

# 1935-1940 Ford Car & 1935-1941 Ford Truck Custom IFS

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Read and understand these instructions before starting any work!

USE THE PARTS LIST BELOW TO MAKE SURE YOUR KIT IS COMPLETE BEFORE INSTALLATION.

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# **Front Suspension Installation Instructions**

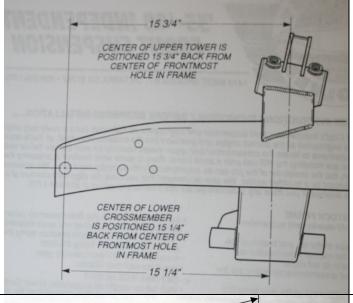
Thank you for choosing TCI Engineering's Custom IFS package. This kit features our custom spindles and geometry for unmatched drivability and performance. This design utilizes a stainless eccentric for easy alignment adjustments and also features our new 7/8" anti-sway bar which is stiffer than the 3/4" previously offered.





## Installing the boxing plates:

It is important that the boxing plates be positioned on the edge of the frame rail so that you can maximize weld penetration. This will insure there is enough weld to grind and smooth out the corners. Use a square to make sure that the plates are square to the frame. Tack weld all 4 corners of the plate to the rail and make sure they are still square. Once the boxing plates are confirmed square you can begin welding them in place. Weld 6" sections at a time switching from driver to passenger so heat is kept to a minimum.



#### Locating the axle center line:

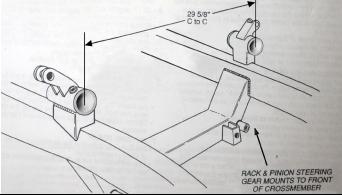
Using the illustration above, find and mark the axle center line on both the passenger and driver side frame rail

#### Installing the cross member:

2 degrees frame rake(vehicle stance) is typical. The flat area on top of the cross member should be level to the ground or 0 degrees when the frame is at proper rake.

Center the cross member on the axle center line mark made earlier. Only tack weld the cross member into place at this time.

\*NOTE\* Grinding the cross member to make it fit between the rails may be necessary.



**Installing the Eccentric housings:** Use the two drawings to the left and above for proper placement.



Double check all measurements and finish welding the cross member and eccentric housings into place.



#### Installing the lower control arms:

\*NOTE\* The acorn side of the 5/8" shaft faces forward.

Place one washer onto the 5/8" control arm shaft and push it through the front bushing of the control arm.

Place a 2<sup>nd</sup> washer behind the bushing and push the 5/8" shaft into the front of the cross member.

\*NOTE\* Driver side control arm is pictured



Place the 3rd washer in between the bushing and the pin as shown.

Push the 5/8" shaft all the way through the pin and bushing. You may need a little elbow grease to get the shaft all the way through.



The 4<sup>th</sup> and final washer can now be placed on the 5/8" shaft and the Nylock can be installed.

Torque to 75 ft lbs



## Installing the upper control arms:

\*NOTE\* The acorn side of the 5/8" shaft faces forward.

Place one washer onto the 5/8" control arm shaft and push it through the front bushing of the control arm.

Place a 2<sup>nd</sup> washer behind the bushing and push the 5/8" shaft into the front of the eccentric housing.

\*NOTE\* Driver side control arm is pictured



Place the 3rd washer in between the bushing and the eccentric as shown.

Push the 5/8" shaft all the way through the eccentric and bushing. You may need a little elbow grease to get the shaft all the way through.



The 4<sup>th</sup> and final washer can now be placed on the 5/8" shaft and the Nylock can be installed.

Torque to 75 ft lbs



Install the  $\frac{1}{2}$ -20 set screws into the Eccentric housing and tighten.

Final alignment will be done once vehicle is finished.



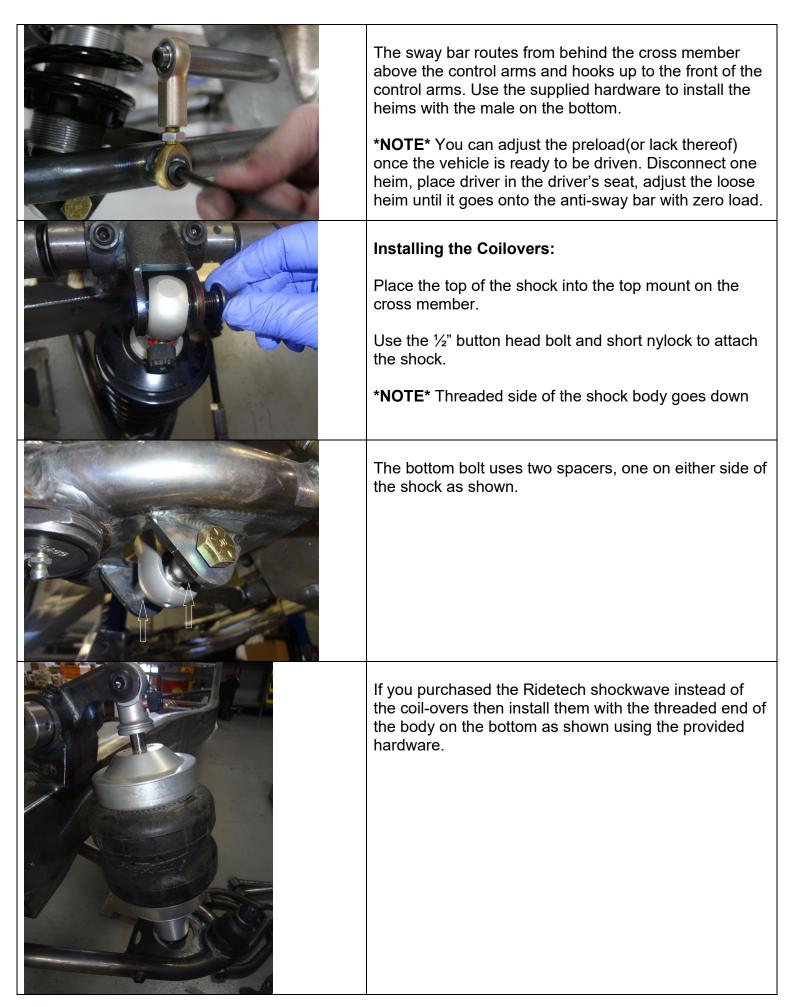
### Installing the anti-sway bar:

Slide the lock ring collar over the bar on each side first. The split bushings go over the bar and then the aluminum blocks slide on over the bushings.



The anti-sway bar mounts to the rear of the cross member above the lower control arm pins. Use the supplied hardware to install the aluminum blocks onto the cross member. Torque to 25 ft lbs.

Center the anti-sway bar and lock down the set screws against the bushings.



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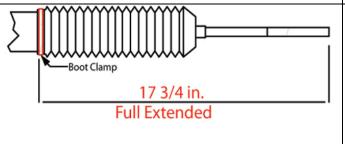
#### Installing the spindle assemblies:

Place the spindle onto the lower ball joint with the steering arm facing forward with the large I/D tie rod end taper facing down. (The tie rod end goes up into the steering arm)

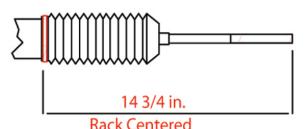
Place the ball joint washer first and then the castle nut. Torque the lower ball joint to 90 ft. lbs and install the cotter pin. The lower ball joint is a **MOOG K719**Pull the upper control arm down onto the spindle. Place the ball joint washer first and then the castle nut. Torque the upper ball joint to 70 ft. lbs and install the cotter pin. The upper ball joint is a **MOOG K772** 

#### \*NOTE\* Caliper Fittings:

GM Calipers = 10mm x 1.5 Wilwood Calipers = 1/8" NPT



# 11 3/4 in. Full Retracted



#### Centering the rack assembly:

The rack needs to be centered to allow equal steering left to right. On a bench, turn the pinion out to lock one way. Measure from a convenient point to the end of the inner tie rod. (This rack was 17  $\frac{3}{4}$ ). Turn the pinion of the opposite lock position and measure from the same point to the end of the same tie rod (11  $\frac{3}{4}$ ). 17  $\frac{3}{4}$  minus 11  $\frac{3}{4}$  = 6. Divided by 2 = 3 Add that number to the smallest measurement (11  $\frac{3}{4}$ " + 3" = 14  $\frac{3}{4}$ ") and turn the pinion back till you get that measurement and your rack is centered.



#### Installing the rack and pinion:

Place the rack on the cross member brackets as shown. Use the supplied 5/8" hardware to fasten it into place. The picture shows a power rack that requires a 5/8" spacer between the rack and the mounting brackets. A manual rack bolts directly to the mounting brackets not needing these spacers.

Torque bolts to 90 ft. lbs

## \*NOTE\* Power Rack & Pinion fittings:

9/16"-18 Pressure side & 5/8"-18 Return side



Install the jam nut and outer tie rod end onto both sides of the rack. With the rotors pointing straight ahead (0 toe) install the tie rod ends into the bottom of the steering arm. Torque the tie rod ends to 60 ft. lbs. and install the cotter pin.

#### \*NOTE\* Rack & Pinion output shaft:

Manual rack = 9/16"-26 spline Power rack = 3/4"-36 Spline thru 4/2021 After 4/2021 3/4" Ford V



#### Setting up power steering

The rack ports are 9/16"-18 Pressure side & 5/8"-18 Return side

Unisteer 8026070 is a recommended fitting kit.

The recommended pump output is 800-1000psi and 2.0 gallons per minute. Exceeding this can cause the steering to feel "twitchy" and excess pressure can damage the rack.



#### Alignment specifications

**Caster:** Power rack 4-6 degrees positive

Manual rack 2-4 degrees positive

Camber: 0 Degree

**Toe-in:** 1/32 to 1/16 inch

The lower control arms should be level to the ground or within a degree or two once the vehicle is at full weight.

You can then perform the final alignment.

#### **AXLE STUD SIZES:**

4.5" Bolt circle rotors =  $\frac{1}{2}$ "x20('75-'80 Ford Granada) 4.75" Bolt circle rotors = 12mmx1.5('82-'87 Camaro)

ALL Wilwood hubs = 7/16"x20

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