

# **READYLIFT**<sup>®</sup>

**SUSPENSIONS**

**69-33300—2023 GM Colorado 3" SST Kit**

**IF your ReadyLIFT<sup>®</sup> product has a damaged or missing part, please contact customer service directly and a new replacement part will be sent to you immediately. For warranty issues, please return to the place of installation and contact ReadyLIFT.**

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**MON-FRI 7AM-4PM PST**

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**\*\*Please retain this document in your vehicle at all times.\*\***

## **Limited Lifetime Warranty**

This unique product warranty proves our commitment to the quality and reliability of every product that ReadyLIFT manufactures. The ReadyLIFT product warranty only extends to the original purchaser of any ReadyLIFT product, if it breaks, we will give you a new part. Warranty does not apply to discontinued parts.

Our Limited Lifetime Warranty excludes the following ReadyLIFT items; bushings, bump stops, ball joints, tie rod ends, heim joints and shock absorbers. These parts are subject to wear and are not considered defective when worn. They are warranted for 12 months from the date of purchase for defects in workmanship.

**This product warranty is voided if the vehicle is not aligned after kit installation and proper maintenance is routinely done.**

Product purchased directly from ReadyLIFT has a 90 day return policy on uninstalled products from the date of purchase (may be subject to restocking fee). Uninstalled product returns must be in the original ReadyLIFT packaging. Please call **(877) 759-9991** to get an RGA# for any return. Customer is responsible for shipping costs back to ReadyLIFT. **Returns without RGA# will be refused.** Contact ReadyLIFT directly about any potentially defective parts prior to removal from vehicle.

ReadyLIFT products are **NOT** intended for off-road abuse. Any damage or failure as a result from off-road abuse voids the warranty of the ReadyLIFT product. ReadyLIFT is **NOT** responsible for any subsequent damages to any related vehicle parts due to misuse, abuse, improper installation, or lack of maintenance. Furthermore, ReadyLIFT reserves the right to change, modify or cancel this warranty without prior notice.



**READ INSTRUCTIONS THOROUGHLY AND COMPLETELY BEFORE BEGINNING INSTALLATION.**

**INSTALLATION BY A CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL MECHANIC IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.**

**READYLIFT® IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE OR FAILURE RESULTING FROM IMPROPER INSTALLATION.**

### **Safety Warning**

MISUSE OF THIS PRODUCT COULD LEAD TO INJURY OR DEATH.

Suspension systems or components that enhance the on and off-road performance of your vehicle may cause it to handle differently than it did from the factory. Extreme care must be used to prevent loss of control or vehicle rollover during abrupt maneuvers.

Always operate your vehicle at reduced speeds to ensure your ability to control your vehicle under all driving conditions. Failure to drive safely may result in serious injury or death to driver and passengers.

Driver and passengers must ALWAYS wear your seat belts, avoid quick sharp turns and other sudden maneuvers. ReadyLIFT Suspension does not recommend the combined use of suspension lifts, body lifts, or other lifting devices.

You should never operate your vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Constant maintenance is required to keep your vehicle safe. Thoroughly inspect your vehicle before and after every off-road use.

It is the responsibility of the retailer and/or the installer to review all state and local laws, with the end user of this product, related to bumper height laws and the lifting of their vehicle before the purchase and installation of any ReadyLIFT products.

It is the responsibility of the driver/s to check their surrounding area for obstructions, people, and animals before moving the vehicle.

All raised vehicles have increased blind spots; damage, injury and/or death can occur if these instructions are not followed.

### **Installation Warning**

All steps and procedures described in these instructions were performed while the vehicle was properly supported on a two post vehicle lift with safety jacks.

Use caution during all disassembly and assembly steps to insure suspension components are not over extended causing damage to any vehicle components and parts included in this kit.

Included instructions are guidelines only for recommended procedures and are not meant to be definitive. Installer is responsible to insure a safe and controllable vehicle after performing modifications.

ReadyLIFT Suspension recommends the use of an OE Service Manual for model/year of vehicle when disassembly and assembly of factory and related components.

Unless otherwise specified, tighten all bolts and fasteners to standard torque specifications listed within the OE Service Manual.

Suspension components that use rubber or urethane bushings should be tightened with the vehicle at normal ride height. This will prevent premature wear or failure of the bushing and maintain ride comfort.

Larger tire and wheel combinations may increase leverage on suspension, steering, and related components.

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 ride height. Always measure the vehicle ride height prior to beginning installation.

### **SAEJ2492 Warning**

By installing this product, you acknowledge that the suspension of this vehicle has been modified. As a result, this vehicle may handle differently than that of factory-equipped vehicles. As with any vehicle, extreme care must be used to prevent loss of control or roll-over during sharp turns or abrupt maneuvers. Always wear seat belts, and drive safely, recognizing that reduced speeds and specialized driving techniques may be required. Failure to drive this vehicle safely may result in serious injury or death. Do not drive this vehicle unless you are familiar with its unique handling characteristics and are confident of your ability to maintain control under all driving conditions. Some modifications (and combinations of modifications) are not recommended and may not be permitted in your state. Consult your owner's manual, the instructions accompanying this product, and state laws before undertaking these modifications. You are responsible for the legality and safety of the vehicle you modify using these components.

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*A lifted vehicle may have different headlight aim performance. ReadyLIFT recommends marking and recording the headlight beam position before kit installation and then adjusting, if necessary, the headlamps to the same height settings after kit installation. Set the vehicle on a level surface 10' to 15' from a solid wall or garage door. (This is a general distance with some manufacturers requiring different distances.) Note the top height of the low beam's bright spot, the top of the most intense part of the beam, for driver and passenger side. Height may vary from side to side. Repeat this procedure and adjust after lift kit is installed. Adjust if the aim is off by turning the adjusters gradually (a quarter of a turn) and looking to see where the new alignment falls. It may be easier to block one headlamp while adjusting the other. Consult the owner operation manual for procedures to adjust headlights - many automakers offer headlight aiming specs. Some states have their own specifications when it comes to headlight aim, so it's best to follow those rules when alighting headlights.*

This suspension system was developed using a 285-75R17 tire with 17" x 8.5" wheel and a offset of +18. If wider tires are used, offset wheels may be necessary and trimming may be required. Factory wheels can be used but are not recommended with tires over 12.5" wide.

The stock spare rim can be run in an emergency - exercise extreme caution under stock spare tire operating conditions. Please note that, if running the spare factory tire, it is done for short distances and a speed not to exceed 45mph or damage to differentials may occur.

## **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

**NOTE: If a CV axle boot is torn due to installation error a replacement half shaft assembly should be installed for the repair. Replacement boots are not compatible with this lift kit - replacement boots use a crimp-on boot clamp which can contact the lower control arm fur-ther damaging the CV axle.**

# **PRE-INSTALLATION MEASUREMENTS:**

It is imperative that you record the following measurements and factory components in the tables below. ReadyLIFT tests and records as much data from each application as available at the time of product development. Vehicle manufacturers may change components or add models with different options. Recording and not exceeding the fender-to-hub-center ReadyLIFT calls out will ensure the lift on the vehicle is correct.

These measurements will affect the performance of this lift kit. Failure to ensure proper stock conditions may result in over lifting, causing premature failure of axles, CV boots and drivetrain. Over lifting a vehicle will also result in an incorrect wheel alignment. This will wear tires incorrectly. Incorrect alignment will cause poor vehicle handling issues including but not limited to under steer. Over lifting will also cause a shock top off condition resulting in poor ride quality accompanied by pops and clunks which are symptoms of prematurely wearing components.

Failure to adjust head lamps may cause dangerous driving conditions for you and other drivers on the road. Record the head lamp position before the installation of this lift or leveling kit and adjust to original factory position after the completion to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience.

## **VEHICLE HEIGHT MEASUREMENTS**

	<b>Driver Before</b>	<b>Driver After</b>	<b>Passenger Before</b>	<b>Passenger After</b>
<b>Front</b>				
<b>Rear</b>				

**\*\*MEASUREMENT IS TO BE PERFORMED FROM CENTER OF HUB TO FENDER EDGE STRAIGHT UP FROM HUB.\*\***

## **RECORD HEAD LAMP MEASUREMENTS**

<b>Driver Before</b>	<b>Driver After</b>	<b>Passenger Before</b>	<b>Passenger After</b>



# **BILL OF MATERIALS**

COMPONENTS	QTY
Front Strut Spacer	2
Preload Spacer	2
Upper Control Arm	2
ABS Bracket, LH	1
ABS Bracket, RH	1
Sway Bar Link, LH	1
Sway Bar Link, RH	1
Rear Block	2
U-Bolts	4

HARDWARE	QTY
M10-1.5 Yellow Zinc Flange Nut	6
M6-1.0 x 12mm Socket Cap Screw	2
M6-1.0 Lock Nut	2
M6 Flat Washer	2
Oval Fir Tree Zip Tie	4
U-Bolt Flange Nuts	8



**Before starting installation:** ReadyLIFT Suspension highly recommends that the installation of this product be performed by a professional mechanic with experience working on and installing suspension products. Professional knowledge and skill will typically yield the best installation results. If you need an installer in your area, please contact ReadyLIFT Suspension Customer Service or check out the dealers tab on our Website for authorized installers .

### **INSTALLATION BY A PROFESSIONAL IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.**

- A Factory Service Manual for your specific Year / Make / Model is highly recommended for reference during installation.
- All lifted vehicles may require additional driveline modifications and / or balancing.
- A vehicle alignment is REQUIRED after installation of this product.
- Speedometer / Computer recalibration is required if changing +/- 10% from factory tire diameter.
- A vehicle lift or hoist greatly reduces installation time. Installation time estimates are based on an available vehicle hoist.
- Vehicle must be in excellent operating condition. Repair or replace any and all worn or damaged components prior to installation.

ReadyLIFT recommends all steps and procedures described in these instructions be performed while the vehicle is properly supported on a two post vehicle lift with safety jacks.

Otherwise, park vehicle on a clean flat surface and block the rear wheels for safety. Engage the parking brake.

Disconnect the vehicle power source at the ground terminal on the battery.

Lock the steering wheel in the straight forward position with the column lock or steering wheel locking device.

Raise the front of the vehicle and support with safety jack stands at each frame rail behind the lower control arms.

Loosen the **axle nut**, but do not remove it.



Using a dead blow sledgehammer, strike the end of the axle until it moves back and forth freely. **Remove axle nut** at this time.

**RETAIN FACTORY HARDWARE.**



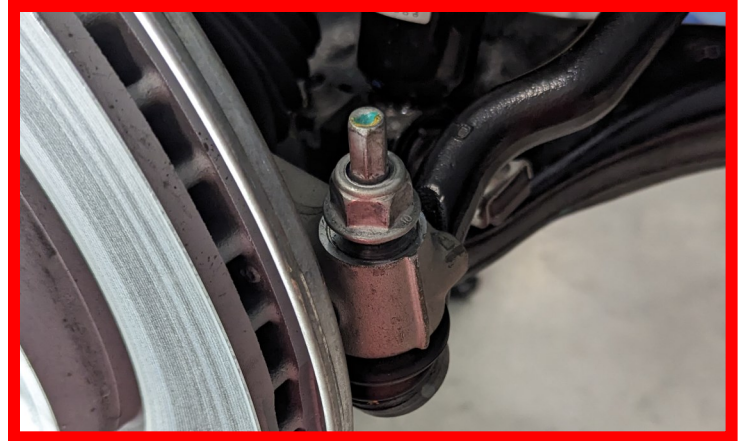
Remove **shock top nuts**.

**Discard factory hardware.**



Loosen and remove **tie rod nut** and disconnect **tie-rod** from **knuckle**.

**RETAIN FACTORY HARDWARE.**



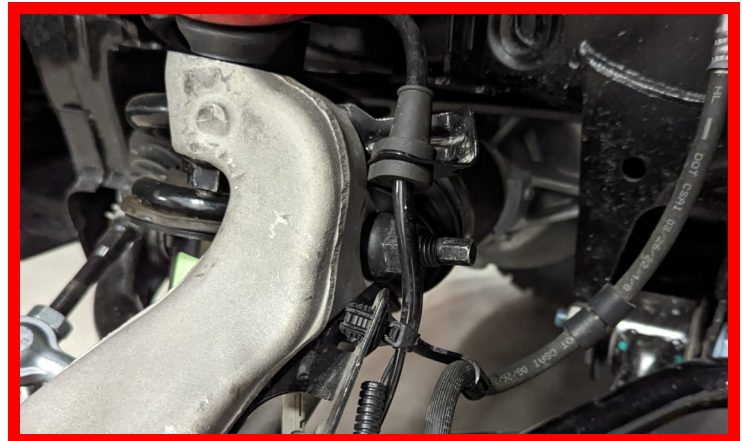
Remove **lower shock bolts**.

**RETAIN FACTORY HARDWARE.**



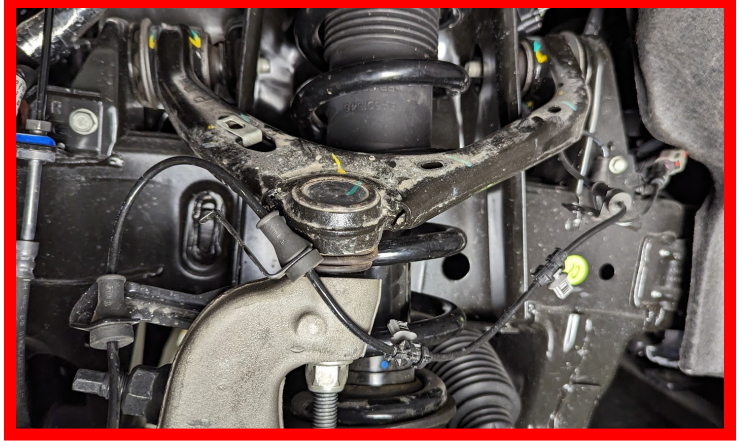
Remove **sway bar link** to **knuckle** nut and disconnect **sway bar link** from **knuckle**.

**RETAIN FACTORY HARDWARE.**





Remove **ABS clips** from upper control arm.

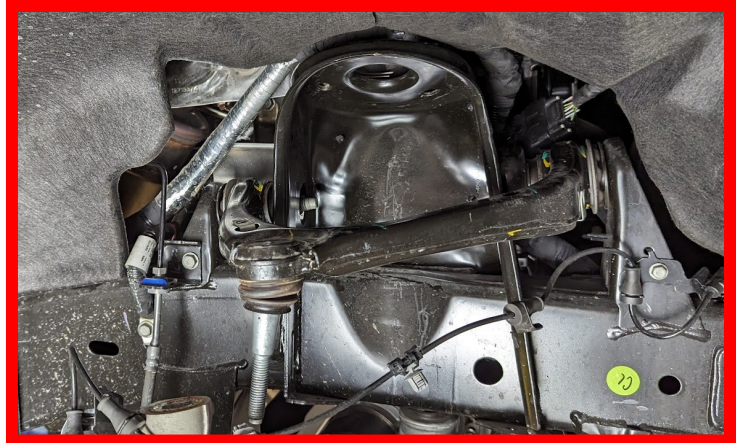


Remove **upper control arm** to **knuckle** nut.  
Allow knuckle to hang out of the way.

**DISCARD FACTORY HARDWARE**

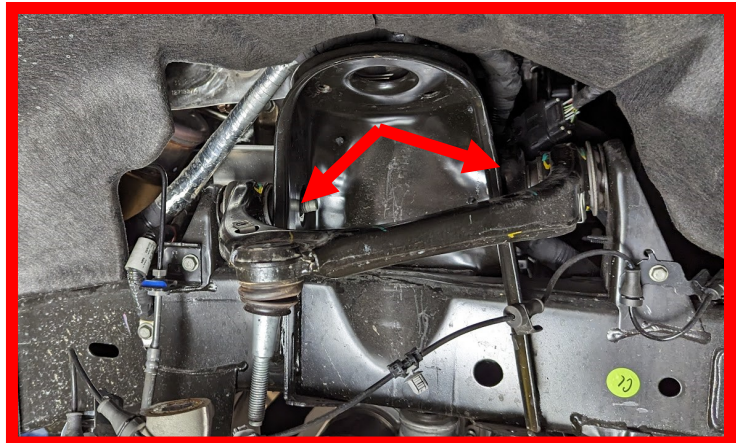


Remove **strut assembly** from vehicle.



Remove fasteners holding the **upper control arm** to the **frame** and remove the upper control arm from the vehicle.

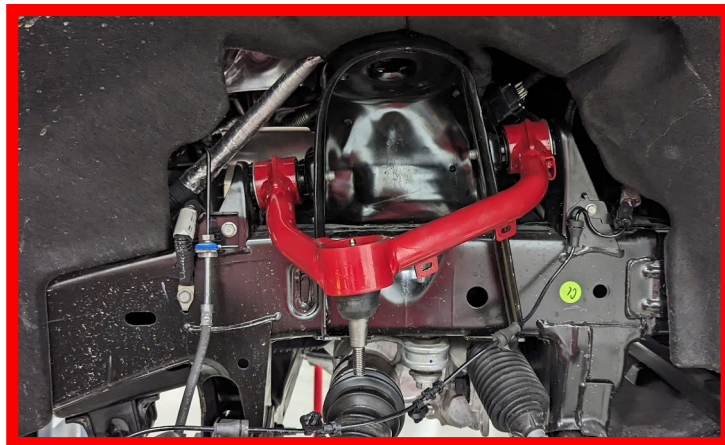
**RETAIN FACTORY HARDWARE.**





Install **ReadyLIFT Upper Control Arm** using factory hardware.

Torque upper control arm to frame hardware to **110 ft-lbs.**

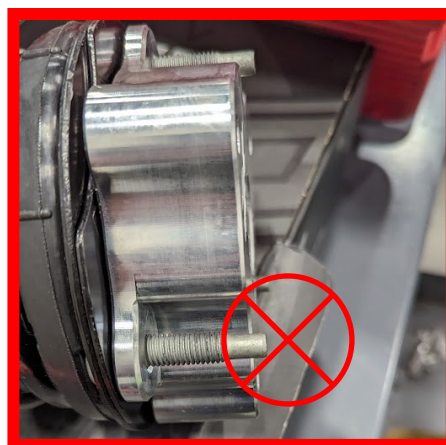


Cut 0.45" off the **studs** on the top of the strut.

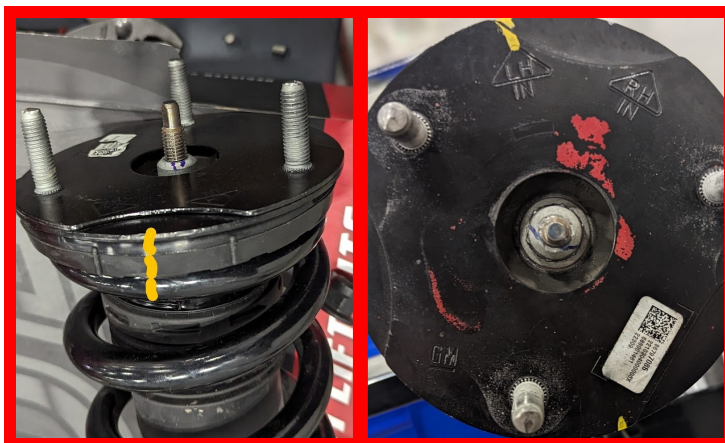


Ensure that the studs are below the surface of the **ReadyLIFT strut spacer**, while still long enough to allow installation of factory nuts.

**DO NOT INSTALL STRUT SPACER AT THIS TIME.**



Mark the orientation of the **strut top hat** to the spring. Also make a mark 180° from that location on the strut top hat.



Also mark the orientation of the lower spring perch to the shock body.



Using a spring compressor, compress the spring enough to remove the top hat from the strut assembly.



Install the ReadyLIFT Preload Spacer between the top hat and the spring isolator.



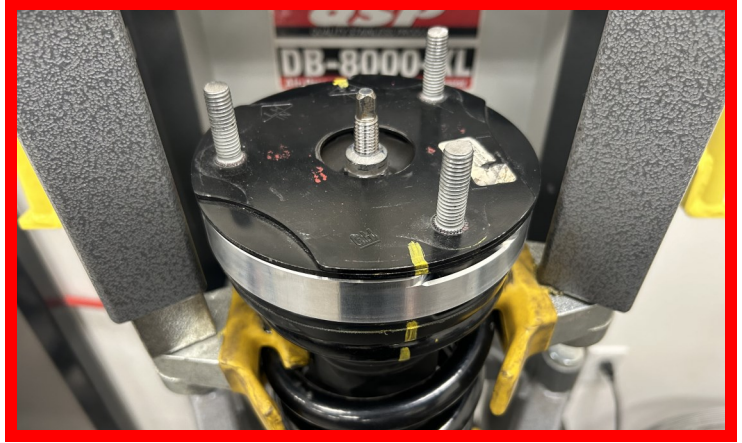
Re-install the factory top hat, this time oriented 180° from its original orientation. Ensure that the lower spring perch maintains its factory orientation during this process.





Torque the **factory shock nut** to **45 ft-lbs.**

Remove strut assembly from the spring compressor.

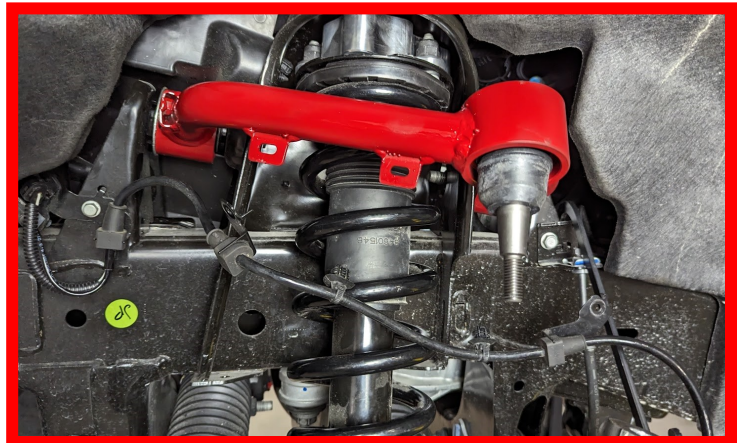


Install **ReadyLIFT strut spacer** using factory hardware.

Torque nuts to **45 ft-lbs.**

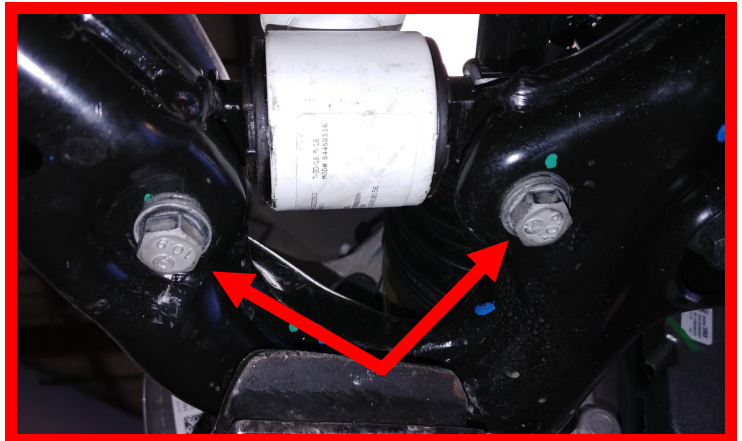


Install strut assembly into vehicle. Loosely install provided **M10 nuts** connecting **front strut to frame**.



Install **strut assembly** to lower control arm bolts.

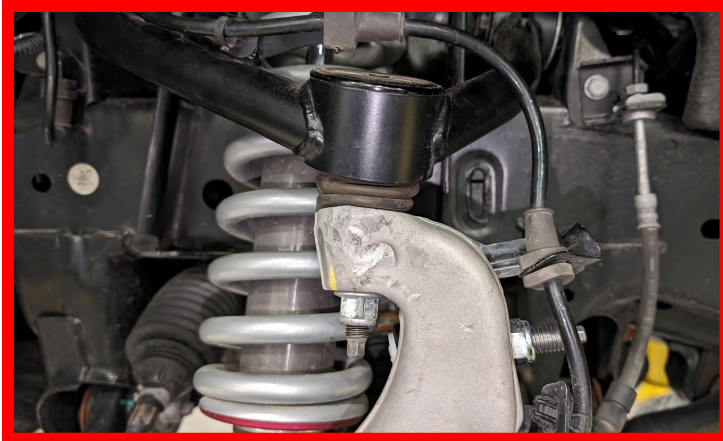
Torque to **45 ft-lbs.**





Install upper control arm ball joint into knuckle. Ensure that the ABS line is running outboard of the ball joint.

Torque the provided **upper control arm** to **knuckle** nut to **65 ft-lbs**.



Shown is the left hand ABS Bracket.

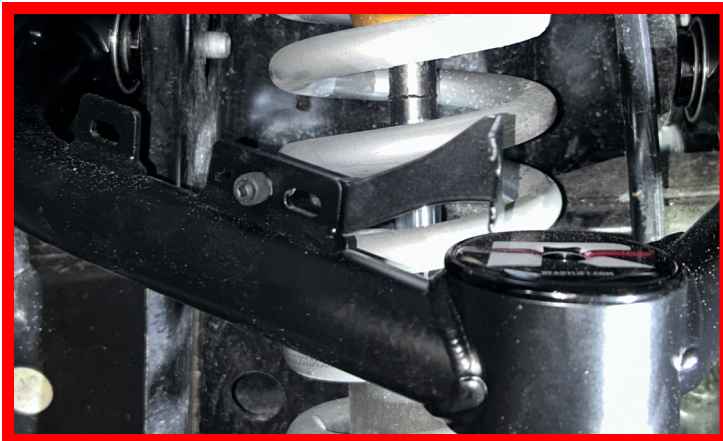


Shown is the right hand ABS Bracket.



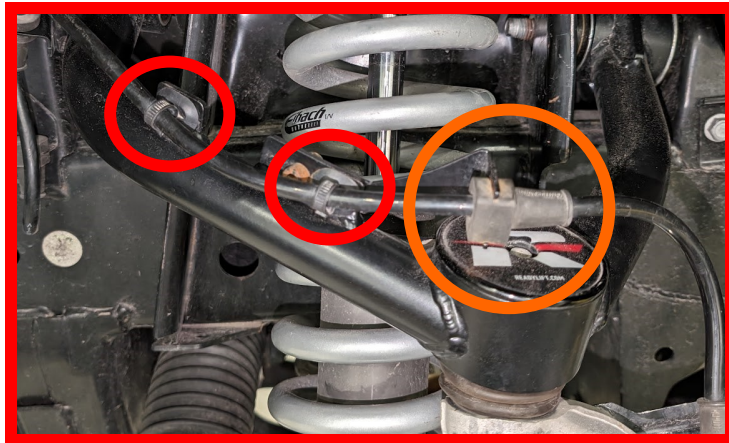
Install **ABS Bracket** into **upper control arm** using provided M6 Hardware. Ensure that the nut is on the outside of the arm, facing away from the vehicle.

Torque hardware to **6 ft-lbs**.



Install **oval fir tree zip ties** into slots on ABS bracket and control arm bracket and tighten around ABS Line. Cut off excess length of zip tie.

Install **ABS line rubber fitting** into **ABS bracket**.



Remove factory **sway bar link** from sway bar and discard link.

**DISCARD FACTORY HARDWARE.**



Install **ReadyLIFT sway bar link** to sway bar using provided hardware.

Torque nut to **65 ft-lbs.**



Install **ReadyLIFT sway bar link** to knuckle using provided hardware.

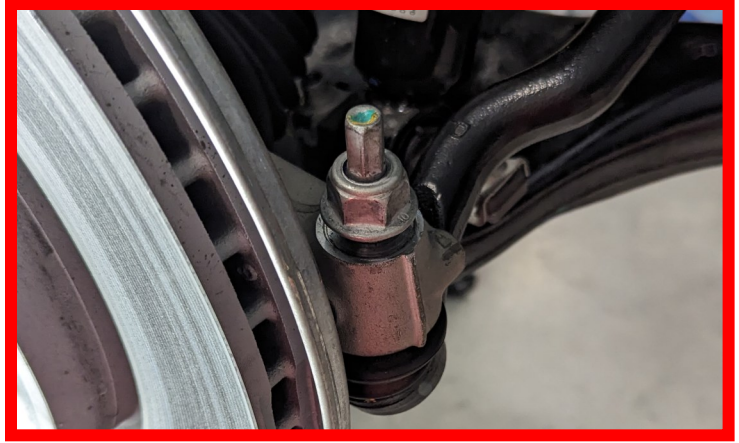
Torque nut to **65 ft-lbs.**



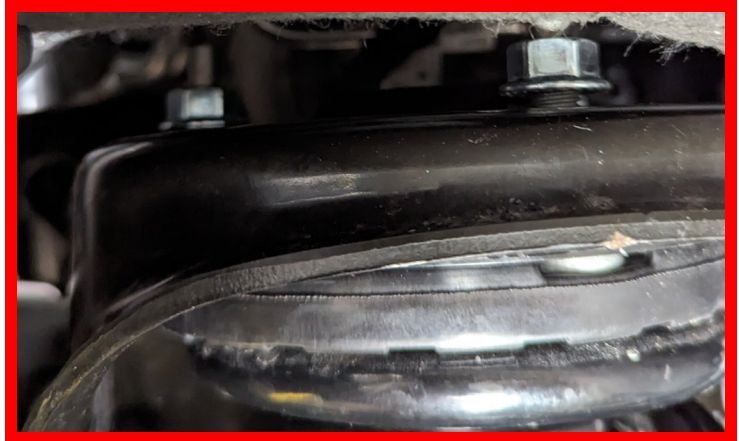


Install **tie rod** into **knuckle**.

Torque nut to **65 ft-lbs**.



Torque **strut top nuts** to **35 ft-lbs**.



Torque **axle nut** to **165 ft-lbs**.



Repeat Process for passenger side.

## Rear Installation

Block the front tires and raise the rear of the vehicle using a suitable jack.

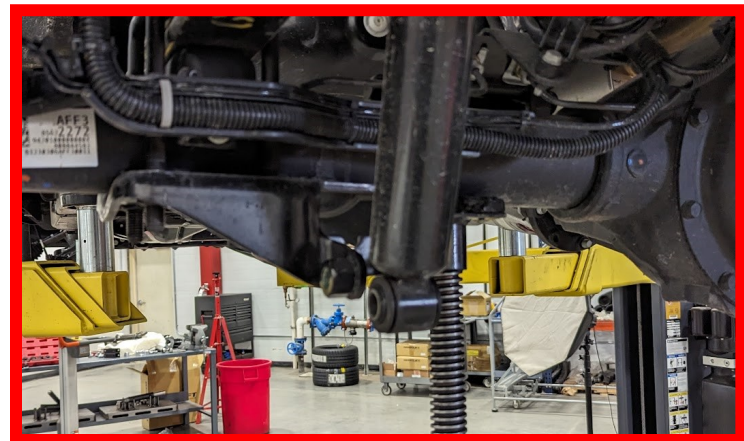
Support with jack stands at each frame rail in front of the rear leaf spring hangers.

Support the axle with jack on beside differential.

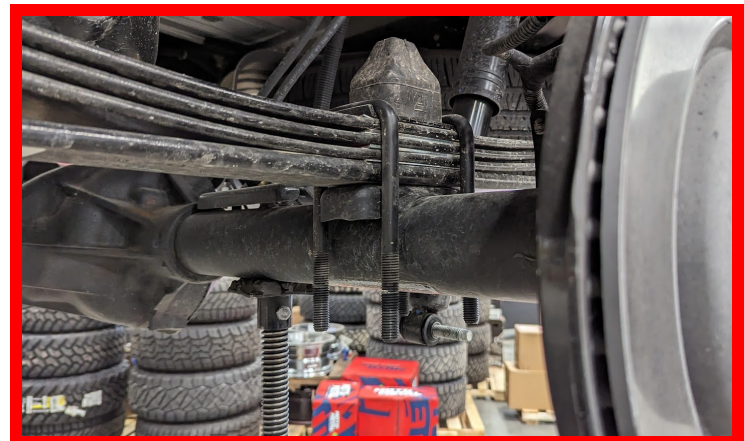


Remove lower shock bolt and allow shock to hang

**RETAIN FACTORY HARDWARE.**



Remove **U-bolt nuts** and **nut plate**. Retain nut plate, but discard factory nuts





Lower the axle enough to provide space between the **leaf spring** and the **axle mount**.



Install the **ReadyLIFT rear block** between the leaf spring and axle.

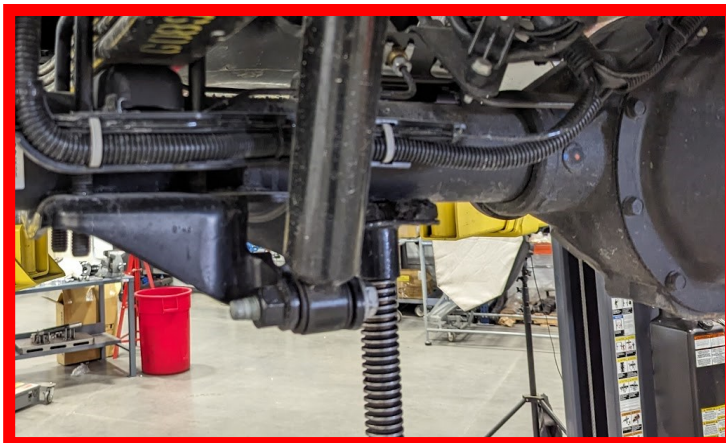


Install **ReadyLIFT U-bolts and nuts**.  
DO NOT TIGHTEN AT THIS TIME.



Install **lower shock bolt**.  
DO NOT TIGHTEN AT THIS TIME.

Repeat Process for passenger side.



With everything tightened and torque to the specified specifications, install front tires and lower vehicle.

With the steering wheel centered, turn the tie rod ends until the tires are straight. If the steering wheel is not centered properly, the ABS/traction control lights may activate. Turn the wheels from lock to lock and make sure the brake lines and ABS routing clears all suspension components adequately. Reposition if necessary.

Using the appropriate tool, grease the upper ball joint just until the boot just starts to expand. **Do not over grease. Over grease can cause pre-mature wear.**

Prior to installing wheels, complete all installation steps on the opposite side. Install the wheels and lower the vehicle to the ground. Torque the lug nuts to the wheel manufacturers specs. Jounce the vehicle to settle the suspension to the new ride height. Torque the u-bolts to **110 ft/lbs** and all shock hardware to **65 ft/lbs**.

Reconnect the battery ground terminal. Start the vehicle and turn the steering wheel lock to lock and verify all clearances between tire, body and suspension components. Adjust as necessary.



**FAILURE TO PERFORM THE POST INSPECTION CHECKS MAY RESULT IN VEHICLE COMPONENT DAMAGE AND/OR PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH TO THE DRIVER AND/OR OTHERS.**

### **Final Checks & Adjustments**

Once the vehicle is lowered to the ground, check all parts which have rubber or urethane components to ensure proper torque. Torque lug nuts to the wheel manufacturer specs. Move vehicle backwards and forwards a short distance to allow suspension components to adjust. Turn the front wheels completely left then right and verify adequate tire, wheel, brake line, and ABS wire clearance. Test and inspect steering, brake and suspension components for tightness and proper operation. Inspect brakes hoses and ABS lines for adequate slack at full extension, adjust as necessary.

**RECHECK ALL HARDWARE FOR PROPER TORQUE VALUES AFTER 500 MILES, AND THEN PERIODICALLY AT EACH SERVICE INTERVAL THERAFTER.**

### **Vehicle Handling Warning**

Increasing the height of your vehicle raises the center of gravity and can affect stability and control. Use caution on turns and when making steering corrections.

Vehicles with larger tires and wheels will handle differently than stock vehicles. Take time to familiarize yourself with the handling of your vehicle.

### **Wheel Alignment/Headlamp Adjustment**

It is necessary to have a proper and professional wheel alignment performed by a certified alignment technician. Align the vehicle to factory specifications. It is recommended that your vehicle alignment be checked after any off-road driving.

In addition to your vehicle alignment, for your safety and others, it is necessary to check and adjust your vehicle headlamps for proper aim and alignment. If the vehicle is equipped with active or passive safety/collision monitoring and/or avoidance systems including, but not limited to, camera- or radar-based systems, check and adjust your vehicle's systems for proper aim and function.

## **RECOMMENDED ALIGNMENT SPECS**

Front	Driver	Passenger	Tolerance	Total / Split
Camber	-0.1	-0.1	+/- 0.5	+0.0
Caster	+4.6	+4.6	+/- 0.5	+0.0
Toe	+1.0	+1.0	+/-0.05	+0.20