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Part#: 082501 **3" Steering Block** Dodge Pickup 4WD

# READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS PRIOR TO INSTALLATION OF SYSTEM AND OPERATION OF VEHICLE.

**SAFETY WARNING** BDS Suspension Co. recommends this system be installed by a professional technician. In addition to these instructions, professional knowledge of disassembly/ reassembly procedures and post installation checks must be known.

**PRODUCT SAFETY WARNING** Certain BDS Suspension products are intended to improve off-road performance. Modifying your vehicle for off-road use may result in the vehicle handling differently than a factory equipped vehicle. Extreme care must be used to prevent loss of control or vehicle rollover. Failure to drive your modified vehicle safely may result in serious injury or death. BDS Suspension Co. does not recommend the combined use of suspension lifts, body lifts, or other lifting devices.

You should never operate your modified vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Always drive your modified vehicle at reduced speeds to ensure your ability to control your vehicle under all driving conditions. Always wear your seat belt.

## **PRE-INSTALLATION NOTES**

- 1. Special literature required: OE Service Manual for model/year of vehicle. Refer to manual for proper disassembly/reassembly procedures of OE and related components.
- 2. Adhere to recommendations when replacement fasteners, retainers and keepers are called out in the OE manual.
- 3. Larger rim and tire combinations may increase leverage on suspension, steering, and related components. When selecting combinations larger than OE, consider the additional stress you could be inducing on the OE and related components.
- 4. Post suspension system vehicles may experience drive line vibrations. Angles may require tuning, slider on shaft may require replacement, shafts may need to be lengthened or trued, and U-joints may need to be replaced.
- 5. Secure and properly block vehicle prior to installation of BDS Suspension components. Always wear safety glasses when using power tools.
- 6. If installation is to be performed without a hoist, BDS Suspension Co. recommends rear alterations first.
- 7. Due to payload options and initial ride height variances, the amount of lift is a base figure. Final ride height dimensions may vary in accordance to original vehicle attitude. Always measure the attitude prior to beginning installation.

### **POST-INSTALLATION WARNINGS**

- 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. Perform steering sweep to ensure front brake hoses have adequate slack and do not contact any rotating, mobile or heated members. Inspect rear brake hoses at full extension for adequate slack. Failure to perform hose check/ replacement may result in component failure. Longer replacement hoses, if needed can be purchased from a local parts supplier.
- 3. Perform head light check and adjustment.
- 4. Re-torque all fasteners after 500 miles. Always inspect fasteners and components during routine servicing.

#### **PARTS LIST**

- Part # Qty Description
  - 1 Steering Block
  - 3 9/16 x 6-1/2" studs
  - 3 9/16 Lock Nuts
  - 1 Loctite

## INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Place floor jack under front axle and raise the vehicle. Place jack stands under the frame just behind leaf spring shackles. Lower the vehicle on to the stands. Keep a slight load on the floor jack for safety. Set the emergency brake and chock the rear wheels.
- 2. Remove the driver side tire.
- 3. Remove the three nuts retaining the steering arm to the knuckle. The tapered split locks are dislodged by striking the arm. Do not strike the studs.
- 4. Remove the stock studs with a stud puller or jam nut method.
- 5. Apply a liberal amount of thread locking compound to the stud to knuckle end of the stud and install the studs. Torque to 110ft-lbs. Place supplied block over studs and place the steering arm back over the studs on top of the block.
- 6. Install split-locks. Apply locking compound to studs and install supplied lock nuts. Torque nuts to 110 ft.-lbs.
- 7. Install tire and lower vehicle to the ground.
- 8. Check all hardware for torque.

Note: It may be necessary to center the steering wheel and the turning radius.

## NOTICE TO DEALER/INSTALLER

These instructions, the warning card, and included decals must be given to the owner of this BDS Suspension product.

For questions, technical support and warranty issues relating to this BDS Suspension product, please contact your distributor/installer before contacting BDS Suspension directly.

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