

2019 JEEP GLADIATOR JT 2.5" Inch Leveling Kit INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Engineered for 2019+ Jeep Gladiator JT 4WD 4-Door Models Includes Sport, Sport S, Overland & Rubicon



CAUTION: MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE CORRECT LIFT FOR YOUR VEHICLE: Double check the Year, Make, Model, Lift Height and KIT Part Numbers.

NOTE: Prior to beginning the installation, OPEN the Boxes and CHECK the Included Components Compared to the Parts Breakdown. Check all parts and hardware in the box with the parts list below. Be sure you have all needed parts and know where they install.

IF you find a packaging error, contact SUPERLIFT directly. Do not contact the dealer where the system was originally purchased. You will need the control number from each box when calling; this number is located at the bottom of the part number label and to the right of the bar code.



How to Read the Kit Breakdown Charts:

The 'K KIT BREAKDOWN' lists the Part Numbers, Quantities & Part Description of the Boxes that are included in the K KIT. The 'KIT BREAKDOWN' lists Part Numbers, Quantities & Part Description of the Individual Components & Hardware Bags that are included in Each Box. The 'HARDWARE BREAKDOWN' lists the Part Numbers, Quantities & Part Description of the Individual Components.

K KIT BREAKDOWN			
Kit Part Number	40051		
Part Number	Qty.	Part Description	
55-26-5825	2	Coil Spacer, Front	
55-13-5825	2	Shock Spacer, Front	
55-19-5825	2	Sway Bar Link, Front	
77-40051	1	Hardware Bag, Bushings and Sleeves	
77-40051A	1	Hardware Bag, Nut and Bolts	

HARDWARE BAG BREAKDOWN				
Kit Part Number	77-40051A			
Part Number	Qty.	Part Description		
01-60418	4	Bushing, Hourglass		
24-5704	6	Sleeve, 0.75" OD x 0.50" ID x 1.50" Long		
55-08-5800	2	Tab Nut		
Kit Part Number	77-40051			
Part Number	Qty.	Part Description		
12C5NN	2	1/2" Nut, Nyloc Coarse Thread		
12MFW	4	12mm Flat Washer		
12MNN	2	12mm Nut, Nyloc Coarse Thread		
12MX1.75X80CS	2	12mm x 80mm Bolt, 1.75 Coarse Thread		
12SW	2	1/2" Washer, SAE		
12X314C8CS	4	1/2" x 3-1/4" Bolt, Coarse Thread		
38C5FN	2	3/8" Flange Nut, Coarse Thread		
38SW	2	3/8" Washer, SAE		
38X114C8CS	2	3/8" x 1-1/4" Bolt, Coarse Thread		
38X3C8CS	2	3/8" x 3" Bolt, Coarse Thread		

Step	Part Number	Qty. Per Kit	Description	New Attaching Hardware	Qty. Per Bracket	Hardware Bag Number
12	55-26-5825	2	Coil Spacer, Front	3/8" x 1-3/4" Bolt, Coarse Thread	1	77-40051
				3/8" Washer, SAE	1	
				3/8" Tab Nut	1	
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13	55-13-5825	2	Shock Spacer, Front	24-5704 Sleeve, 0.75" OD x 0.50" ID x 1.50" Long	1	77-40051
				3/8" x 1-14" Bolt, Coarse Thread	1	77-40051A
				1/2" x 3-1/2" Bolt, Coarse Thread	1	
				1/2" Washer, SAE	2	
				3/8" Flange Nut, Coarse Thread	1	
				1/2" Nut, Nyloc Coarse Thread	1	
				3/8" Washer, SAE	1	
21	55-19-5825	2	Sway Bar Link, Front	01-60418 - Bushing, Hourglass	2	77-40051
				24-5704 - Sleeve, 0.75" OD x 0.50" ID x 1.50" Long	2	77-40051A
				12mm x 80mm Bolt, 1.75 Coarse Thread	1	
				12mm Flat Washer	2]
				12mm Nut, Nyloc Coarse Thread	1]

Read And Understand All Instructions And Warnings Prior To Installation Of System AND Operation Of Vehicle.

INTRODUCTION BEFORE INSTALLATION...

Installation requires a professional mechanic. In addition to these instructions, professional knowledge of disassembly / reassembly procedures and post installation checks must be known.

PRIOR to beginning, inspect the vehicles steering, driveline, and brake systems, paying close attention to the suspension link arms and bushings, sway bars and bushings, tie rod ends, pitman arm, idler arm, ball joints and wheel bearings. Also check the steering sector-to-frame and all suspension-to-frame attaching points for stress cracks. The overall vehicle must be in excellent working condition; repair or replace all worn parts. Read instructions several times before starting.

Read each step completely as you go.

Be sure you have all needed parts and know where they install.

▲ NOTES:

- Front end alignment is necessary.
- A foot-pound torque reading is given in parenthesis () after each appropriate fastener.
- Tool and Wrench/Socket size is given in brackets { } after each appropriate step.
- Always wear safety glasses when using power tools.
- Prior to attaching components, be sure all mating surfaces are free of grit, grease, excessive undercoating, etc.
- Do not fabricate any components to gain additional suspension height.
- A factory service manual should be on hand for reference.
- Due to payload options and initial ride height variances, the amount of lift is a 'base figure'. Final ride height dimensions may vary in accordance to original vehicle stance.

BEFORE YOU DRIVE...

Check all fasteners for proper torque. Check to ensure for adequate clearance between all rotating, mobile, fixed, and heated members. Verify clearance between exhaust and brake lines, fuel lines, fuel tank, floor boards and wiring harness. Check steering components for clearance.

Test and inspect brake system. Perform steering sweep to ensure front brake hoses have adequate slack and do not contact any rotating, mobile or heated members. Inspect rear brake hoses at full extension for adequate slack. Failure to perform hose check/replacement may result in component failure.

Perform head light check and adjustment.

WARNING: It is the ultimate buyer's responsibility to have all bolts / nuts checked for tightness after the first 100 miles and then every 1000 miles. The steering, suspension and driveline systems, plus wheel alignment should be inspected by a qualified professional mechanic at least every 3000 miles.

TIRES & WHEELS...

Larger rim and tire combinations may increase leverage on suspension, steering, and related components. When selecting combinations larger than OE, consider the additional stress you could be inducing on the OE and related components.

NOTE: Stock 17" and 18" Wheels Will Fit back on the vehicle once this suspension system is installed.

WARNING: ANY larger or wider tire & wheel combination other than listed Will Require Vehicle Trimming.

TIRE SIZE SPECIFICATIONS				
Tire Size	Wheel	Backspacing (INCH)	Offset (MM)	
35x12.50R17	17x9	4.00-4.75	-	
315/70R17	17x9	4.00-4.75	-	
35x12.50R18	18x9	4.00-4.75	-	
325/65R18	18x9	4.00-4.75	-	
35x12.50R20	20x9	4.00-4.75	-	
315/60R20	20x9	4.00-4.75	-	

Maximum BS/Offset Listed

MOTE: ALL Tire & Wheel Combinations Should Be Test Fit Prior to Installation. * Some Minor

Trimming Maybe Required. Some minor trimming will be required with certain wheel/tire combinations. This is normal with most aftermarket tire/wheel fitments. As a rule of thumb, deeper backspacing and shorter/narrower tires will reduce/eliminate trimming required.

IMPORTANT DISCLAIMER: The provided tire/wheel fitments are approximate. Actual dimensions of a given tire size can vary considerably from one brand to another. Manufacturers' wheel offset and backspacing measurement points are not always consistent. Backspacing greatly impacts tire-to-fender clearance when turning. Wheel width and backspacing influence whether the tires protrude past the fenders, and to what extent. Considering these important factors, we recommend that you fit-check your tire/wheel selection prior to purchasing. The provided tire/wheel fitments are approximate. Actual dimensions of a given tire size can vary considerably from one brand to another. Manufacturers' wheel offset and backspacing measurement points are not always consistent. Backspacing greatly impacts tire-to-fender clearance when turning. Wheel width and backspacing influence whether the tires protrude past the fenders, and to what extent. Considerably from one brand to another. Manufacturers' wheel offset and backspacing measurement points are not always consistent. Backspacing greatly impacts tire-to-fender clearance when turning. Wheel width and backspacing influence whether the tires protrude past the fenders, and to what extent. Considering these important factors, we recommend that you fit-check your tire/wheel selection prior to purchasing.

TOOLS & TECH...

The chart is a listing of the main tools need to install this lift kit system.

We have also included a **Tech Tip** noted by this icon **CECH TIP** to help if we have found a quicker or easier way to accomplish a task in the steps.

Tools				
Miscellaneous Tools	Wrench / Socket Sizes			
Floor Jacks	Standard	Metric		
Jack Stands	9/16"	8mm		
Adjustable Pliers	3/4"	13mm		
Torque Wrench		15mm		
Flathead Screwdriver		18mm		
Ball Peen Hammer		21mm		
Plastic Fastener Removal Tool		22mm		
Tie Rod Puller Tool		6mm Allen		

Torque Specifications					
	STANDAR	D	METRIC		
Size	Grade 5	Grade 8	Size	Grade 8.8	Grade 10.9
5/16"	15 ft/lbs.	20 ft/lbs.	6mm	5 ft/lbs.	9 ft/lbs.
3/8"	30 ft/lbs.	35 ft/lbs.	8mm	18 ft/lbs.	23 ft/lbs.
7/16"	45 ft/lbs.	60 ft/lbs.	10mm	32 ft/lbs.	45 ft/lbs.
1/2"	65 ft/lbs.	90 ft/lbs.	12mm	55 ft/lbs.	75 ft/lbs.
9/16"	95 ft/lbs.	130 ft/lbs.	14mm	85 ft/lbs.	12 ft/lbs.
5/8"	135 ft/lbs.	175 ft/lbs.	16mm	130 ft/lbs.	165 ft/lbs.
3/4"	185 ft/lbs.	280 ft/lbs.	18mm	170 ft/lbs.	240 ft/lbs.

NOTE: Use the check-off box [] found at each step to help you keep your place. Two [] denotes that one check-off box is for the Driver Side (Left) and one is for the Passenger Side (Right). Unless otherwise noted, always start with the Driver Side.

FRONT DISASSEMBLY

NOTE: Save ALL factory components and hardware for reuse, unless noted.

TECH TIP As you unstall OEM parts, Place the Factory Hardware Back into the Factory Location. This will save you time and make the install easier to complete.

1. PREPARE VEHICLE FOR FRONT...

Disconnect the battery.

Chock rear tires and place transmission in neutral. Raise the front of vehicle with a jack and secure a jack stand beneath each frame rail. Ease the frame down onto the stands, place transmission in Low Gear for Manual Transmission or Park for Automatic. Remove the front wheels & tires. [Lug Nuts 22mm Deep Well Socket]

2. REMOVE SWAY BAR LINKS...

[] [Illustration 1] Remove the factory hardware from the lower sway bar link mount at the axle mount. [Bolt: 18mm, Nut: 18mm] Retain factory hardware.

[Illustration 1] Remove the factory hardware from the upper sway bar link at the sway bar. [6mm Allen and an 18mm wrench]

3. DISCONNECT DRAGLINK FROM PITMAN ARM...

[Illustration 2] Loosen, but do not remove the factory nut from the draglink where it attaches to the pitman arm. [21mm] **TECH TIP:** Rotate the sway bar upward or downward as needed.

Using a tie rod puller tool, separate the draglink from the pitman arm. Be careful. Do not let the draglink fall abruptly. It could cause damage.

If you do not have a puller, you

can use the method of striking the pitman arm near the draglink to dislodge the draglink. Strike the pitman arm portion only.

Remove the draglink nut and save for re-install.

4. DISCONNECT TRACK BAR AT AXLE MOUNT...

[Illustration 3] Remove the factory bolt and tab nut from the track bar at the lower axle mount. [21mm]

Retain the factory hardware.

Illustration 1 Remove Swav Bar Links







5. RUBICONS: DISCONNECT FRONT LOCKER...

[Illustration 4] **RUBICON Models:** The front locker must be disconnected so the wiring connectors are not over-extended.

On the Driver Side located on the 'inner' frame rail above the axle, Unplug the harness plug. Unclip the wiring harness clips from the frame. [Plastic Fastener Removal Tool]

6. UNCLIP CENTER AXLE DISCONNECT (CAD)...

[Illustration 5] The Center Axle Disconnect or otherwise known as the CAD, must be disconnected so the wiring connectors are not overextended.

On the Passenger Side located on the 'inner' frame rail above the axle, remove the zip tie from the wiring harness. Unclip the wiring harness clips from the frame. [Plastic Fastener Removal Tool]





At the Passenger Side axle, unplug the CAD harness. Unclip wiring clips from front axle. [Plastic Fastener Removal Tool] **NOTE:** Make sure there is adequate slack on all wires.

Illustration 5

Unclip Center Axle Disconnect (CAD)...



7. REMOVE BRAKE LINE BRACKET...

[Illustration 6] On the Driver Side & Passenger Side, remove the brake line bracket from the lower control arm. [15mm]

8. DISCONNECT FRONT DRIVESHAFT...

[Illustration 7] Make an alignment mark on the front driveshaft and front differential input yoke.

Remove the four bolts from the yoke. [15mm] Save the driveshaft hardware.

Remove the front driveshaft from the differential. Secure the driveshaft safely up and out of the way with a bungee, mechanic's wire or other method.



Illustration 7



9. DISCONNECT FRONT AXLE VENT TUBE...

[Illustration 8] Locate the brake line bracket attached on the Driver Side frame to the rear of the shock tower. [Plastic Fastener Removal Tool] Unclip the axle vent hose clip from the brake line bracket. Follow the vent tube up and unclip the frame attachment. [Plastic Fastener Removal Tool] Continue to follow the vent tube up and unclip from the shock tower that is behind the wheel well plastic. [Plastic Fastener Removal Tool]

Illustration 8

Disconnect Front Axle Vent Tube...



Remove Front Shocks...

10. REMOVE FRONT SHOCKS... [] [Illustration 9] **NOTE:** If you are installing the Shock Spacer Kit, you ONLY need to disconnect the lower shock mount.

Disconnect the shock from the upper shock tower mount. [18mm socket]

Disconnect the shock from the lower mount at the axle. [18mm wrench \ 18mm socket]

Remove shocks. Retain the shocks and shock mount hardware.

11. REMOVE FRONT COIL SPRINGS...

[Illustration 10] Lower the axle enough to facilitate removing the front coil springs. Remove the coil springs. Remove the lower coil spring mount pad.

FRONT ASSEMBLY

12. INSTALL FRONT SPRING SPACERS & COIL SPRINGS...

[Illustration 11] Locate the (2) SUPERLIFT coil spring spacer brackets, (#55-26-5825). These brackets are not side specific.

Locate Hardware Bag #77-5803. Hardware PER Side: (1) 3/8" x 3" Bolt, Coarse Thread, (1) 3/8" SAE Washer & (1) #55-08-5800 - 3/8" Nut, Tab

Locate the lower coil spring mount pad. Install the pad over the spring spacer. Insert the 3/8" washer onto the 3" bolt. Insert the bolt through the spring mount pad and into the top of the #55-26-5825 spacer bracket. Place the spacer onto the axle housing. Align the 3" bolt into the axle mount hole.

Reach under the spring mount pad and above the axle tube to start the #55-08-5800 - 3/8" tab nut onto the spacer bracket bolt. Tighten the lower spring mount pad & coil spring spacer bracket into place. [9/16" socket] (25)





TECH TIP On the Passenger Side, it may be necessary to remove the ABS bracket to install the tab nut. At the rear of the axle above the shock mount, disconnect factory brake line bracket from axle coil spring seat. [10mm] Pull bracket rearward to allow clearance. **NOTE:** Do not over extend brake lines or ABS lines.

Once spring spacer is tight, reinstall ABS line mounting bracket onto axle. [10mm]

Insert the coil spring into the upper tower first. Be sure that the coils are indexed so they seat properly then raise the axle enough to hold the coil springs in place.



13. INSTALL FRONT SHOCK SPACER INSTALL...

[Illustration 12] Locate the (2) SUPERLIFT front shock spacers (#55-13-5825). They are not side specific. Locate Hardware Bag #77-5800. Hardware PER Side: (1) #24-5704 Sleeve, 0.75" OD x 0.50" ID x 1.50" Long, (1) 3/8" x 1-1/4" Bolt, Coarse Thread, (1) 3/8" SAE Washer, (1) 3/8" Flange Nut, Coarse Thread (1) 1/2" x 3-1/4" Bolt, Coarse Thread, (1) 1/2" Nyloc Nut, Coarse Thread.

Swing the shock rearward and up out of the way. Place the SUPERLIFT front shock spacer on the factory shock mount with pointing rearward and up. Insert the 3/8" SAE washer onto the 3/8" x 1-1/4" bolt. Insert the bolt/ washer up though the bottom hole of the bracket/factory mount. Install 3/8" flange nut. [9/16 wrench / 9/16 socket]

TECH TIP The bottom hole of the factory shock mount may have to be deburred before the bolt is installed easily. Use a 3/8" drill bit to deburr the hole if needed.

Attach 1/2" SAE Washer onto the 1/2" x 3-1/4" bolt. Insert the bolt pointing inward into the shock spacer/ factory shock mount. Attach #24-5704 sleeve. Continue bolt through spacer/shock mount, then attach 1/2" SAE washer & 1/2" Nyloc nut. Snug tighten only. [3/4" wrench / 3/4" socket]

Swing factory shock into place and align with the upper hole of the spacer. Install shock with factory hardware with the bolt pointing inward. Snug tighten only. [18mm wrench \ 18mm socket]

<u>NOTE</u>: Shocks will be tightened completely when the vehicle is set on the ground.



14. REATTACH BRAKE LINE BRACKET...

[Illustration 13] On the Driver Side & Passenger Side, reattach the brake line bracket to the lower control arm. [15mm]

15. REATTACH FRONT AXLE VENT TUBE...

[Illustration 14] Locate the brake line bracket attached on the Driver Side frame to the rear of the shock tower. Re-clip the axle vent hose clip to the brake line bracket. Follow the vent tube up and re-clip to the frame attachment. Continue to follow the vent tube up and re-clip to hole on the shock tower.



REATTACH FRONT DRIVESHAFT...

[Illustration 15] Locate the front driveshaft factory bolts. Apply thread locking compound to the factory bolt threads before installation. Align mark on the front driveshaft and front differential input yoke, reconnect the front driveshaft to the front differential. [15mm] (81)

TECH TIP With the bolts in place, use a pry bar to keep the driveshaft from turning while you tighten & torque into place.

17. RUBICONS: RECONNECT FRONT LOCKER...

[Illustration 16] **RUBICON Models:** On the Driver Side located on the 'inner' frame rail above the axle, reclip the plug wiring harness together & re-clip back to the frame. Reconnect so the wiring connectors are not over-extended.





18. RECLIP CENTER AXLE DISCONNECT (CAD)...

[Illustration 17] At the Passenger Side axle, re-plug the CAD harness.

On the Passenger Side on the 'inner' frame rail above the axle, re-clip the plug wiring harness together & reclip back to the frame. Reconnect so the wiring connectors are not over-extended.



19. REATTACH TRACK BAR AT AXLE MOUNT...

[Illustration 18] Using the factory bolt and tab nut, reattach the track bar at the lower axle mount. [21mm] TECH TIP A rachet strap will help position the track bar. Attach the rachet strap to the track bar upper frame mount & to the lower axle mount. Racket the strap to align the track bar with the mount hole.



20. INSTALL FRONT SWAY BAR LINKS...

[Illustration 19] Locate the (2) SUPERLIFT front sway bar links (#55-16-5825). **NOTE:** These supplied front sway bar links are shorter than the supplied rear sway bar links.

Locate Hardware Bag #77-5801 & #77-5801A. Hardware PER Side: (2) 01-60418 - Bushing, Hourglass, (2) #24-5704 - Sleeve, 0.75" OD x 0.50" ID x 1.50" Long, (1) 12mm x 80mm Bolt, Coarse Thread, (2) 12mm Washer & (1) 12mm Nut, Nyloc Coarse Thread.

Lightly grease and install/press the hourglass shaped bushing and 0.50" ID sleeve into each end of the sway bar link end.

Use the factory hardware to attach the lower sway bar link mount at the axle mount. [Bolt: 18mm, Nut: 18mm]

Attach 12mm Washer onto the 12mm x 80mm bolt. Insert the bolt pointing inward into the new sway bar link. Continue bolt through sway bar, then attach 12mm washer & 12mm Nyloc nut. Snug tighten only. [19mm wrench / 19mm socket]

Illustration 19

Install Front Sway Bar Links...



21. FRONT TIRES / WHEELS...

[Illustration 20] Install the front tires & wheels. [Lug Nuts 22mm] (140) Lower the vehicle to the ground.

WARNING: When the tires / wheels are installed, always check for and remove any corrosion, dirt, or foreign material on the wheel mounting surface, or anything that contacts the wheel mounting surface (hub, rotor, etc.). Installing wheels without the proper metal-to-metal contact at the wheel mounting surfaces can cause the lug nuts to loosen and the wheel to come off while the vehicle is in motion.

Reconnect the battery.

22. INITIAL FRONT CLEARANCE CHECK...

With the vehicle on the ground, cycle the steering lock-to-lock and check all components for proper operation and clearances. Pay special attention to the clearance between the tires / wheels and control arms, brake hoses, ABS wiring, etc.

Raise the vehicle back onto jack stands and secure as per **Step 1**. With the suspension 'hanging' at full extension travel, cycle the steering lock-

to-lock and check all components for proper operation and clearances. Pay special attention to the clearance between the tires / wheels and control arms, brake hoses, ABS wiring, driveshaft-to-crossmember, etc.

Lower vehicle to the floor. Final tightening and adjustments to the front suspension installation will take place once rear lift is completed.

23. CLEARANCE CHECK...

Check all hardware for proper torque specifications.

With the vehicle on the ground, check all components for proper operation and clearances. Pay special attention to the clearance between the tires / wheels, brake hoses, wiring, etc. Check tire/wheel clearance with the fenders/bumper as well as with the steering knuckle.

24. WHEEL ALIGNMENT...

Realign vehicle to factory OEM specifications. It is necessary to have a proper and professional wheel alignment performed by a certified alignment technician. Align the vehicle to factory specifications. It is recommended that your vehicle alignment be checked after any off-road driving.

25. HEADLIGHTS...

Re-adjust headlights to proper setting. In addition to your vehicle alignment, for your safety and others, it is necessary to check and adjust your vehicle head lamps for proper aim and alignment.

Illustration 20 Lug Nut Torque Sequence... Follow the Sequence Below to Torque the Lug Nuts



26. FOUR WHEEL

DRIVE... Activate the four wheel drive system and check for proper engagement.

27. SUPERLIFT WARNING DECAL...

Install the **WARNING TO DRIVER** decal on the inside of the windshield, or on the dash, within Driver's view.

IMPORTANT MAINTENANCE INFORMATION

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