

# ROUGH COUNTRY

## SUSPENSION SYSTEMS®

### 2011-18 4WD GM 2500 3.5" LIFT KIT

Thank you for choosing Rough Country for your suspension needs.

Rough Country recommends a certified technician install this system. In addition to these instructions, professional knowledge of disassemble/reassembly procedures as well as post installation checks must be known. Attempts to install this system without this knowledge and expertise may jeopardize the integrity and/or operating safety of the vehicle.

Please read instructions before beginning installation. Check the kit hardware against the parts list on the rear cover of these instructions. Be sure you have all needed parts and know where they go. Also please review tools needed list and make sure you have needed tools.

#### PRODUCT USE INFORMATION

**⚠ WARNING** As a general rule, the taller a vehicle is, the easier it will roll. Seat belts and shoulder harnesses should be worn at all times. Avoid situations where a side rollover may occur. Generally, braking performance and capability are decreased when larger/heavier tires and wheels are used. Take this into consideration while driving. Do not add, alter, or fabricate any factory or after-market parts to increase vehicle height over the intended height of the Rough Country product purchased. Mixing component brands is not recommended.

Rough Country makes no claims regarding lifting devices and excludes any and all implied claims. We will not be responsible for any product that is altered. If question exist we will be happy to answer any questions concerning the design, function, and correct use of our products.

**⚠ NOTICE** This kit is packaged as a leveling kit—raising the front 3.5" and the back 1.5". This suspension system was developed using a 295/70-18 tire with factory aluminum 18" wheels. **Note** if wider tires are used, offset wheels will be required and trimming may be required.

#### ⚠ NOTICE NOTICE TO DEALER AND VEHICLE OWNER

Any vehicle equipped with any Rough Country product should have a "Warning to Driver" decal installed on the inside of the windshield or on the vehicle's dash. The decal should act as a constant reminder for whoever is operating the vehicle.

#### Tools Needed:

3/4" Wrench & Socket  
 7/8" Socket  
 15MM Wrench  
 18MM Wrench  
 21MM Wrench & Socket  
 22MM Socket  
 24MM Socket  
 Hammer  
 Floor Jack  
 Jack stands

#### Torque Specs:

Size	Grade 5	Grade 8
5/16"	15 ft/lbs	20 ft/lbs
3/8"	30 ft/lbs	35 ft/lbs
7/16"	45 ft/lbs	60 ft/lbs
1/2"	65 ft/lbs	90 ft/lbs
9/16"	95 ft/lbs	130 ft/lbs
5/8"	135 ft/lbs	175 ft/lbs
3/4"	185 ft/lbs	280 ft/lbs

#### Class 8.8

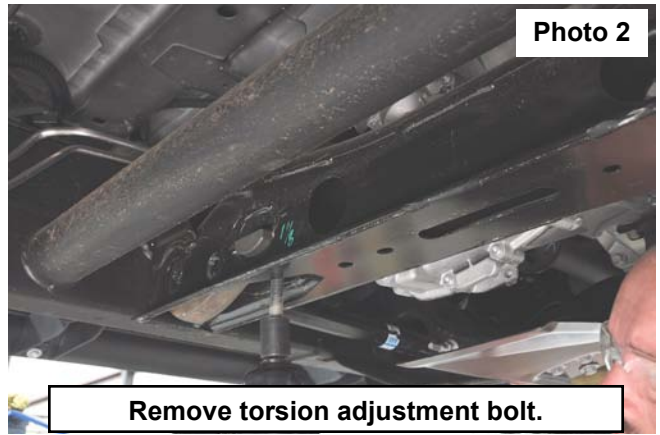
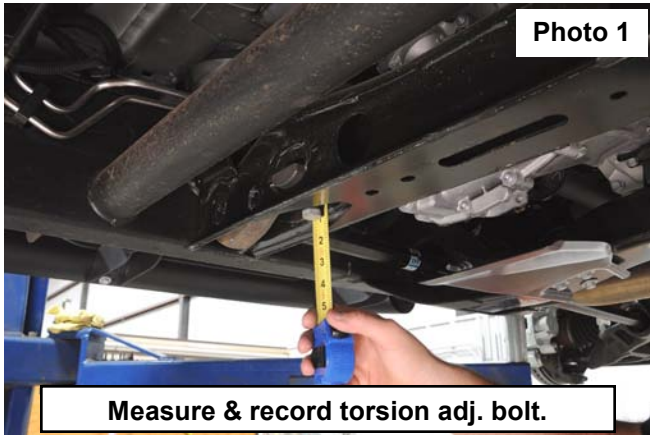
#### Class 10.9

Size	Class 8.8	Class 10.9
6MM	5 ft/lbs	9 ft/lbs
8MM	18ft/lbs	23 ft/lbs
10MM	32ft/lbs	45ft/lbs
12MM	50ft/lbs	75ft/lbs
14MM	85ft/lbs	120ft/lbs
16MM	130ft/lbs	165ft/lbs
18MM	170ft/lbs	240ft/lbs

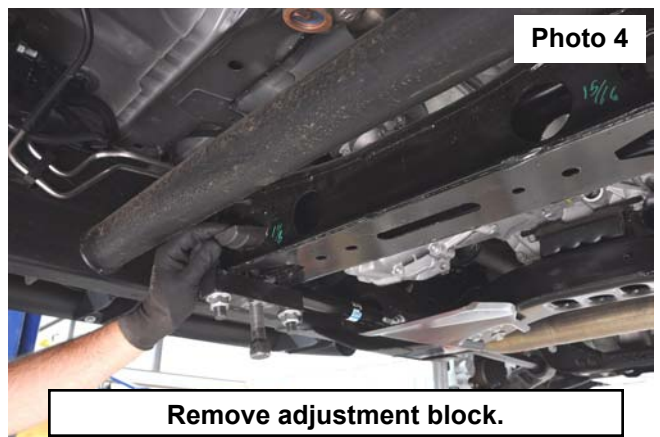
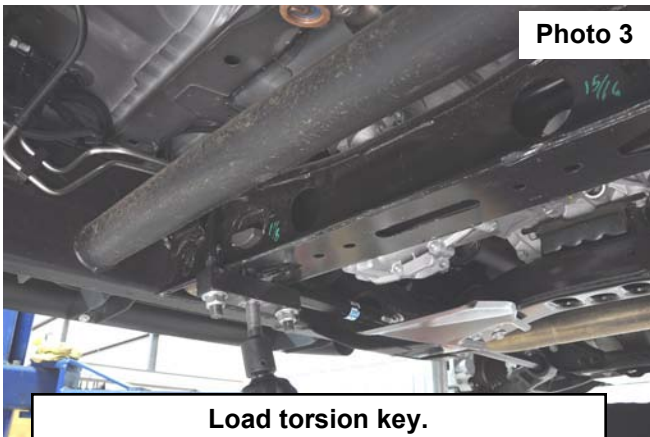


## FRONT INSTALLATION

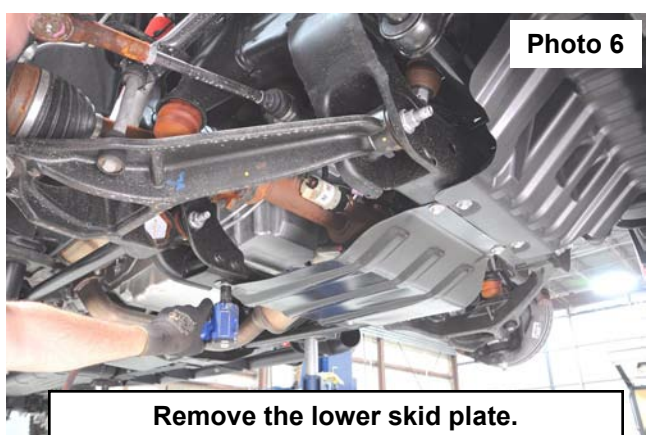
1. Park the vehicle on a level surface and chock the rear wheels.
2. Jack up the front of the vehicle. Place jack stands under the frame rails and lower onto jack stands letting the front suspension hang.
3. Remove the tires and wheels.
4. Measure and record torsion bar adjustment bolts. **See Photo 1.**
5. Using a 21mm socket, remove the torsion bar adjustment bolt. **See Photo 2.**



6. Use a torsion bar tool to load the torsion key. **See Photo 3.**
7. Remove the torsion bar adjustment block and factory torsion key. **See Photo 4.**

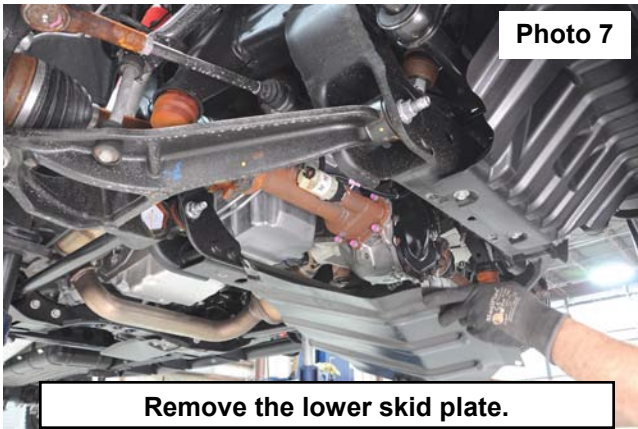


8. Install the new torsion key. **See Photo 5.**
9. Using a 15mm socket, remove the lower skid plate. **See Photo 6.**

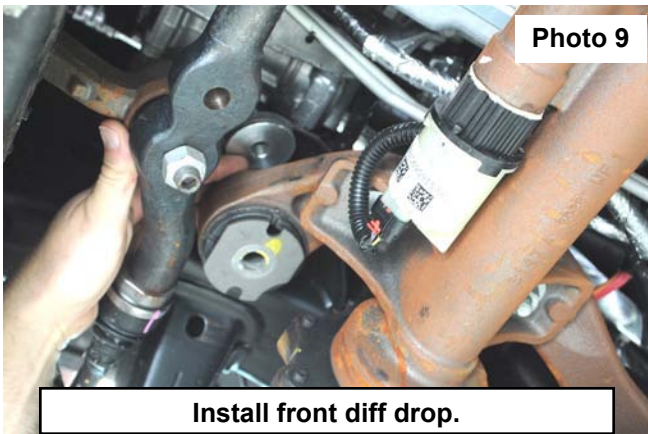




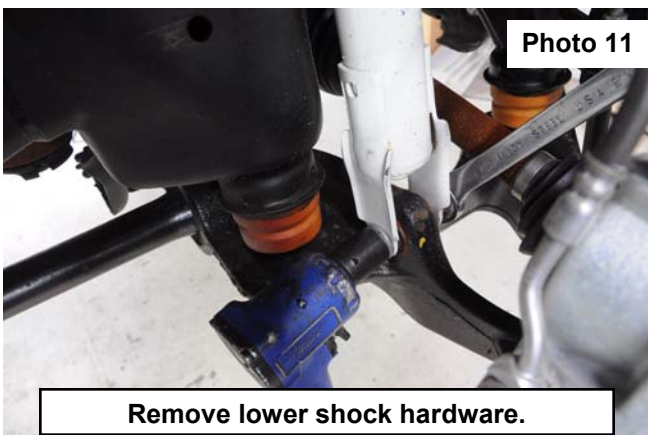
10. Using a 15mm socket, remove the lower skid plate. **See Photo 7.**
11. Using a 15mm socket, remove the front skid plate. **See Photo 8.**



12. Using a 21mm socket and remove the front 2 diff mounting bolts. Install supplied diff spacers between diff mount and frame. Secure using the supplied 14mm x 130mm bolt nut and washers. Tighten to factory specs using a 22mm. **See Photo 9.**
13. Using a 21mm socket and remove the rear 2 diff mounting bolts. Install supplied diff spacers between diff mount and frame. Secure using the supplied 14mm x 130mm bolt nut and washers. Tighten to factory specs using a 22mm. **See Photo 10.**



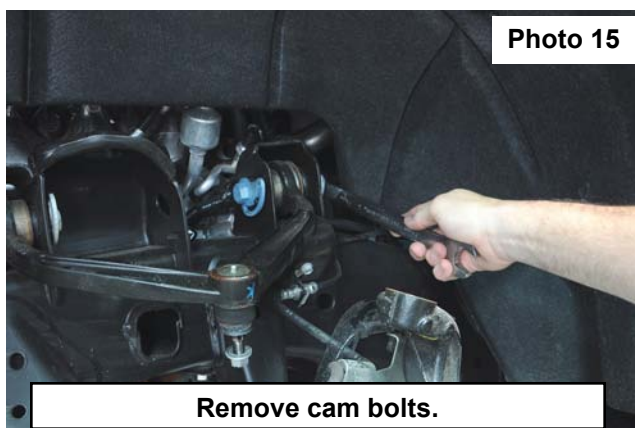
14. Unplug ABS wire at the frame.
15. Using a 21mm wrench and socket, remove the lower shock hardware and retain for later use. **See Photo 11.**
16. Using a 21mm wrench, remove the upper shock hardware, and remove the shock from the truck. Save hardware for reuse. **See Photo 12.**



17. Using a 18mm wrench, loosen the upper ball joint nut. **See Photo 13. Do not completely remove nut.**  
18. Strike the front of the steering knuckle with a hammer to dislodge ball joint taper. **See Photo 14. Remove nut.**



19. Using a 24mm wrench, remove the cam bolts. Retain for reuse. **See Photo 15.**  
20. Remove the factory upper control arm from the truck. **See Photo 16.**

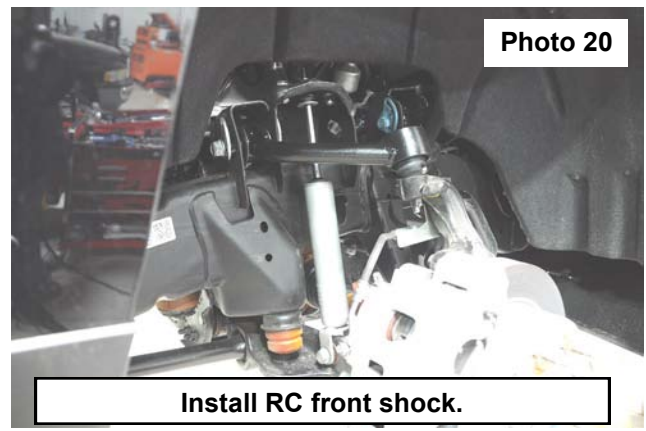


21. Install the new RC supplied upper control arm. **Dr. side arm has a notch in the gusset behind the ball joint. See Photo 17. Ball joint must be greased before use. Check ball joint grease after the first 100 miles and then every 3000 miles.**  
22. Install the factory cam bolts. **Do not tighten. See Photo 18.**

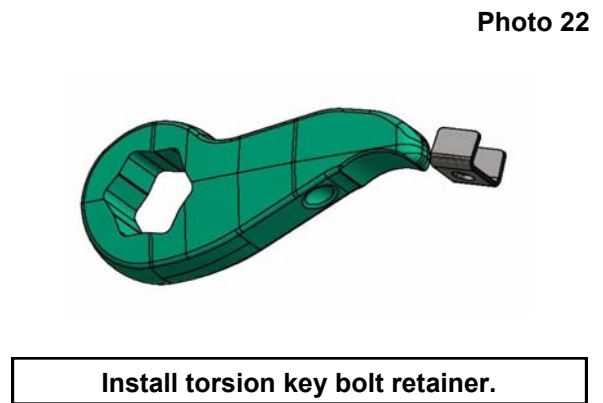
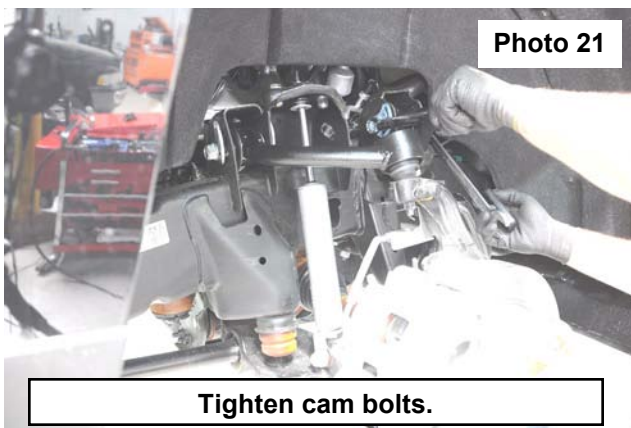




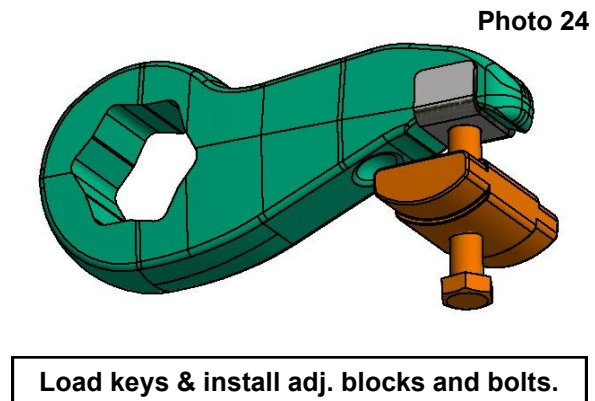
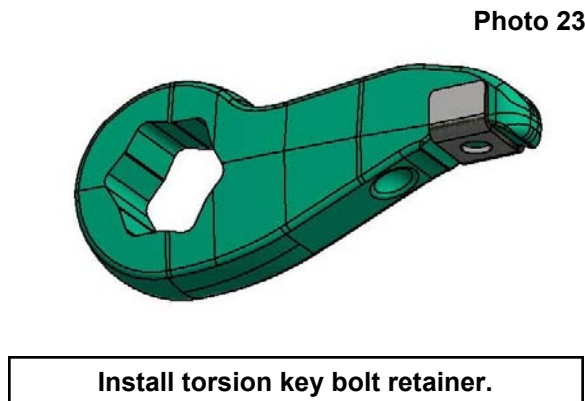
23. Using a 18mm wrench, tighten the upper ball joint nut to factory specs. **See Photo 19.**
24. Install the front shocks (660780) in the upper mounts using the factory hardware. **See Photo 20.**



25. Install the factory lower shock hardware. Torque the upper and lower hardware to factory specs using a 21mm.

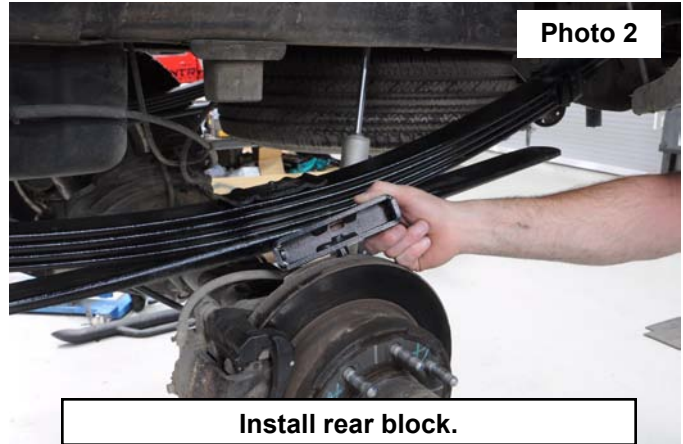
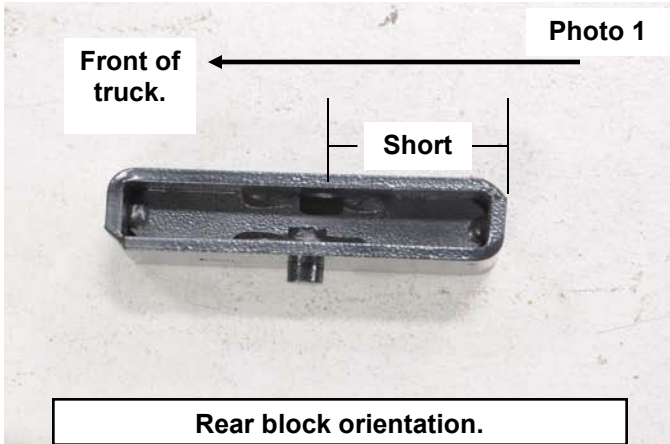


26. Tighten the cam bolts to factory specs using a 24mm. **See Photo 21.**
27. Repeat process on opposite side of vehicle.
28. Install the supplied torsion key bolt retainer on the torsion key. **See Photos 22 & 23.**
29. Load the supplied torsion keys and install adjustment blocks and bolts. Set the bolts to the recorded measurement from step 4. **See Photo 24.**
30. Reinstall the wheels/tires.
31. Jack up the vehicle and remove the jack stands.
32. Lower the vehicle to the ground.

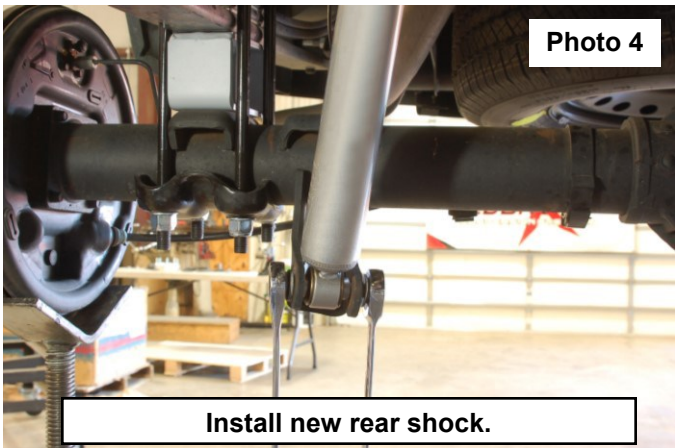


## REAR INSTALLATION

1. Chock the front wheels.
2. Place a floor jack under the differential and jack up the rear of the vehicle.
3. Place jack stands under the frame rails and lower onto the jack stands.
4. Remove the tires/wheels.
5. Remove the factory shock absorbers using a 21mm wrench & socket. Retain the factory hardware for reuse.
6. Remove the factory u-bolts using a 21mm socket, then remove the factory blocks. Lower the axle using the floor jack to allow for the new 1.5" block to be installed.
7. Install the block on the factory spring pad, **▲ NOTICE** The center pin should be installed offset to the front of the vehicle. Jack up the axle to meet the springs, making sure to align the center pin. **See Photos 1 & 2**



8. With the floor jack applying slight pressure to the rear axle to keep the pin aligned, install the new supplied u-bolts and tighten in a crossing pattern, using a 7/8" socket. **See Photo 3.**
9. Locate the new shock absorbers (660744), and install the shock absorbers in the factory mounting locations using the factory hardware. Tighten using a 21mm wrench & socket. **See Photo 4.**



10. Install the tires/wheels.
11. Jack up the vehicle to remove the jack stands. Remove the jack stands and lower the vehicle to the ground.

## POST INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Have a qualified alignment center align the vehicle immediately. **Alignment specs on following page.**
2. Have headlights adjusted to proper settings.
3. Wheels must be retightened at 50 miles.
4. All kit components must be retightened at 500 miles and then every three thousand miles after installation. Periodically check hardware for tightness.
5. Install "Warning to Driver" decal on sun visor.
6. On some vehicles the front lower skirting will need to be trimmed if using certain wheel /tire combinations and with heavy offset wheels. Trim only as needed.



**Box Kit**

- 1-Driver Side Control Arm
- 1-Pass Side Control Arm

**1959BOX2**

- 2-Torsion Keys.
- 4-5/8" x 12" U-bolts
- 2-1.5" Rear Blocks
- 4-N3 Shock Absorbers

1959BAG9

1959BAG6

1959BAG5

**5/8BAG:**

- 8-5/8" washers
- 8-5/8" lock nuts

**1959BAG6:**

- 4-14mm x 130mm Bolts
- 4-14mm Nylock Nuts
- 4-14mm Flat Washers
- 4- 1/2" Aluminum Diff Spacers
- 4- 1/2" x 1.25" Bolts

**1959BAG8:**

- Instructions
- 4-Shock Decals
- 1-Warning to Driver Decal
- 1-Service Reminder

**1959BAG9:**

- 2-Torsion Key Retainers

**Alignment Specs**

Front	MIN		MAX
Total Toe	-0.10°	+0.10°	+0.30°
Front Camber	-0.05°	+0.05°	+0.15°
Caster	+1.70°	+2.70°	+3.70°
King-Pin	—	—	—
Incl. Angle	—	—	—
Rear			
Total Toe	°	°	°
Rear Camber	°	°	°
Thrust Angle	-.025°	+0.00°	+0.25°



## KIT CONTENT



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