

UNISTEER Performance Products

#### 1968-72 CHEVROLET CHEVELLE POWER RACK AND PINION KIT INSTALLATION INSTRUCTION MANUAL

## 8010700-01 & 8010700-02



Thank you for purchasing Unisteer Performance Products for your 1968-72 Chevelle. This kit is fairly simple to install. However, simple modifications are needed. Please note that this installation used Hooker 2-1/8" Super Comp Headers.

ALTHOUGH THIS KIT IS FAIRLY SIMPLE TO INSTALL SOME MODIFICATIONS ARE NECESSARY TO INSTALL.

BEFORE STARTING BE AWARE OF THE MODIFICATIONS NEEDED.

ALSO BE AWARE THAT THERE ARE APPLICATION/PROVISIONS NEEDED IN ORDER TO INSTALL. PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS FIRST.

DUE TO VARIABLES OUTSIDE OUR CONTROL THESE KITS MAY NOT FIT ALL APPLICATIONS. ALSO, PLEASE VERIFY KIT WILL FIT YOUR APPLICATION BEFORE ALTERING VEHICLE.

## Full refund will NOT be granted to any kits that are damaged, scratched, or altered in any fashion.

#### **Disassembly:**

- 1. Disconnect negative battery cable before installation.
- 2. Raise front of vehicle off ground & center & lock steering wheel.
- 3. Remove front wheels & remove power-steering lines at pump or gearbox.
- 4. Drain fluid.
- 5. From under hood, remove pinch bolt at gearbox & shaft union & separate.



6. Remove cotter pins & nuts at outer tie rod ends.



7. Remove two bolts & nuts at passenger side of vehicle attaching idler arm to frame.





- 8. Remove center link nut from pitman arm at driver side.
- 9. Separate tie rod ends from spindles & center link from pitman arm & remove steering linkage from car.



10. Remove three bolts on driver side frame rail that secure gearbox and remove.



11. From under hood, remove nut & bolt assembly from steering shaft at firewall and remove stock steering shaft. **Note**: You may need to spread clamp or tap off. **Note**: Do not use excessive force. You must not damage bearing in column.





12. Remove four bolts retaining stabilizer bar mount bushing & let stabilizer hang free from links.





#### Installation:

 Your rack & pinion has been shipped to you assembled & screwed to the mounting bracket. Do Not Remove Rack & Pinion from Bracket.



2. Pull down on stabilizer bar & install racket bracket from over top of the bar. Note: Make sure you install the assembly with tie rods on underside of stabilizer.



- 3. Slide bolts through drive-side frame & through bracket.
- 4. Slide bolts through passenger side frame into bracket & start nuts. Leave loose.
- 5. Connect outer tie rods to steering knuckle & adjust the rods by eye to keep front wheels straight.
- 6. Tighten outer tie rod ends to 35 ft. lbs. & install cotter pins.
- 7. Install power steering pressure line smaller line to lower port on rack assembly and tighten.
- 8. Install return line to upper port larger line to rack assembly & tighten.
- 9. Make sure lines are pointing toward front of car & route lines upward towards pump. **Note:** Make sure lines do not interfere with pulleys, belts, etc.

#### **Shaft Installation:**

1. Install column joint end onto stock steering shaft & tighten. **Note**: On big block cars it is necessary to slide shaft under header tube to clear & attach to column shaft.



2. Install heim joint into threaded hole of column support bracket so about five threads are showing. Install jam nut on bracket. (see following page for picture) **DO NOT TIGHTEN!** 



3. Please assemble your steering shaft assembly as shown below:



4. Slide lower shaft through heim joint & install bracket over the driver side from bolts & mounting bracket.



5. Install u-joint on pinion of rack & slide lower shaft into u-joint. Note: It may be necessary to slide out diver side bolts & lower rack assembly to enable clearance of u-joint to shaft.



- 6. Tighten passenger side bolts and driver side bolts to 40 lbs.
- 7. Check clearance between header tube & u-joints of shafts. Note: It may be necessary to adjust heim joint in our out or bracket up or down to clear. To do so, perform steps 2-4 again until adjustment is made.
- 8. Also, make sure you phase your u-joints. The lower u-joints at the pinion & at the heim must work opposite of each other. Set them up so that they are 90 degrees apart as they turn.
- 9. If you rotate your steering wheel and it bumps or binds your phasing is wrong. Continue to adjust by rotating u-joints.
- 10. After installation make sure mounting bracket bolts to frame are torqued to 40 lbs.
- 11. Make sure u-joint bolts are installed & torqued to 25lbs.
- 12. Tighten jam nuts on u-joints & heim joint.
- 13. Install front Wheels & lower car.

#### **Power Steering Pump Installation:**

- 1. After removing stock power steering pump and bracket, install new pump and bracket assembly to your upper bolt hole on water pump for big block application and your larger hole in pump will be your adjuster hole.
- 2. Use standoffs provided in kit to move bracket away from pump.



- 2. It may be necessary to measure & purchase a new belt for pump assembly.
- 3. Your other pump bracket attaches to front of cylinder head. Adjust your belt tension & tighten to 25lbs.
- 4. Install pressure line to pressure port on pump and tighten.
- 5. Install your return line to port on reservoir connection and tighten clamp.
- 6. Top off power steering fluid and start car.
- 7. Check for leaks right away. If ok, turn wheels all the way right to left and hold for three seconds. This will bleed air from the system.
- 8. After air is bled, top off fluid & install cap.
- 9. Your vehicle will need an alignment to reset your toe adjustment. It is best to see a pro with the proper aligning equipment.

### **Alignment Specs:**

Toe: 1/8 TOTAL (1/16 EACH SIDE)
Camber: ½ DEGREE NEGATIVE
Caster: 1 DEGREE POSITIVE +/- ½

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