

## 07-08 Jeep Wrangler JK Rear Track Bar Brace Installation Instructions



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- Safety Glasses
- Metric / Standard Wrenches & Sockets
- Torque Wrench

## Kit Box Breakdown:

## Part #: JKBRC15

| ITEM#      | DESCRIPTION                 | QTY |
|------------|-----------------------------|-----|
| JKBRC15-B  | JK REAR TRK BAR BRACE D44   | 1   |
| HB-JKBRC15 | HARDWARE BAG FOR JKBRC15    | 1   |
| I-JKBRC15  | INST SHEET:JK D44 TRK BRACE | 1   |

### Hardware Bag Breakdown:

HB-JKBRC15 HARDWARE BAG FOR JKBRC15

| ITEM#    | DESCRIPTION                 | QTY |  |
|----------|-----------------------------|-----|--|
| 516X1CTB | 5/16 X 1 CRS THREAD BOLT    | 3   |  |
| 516XTFW  | 5/16" EXTRA THICK FLAT WASH | 3   |  |
| 516LW    | 5/16" GRADE 8 LOCK WASHER   | 3   |  |

#### NOTE:

Skyjacker's rear track bar brace for the Jeep JK was designed to help strengthen the rear track bar assembly. The factory welds on the rear lower track bar bracket can fail in some situations. The Skyjacker brace should be installed to avoid this situation. This bracket is designed to fit the more common Dana 44 rear end. If you have the Dana 35 rear end, it is recommended to have a certified welder reinforce the factory welds on the factory rear track bar bracket at the axle.

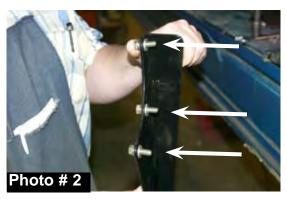
#### **INSTALLATION:**

- 1. Park the vehicle on level ground & chock the front & rear tires.
- 2. Disconnect the rear track bar from the axle. If needed, attach a ratchet strap between the frame & the differential to take the load off of the track bar bolt.
- Remove the three upper left differential cover bolts.(See Photo # 1)



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- 4. Attach the new track bar brace to the differential using the 5/16 x 1" coarse thread bolts. **Do not tighten at this time.** The end of the bracket should be between the Skyjacker track bar bracket & the coil spring. Use the thick, gold plated 5/16" washer between the bracket & the differential cover. Use a 5/16" lock washer under the head of each bolt. (See Photo # 2 & # 3) **Do not tighten at this time.**
- Attach the brace to the front side of the Skyjacker track bar bracket between the bracket & the coil spring. <u>Do not</u> <u>tighten at this time.</u> (See Photo # 4)
- 6. Torque the 5/16" bolts at the differential & the 14mm bolt on the track bar to OEM specifications.







| TORQUE SPECIFICATIONS |             |           |           |               |            |  |  |  |
|-----------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|------------|--|--|--|
|                       | INCH SYSTEM |           |           | METRIC SYSTEM |            |  |  |  |
| Bolt Size             | Grade 5     | Grade 8   | Bolt Size | Class 8.8     | Class 10.9 |  |  |  |
| 5/16                  | 15 FT LB    | 20 FT LB  | 6MM       | 5 FT LB       | 9 FT LB    |  |  |  |
| 3/8                   | 30 FT LB    | 35 FT LB  | 8MM       | 18 FT LB      | 23 FT LB   |  |  |  |
| 7/16                  | 45 FT LB    | 60 FT LB  | 10MM      | 32 FT LB      | 45 FT LB   |  |  |  |
| 1/2                   | 65 FT LB    | 90 FT LB  | 12MM      | 55 FT LB      | 75 FT LB   |  |  |  |
| 9/16                  | 95 FT LB    | 130 FTLB  | 14MM      | 85 FT LB      | 120 FT LB  |  |  |  |
| 5/8                   | 135 FT LB   | 175 FT LB | 16MM      | 130 FT LB     | 165 FT LB  |  |  |  |
| 3/4                   | 185 FT LB   | 280 FT LB | 18MM      | 170 FT LB     | 240 FT LB  |  |  |  |

<sup>•</sup> The above specifications are not to be used when the bolt is being installed with a bushing.

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