



Part # 11340298(63-70)/113520298(71-72) - C10 Air Suspension System

## **Front Components:**

11343699/11353699 Front Upper StrongArm 11341499/11351499 Front Lower StrongArm

11349300/11359300 Front Spindles and Caliper Brackets

11330910 Front CoolRide & Shock Kit

11369100 Front MuscleBar

### **Rear Components:**

11337199 Rear StrongArm System

21150801 Rear Shockwaves

#### **Recommended Tools**





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## Part # 11341499(63-70)/11351499(71-72) 63-70 C-10 Front Lower StrongArms For Use w/ CoolRide

### **Components:**

1	90000502	Driver side lower arm
1	90000503	Passenger side lower arm
1	90000912/90000909	63-70/71-72 Lower ball joint
2	90000521	Cross shaft
2	90000471	Shock T Spacer
4	90000915	Lower control arm bushings
4	99753001	Washer, 3/4" (B) x 2 1/2" (D) x 1/8" (T), Zinc Plated
4	99752005	3/4"-16 jam nut



**Note:** These control arms were designed for use w/ the RideTech bolt-on shock kit & MuscleBar swaybar. The factory shocks and sway bar will not work.

**Note:** These Strong Arms are used on trucks of model years 1963-1987. Throughout these years 3 different ball joints used; some are very similar. Be sure to use the correct ball joint for the year spindle you are using.



- 1. Bolt the lower Strong Arm to the frame using the OEM fasteners. The supplied cross shaft has 2 sets of holes. This CoolRide control arm uses the set of holes that are 8.705" center to center. **Image 2** illustrates the holes used. Make sure to align the dowel in the frame with one of the holes in the cross shaft that is 8.705" apart.
- 2. Slide the boot over the ball joint then fasten the lower ball joint to the spindle using the new castle nut and cotter pin supplied.
- 3. Fasten the air spring to the lower control arm using a 3/8" x 3/4" bolt supplied w/ the CoolRide kit.

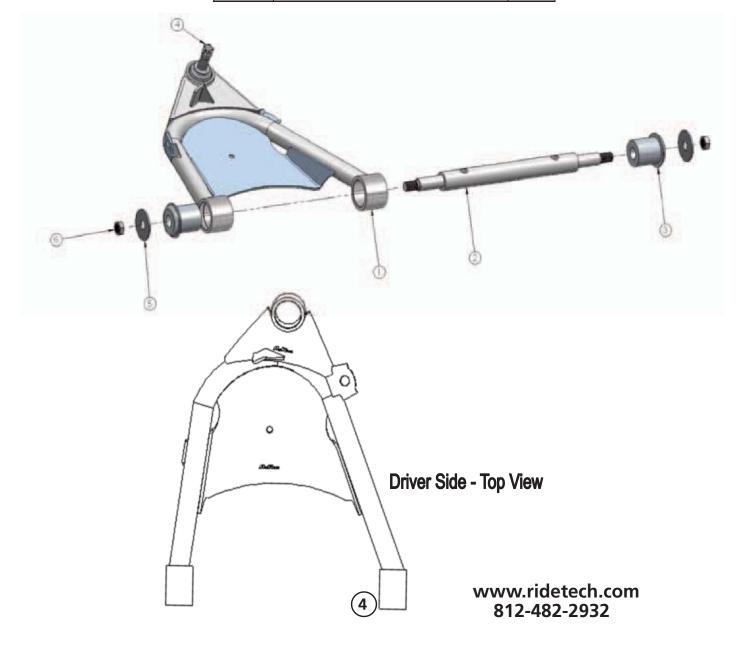
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- 4. Thread the grease zerk into the ball joint and grease.
- 5. With the suspension at **mid travel**, the cross shaft nuts can be tightened.
- 6. The truck must be realigned after installation.



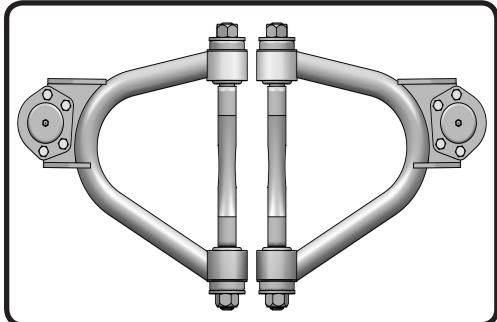
Item #	Description	Qty.
1.	Driver side arm	1
2.	Cross shaft	1
3.	Ball joint	1
4.	Ball joint	1
5.	Large washer	2
6.	34"-16 jam nut	2







# Part # 11343699(63-70)/11353699(71-72) - C10 StrongArms



C-10 CoolRide Upper StrongArms
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**Recommended Tools** 





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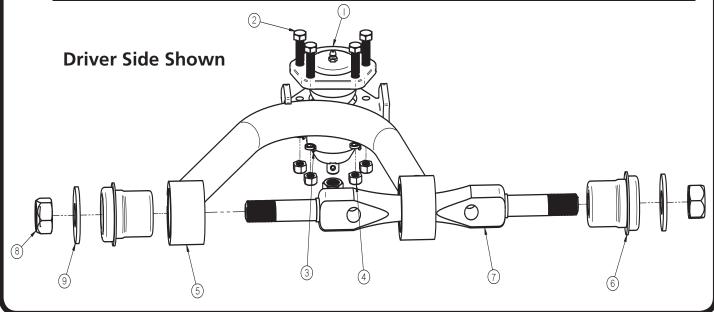
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# **Upper Control Arm Components** .....In the box

Item #	Part Number	Description	QTY
1	90000911 Kit/90000902 Kit	(63-70/71-72) - Upper Balljoint Assembly	2
2	90000911 Kit/90000902 Kit	5/16"-24 x 1"Hex Head Bolt	8
3	90000911 Kit/90000902 Kit	5/16" Lockwasher	8
4	90000911 Kit/90000902 Kit	5/16"-24 Hex Nut	8
5	90000508	Driver Upper Control Arm (Shown)	1
5	90000509	Passenger Upper Control Arm	1
6	90000920	Control Arm Bushing	4
7	90000721	Upper Control Arm Shaft	2
8	99752005	3/4"-16 Locknut	4
9	99753002	3/4" Flat Washer (2" Diameter)	4



# **Getting Started.....**

**Note:** The 63-87 C-10's have similar control arms through the years, but the balljoints used were different. The year breaks are as follows: 63-70, 71-72, 73-87. Be sure to use the correct balljoint for the year of spindle you are using.

### **Balljoints:**

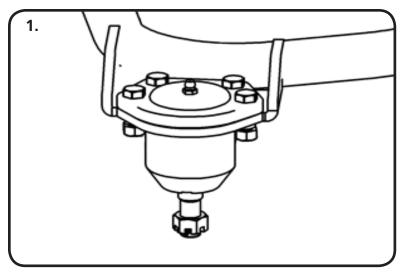
**63-70:** Upper-90000911 Lower-90000912 **71-72:** Upper-90000902 Lower-90000909



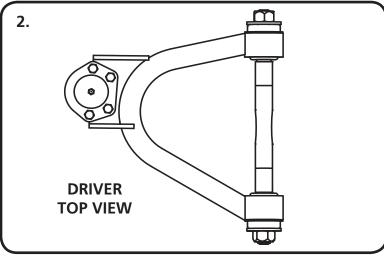




# Installation



**1.** Install the balljoints into the upper control arm with the hardware supplied with the balljoint. The upper balljoint goes in from the top side of the control arm. The gussets on the balljoint plate point up.



**2.** Diagram "2" shows the Driver Upper Control Arm. This is looking at the control arm from the top.



- **3.** Remove the OEM upper control arms from the truck. Fasten the control arms to frame using the stock hardware. Reuse the alignment shims; however the truck must be realigned after installation. **With the suspension at mid travel**, the upper cross shaft nuts can be tightened.
- **4.** Grease the upper balljoints.



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## Part # 11330910 63-72 C10 Front CoolRide Kit

For Use w/ Lower StrongArms

### **COOLRIDE KIT**

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2	90006873	Front air springs – 224c
2	90000060	Upper air spring plate
2	90001083	Medium bump stop – 1.5" tall
2	90000472	Aluminum bump stop extension
1	90000726	Driver side bump stop plate
1	90000727	Passenger side bump stop plate

#### Hardware:

8	99371004	3/8" x 1 1/4" USS bolt	Upper air spring plate to frame
4	99371001	3/8" x 3/4" USS bolt	Air spring to lower control arm/ bump stop
4	99373005	3/8" lock washer	Air spring to lower control arm/ bump stop
12	99372002	3/8" nyloc nuts	
24	99373003	3/8" flat washers	

### SHOCK KIT

#### Shock:

2	22849999	HQ Smooth Body Shock Cartridge
2	70011138	3/4" ID Shock Bushing
2	90002103	5/8" ID Inner Sleeve

### **Components:**

4	70011140	Stem Bushings
4	70011141	Stem Washers
1	90002301	Driver side upper shock bracket – bolt-on
1	90002302	Passenger side upper shock bracket – bolt-on
2	90000471	Aluminum shock spacer
2	90001619	Shock stud

#### Hardware:

8	99371004	3/8" x 1 1/4" USS bolt	Upper shock bracket to frame
8	99372002	3/8" USS Nylok nut	Upper shock bracket to frame
16	99373003	3/8" SAE flat washer	Upper shock bracket to frame
4	99372006	3/8"- 24 Thin Jam Nut	Upper Shock Stud



### **CoolRide Installation Instructions**

\*\*\*\*\*\*Must be used w/ RideTech shock kit\*\*\*\*\*



1. Hold the upper plate to the cross member as shown in the picture to the left and clamp to frame. Using the plate as a template drill four 3/8" holes in the cross member.



- 2. Apply thread sealant to the air fitting and thread into the air spring.
- 3. Remove the upper plate from the frame and place onto the studs on the top of the air spring. The holes are lettered; **slide the plate to position C** moving the air spring to the front of the vehicle. Secure with 3/8" flat washers and Nylok nuts.

**Note:** Airline must be routed at this time.



**Note**: It is acceptable to let the suspension bottom on the air spring. However, if your tire hits the inner fender well before the air spring bottoms out, this bump stop must be installed.

- 4. The bump stop plate will bolt to the outer two holes of the upper air spring plate. It will hang over the front side of the cross member. It is acceptable to trim the bump stop to achieve maximum drop without the tire rubbing the inner fender well.
- 5. The break line bracket may need to be tweaked to clear the hose.



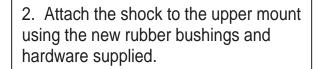
- 6. Fasten the air spring to the lower control arm using a 3/8" x 3/4" bolt, lock washer and flat washer.
- 7. Check air spring clearance through full suspension travel. Allowing the air spring to rub will result in failure and is not a warrantable situation.
- 8. Ride height on this air spring is approximately 5" tall. The shock absorber should be at about 50-60% travel at this point. Depending on vehicle weight this will usually occur around 80-100 psi.

### **Shock Installation Instructions**



1. Place the new upper shock mount against the frame, the tab in the front of the bracket will slide into the factory shock stud hole. Position the bracket so that the bottom of the bracket is parallel to the bottom of the frame. Using the bracket as a template, mark an drill four 3/8" holes in the frame rail. Secure the bracket to the frame using four 3/8" x 1 ¼" bolts, Nylok nuts and flat washers.





**Note:** A notch must be made in the inner fender well just above the mount to allow clearance for the shock stud.



3. Slide the lower shock stud through shock, then install the aluminum spacer. The step on the spacer will face the lower arm. Secure the stud to the lower arm w/ the ½" flat washer and nut.





# Part # 11342699(63-70)/11352699(71-72) - C10 Drop Spindles



### **Recommended Tools**







# **Major Components** .....In the box

11349301/11359301 90001926

Pair of drop spindles Pair of caliper brackets



# Installation

### **Balljoint nut Torque Specs:**

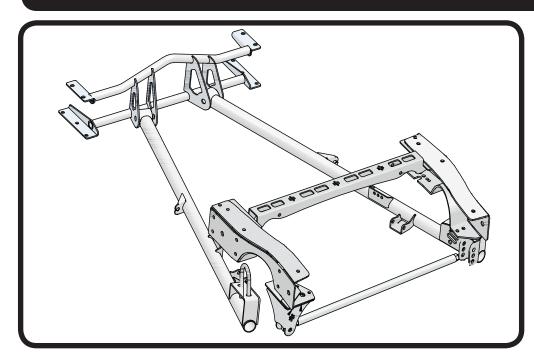
Upper: Torque to 50 ft llbs and then tighten nut to align cotter pin hole not exceeding 90ft lbs. Lower: Torque to 90 ft lbs and then tighten nut to align cotter pin hole not to exceeding 130 ft lbs.

Note: These spindles are setup for 1973-1987 HD Rotor and Caliper. The HD Rotor is 1 1/4" wide.





# Part # 11337199 - 1963-1972 C10 Rear StrongArms



### **Recommended Tools**





# 1963-1972 C-10 Rear StrongArms Installation Instructions



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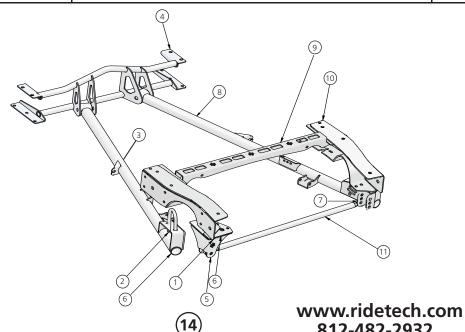






# **Major Components** .....In the box

Item #	Part #	Description	QTY
1	90002435	Panhard Mount Top Spacer	1
2	99756001	Trailing Arm U-bolt	2
3	90000626	Driver Side StrongArm	1
4	90000631	Front StrongArm Crossmember	1
5	90002436	Panhard Bar Frame Mount	1
6	90002434	Panhard Mount Bottom Spacer	1
7	90001589	Panhard Bar Heim End	2
8	90000627	Passenger Side StrongArm	1
9	90002432	Upper Shock Bridge	1
10	90000614	Passenger "C" Notch	1
10	90000613	Driver "C" Notch	1
11	90000940	Panhard Bar (34 5/8" center to center)	1
	90002062	Shockwave/Coilover Spacers (Not Shown)	8
	90001083	Medium Bumpstop - 1.5" tall (Not Shown)	2
	90000552	Panhard Bar Heim Spacers (Not Shown)	4
	70013402	R Joint Inner Housing (Trailing Arm R Joint Assembly)	2
	70013408	C10 R Joint End Spacer (Trailing Arm R Joint Assembly)	4
	70013279	Spirolox Retaining Ring (Trailing Arm R Joint Assembly)	2
	70013280	Wavo Wave Spring (Trailing Arm R Joint Assembly)	2
	70013276	Delrin Snap Over Bushing (Trailing Arm R Joint Assembly)	2
	70013275	R Joint Center (Trailing Arm R Joint Assembly)	2







# Hardware List .....In the box (Kit# 99010052)

The Hardware Kit contains bags to help aid in selecting the correct hardware for the component being installed. The hardware list shows how the hardware is bagged.

2	99621003	& PANHARD BAR	
2			1
		5/8"x 2 3/4" Gr. 8 Bolt	Panhard Bar
	99622006	5/8" SAE Nylok Jam Nut	Panhard Bar
6	99431012	7/16" x 1 3/4" USS Bolt	Panhard Mount to Frame
6	99432001	7/16" USS Nylok Nut	Panhard Mount to Frame
12	99433002	7/16" SAE Flatwasher	Panhard Mount to Frame
FRON	T CROSSMEM	BER MOUNTING	
10	99431001	7/16" x 1" USS Bolt	Front Crossmember to Frame
20	99433002	7/16" SAE Flatwasher	Front Crossmember to Frame
10	99432002	7/16" USS Nylok Nut	Front Crossmember to Frame
"C" N	OTCH MOUNT	ring	
4	99621014	5/8"x 1 1/2" Gr. 8 Bolt	"C" Notch to Frame
4	99622001	5/8" SAE Nylok Nut	"C" Notch to Frame
4	99623001	5/8" SAE Flatwasher	"C" Notch to Frame
"C" N	OTCH MOUNT	TING	
6	99431002	7/16" x 1 1/4" USS Bolt	"C" Notch to Frame
12	99431001	7/16" x 1" USS Bolt	"C" Notch to Frame
18	99432001	7/16" USS Nylok Nut	"C" Notch to Frame
36	99433002	7/16" SAE Flatwasher	"C" Notch to Frame
TRAIL	ING ARM TO	CROSSMEMBER	
2	99621019	5/8"x 4 1/2" SAE Gr.8 Bolt	Trailing Arm to Crossmember
2	99622001	5/8" SAE Gr. 8 Nylok Nut	Trailing Arm to Crossmember
4	99623001	5/8" SAE Flat Washer	Trailing Arm to Crossmember
SHOC	K BRIDGE & S	HOCK MOUNTING	
4	99501024	1/2" x 3 1/4" USS Bolt	Shocks to Mounts
4	99502001	1/2" USS Nylok Nut	Shocks to Mounts
6	99431002	7/16" x 1 1/4" USS Bolt	Shock Bridge
6	99432001	7/16" USS Nylok Nut	Shock Bridge
12	99433002	7/16" SAE Flatwasher	Shock Bridge www.ridetech.com

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# Getting Started.....

Congratulations on your purchase of the Ridetech Rear Strongarm System. This system has been designed to give your truck excellent handling along with a lifetime of enjoyment. Some of the key features of this system: C-notches to give your truck a lowered stance, long panhard bar to reduce the side to side movement of the differential, double tube front trailing arm crossmember allows the exhaust to be ran through it, new trailing arms to replace old deteriorated trailing arms, and the biggest feature of all, it allows the use of Shockwayes or Coilovers.

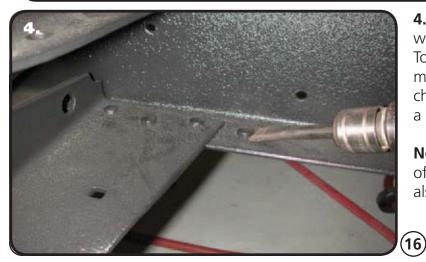
**Note:** These system is designed for use with the Ridetech Shockwaves or CoilOvers and the MuscleBar swaybar. **The factory shocks and springs or the factory sway bar will not fit these arms.** 

**Note:** This kit is designed for trucks with the factory coilspring setup. It can be used on leaf spring trucks if a Coil spring differential is used or the trailing arm mounts are added to the leaf spring differential.

- **1.** Raise the vehicle to a safe and comfortable working height. Let the rear suspension hang freely.
- 2. Remove the bed.
- **3.** Raise the axle a couple inches and support it so that it cannot rotate. Remove the trailing arms, coil springs, shock absorbers, and panhard bar. Refer to the factory service manual for proper disassembly procedures.

**Note:** This kit is designed for use with a 1-piece drive shaft.

# **Disassembly and Front Crossmember Installation**



**4.** The factory trailing arm frame cross member will be replaced with the tubular one supplied. To remove the factory cross member, the rivets must be removed. The easiest method is to chisel them off with an air hammer. Then use a hammer and punch to drive the rivets out.

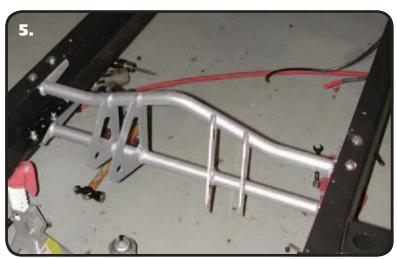
**Note:** On each side there is one rivet in front of the cross member and one behind that must also be removed for the new cross member.



# Installation



# **"C" Notch Installation**



**5.** Install the new cross member with the trailing arm flanges towards the rear. The cross member is bolted to the bottom side of the frame rails using 10 - 7/16" x 1" bolts, 10 - 7/16" Nylok nuts and 20 - 7/16" flat washers. It may be necessary to enlarge some of the holes with a 7/16" bit.



**6.** The factory upper shock cross member must also be removed to allow for the new upper shock cross member and "C" Notch.



**7.** On the driver side of the rear frame cross member; these two rivets must be removed before installing the "C" notch. Also, remove the factory panhard mount.



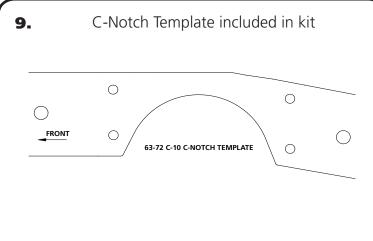
# Installation



# "C" Notch Installation



**8.** The lower rear rivet on this reinforcement plate must also be removed to mount the notch.



**9.** Use the supplied "C" Notch template to mark out the frame for cutting. Before cutting out the frame, support the frame in front of and behind the "C" Notch area. We suggest doing one side at a time. The "C"Notch template has an arrow pointing to the front of the truck. Use the 5/8" holes to locate the template of the frame.

**Note:** We have see trucks with only (1) 5/8" hole. If your truck only has one hole, line it up and then, line up the other edge of the template with the frame rail.



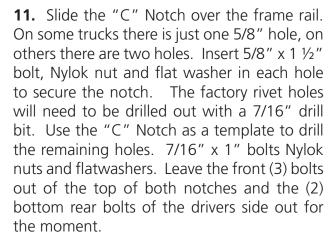
**10.** The original shock crossmember holes will line up with the holes in the "C" Notch. You can use these holes to double check your Notch placement.





# **Installing "C" Notches and Shock Bridge**

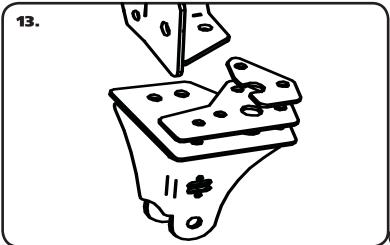






12. Once both "C" Notches are in place bolt in the upper shock bridge. The new upper shock bridge uses the (3) holes in the top of the "C" Notch. The bridge is offset to the rear of the truck, it goes from "C" Notch to "C"notch under neath the top lip of the frame sandwiching the frame between it and the "C" Notch. It is bolted in place using (6) 7/16" x 1 ¼ bolts, Nylok nuts and flat washers.

**Note:** There are four holes on each side of the bridge; only 3 will be used.



**13.** Bolt the new panhard mount to the bottom side of the frame on the drivers side. The panhard mount uses (2) spacers to mount it properly (See diagram #13 for reference). The new panhard mount is bolted in place using (6) 7/16" x 1 3/4" bolts, Nylok nuts and flat washers.





# **Installing StrongArms and Panhard Bar**

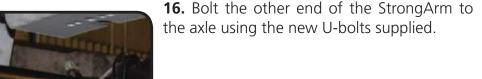


**14.** Install the bumpstops into the "C" Notch using a 3/8" nut and flatwasher.



**15.** The StongArms are a direct replacement of the factory trailing arms an will bolt to the new tubular cross member using two 5/8" x 4 1/2" Bolts, 4 Flat Washers, & 2 Nylok nuts. Insert the R Joint Spacers into each side of the R Joint. These bushings are Delrin and do NOT need lubricating.

**Note:** There is a driver and passenger side arm. The shock mount will point towards the center of the vehicle. The Panhard mount is on the Passenger StrongArm.

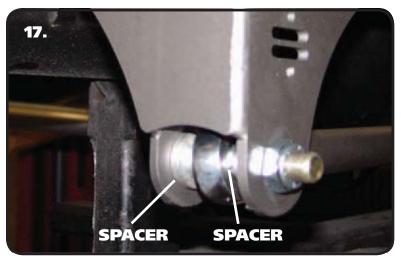






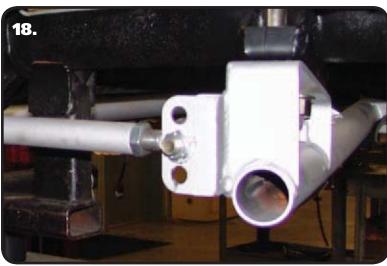


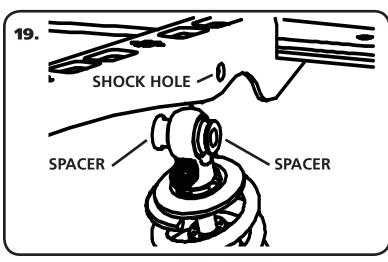
# **Installing Panhard Bar and Shockwaves/Coilovers**



**17.** Install the Panhard bar into the frame bracket using a 90000552 Spacer on each side of the heim end. The Panhard bar is attached using 5/8" x 2 3/4" bolt and a jam Nylok nut.

**Note:** The panhard bar is set at 34 5/8" before it is shipped.





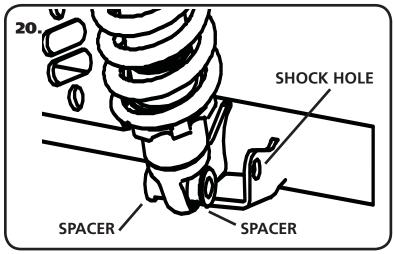
- **18.** Install the other end of the Panhard bar into the bracket on the Passenger StrongArm using a 90000552 spacer on each side of the heim end. The **center** hole is the standard hole. The goal is to keep the panhard bar level as possible at **ride** height. If you decide to run the system higher or lower than the designed ride height the other 2 holes can be used to help keep the panhard bar level at **ride** height.
- 19. Install a spacer on each side of the upper Shockwave/Coilover. Slide the assembly into the upper bridge from the bottom side. If your shock has an adjuster knob position it so that the knob points toward the center of the truck. Line up the hole in the spacers with the hole in the upper shock bridge and insert 1/2" x 3 1/4" bolt and install 1/2" Nylok nut.

**Note:** If installing Shockwaves and you want to locate the air fitting in a different location, the air spring assembly can be rotated on the shock by grabbing the shock and air spring assembly by hand and spinning the shock in the air spring assembly.

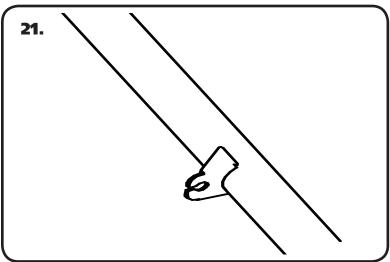




# **Finishing**



**20.** Install a spacer on each side of the lower Shockwave/Coilover. Slide the shock with the spacers installed into the mount on the lower StrongArm. You may need to jack the rearend up to line up the holes in the bushing with the 1/2" hole in the shock mounts and hold it in place while you install the 1/2" x 3 1/4" bolt and 1/2" Nylok nut. Tighten the upper and lower shock bolts.



**21.** The StrongArms have a tab for the emergency brake cable. Install the cable into the tabs and hook the cables back up.

- **22.** Tighten all fasteners. If you are going to install the Ridetech MuscleBar, now is a good time to do it. Reinstall the bed and set the truck back on the ground.
- **23.** Set ride height on the truck. The ride height of the Shockwave/Coilover is approximately 14 1/2". If you are using Shockwaves, this is done by changing the air pressure in the Shockwaves. If you are using Coilovers, the ride height is done by using the adjuster nut for the coil spring. The coil spring on the Coilover will have some preload in the spring to get ride height, this is normal.





# Part # 21150801 - 5.2" Stroke HQ Series Shockwave



**Recommended Tools** 





# 8000 Series Bellow, Eye/Eye 5.2" Shock Installation Instructions

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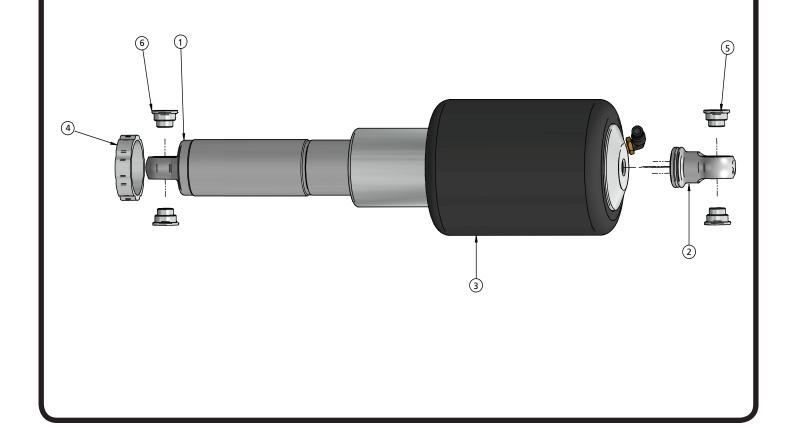
Compressed: 11.85" Ride Height: 14.60" Extended: 16.42"





# **Major Components** .....In the box

Item #	Part #	Description	
1	24159999	5.2" Stroke HQ Series Shock	
2	90002024	Shock Eyelet	
3	24090899	8000 Series, 5" Diameter AirSpring	
4	70010893	AirSpring Locking Ring (Installed on Shock)	
5	90002044	Spacer kit - 1/2" ID and 5/8" ID	
	90001994	5/8" ID Bearing (installed in shock and eyelet)	4
	90001995	Bearing Snap Ring (installed in shock and eyelet)	8







# **Notes and Care of your Shockwaves**

#### **NOTES:**

You can clock the airfitting location on the ShockWave by turning the AirSpring assembly of the shock.

When cutting the airline, use a razor blade. The cut needs to be a clean cut and square for the airline to seal properly.

The Locking ring on the shock is **NOT** adjustable. These rings are set at the factory to optimize the Air-Spring stroke with the shock stroke.

# The care and feeding of your new ShockWaves

- 1. Although the ShockWave has an internal bumpstop, **DO NOT DRIVE THE VEHICLE DEFLATED RESTING ON THIS BUMPSTOP. DAMAGE WILL RESULT**. The internal bumpstop will be damaged, the shock bushings will be damaged, and the vehicle shock mounting points may be damaged to the point of failure. This is a non-warrantable situation.
- 2. Do not drive the vehicle overinflated or "topped out". Over a period of time the shock valving will be damaged, possibly to the point of failure. This is a non warrantable situation! If you need to raise your vehicle higher that the ShockWave allows, you will need a longer unit.
- 3. The ShockWave is designed to give a great ride quality and to raise and lower the vehicle. **IT IS NOT MADE TO HOP OR JUMP!** If you want to hop or jump, hydraulics are a better choice. This abuse will result in bent piston rods, broken shock mounts, and destroyed bushings. This is a non warrantable situation.
- 4. Do not let the ShockWave bellows rub on anything. Failure will result. This is a non warrantable situation.
- 5. The ShockWave product has been field tested on numerous vehicles as well as subjected to many different stress tests to ensure that there are no leakage or durability problems. Failures have been nearly nonexistent unless abused as described above. If the Shockwave units are installed properly and are not abused, they will last many, many years. ShockWave units that are returned with broken mounts, bent piston rods, destroyed bumpstops or bushings, or abrasions on the bellows will not be warrantied.





# **Shock Adjustment**

# Shock adjustment 101- Single Adjustable

#### Rebound Adjustment:

How to adjust your new shocks.

The rebound adjustment knob is located on the top of the shock absorber protruding from the eyelet. You must first begin at the ZERO setting, then set the shock to a soft setting of 20.





- -Begin with the shocks adjusted to the ZERO rebound position (full stiff). Do this by rotating the rebound adjuster knob clockwise until it stops.
- -Now turn the rebound adjuster knob counter clock wise 20 clicks. This sets the shock at 20. (settings 21-24 are typically too soft for street use).

#### Take the vehicle for a test drive.





- -if you are satisfied with the ride quality, do not do anything, you are set!
- -if the ride quality is too soft increase the damping effect by rotating the rebound knob clock wise 3 clicks. **CONTINUE ON NEXT PAGE.**

#### Take the vehicle for another test drive.



- -if the vehicle is too soft increase the damping effect by rotating the rebound knob clock wise 3 additional clicks.
- -If the vehicle is too stiff rotate the rebound adjustment knob counter clock wise 2 clicks and you are set!

Take the vehicle for another test drive and repeat the above steps until the ride quality is satisfactory.

#### Note:

One end of the vehicle will likely reach the desired setting before the other end. If this happens stop adjusting the satisfied end and keep adjusting the unsatisfied end until the overall ride quality is satisfactory.

#### **STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?**

#### **Tech line hours**

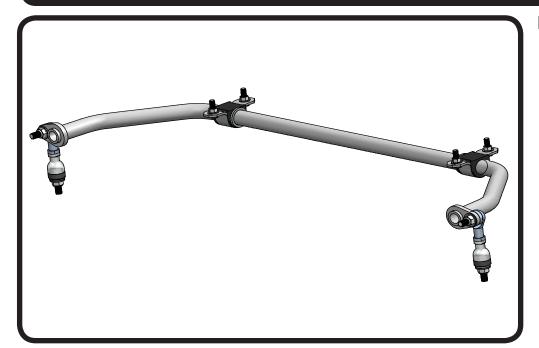
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# Part # 11369100 - 1963-1987 C10 Front MuscleBar



### **Recommended Tools**





# 1963-1987 C-10 Front MuscleBar Installation Instructions



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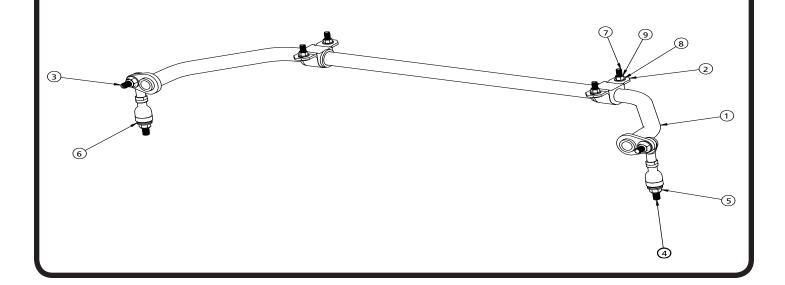






# **Major Components** .....In the box

Item #	Part #	Description	
1	90000664	C-10 Front MuscleBar Assembly	
2	90001100	Poly Bushing and Frame Bracket (Pr)	
3	9000921	12mm 90 degree elbow (Preassembled Posilink)	
4	90000922	12mm Straight Posilink (Preassembled Posilink)	
	99125001	M12-1.75 x 45mm Stud (Preassembled Posilink)	2
	90001092	Tube of Lithium Grease (Not Shown)	1



# Hardware List .....In the box

Item #	QTY	Part Number	Description	Location
5	4	99122001	12-1.75mm Nylok Nut	Posilink Endlinks to frame and MuscleBar
6	8	99433002	7/16" SAE Flatwasher	Posilink Endlinks to frame and MuscleBar
7	4	99371004	3/8"-16 x 1 1/4" Hex Bolt	Bushing Bracket to Frame
8	8	99373003	3/8" SAE Flatwasher	Bushing Bracket to Frame
9	4	99372002	3/8"-16 Nylok Nut	Bushing Bracket to Frame



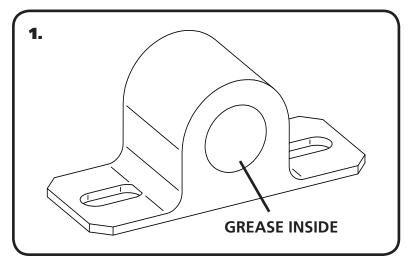


# **Getting Started.....**

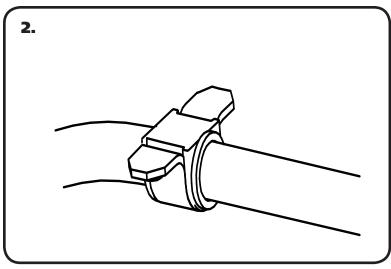
Congratulations on your purchase of the Ridetech Front Muscle Bar. These system has been designed to give your truck excellent handling along with a lifetime of enjoyment. One of the key features of this MuscleBar: Posilinks - The Posilink makes the reaction of the swaybar instantaneous.

**Note:** This sway bar is designed for use with RideTech lower StrongArms. It will not work with other arms without modification.

**Note:** Remove the factory sway bar. On trucks with a factory sway bar you will have to remove the sway bar frame mount.



**1.** Apply Lithium grease to the inside of the sway bar bushings using the tube of grease supplied in the kit.



**2.** Install the swaybar bushings and straps onto the MuscleBar. The bushings and straps get installed on the outer ends of the MuscleBar against the stop rings.





## **MuscleBar Installation**



#### 3. For 73-87

Remove the drop down Frame Bracket. Bolt the new MuscleBar to the frame rail using the poly bushing and bracket. The rear hole for the factory sway bar mount will be reused for the rear hole in the new bracket. The front hole must be drilled with a 3/8" bit. Four 3/8" x 1 1/4" bolts, Nylok nuts, and eight flat washers will secure it to the frame.



#### 3. For 63-72

Clamp the mount 2  $\frac{3}{4}$ " behind the oval hole in the bottom of the frame. Both of the holes for the sway bar mount must be drilled with a  $\frac{3}{8}$ " bit.

Secure the mount with four 3/8" x 1 1/4" bolts, Nylok nuts and flat washers.



**4.** Attach the Posilinks in the **CENTER** hole of the MuscleBar and the StrongArm using a 7/16" SAE Flatwasher on each side of the arm on the MuscleBar and each side of the bracket on the StrongArm. Install 12mm Nylok nut on each posilink and tighten down.





# **Final Tightening and Adjusting**

**5.** Tighten the bolts attaching the bushings bracket to the frame. After installation, be sure that the Musclebar will go through the entire suspension travel without contacting anything

**Note:** If any grease is needed after installation use a lithium based grease. **DO NOT USE A PETROLEUM BASED GREASE** 

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