



# 1955-1959 Chevy 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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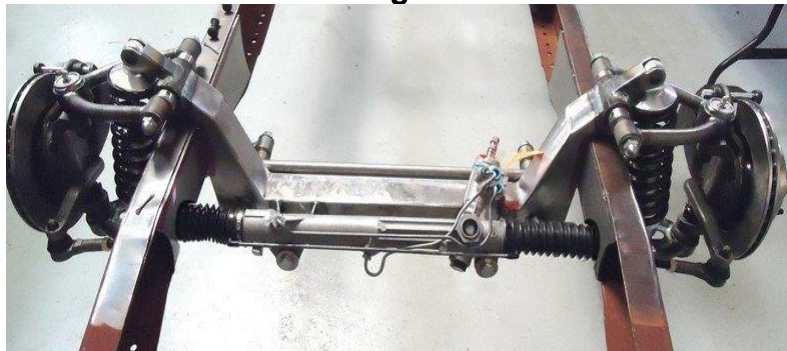
## Front Suspension Installation Instructions

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 1" anti-sway bar which is stiffer than the 3/4" previously offered.

**'55-'59 Original Chevy Stock Chassis**



**Custom IFS on Original Stock Chassis**



### 1955-1959 Chevy Truck Custom IFS Parts List –

**Part#: \* 233-2200-0cp-c3k-1ex or 233-2202-00-0sm-a6k-4gx – The asterisk shown is the plain and standard package**

<b>1 Custom IFS Cross member</b>	<b>1 Rack &amp; Pinion – Only</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1955-1959 Chevy Truck Part #: 233-2202-00</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Power Rack Part #: 304-3215-00 + 2 in.</li> <li>Manual Rack Part #: 304-3205-00 + 2 in.</li> </ul>
<b>2 Plain Upper Control Arms – Hardware</b>	<b>1 Rack &amp; Pinion Bolt Kit – Hardware</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Part #: 204-2224-00 – Plain</li> <li>Part #: 204-2224-01 – Black</li> <li>Part #: 204-2224-02 – Polished</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Power Rack Part #: 300-3233-00</li> <li>Manual Part #: 300-3231-00</li> </ul>
<b>2 Plain Lower Control Arms – Hardware</b>	<b>1 Tie Rod Ends Set – Hardware</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Part #: 213-2324-00 – Coil-Over – Plain</li> <li>Part #: 213-2324-02 – Coil-Over – Black</li> <li>Part #: 213-2324-05 – Coil-Over – Polished</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Part #: 301-3238-00</li> </ul>
<b>2 Shocks Body - Part#: skbdy02-0</b>	<b>2 Assembled: Drop Spindle w/11" Rotors and Calipers 4.75" B/P Part# SPASYCPB11PAD-GMS</b>
<b>2 Coil-Springs - Black Powder Coated - Part#: springs500b</b>	<b>2 Sway Bar and Mount – Hardware 3/8 Bolt Kit</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plain Part #: swaybar-f14-pln</li> <li>Chrome Part #: swaybar-f14-pln</li> <li>Part #: swy-bar-mnt-05-pln</li> <li>Part #: swy-bar-heims12reg -1/2 Modified Heims:</li> <li>Part #: swy-bar-bolt-11-pln</li> </ul>

## ~ Custom IFS ~



### **\*NOTE\***

The factory cross member should remain in place until the new cross member is fully welded in place:



#### **Removing raised flange on the frame rail:**

The raised flange on the top driver's side rail needs to be removed, flattened and reinstalled in the same place on the frame. We used a cut off wheel to remove this area. Once removed we placed the piece on the shop floor and flattened the edges with a hammer. We then welded it back on the frame in the same position. Some trimming was required to make it sit flush on the top of the rail.





### Installing the boxing plates:

Measure the width of the top and bottom of the rails. Cut or grind the longer lip back to make them both the same width. This will allow installation of the boxing plate square to the frame.

**\*NOTE\*** This picture is with the frame upside down.

The boxing plate is tapered. Place the plate onto the frame within the corresponding taper/size.



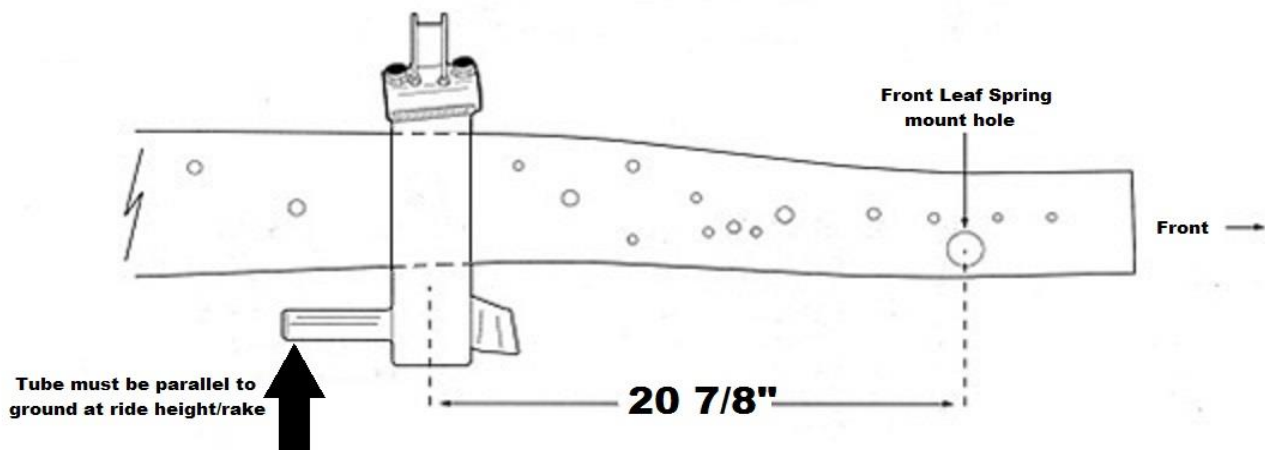
It is important that the boxing plates be positioned on the edge of the frame rail so that you can maximize weld penetration. This will insure there is enough weld to grind and smooth out the corners.

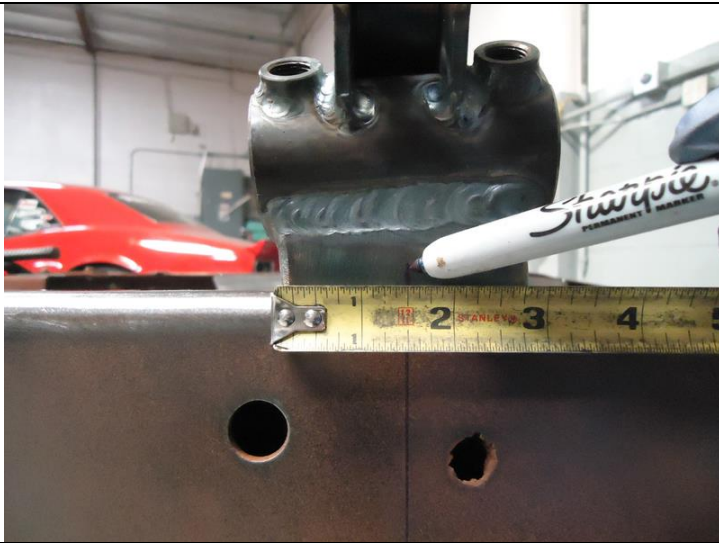


Use a square to make sure that the plates are square to the frame. Tack weld all 4 corners of the plate to the rail and make sure they are still square. Once the boxing plates are confirmed square you can begin welding them in place. Weld 6" sections at a time switching from driver to passenger so heat is kept to a minimum.

### Locating the axle center line:

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



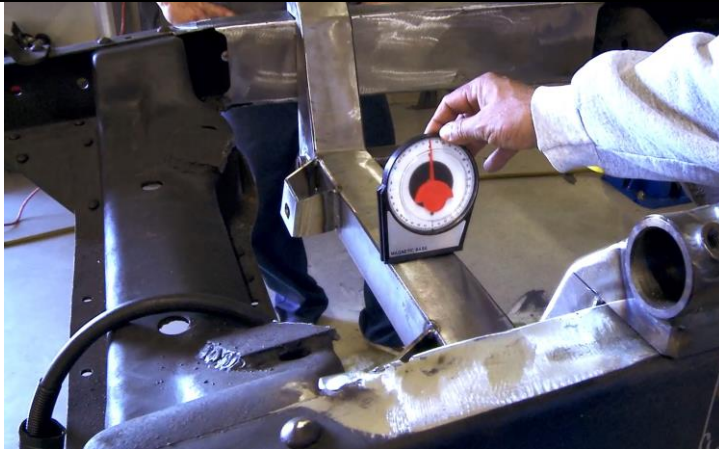


### Installing the cross member:

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.**

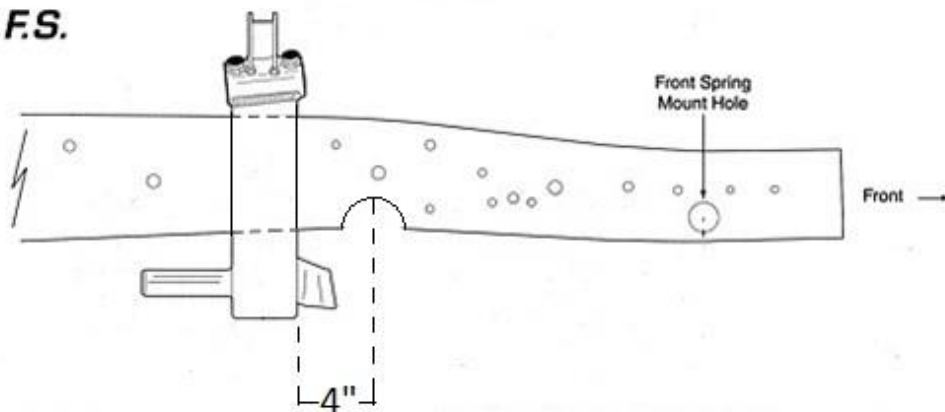
**\*NOTE\*** Grinding the cross member to make it fit between the rails may be necessary.



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

The factory cross member can be removed now.

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### Installing the c-notches:

Once the wheelbase is marked on the frame you can now properly install the c-notches. Using the diagram above measure 4" forward from the face of the cross member. This will be the center of the c-notch. Now measure up the rail 1.5" and mark it. Use the c-notch as a template on the frame using the mark on the frame as the center/top of the c-notch. Cut the frame to match the c-notch.

**\*NOTE\*** Make sure not to cut too much of the frame. Place c-notches into the frame and weld in 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



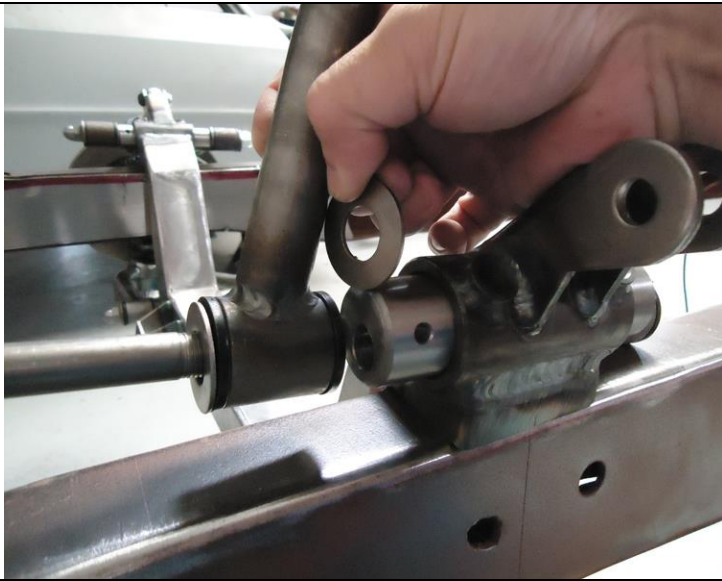
Place the 3<sup>rd</sup> washer in between the bushing and the pin as shown.

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



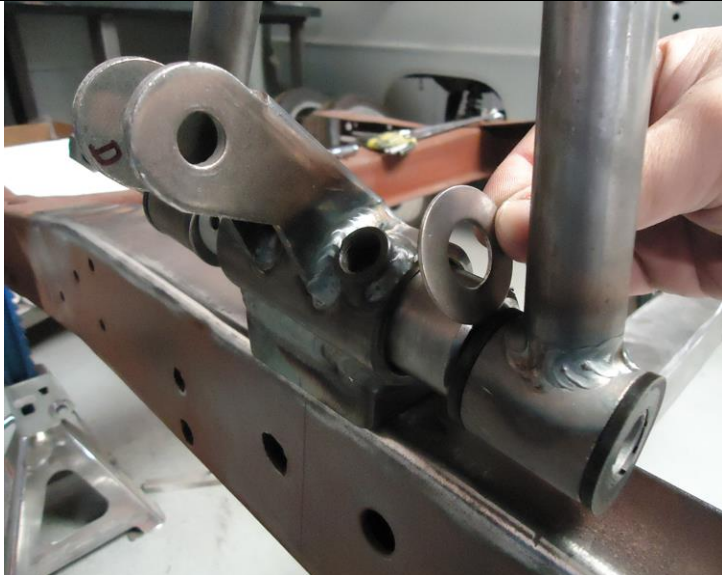
### Installing the upper control arms:

**\*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.

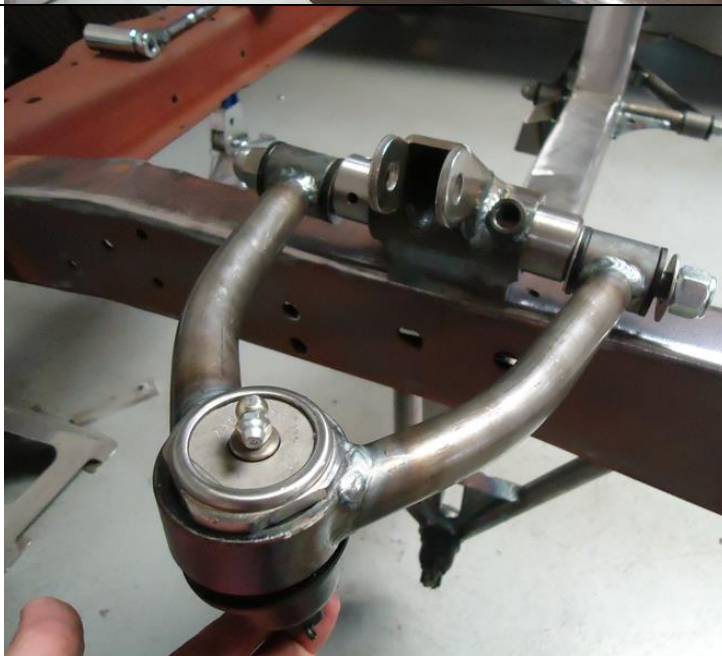
Place a 2<sup>nd</sup> washer behind the bushing and push the 5/8" shaft into the front of the eccentric housing.

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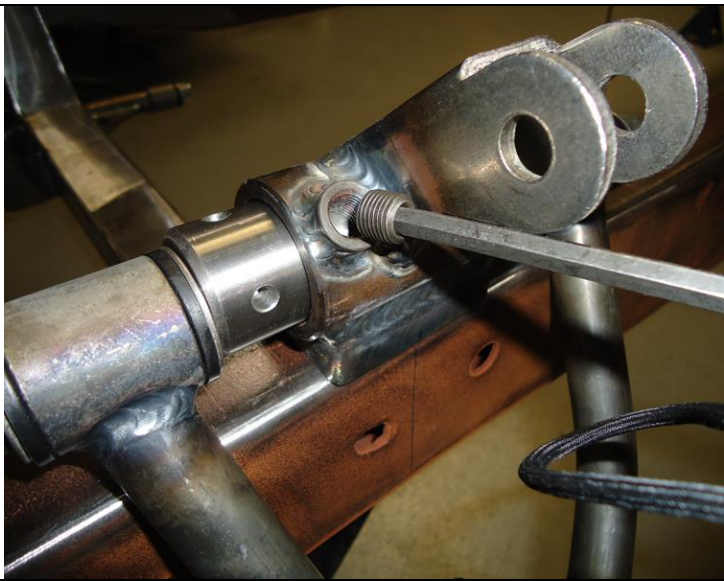
Push the 5/8" shaft all the way through the eccentric and bushing. You may need a little elbow grease to get the shaft all the way through.



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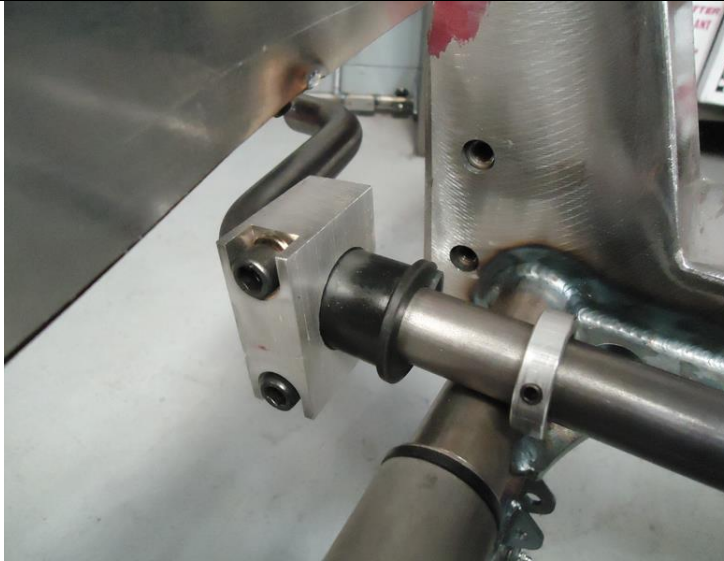
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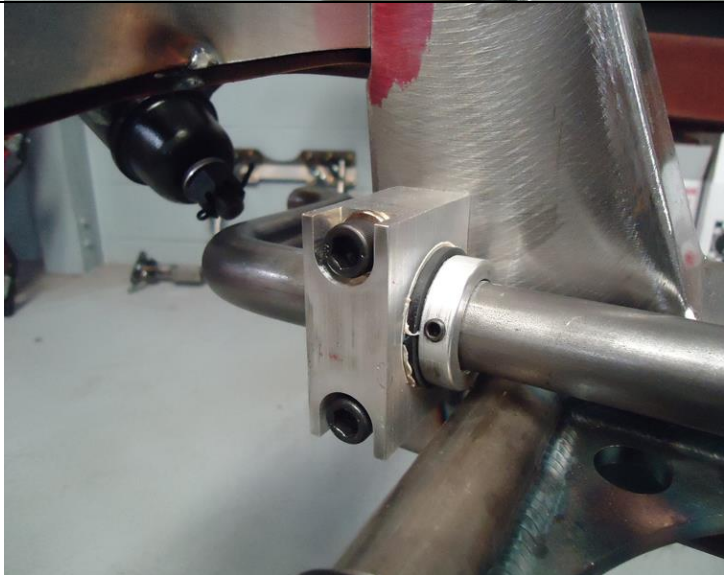
Install the 1/2-20 set screws into the Eccentric housing and tighten.

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 35 ft lbs.

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



### Installing the Coil-overs:

Place the top of the shock into the top mount on the cross member.

Use the ½" button head bolt and short nylock to attach the shock.

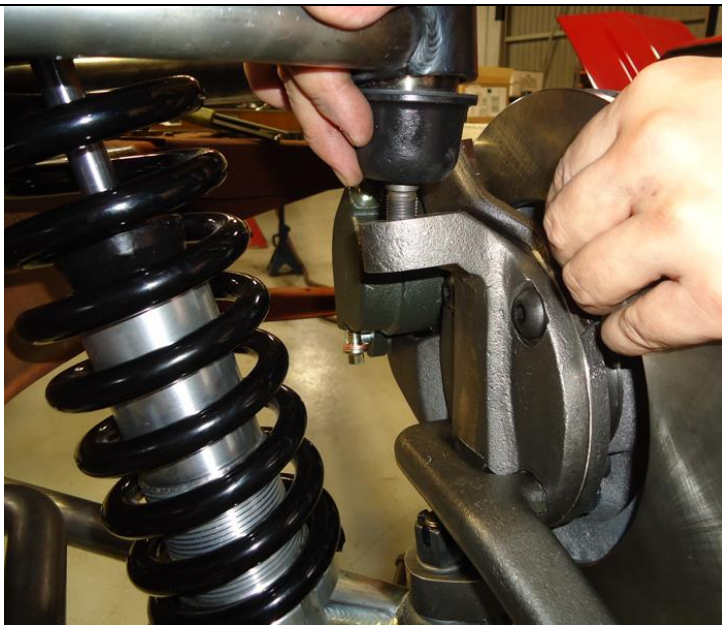
**\*NOTE\*** Threaded side of the shock body faces up and the rebound dial faces the ball joint.



The bottom bolt has a modified head that needs to be installed from the back to the front.

Extend the shock through the cutout in the lower arm and install with the bolt, washers, spacers and ½ Nylock nut. Tighten securely.





### Installing the spindle assemblies:

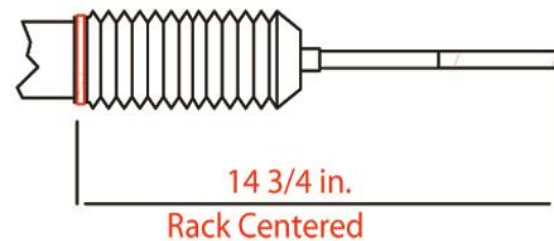
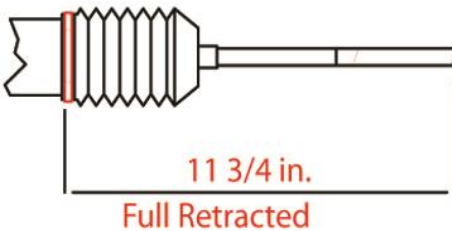
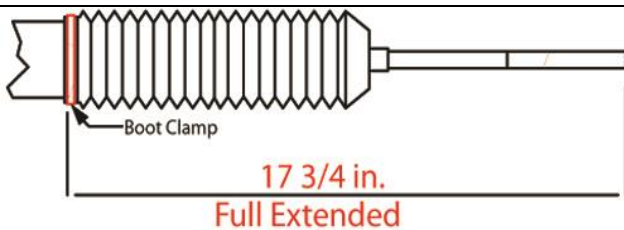
Place the spindle onto the lower ball joint with the steering arm facing forward with the large I/D tie rod end taper facing down. (The tie rod end goes up into the steering arm)

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:

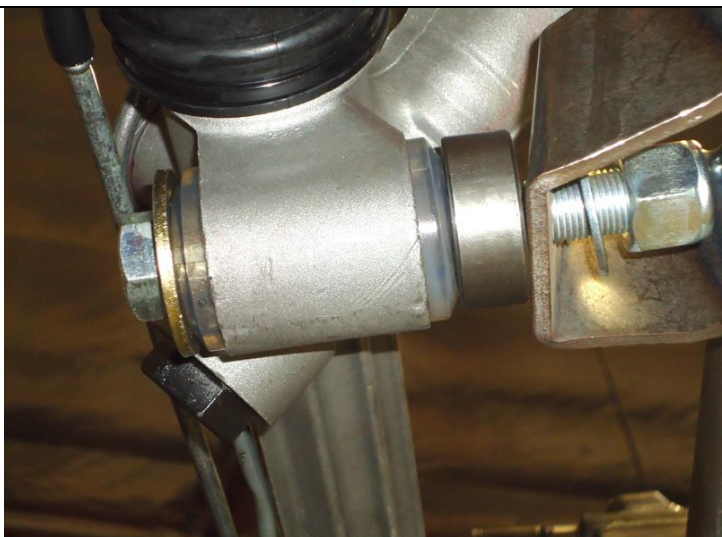
GM Calipers = 10mm x 1.5

Wilwood Calipers = 1/8" NPT



### 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 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 3/4). 17 3/4 minus 11 3/4 = 6. Divided by 2 = 3 Add that number to the smallest measurement (11 3/4 + 3" = 14 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

The Unisteer 8026070 is a complete kit for this application



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. After 4/2021 = 3/4" Ford V



The sway bar routes from behind the cross member above the lower control arms and hooks up to the front of the control arms. Use the supplied hardware to install the rod ends with the male on the bottom.

**\*NOTE\*** You can adjust the preload (or lack thereof) once the vehicle is ready to be driven. To do this, disconnect one 3/8" bolt on any heim, place driver in the driver's seat, adjust the loose heim until the bolt goes onto the anti-sway bar with zero load.



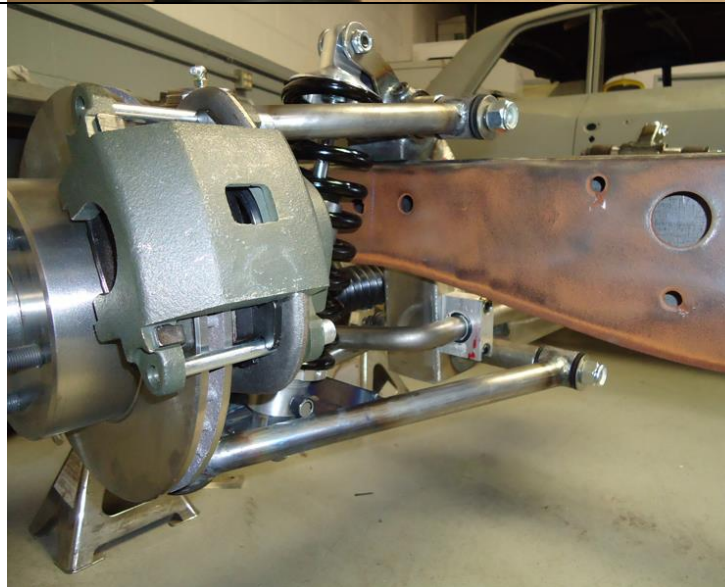


### Setting up power steering

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 = 1/2"x20('75-'80 Ford Granada)

4.75" Bolt circle 10.5" rotors = 12mmx1.5('82-'87 Camaro)

4.75" Bolt circle 11" rotors = 7/16"x20('75-'80 Granada redrilled)

ALL Wilwood hubs = 1/2"x20

### Rim/Tire recommendation:

18"x8" rim, 4.50" backspace. 245/45/18 tire.

No returns or exchanges without a RMA#.

Packages must be inspected upon receipt & be reported within 10 days.

If you are missing parts from your kit, TCI Engineering will send the missing parts via FedEx or U.S. mail ground.

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