



INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS



2009-2015 DODGE RAM 1500 2" LEVELING KIT

FT5301i

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- PARTS LIST - 2009-2015 DODGE RAM 1500 2" LEVELING KIT

FTL5301		2.OF 2009-2015 RAM 1500 4WD
2	FT44254	ALUMINUM STRUT SPACER
1	FT44259	HARDWARE SUBASSEMBLY

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1	FT90128	HARDWARE KIT
1	FT5301i	INSTRUCTIONS
1	FTAS12	STICKER FT BLUE 10X4 DIE CUT
1	FTAS16	DRIVER WARNING DECAL
1	FTREGCARD	REGISTRATION CARD

FT90128- HARDWARE KIT		LOCATION
6	3/8-16 X 1-1/4 HEX BOLT G8 ZINC	
12	3/8 SAE WASHER G8 ZINC	
6	3/8 LOCK WASHER ZINC	
6	3/8-16 C-LOCK NUT ZINC	
1	THREAD LOCKING COMPOUND 2 MIL	

- PRE-INSTALLATION NOTES -

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READ THIS BEFORE YOU BEGIN INSTALLATION -

Check all parts to the parts list above before beginning installation. If any parts are missing contact Fabtech at 909-597-7800 and a replacement part will be sent to you immediately.

Read all instructions thoroughly from start to finish before beginning the installation. If these instructions are not properly followed severe frame, driveline and / or suspension damage may occur.

Check your local city and state laws prior to the installation of this system for legality. Do not install if not legal in your area.

Prior to the installation of this suspension system perform a front end alignment and record. Do not install this system if the vehicle alignment is not within factory specifications. Check for frame and suspension damage prior to installation.

Use the provided thread locking compound on all hardware.

WARNING- Installation of this system will alter the center of gravity of the vehicle and may increase roll over as compared to stock.

Vehicles that receive oversized tires should check ball joints, uniballs, tie rods ends, pitman arm and idler arm every 2500-5000 miles for wear and replace as needed.

NOTE: Will not work with factory air ride vehicles.

Required Tools (Not Included)

Basic Hand Tools
Floor Jack
Jack Stands
Assorted Metric and S.A.E sockets, and Allen wrenches
Torque Wrench

Prior to installing this kit, with the vehicle on level ground. Measure the height of your vehicle. This measurement can be recorded from the center of the wheel, straight up to the top of the inner fender lip. Record the measurements below.

LF: _____ RF: _____

LR: _____ RR: _____

- INSTRUCTIONS -

FRONT SUSPENSION

1. Disconnect the negative terminal on the battery. Jack up the front end of the truck and support the frame rails with jack stands. **NEVER WORK UNDER AN UNSUPPORTED VEHICLE!** Remove the front tires.
2. Remove bolt from the brake line, save for re-installation. **SEE FIGURE 1**

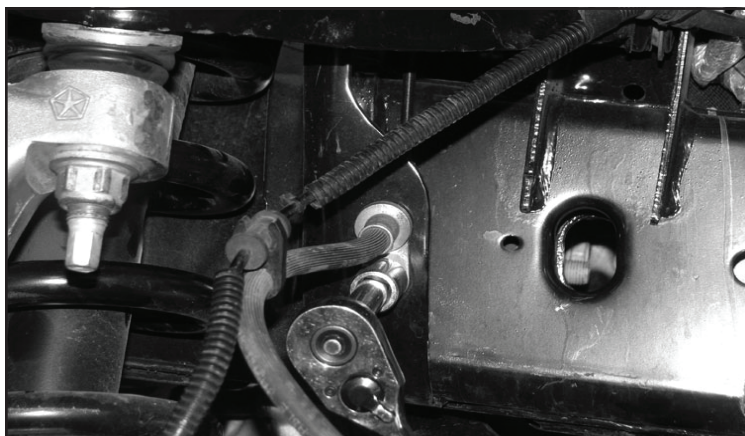


FIGURE 1 - STEP 2

3. Remove nut from upper sway bar end link. Save for re-installation. **SEE FIGURE 2**

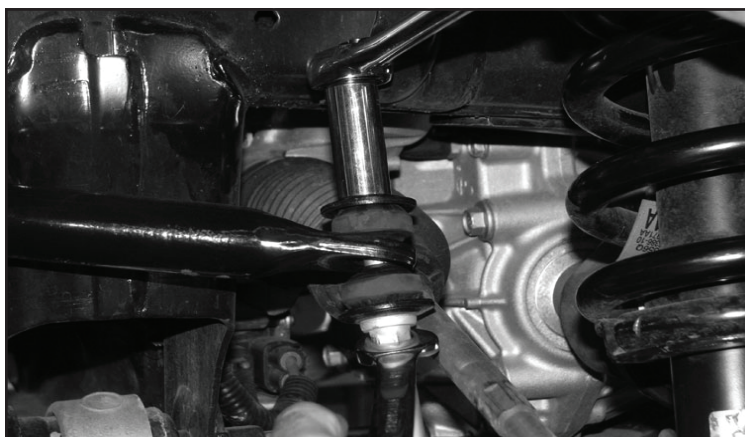


FIGURE 2 - STEP 3

4. Remove tie rod end from the spindle. **SEE FIGURE 3**

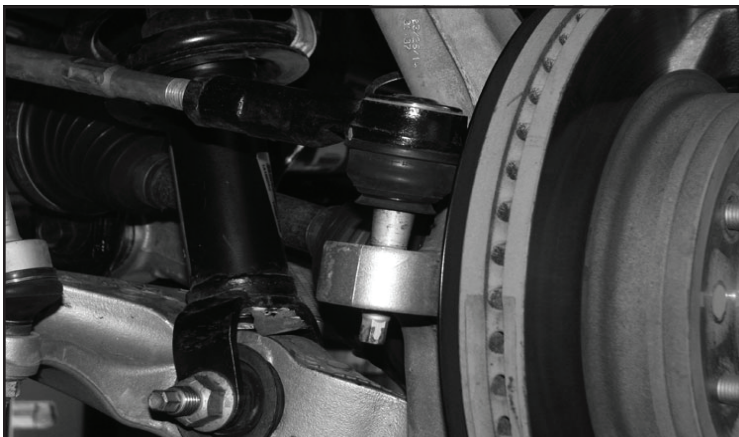


FIGURE 3 - STEP 4

5. Loosen the upper control arm ball joint nut. **Note: Leave nut attached.** Using a large hammer carefully strike the spindle at the ball joint to dislodge the control arm from the spindle. **SEE FIGURE 4**

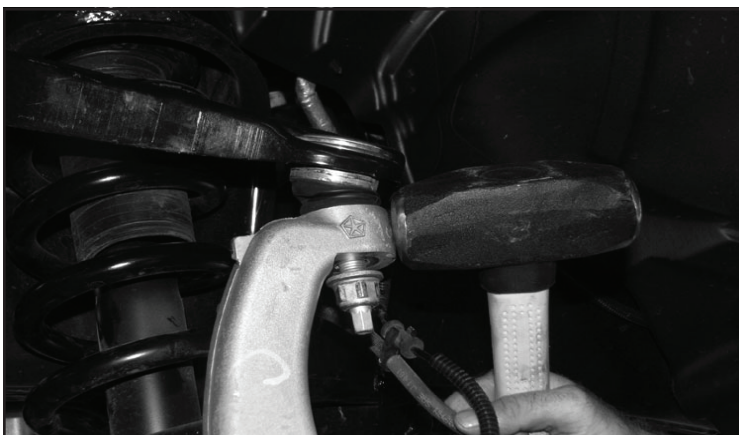


FIGURE 4 - STEP 5

6. Remove the nut from the lower coilover/ control arm bolt. **SEE FIGURE 5**

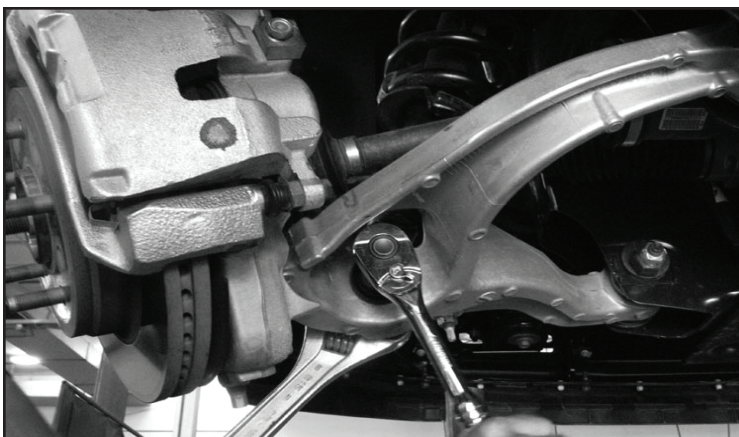


FIGURE 5 - STEP 6

7. Remove the (3) upper coilover nuts from the coilover tower bracket. Save for re-installation. **SEE FIGURE 6**



FIGURE 6 - STEP 7

8. Remove the lower coilover bolt and upper control arm ball joint nut. Then, remove the coilover assembly from the vehicle. **SEE FIGURES 7-9**

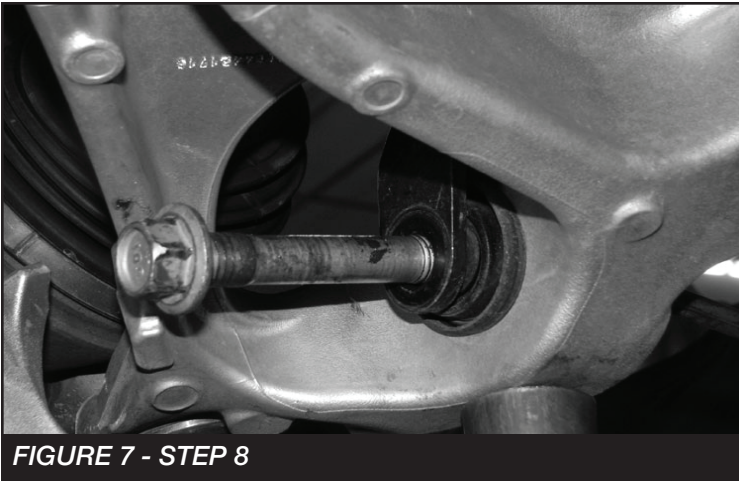


FIGURE 7 - STEP 8

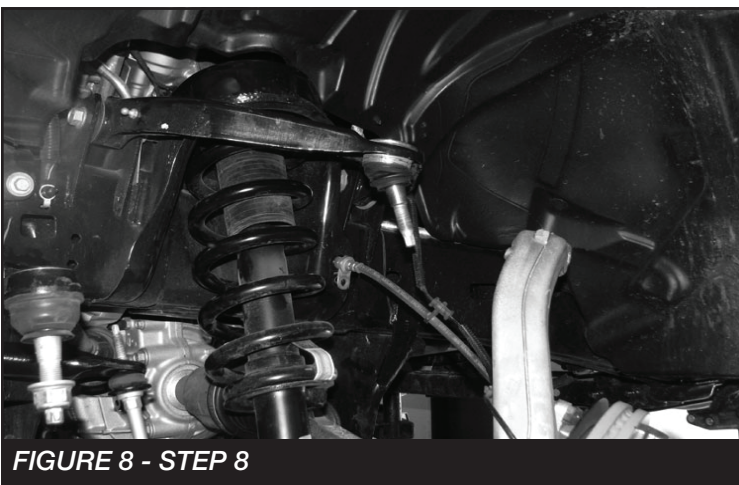


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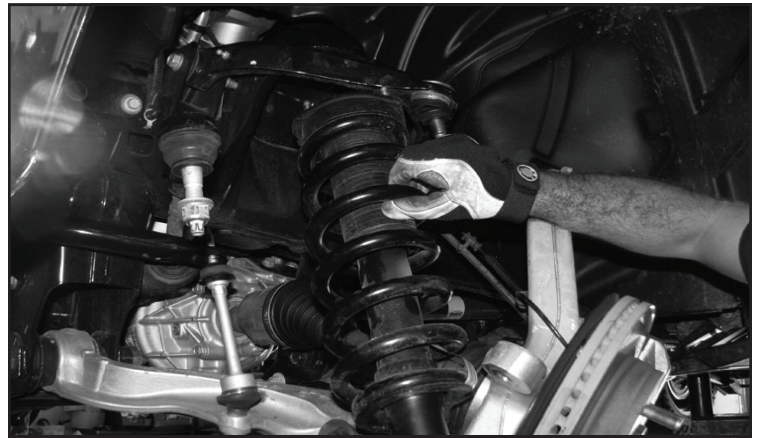


FIGURE 9 - STEP 8

9. Locate the supplied FT44254 (Aluminum Spacer), 3/8"-16 x 1-1/4" bolts, washers, and nuts. Using the thread lock, install the bolts, washers, and lock washers into the FT44254. Torque to 52 ft-lbs. **SEE FIGURE 10**

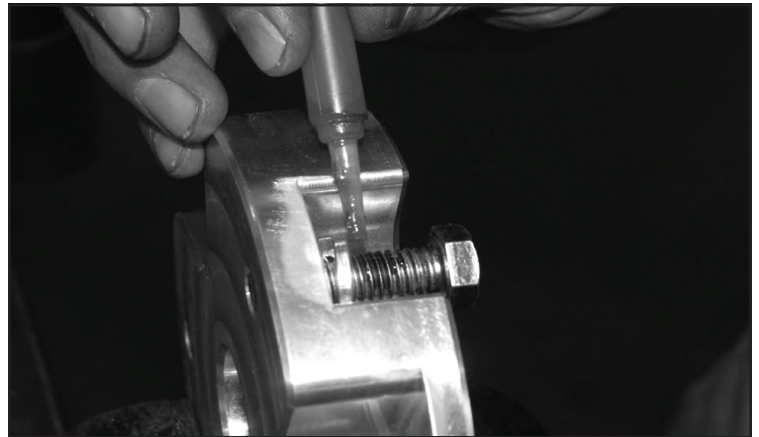


FIGURE 10 - STEP 9

10. Install the FT44254 onto the factory coilover assembly using the factory nuts and supplied thread lock. Torque to 52 ft-lbs. **SEE FIGURE 11**

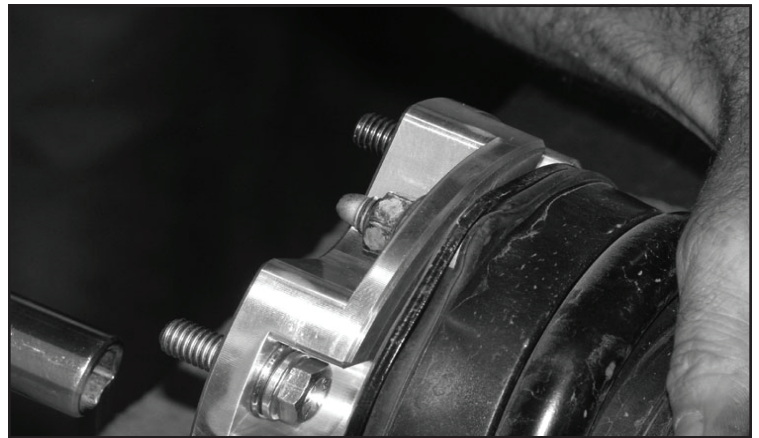


FIGURE 11 - STEP 10

11. Re-install the coilover into the vehicle. **NOTE: The assembly must be installed 180 degrees from its original orientation.** Install the supplied 3/8" Nuts and washers on the top coilover tower. Torque to 52 ft-lbs. Then, install the lower coilover bolt. Torque to 132 ft-lbs **SEE FIGURE 12-14**

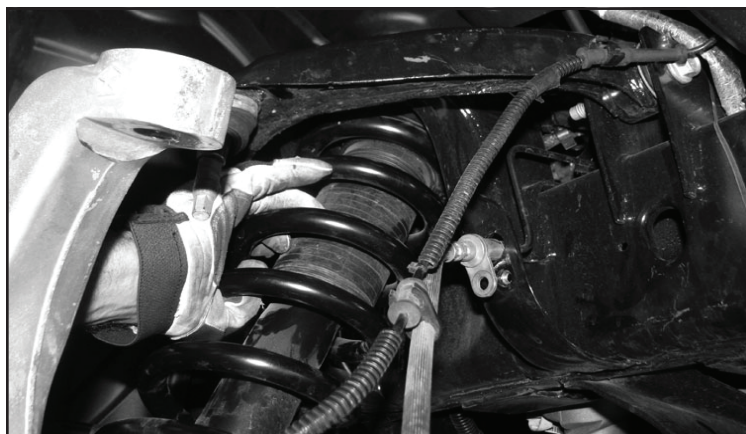


FIGURE 12 - STEP 11



FIGURE 13 - STEP 11



FIGURE 14 - STEP 11

12. Using a pry bar, pry down on the upper control arm and install the ball joint nut. Torque to 117 ft-lbs **SEE FIGURE 15**



FIGURE 15 - STEP 12

13. Install the tie rod into the spindle. Torque to 117 ft-lbs **SEE FIGURE 16**

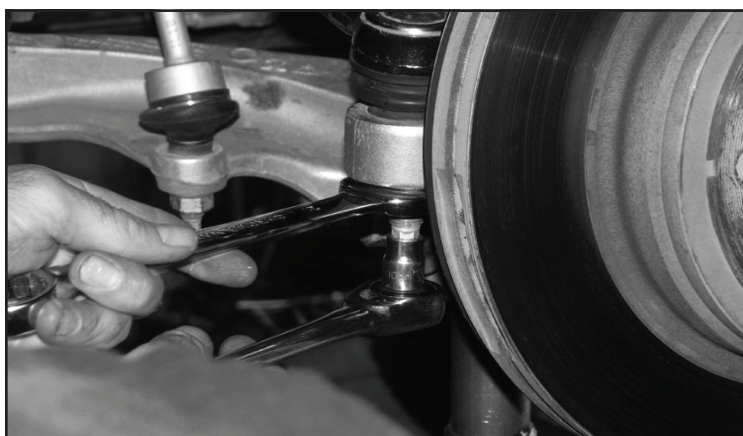


FIGURE 16 - STEP 13

14. Re-install the brake line into the bracket with the factory bolt. Torque to 52 ft-lbs. **SEE FIGURE 16**

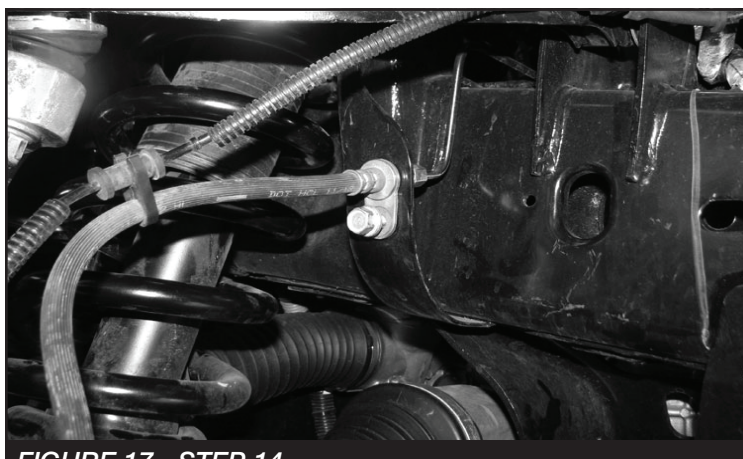


FIGURE 17 - STEP 14

15. **NOTE:** When installing the sway bar to the end link, it may be necessary to leave loose until both sides are complete. Torque to 58 ft-lbs **SEE FIGURE 18**

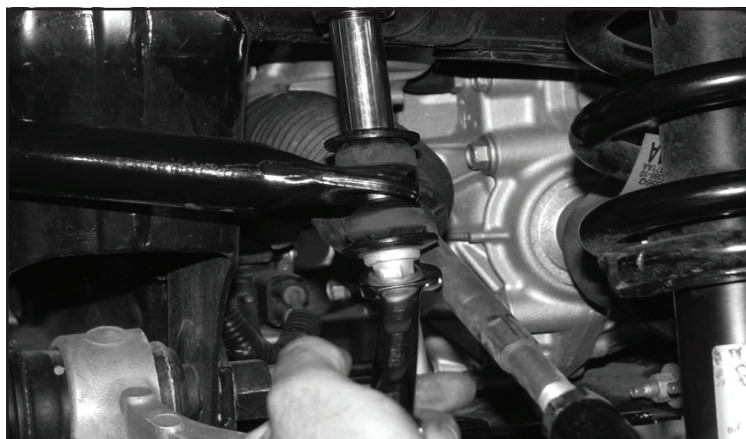


FIGURE 18 - STEP 15

16. Install tires and wheels and torque lug nuts to wheel manufacturer's specifications. Turn front tires left to right and check for appropriate tire clearance. **Note - Some oversized tires may require trimming of the front bumper & valance.**
17. Check front end alignment and set to factory specifications. Readjust headlights.
18. Recheck all bolts for proper torque.
19. Recheck brake hoses, ABS wires and suspension parts for proper tire clearance while turning tires fully left to right.
20. Install Driver Warning Decal. Complete product registration card and mail to Fabtech in order to receive future safety and technical bulletins on this suspension.

Vehicles that will receive oversized tires should check ball joints, uniballs and all steering components every 2500-5000 miles for wear and replace as required.

RE-TORQUE ALL NUTS, BOLTS AND LUGS AFTER 50 MILES AND THEREAFTER UNTIL FASTENERS RETAIN TORQUE SETTING.

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Fabtech provides a Limited Lifetime Warranty to the original retail purchaser who owns the vehicle, on which the product was originally installed, for defects in workmanship and materials.

The Limited Lifetime Warranty excludes the following Fabtech items; bushings, bump stops, ball joints, tie rod ends, limiting straps, cross shafts, heim joints and driveshafts. These parts are subject to wear and are not considered defective when worn. They are warranted for 60 days from the date of purchase for defects in workmanship.

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Fabtech does not warrant any product for finish, alterations, modifications and/or installation contrary to Fabtech's instructions. Alterations to the finish of the parts including but not limited to painting, powder coating, plating and/or welding will void all warranties. Some finish damage may occur to parts during shipping, which is considered normal and is not covered under warranty.

Fabtech products are not designed nor intended to be installed on vehicles used in race applications or for racing purposes or for similar activities. (A "RACE" is defined as any contest between two or more vehicles, or any contest of one or more vehicle against the clock, whether or not such contest is for a prize). This warranty does not include coverage for police or taxi vehicles, race vehicles, or vehicles used for government or commercial purposes. Also excluded from this warranty are sales outside of the United States of America.

Installation of most suspension products will raise the center of gravity of the vehicle and will cause the vehicle to handle differently than stock. It may increase the vehicle's susceptibility to a rollover, on road and off road, at all speeds. Extreme care should be taken to operate the vehicle safely at all times to prevent rollover or loss of control resulting in serious injury or death. Fabtech front end Desert Guards may impair the deployment or operation of vehicles equipped with supplemental restraining systems/air bag systems and should not be installed if the vehicle is equipped as so.

Fabtech makes every effort to ensure suspension product compatibility with all vehicles listed on the website, but due to unknown auto manufacturer's production changes and/or inconsistencies by the auto manufacturer, Fabtech cannot be responsible for 100% compatibility, including the fitment of tire and wheel sizes listed. The Tire and Wheel sizes listed in Fabtech's website are only a guideline for street driving with noted fender trimming. Fabtech is not responsible for damages to the vehicle's body or tires. Fabtech is not responsible for premature wear of factory components due to the installation of oversized tires and wheels.

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Installation of Fabtech product may void the vehicles factory warranty; it is the consumer's responsibility to check with their local vehicle's dealer for warranty disposition before the installation of the product. Some state laws may prohibit modification of suspension to a vehicle in whole or in part. It is the responsibility of the installer and consumer to consult local laws prior to the installation of any Fabtech suspension product to comply with such written laws.

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