



## 2007-PRESENT, MERCEDES SPRINTER 3500, FALCON 3.3 FAST ADJUST PIGGYBACK REAR SHOCKS

Version 1.0

### 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 kit that can be installed with basic hand tools.
  - Note these shocks fit all 3500 4x4 Sprinters and RWD 3500 chassis equipped with a factory rear lift block only.
  - The installation of the Van Compass tuned Falcon rear shock package can be performed with the vehicle sitting on the ground at ride height; however we find that it is easier for a single person to install if the vehicle's suspension is unloaded.
  - This suspension kit can be completely removed, allowing the vehicle to be returned back to stock configuration if desired.
- SP2 Mode Adjust shocks:**
- The mode adjust feature on the Falcon shocks allows the installer the choice of setting the base shock tune. The settings we have laid out in these instructions are our recommendations based on van weights but can be changed at a later time depending on driver preference and vehicle use. The internal shock tune in the Van Compass Falcon shock is a proprietary tune developed in partnership with Falcon and Van Compass and is specifically tuned for optimum ride quality in all road conditions for the Mercedes Sprinter Van.
  - The shocks feature an internal bypass valve (free bleed circuit) that is adjusted by rotating the shaft only when the shock is fully extended.
  - When rotating the shock shaft, it is easy to feel when the mode switches. Rotating the shaft at least 360 degrees in one direction guarantees the shock will be in the correct mode.
  - These shocks feature a Fast Adjust Knob that gives a massive range of compression adjustment for the customer to dial in their ride preference and to take full advantage of Van Compass's years of experience developing tuned shock packages for the Mercedes Sprinter.

### Parts List

#### **3069 – 2007-PRESENT, MERCEDES SPRINTER 3500, FALCON 3.3 FAST ADJUST PIGGYBACK REAR SHOCKS, LIGHT / MID TUNE**

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| • (2) 3069              | MERCEDES SPRINTER 3500, FALCON REAR SHOCKS, LIGHT/ MID |
| • (1) 306902            | ALUMINUM E-BRAKE CABLE SPACER, 3/8" THICK              |
| • (1) HM10-1.50-30-10.9 | HEX HEAD BOLT, M10-1.50 X 30MM LONG                    |
| • (1) WF-M10            | FLAT WASHER, M10 CLEAR ZINC                            |

**OR**

## 3070 – 2007-PRESENT, MERCEDES SPRINTER 3500, FALCON 3.3 FAST ADJUST PIGGYBACK REAR SHOCKS, MID / HEAVY TUNE

- (2) 3070 MERCEDES SPRINTER 3500, FALCON REAR SHOCKS, MID/ HEAVY
- (1) 306902 ALUMINUM E-BRAKE CABLE SPACER, 3/8" THICK
- (1) HM10-1.50-30-10.9 HEX HEAD BOLT, M10-1.50 X 30 MM LONG
- (1) WF-M10 FLAT WASHER, M10 CLEAR ZINC

### Tools Needed

- Quality Jack & Jack Stands
- Simple hand tools:
  - Basic wrench and socket set:
    - Metric sizes: 16mm, 17mm, 21mm
- Torque wrench

### Approximate Installation Time

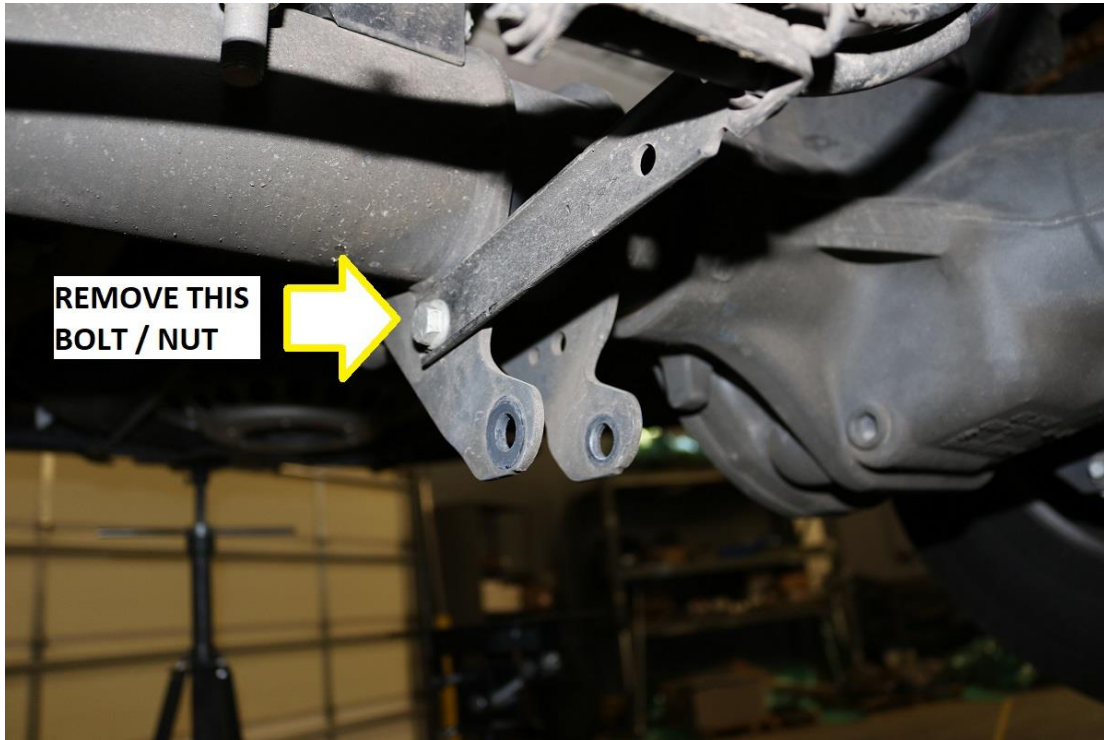
- Professional shop: 30 minutes – 1 hour
- Driveway install: 30 minutes – 1 hour

### Installation

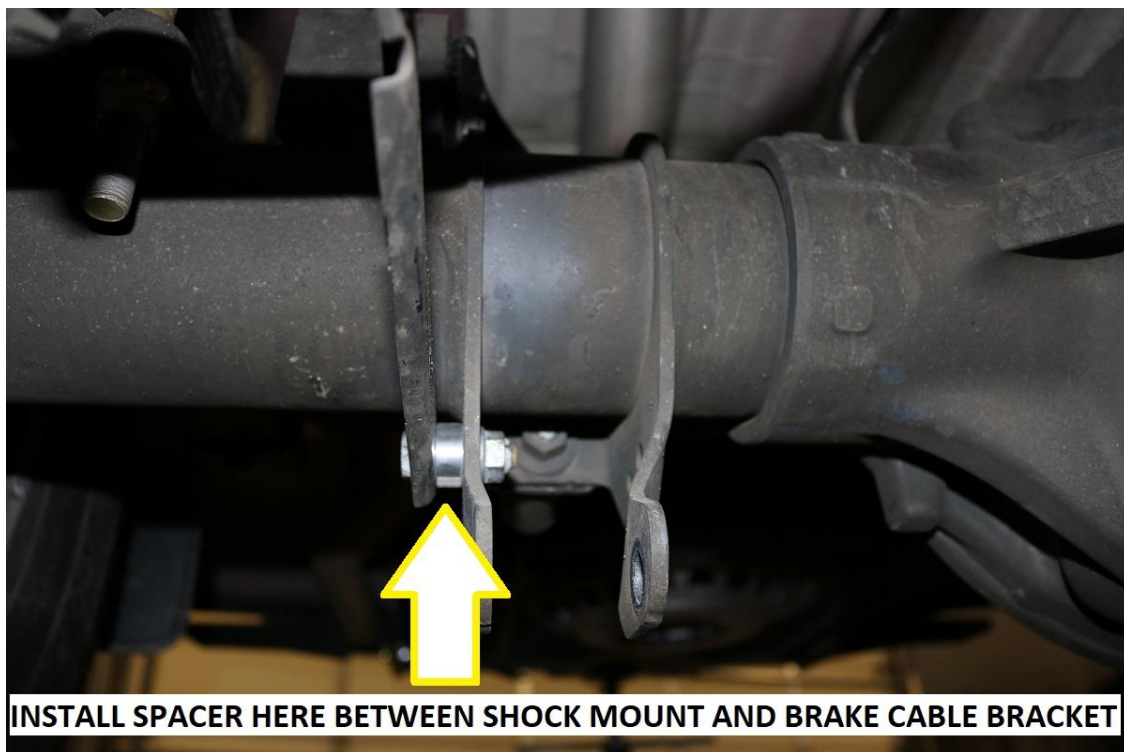
- 1) Raise the rear of the van with a floor jack under the rear hitch so the rear suspension can drop out.
  - a. Remove the factory shocks. Use a 21mm socket / wrench for both the upper and lower bolt. Retain both bolts as they will be re-installed.



- 2) With the factory shocks removed on both sides of the vehicle, locate the bolt securing the Emergency brake cable to the PASSENGER side rear lower shock mount. Remove this bolt / nut using a 16mm socket / wrench. Retain the OEM nut as it will be re-used.



- 3) Install the new M10-1.50 x 30mm long bolt included with the shocks along with the 3/8" thick aluminum spacer between the shock mount and the E-brake cable bracket. Use the included washer under the bolt head and install as shown below. Torque to 25 ft-lbs (34 N.m).
- Note a 17mm wrench is required for the new longer bolt included



- 4) Note the shocks are left and right specific, refer to the part number etched on the shock body to ensure they are installed on the correct side.



- 5) The SP2 must be set prior to fitting the shock to the van. Adjust the SP2 mode adjust by rotating the shaft 360 degrees in the direction as specified below for the corresponding van weights:

VC Falcon Shock Settings			
VC Shock Part Number:	Van Weight (in lbs):	Rear Leaf Spring Configuration:	SP2 Mode:
3069	7,799 and Less	Factory	Open / Soft/Cold Setting
3069	7,800-9,000	Factory	Closed / Performance
3070	8,500-9,700	Factory	Open / Soft/Cold Setting
3070	9,701-11,000+	Factory	Closed / Performance

- 6) These shocks install with the body fitted into the lower shock mount and the reservoirs pointed forwards of the rear axle.
- a. Note the Falcon / VC stickers should be oriented out towards the tire and the correct way up for reference.
  - b. See image below for clarity.



- 7) Install the shock (shaft side) into the upper mount using the factory bolt. Install the nut but do not tighten at this time.
- 8) Install the OEM lower shock bolt / nut through the body side of the shock.
- 9) Use the OEM lower shock bolt and torque both the upper and lower bolts to 100 ft-lbs. (135 N.m) using a 21mm socket / wrench.
- 10) Adjust the large red Fast Adjust Knob as desired. Start in position 1 (this is the lightest / softest setting)
  - c. Moving the Fast Adjust Knob to position 2 allows fine tuning of the micro dial to precisely adjust the shock for vehicle weight and personal preference. This is where the optimum on-road setting should be determined. There are 8 micro adjustments. Determine which number best suits your driving style / preference.
  - d. Moving the Fast Adjust Knob to position 3 sets the shock in its firmest setting. Use this setting for high side wind situations, twisty mountain roads, or when carrying a heavy payload / towing a trailer.
  - e. Note, any setting can be used and it is up to the consumer to fine tune and optimize their new Van Compass Falcon shocks.
- 11) Re-check all bolt torques after 100 miles of driving.

Installation is Complete

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#### PRODUCT SAFETY WARNING:

Van Compass LLC strongly recommends the installation of products be done by a certified mechanic. If this does not occur, be certain the person(s) installing the product read, understand and follow all instructions and warnings pertaining to the application before installation. Do not add, alter, or fabricate any factory or aftermarket parts to increase vehicle height over the intended height of the Van Compass LLC product purchased. Mixing component brands is not recommended.

Installation of suspension lift kits or any other lifting kits or devices will raise the center of gravity. For this reason, Van Compass LLC urges that extreme caution be used when encountering driving conditions which may cause vehicle imbalance. Furthermore, the driver's field of vision and judgment will not be as good due to the height of the vehicle. Due to the installation of larger tires, the speedometer will read slower than the actual speed being traveled and more distance will be required to stop the vehicle. It is the owner's responsibility to caution and warn any potential driver of the vehicle about these driving and handling conditions. Van Compass LLC will not be held liable or responsible for damages or personal injuries resulting from the use of lifting devices and or related products. The tires and rims should be changed to sufficiently increase the vehicle's total overall width and stability to help accommodate lifting devices.

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