



## **3063 - 2007-PRESENT, MERCEDES SPRINTER, BAJA BRACKET, DOUBLE SHEAR SHOCK MOUNT**

Version 1.2

### General Notes

- For the most up to date and current instructions, please visit our website at [www.vancompass.com](http://www.vancompass.com)
- Please read all instructions thoroughly before starting installing Van Compass products.
- This is a bolt on shock bracket kit that can be installed with simple hand tools.
- Note; Two small holes will need to be drilled for the forward attachment point of this bracket.
- This kit is designed specifically around Van Compass spec'd Falcon shocks only! We cannot guarantee fitment with other suspension configurations other than our own. This bracket is designed with tight engineering tolerances for a precise fit with the Falcon shock bushing widths we specify with our kits.
- This kit can be removed and the vehicle can be returned to stock at a later date if desired.
- The installation of this kit requires the rear of the vehicle to be placed on jack stands so the suspension can be drooped out to full extension and rear tires removed.

### Parts List

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| • (1) 306301-LH          | MERCEDES SPRINTER BAJA BRACKET, LEFT HAND SIDE     |
| • (1) 306301-RH          | MERCEDES SPRINTER BAJA BRACKET, RIGHT HAND SIDE    |
| • (2) 306302             | MERCEDES SPRINTER BAJA BRACKET, SPACER BUNG        |
| • (4) 306303             | MERCEDES SPRINTER BAJA BRACKET, FRONT SPACER PLATE |
| • (2) 306304             | MERCEDES SPRINTER BAJA BRACKET, ANTI-ROTATE TAB    |
| • (2) HM14-2.00-160-10.9 | M14-2.00 X 160MM LONG, HEX HEAD BOLT, GR10.9       |
| • (2) NSM14-2.00         | M14-2.00 STOVER NUT, CLEAR ZINC                    |
| • (6) WF-M14             | M14 FLAT WASHER, CLEAR ZINC                        |
| • (2) HM14-1.50-100-10.9 | M14-1.50 X 100MM LONG, HEX HEAD BOLT, GR10.9       |
| • (6) HM10-1.50-25-10.9  | M10-1.50 X 25MM LONG, HEX HEAD BOLT, GR10.9        |
| • (6) NNM10-1.50         | M10-1.50 NYLOCK NUT, CLEAR ZINC                    |
| • (14) WF-M10            | M10 FLAT WASHER, CLEAR ZINC                        |
| • (2) 56-09-03-056-3-1   | STAINLESS FALCON SHOCK SPACER, .284" W X .570" ID  |

### Tools Needed

- Quality Jack & Jack Stands
- Simple hand tools:
  - Basic wrench and socket set:

- Metric sizes: 17mm, 18mm, 21mm, 22mm
- Torque wrench
- Drill with quality metal cutting drill bit (10.8mm or 27/64)
- Paint Chisel / scraper

### Approximate Installation Time

- Professional shop: 45 minutes – 1.5 hours
- Driveway install: 1 hour – 2.0 hours

### Installation

- 1) Begin by safely supporting the vehicle so that the rear suspension can hang free. This can be done with an automobile lift or a quality jack and a pair of jack stands.
  - a. With the rear suspension hanging free, remove the rear wheels / tires.
- 2) Remove the factory shocks. Use an 18mm socket / wrench for the lower bolt and a 21mm socket / wrench for the upper. Retain the lower bolts as they will be re-installed.
- 3) With the rear shocks removed, utilize a paint chisel or similar scraper to remove the built up glue / undercoating material in the corner as shown in the image below. Perform this on both sides of the vehicle.

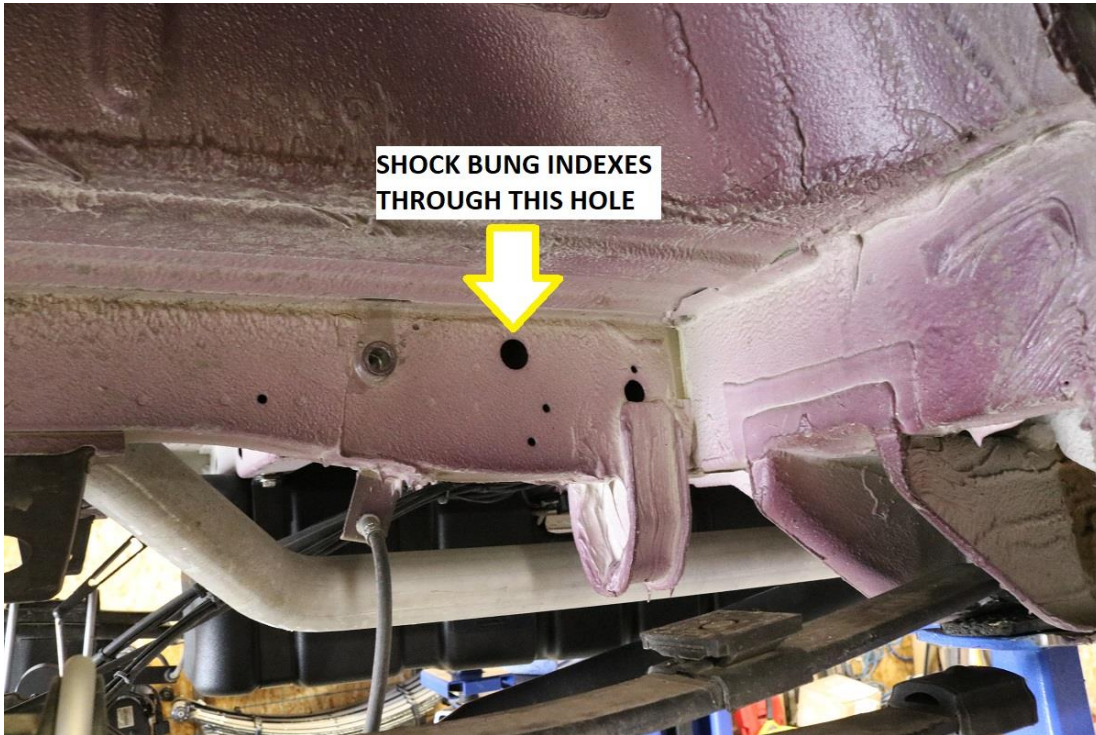




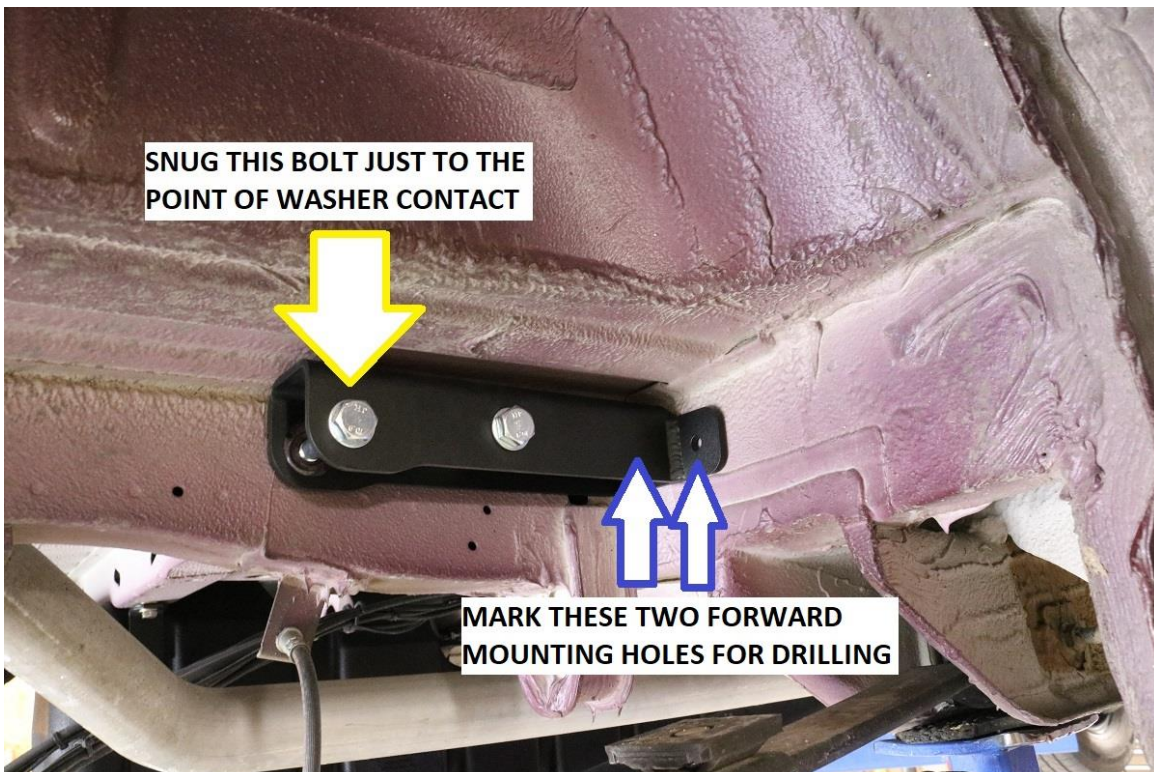
- 4) Install the shock bung spacer into the bracket. Note photo below showing the spacer installed and denoting driver / passenger side orientation.



- 5) Fit the bracket to the vehicle. The shock bung spacer installed in the bracket will fit through the hole in the chassis just forward of the threaded upper shock mount on the vehicle.



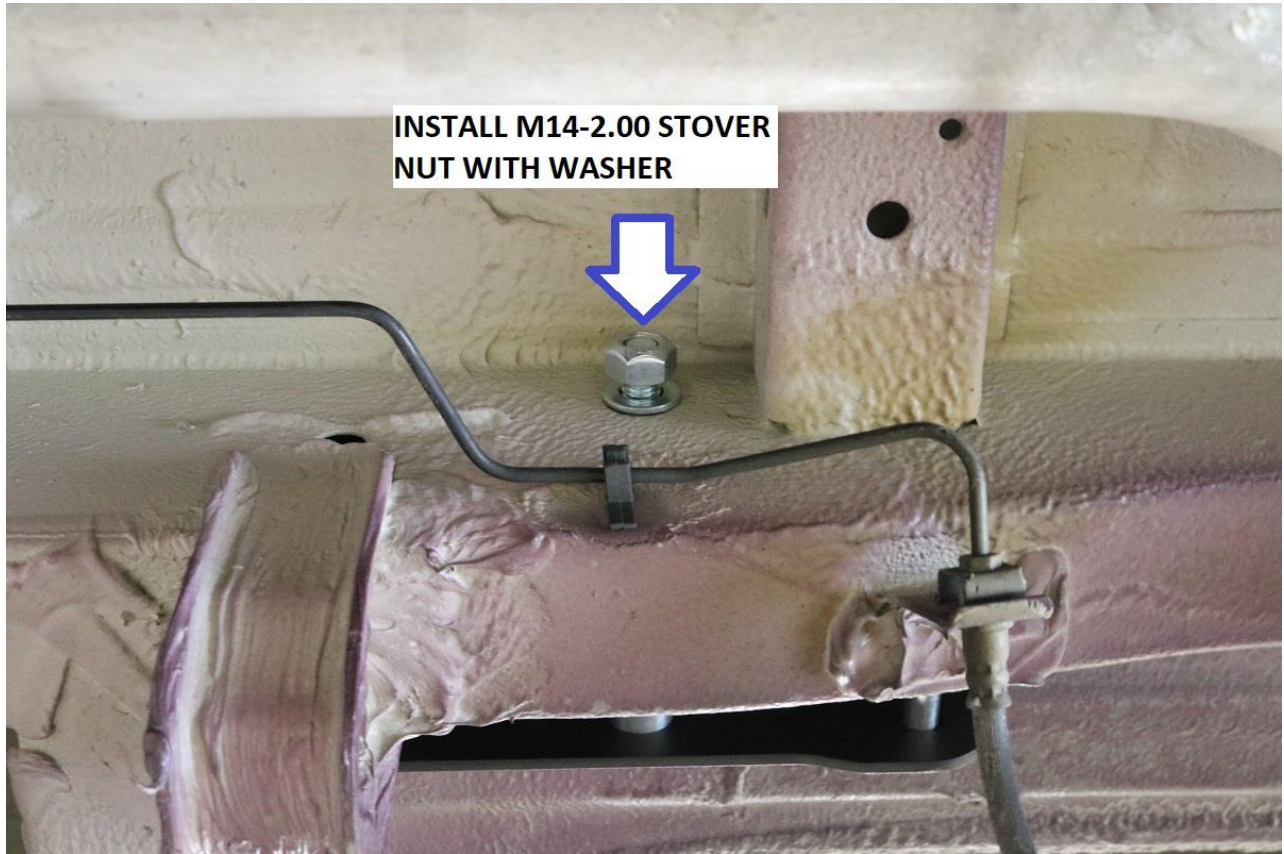
- 6) Next, start the new upper shock bolt included with the kit. This is the shorter fine thread M14-1.50 x 100 mm long bolt. Use one of the included M14 washers under the bolt head and snug the bolt just to the point where the washer is not free to spin under the bolt head. Use a 22mm socket / wrench to snug the bolt to this point.
- At this point make sure the bracket is sitting flat against the chassis. Some loosening of the main shock bolt may be needed to ensure good fitment.
  - Once satisfied with fitment, mark the two forward mounting holes for hole drilling locations.
  - Note; do not be alarmed if there is a gap at the front of the bracket with the leaf spring hanger crossmember. We designed the bracket this way to utilize spacer plates for a perfect fitment.



- 7) Remove the bracket. Center punch and drill the two forward hole locations. We recommend drilling with a 27/64" drill bit or (10.8mm) for ease of bolt installation.
  - a. With the forward mounting holes drilled, paint any exposed areas of metal to prevent corrosion and refit the bracket in the same manner as before in steps 5 & 6.
- 8) Take note of the gap between the front of the bracket and the leaf spring hanger crossmember. Most vehicles will utilize a single 1/8" (3.2mm) spacer plate to be tapped into place for a perfect fitment. Do not force the spacer in place if it is much less than .08" (2.0mm)
  - a. Tap the spacer in place with a hammer and flat faced chisel if needed.



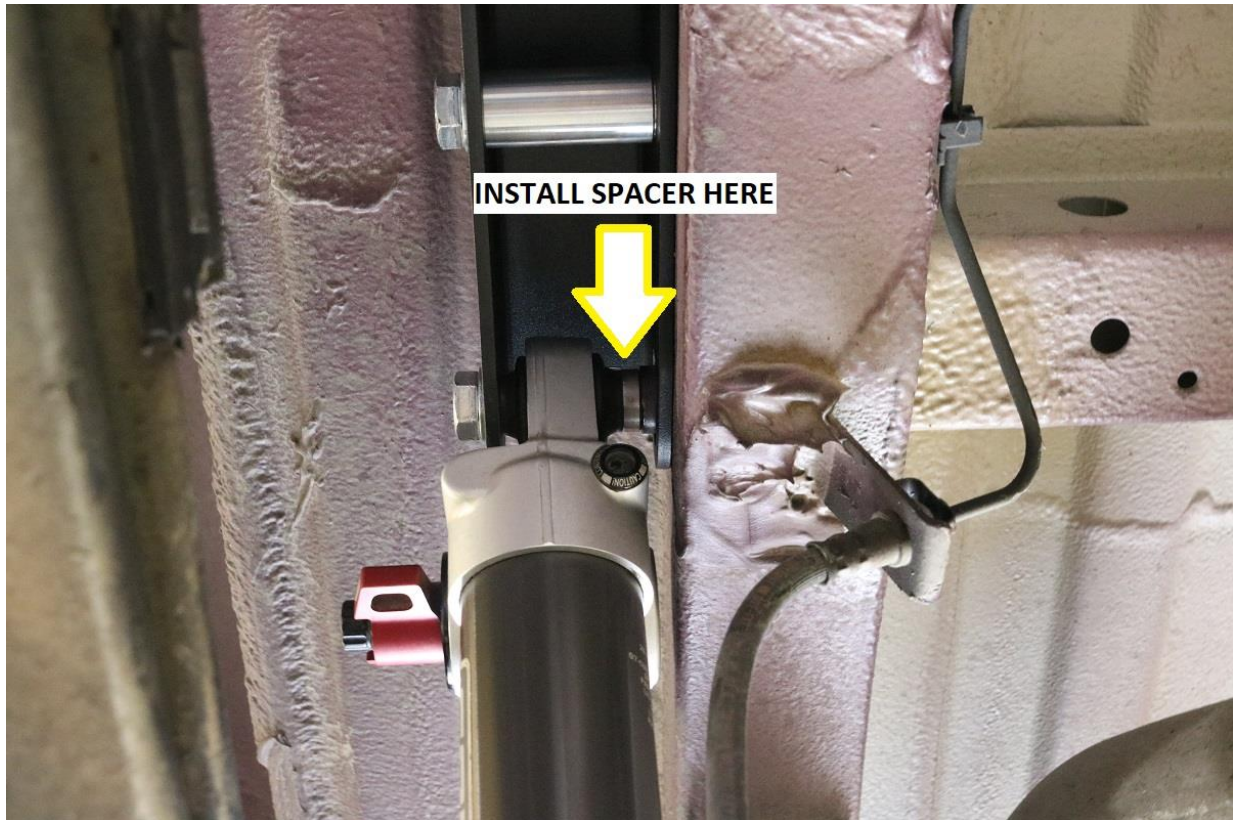
- 9) Install the forward M10-1.50 x 25mm long bolts. Use a washer under the bolt head and nylock nut on the back side. Simply start the bolts, do not tighten at this time.
- 10) Install the M14-2.0 x 160mm long bolt through the shock bung spacer. Fit the included M14-2.0 stover nut on the inside of the chassis. Again, be sure to use a washer under the bolt head and stover nut. You can snug the bolt but do not fully tighten at this time. Use a 22mm socket / wrench for tightening.



- 11) Take note of the upper bushings equipped in the Falcon shock. If an offset bushing is fitted to the shock as shown below, then simply install the shock as is with the long offset towards the inside of the vehicle.



- 12) If the shocks does not have an offset bushing as shown above. Install the included stainless shock spacer between the chassis and shock. See image below for reference.



- 13) Put a dab of Red Loctite on the included upper shock bolt. Again, be sure to use a washer under the bolt head. Snug bolt using a 22mm socket / wrench just to where the washer under the bolt head cannot spin.
- 14) All the hardware is started at this time. Now fully torque hardware in the following order:
- Shock bung spacer bolt – 22mm socket / wrench – 100 ft-lbs (135 Nm)
  - Shock bolt – 22mm socket – 100 ft-lbs (135 Nm)
  - Forward shock bracket bolts – 17mm socket / wrench – 42 ft-lbs (57 Nm)
- 15) Install the OEM lower shock bolt. Torque to 80 ft-lbs (108 N.m) using an 18mm socket / wrench.
- 16) Once torqued install the anti-rotate tab as shown in the image below. Use a washer under the bolt head, one washer between the anti-rotate tab and Baja bracket itself and a washer under the nut.
- Note, if the anti-rotate tab doesn't align with the slotted hole in the baja bracket, further tighten the shock bolt until the anti-rotate tab hole aligns and the M10-1.50 x 25mm long bolt can be installed.
  - Torque the anti-rotate tab bolt using a 17mm socket / wrench to 42 ft-lbs (57 Nm)



- 17) Re-install wheels / tires and lower van to ground. Torque bolts according to manufacturer's recommendations.
- 18) Re-check all bolt torques after 100 miles of driving.

### Installation is Complete

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