

# ROUGH COUNTRY

## SUSPENSION SYSTEMS®

### RAM 1500 Rear Vertex Shocks

**Thank you for choosing Rough Country for your suspension needs.**

Rough Country recommends a certified technician install 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 instructions before beginning installation. Check the kit hardware against the parts list on the rear cover of these instructions. Be sure you have all needed parts and know where they go. Also please review tools needed list and make sure you have needed tools.

#### PRODUCT USE INFORMATION

**⚠ WARNING** As a general rule, the taller a vehicle is, the easier it will roll. Seat belts and shoulder harnesses should be worn at all times. Avoid situations where a side rollover may occur. Generally, braking performance and capability are decreased when larger/heavier tires and wheels are used. Take this into consideration while driving. Do not add, alter, or fabricate any factory or after-market parts to increase vehicle height over the intended height of the Rough Country product purchased. Mixing component brands is not recommended.

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#### Torque Specs:

| Size  | Grade 5   | Grade 8   | Size | Class 8.8 | Class 10.9 |
|-------|-----------|-----------|------|-----------|------------|
| 5/16" | 15 ft/lbs | 20ft/lbs  | 6MM  | 5ft/lbs   | 9ft/lbs    |
| 3/8"  | 30 ft/lbs | 35ft/lbs  | 8MM  | 18ft/lbs  | 23ft/lbs   |
| 7/16" | 45 ft/lbs | 60ft/lbs  | 10MM | 32ft/lbs  | 45ft/lbs   |
| 1/2"  | 65 ft/lbs | 90ft/lbs  | 12MM | 55ft/lbs  | 75ft/lbs   |
| 9/16" | 95 ft/lbs | 130ft/lbs | 14MM | 85ft/lbs  | 120ft/lbs  |
| 5/8"  | 135ft/lbs | 175ft/lbs | 16MM | 130ft/lbs | 165ft/lbs  |
| 3/4"  | 185ft/lbs | 280ft/lbs | 18MM | 170ft/lbs | 240ft/lbs  |

#### Tools Needed:

Floor Jack /Jack Stands  
21mm Socket/Wrench  
Torque Wrench



## INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Chock the front wheels.
2. Place a floor jack under the differential and jack up the rear of the vehicle.
3. Place jack stands under the frame rails and lower onto the jack stands.
4. Remove the tires/wheels.
5. If equipped with inner splash guard, remove for easy access to shocks.
6. Support the axle with a jack before removing the shock. You may need to lift the axle slightly to remove the shock.
7. Remove the factory shock absorbers using a 21mm wrench & socket. Retain the factory hardware for reuse.
8. Install the new Vertex shock absorbers in the factory mounting locations using the factory hardware. Make sure the braided line is toward the outside of the vehicle on both sides. Torque to factory specs using a 21mm wrench and socket. **See Photos 1 - 3.**

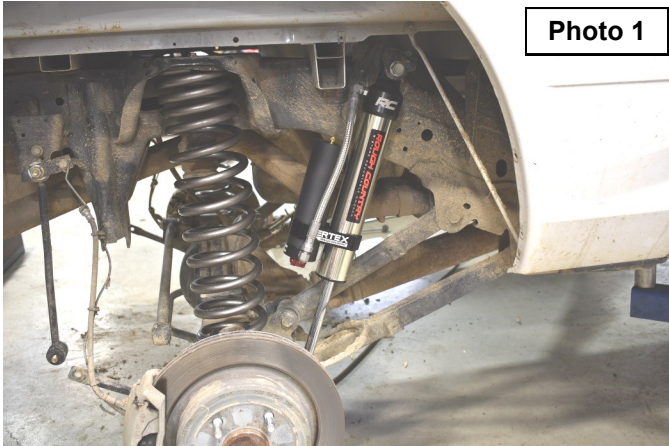


Photo 1

Install Vertex shock.



Photo 2

Tighten upper shock with 21mm wrench/socket.

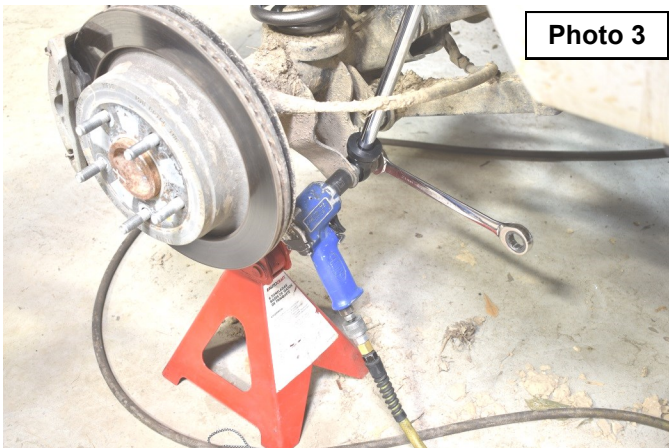


Photo 3

Tighten lower shock with 21mm wrench/socket.

9. Replace splash guard, put on wheels, and lower.

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