

Required Tools List:

SAE Sockets \ Wrenches

Metric Sockets \ Wrenches

Brake Line \ Flare Nut Wrenches

Diagonal Cutting Pliers

• Pitman Arm Puller Tool

• Angle Drill • Dri

• 1/8", 1/4", 7/16 & 1/2" Drill Bits

Punch

• Center Punch

Hammer

Cut-Off Tool

Grinder

Masking or Duct Tape

Safety Glasses

Jack Stands

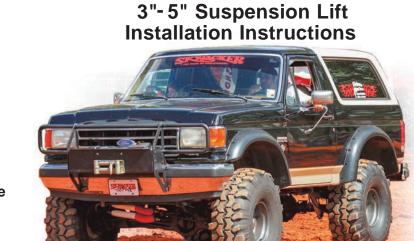
Wheel Chock

• Floor Jack

Paint Marker

Measuring Tape

• Torque Wrench



1980-1996 Ford F150 4WD 1980-1996 Ford Bronco 4WD 4"-6" Suspension Lift

1980-1997 Ford F250 2WD

1980-1996 Ford F350 2WD

Before beginning installation, read these instructions & enclosed driver's WARNING NOTICE thoroughly & completely. Also affix WARNING decal in passenger compartment in clear view of all occupants. Please refer to Parts List to insure that all parts & hardware are received prior to disassembly of vehicle. If any parts are found to be missing, contact SKYJACKER® Customer Service at 318-388-0816 to obtain needed items. If you have any questions or reservations about installing this product, contact SKYJACKER® Technical Assistance at 318-388-0816.

Please Record Important Measurement Information Below for Reference. It is very helpful on determining an Accurate Achieved Lift Height Measurement.

Make sure you park vehicle on a level concrete or asphalt surface. Many times a vehicle is not level (side-to-side) from factory, but is usually not noticed until a lift kit has been installed which makes difference more visible. Using a measuring tape, measure front & rear (both sides) from ground up to center of fender opening above axle.

| Driver Side Front: _ | / | Passenger Side Front: | / |
|----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| | BEFORE / AFTER | _ | BEFORE / AFTER |
| Driver Side Rear: _ | / | Passenger Side Rear: | / |
| _ | BEFORE / AFTER | _ | BEFORE / AFTER |

Important Notes:

- Lift Height Is Determined by Amount of Front Lift to Vehicle While Lifting Rear to a More Level Stance With Front Lift Height.
- If Larger Tires (10% More Than OEM Diameter) Are Installed, Speedometer Recalibration Will Be Necessary. Contact Your Local FORD Dealer or an Authorized Skyjacker® Dealer for Details.
- After Installation, a Qualified Alignment Facility Is Required to Align Vehicle to OEM Specifications.
- Skyjacker® Offers Sway Bar Lowering Bracket Kits. (# SBL20 for 4" lifts & # SBL40 for 6" lifts).
- Skyjacker® Offers Replacement Extended Length DOT Approved Brake Lines.

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Component Box Breakdown:

Part # 184

| Item # | Description | Qty |
|--------|--------------------------|-----|
| 184S | SOFTRIDE COIL SPRING, 4" | 2 |

Part # 184B

| Item # | Description | Qty |
|---------------|----------------------------------|-----|
| LHB543-5 | AXLE PIVOT BRACKET, PA\LEFT | 1 |
| RHB543-6 | AXLE PIVOT BRACKET, DR\RIGHT | 1 |
| LRB54-5 | RADIUS ARM BRKT, DR\LEFT | 1 |
| RRB54-6 | RADIUS ARM BRKT, PA\RIGHT | 1 |
| 916X314X1112U | 9/16 X 3-1/4 X 11-1/2 U-BOLT, RD | 4 |
| RB35 | 3.5" REAR BLOCK, TAPERED | 2 |
| HB-1846 | HDWR BAG: 184 & 186 | 1 |

Part # 184BS

| Item # | Description | Qty |
|--------------|---------------------------------|-----|
| LHB543-5 | AXLE PIVOT BRACKET, PA\LEFT | 1 |
| RHB543-6 | AXLE PIVOT BRACKET, DR\RIGHT | 1 |
| LRB54-5 | RADIUS ARM BRKT, DR\LEFT | 1 |
| RRB54-6 | RADIUS ARM BRKT, PA\RIGHT | 1 |
| 916X314X712U | 9/16 X 3-1/4 X 7-1/2 U-BOLT, RD | 4 |
| HB-1846 | HDWR BAG: 184 & 186 | 1 |

Part # 184F2

| Item # | Description | Qty |
|------------|------------------------------|-----|
| LHB543-5 | AXLE PIVOT BRACKET, PA\LEFT | 1 |
| RHB543-6 | AXLE PIVOT BRACKET, DR\RIGHT | 1 |
| LRB54-5 | RADIUS ARM BRKT, DR\LEFT | 1 |
| RRB54-6 | RADIUS ARM BRKT, PA\RIGHT | 1 |
| HS25 | HEX-CUT SPACERS, 3/8" LIFT | 2 |
| 58X338X11U | 5/8 X 3-3/8 X 11 U-BOLT, RD | 4 |
| RB20 | 2" REAR BLACK, TAPERED | 2 |
| HB-1846F2 | HDWR BAG FOR 184F2 &184F2 | 1 |

Part # 184P

| Item # | Description | Qty |
|---------------|----------------------------------|-----|
| LHB543-5 | AXLE PIVOT BRACKET, PA\LEFT | 1 |
| RHB543-6 | AXLE PIVOT BRACKET, DR\RIGHT | 1 |
| LRB54-5 | RADIUS ARM BRKT, DR\LEFT | 1 |
| RRB54-6 | RADIUS ARM BRKT, PA\RIGHT | 1 |
| 916X314X1112U | 9/16 X 3-1/4 X 11-1/2 U-BOLT, RD | 4 |
| RB20 | 2" REAR BLOCK, TAPERED | 2 |
| HB-1846 | HDWR BAG: 184 & 186 | 1 |

Part # 184PS

| Item # | Description | Qty |
|--------------|---------------------------------|-----|
| LHB543-5 | AXLE PIVOT BRACKET, PA\LEFT | 1 |
| RHB543-6 | AXLE PIVOT BRACKET, DR\RIGHT | 1 |
| LRB54-5 | RADIUS ARM BRKT, DR\LEFT | 1 |
| RRB54-6 | RADIUS ARM BRKT, PA\RIGHT | 1 |
| 916X314X912U | 9/16 X 3-1/4 X 9-1/2 U-BOLT, RD | 4 |
| HB-1846 | HDWR BAG: 184 & 186 | 1 |

Component Box Breakdown:

Part # 186

| Item # | Description | Qty |
|--------|--------------------------|-----|
| 186S | SOFTRIDE COIL SPRING, 6" | 2 |

Part # 186B

| Item # | | Description | Qty |
|----------|-------|----------------------------------|-----|
| LHB543-5 | | AXLE PIVOT BRACKET, PA\LEFT | 1 |
| RHB543-6 | | AXLE PIVOT BRACKET, DR\RIGHT | 1 |
| LRB54-5 | | RADIUS ARM BRKT, DR\LEFT | 1 |
| RRB54-6 | | RADIUS ARM BRKT, PA\RIGHT | 1 |
| 916X314X | 1312U | 9/16 X 3-1/4 X 13-1/2 U-BOLT, RD | 4 |
| RB55 | | 5.5" REAR BLOCK, TAPERED | 2 |
| HB-1846 | | HDWR BAG: 184 & 186 | 1 |

Part # 186BS

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| 1 | Item # | Description | Qty |
| 1 | LHB543-5 | AXLE PIVOT BRACKET, PA\LEFT | 1 |
| | RHB543-6 | AXLE PIVOT BRACKET, DR\RIGHT | 1 |
| 1 | LRB54-5 | RADIUS ARM BRKT, DR\LEFT | 1 |
| 1 | RRB54-6 | RADIUS ARM BRKT, PA\RIGHT | 1 |
| 1 | 916X314X912U | 9/16 X 3-1/4 X 9-1/2 U-BOLT, RD | 4 |
| 1 | HB-1846 | HDWR BAG: 184 & 186 | 1 |

Part # 186F2

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| 1 | Item # | Description | Qty |
| | LHB543-5 | AXLE PIVOT BRACKET, PA\LEFT | 1 |
| | RHB543-6 | AXLE PIVOT BRACKET, DR\RIGHT | 1 |
| | LRB54-5 | RADIUS ARM BRKT, DR\LEFT | 1 |
| | RRB54-6 | RADIUS ARM BRKT, PA\RIGHT | 1 |
| | HS25 | HEX-CUT SPACERS, 3/8" LIFT | 2 |
| | 58X338X13U | 5/8 X 3-3/8 X 13 U-BOLT, RD | 4 |
| | RB35 | 3.5" REAR BLACK, TAPERED | 2 |
| | HB-1846F2 | HDWR BAG FOR 184F2 &184F2 | 1 |

Part # 186P

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|---|---------------|----------------------------------|-----|
| | Item # | Description | Qty |
| | LHB543-5 | AXLE PIVOT BRACKET, PA\LEFT | 1 |
| | RHB543-6 | AXLE PIVOT BRACKET, DR\RIGHT | 1 |
| | LRB54-5 | RADIUS ARM BRKT, DR\LEFT | 1 |
| | RRB54-6 | RADIUS ARM BRKT, PA\RIGHT | 1 |
| 1 | 916X314X1512U | 9/16 X 3-1/4 X 15-1/2 U-BOLT, RD | 4 |
| | RB45 | 4.5" REAR BLOCK, TAPERED | 2 |
| 1 | HB-1846 | HDWR BAG: 184 & 186 | 1 |

Part # 186PS

| Item # | Description | Qty |
|--------------|---------------------------------|-----|
| LHB543-5 | AXLE PIVOT BRACKET, PA\LEFT | 1 |
| RHB543-6 | AXLE PIVOT BRACKET, DR\RIGHT | 1 |
| LRB54-5 | RADIUS ARM BRKT, DR\LEFT | 1 |
| RRB54-6 | RADIUS ARM BRKT, PA\RIGHT | 1 |
| 916X314X912U | 9/16 X 3-1/4 X 9-1/2 U-BOLT, RD | 4 |
| HB-1846 | HDWR BAG: 184 & 186 | 1 |

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| Hardware Box Breakdown: | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-----|--|--|--|--|
| Part # HB-1846 | | | | | | |
| Item # | Description | Qty | | | | |
| 12FTN | 1/2-20 FINE N/I LOCK NUT | 7 | | | | |
| 12SAEW | 1/2 SAE WASHER | 14 | | | | |
| 12X112FTB | 1/2 X 1-1/2 FINE THREAD BOLT | 7 | | | | |
| 716FTN | 7/16-20 FINE N/I LOCK NUT | 13 | | | | |
| 716SAEW | 7/16 SAE WASHER | 16 | | | | |
| 716X112FTB | 7/16 X 1-1/2 FINE THREAD BOLT | 13 | | | | |
| 916FTN | 9/16-18 FINE N/I LOCK NUT | 9 | | | | |
| 916X312FTB | 9/16 X 3-1/2 FINE THREAD BOLT | 1 | | | | |
| 916SAEW | 9/16 SAE WASHER | 2 | | | | |
| LT100 | THREAD LOCKING COMPOUND | 1 | | | | |

| Hardware Box Breakdown: | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|----|--|--|--|--|
| Part # HB-1846F2 | | | | | | |
| Item # Description | | | | | | |
| 12FTN | 1/2-20 FINE N/I LOCK NUT | 7 | | | | |
| 12SAEW | 1/2 SAE WASHER | 14 | | | | |
| 12X112FTB | 1/2 X 1-1/2 FINE THREAD BOLT | 7 | | | | |
| 716FTN | 7/16-20 FINE N/I LOCK NUT | 13 | | | | |
| 716SAEW | 7/16 SAE WASHER | 16 | | | | |
| 716X112FTB | 7/16 X 1-1/2 FINE THREAD BOLT | 13 | | | | |
| 916FTN | 9/16-18 FINE N/I LOCK NUT | 9 | | | | |
| 916X312FTB | 9/16 X 3-1/2 FINE THREAD BOLT | 1 | | | | |
| 916SAEW | 9/16 SAE WASHER | 2 | | | | |
| 58FTN | 5/8-18 FINE N/I LOCK NUT | 8 | | | | |
| LT100 | THREAD LOCKING COMPOUND | 1 | | | | |

Pre-Installation Tips: Install Shock Boots, Bushings & Sleeves.

- 1. Install supplied Shock Boot over Skyjacker Shock. Attach boot to cylinder body with supplied Boot Cable Tie. Remove excess cable tie with diagonal cutting pliers.
- 2. On front shocks, Coat Hourglass Bushings with a water resistant grease & press into lower shock eye. Coat Sleeve & press into shock eye bushings.
- 3. On rear shocks, Coat Hourglass Bushings with a water resistant grease & press into each shock eye. Coat Sleeve & press into cylinder eye bushings.

Front Installation: Note: Save all factory components & hardware for reuse, unless noted.

- 1. Chock rear tires\wheels. Ensure that vehicle transmission is in PARK and engage emergency brake. **Note**: Be sure steering wheel\wheels are pointing straight forward.
- 2. Raise front of vehicle. Place a floor jack under each outer ends of both axle halves & evenly raise vehicle. Place a jack stands under each frame rail (approximately 4" behind radius arm brackets). Ease vehicle down onto jack stands. Continue down with jacks until there is only a slight load on each coil spring.
- 3. If vehicle is equipped with OEM sway bar, remove driver & passenger OEM frame mount brackets. Skyjacker Offers Sway Bar Frame Mount Lowering Bracket Kits. (# SBL20 for 4" lifts & # SBL40 for 6" lifts).
- 4. Remove front tires\wheels using a socket.
- 5. Remove both front shock absorbers. Disconnect at upper shock at coil spring tower & lower axle mount using a socket\wrench. Remove front shock absorbers.
- 6. Remove cotter pin & castle nut from OEM pitman arm at OEM drag link assembly. Separate OEM drag link assembly from OEM pitman arm with pitman arm puller.
- 7. Mark location of OEM front driveshaft & OEM front differential yoke so driveshaft can be reconnected in its OEM position. **Note:** Failure to do so may result in a driveline imbalance & subsequent vibration.

Disconnect OEM front driveshaft at u-joint. Tape u-joint caps to prevent separation. Secure driveshaft up & out of way with bungee strap or wire. **Note:** Be very careful not to pull rear end of driveshaft forward out of its splines or damage may occur to transfer case due to improper reinstallation.

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- 8. Disconnect OEM vent hose from front differential housing.
- Disconnect both front brake lines at OEM calipers. <u>Tech Note</u>: Hang open ends of brake lines as high as possible to keep fluid from draining out. Cover open ends of brake lines & calipers to prevent loose dirt from entering braking system.

Note: Save OEM crush washers if OEM brake lines are to be reinstalled. If OEM brake lines are reinstalled, they must be in good condition; check for chafed spots, cracks & dry rot.

Note: Perform Steps 10-12 on Passenger Side First.

- 10. Support OEM axle beam near spindle with a floor jack. Support OEM axle beam at several points to prevent it from tipping or falling over. <u>Tech Note</u>: OEM axle beam assemblies are very heavy, so exercise caution when removing them to avoid any possibility of injury.
- 11. Remove lower OEM coil spring retaining nut & washer at coil seat.
 Remove upper OEM J-clip bolt that holds coil spring to upper spring tower. Remove J-clip.
 Carefully lower floor jack enough to remove OEM coil spring.
- 12. Remove OEM center pivot bolt from end of axle beam.

 Remove OEM nut from end of OEM radius arm towards rear of vehicle & carefully lower end of beam to floor.

<u>Note</u>: Support front differential with a floor jack. In order to keep axle beam from tipping to one side or other, you must either chain beam to floor jack or use a second jack to support beam near spindle.

Note: Perform Steps 10-12 on Driver Side Now.

- 13. If equipped with OEM power steering cooler line (located on forward side of front crossmember), remove two (2) OEM bolts that holds steering cooler line at forward crossmember. Carefully move cooler line out of way.
- 14. Some OEM axle pivot brackets that hold pivot end of front axle beams to front crossmember are bolted to frame: some are riveted. OEM brackets must be removed from crossmember by unbolting or drilling out rivet heads. A right angle drill may be necessary to drill some rivets.

Remove OEM Rivets Steps:

- Center Punch Rivet Head.
- Drill 1/4" Pilot Hole in Center of Rivet Approximately 1/4" Deep.
- Drill Rivet Head Off Using a 7/16" Bit. Be Careful Not to Drill into Crossmember.

• Drive Rivet Out with a Hammer & Punch.

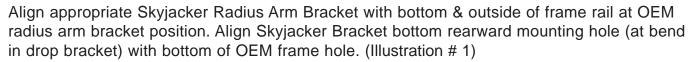
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Note: Perform Steps 15-18 on Driver Side First.

Remove OEM brackets that held OEM radius arms to frame. Any rivets will have to be removed.
 (Illustration # 1) <u>Note</u>: Dotted outline shows OEM radius arm & frame mount bracket.

<u>Tech Note</u>: Grind smooth any burrs or sharp edges on OEM frame. Be sure bottom & outside of frame is smooth & clean with nothing protruding between frame & bracket mounting points. Skyjacker bracket must be flush against frame prior to drilling.





Insert supplied 7/16" x 1-1/2" Fine Thread Bolt up through bracket & frame. Attach on top side of frame rail with supplied 7/16" SAE Washer & 7/16" Nylon Insert Lock Nut using a 5/8" socket\wrench.

17. Use Skyjacker bracket as a guide for four (4) mounting holes on OEM frame. Mark\scribe, center punch & drill 1/8" pilot holes. (Illustration # 1)

<u>Note</u>: Prior to drilling, check inside frame rail for any obstructions, wires, brake lines, fuel lines, hoses, etc that could be damaged. It may be necessary to reroute lines on certain model vehicles if they interfere with relocated mounting brackets.

Drill out pilot holes with a 7/16" drill bit.

18. Use a wire brush, grinder brush or similar tool to remove any undercoating. Skyjacker bracket must be installed on a smooth & clean surface. Then paint all exposed metal.

First, insert supplied 7/16" x 1-1/2" Fine Thread Bolt down from inside frame rail & through bracket. Attach on bottom side of bracket with supplied 7/16" SAE Washer & 7/16" Nylon Insert Lock Nut using a 5/8" socket\wrench.

Next, install & attach three (3) outer frame rail bolts. Insert supplied 7/16" x 1-1/2" Fine Thread Bolt through bracket & outside of frame rail at each mounting hole. Attach each bolt on inside of frame rail with supplied 7/16" SAE Washer & 7/16" Nylon Insert Lock Nut using a 5/8" socket \wrench.

Fully tighten & torque all hardware.

Torque Specifications: 7/16" Bolts = 60 ft-lbs

Note: Perform Steps 15-18 on Passenger Side Now.

Illustration # 1

7/16" x 1-1/2" Bolt.
Attach With
7/16" SAE Washer
& 7/16" Nylon
Insert Lock Nut.
Driver\Left Radius Arm Bracket

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19. Skyjacker Axle Pivot Brackets Are Side Specific:# LHB543-5 Driver\Left & # RHB543-6 Passenger\Right.

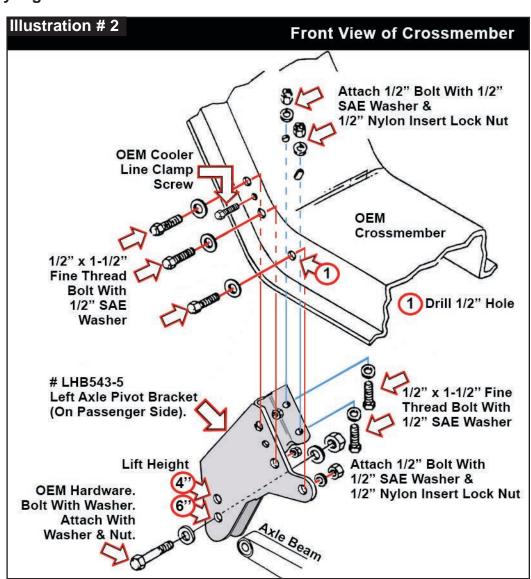
Install # LHB543-5 Driver \ Left Axle Pivot Bracket (actually located on passenger side of OEM crossmember). (Illustration # 2) Skyjacker Bracket mounts inside front of crossmember in OEM location. Attach Skyjacker Bracket to crossmember at OEM holes with OEM hardware. Secure, but **Do Not Completely Tighten** at this time.

20. Use Skyjacker bracket as a guide for one (1) mounting holes on OEM crossmember.
Mark\scribe & center punch needed hole.
(Illustration # 2)
Remove Skyjacker bracket & drill 1/8" pilot holes.

<u>CAUTION</u>: Prior to drilling, check for any obstructions, coolant lines, wires, brake lines, fuel lines, hoses, etc that could be damaged.

Drill out pilot holes with a 1/2" drill bit.

Use a wire brush, grinder brush or similar tool to remove any undercoating. Skyjacker bracket must be installed on a smooth & clean surface. Then paint all exposed metal.

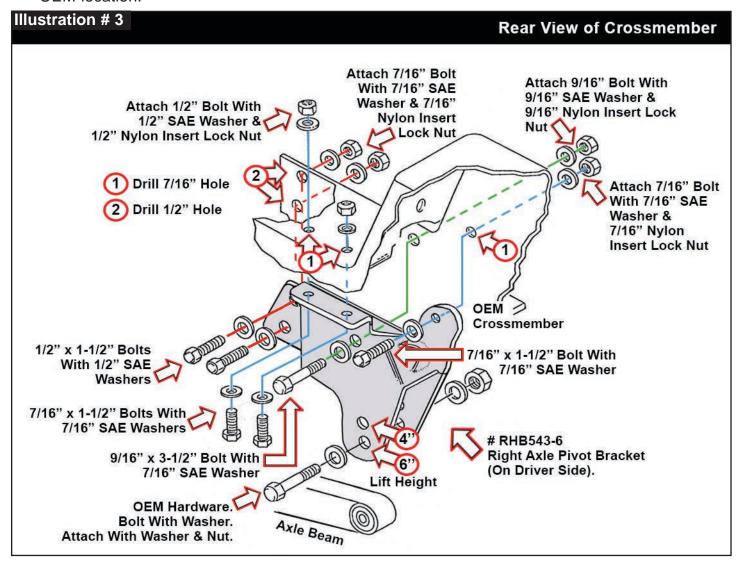


- 21. Install Skyjacker bracket with specified supplied hardware. (Illustration # 2)
 Add supplied # LT100 Thread Locking Compound to supplied hardware.
 Fully tighten & torque all hardware. See Torque Specifications Chart on last page.
 Torque Specifications: 1/2" Bolts = 90 ft-lbs
- 22. If equipped, reinstall OEM power steering cooler line with OEM screw & clamp.

<u>Tech Note</u>: Make Sure OEM Cooler Lines Do Not Rub or Make Contact With Any of Bolts, Bracket, or Metal Surfaces. It May Be Necessary to Bend OEM Cooler Lines or Clamps Slightly to Clear Any Obstructions.

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23. Install # RHB543-6 Passenger \ Left Axle Pivot Bracket (actually located on driver side of OEM crossmember). (Illustration # 3) Skyjacker Bracket mounts inside front of crossmember at OEM location.



Use Skyjacker bracket as a guide for a total of five (5) mounting holes on OEM crossmember. Mark\scribe & center punch needed holes (Three (3) 7/16" & Two (2) 1/2"). (Illustration # 3) Remove Skyjacker bracket & drill 1/8" pilot holes. **Note:** Prior to drilling, check for any obstructions, wires, brake lines, fuel lines, hoses, etc that could be damaged.

Drill out pilot holes with a 7/16" or a 1/2" drill bit.

Use a wire brush, grinder brush or similar tool to remove any undercoating. Skyjacker bracket must be installed on a smooth & clean surface. Then paint all exposed metal.

24. Install Skyjacker bracket with specified supplied hardware. (Illustration # 3)
Add supplied # LT100 Thread Locking Compound to supplied hardware.
Fully tighten & torque all hardware. See Torque Specifications Chart on last page.

Torque Specifications: 7/16" Bolts = 60 ft-lbs 1/2" Bolts = 90 ft-lbs 9/16" Bolts = 130 ft-lbs

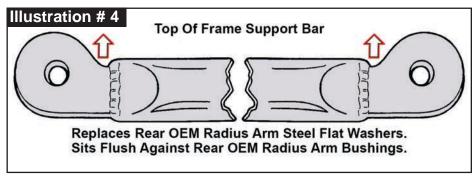
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NOTE: If Installing Skyjacker Replacement Part # FA400 Pitman Arm, Install Now Per Separate Instructions. Then Proceed to Step 25.

25. Position rear end mounts of OEM radius arms into Skyjacker Radius Arm Bracket. Install with OEM bushings & OEM hardware. Secure, but **Do Not Completely Tighten** at this time.

NOTE: If you purchased Skyjacker OPTIONAL Part # FSB80 Frame Support Bar, install Frame Support Bar with flat side of ends to bottom & rounded portion to top (instead of using OEM steel flat washer) (Illustration # 4).

Install OEM bushings & OEM



hardware at end of radius arm. Secure, but **Do Not Completely Tighten** at this time.

Note: Perform Step 26 on One Side at a Time. Then Proceed to Step 27.

26. Using a floor jack, raise & position one of OEM axle beam into appropriate Skyjacker Axle Pivot Bracket. Insert OEM pivot bolt with washer through Skyjacker bracket & OEM axle beam. Attach with OEM washer & nut. (See Illustration # 2 & # 3) Secure, but **Do Not Completely Tighten** at this time.

Repeat this procedure on opposite side.

- 27. Double check that all radius arm bushings & hardware is installed as shown in Illustration # 1.
- 28. Align marks on OEM front driveshaft \yoke & connect driveshaft with OEM hardware. Tighten & torque u-bolts.

Note: Perform Step 29 on One Side at a Time. Then Proceed to Step 30.

29. With a floor jack still supporting OEM axle beam, lower axle beam down enough to place Skyjacker Coil Spring into upper OEM spring tower, then onto lower OEM spring seat. Attach lower OEM spring seat with OEM lower retaining washer & nut.

<u>NOTE</u>: F250\F350 2WD Models ONLY, under each Skyjacker coil spring install one (1) of Part # HS25 Hex-Cut Coil Spring Spacers over OEM hex nut stud <u>BEFORE</u> installing OEM retaining washer & nut.

Attach upper OEM J-clip bolt that holds coil spring to upper spring tower with OEM hardware. Repeat this procedure on opposite side.

- 30. Reinstall OEM axle vent hose.
- 31. Install appropriate length brake lines at this time.

NOTE: If Installing Skyjacker Replacement Stainless Steel Brake Lines, Install Now Per Separate Instructions. Then Proceed to Step 32.

32. Reinstall OEM anti-sway bar.

NOTE: If Installing Skyjacker Replacement Sway Bar Lowering Brackets, Install Now Per Separate Instructions. Then Proceed to Step 33.

33. Reconnect OEM drag link assembly to pitman arm.

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34. Install Skyjacker front shock. **Tech Note**: Black MAX & M95 Monotube are to be mounted with cylinder body\stem up.

Install a supplied Washer & Poly Stem Bushing on cylinder body end of Skyjacker shock.

Attach to upper OEM shock tower mount with supplied Bushing, Washer & Lock Nut. Secure, but **Do Not Completely Tighten**. To set bushings properly for ride height, these will be tightened once vehicle is on ground with full vehicle weight on tires\wheels.

Install a supplied Washer & Poly Stem Bushing on shaft end of Skyjacker shock.

Attach to lower OEM shock axle mount with supplied Bushing, Washer & Lock Nut. Secure, but **Do Not Completely Tighten** at this time.

35. Install front tires\wheels. Lower vehicle to ground. Torque lugs to OEM service manual specifications.

Rear Installation: Note: Save all factory components & hardware for reuse, unless noted.

- 1. Chock front tires\wheels. Raise rear of vehicle & support frame rails using jack stands at indicated lift points in OEM service manual.
- 2. Remove rear tires \ wheels.
- 3. Place a floor jack underneath rear axle for support. Put a slight load on axle \jack to prevent axle from moving. Allow ample room to lower rear axle.
- 4. Remove OEM rear shocks. Retain factory mounting hardware for re-use.
- 5. Remove OEM U-bolts. Discard U-bolts & hardware. Retain lower OEM U-bolt plate.
- 6. While checking for appropriate slack in brake lines, differential vent hose, e-brake & etc, lower rear axle to gain access to OEM rear leaf springs.

Rear Lift Option 1: Rear Block & U-Bolt Installation

7. 1980-1996 Ford F150 4WD With 4" Lift: Clean spring pads of all debris.

Position Skyjacker # RB20 Tapered 2" Rear Lift Block On Top of OEM block & axle pad.

Note: Place taller end of lift block toward rear of vehicle.

1980-1996 Ford F150 4WD With 6" Lift: Clean spring pads of all debris.

Position Skyjacker # RB45 Tapered 4.5" Rear Lift Block On Top of OEM block & axle pad. **Note:** Place taller end of lift block toward rear of vehicle.

Raise axle to mate leaf springs to lift OEM block. **Note**: Be sure that leaf spring center bolt head seats properly into OEM block & that OEM block pin seats properly into top of axle pad.

8. 1980-1996 Ford Bronco 4WD With 4" Lift: Clean spring pads of all debris.

Position Skyjacker # RB35 Tapered 3.5" Rear Lift Block On Top of OEM block & axle pad. **Note:** Place taller end of lift block toward rear of vehicle.

1980-1996 Ford Bronco 4WD With 6" Lift: Clean spring pads of all debris.

Position Skyjacker # RB55 Tapered 5.5" Rear Lift Block On Top of OEM block & axle pad. **Note:** Place taller end of lift block toward rear of vehicle.

Raise axle to mate leaf springs to lift OEM block. **Note:** Be sure that leaf spring center bolt head seats properly into OEM block & that OEM block pin seats properly into top of axle pad.

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9. 1980-1996 Ford F250 \ F350 2WD With 3" Lift: Clean spring pads of all debris.

Position Skyjacker # RB20 Tapered 2" Rear Lift Block On Top of OEM block & axle pad.

Note: Place taller end of lift block toward rear of vehicle.

1980-1996 Ford F250 \ F350 2WD With 5" Lift: Clean spring pads of all debris.

Position Skyjacker # RB35 Tapered 3.5" Rear Lift Block On Top of OEM block & axle pad.

Note: Place taller end of lift block toward rear of vehicle.

Raise axle to mate leaf springs to lift OEM block. **Note:** Be sure that leaf spring center bolt head seats properly into OEM block & that OEM block pin seats properly into top of axle pad.

Rear Lift Option 2: Replacement Softride® Leaf Spring Installation

10. Remove OEM rear leaf spring. (Note direction of OEM hardware.)

Loosen front spring eye bolt. Loosen rear spring eye bolt. Loosen rear shackle eye bolt. Disconnect spring eye bolts & remove leaf spring with rear shackle attached.

Attach 'short' end of Skyjacker leaf spring to forward frame mount with OEM hardware.

Attach 'long' end of Skyjacker leaf spring to rear shackle mount with OEM hardware.

<u>Note</u>: On Skyjacker springs with a bottom degree shim, place <u>taller</u> end of shim toward <u>rear</u> of vehicle.

Secure OEM hardware, but **Do Not Completely Tighten** leaf spring hardware at this time. To set spring bushings properly for ride height, these will be tightened once vehicle is on ground with full vehicle weight on tires\wheels.

11. 1980-1996 Ford F150 4WD 4" System With # FR54S Rear Springs:

Remove OEM blocks & install springs on top of axle.

1980-1996 Ford F150 4WD 6" System With # FR54S Rear Springs: Install springs on top of OEM blocks. Tech Note: Some models may sit high in rear, as it did from factory. If so, OEM rear block may be removed to lower rear down, if desired.

1980-1996 Ford F150 4WD 6" System With # FR56S Rear Springs: Remove OEM blocks & install springs on top of axle.

Raise axle to mate leaf springs to OEM axle pad and \ or OEM block. <u>Note</u>: Be sure that leaf spring center bolt head seats properly into OEM block & that OEM block pin seats properly into top of axle pad.

Install Skyjacker supplied 9/16" U-bolts over axle up into OEM U-bolt plate. Install supplied 9/16" Nylon Insert Nuts using a 13/16" socket\wrench. Tighten U-bolts evenly using an 'X' crisscross tightening sequence. Torque to 95 ft-lbs. **Proceed to Step 14.**

12. <u>1980-1996 Ford Bronco 4WD 4" System With # FR52S Rear Springs</u>: Install springs on top of OEM blocks. <u>Tech Note</u>: Some models may sit high in rear, as it did from factory. If so, OEM rear block may be removed to lower rear down, if desired.

1980-1996 Ford Bronco 4WD 6" System With # FR54S Rear Springs: Install springs on top of OEM blocks. Tech Note: Some models may sit high in rear, as it did from factory. If so, OEM rear block may be removed to lower rear down, if desired.

Raise axle to mate leaf springs to OEM block. **Note**: Be sure that leaf spring center bolt head seats properly into OEM block & that OEM block pin seats properly into top of axle pad.

Install Skyjacker supplied 9/16" U-bolts over axle up into OEM U-bolt plate. Install supplied 9/16" Nylon Insert Nuts using a 13/16" socket\wrench. Tighten U-bolts evenly using an 'X' crisscross tightening sequence. Torque to 95 ft-lbs. **Proceed to Step 14.**

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13. 1980-1996 Ford F250 \ F350 2WD 3" System With # FR54S Rear Springs: Install springs on top of OEM blocks.

Raise axle to mate leaf springs to OEM block. **Note:** Be sure that leaf spring center bolt head seats properly into OEM block & that OEM block pin seats properly into top of axle pad.

Install Skyjacker supplied 5/8" U-bolts over axle up into OEM U-bolt plate. Install supplied 5/8" Nylon Insert Nuts using a 15/16" socket\wrench. Tighten U-bolts evenly using an 'X' crisscross tightening sequence. Torque to 135 ft-lbs. **Proceed to Step 14.**

- 14. Install Skyjacker rear shock with OEM hardware at upper shock tower mount.

 Connect Skyjacker shock at lower axle mount with OEM hardware. Secure, but **Do Not Completely Tighten** at this time. To set bushings properly for ride height, these will be tightened once vehicle is on ground with full vehicle weight on tires\wheels.
- 15. Install rear tires\wheels. Lower vehicle to ground. Torque lugs to OEM service manual specifications.

Final Clearance Check & Torque Steps:

<u>Note</u>: Drag Link Must Be Adjusted to Center Steering Wheel <u>Before</u> Vehicle Is Driven. Failure to Do So Will Cause Odd Handling Characteristics, & Poor Performance.

- 1. Start vehicle. Make sure there are no dash lights pertaining to suspension.
- 2. Jounce vehicle a couple of times. This will help suspension settle to new ride height. Cycle steering lock-to-lock & check all components for proper operation & clearances. Check for any binding or interference.

There should be a Minimum of 1" of Clearance Between Tires & Radius Arms at Full Lock. **Note:** If there is Less than 1", check to make sure you have proper wheel offset & size. If necessary, OEM steering stop bolts may be adjusted out to a Maximum of 1-1/4".

3. Front Tighten & Torque Sequence.

Tighten Shock Bushings until bushing starts to swell slightly.

4. Rear Tighten & Torque Sequence.

Tighten Shock Bushings until bushing starts to swell slightly.

Tighten Leaf Springs in this sequence: Front spring eye bolt. Rear spring eye bolt. Rear shackle eye bolt.

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Final Notes:

- After installation is complete, double check that all nuts & bolts are tight. Refer to following chart
 for proper torque specifications. (<u>Note</u>: Do not re-tighten nuts & bolts where thread lock
 compound was used.)
- With vehicle placed on ground, cycle steering lock to lock & inspect steering, suspension, brake lines, front & rear drivelines, fuel lines & wiring harnesses for proper operation, tightness & adequate clearance.
- Have headlights readjusted to proper settings.
- Have a qualified alignment center align vehicle to OEM specifications.
- After first 100 miles, check all hardware for proper torque & periodically thereafter.

| TORQUE SPECIFICATIONS | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------|------------|---------------|------------|------------|--|--|--|
| INCH SYSTEM | | | METRIC SYSTEM | | | | | |
| Bolt Size | Grade 5 | Grade 8 | Bolt Size | Class 8.8 | Class 10.9 | | | |
| 5/16 | 180 in-lbs | 240 in-lbs | 6MM | 60 in-lbs | 108 in-lbs | | | |
| 3/8 | 30 ft-lbs | 35 ft-lbs | 8MM | 216 in-lbs | 23 ft-lbs | | | |
| 7/16 | 45 ft-lbs | 60 ft-lbs | 10MM | 32 ft-lbs | 45 ft-lbs | | | |
| 1/2 | 65 ft-lbs | 90 ft-lbs | 12MM | 55 ft-lbs | 75 ft-lbs | | | |
| 9/16 | 95 ft-lbs | 130 ft-lbs | 14MM | 85 ft-lbs | 120 ft-lbs | | | |
| 5/8 | 135 ft-lbs | 175 ft-lbs | 16MM | 130 ft-lbs | 165 ft-lbs | | | |
| 3/4 | 185 ft-lbs | 280 ft-lbs | 18MM | 170 ft-lbs | 240 ft-lbs | | | |
| The Above Specifications Are Not to Be Used When the Bolt Is Being Installed With a Bushing. | | | | | | | | |

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