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# Parts Included

Number	Quantity	Item Description	Part#
1	2	Upper Control Arm	DK-812901-UCA
2	8	Polyurethane Bushing	DK-PB62002
3	2	Moog Ball Joint	K500018
4	4	Inner Bushing Sleeve	DK-IB8702206
5	8	Bushing Washer	DK-811902-W
6	4	Grease Fitting	DK-ZF0890
7	2	Castle Nut	DK-CN42006
8	2	Cotter Pin	N/A
9	2	Zip Tie	N/A
10	2	Grease Pack	N/A
11	1	Sticker Pack	N/A



Carefully read all instructions prior to installation. This product must be installed by a qualified mechanic. Do not install with a coil spacer lift or shocks that over articulate the upper control arms.

#### Pre Installation

Take your vehicle and park it on level ground applying your parking brake. Then place wheel chocks behind the rear wheels. Break loose the lug nuts and jack up the front of the truck until the wheels are off the ground. Place jack stands securely under each side of the frame rails. Slightly jack up the passenger side suspension to release tension off the upper arm. Remove the wheel and leave the jack under the lower arm.

#### <u>Removal</u>

First unbolt the ABS line from the OEM upper arm. Next remove the cotter pin from the ball joint and loosen the castle nut until flush with bottom of threads.

## Figure 1

Strike with a hammer to free the ball joint

With a hammer hit the side of the spindle until the ball joint breaks free. Now remove the OEM upper arm bolt and take off the arm. When removing the bolt you will need to bend part of the inner fender well. Be cautious not to pinch any wires in the process.



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### **Installation**

First inspect the dust boot for tears or any imperfections on the arm before installing. This product can't be retuned if it has been installed. Once the product has been inspected then thread in the grease fittings. Place a small amount of grease in-between the bushings and the bushing washers (DK-811902-W).



Bolt the Dirt King upper control arm to the frame as shown in the diagram. Torque the OEM upper arm nut to 85ft lbs with red Loctite applied to the threads. Now clean the taper of the spindle and insert the ball joint. Torque the castle nut to 81ft lbs and put the cotter pin through the ball joint. Next remove the factory steel bracket from the ABS line. Zip tie the line to the arm making sure it has proper clearances. Do a visual check making sure everything is installed correctly. You can now reinstall the tire. Repeat these steps to the opposite side.

#### <u>Alignment</u>

Your vehicle will need to be aligned by a qualified shop. Our arms have increased castor built in to compensate for lifting the vehicle. The additional castor helps improve handling.

#### **Maintenance**

Over time you will need to grease the bushings and ball joints. We recommend Super Lube Synthetic Grease for the bushings and heavy duty bearing grease for the ball joints.

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- Returns are only accepted within 30 days of original purchase.
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- 15% restocking fee will be charged on all returns.
- Deposits on custom orders or products built to order are non-refundable.
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- All cores must be original OEM parts. Remanufactured parts will not be accepted.
- All cores must be received within 30 days of purchase for full credit.
- Partial or no credit will be issued if core is damaged or modified in any way.

#### **Maintenance**

After initial installation parts may make a clunking or creaking sound until the heims, uniballs, and bushings settle and are broken in. After a 50 mile break in period you must go through and re-torque all of the bolts. Over time you will also need to apply a Teflon based dry lubricant spray to the uniballs and heims. The bushings will need to be greased through the grease fittings. This will increase the lifespan of the joints and help prevent them from making noise. Inspect these items periodically for unusual wear and replace if necessary. Replacement is necessary if any of the heims, uniballs, or bushings has an excessive amount of movement.



# **Driver Side**

- $\Box$  Grease the outside of the polyurethane bushings.
- $\Box$  Upper arm bolt to the frame torqued down to 85ft lbs with red loctite.
- $\Box$  Ball joint nut torqued down to 81ft lbs with cotter pin inserted.
- $\Box$  ABS line zip tied to the tab on the upper arm.
- Tire re-installed and lug nuts torqued down.

# Passenger Side

- $\Box$  Grease the outside of the polyurethane bushings.
- $\Box$  Upper arm bolt to the frame torqued down to 85ft lbs with red loctite.
- $\Box$  Ball joint nut torqued down to 81ft lbs with cotter pin inserted.
- $\Box$  ABS line zip tied to the tab on the upper arm.
- $\Box$  Tire re-installed and lug nuts torqued down.

## **Both Sides**

 $\Box$  Do a visual check on all your work and set alignment.