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# **2013+ RAM 3500 2014+ RAM 2500 Front 3" Lift Kit Installation Instructions**

A 1/2 x 20" and 5/16 x 18" tap is required for installation. A welder is also needed.



1. Jack the truck up at the front axle and place jack stands under the front of the frame just behind the radiator. Remove the wheels. Remove the shocks. Let the jack down so the tension is off the coil springs and remove them. Unfasten the steering arm from the pitman arm and unbolt the pan hard bar from the pan hard bar mount. Do not unhook the sway bar end links at this time.



2. Place a jack under the transfer case. Remove the 3 nuts from the transmission mount where it fastens to the cross member. Remove the 4 bolts that hold the transmission cross member in place and remove the crossmember. Remove the 2 bolts that fasten the radius arms to the frame. Keep the nuts for the transmission mount, the other bolts will not be used.



3. Locate the crossmember (part # 18291). It fastens into the factory cross member holes with the four 5/8 x 6 1/2" bolts. Use the M18x40 bolts to fasten the side of the cross member into the original control arm mounts. Torque these bolts to 150 ft./ lbs. Locate the three factory transmission nuts and fasten them to the crossmember. Torque to 40 ft./lbs.

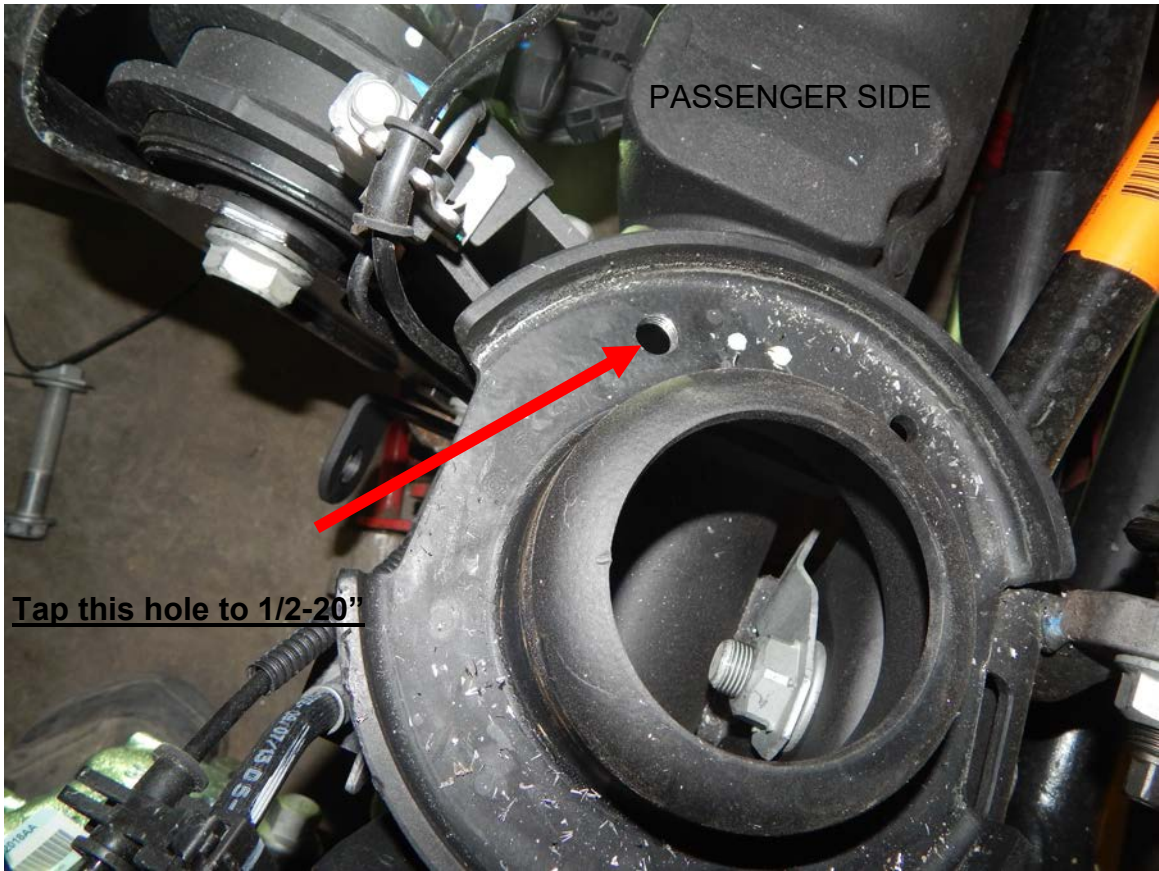


4. Fit the factory control arms into the new crossmember. Use the supplied M18x140 bolts. Insert them from outside in and torque to 150ft/lbs.

5. The 3" kit will retain the use of the factory pitman arm. To adjust for changes in the height, an adjustable track bar must be installed.



6. Locate lower bag mounts (part # 18269 DS and 18274 PS). Find the holes in the bottom of the spring bucket. The hole towards the rear of the truck will be tapped to 1/2-20". Once that hole is tapped, drop the lower bag mount in fasten with the 1/2 x 1" bolt. Drill a 13/32" hole into the raised center portion of the bucket. Once this is done insert the 3/8 x 1 1/2" bolt and torque both bolts to 35 ft./lbs.





This plate needs to be parallel with the ground at ride height.

Drill out this hole for a 3/8"



7. Locate the upper bag mounts (part # 18455 DS and 18456 PS). There are 2 holes in the upper coil spring bucket. The rear hole is big enough for a 3/8" bolt. Hold the upper bag mount in place, line up the rear hole and mark the other hole. Pull the upper bag mount, center punch the mark and drill 13/32". Fasten the upper bag mount in place with the two 3/8 x 1 1/2" bolts. Torque them to 35 ft./lbs.

8. Locate the 5323 (part # F5323) airbags. Fasten them into the upper and lower air bag mounts. Use the 3/4" and 1/2" nuts and lock washers on the top and the 1/2 x 3 1/2" bolt on the bottom (with flat washer and lock washer). Tighten all the nuts and bolt to 35 ft./lbs. Locate the air fitting and install into the air port on top of the bag. Tighten finger tight then one complete turn after that.



**NOTE:** The passenger side upper spring bucket has a gusset welded on from the factory. The drivers side does not have this bracket. A weld in bracket is supplied for the drivers side (Part # 18436). Once you have the air bag installed, wrap up the air bag and mounts and weld the gusset in place. Make sure not to put the gusset too close to the air bag or it will rub on it. Once you have this mount welded in, paint it black to match the chassis.

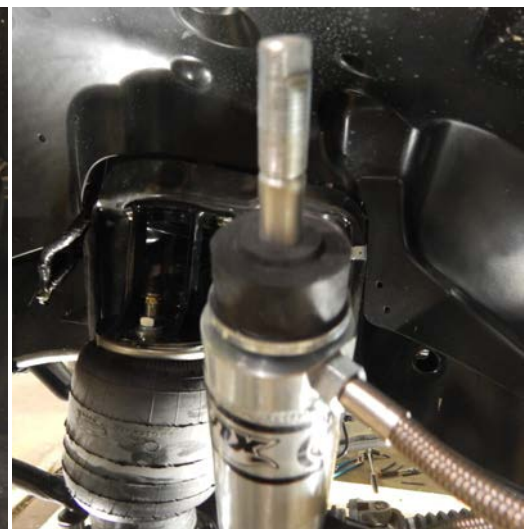


Weld the gusset into place to support the bucket.





9. Locate the shocks and lower shock mounts (part # 18378). Fasten the lower end of the shock into the shock mount with the 9/16 x 5 1/2" bolt and slide the round end of the mount in the factory shock location on the axle. Torque this bolt to 125 ft./lbs. Locate the rubber bushings and steel cups. Place a cup (dish side up) on the shock and then slide a bushing (large ring up) over the shock and slide into the factory shock mount.





10. Place a bushing over the shock shaft so the large ring is down. Put the washer dish down. Thread on the lock nut until it bottoms out.



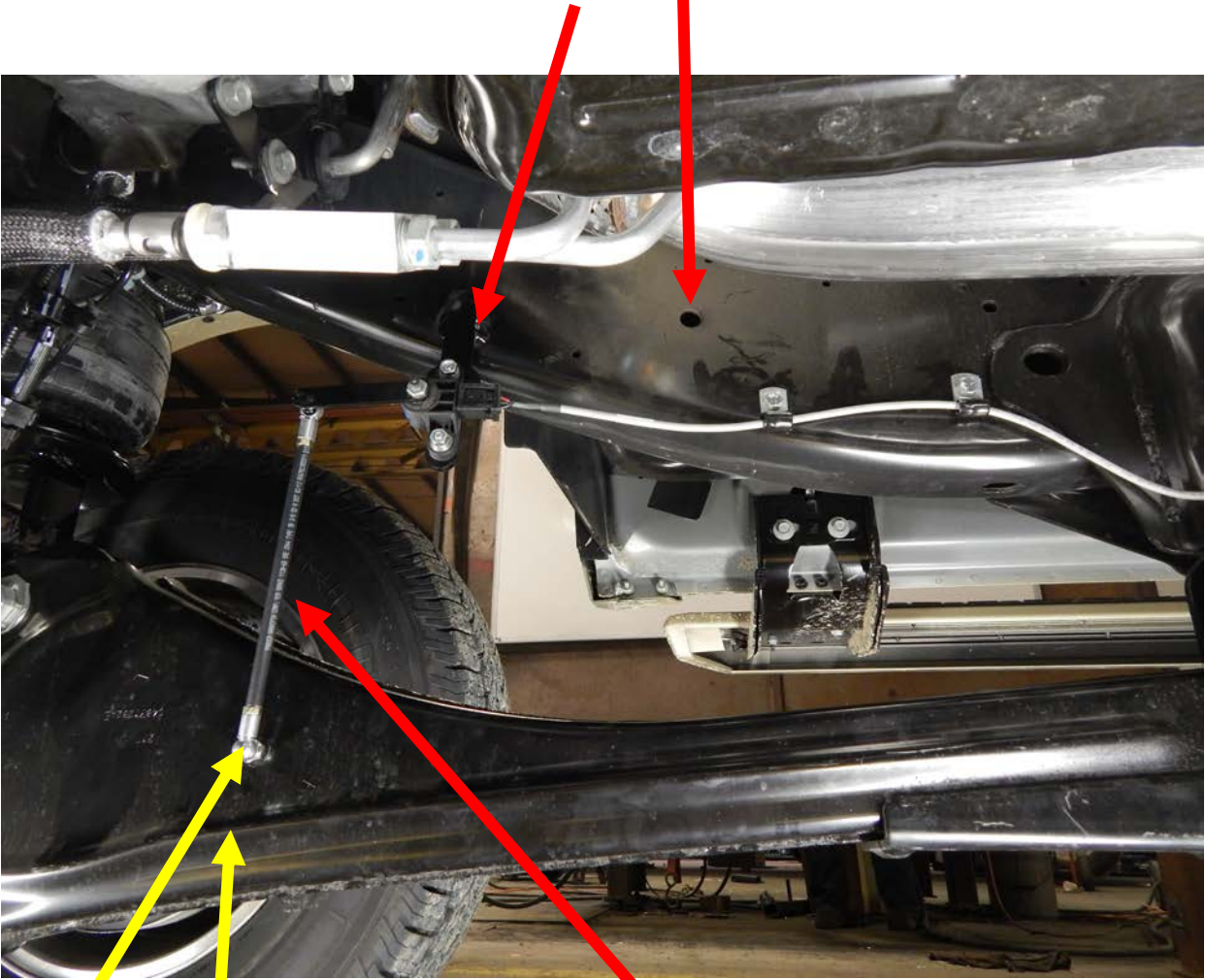
Large ring goes into factory shock mounting hole



Small ring goes towards the steel dished washer

11. Locate the sensor, sensor mounting bracket, ball stud and linkage. Use the information in the picture below to weld the sensor bracket to the inside of the frame and where to drill and tap the control arm for the ball stud.

Edge of sensor mount to edge of hole 6"



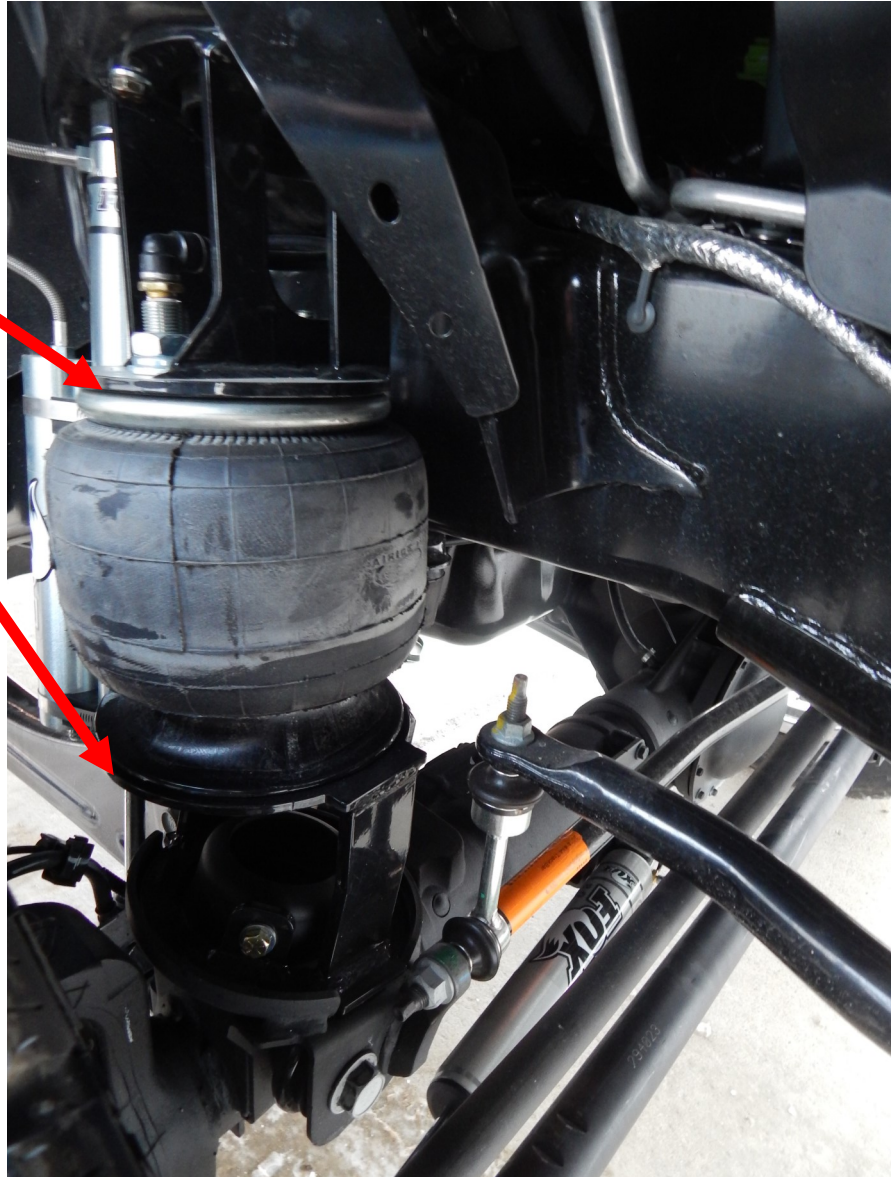
Linkage is 8 3/4" long

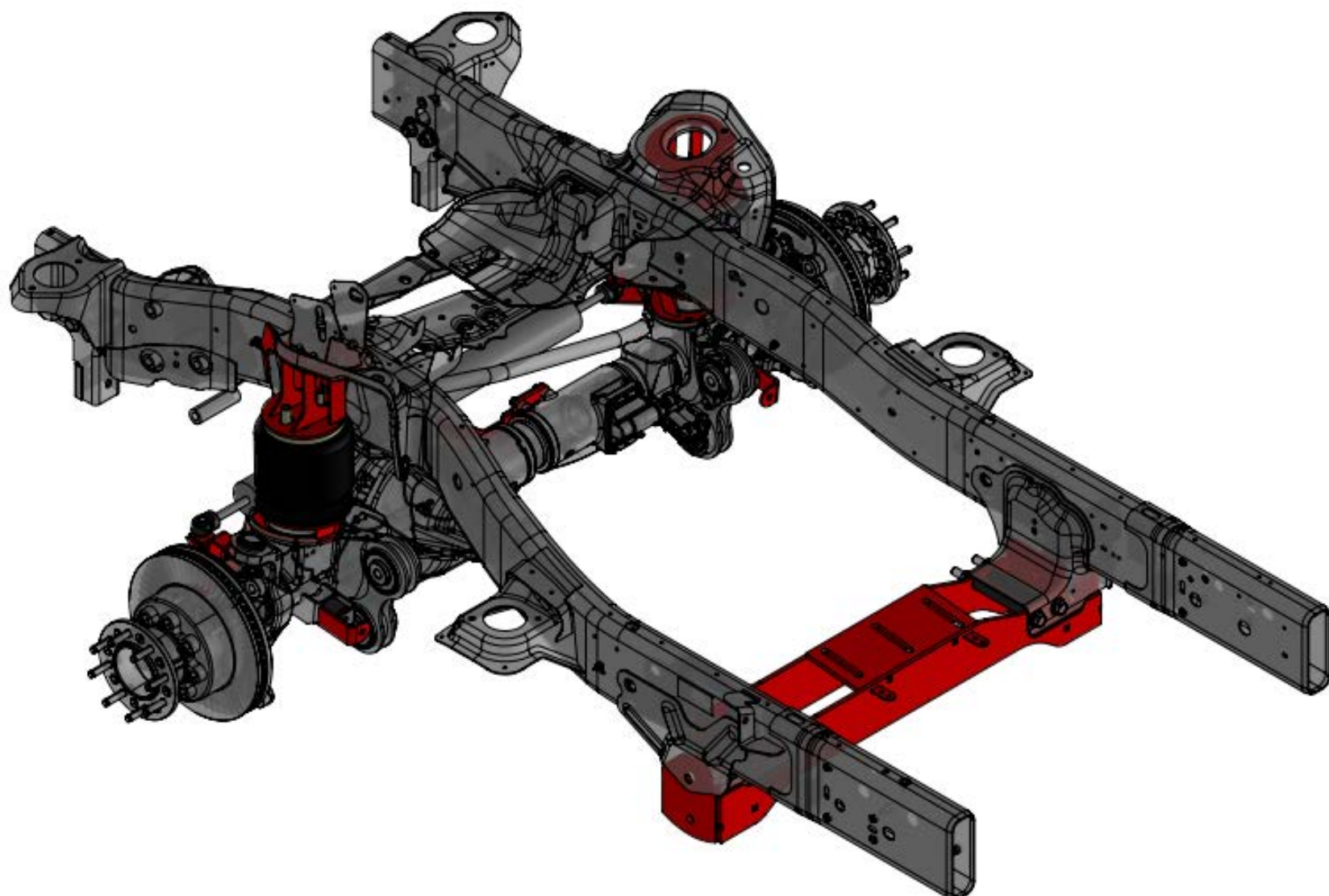
Center of ball stud to ridge on control arm 1 3/4" center of ball stud to trailing arm pivot bolt 27"

12. When programing the control system, the front air bag needs to run at a ride height of 7 1/2-8 1/2." When measuring the air bag, measure between the mounting brackets.

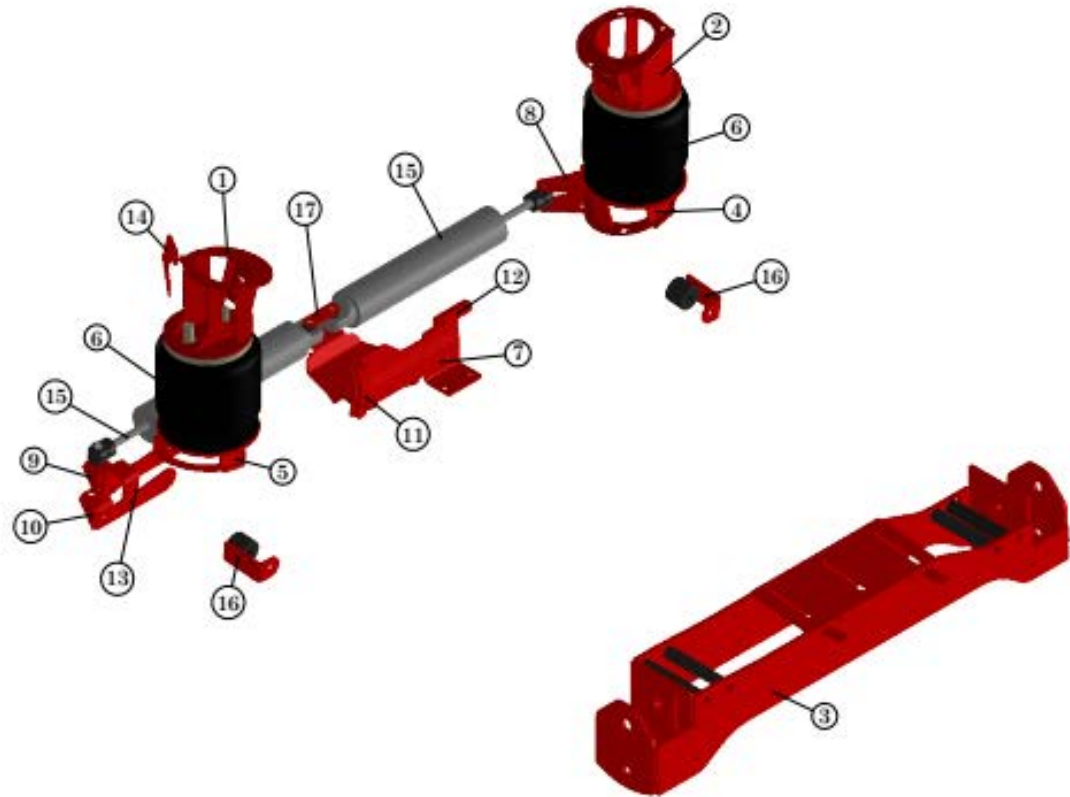
13. Once the truck has 300 miles on it re-torque all the bolts. Check the bolts at regular service (oil change) intervals after that.

Ride height of air bag is between 7 1/2-8 1/2" measure here





ITEM NO.	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	QTY
1	18455	(DS) Front Upper Bag Mount	1
2	18456	(PS) Front Upper Bag Mount	1
3	18291	Front Transfercase Crossmember	1
4	18274	(PS) Front Lower Bag Mount 1" Lift	1
5	18269	(DS) Lower Bag / Axle Mount	1
6	80012-5323	Firestone 5323	2
7	18443	Steering Stabilizer Bracket	1
8	18400	(PS) Shock Mount	1
9	18389	(DS) Shock Bracket	1
10	18409	(DS) Shock Bracket	1
11	18399	3/8" & 1/2" Spacer	1
12	18396	3/8" Spacer	1
13	18397	Axle Mounting Bracket w/ Bends	1
14	18436	(DS) Frame Support Gusset	1
15	985-24-06B	Fox Shocks	2
16	18378	Fox Remote Shock Mount	2
17	20227	Shock Strap	1



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 DIMENSIONS ARE IN INCHES  
 TOLERANCES, Unless Specified  
 FRACTIONAL  $\pm 1/32$ "  
 ANGULAR: MACH  $\pm .5^\circ$   
 TWO PLACE DECIMAL  $\pm .03$   
 THREE PLACE DECIMAL  $\pm .010$

MATERIAL  
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