

## 2009 Ford F-150 4WD 6" Suspension Lift Installation Instructions

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REQUIRED TOOL LIST:

- Safety Glasses
- Metric / Standard Wrenches & Sockets
- Hex Key Wrenches
- Hammer / Punch / Locking Pliers
- Floor Jack / Jack Stands
- Drill / Assorted Drill Bits
- Measuring Tape
- Torque Wrench
- Strut Spring Compressor
- Reciprocating Saw / Grinder



Before beginning the installation, thoroughly & completely read these instructions & the enclosed driver's WARNING NOTICE. Affix the WARNING decal in the passenger compartment in clear view of all occupants. Please refer to the Parts List to insure that all parts & hardware are received prior to the disassembly of the vehicle. If any parts are found to be missing, contact SKYJACKER<sup>®</sup> Customer Service at 318-388-0816 to obtain the needed items. If you have any questions or reservations about installing this lift kit, call SKYJACKER<sup>®</sup> Technical Assistance at 318-388-0816.

Make sure you park the vehicle on a level concrete or asphalt surface. Many times a vehicle is not level (side-to-side) from the factory & is usually not noticed until a lift kit has been installed which makes the difference more visible. Using a measuring tape, measure the front & rear (both sides) from the ground up to the center of the fender opening above the axle. Record this information below for future reference.

Driver Side Front: \_\_\_\_\_

Passenger Side Front:

Driver Side Rear:

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#### IMPORTANT NOTES:

- OEM wheels can not be reused in the installation of this suspension lift. 20" diameter or larger wheels must be used to install this suspension lift.
- This lift is determined from the amount of lift to the front of the vehicle, while only lifting the rear to a position level with the front.
- If larger tires (10% more than the stock diameter) are installed, speedometer recalibration will be necessary. Contact your local Ford dealer or an authorized dealer for details.
- After installation a qualified alignment facility is required to align the vehicle to factory specifications.
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# Part #: F9601A

ITEM#	DESCRIPTION	QTY
F960L	F960 LEFT STEERING KNUCKLE	1
F960R	F960 RIGHT STEERING KNUCKLE	1
F960FCM-B	F960 FRONT CROSSMEMBER	1
F960RCM-B	F960 REAR CROSSMEMBER	1
F960DDB-B	F960 DRIVER SIDE DIFF BRACKET	1
F960DRB-B	F960 DRIVER SIDE PINION SUP BRACKET	1
F960PDB-B	F960 PASS SIDE DIFF BRACKET	1
F960SBL-P	F960 PASS SIDE SWAY BAR BRACKET	1

# Part #: F9601B

ITEM#	DESCRIPTION	QTY
F960STS	6" STRUT 09 FORD F-150 4WD	2
F960DSS-S	F960 FRONT DRIVESHAFT SPACER	1
F960SKD-S	09 FORD F150 DIFF SKID PLATE	1
FBL48	FRONT BRAKE LINES	1
R3940S	SINGLE ADD-A-LEAF 3.5-4"09F150	2
WS4320	SHIM KIT F150 4X4	1
916X318X912U	9/16 X 3 1/8 X 9 1/2 U-BOLT	4
HB-916	HDWR BAG: 8 - 9/16" NYLON NUTS	1
HB-F960-BLE	HDWR BAG: F960 BL EXT BRACKET	1
HB-F960-CM	HDWR BAG: F960 CROSSMEMBER	1
HB-F960-DB	HDWR BAG: F960 DIFF BRACKETS	1
HB-F960-DSS	HDWR BAG: F960 DRIVESHAFT SPACER	1
HB-F960-EC	HDWR BAG: F960 E-BRAKE CABLE	1
HB-F960-SBL	HDWR BAG: F960 SWAY BAR	1
HB-F960-SKD	HDWR BAG: F960 DIFF SKID PLATE	1
HB-F960-SR	HDWR BAG: F960 STRUT SPACERS	1
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# Part #: F9601BS

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F960STS	6" STRUT 09 FORD F-150 4WD	2
F960DSS-S	F960 FRONT DRIVESHAFT SPACER	1
F960SKD-S	09 FORD F150 DIFF SKID PLATE	1
FBL48	FRONT BRAKE LINES	1
916X318X912U	9/16 X 3 1/8 X 9 1/2 U-BOLT	4
HB-916	HDWR BAG/ 8 - 9/16" NYLON NUTS	1
HB-F960-BLE	HDWR BAG: F960 BL EXT BRACKET	1
HB-F960-CM	HDWR BAG: F960 CROSSMEMBER	1
HB-F960-DB	HDWR BAG: F960 DIFF BRACKETS	1
HB-F960-DSS	HDWR BAG: F960 DRIVESHAFT SPACER	1
HB-F960-EC	HDWR BAG: F960 E-BRAKE CABLE	1
HB-F960-SBL	HDWR BAG: F960 SWAY BAR	1
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#### Hardware Bag Breakdown:

HB-916	HDWR BAG/ 8 - 9/16" NYLON NUTS		
ITEM#	DESCRIPTION	QTY	
916FTN	9/16-18 NYLON INSERT LOCKNUT	8	

### Hardware Bag Breakdown:

#### HB-F960-BLE HDWR BAG: F960 BL EXT BRKTS

ITEM#	DESCRIPTION	QTY	
DVL10	FORD VAC/BRAKE BKT-FLAT	1	
14X1FTB	1/4 X 1 FINE THD BOLT G8	1	
14FTN	1/4-28 FINE N/I LOCK NUT	1	
14SAEW	1/4 SAE WASHER	2	
VT53224	VACUUM TUBING 5/32" X 24" L	2	
VT76424	VACUUM TUBING 7/64" X 24" L	2	
BTIE-K	BLACK BOOT TIE	10	

# Kit Box Breakdown:

### Hardware Bag Breakdown:

### HB-F960-CM HDWR BAG: F960 CROSSMEMBER

ITEM#	DESCRIPTION	QTY	
18X160MMB	18MM X 160MM - 2.5 TP BOLT	2	
18X150MMB	18MM X 150MM BOLT/ 10.9	2	
18X50MMB	18MM X 50MM - 2.5 TP BOLT	2	
34SAEW	3/4 SAE WASHER	12	
18MMN	18MM-2.5TPI NYLON LOCKNUT	6	
12X112FTB	1/2 X 1 1/2 FINE THRD BOLT	4	
12X2FTB	1/2 X 2 FINE THREAD BOLT	2	
12SAEW	1/2 SAE WASHER	12	
12FTN	1/2-20 FINE N/I LOCK NUT	6	
CS8125	F960 REAR X-MEMBER SLEEVE	2	

### Hardware Bag Breakdown:

### HB-F960-DB HDWR BAG: F960 DIFF BRKTS

ITEM#	DESCRIPTION	QTY
916X4FTB	9/16 X 4 FINE THREAD BOLT	2
916FTN	9/16-18 NYLON INSERT LOCKNUT	2
916SAEW	9/16 SAE WASHERS	4
14X90MMB	14MM X 90MM - 2.0 TP BOLT	1
14MMN	14MM NYLON INSERT LOCK NUT	1

### Hardware Bag Breakdown:

HB-F960-DSS	HDWR BAG: F960 D-SHAFT SPACER	
ITEM#	DESCRIPTION	QTY
10X80SHB	10 X 80MM SOCKET HEAD BOLT	6

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## Kit Box Breakdown:

### Hardware Bag Breakdown:

#### HB-F960-EC HDWR BAG: F960 EMER BRK CBL

ITEM#	DESCRIPTION	QTY
F960ECB	F960 EMERGENCY BRAKE BRKT	1
F960ECE	F960 EMERGENCY CABLE EXT	1
12X112FTB	1/2 X 1 1/2 FINE THRD BOLT	1
12FTN	1/2-20 FINE N/I LOCK NUT	1
12SAEW	1/2 SAE WASHER	2
38X114FTB	3/8 X 1 1/4 FINE THD/GRD 8	1
38FTN	3/8-24 FINE N/I LOCK NUT	1
38SAEW	3/8 SAE WASHER	2

#### Hardware Bag Breakdown:

ITEM#	DESCRIPTION	QTY	
716X112FTB	7/16 X 1 1/2 FINE THRD BOLT	2	
716FTN	7/16-20 FINE N/I LOCK NUT	2	
716SAEW	7/16 SAE WASHER	4	

#### Hardware Bag Breakdown:

#### HB-F960-SKD HDWR BAG: F960 DIFF SKID PLATE

ITEM#	DESCRIPTION	QTY	
516X1FTB	5/16 X 1 FINE THRD BOLT	4	
516FTN	5/16" FINE THRD N/I LOCKNUT	4	
516SAEW	5/16 SAE WASHER	8	

### Hardware Bag Breakdown:

ITEM#	DESCRIPTION	QTY
F900SP	.625" FORD STRUT SPACER RING	2

# Front Installation:

- 1. With the vehicle on flat level ground, set the emergency brake & block the rear tires.
- 2. Place a floor jack under the lower control arm's front crossmember & raise the vehicle. Place jack stands under the frame rails, behind the front wheel wells & lower the frame of the vehicle onto the jack stands.
- 3. Remove the front tires / wheels.
- 4. Remove the tie rod end from the steering knuckle using a 21mm socket & tie rod remover or other suitable tool. (See Photo # 1)
- 5. Remove the brake line bracket & brake caliper mounting bolts from the steering knuckle using a 13mm & 18mm socket. Remove the brake caliper assembly & simply wire the caliper out of the way. It will not be necessary to disconnect the brake line from the brake caliper at this time.
- Remove the brake rotor & remove the disc brake shield by removing the three bolts using a 8mm socket. (See Photo # 2)
- 7. Remove the ABS sensor & ABS sensor bracket from the steering knuckle using a 5mm hex key & 8mm socket. (See Photo # 3)
- 8. Remove the intergrated vaccum lines from the 4WD actuator & the upper frame connection.
- 9. Remove the CV-shaft nut from the center of the hub assembly using a 13mm socket. (See Photo # 4)
- Remove the upper sway bar endlink nuts using a 18mm socket. Remove the sway bar & sway bar mounting brackets from the frame using a 15mm socket.
- Remove the three upper strut retaining nuts using a 15mm socket. (See Photo # 5)
- 12. Remove the upper & lower balljoints from the steering knuckle using a 1", 22mm socket, & ball joint remover or suitable tool.
- Remove the OEM steering knuckle. Once removed, remove the three 4WD actuator bolts & the four hub bearing assembly bolts from the OEM knuckle using a 8mm & 18mm socket. (See Photo # 6 & 7)







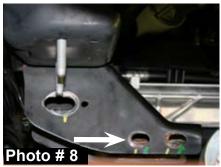




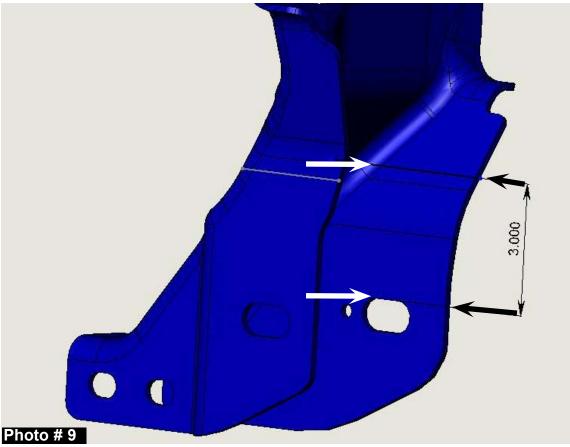


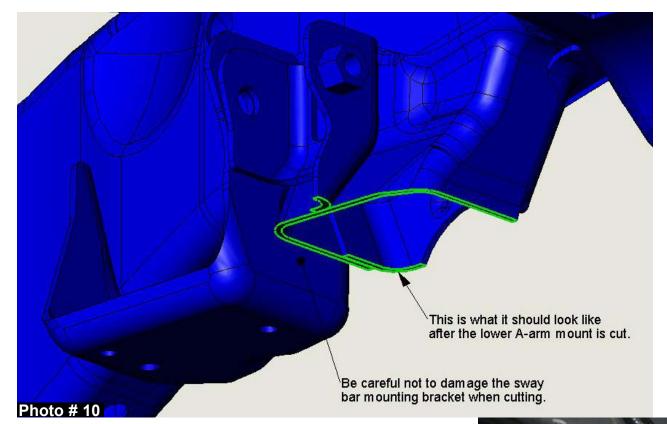


- Remove the lower strut mount bolt from the lower A-arm using a 1 1/16" & 1 3/16" socket. Once removed, remove the strut assembly.
- 15. Remove the front & rear lower A-arm bolts using a 21mm & 1 1/6" socket. Once removed, remove the lower A-arm.
- Remove the four rear cross member frame connecting bolts using a 15mm socket & remove the rear cross member. (See Photo # 8)



- 17. Mark the position of the front differential flange & drive shaft flange. <u>Note:</u> These marks will be realigned during reassembly. Remove the six front drive shaft mounting bolts from the front differential using a 10mm socket. It will not be necessary to remove the drive shaft from the transfer case. Simply wire it out of the way.
- 18. Support the front differential with a transmission jack & remove the differential mounting bolts using a 18mm & 21mm socket. There are two on the drivers side (Front & Rear) & one on the passenger side. Once these bolts are removed, lower the front differential out of the vehicle.
- 19. It will now be necessary to cut the rear cross member for differential clearance when the lift is installed. Locate the driver side rear cross member bracket, measure from the top of the slotted hole of the OEM bracket up 3" & draw a straight line along the front outer edge of the bracket. This process will need to be completed on the rear side of the bracket as well. (See Photo # 9) Connect the two lines drawn on the front & rear sides of the bracket in order to have a single cutting reference line. Cut along the drawn line using a grinder or reciprocating saw. Refer to the picture provided for an example of what the bracket will look like once cut. (See Photo # 10)



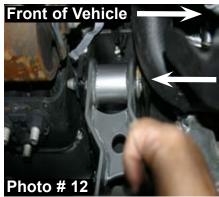


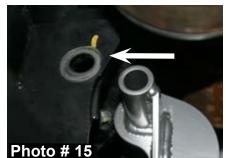
- 20. Drill the two OEM sway bar mounting bracket holes located on the driver side frame using a drill & 1/2" drill bit. (See Photo # 11)
- 21. Install the new Skyjacker driver side (Part # F960DDB-B) & passenger side (Part # F960PDB-B) front differential brackets in the OEM location with the offset of the brackets facing toward the front of the vehicle, using the OEM hardware & 18mm wrench. Do not tighten at this time. (See Photo # 12)
- 22. Support the front differential with a transmission jack & install the front differential. Install the two 9/16" x 4" bolts, four 9/16" washers, & two 9/16" nuts in the lower mounting location of the new Skyjacker driver & passenger side front differential brackets using a 13/16" socket & 7/8" wrench.
  Do not tighten at this time. (See Photo # 13 & 14)
- 23. Install the new Skyjacker driver side rear differential bracket in the OEM location with the flat side of the bracket facing toward the front of the vehicle, using the OEM hardware & 21mm wrench.
  <u>Do not tighten at this time.</u> (See Photo # 15)











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- 24. Install the new Skyjacker rear cross member, with the driver side intergrated sway bar lowering bracket facing toward the rear of the vehicle. Install the two 18 x 50mm bolts, four 3/4" washers, & two 18mm nuts in the passenger side upper two holes of the rear cross member using a 1 1/6" socket & wrench. Do not tighten at this time. (See Photo # 16)
- 25. Install the two 1/2" x 1 1/2" bolts, four 1/2" washers, & two 1/2" nuts in the two holes of the intergrated sway bar lowering bracket using a 3/4" socket & wrench. Do not tighten at this time. (See Photo # 17)
- 26. Install the 14mm x 90mm bolt & 14mm nut in the lower mounting hole of the new Skyjacker driver side rear differential bracket & rear cross member using a 21mm socket & 22mm wrench.
  Do not tighten at this time. (See Photo # 18)
- 27. Install the two 1/2" x 1 1/2" bolts, four 1/2" washers, & two 1/2" nuts in the two rear holes of the passenger side OEM cross member bracket & new Skyjacker cross member using a 3/4" socket & wrench. <u>Do not tighten at this time.</u>
- 28. Install the two 13/16" long crush sleeves, two 1/2" x 2" bolts, four 1/2" washers, & two 1/2" nuts in the two front holes of the passenger side OEM cross member bracket & new Skyjacker cross member using a 3/4" socket & wrench. Do not tighten at this time. (See Photo # 19)
- 29. Tighten the two 1/2" x 1 1/2" bolts & two 1/2" nuts located on the intergrated sway bar lowering bracket using a 3/4" socket & wrench.
- 30. Tighten the two 18mm x 50mm bolts & two 18mm nuts in the passenger side upper rear cross member using a 1 1/6" socket & wrench.
- 31. Tighten the two 1/2" x 1 1/2" bolts, two 1/2" x 2" bolts & four 1/2" nuts of the front & rear passenger side OEM cross member bracket & new Skyjacker cross member using a 3/4" socket & wrench.
- 32. Tighten the 14mm x 90mm bolt, 14mm nut, & OEM bolt on the upper & lower mounting locations of the new Skyjacker driver side rear differential bracket & rear cross member using a 21mm socket & 22mm wrench.
- 33. Tighten the two 9/16" x 4" bolts, two 9/16" nuts, OEM hardware on the upper & lower mounting locations of the new Skyjacker driver & passenger side front differential brackets using a 13/16" socket, 7/8", & 18mm wrench. (See Photo # 20)

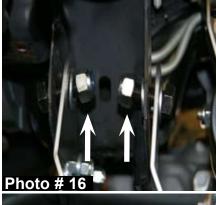




Photo # 17





Photo # 19



- 34. Install the new Skyjacker front cross member with the offset facing toward the front of the vehicle. Install the OEM hardware in the upper two holes of the new Skyjacker cross member using a 21mm & 1 1/6" socket. (See Photo # 21)
- 35. Install the two 18mm x 160mm bolts, four 3/4" washers, & two 18mm nuts on the the lower front cross member mounts & lower A-arms using a 21mm & 1 1/6" socket. (See Photo # 22)
- 36. Install the two 18mm x 150mm bolts, four 3/4" washers, & two18mm nuts on the the lower rear cross member mounts & lowerA-arms using a 21mm & 1 1/6" socket. (See Photo # 23)
- 37. For upper strut mount alignment purposes, mark the location of the upper strut mount & coil spring prior to disassembly. Using a strut spring compressor, compress the coil spring of the OEM strut assembly. Remove the upper strut retaining nut & upper strut mount using a 17mm socket. Once removed, remove the strut from the coil spring. (See Photo # 24)
- 38. Remove the upper end cap & coil spring seat from the OEM strut.Both can easily be tapped off with a hammer & punch.(See Photo # 25 & 26)

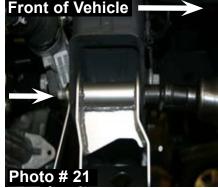
**Note:** There are three snap ring grooves located on the Skyjacker strut body. The ring is installed in the middle groove when shipped. This will yield 6" of lift. The upper groove is only to be used when 6" of lift is desired, after aftermarket accessories have been added that weigh the front of the vehicle down (ie. winch, after market bumper, & etc). The lower ring can be used if you would like to keep Photo # 23

the factory rake of the vehicle. (front of vehicle lower than the rear)

- 39. Install the new Skyjacker coil seat spacer ring (Part # F900SP / See Photo # 27 / Black Arrow), OEM coil spring seat (See Photo # 27 / White Arrow) & new Skyjacker bump stop (with the smaller end pointing up) on the new Skyjacker strut. (See Photo # 27)
- 40. Insert the strut through the OEM coil spring & install the OEM upper strut mount (first remove the bump stop attached to it) aligning the marks made in Step # 37 above. Tighten the supplied retaining nut using 19mm socket & uncompress the coil spring.















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- 41. Install the hub bearing assembly to the new Skyjacker steering knuckle using the OEM hardware. Apply thread lock to the threads of each bolt & tighten using a 18mm socket. <u>Note:</u> Make sure that the ABS sensor connection is pointing upward. (See Photo # 7)
- 42. Install the 4WD actuator using the OEM hardware & 8mm socket.
   <u>Note:</u> Make sure that the hose connections are pointing upward. (See Photo # 6)
- 43. Install the new Skyjacker steering knuckle to the lower A-arm ball joint using a 1" socket.
- 44. Install the strut assembly by aligning the three upper strut mount studs with the OEM mounting location holes using the OEM hardware & a 15mm socket. (See Photo # 28)
- 45. Install the lower strut mount using the OEM hardware, 1 1/16", & 1 3/16" socket.





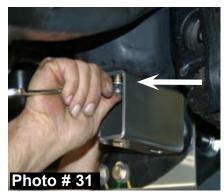
- 46. Install the CV-shaft using a 13mm socket & install the upper ball joint to the new Skyjacker steering knuckle using a 22mm socket. <u>Note:</u> It may be necessary to use a jack to raise the lower A-arm in order to install the upper ball joint. (See Photo # 29)
- 47. Install the ABS sensor & ABS sensor bracket to the new Skyjacker steering knuckle using the OEM hardware, 5mm hex key, 8mm socket, & supplied plastic tie. (See Photo # 3)
- 48. Install the disc brake shield using the OEM hardware & 8mm socket. (See Photo # 2)
- 49. Install the 7/64" & 5/32" vaccum lines for the 4WD actuator & upper frame connection using the supplied plastic ties.
- 50. Remove the OEM brakeline by removing the OEM clip & using a 13mm & 16mm wrench to disconnect the OEM flex line from the OEM hard line at the frame. Use a 14mm wrench to disconnect the OEM flex line banjo bolt from the brake caliper.
- 51. Install the new Skyjacker flex line by connecting the upper hard line to the new Skyjacker flex line using a 13mm & 16mm wrench & installing the supplied clip. Connect the banjo fitting to the brake caliper using a 14mm wrench.
- Remove the OEM flex line from its bracket by prying open the bracket & attach this OEM bracket to the new Skyjacker flex line. (See Photo # 30)
- 53. Install the disc brake shield using the OEM hardware & 8mm socket. Once installed, install the brake rotor. (See Photo # 2)

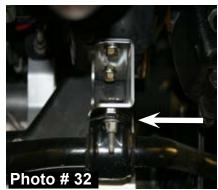


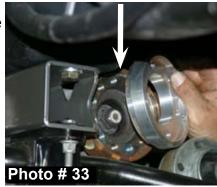
- 54. Install the brake caliper assembly & the OEM brake line bracket using the OEM hardware, 13mm, & 18mm socket.
- 55. Install the tie rod to the new Skyjacker steering knuckle using the OEM hardware & 21mm socket. (See Photo # 1)
- 56. Using two 7/16" x 1 1/2" bolts, four 7/16" washers, two 7/16" nuts, 5/8" socket, & 5/8" wrench, install the sway bar drop bracket on the passenger side frame of the vehicle. (See Photo # 31)
- 57. Install the sway bar to the sway bar lowering brackets & install the upper endlink nuts using the OEM hardware, 15mm, & 18mm socket (See Photo # 32)
- 58. Install the new Skyjacker front drive shaft spacer with the male side facing the differential using the six 10mm x 80mm socket head bolts, OEM retaining rings, & 8mm hex key. <u>Note:</u> Apply thread lock to the threads of these bolts & be sure to align the previously made marks on the front differential flange & drive shaft flange.
- 59. Hold the new Skyjacker front differential skid plate in place with the mounting holes of the skid plate facing the rear of the front & rear crossmembers. Using a hammer & punch, mark the four mounting hole locations. Drill the marked mounting location holes, using a drill & 5/16" drill bit. Using the four 5/16" x 1" bolts, eight 5/16" washers, four 5/16" nuts, 1/2" wrench, & 1/2" socket, install the front differential skid plate. (See Photo # 34 & 35)

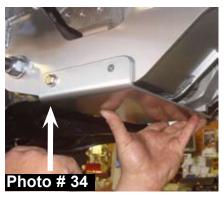
# Rear Installation:

- 1. With the vehicle on flat level ground, set the emergency brake & block the front tires.
- 2. Place a floor jack under the vehicle & raise the vehicle. Place the jack stands under the frame rails & lower the frame of the vehicle onto the jack stands.
- 3. Remove the rear tires / wheels.
- 4. Remove the E-brake cable from the cable union & remove the E-brake cable from the driver side OEM bracket. Remove the passenger side E-brake cable & relocate above the rear leaf spring.







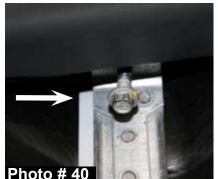


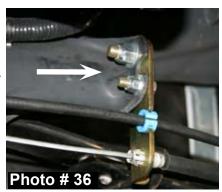


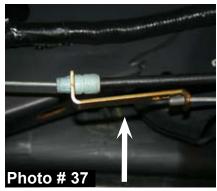
- 5. Install the new Skyjacker E-brake relocation bracket using the 3/8" x 1 1/4" bolt, two 3/8" washers, 3/8" nut, 1/2" x 1 1/2" bolt, two 1/2" washers, 1/2" nut, drill, & 3/8" drill bit. Install the relocation bracket to the OEM upper hole using the 1/2" hardware. Using the new Skyjacker E-brake relocation bracket as a guide, drill a 3/8" hole just below the OEM upper hole & install the 3/8" hardware. (See Photo # 36)
- Install the driver side E-brake cable to the lower hole & the passenger side E-brake cable to the semi-circular hole of the new Skyjacker relocation bracket. (See Photo # 36)
- Install the passenger side E-brake cable to the new Skyjacker E-brake extension bracket. Connect the driver side E-brake cable to the rear slotted hole of the extension bracket. Connect the E-brake cable assembly to the OEM cable union. (See Photo # 37 & 38)
- 8. Remove the rear OEM shocks & disconnect the rear brake line bracket from the frame rail using a 13mm, 15mm, & 18mm socket. **If installing the rear add-a-leafs, skip to Step # 15.**
- 9. Support the rear differential & remove the rear OEM U-bolts using a 21mm socket. Lower the rear differential down so that there is no load on the rear leaf springs.

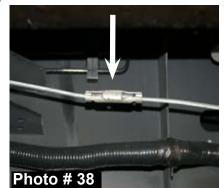
### Rear Spring Installation: Part # FR904S

- 10. Remove the rear spring eye bolts using a 15/16" & 1 1/6" socket. On the driver side, it will be necessary to remove the OEM fuel tank filler neck bolts & loosen the fuel tank straps using a 8mm & 13mm socket. This will allow the fuel tank to slide down & over to remove the OEM spring eye bolts. Support the fuel tank with a transmission jack. <u>Note:</u> The rear driveshaft may need to be disconnected for extra clearance. (See Photo # 39 & 40)
- On the passenger side, it will be necessary to disconnect the exhaust. Disconnect in front of the factory muffler & at the hanger, located on the frame using a 15mm socket. (See Photo # 41)













- 12. Install the new Skyjacker rear spring on top of the factory block using the OEM hardware. Do not tighten the spring eye bolts until the vehicle is on the ground with the weight on the springs. Install these springs with the long end of the spring & the thick portion of the degree shim facing towards the rear. Make sure the tie bolt heads seat securely into the factory block.
- 13. Install the fuel tank, fuel tank filler neck, & exhuast back to their OEM locations using the OEM hardware, 8mm, 13mm, & 15mm socket.
- 14. Install the new Skyjacker rear U-Bolts & nuts using a 7/8" socket.

#### Rear Add-A-Leaf Installation: Part # R3940

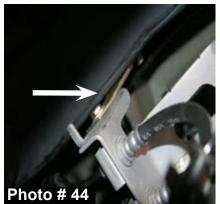
- 15. Lower the axle down to gain access to rear leaf spring. To perform the installation of add-a-leafs properly, you must use two large C-clamps to contain the elastic potential energy of a leaf spring when the center tie bolts are being removed. Attach & tighten a C-clamp on each end of the leaf spring to hold the spring assembly securely together. Using a wrench & locking pliers to hold the head of the two center bolts, loosen & remove them. With care, slowly loosen & remove the C-clamps. (See Photo # 42)
- Insert the new Skyjacker tie bolts thru the new Skyjacker axle shim (thick end facing rear bumper), original bottom overload leaf, new Skyjacker add-a-leaf, & through original spring pack.
   <u>Do not tighten at this time.</u> (See Photo # 43)

### DO NOT USE THE CENTER TIE BOLTS TO DRAW THE SPRING LEAVES TOGETHER. FAILURE OF ANY COMPONENT CAN CAUSE AN EXPLOSIVE DISASSEMBLY & POSSIBLE INJURY!

- 17. Place one C-clamp on each side of the tie bolts & tighten evenly. Once the C-clamps have drawn the leaves securely together, hold the center tie bolt heads with locking pliers & tighten the nuts using a 3/4" wrench. Remove the C-clamps & cut off the excess length of the tie bolts.
- 18. Install the new Skyjacker U-bolts & nuts using a 7/8" socket.
- 19. Locate the new Skyjacker rear brake line relocation bracket. It is a flat bracket with a hole at each end. Attach the bracket to the factory mount on frame rail using the OEM hardware & 13mm socket. Attach the OEM bracket to the new Skyjacker relocation bracket using the 1/4" x 1 bolt, two 1/4" washers,1/4" nut, & 7/16" socket & wrench. (See Photo # 44)
- 20. Install the new Skyjacker rear shocks with the boot pointed up using a 15mm & 18mm socket.
- 21. Lower the vehicle to the ground & tighten the rear leaf spring eye bolts using a 15/16" & 1 1/16" socket.







#### FINAL NOTES:

- After the installation is complete, double check that all nuts & bolts are tight. Refer to the following chart again for the proper torque specifications. (Do not retighten the nuts & bolts where thread lock compound was used.)
- With the vehicle placed on the ground, cycle the steering lock to lock & inspect the steering, suspension, brake lines, front & rear drivelines, fuel lines, & wiring harnesses for proper operation, tightness, & adequate clearance.
- Have the headlights readjusted to the proper settings.
- Have a qualified alignment center realign the front end to the factory specifications.
- Retorque all the bolts after the first 100 miles.

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	<u>20 FT LB</u>	6MM	5 FT LB	<u>9 FT LB</u>			
3/8	30 FT LB	<u>35 FT LB</u>	8MM	18 FT LB	<u>23 FT LB</u>			
7/16	45 FT LB	<u>60 FT LB</u>	10MM	32 FT LB	<u>45 FT LB</u>			
1/2	65 FT LB	<u>90 FT LB</u>	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	<u> 175 FT LB</u>	16MM	130 FT LB	<u> 165 FT LB</u>			
<u>3/4</u>	185 FT LB	<u>280 FT LB</u>	18MM	170 FT LB	<u>240 FT LB</u>			

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

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