



1955-1959 Chevy Truck Chassis

Pro Touring IFS & Torque Arm

Install Instructions

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Installing the Pro Touring IFS



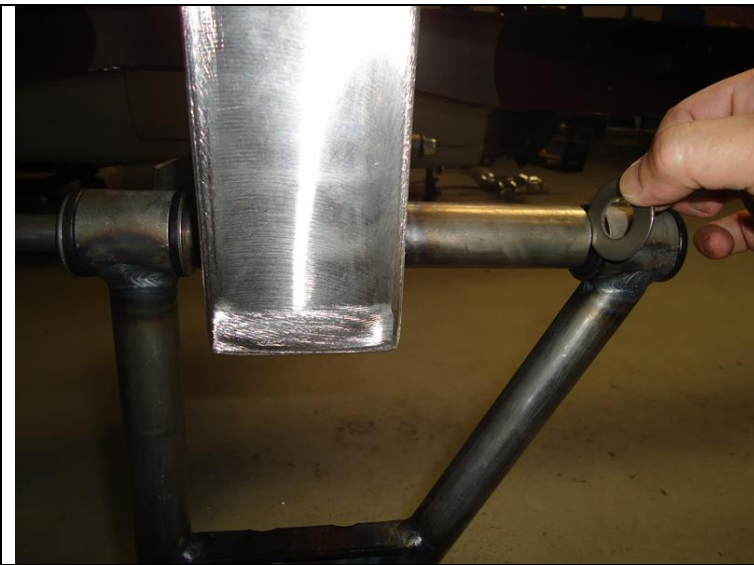
Installing the lower control arms:

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 2nd washer behind the bushing and push the 5/8" shaft into the front of the cross member.

NOTE Driver side control arm is pictured





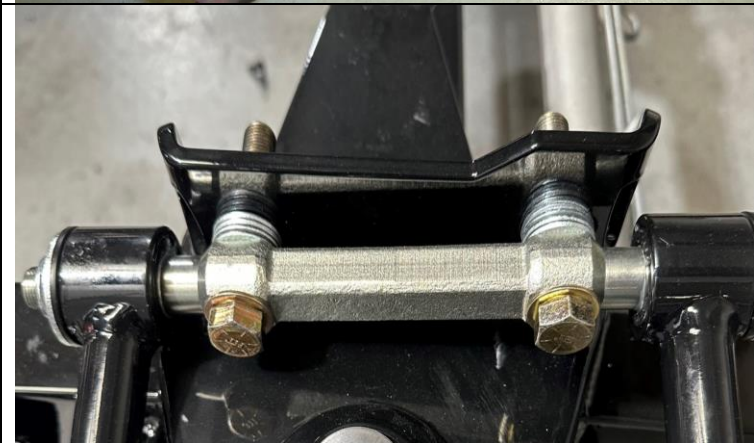
Place the 3rd washer in between the bushing and the pin as shown.

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

Torque to 75 ft lbs

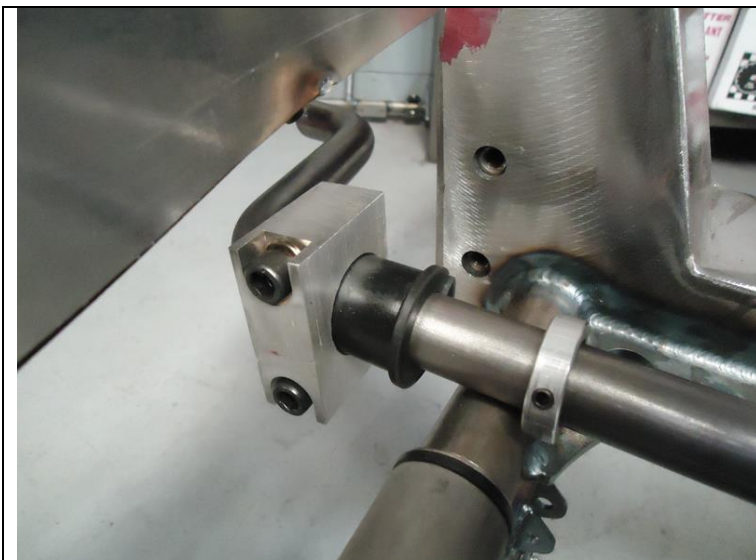


Installing the upper control arms:

The upper A-arm is installed using **Bolt Kit 229-2225-00**. Use the 9/16 x 2.5 inch hex head bolts. Three of the thick washers are installed as shown between the cross shaft and the mounting plate. Leave excess thick washers on the Nylock side. Use gold washers directly under the Nylock and bolt head.

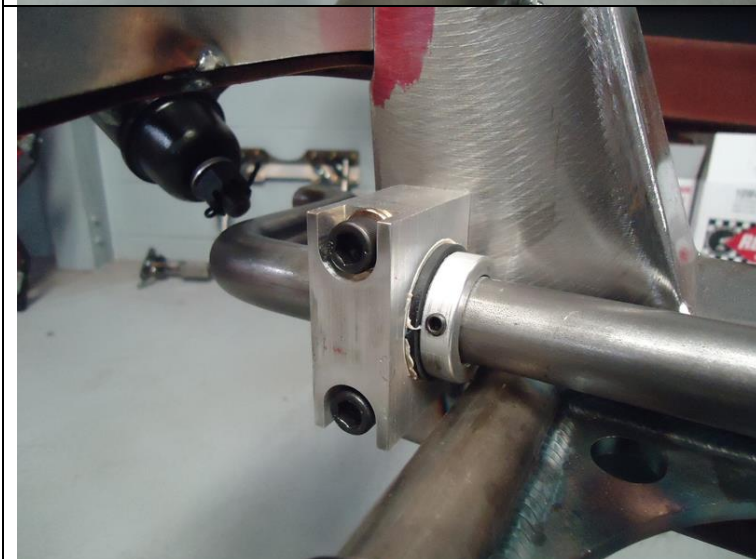
Center the bolts in the caster slots as a starting point for the alignment. Torque to 90 ft/lbs. Final alignment will be done after the project is complete.

Note: The bolt kit also includes 9/16 x 3" bolts. Depending on camber settings you may choose to use the longer bolts.



Installing the anti-sway bar:

Using **SWY_BAR_MNT_02-PLN**, slide the lock ring collar over the bar on each side first. Apply a small amount of urethane grease to the sway bar where the bushing will ride. 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 30 ft lbs.

Rotate the sway bar up & down to assist the bushing in sliding into the mounts. 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. The large spanner ring faces up and adjustment knob should be facing the spindle.

Use **BOLT_KIT_002_C10**, the 1/2" button head bolt, washers and thin nylock nut to attach the top of the shock.

NOTE Threaded side of the shock body faces up.



Use **BOLT_KIT_002_P/U**, 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 installs up into the steering arm)

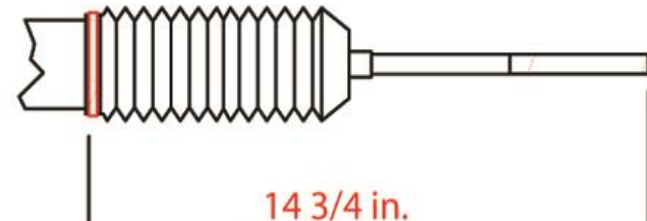
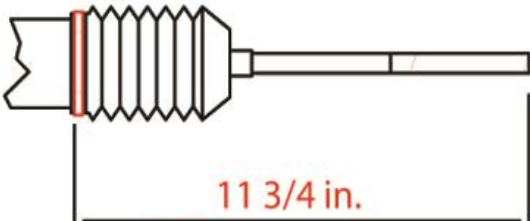
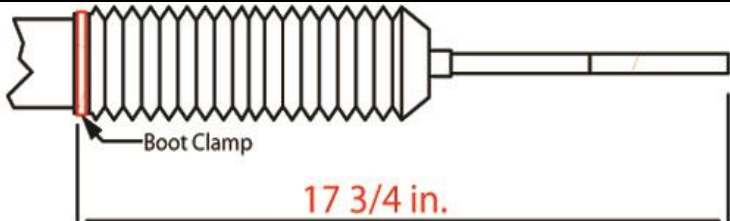
Place the ball joint washer first and then the castle nut. Tighten securely and install the cotter pin. The lower ball joint is a **Holley 101-10369**.

Pull the upper control arm down onto the spindle. Place the ball joint washer first and then the castle nut. Tighten securely and install the cotter pin. The upper ball joint is a **Holley 101-10126**

***NOTE* Caliper Fittings:**

GM Calipers = 10mm x 1.5

Wilwood Calipers = 1/8" NPT



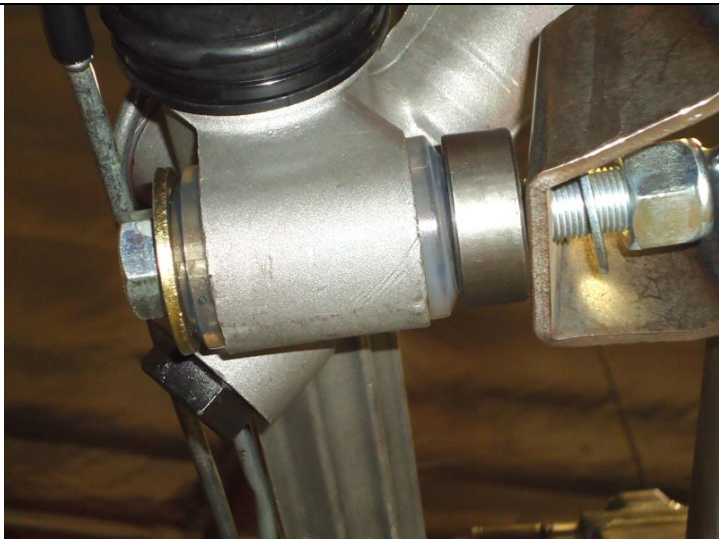
Centering the rack assembly:

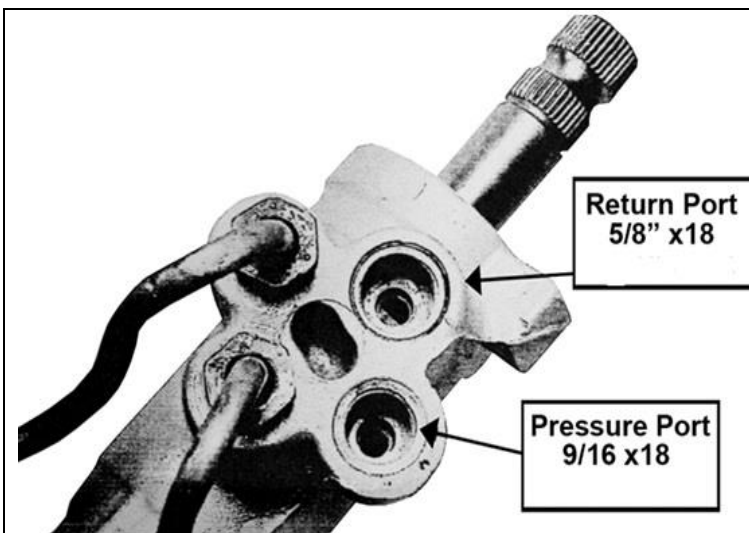
The rack needs to be centered to allow equal steering left to right. On a bench, turn the pinion out to lock one way. Measure from a convenient point to the end of the inner tie rod. (This rack was $17 \frac{3}{4}$). Turn the pinion of the opposite lock position and measure from the same point to the 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 bolt kit **300-3233-00** to fasten it into place. The picture shows a power rack that requires a $\frac{5}{8}$ " 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.
TCI 312-3030-00 fitting kit.

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

Manual rack = 9/16"-26 spline

Power rack = 3/4"-36 Spline or
after April 2021 3/4" Ford V (Borgeson 014955)



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. Tighten the castle nut and install the cotter pin.

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Installing the sway bar links:

The sway bar routes from behind the cross member above the lower control arms and connects to the front of the control arms. Use bolt kits

SWY_BAR_HIEMS38REG-P and
SWY_BAR_BOLT_05-PLN

to connect the sway bar to the control arms.

Assemble and install the heim links as pictured with the male heim on the bottom. Note the spacer used between the A-arm and the lower heim joint.

NOTE Adjust the links once the vehicle is ready to be driven. To do this, loosen a jam nut, disconnect the bolt on that heim, place the driver in the vehicle, adjust the heim link until the bolt goes onto the anti-sway bar with zero load.

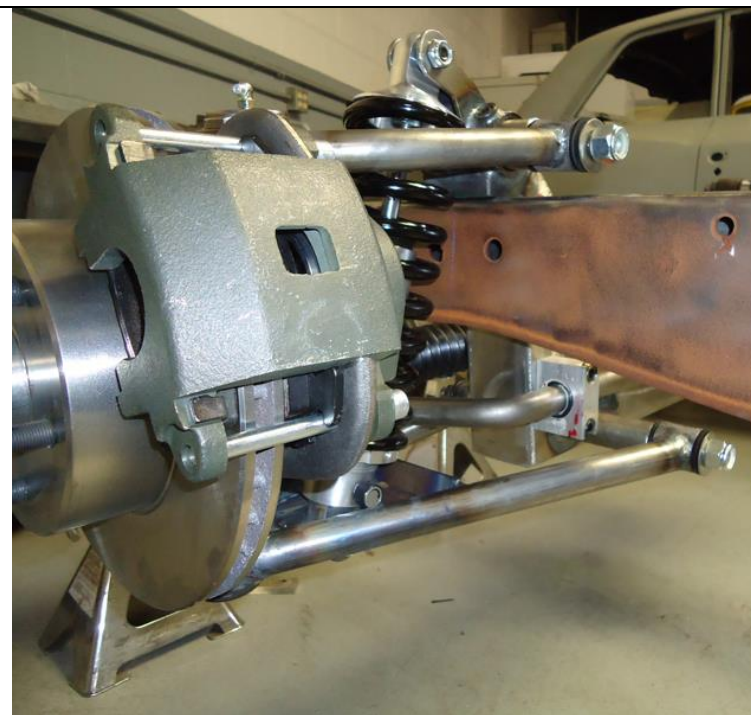


Setting up power steering

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

TCI 312-3030-00 and Unisteer 8026070 are recommended fitting kits.

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

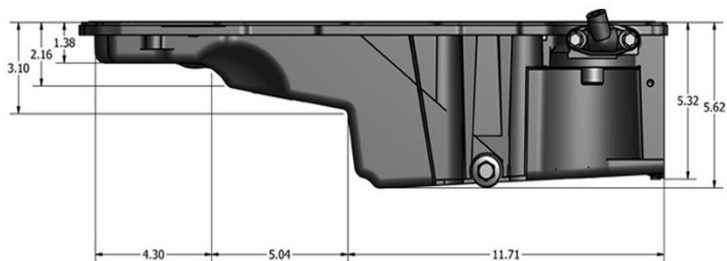
Camber: 0 Degree

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



OIL PANS

Standard rear sump for SBC & BBC applications.

98-02 Camaro or Holley 302-2 for LS applications.
LS dimensions are shown in the picture to the left.

Installing the Torque Arm Rear Suspension





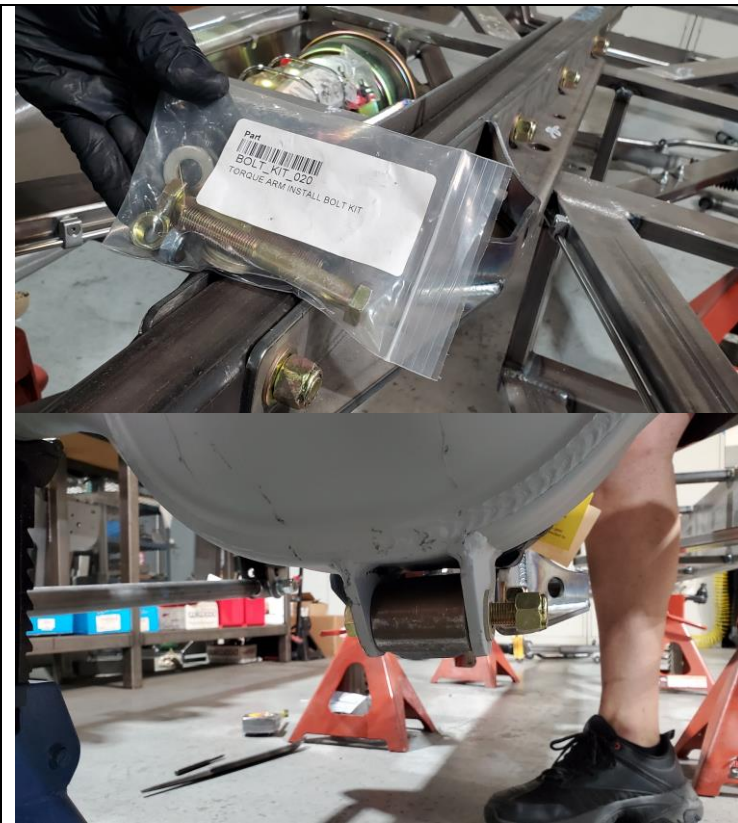
Install the torque arm slider

Apply anti-seize to the torque arm slider and install into the torque arm. These are very fine threads, be careful not to cross thread.

Tighten the slider with a large crescent wrench.

Note: Be sure to plug the hole in the torque arm before painting or powder coating.





Install the torque arm

Using Bolt Kit 020, install the rear of the torque arm onto the rear end housing. Use the full height nylock nut here. Don't tighten the bolt at this time.



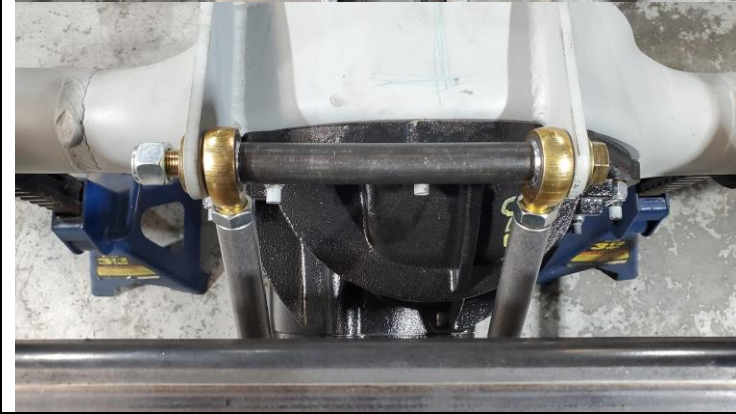
Assemble the pinion support tubes

Using Bolt Kit 019, assemble the pinion support tubes. Each tube has a right and left hand thread and matching hiem joints & jam nuts. Use ant-seize on all the threads when assembling.



Again, using **Bolt Kit 019**, assemble the pinion support tubes onto the torque arm and rear end housing as shown.

Note: These pinion support tubes will be used later to set pinion angle.

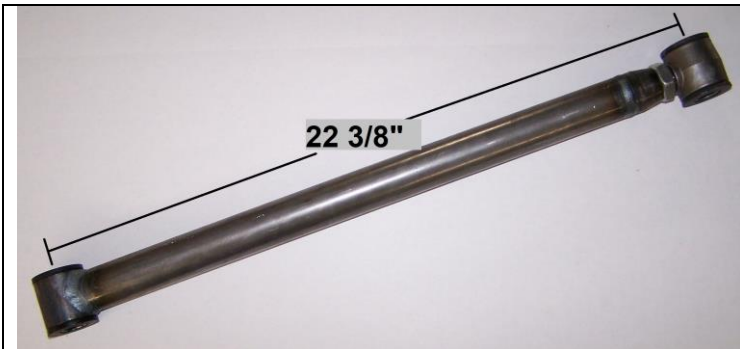


Place the rear end assembly with the torque arm onto a floor jack and roll it under the chassis.



Using **Bolt Kit 020**, install the front of the torque arm onto the chassis. Use the thin nylock nut here. Don't tighten the bolt at this time.

Note: When the build is complete with the truck at ride height, wheelbase and pinion angle set, the slider will be set to 6 ¼" from the end of the torque arm to the center of the bolt hole. Tighten the bolt at that point.



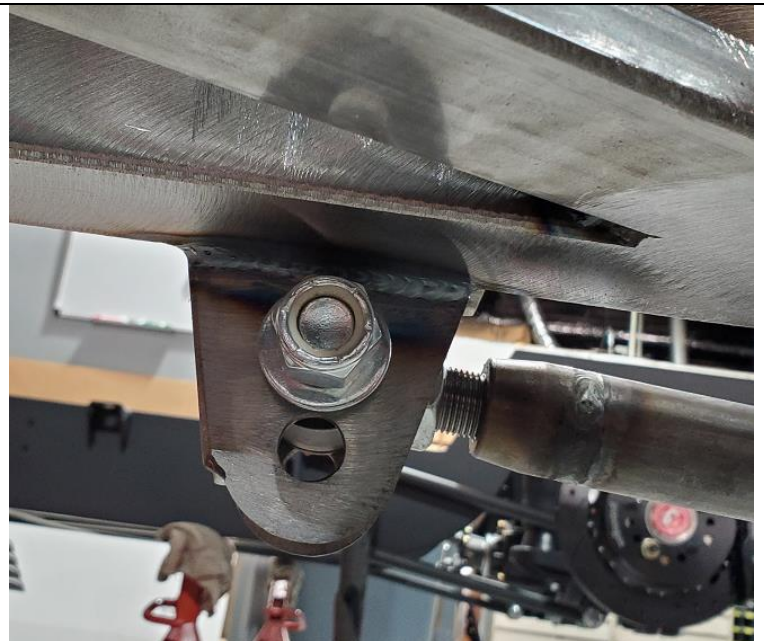
Install the link bars

Adjust all the 2-link bars to 22 3/8" center to center and tighten the jam nuts.

NOTE It might be necessary to adjust the 2-link bars later to center the tires in the wheel wells.



Using **Bolt Kit 108**, install the 2-link bars with the adjuster side onto the frame using the provided 5/8" hardware. The bolts go in from the outside of the frame which will place the nylock on the inboard side.



Align the axle assembly under the chassis and install the rear of the link bars.

Repeat on the opposite side.

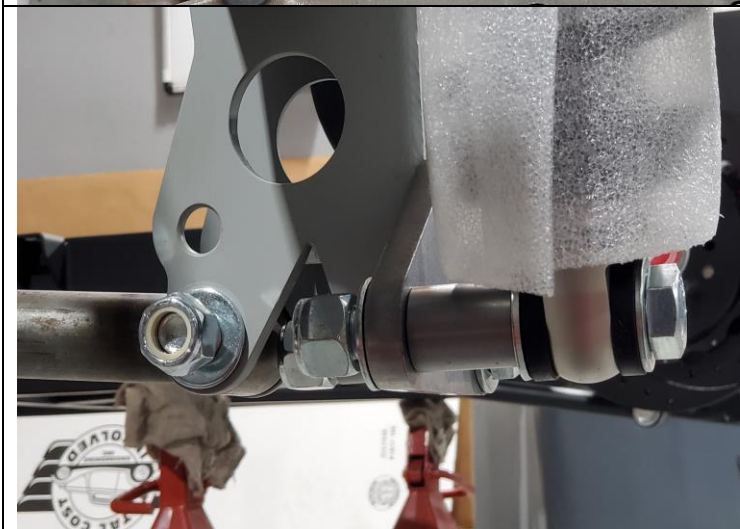


Install the shocks and relocation plates

Using **Bolt Kit 061** install the shock relocation brackets on the rear end housing. The triangular end faces inward.



Also using **Bolt Kit 061**, install the top & bottom of the shock as shown.



Install the bottom of the shock with spacer as shown.



Install the panhard bar

Using **Bolt Kit 110**, install the panhard bar.



Install bar into the chassis bracket and the opposite side into the rear end housing.

This bar has left/right hand threads and is used to center and hold the rear end in place. Adjust the bar as needed to center the rear end during assembly.

Note:

When the vehicle is completed with all the weight on the wheels, a final check/adjustment needs to be done to ensure the rear end is centered at ride height.



Installing the optional Anti-Sway bar:

Using the following:

SWAYBAR-R16-PLN
SWY_ARMS_12.5IN-PLN
SWY_BAR_BOLT_23-PLN
SWY_BAR_H-MNT_R4-PLN
SWY_BAR_HIEMS38+3-P

Install the rear sway bar. Pictured are the nyliners, washers, spacers, bolts and nuts. Also pictured are the sway bar arms and hiem links that connect between the arms and the rear end housing.

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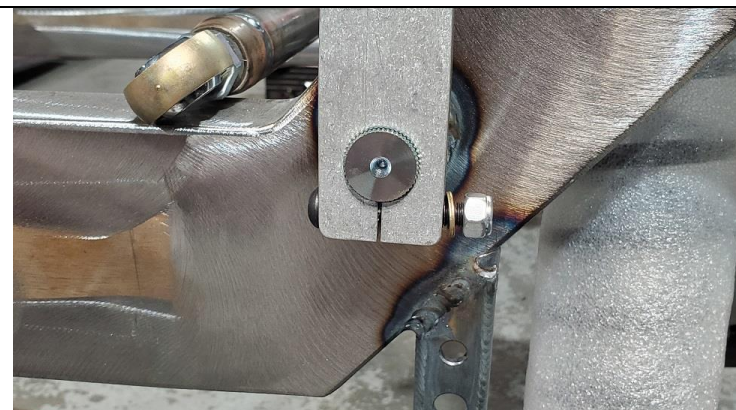
1. Sway bar into the frame
2. Nyliner onto the bar
3. Washer onto the bar
4. Aluminum arm onto the bar.

Duplicate steps 2, 3, 4 on the other side of the vehicle making sure the aluminum arms are parallel to each other. Tighten down the pinch bolts on the splined end of the bar.

NOTE Make sure the countersunk side of the aluminum arm is facing the frame. ***SEE BELOW**

Using **SWY_BAR_HIEMS38+3-P**, assemble the sway bar links.

Using **SWY_BAR_BOLT_23-PLN**, install the flathead bolt, spacer, sway bar link and nut as shown. Note the direction of the countersunk hole in the arms.



Continuing with **SWY_BAR_BOLT_23-PLN**, install the button head bolt, washer & nut on the other end of the arm.



Using **SWY_BAR_H-MNT_R4-PLN**, install the hiem joint links onto the rear end housing. Adjust the links as needed to have zero preload.

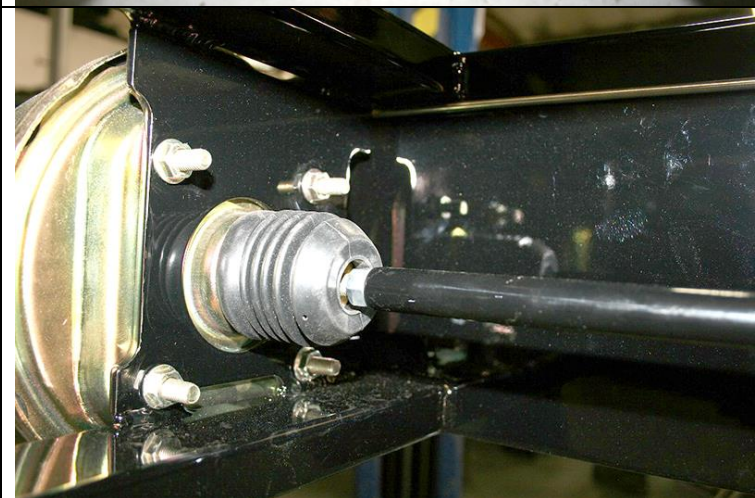




Install the transmission cross member/plate.

Install the transmission plate with the 4 bolts as shown.

Your crossmember may be flat, stepped or sit closer/farther away from the chassis cross bar depending on the powertrain combination being used.



Installing the Pedal assembly:

Thread the R/H end of the pushrod into the back side of the booster.

Leave the jam nut loose.



Insert the pivot pin into the brake pedal arm



Install the provided hardware into the frame mount and through the pivot pin of the pedal arm.

You can tighten this bolt at this time.



Install the left-handed heim and jam nut into the pushrod and install the assembly on the outboard side of the pedal arm.

Tighten the pushrod bolt but leave the jam nut loose. Final pushrod adjustment will be done once the cab is installed and carpet is in place.

Congratulations! You have finished your chassis assembly.

When you have the powertrain & body installed and set your ride height, set the final front alignment. Then use the 2 rear link bars to square & adjust wheelbase. Use the pinion support tubes to set the pinion angle. Use the Panhard bar to center the rear end in the chassis. When these items are set, adjust the torque arm slider to 6 1/4" measured from the end of the torque arm to the center of the bolt hole. Tighten the bolt at this point.



Perform a final nut & bolt tightness check of the entire build.

WARNING!!!

The Currie 9" rear axle and master cylinder are void of fluids upon delivery. Make sure to install the provided fluids prior to usage.

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.

Returned packages are subject to inspection before replacement/refund is given. (Some items will be subject to a 15% restocking fee)

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