DODGE Ram 1500 (4x2 & 4x4) HJ32016, Rev 5

5 1/2', 6 1/2' & 8' Boxes includes MegaCab DODGE Ram 2500 (4x2 &4x4)

6 1/2' & 8' Boxes includes MegaCab **DODGE Ram 3500 (4x4)** 6 1/2' & 8' Boxes includes MegaCab



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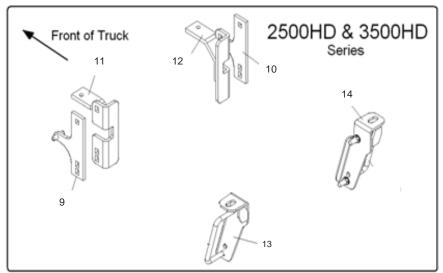
8552016 PARTS LIST ③								
REF.	PART							
NO.	NO.	QTY.	DESCRIPTION					
1.	00085	8	1/2" Flat Washer					
2.	00248	4	5/8" Lock Washer					
3.	00291	2	5/8" Hex Nut					
4.	00477	6	5/8" Flat Washer					
5.	02178	8	1/2" Nylon Lock Nut					
6.	00943	2	5/8" -NC x 5 1/2" Hex Bolt Gr.5					
7.	04215	2	5/8" -NC x 3" Hex Bolt Gr.5					
8.	14156-95	4	Shim					
9.	14296-76	1	Front Frame Bracket Driver Side					
10.	14297-76	1	Front Frame Bracket Passenger Side					
11.	14304-76	1	Front Clamp Bracket Driver Side					
12.	14305-76	1	Front Clamp Bracket Passenger Side					
13.	14306-76	1	Rear Mounting Bracket Driver Side					
14.	14307-76	1	Rear Mounting Bracket Passenger Side					
15.	14367-76	2	Spacer Tube					
16.	14375	2	1/2" -NC x 6 1/2" x 4 1/4" U-Bolt					
17.	14376	4	1/2" -NC x 5" Carriage Bolt					
18.	14357	1	1/2" -NC x 5 1/2" x 4 1/4" U-Bolt (not shown)					
19.	14291-76	1	Spacer U Bracket (not shown)					
20.	14577	4	Spacer Plate (not shown)					

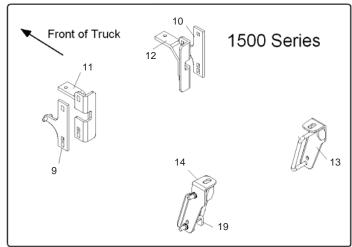
Please order replacement parts by PART NO. and DESCRIPTION.

ASSEMBLY OPERATION REPLACEMENT PARTS

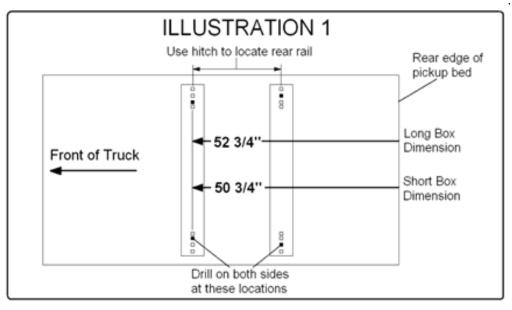
READ complete manual CAREFULLY BEFORE attempting operation.

CAUTION: Do not install base rails over plastic bedliners. Plastic bed liners must be cut out of the way. Rails may be installed on spray in liners. **NOTE:** Consult spray liner installer for recommended curing time.





- On the inside of the left vehicle frame is a wiring harness that is held in place with plastic clips. This section of wiring harness must be moved aside by removing plastic clips from frame. This will allow the hitch parts to be positioned correctly on frame.
- 2. Fully assemble the 5th wheel hitch on a flat, level surface and pin into the base rails (assembly instructions come with the hitch components). Place assembled hitch in truck bed between the wheel wells.



- 3. Position the base rails in truck bed as shown in Illustration 1 (previous page). Be sure the base rails are parallel by measuring diagonally as shown in Illustration 1a.
- 4. Make two attachment points on the truck bed using the square holes in the front base rail as shown in Illustration 1 (previous page).

NOTE: Mark center of square bolt hole.

DO NOT mark the rear base rails at this time. Check below the bed before drilling holes to see that all wiring, brake lines or other obstructions are moved out of the way and will not be contacted by the drill. Drill 1/4" diameter pilot holes down through the bed and hat section at the previously marked points. Be certain that the holes are drilled in the correct location. They must be drilled through the under bed hat section.

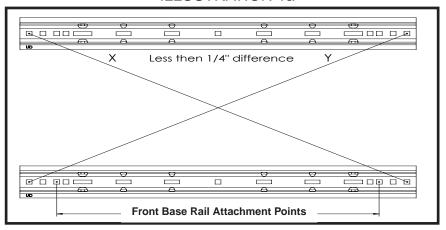
5. Position the left and right front outer brackets (#14296-76) and (#14297-76) against their respective truck frames so that the pin in each bracket aligns with the existing hole in the side of the vehicle frame.

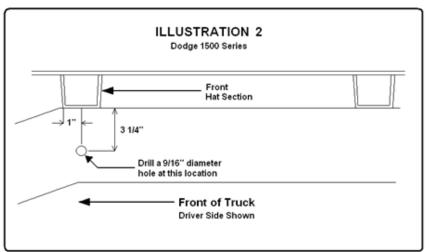
NOTE: On some 1500 series truck there are no existing holes in the frame so you will be required to drill the hole in the side of each truck frame. See illustration 2 for the location information. Be sure hole is placed exactly as shown and drilled to the correct diameter.

NOTE: On 2500HD and 3500HD series trucks there may be a wire hanger bracket bolted to the frame at the location which will not allow the front frame bracket to be installed. This wire bracket will have to be removed from the frame so that the frame bracket can be installed.

6. Bolt the left and right front outer brackets (#14296-76) and (#14297-76) to the frame with the inner brackets (#14304-76) and (#14305-76). Take care when positioning the left inner bracket (#14304-76) so that the slot in bracket fits over the steel brake line.

ILLUSTRATION 1a





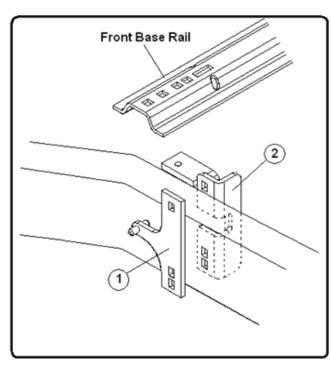
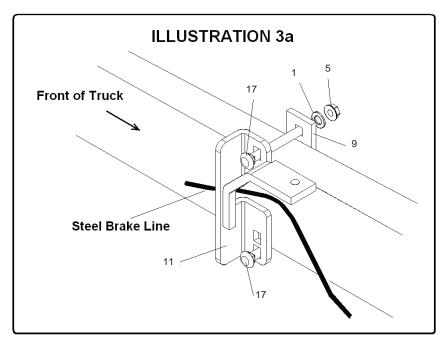


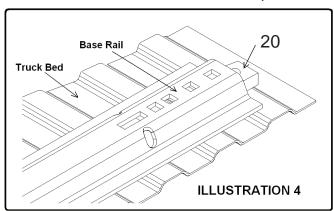
ILLUSTRATION 3

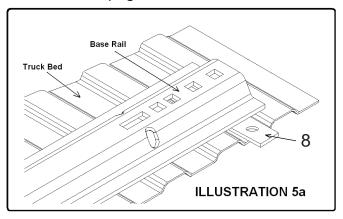
See illustration 3 and 3a. Use the carriage bolts (#14376) at both bracket attachments. Slide bracket (#14304-76) rearward away from the gas tank so long bolt can be installed. Then slide bracket forward into position. Use the lower hole in each bracket for the 2500HD and 3500HD trucks and the upper hole in each bracket for the 1500 trucks. Bolts must be as close to bottom of truck frame as possible. The tab on the inner bracket should be against the bottom of the bed support hat section. The hole in the tab should be aligned with the previously drilled 1/4" pilot hole.



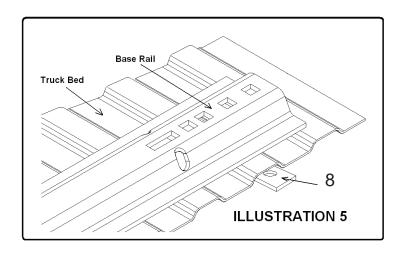
7. Position the base rails in the bed so that the third square 5/8" hole in from the end on the front rail is lined up over the previously drilled pilot holes. Double check that the pilot holes line up with holes in base rail and the tab on frame brackets under the bed. Move base rails away from pilot holes and drill a 3/4" hole down through truck bed at each previously drilled pilot holes. The 3/4" hole will give some tolerance to get the bold down into the tapped bracket hole. **Use caution when drilling so that the drill does not make contact with the installed brackets or fuel tank under bed.**

NOTE: For alternative installation procedures refer to the last page of this document.





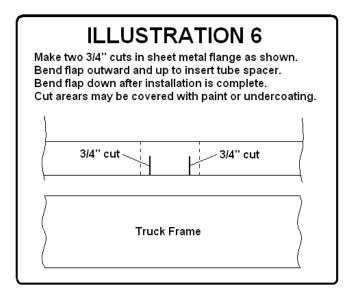
8. Place a 3/4" thick spacer plate under ends of each base rail, in line with drilled holes, as shown in illustration 4. If the bed corrugation above the mounting bracket at the drilled hole is UP, leaving a space above the bracket, place space plate in this location as shown in illustration 5. If the corrugation is DOWN, at this location, place a spacer plate in the bed, under the base rail as shown in illustration 5a.



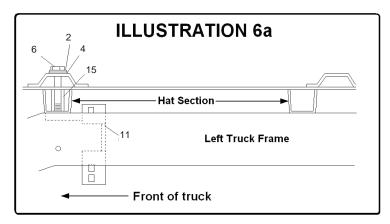
9. Slide tube spacers (#14367-76) into the forward bed support hat section from the open end in each wheel well.

NOTE: On some applications a small sheet metal flange may appear to obstruct placement of the spacer tube. This flange can be modified to gain access to the hat section. See detail for this procedure in illustration 6.

10. On left side of truck align the tube spacer with drilled hole and insert 5/8" x 5 1/2" bolt (#00943) with 5/8" flat washer (#00477) and 5/8" lock washer (#00248) down through all parts and mounting brackets. See illustration 6a. Thread bolt into tapped plate on left front inner bracket (#14304-76). Repeat procedure on right side of truck base rail using 5/8" flat washer and 5/8" lock washer as shown in illustration 6b. Tighten the 5/8" bolts to specified torque on front page.



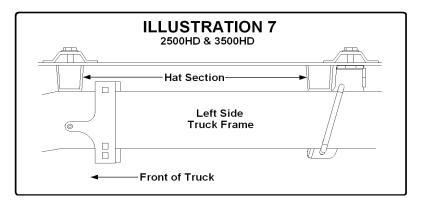
- 11. Mark the rear hole locations using the rear base rails as shown in illustration 1. Drill a 5/8" hole down through bed using the second hole in from each end of rear base rail as a guide as shown in illustration 1.
- 12. Place spacer plates under base rails as described in step 8. Place 5/8" x 3" bolts (#04215) with 5/8 flat washer (#00477) down through base rail, spacer plates and truck bed at drilled holes.

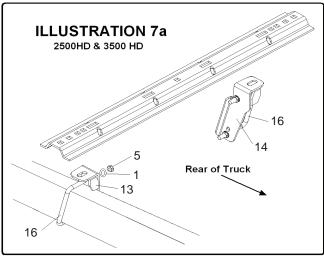


2500HD & 3500HD Applications:

13. Place the left (#14306-76) and right inner mounting bracket (#14307-76) up in place against the inside surface of the truck frame, just behind the under bed hat section reinforcement. See illustrations 7 and 7a. The previously installed 5/8" bolts should go through the upper tab in each bracket. **NOTE:** The rubber tailpipe hanger may need to be moved away from the frame slightly so that the right bracket can be positioned correctly. Bolt the brackets loosely in place at these bolts with 5/8" flat washer (#00477), 5/8" lock washer (#00248) and 5/8" hex nuts (#00291).

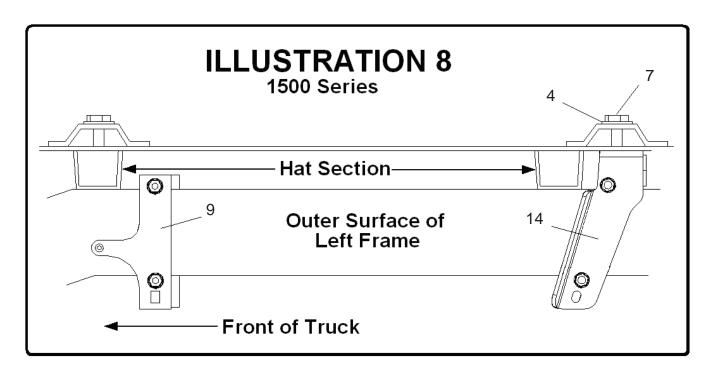
- 13a. Secure the left and right inner mounting brackets in place with the longer U-Bolts (#14375) placed around truck frame as shown in illustration 7 and 7a. Use the lower hole in each bracket for the 2500HD and 3500HD trucks. Bolts must be as close to bottom of truck frame as possible.
- 13b. Tighten all bolt to chart on front page.



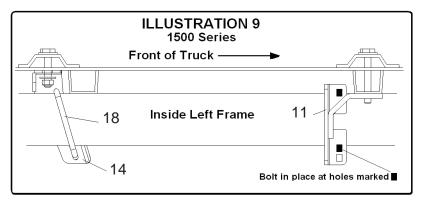


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14. Place the left rear mounting bracket (#14306-76) against the outside surface of the right frame and the right rear mounting bracket (#14307-76) against the outside surface of the left frame with the mounting tabs positioned over the truck frame rails in line with the previously installed 5/8" bolts. See illustration 8 which shows the left frame. Bolt the brackets loosely in place at these bolts with 5/8" flat washers (#00477), 5/8" lock washers (#00248) and 5/8" hex nuts (#00291).



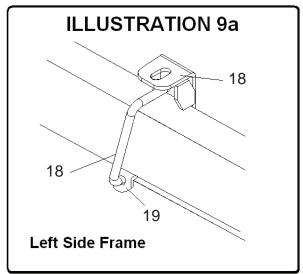
14a. Secure the rear mounting bracket (#14307-76) to the left truck frame with one of the long U-Bolts(#14375) and spacer bracket (#14291-76) as shown in illustration 9 and 9a.

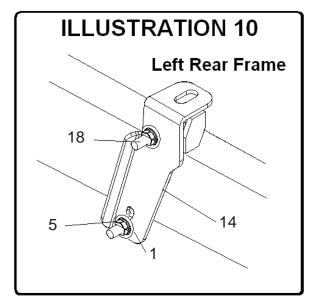


14b. Secure the rear mounting bracket (#14306-76) to the right truck frame with the short U-Bolt (#14357) as shown in illustration 10.

NOTE: After the U-Bolts are installed and torque to the specifications in the chart on the front page, the lower leg of the U-Bolts may need to be trimmed off to clear leaf springs or suspension parts.

15. Tighten all bolts to chart on front page.





Alternative Installation Procedure

BE SURE TO ADVISE CUSTOMER ABOUT THE LARGE HOLES THAT WILL BE CUT INTO BED BEFORE BEGINNING THIS INSTALLATION.

- 1. Cut a 1-1/4" hole down through the bed at pilot hole location. This hole must only be cut through bed of truck, not through bottom of the hat section under the bed.
- 2. Drill a 5/8" hole through bottom of the hat section under the bed at the previously drilled pilot hole.
- 3. Remove the wire handle from the spacer tube (#14367-76). Insert the spacer tube down through the hole in the bed so that it will rest on the under bed hat section in line with the previously drilled 5/8" hole.
- 4. With the front base rail in place, insert a 5/8" x 5-1/2" hex bolt (#14357) down through the base rail, tube spacer and frame bracket tab. Bolt securely in place at this location.
- 5. Repeat procedure on the other end of front base rail.
- 6. Continue with step 8 of main instructions.

