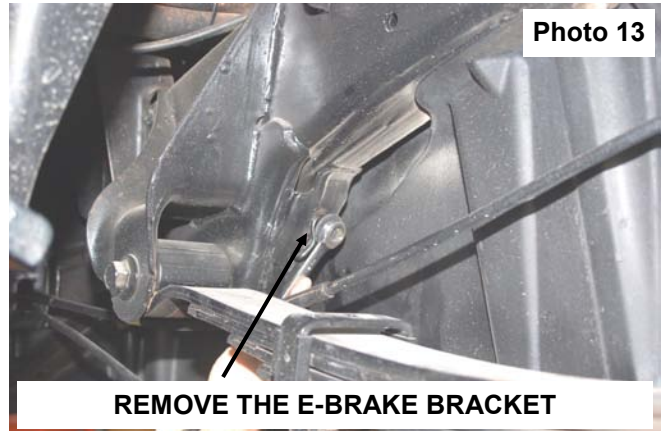
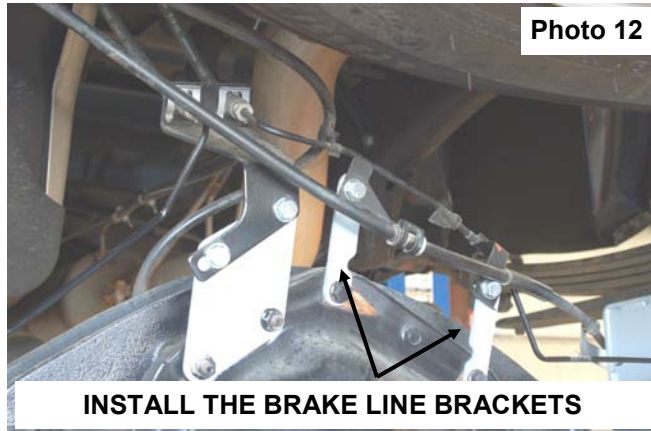
13. Install the supplied bump stop and secure with the supplied 3/8" self tapping bolt from 1260bag2. Tighten with a 9/16" socket. **See Photo 9.**



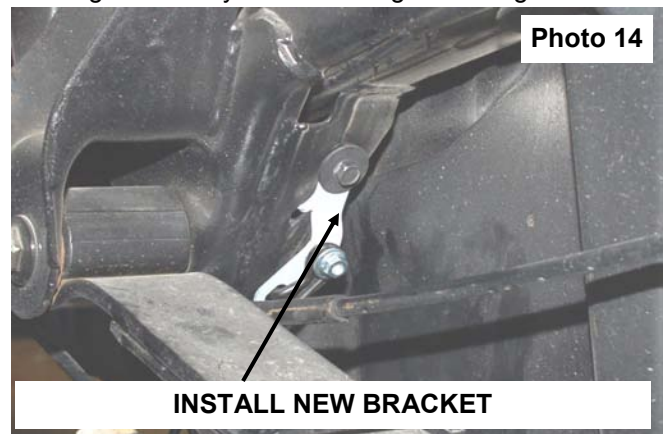
14. Install the new drop bracket on the differential as shown in **Photo 10** with stock nuts.
15. Bend the hard brake line so you can install the brake line bracket on the new bracket with the supplied 5/16" x 3/4" bolt, flat washers and lock nuts from 1253Bag4. **See Photo 11**. Tighten using a 1/2" socket / wrench.



16. Install the supplied brackets on the differential with the stock hardware. **See Photo 12**. Tighten using a 13mm socket / wrench. Reinstall the stock brake line brackets on the new brackets using the supplied 5/16" x 3/4" bolts, flat washers and lock nuts from 1253Bag4. Tighten using a 1/2" socket / wrench.
17. Remove the stock e-brake bracket as shown in **Photo 13** using a 13mm socket.

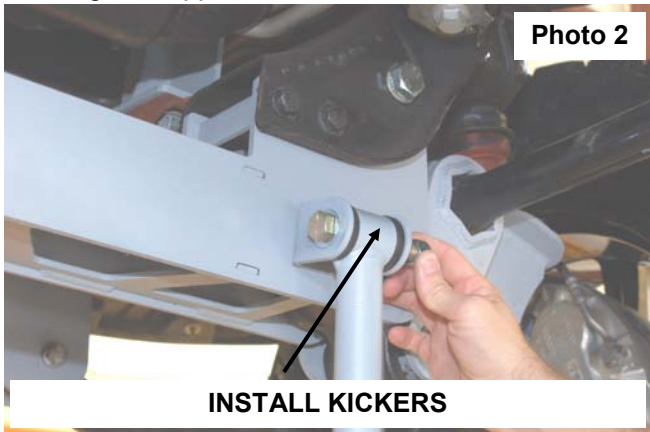
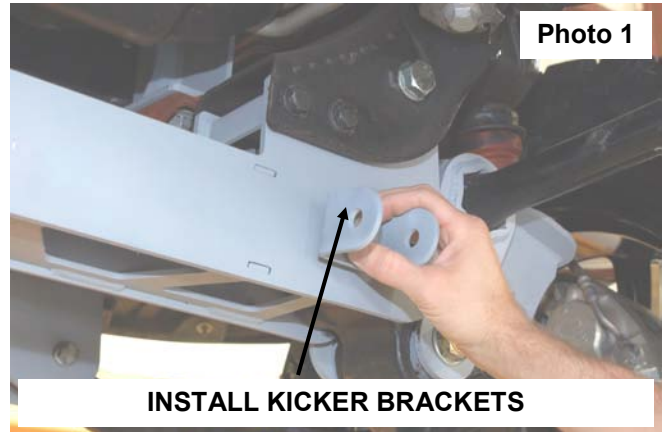


18. Install the e-brake bracket as shown in **Photo 14** with the stock hardware and reinstall the stock e-brake bracket on the new bracket with the supplied 5/16" lock nut from 1253Bag4. Tighten using a 13mm socket.
19. Reinstall the ABS wire back onto the frame mount.
20. Install the new shock absorbers (660744) in the factory mounts using the factory hardware. Tighten using a 21mm socket/ wrench on the upper and lower mount.



OPTIONAL KICKER BAR INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Install kicker bracket bushing and sleeves in the kicker bars.
2. Install the supplied kicker bar brackets on the rear cross-member as shown in **Photo 1** with the supplied 1/2" x 1 1/4" bolts, flat washers and lock nuts. Tighten using a 3/4" socket & wrench.
3. Install the kicker bar in the mount on the cross-member with the supplied 1/2" x 3 1/2" bolts, flat washers and lock nuts. **See Photo 2.** Do not tighten at this time.
4. Swing up the kicker bars and mark the hole to be drilled.
5. Drill the hole in the cross-member using a 1/2" drill bit.
6. Secure the bracket to the cross-member 1/2" x 1" bolts, flat washers and lock nuts.
7. Swing up the kicker bar and secure to the cross-member using the supplied 1/2" x 3 1/2" bolts, flat washers and lock nuts. **See Photo 3.**

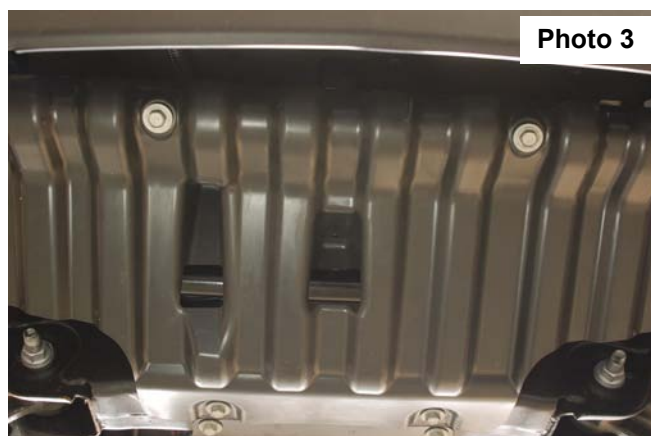


Sway Bar Relocation

1. Remove the four factory bolts holding the front skid plate using a 15mm socket. Retain factory hardware.
2. Remove the sway bar from frame with a 10mm socket, insert the 3/8" x 1.25" bolts into the back of the sway bar bracket. Install the bracket to the frame using the factory bolts and tighten with a 10mm socket. Use the supplied 3/8" washers, lock washers, and nuts to hold the sway bar to the bracket. **See Photo 1.** Tighten with a 9/16 socket.
3. Hold the skid plate up in position and mark the area that will need to be trimmed. Use a body saw or die grinder to cut the skid plate. **See Photo 2.**



4. After this area is cut bolt the skid plate back in factory location use the four factory bolts. Tighten with a 15mm socket. **See Photo 3.**



POST INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

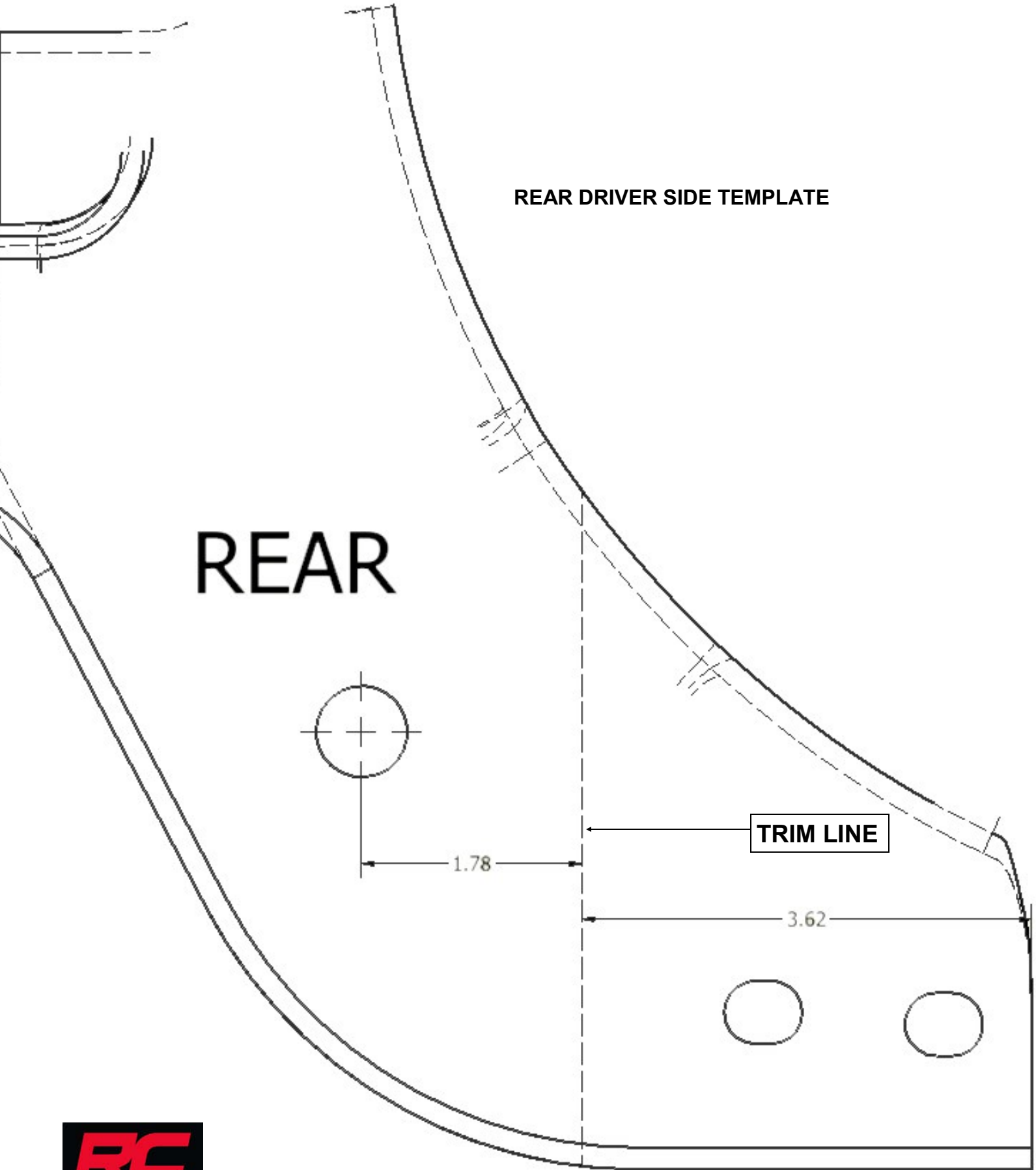
1. Check all fasteners for proper torque. Check to ensure for adequate clearance between all rotating, mobile, fixed, and heated members. Verify clearance between exhaust and brake lines, fuel lines, fuel tank, floor boards and wiring harness. Check steering gear for clearance. Test and inspect brake system.
2. On some vehicles the front lower skirting will need to be trimmed if using certain wheel /tire combinations and with heavy offset wheels. Trim only as needed.
3. Activate four wheel drive system and check front hubs for engagement.
4. Have a qualified alignment center align the vehicle immediately. Realign to factory specifications. Have headlights adjusted to proper settings.
6. Perform head light check and adjustment to proper settings.
7. Check and retighten wheels at 50 miles and again at 500 miles.
8. Recheck lifted height and adjust torsion bar as necessary.
9. All kit components must be retightened at 500 miles and then every three thousand miles after installation. Periodically check all hardware for tightness.
10. Install "Warning to Driver" decal on sun visor.
11. Bleed the brake system and test braking before driving on road.

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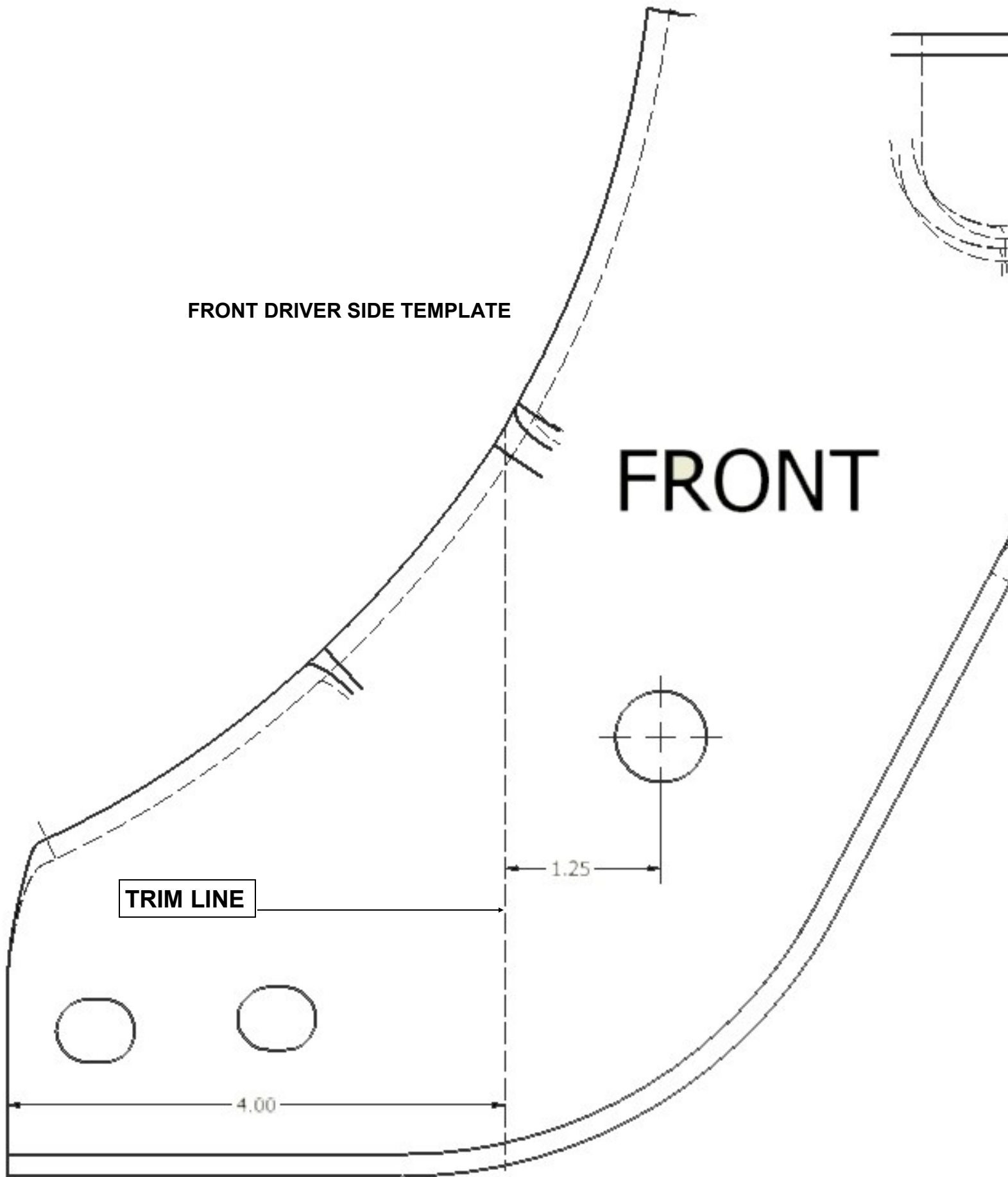
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