

# **INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS**



# 2009-13 FORD F150 4WD 4" BASIC & PERFORMANCE SYSTEMS

FTS22156 - BASIC w/ REAR PERFORMANCE SHOCKS FTS22157 - PERFORMANCE w/ DIRT LOGIC SHOCKS FTS22206 - 2014 PERFORMANCE w/DIRT LOGIC SHOCKS

## - PARTS LIST -

	FTS22155	COMPONENT BOX 1
1	FT30489BK	FRONT CROSSMEMBER 4" 4WD
1	FT30512BK	REAR CROSSMEMBER 4" 4WD
1	FT30492	SWAY BAR DROP BRACKET DRIV
1	FT30493	SWAY BAR DROP BRACKET PASS
1	FT30377BK	SKID PLATE
2	FT30491	DIFF DROP BRKT UPPER
1	FT30567	DIFF DROP BRKT CENTER
1	FT30585BK	DIFF DROP BRKT REAR
1	FT30566	HARDWARE KIT

	FTS22206	COMPONENT BOX 2 - PERFORMANCE (2014)
1	FTS30494D	SPINDLE MACHINED DRVR
1	FTS30494P	SPINDLE MACHINED PASS
4	FT350U	UBOLT SQ 9/16-18X10.50X3.00
2	FTBK22	BLOCK 2.25" W/ 2 PIN
1	FT30504	HARDWARE KIT
1	FT30505	HARDWARE SUBASSEMBLY
1	FT295	ALIGNMENT CAM HALF KIT 09 F150
2	FTS30503	2014 COILOVER 4"

	FTS22156	COMPONENT BOX 2 - BASIC
2	FTS30502	F150 4WD 4IN SHOCK
1	FTS30494D	SPINDLE MACHINED DRVR
1	FTS30494P	SPINDLE MACHINED PASS
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	FT30505	HARDWARE SUBASSEMBLY	
1	FT90115	BUSHING KIT	
2	FT30496	FRONT BRAKE LINE BRACKET	
1	FT70033	PROPORTIONING VALVE EXT	
1	FTREGCARD	REGISTRATION CARD	
1	FTAS16	DRIVER WARNING DECAL	
1	FTAS12	STICKER FT BLUE 10X4 DIE CUT	
2	FT22156i	INSTRUCTIONS	

	FT295	ALIGNMENT CAM HALF KIT 09 F150	
4	50000005652	WASHER FLAT M18 ZINC	
4	50180004382	LOCKNUT M18-2.5 CL8 ZINC	
8	FT292-1	ALIGNMENT CAM 04 FORD F150 4WD	
2	FT292-2	ALIGNMNT BOLT 150MM LONG	
2	FT295-1	ALIGNMNT BOLT 180MM LONG	

	FT90115	BUSHING KIT	
4	FT1020	BUSHING	
2	FT181	SLEEVE .625 X .500 X 2.375	

	FT30566 - HARDWARE KIT	LOCATION
1	1/2-13 X 2-3/4 HEX BOLT G8 ZNC	DIFF MOUNT
1	1/2-13 X 2 HEX BOLT G8 ZINC	DIFF MOUNT
4	1/2 SAE WASHER G8 ZINC	DIFF MOUNT
2	1/2-13 C-LOCK NUT ZINC	DIFF MOUNT
3	M10-1.5 X 45MM HEX BOLT G10.9	DIFF MOUNT
3	10MM SPLIT WASHER	DIFF MOUNT
3	M10 FLAT WASHER ZINC	DIFF MOUNT
1	5/16-18 X 2-3/4 SHCS	DIFF MOUNT
1	5/16 SAE WASHER G5 ZINC	DIFF MOUNT
1	5/16-18 C-LOCK NUT ZINC	DIFF MOUNT
6	7/16-14 C-LOCK NUT ZINC	SHOCK EXT
6	7/16 SAE WASHER G5 ZINC	SHOCK EXT

	FT30504 - HARDWARE KIT	LOCATION
4	1/2-13 X 4 HEX BOLT G8 ZINC	DIFF
8	1/2 SAE WASHER G8 ZINC	
4	1/2-13 C-LOCK NUT ZINC	
3	1/2-13 X 1 HEX BOLT G8 ZINC	SKID PLATE
6	1/2 SAE WASHER G8 ZINC	
3	1/2-13 C-LOCK NUT ZINC	
4	3/8-16 X 1-1/4 HEX BOLT G8 ZNC	SWAY BAR
8	3/8 SAE WASHER G8 ZINC	
4	3/8-16 C-LOCK NUT ZINC	
1	1/2"-13 X 3-1/2" HEX BLT G8ZC	REAR DIFF SUPPORT
2	1/2" SAE WASHER G8 ZINC	
1	1/2"-13 C-LOCK NUT ZINC	
2	5/16-18 X 1 HEX BOLT G8 ZINC	FRONT BRAKE LINE DROP
4	5/16 SAE WASHER G8 ZINC	
2	5/16"-18 C-LOCK NUT ZINC	
6	7/16 SAE WASHER G8 ZINC	SHOCK SPACER
6	7/16-14 C-LOCK NUT ZINC	
1	1/4-20 X 1 HEX BOLT G8 ZINC	REAR E-BRAKE BRACKET
2	1/4" SAE WASHER G8 ZINC	
1	1/4"-20 C-LOCK NUT ZINC	
1	1/2-13 X 1-1/4 HEX BOLT G8 ZNC	
2	1/2 SAE WASHER G8 ZINC	
1	1/2-13 C-LOCK NUT ZINC	
1	5/16-18 X 1 HEX BOLT G8 ZINC	REAR BRAKE LINE BRACKET
2	5/16 SAE WASHER G8 ZINC	
1	5/16"-18 C-LOCK NUT ZINC	
8	9/16 SAE WASHER G5 ZINC	U-BOLT HARDWARE
8	9/16-18 NYLOCK NUT G5 ZINC	
1	THREAD LOCKING COMPOUND 1 MIL	
2	ZIP TIE 8" BLACK 40 LBS	

## - PRE-INSTALLATION NOTES -

#### Read this before you begin installation-

- Check all parts to the parts list above before beginning installation. If any parts are missing contact Fabtech 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.
- The installation of this suspension system should be performed by two professional mechanics.
- Use the provided thread locking compound on all hardware.
- Do not combine this suspension system with any other lift device or parts.
- This suspension must be installed with Fabtech shock absorbers.
- WARNING- Installation of this system will alter the center of gravity of the vehicle and may increase roll over as compared to stock.

#### Footnotes-

- Will not fit standard cab or Raptor models.
- OEM Wheels and tires cannot be used after the installation of this kit. Larger tire cannot be installed on the OEM wheels.
- The Stock spare 18" tire & wheel can be used.
- Requires cutting of fenderwell sheetmetal for use with 35" tires
- Vehicles that receive oversized tires should check ball joints, tie rods ends, pitman arm and idler arm every 2500-5000 miles for wear and replace as needed.
- Verify differential fluid is at manufactures recommended level prior to kit installation. Installation of the kit will reposition
  the differential and the fill plug hole may be in a different position. (For example, if the manufacture recommends 3 quarts
  of fluid, make sure the diff has 3 quarts of fluid). Check your specific manual for correct amount of fluid.

## FACTORY FORD SPECIFICATIONS FOR 4 WHEEL DRIVE USE

NOTE: Do not use 4H or 4L mode on dry, hard surfaced roads. Doing so can produce excessive noise, increase tire wear and may damage drive components. 4H or 4L mode is only intended for consistently slippery or loose surfaces. Use of 4L mode on these surfaces may produce some noise (such as occasional clunks), but will not damage drive components.

4H (4X4 HIGH) - Used for extra traction such as in snow or icy roads or in off road situations. This mode is not intended for use on dry pavement.

4L (4X4 LOW) - Uses extra gearing to provide maximum power to all four wheels at reduced speeds. Intended only for off-road applications such as deep sand, steep grades, or pulling heavy objects. 4L (4x4 low) will not engage while your vehicle is moving above 3 mph; this is normal and should be no reason for concern.

#### **Recommend Tires and Wheels:**

-Use 295/70R18 tire w/ 18x9 wheels w/ 5" BS w/ fender trimming -Use 35/12.50R18 tire w/ 18x9 wheels w/ 5" BS w/ fender cutting -Use 295/60R20 tire w/ 20x9 wheels w/ 5" BS w/ fender trimming -Use 35/12.50R20 tire w/ 20x9 wheels w/ 5" BS w/ fender cutting

## - TOOL LIST -

#### **Required Tools (Not Included)**

Floor Jack, Jack Stands Assorted Metric and S.A.E sockets, and Allen wrenches Torque Wrench, Drill & Drill Bits, Spring Compressor

# - INSTRUCTIONS -

## FRONT SUSPENSION

- 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 and discard the factory splash guard under the differential.
- 3. Locate the sway bar end links and disconnect from the factory lower control arms, save the hardware. Locate the sway bar frame mounts and disconnect them from the frame, remove the sway bar from the truck. Save the hardware and sway bar.
- 4. Working from the driver side of the vehicle, disconnect the tie rod ends from the steering knuckle by striking the knuckle to dislodge the tie rod end. **SEE FIGURE 1**



5. Remove the brake caliper and place it next to the frame. Do not overstretch the brake hose when doing so. Retain the hardware for reinstallation. Remove the brake rotor and save. Disconnect the vacuum lines attached to the rear of the hub assembly. Allow the vacuum lines to hang freely. Remove the electronic stability control (ESC) sensor from the top of the hub. Cover the sensor to keep it free from dirt and debris. 6. Carefully remove the dust cap covering the hub assembly nut. Remove the C.V. bearing nut and save the nut and dust cap. **SEE FIGURE 2** 



7. Remove the upper and lower ball joint nuts. Disconnect the upper and lower ball joints from the steering knuckle by striking the knuckle with a large hammer next to each ball joint on the knuckle to dislodge the ball joints. Use care not to hit the ball joints when removing. Retain hardware and remove the knuckle with the dust shield and the hub. Use extra care not to over extend the C.V. axle shaft when removing the knuckle. **SEE FIGURE 3** 



FIGURE 3 - STEP 7

- 8. Remove the four large bolts and three small bolts on the back side of the knuckle. Remove the hub and the actuator from the knuckle. Save hardware for install in the Fabtech knuckle.
- 9. Remove the bolts on the front side holding the dust shield. Remove the dust shield and discard the factory knuckle.

10. Locate the lower shock mount bolt and remove. Save the hardware. Locate the three upper nuts and remove. Save the hardware. Remove the shock assembly from the vehicle and mark "Driver" for reassembly later with Fabtech shock. SEE FIGURE 4



11. Remove the lower control arm bolts from the frame pivots and remove the lower control arm from the truck. Save hardware and lower control arm. SEE FIGURE 5



- 12. Repeat steps 4 through 11 on the passenger side of the truck.
- 13. Remove the factory rear crossmember from the vehicle and discard the crossmember and hardware. **SEE FIGURE 6**



FIGURE 6 - STEP 13

- 14. Remove the front drive shaft bolts where it attachs to the front differential. Support the end of the drive shaft before removing the front differential.
- 15. Remove the driver side rear differential mount hardware and discard. While supporting the differential, remove the two upper differential mount bolts and remove the differential and axles from the vehicle. Save the hardware. **SEE FIGURE 7**



16. Locate rear differential housing mount closest to the pinion shaft. Mark the mount behind the bushing. Using a die grinder remove the mount and discard. **SEE FIGURES 8-11** 







FIGURE 10 - STEP 16



17. Locate the driver side rear lower control arm pocket. Mark the frame 1-1/4" from the control arm pivot hole on the side of the hole closest to the center of the vehicle. Mark the frame from the bottom of the pivot 3/4" down. Using a die grinder, cut all the way around the pocket. Discard removed portion of the pocket. **SEE FIGURES 12-14** 



FIGURE 12 - STEP 17



FIGURE 13 - STEP 17



FIGURE 14 - STEP 17

18. Repeat this step on the passenger side rear control arm pocket. **SEE FIGURES 15-16** 



FIGURE 15 - STEP 18



 Returning to the driver side rear lower control arm pocket, locate the tab on the pocket closest to the front of the vehicle. You will need to sand a radius in the front side of the pocket in order to clear the differential housing.
 SEE FIGURES 17-18



FIGURE 17 - STEP 19



FIGURE 18 - STEP 19

20. Locate the two Fabtech upper differential mounts (FT30491). These upper differential mounts will be placed into the factory upper differential mounts using the factory upper differential mount hardware. Leave the hardware loose in preparation for the differential installation. **SEE FIGURES 19-20** 



FIGURE 19 - STEP 20



21. Locate the factory front differential and install into the Fabtech upper differential mounts using two 1/2"-13 x 4" hex cap bolts, washers and lock nuts. Leave all hardware loose in preparation of the installation of the remaining differential mounts. **SEE FIGURES 21-22** 



FIGURE 21 - STEP 21



FIGURE 22 - STEP 21

22. Locate the Fabtech rear crossmember (FT30512BK). Install the rear crossmember in the factory rear lower control arm pockets. Mount the crossmember using the factory control arm pivot hardware. Leave all hardware loose. All the tabs on the face of the crossmember should be pointed to the rear of the vehicle. SEE FIGURE 23



23. Remove the center differential housing bolts on the back side of the differential. SEE FIGURE 24



#### FIGURE 24 - STEP 23

24. Locate the center differential bracket (FT30567). Install two of the Fabtech (FT1020) bushings and one sleeve (FT181) into the barrel on the differential bracket. **SEE FIGURE 25** 



25. Mount the differential bracket to the center of the differential using three M10-1.5 x 45mm bolts, lock washers, and flat washers. Mount the front tab on the diff to the center bracket using one 1/2-13 x 2" bolt, nut and washers. Leave loose at this time. SEE FIGURES 26-28



FIGURE 26 - STEP 25



FIGURE 27 - STEP 25



FIGURE 28 - STEP 25

26. Install a ½ -13 x 4" bolt washers and nut through the tabs on the rear crossmember and the bushing on the center bracket. Leave loose at this time. **SEE FIGURE 29-30** 





- 27. Torque the M10-1.5 x 45mm bolts to 35 ft-lbs. Torque the  $\frac{1}{2}$ -13 x 2" bolt to 90 ft-lbs.
- 28. Reinstall the front drive shaft with the factory hardware and torque to 35 ft-lbs. **SEE FIGURE 31**



29. Locate the rear diff mount (FT30585BK). Install two of the Fabtech (FT1020) bushings and one sleeve (FT181) into the barrel on the differential bracket. **SEE FIGURE 32** 



 Install the rear diff bracket into the tabs on the rear crossmember using a ½-13x4" bolt, washers, and nut. SEE FIGURE 33



FIGURE 33 - STEP 30

31. Support the diff to make sure the block on the diff is centered with the hole in the rear bracket. **SEE FIGURE 34-35** 



FIGURE 34 - STEP 31



32. Use the rear bracket as a drill guide to drill a 1/2" hole through the block on the rear of the diff. SEE FIGURE 36



### FIGURE 36 - STEP 32

33. Install a <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-13x2 bolt, washers and nut through the bracket and diff. Torque the bolt in the diff to 90 ft-lbs and the bolt in the crossmember to 90 ft-lbs. SEE FIGURE 37



FIGURE 37 - STEP 33

- 34. At this time locate upper differential brackets and torque the factory upper bolts to 90 ft-lbs and lower 1/2" bolts 127 ft-lbs. Locate the center diff mount on the cross member and torque the 1/2-13 x 4" bolt to 90 ft-lbs.
- 35. Reinstall the factory vent hose back on to the differential.
- 36. Locate the Fabtech front crossmember (FT30489BK). Install the front crossmember into the factory front control arm pockets using the factory hardware. Make sure the skid plate tab on the crossmember is facing the Fabtech rear crossmember. Leave the hardware loose at this time. **SEE FIGURE 38**



FIGURE 38 - STEP 36

37. Locate the Alignment cam kit (FT295). Locate the factory control arms. Install the lower control arms into the Fabtech crossmembers using the hardware in the cam kit (FT295). Torgue the cam bolts at 200 ft-lbs after alignment. SEE FIGURE 39



38. Locate the Fabtech skid plate (FT30377BK). The skid plate will span the distance between the front and rear crossmembers directly under the front differential. Attach the end of the skid plate with the single hole to the tab on the back side of the front crossmember using one 1/2"- 13 x 1-1/4 bolt, washers and a C-lock nut. Lift up the back side of the skid pale and install it to the rear crossmember using two 1/2" - 13 x 1-1/4 bolts, washers and a C-lock nut. Torque all hardware to 127 ft-lbs. SEE FIGURE 40



- 39. Torque the all upper factory crossmember bolts to 300 ft-lbs at this time.
- 40. If installing FTS22158 Dirt Logic 2.5 coil over do so at this time and skip steps 43-45. NOTE: (2014 models) Use supplied 1/2" hardware provided with the new Fabtech Coilover. Torque to 127 ft-lbs.
- 41. Locate the factory coilovers and disassemble. Retain the Factory coil hat, isolator, coil spring, and bump stop. Discard the factory shock and spring seat.

42. Locate FTS30502 Fabtech shock and spring seat. Assemble the shock using the retained factory components. Requires Spring Compressor for assembly. SEE FIGURE 41



- 43. Install the top of the shock in the factory bucket and torque the upper nuts to 58 ft-lbs. Install the lower end of the shock in to the control arm pocket using the factory 20mm hardware and torque to 300 ft-lbs.
- 44. NOTE: Specifc IWE "Integrated Wheel End" installation procedures are necessary when servicing and/or IWE vacuum is released. When the IWE actuator is loosened at the knuckle and/or removed from CV shaft:
- Remove the two vacuum line, compress the IWE actuator and install a vacuum cap on the larger vacuum port (to keep it compressed).
- Install the IWE actuator onto the halfshaft outer end (if removed).
- Do not dislodge the IWE seal spring when installing an IWE on a CV halfshaft outboard end or component damage may occur.
- Allow the wheel knuckle to swing outward while keeping

the halfshaft pushed inward.

- Once clearance is available, install the halfshaft outboard end into the wheel knuckle hub bearing.
- Connect the upper ball joint and install new nut; torque to 85 ft-lbs.
- Install the three IWE actuator to wheel knuckle retaining bolts; torque to 106 ft-lbs
- Remove the IWE vacuum cap and reconnect the vacuum tubes.
- Verify the spline engagement by checking for spline lash before installing the axle nut or component damage may occur.
- Install new axle nut; 30 ft-lbs
- 45. Locate the Fabtech driver side spindle (FTS30494D) and install the factory hub. Torque the four 14mm bolts to 160 ft- lbs. **SEE FIGURE 42**



46. Install the Fabtech spindle onto the upper and lower control arms. Torque the upper ball joint to 85 ft-lbs and the lower ball joint to 110 ft-lbs. **SEE FIGURE 43** 



FIGURE 43 - STEP 46

47. Install the dust shield and torque to 14 ft-lbs. Install CV shaft nut and torque to 35 ft-lbs. Install the factory dust cover. SEE FIGURE 44



48. Install the wheel speed sensor. Make sure the end of the sensor is clean. SEE FIGURE 45



49. Carefully pull some slack from the frame side and reconnect the vacuum line to the hub assembly. Install the Fabtech frame brake line bracket (FT30496). Using the factory hardware, mount factory brake line bracket to the side of the Fabtech knuckle. After installing the factory brake line bracket, check to insure full movement by steering the knuckle back and forth, and make sure none of the ABS lines, brake lines, or vacuum lines are over stretched during full test movement of the knuckle. SEE FIGURES 46-47



FIGURE 46 - STEP 49



FIGURE 47 - STEP 49

50. Reinstall the original brake rotor, followed by the brake caliper. Use a small amount of the supplied thread lock compound on the caliper bolts and torque to 145 ft-lbs. **SEE FIGURES 48-49** 



FIGURE 48 - STEP 50



- 51. Reconnect the tie rod end to the steering knuckle and torque to 60 ft.-lbs.
- 52. Install the factory sway bar using the Fabtech driver and pass brackets (FT30492) (FT30493). Install the factory sway bar link in to the end of the sway bar and lower control arm mounting. Torque Brackets and links to 52 ft-lbs. **SEE FIGURE 50**



53. Install front tires. Cut the front fender well as show the pictures below for 35" tires. **SEE FIGURES 51-56** 









FIGURE 54 - STEP 53



FIGURE 55 - STEP 53



FIGURE 56 - STEP 53

## **REAR SUSPENSION**

- 54. Jack up the rear end of the vehicle and support the frame rails with jack stands. Release the parking brake at this time. Supporting the rear differential, remove the rear shocks, u-bolts, blocks and lower axle down. Use care not to over extend the brake hose.
- 55. Locate the factory brake line mount on the driver side of the frame. Locate the Fabtech brake line bracket (FT70033) and attach the bracket between the factory frame mount and the factory bake line. SEE FIGURE 57



56. Locate and install the rear lift blocks FTBK22. The extended bump stop perch will be facing inboard of the truck. Using the Fabtech u-bolts, nuts and washers, align the axle, lift blocks, and springs and torque u-bolts to 129 ft-lbs. SEE FIGURE 58



FIGURE 58 - STEP 56

- 57. Install the shocks that were supplied using the factory hardware and torque upper and lower bolts to 45 ft-lbs.
- 58. 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.
- 59. Check front end alignment and set to factory specifications. Readjust headlights.
- 60. Recheck all bolts for proper torque.
- 61. Recheck brake hoses, ABS wires and suspension parts for proper tire clearance while turning tires fully left to right.
- 62. Check the fluid in the front and rear differential and fill if needed with factory specification differential oil. Note
  some differentials may expel fluid after filling and driving. This can be normal in resetting the fluid level with the new position of the differential/s.
- 63. 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 and all steering components every 2500-5000 miles for wear and replace as required.

#### RETORQUE ALL NUTS, BOLTS AND LUGS AFTER 50 MILES AND PERIODICALLY THEREAFTER.