

Jeep® YJ Wrangler Front Shackle Mount Section - Passenger





### **REQUIRED TOOLS**

Jack Stands or Lift Mig Welder Paint/Primer **Locking Pliers** Body Clip Remover Hand Grinder Cutting Wheel or Torch Welding Gloves Welding Hood/Shield Ear & Eye Protection Sockets & Ratchet Car Jack & Blocks Spirit Level Fire Extinguisher & Water Front Shackle Mount Bushing (REQUIRED)

### **KIT CONTAINS**

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### 1) PREPARING YOUR VEHICLE

Begin by disconnecting your battery prior to starting your installation.

Inspect your vehicle for leaking fuel lines, fuel tank and engine components. If you have fuel leaks repair all leaks prior to starting your installation. If your fuel tank is near your welding area **remove your tank prior to welding.** 

Remove all combustible items above the work area such as seats, carpets, padding, etc.

Keep all flammable materials away from the vehicle work area.

### 2) PREPARING YOUR WORKSTATION

Keep a fire extinguisher and water close by in the case of fire and make sure you always have a designated "Fire Watch" to assist during the cutting or welding phases.

Abide by all apprenticed welding safety standards and practices.

Always use appropriate welding eye protection, ear protection, and work and fire safety gloves during the installation and within the work area.



If you are unsure on how to perform the installation or how to operate any of the required tools listed above, it is **HIGHLY** advised that you enlist the work of a certified welder/installer.

Failure to follow proper safety precautions and instructions may result in serious injury. **The user assumes all liability when installing the product.** 



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# **3) PREPARING FOR YOUR INSTALL** Lift your vehicle.

Remove the passenger wheel and set it out of the way.

Support your front axle using two jack stands for the driver and passenger sides.

NOTE: The following steps assume that the enduser wants to retain the **front cross member** and the OEM **sway bar bracket**.







Using a T55 Torx, remove the front bumper, frame cover, and with a 10mm socket remove the cover support bracket.

Remove any wheel well liner with a body clip tool to provide ease of access as well as prevent a fire hazard.









Using two 19mm sockets, remove the upper leaf spring shackle bolt and loosen the lower bolt enough to rotate the shackle down and away from the mount section.

Using a 14mm socket and wrench, disconnect the sway bar bracket.



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Place the part over the front cross member and take note of its measurements. Draw a line around the frame rail where the part ends. NOTE: The following steps require accurate measurements in order to allow correct amounts of weld-able frame.



Take note of the location of the OEM sway bar bracket and mark it onto the Rust Buster part. Measure 2.375" inches from the inside edge of the rightmost hole and draw a line. The inside of the left flange will rest flush on this line.



Depending on how you intend to cut, clean the cut zones free of rust and down to bare metal.



## 4) **CUT**

Begin cutting away the material around the front cross member so that you can gain full access to it. We recommend cutting and removing as much of the mount as possible and then grinding the pipe down until it is flush with bare metal.







Cut away the section just inside the markings, while **avoiding damage** to the sway bar bracket. This will

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allow you to make minor adjustments as you progressively test fit the part in the following step.

Once the mount section has been removed, remove the sway bar bracket from the remnants to be used in a later step.



### 5) TEST FIT PART

Attempt to push the part into place and over the front cross member. With the part in place, measure 38.25" inches from the inner driver side section wall to the inside wall of the part. Make a mark onto the cross member as this is where the part needs to be installed at.



Take note of any difficulties and cut away any obstructions. The part may fit snugly and require force. If you have to bend the front cross member to fit the part into place, you may need to remove very small increments of material from the frame rail until it is flush. NOTE: Removing too much



metal will make the gap size too large to fill with weld!

Test the fitment of the sway bar bracket. Ensure it fits flush against the part. If it doesn't, **carefully** clear the metal of obstructions.

### 6) WELDING PREP

Once the part has been fitted, prepare your weld zones by clearing away any rust or debris, revealing bare metal, on both the frame rail and sway bar bracket.

(OPTIONAL): Coat the part and sway bar bracket with a weld-able primer or other rust inhibitor to help prevent or reduce the risk of rust formation.





Place the spirit level onto the front cross member. Place the car jack with blocks under it and slowly raise the cross member until the spirit level equalizes.

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Replace the part to your measurements and Cclamp and tack weld it into place to prevent it from moving later.



### 7) WELD

Remove any remaining potential fire hazards on both the vehicle and surrounding area. Following proper welding procedures begin welding the part onto the frame rails.

100% weld around all sway bar bracket edges.





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### 8) PAINT AND PROTECT

If you chose not to protect your support in (Step 6), coat the part and work area with a primer or other rust inhibitor to help prevent or reduce the risk of rust formation.

### 9) REASSEMBLE VEHICLE

Begin reassembling your vehicle starting with installing a new Front Shackle Mount bushing into the part according to the manufacturer's instructions.



Resecure your upper leaf spring shackle and bolt using two 19mm sockets.

Resecure the lower shackle bolt.



Reinstall your bumper and frame cover.

Reinstall your wheel well liners and wheels.

Reconnect your battery.

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