1998-2000 FORD RANGER 2WD
FTS98100-7 3.5” LIFT SPINDLES

PARTS LIST:
1 EA. PASS. SPINDLE FTS98100-7P
1 EA. DRV. SPINDLE FTS98100-7D
1 EA. THREAD LOCK FTLOCK
2 EA. 3/8” X 2 ¾” GRADE 8 BOLTS
4 EA. 3/8” SAE WASHERS
2 EA. 3/8” NYLOCK NUTS
2 EA. 12MM-1.75 X 70 MM ALLEN BOLTS
6 EA. COTTER PINS
2 EA. ¼” X ¾” GRADE 5 BOLTS
4 EA. ¼” LOCK WASHERS
4 EA. ¼” SAE WASHERS
2 EA. ¼” X 1 ¾” GRADE 5 BOLTS
2 EA. ½” X 2” GRADE 8 BOLTS
2 EA. ½” NYLOCK NUTS
2 EA. STEERING STOP TUBES FT98100-7-101

TOOL LIST:  (NOT INCLUDED)
FLOOR JACK
JACK STANDS
ASSORTED METRIC AND S.A.E SOCKETS, & ALLEN WRENCHES
DIE GRINDER WITH CUTOFF WHEEL

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS THOROUGHLY FROM START TO FINISH BEFORE BEGINNING INSTALLATION! IF THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE NOT PROPERLY FOLLOWED, SEVERE FRAME OR UPPER CONTROL ARM DAMAGE MAY RESULT TO THE VEHICLE.
INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Jack up the front end of the truck and support the frame rails with jack stands. NEVER WORK UNDER AN UNSUPPORTED VEHICLE! Remove the front tires.

2. Starting on the passenger side of the truck, remove the two bolts securing the brake caliper to the spindle. Tie the caliper up and out of the way. DO NOT LET THE CALIPER HANG BY THE BRAKE LINE!

3. Support the lower control arm with a floor jack, using enough tension to compress the control arm ¼”. Remove the cotter pin and castle nut from the tie rod end at the spindle. Separate the tie rod end from the spindle using a tie rod puller. Remove the dust cap from the rotor using a hammer and a chisel. DO NOT DAMAGE THE CAP, YOU WILL BE REINSTALLING IT LATER. Slide the rotor and bearings off the spindle, keep the bearings in the spindle.

4. If this truck is equipped with front ABS, separate the line from the spindle and set the sensor aside. Remove the top clinch bolt from the spindle. Remove the cotter pin and castle nut from the lower ball joint. Separate the lower ball joint from the spindle and slide the spindle off the ball joints.

5. Using a die grinder, remove the inside head of the steering stop on the back side of the lower control arm. Tap out the steering stop with a hammer and punch. Drill out the original hole to ½”.

6. Attach the supplied steering stop tube to the outside of the lower control arm using the drilled out hole and the supplied ½” hardware. Torque the bolt to 70 ft/lbs.

7. On models with front ABS, attach the sensor to the spindle in the provided hole. Use a ¼” x 1 ¾” bolt, ½” lock washer and ¼” flat washer to mount the sensor. Use the ¼” x ¾” bolt, ½” lock washer and ¼” flat washer to attach the ABS sensor wire to the back of the spindle.

8. Place the passenger side spindle onto the lower ball joint and reinstall the original castle nut. Slide the upper ball joint into the top of the spindle. Insert the supplied 3/8” x 2 ¾” bolt from front to rear through the top clinch hole in the spindle with a 3/8” flat washer on each side followed by a lock nut. Torque the top bolt to 30 ft/lbs. Torque the lower castle nut to 70 ft/lbs. and align it with the cotter pin hole in the lower ball joint. Install one of the new supplied cotter pins. Reconnect the ABS sensor wire at the frame.

9. Grease the end of the spindle with high temperature brake grease and slide the rotor onto the spindle. You may want to repacked the wheel bearings if the bearing grease shows any signs of aging or wear. Replace the original castle nut and tighten it just enough to remove any bearing play in the rotor, make sure the rotor can spin freely. Place the cotter pin locator onto the spindle and install one of the new supplied cotter pins.
10. Slide the brake caliper back onto the spindle. Place several drops of thread locking compound onto the original lower brake caliper bolt and attach the caliper to the spindle. Use one of the supplied 12mm-1.75 x 70mm bolts in place of the original upper caliper bolt with thread locking compound. Torque the bolts to 35 ft/lbs.

11. Place the tie rod end into the spindle. Reinstall the castle nut and torque it to 35 ft/lbs. Aligning it with one of the cotter pin holes in the tie rod end. Install one of the new supplied cotter pins.

12. Repeat steps two through eleven on the opposite side of the truck.

13. Reinstall the front tires and torque the wheel lugs to factory specifications, located in the owners manual. Set the truck back on the ground. **WHILE TURNING THE STEERING WHEEL FULLY IN EACH DIRECTION, MAKE SURE THERE IS AMPLE CLEARANCE BETWEEN THE WHEELS, TIRES, CONTROL ARMS, BRAKE LINES AND ABS WIRES.** Check the front toe in and reset it to factory specifications.

**RETORQUE ALL NUTS, BOLTS AND LUGS AFTER 50 MILES AND PERIODICALLY THEREAFTER.**

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