

2005 - 2020 Toyota Tacoma 2"- 3" Coil-Over Kit Upper A-Arm Kit Installation Instructions

**REQUIRED TOOL LIST:** 

- Safety Glasses
- Metric / Standard Wrenches & Sockets
- Ball Joint Remover
- Tie Rod remover
- Cut Off Wheel (Some Models)
- Grinder (Some Models)
- Fastener Removal Tool (A-Arm Install)
- Adjustable Wrench (A-Arm Install)
- Grease Gun (A-Arm Install)
- Floor Jack / Jack Stands
- Measuring Tape
- Torque Wrench



Before beginning the installation, thoroughly & completely read these instructions & the enclosed driver's WARNING NOTICE. Affix the WARNING decal in the passenger compartment in clear view of all occupants. Please refer to the Parts List to insure that all parts & hardware are received prior to the disassembly of the vehicle.

Park the vehicle on a level concrete or asphalt surface. Many times a vehicle is not level (side-toside) from the factory & is usually not noticed until a lift kit has been installed, which makes the difference more visible. Using a measuring tape, measure the front & rear (both sides) from the ground up to the center of the fender opening above the axle. Record this information below for future reference.

Driver Side Front: \_\_\_\_\_

Passenger Side Front: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver Side Rear: \_\_\_\_\_ Passenger Side Rear: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Important Notes:

- This lift kit is **not designed** nor **will fit** Toyota Tacoma **<u>T/X Baja</u>** models.
- Do not adjust models with manual hubs more than 2" of lift above the OEM height.
- If larger tires (10% more than the OEM diameter) are installed, speedometer recalibration will be necessary. Contact your local Toyota dealer or an authorized dealer for details.

• After installation, a qualified alignment facility is required to align the vehicle to the OEM specifications.

### **Component Box Breakdown:**

### Part #: TC530BM / TC530UM / TC530UMS / TC536BM / TC536UM

Item #	Description	Qty	Item #	Description	Qty
TOY20153-S	TOYOTA C/O COIL SPRING	2	916X212X834U	9/16 X 2 1/2 X 8 3/4 U-BOLT	4
SKY201-S	TOYOTA COIL-OVER SHOCK	2		(Included With All Boxes	
T53UCA-L	DRIVER UPPER A-ARM	1		Except TC530UMS Box)	
	(Included With UM Boxes)		916X212X7U	9/16 X 2 1/2 X 7 U-BOLT	4
T53UCA-R	PASSENGER UPPER A-ARM	1		(Included With TC530UMS Box)	
	(Included With UM Boxes)		HB-14ARM	HDWR BAG: 1/4 A-ARM	1
T5USM-B	UPPER SHOCK MOUNT	2		(Included With UM Boxes)	
T5SBB-S	SWAY BAR LOWER BLOCK	2	HB-916	HDWR BAG: 9/16 FINE TH NUT	1
TFDD2	TOYOTA DIFF DROP KIT	1		(Included With TC530 Boxes)	
RBF125	1.25" REAR LIFT BLOCK	2	HB-TC530	HDWR BAG: TC530	1
	(Included With TC530BM &		HB-TC536	HDWR BAG: TC536	1
	TC530UM Boxes)			(Included With TC536 Boxes)	
RB20	2" REAR LIFT BLOCK	2	M9545	MONOTUBE SHOCK	2
	(Included With TC536BM &		I-TC536	INST SHEET: TC530/536	1
	TC536UM Boxes)				

#### Hardware Breakdown:

#### Part # TFDD2

Item #	Description	Qty	Item #	Description	Qty
TCLS10-B	1" DIFF LOWERING SPACER	2	12X612CTBG5	1/2 X 6 1/2 COARSE THRD BOLT	2
CS0750	CRUSH SLEEVE / .750"	4	12SAEW	1/2 SAE WASHER	4
8X40MMB	8MM X 30MM METRIC BOLT	4	12CTN	1/2 COARSE THREAD LOCK NUT	2
516USSW	5/16 USS WASHER	4	I-TFDD2	INST SHEET: TFDD2	1

#### Part # HB-14ARM (Included With UM Boxes)

Item #	Description	Qty	Item #	Description	Qty
14CTN	1/4 COARSE THREAD LOCK NUT	2	14SAEW	1/4 SAE WASHER	2

#### Part # HB-916 (Included With TC530 Boxes)

Item #	Description	Qty
916FTN	9/16 FINE TRHEAD LOCK NUT	8

### Part # HB-TC530

Item #	Description	Qty	Item #	Description	Qty
716X1FTB	7/16 X 1 FINE THREAD BOLT	6	12SAEW	1/2 SAE WASHER	4
716FTN	7/16 FINE THREAD LOCK NUT	6	916XTFW	9/16 EXTRA THICK WASHER	2
716SAEW	7/16 SAE WASHER	12	38SAEW	3/8 SAE WASHER	4
12X212FTB	1/2 X 2 1/2 FINE THREAD BOLT	2	10X20MMB	10MM X 20MM METRIC BOLT	4
12FTN	1/2 FINE THREAD LOCK NUT	2	SW201	SPANNER WRENCH	1

## Part # HB-TC536 (Included With TC536 Boxes)

Item #	Description	Qty	Item #	Description	Qty
RBLE10-S	BRAKE/ABS LINE EXT BRACKET	2	516CTN	5/16 COARSE THRD LOCK NUT	2
516X34CTBG5	5/16 X 3/4 COARSE THRD BOLT	2	916FTN	9/16 FINE THREAD LOCK NUT	8
516SAEW	5/16 SAE WASHER	4			

## **Front Installation:**

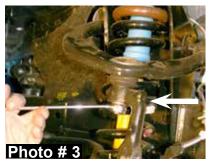
- 1. With the vehicle on flat level ground, set the emergency brake, & block the rear tires / wheels.
- 2. Raise the front of the vehicle & support the vehicle securely using jack stands.
- 3. Remove the front tires / wheels.
- Disconnect the OEM ABS lines from the OEM upper A-arms & disconnect the OEM ABS / brake lines from the OEM steering knuckles. (See Photo # 1)
- 5. Disconnect the OEM sway bar end links from the OEM sway bar.
- 6. Disconnect the OEM outer tie rods from the OEM steering knuckles using a tie rod remover or other suitable tool. (See Photo # 2)
- 7. Disconnect the lower strut mounts from the OEM lower A-arms.
- 8. Disconnect the OEM upper A-arms from the OEM steering knuckles using a ball joint remover or other suitable tool. (See Photo # 3)

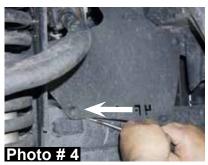
# If installing a kit with the optional Skyjacker upper A-arms proceed to Step # 9, otherwise proceed to Step # 14.

- 9. Remove the OEM front inner fender liners using a fastener removal tool or other suitable tool. (See Photo # 4)
- Remove the OEM nuts & washers from the OEM upper A-arms. (See Photo # 5)
- 11. Push the OEM upper A-arm bolts forward until they contact the body & mark.











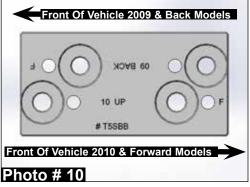
- Bend the body outward at the previously made marks enough for the OEM upper A-arm bolts to clear the body using an adjustable wrench or other suitable tool & remove the OEM upper A-arms. (See Photo # 6)
- Install the new Skyjacker upper A-arms using the OEM hardware. (See Photo # 7)
- 14. Remove the upper strut mounting bolts from the OEM upper frame mounts & remove the OEM strut assemblies. (See Photo # 8)
- 15. Assemble the new Skyjacker coil-over shocks using the supplied coil spring.
- Install new Skyjacker upper mounting brackets to each new Skyjacker coil-over shock assembly using the supplied 1/2" x 2 1/2" fine thread bolts, washers, & nuts.
- 17. Install the new Skyjacker coil-over shock assemblies to each OEM upper mount using the supplied 7/16" x 1" fine thread bolts, washers, & nuts.
- 18. Install the new Skyjacker coil-over shock assemblies to each OEM lower A-arm using the OEM hardware.
- 19. Connect the OEM upper A-arms to the OEM steering knuckles using Photo # 8 the OEM hardware.
- Kits with new Skyjacker upper A-arms: Connect the new Skyjacker upper A-arms to the OEM steering knuckles using the supplied hardware & grease the new Skyjacker upper A-arm ball joints using a grease gun. (See Photo # 9)
- 21. Disconnect the OEM sway bar from the frame & install the new Skyjacker sway bar relocation brackets to the frame with the engraved "<u>F</u>" toward the front of the vehicle using the OEM hardware through the counter sunk holes of the new sway bar relocation brackets. (See Photo # 10) <u>Note:</u> 2009 & back models will use the "<u>09 BACK</u>" side of the new sway bar relocation brackets & 2010 & forward models will use the "<u>10 UP</u>" side.



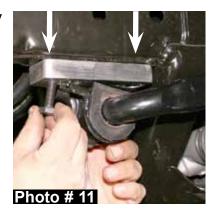




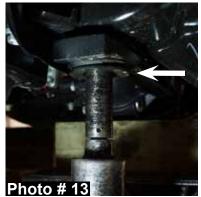


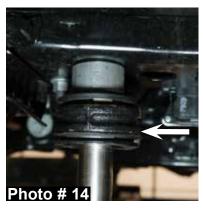


- 22. Attach the OEM sway bar to the forward holes of the Skyjacker sway bar relocation brackets using the supplied 10mm x 20 mm bolts & washers. (See Photo # 11)
- 23. Install one supplied 9/16" extra thick washer onto the disconnected / sway bar end of each OEM sway bar end link & attach the OEM sway bar end links to the OEM sway bar using the OEM hardware. <u>Note:</u> The new 9/16" extra thick washers will allow for adequate clearance between the OEM sway bar end links & new Skyjacker coil springs.
- 24. Connect the OEM outer tie rods to the OEM steering knuckles using the OEM hardware.
- 25. Connect the OEM ABS lines to the OEM upper A-arms & connect the OEM ABS / brake lines to the OEM steering knuckles using the OEM hardware.
- 26. <u>Kits with new Skyjacker upper A-arms</u>: Connect the OEM ABS / brake lines to the new Skyjacker upper A-arms using the supplied 1/4" nuts & 1/4 washers & install the OEM front inner fender liners using the OEM hardware.
- 27. Remove the OEM front skid plate bolts. (See Photo # 12)
- 28. If equipped, remove OEM rear skid plate bolts.
- 29. Support the front differential using a floor jack.
- 30. Remove the OEM bolts from the OEM cross member & front differential mounts. (See Photo # 13)
- 31. Lower the front differential & install the new Skyjacker differential lowering spacers between the OEM cross member & front differential mounts using the large OEM washers, supplied 1/2" x 6 1/2" coarse thread bolts, washers, & nuts. (See Photo # 14) <u>Note:</u> Some models may require the OEM driver's side cross member / radiator support bracket to be trimmed in order to clear the OEM driver's side front differential mount when lowered. (See Steps # 32, # 33, & # 34)







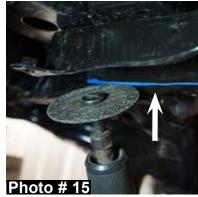


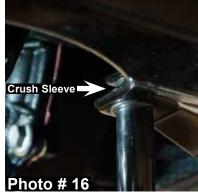
- 32. Mark the OEM <u>driver's</u> side cross member / radiator support bracket for front differential mount clearance & trim using a cut off wheel or similar tool. (See Photo # 15)
- 33. Clean up any imperfections & round any sharp edges using a grinder or similar tool.
- 34. Prime / paint all raw metal exposed from trimming the OEM <u>driver's</u> side cross member / radiator support bracket.
- 35. Remove the floor jack from under the front differential.
- 36. Install the OEM front skid plate at the front mounting locations using the OEM hardware.
- 37. Install the OEM front skid plate at the rear mounting locations using the supplied crush sleeves, 8mm x 40mm bolts, & washers. (See Photo # 16) Note: One new Skyjacker crush sleeve will be placed between the OEM front skid plate & each OEM cross member / radiator support bracket.
- 38. If equipped, install the OEM rear skid plate at the front mounting locations using the supplied crush sleeves, 8mm x 40mm bolts, & washers.
- 39. If equipped, install the OEM rear skid plate at the rear mounting locations using the OEM hardware.
- 40. Install the front tires / wheels & lower the front of the vehicle to the ground.

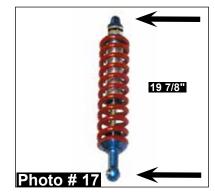
**Note:** Adjust each new Skyjacker coil-over shock assembly to 19 7/8" center to center using the supplied spanner wrench. (See Photo # 17) Adjusting to 19 7/8" will yield approximately 2.5" - 3" of lift.

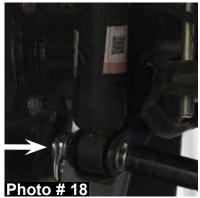
# **Rear Installation:**

- 1. Block the front tires / wheels, raise the rear of the vehicle, & support securely using jack stands.
- 2. While supporting the rear differential, remove the rear tires / wheels.
- 3. Remove the OEM rear shocks & disconnect the OEM brake line bracket from the rear differential. (See Photo # 18)









 Remove the OEM u-bolts. (See Photo # 19) <u>Note:</u> The rear differential will now be free to move, support securely using a floor jack.

# If installing a system with new Skyjacker rear leaf springs proceed to Step # 7.

- Rear Block Installation: Lower the rear differential & install the new Skyjacker rear lift blocks between the axle pad & the OEM rear leaf spring. (See Photo # 20) Note: TC536 Kits / Install the new 2" rear lift blocks with the taller end toward the rear of the vehicle.
- Raise the rear differential to the OEM rear leaf springs. <u>Note:</u> Be sure the OEM rear leaf spring center tie bolts & block pins align in the proper holes & are completely seated. (Proceed to Step # 9)
- Rear Leaf Spring Installation: Disconnect the E-brake cable from the OEM rear leaf spring. Remove the OEM rear leaf springs & install the new Skyjacker rear leaf springs.
- 8. Raise the rear axle & connect the E-brake cable to the OEM leaf spring using the OEM hardware.
- 9. Install the new Skyjacker u-bolts using the supplied 9/16" fine thread nuts.
- 10. Connect the OEM brake line bracket to the rear differential.
- 11. Install the new Skyjacker rear shocks using the OEM & supplied hardware.
- 12. Install the rear tires / wheels & lower the rear of the vehicle to the ground.

#### Final Notes:

- After the installation is complete, double check that all nuts & bolts are tight. Refer to the following chart for the proper torque specifications. (Do not retighten the nuts & bolts where thread lock compound was used.)
- With the vehicle placed on the ground, cycle the steering lock to lock & inspect the steering, suspension, brake lines, front & rear drivelines, fuel lines, & wiring harnesses for proper operation, tightness, & adequate clearance.
- Have the headlights readjusted to the proper settings.
- Have a qualified alignment center align the vehicle to the OEM specifications.
- After the first 100 miles, check all hardware for the proper torque & periodically thereafter.





TORQUE SPECIFICATIONS						
	INCH SYSTEM			METRIC SYSTEM		
Bolt Size	Grade 5	Grade 8	Bolt Size	Class 8.8	Class 10.9	
5/16	15 FT LB	<u>20 FT LB</u>	6MM	5 FT LB	<u>9 FT LB</u>	
3/8	30 FT LB	<u>35 FT LB</u>	8MM	18 FT LB	<u>23 FT LB</u>	
7/16	45 FT LB	<u>60 FT LB</u>	10MM	32 FT LB	<u>45 FT LB</u>	
1/2	65 FT LB	<u>90 FT LB</u>	12MM	55 FT LB	75 FT LB	
9/16	95 FT LB	130 FTLB	14MM	85 FT LB	<u>120 FT LB</u>	
5/8	135 FT LB	<u> 175 FT LB</u>	16MM	130 FT LB	<u> 165 FT LB</u>	
<u>3/4</u>	185 FT LB	<u>280 FT LB</u>	18MM	170 FT LB	240 FT LB	

• The above specifications are not to be used when the bolt is being installed with a bushing.

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