



EZ - Ride Suspension

PART NUMBER : 52904
1995 - 2002 TOYOTA TACOMA
3" SUSPENSION SYSTEM

PARTS LIST:

<u>Part #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Qty.</u>
TT212-02	Rear Brake Proportioning Bracket	1
TT212-03	Front Strut Spacer	2
TT212-04L	Front Strut Pre-Load Spacer	2
M121.5B	M10 x 1.5" Strut Stud Bolts	6
95515	Rear Extended Brake Line	1
ECLIP	E Clip	1
BL301	3" Rear Lifted Block	2
5U-243S	9/16" x 2 1/2" x 10" Square U-bolts	4
S10021	Rear Brake Crush Sleeve	2
52904NB	Hardware Bag	1
52904INST	Instruction Sheet	1

Special Note: A strut compressor is going to be needed to perform this installation. If you do not have a strut compressor you may rent one from your local Auto Parts store.

Congratulations on your selection to purchase a Tuff Country EZ-Ride Suspension System. We at Tuff Country are proud to offer a high quality product at the industries most competitive pricing. Thank you for your confidence in us, and our product.

Before installation begins, it is the customers/installers responsibility to make sure that all parts are on hand. If any parts are missing, please feel free to call one of our customer service representative @ (800) 288-2190.

Make sure to use locktite on all new and stock hardware associated with this installation.

It is the responsibility of the installers to make sure that the rear view mirror hanger is hung from the rear view mirror. The rear view mirror hanger has instructions on proper post installation procedures.

Torque Settings

5/16"	15—18 ft lbs.
3/8"	28—32 ft lbs.
7/16"	30—35 ft lbs.
1/2"	65—85 ft lbs.
9/16"	85—120 ft lbs.
5/8"	95—130 ft lbs.
3/4"	100—140 ft lbs.

INSTALLATION MANUAL
 3" I.F.S. SUSPENSION 1995 - 2002
 TOYOTA TACOMA
 PART # 52904
 SJ010702

Tuff Country EZ-Ride Suspension highly recommends that a qualified and or certified mechanic performs this installation.

If you desire to return your vehicle to stock, it is the customers responsibility to save all stock hardware.

IMPORTANT CUSTOMER INFORMATION

This vehicles reaction and handling characteristics may differ from standard cars and/or trucks. Modifications to improve and/or enhance off road performance may raise the intended center of gravity. Extreme caution must be utilized when encountering driving conditions which may cause vehicle imbalance or loss of control. DRIVE SAFELY! Avoid abrupt maneuvers, such as sudden sharp turns which could cause a roll over, resulting in serious injury or death.

It is the customers responsibility to make sure that a re-torque is performed on all hardware associated with this suspension system after the first 500 miles of installation. It is also the customers responsibility to do a complete re-torque after every 3000 miles or after every off road use.

After the original installation, Tuff Country EZ-Ride Suspension also recommends having the alignment check every 6 months to ensure proper tracking, proper wear on tires and front end components. Tuff Country EZ-Ride Suspension take no responsibility for abuse, improper installation or improper suspension maintenance.

It is the responsibility of the customer or the mechanic to wear safety glasses at all times when performing this installation.

It is the customers/installers responsibility to read and understand all steps before installation begins. OEM manual should be used as a reference guide.

The Tuff Country EZ-Ride Suspension product safety label that is included in your kit box must be installed inside the cab in plain view of all occupants.

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LIMITED LIFETIME WARRANTY

Notice to all Tuff Country EZ-Ride Suspension customers: It is your responsibility to keep your original sales receipt! If failure should occur on any Tuff Country EZ-Ride Suspension component, your original sales receipt must accompany the warranted unit to receive warranty. Warranty will be void if the customer can not provide the original sales receipt. Do not install a body lift in conjunction with a suspension system. If a body lift is used in conjunction with any Tuff Country EZ-Ride Suspension product, your Tuff Country EZ-Ride Suspension **WARRANTY WILL BE VOID**. Tuff Country Inc. ("Tuff Country") suspension products are warranted to be free from defects in material and workmanship for life if purchased, installed and maintained on a non-commercial vehicle; otherwise, for a period of twelve (12) months, from the date of purchase and installation on a commercial vehicle, or twelve thousand (12,000) miles (which ever occurs first). Tuff Country does not warrant or make any representations concerning Tuff Country Products when not installed and used strictly in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions for such installation and operation and accordance with good installation and maintenance practices of the automotive industry. This warranty does not apply to the cosmetic finish of Tuff Country products nor to Tuff Country products which have been altered, improperly installed, maintained, used or repaired, or damaged by accident, negligence, misuse or racing. ("Racing is used in its broadest sense, and, for example, without regards to formalities in relation to prizes, competition, etc.) This warranty is void if the product is removed from the original vehicle and re-installed on that or any other vehicle. This warranty is exclusive and is in lieu of any implied warranty of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose or other warranty of quality, whether express or implied, except the warranty of title. All implied warranties are limited to the duration of this warranty. The remedies set forth in this warranty are exclusive. This warranty excludes all labor charges or other incidental or consequential damages. Any part or product returned for warranty claim must be returned through the dealer of the distributor from whom it was purchased. Tuff Country reserves the right to examine all parts returned to it for warranty claim to determine whether or not any such part has failed because of defect in material or workmanship. The obligation of Tuff Country under this warranty shall be limited to repairing, replacing or crediting, at its option, any part or product found to be so defective. Regardless of whether any part is repaired, replaced or credited under this warranty, shipping and/or transportation charges on the return of such product must be prepaid by the customer under this warranty.

For a list of all parts, please refer to the Parts Description Page, at the end of the Installation Manual.

Please Follow Instruction Carefully

Before installation begins, drive and check to make sure there are no uncommon sounds and or frame damage. Also at this time measure from the center of the hub to the bottom of the fender well and record measurements below.

Pre Installation Measurements:

Driver Side Front: _____

Passenger Side Front: _____

Driver Side Rear: _____

Passenger Side Rear: _____

At the end of the installation take the same measurements and compare to the pre-installation measurements.

Post Installation Measurements:

Driver Side Front: _____

Passenger Side Front: _____

Driver Side Rear: _____

Passenger Side Rear: _____

1. To begin installation, block the rear tires of the vehicle so that the vehicle is stable and can't roll backwards. Safely lift the front of the vehicle and support the frame with a pair of jack stands. Place a jack stand on both the driver and passenger side. Next, remove the wheels and tires from both sides.

2. Working on the driver side, remove the stock sway bar hardware from the stock frame location and save the stock hardware for later re-installation. Repeat procedure on the passenger side. **Special Note: Tie the stock sway bar up and out of the way during installation.**

3. Working on the driver side, remove the (3) upper stock nuts that connect the stock strut into the stock location. Save the stock nuts for later re-installation. Repeat procedure on the passenger side.

4. Working on the driver side, remove the stock lower bolt that connects the lower stock mounting point to the stock lower strut. Remove the stock strut assembly and stock lower bolt and set a side for later re-installation. Repeat procedure on the passenger side.

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5. Working on the driver side strut assembly that was removed from step # 4, carefully compress the stock strut

using a strut compressor. **Special Note: Scribe a reference mark on the top of the stock strut nut. This will allow you to reinstall the stock nut back into the stock position.** Remove the stock nut and hardware from the top of the stock strut assembly. Save the stock hardware for later re-installation.

6. Remove the stock upper strut bracket from the strut assembly. The stock rubber spacer may be discarded. Carefully remove the stock studs located in the stock upper strut bracket and discard. **Special Note: Use of a hammer makes the removal of the stock studs easier.**

7. Locate (3) new M10 x 1.5" strut stud bolts. Carefully install the new studs into the stock upper strut bracket that was removed from step # 6.

8. Locate (1) new strut spacer. Using a strut compressor, compress the stock strut enough so that the new strut spacer can be installed. Install the new strut spacer and secure the stock strut assembly and new strut spacer with the upper hardware that was removed from step # 5. Refer to the reference mark that was scribe in step # 5.

9. Locate (1) new upper strut isolator spacer and the stock hardware that was removed from step # 3. Working on the driver side of the vehicle, install the new upper strut isolator spacer on top of the new strut assembly and install into the stock strut upper location. Secure the top of the new strut assembly using the stock hardware. Torque to the stock hardware to **42 ft lbs.**

See Illustration # 1

10. Locate the stock lower strut bolt and hardware that was removed from step # 4. Secure the new strut assembly into the stock lower location using the stock hardware. Torque to **85 ft lbs.** **Special Note: When installing the stock lower bolt, make sure that the bolt is installed the way it was removed. Facing towards the front of the vehicle.**

11. Repeat steps 5 - 10 on the passenger side strut assembly.

12. Re-install the stock sway bar into the stock location and secure using the stock hardware that was removed from step # 2.

13. Re-install the tires and wheels and safely lower the vehicle to the ground.

Front End Installation Complete:

Rear End Installation:

14. To begin installation, block the front tires of the vehicle so that the vehicle is stable and can't roll forward. Safely lift the rear of the vehicle and support the frame with a pair of jack stands. Place the jacks stands on both the driver and the passenger side. Make sure that the

parking brake is not set. Next, remove the tires and wheels from both sides.

15. Working on the driver side, remove the stock shock from the stock location and discard. Save the stock hardware. Repeat procedure on the passenger side.

16. On the driver side, remove the stock rear brake line clip that holds the stock brake line into the stock location on the frame mount and save for later re-installation. Remove the stock brake line from the frame location and the distribution block located on the rear differential. The stock brake line may be discarded.

17. Locate the new rear brake line and the "E" clip provided in this suspension system. Install the new brake line to the stock distribution block located on the rear differential. Install the other end of the new brake line to the frame location. Re-install the stock clip into the stock location. If needed, install the "E" clip along with the stock clip to secure the upper portion of the of the new brake line into the stock location. **Special Note: after the completion of the installation, bleed the brake lines and top off the brake fluid.**

18. Locate the new rear brake proportioning valve extending bracket, (2) 5/16" x 1" bolt, (4) 5/16" flat washers and (2) 5/16" unitorque nuts. Remove the stock rear brake proportioning valve bracket from the stock location on the rear differential. The stock hardware may be discarded. Secure the new rear brake proportioning valve extending bracket to the stock rear brake proportioning valve bracket using the new 5/16" x 1" bolt and hardware. Torque to **20 ft lbs.** **Special Note: When installing the new hardware, make sure that the bolt is facing towards the rear of the vehicle. This is done for clearance on the new bolts.**

19. Locate (2) 8 mm x 30 mm bolts, (2) spacer sleeves and (2) 1/4" washers. Install the new rear brake proportioning bracket into the stock location on the rear differential and secure using the new 8 mm x 30 mm bolt, washers and spacer sleeves. Refer to illustration # 2 for proper placement on the spacer sleeves. Torque to **19 ft lbs.**

See Illustration # 2

See Illustration # 3 for complete rear brake proportioning valve extended bracket assembly.

20. Carefully support the rear gas tank and remove the stock bolt that connects the stock gas tank bracket to the stock frame rail. Save the stock bolt for later re-installation. Next, remove the stock bolt that holds the stock rear parking brake cable bracket to the gas tank bracket and save for later re-installation. Invert the stock rear parking brake cable bracket and re-install back into the stock location and secure using the stock hardware. Next, re-install the stock gas tank bracket to the frame location and secure using the stock hardware.

See Illustration # 4

21. Position a pair of hydraulic floor jacks under the rear axle. Place one jack stand on the driver side and one on the passenger side. Raise up on both hydraulic floor jacks at the same time until they make contact with the rear axle. Working on the driver side, remove the stock U-bolts. The stock U-bolts and U-bolt nuts may be discarded, save the stock U-bolt washers. Place the stock U-bolt plates and stock bump stop a side for later re-installation. Repeat procedure on the passenger side.

22. Working on the driver side, remove the stock clips that connect the rear parking brake cables to the backing plates on the back side of the rear drums and save the clip for later re-installation. This is done so that the rear parking brake cables can be reconnected under the stock spring assembly once the new 3" lifted blocks have been installed.

See Illustration # 5

23. Carefully lower down on both hydraulic floor jacks at the same time until the stock rear spring assembly separates from the stock rear axle approximately 3.5". This will allow enough room for the rear block to be installed.

24. Locate (2) new 3" lifted blocks, (4) 9/16" x 2 1/2" x 10 5/8" square U-bolts, (8) new U-bolt high nuts and the stock U-bolt washers that were removed from step # 22. Working on the driver side, install the new 3" lifted blocks between the axle and the stock spring assembly. **Special Note: The new 3" lifted block has a slight taper to it, make sure that the taper of the block is facing towards the front of the vehicle.** Repeat procedure on the passenger side.

25. Carefully raise up on both hydraulic floor jacks at the same time until the newly installed 3" lifted block seats properly with the stock spring assembly and the stock spring perch. Working on the driver side, re-install the stock U-bolt plates and bump stops into the stock location. Secure the stock spring assembly to the stock axle using the new U-bolts, U-bolt high nuts and the stock U-bolt washers. Torque to **95 ft lbs.** Repeat procedure on the passenger side.

See Illustration # 6

26. Locate the new rear shocks, (not included with this suspension system) (4) new 3/4" shock bushings. Install the new 3/4" shock bushing into each end of the new shocks. Working on the driver side, install the new shocks into the stock upper and lower location and secure using the stock hardware. Torque to **85 ft lbs.** Carefully remove both hydraulic floor jack from under the vehicle.

27. Working on the driver side, re-install the parking brake cable to the stock location on the backing plate of the drums and secure using the stock clip that was removed from step # 23. **Special Note: Make sure that the rear parking brake cable is now under the stock**

spring assembly. Repeat procedure on the passenger side.

See Illustration # 5

28. Re-install the tires and wheels and carefully lower the vehicle to the ground.

29. Bleed the stock brake lines and top off the brake fluid.

30. Check and double check to make sure that all steps were performed properly. Once installation is complete take vehicle directly to an alignment center for proper front end alignment.

Congratulations Installation Complete

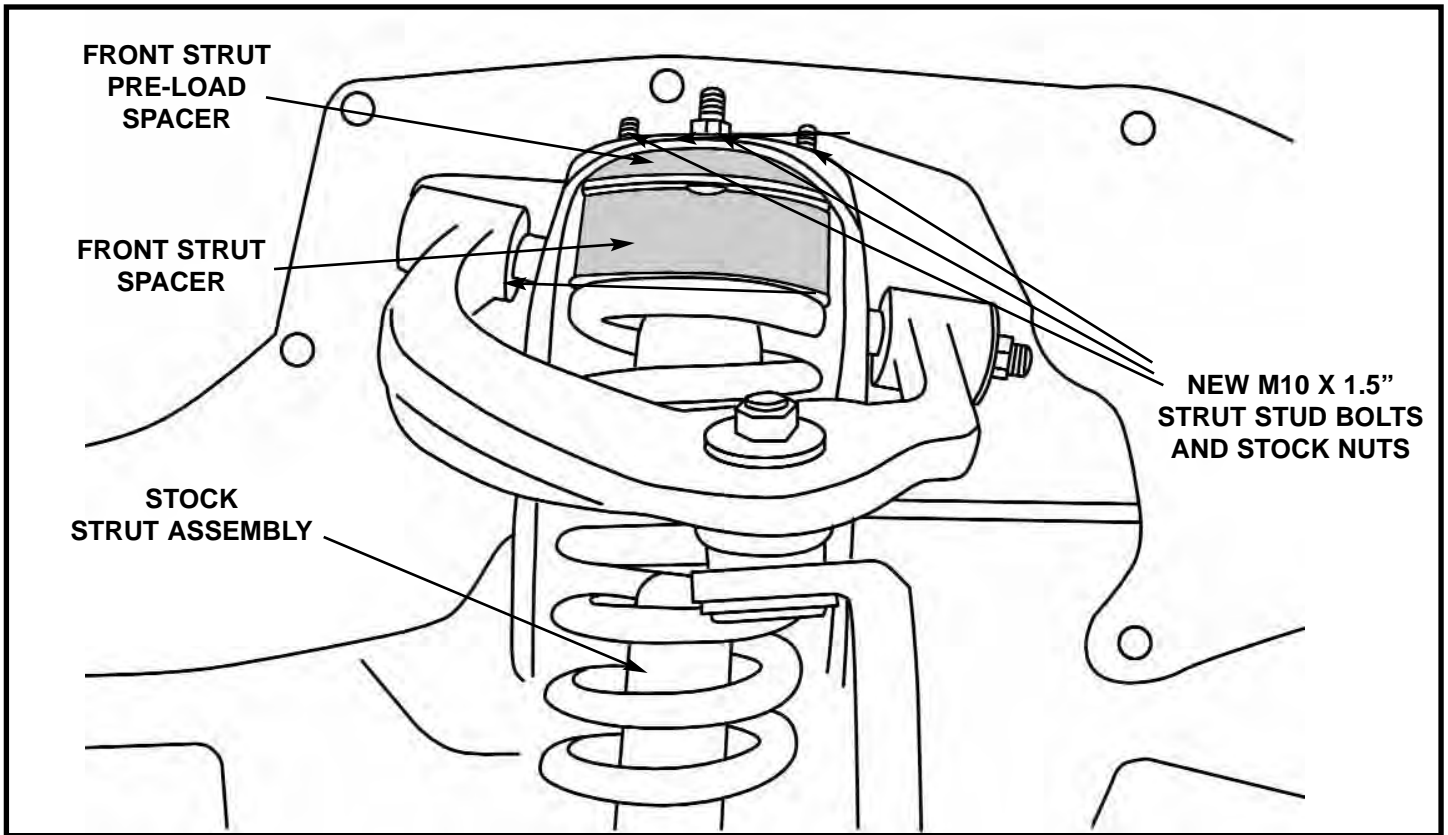


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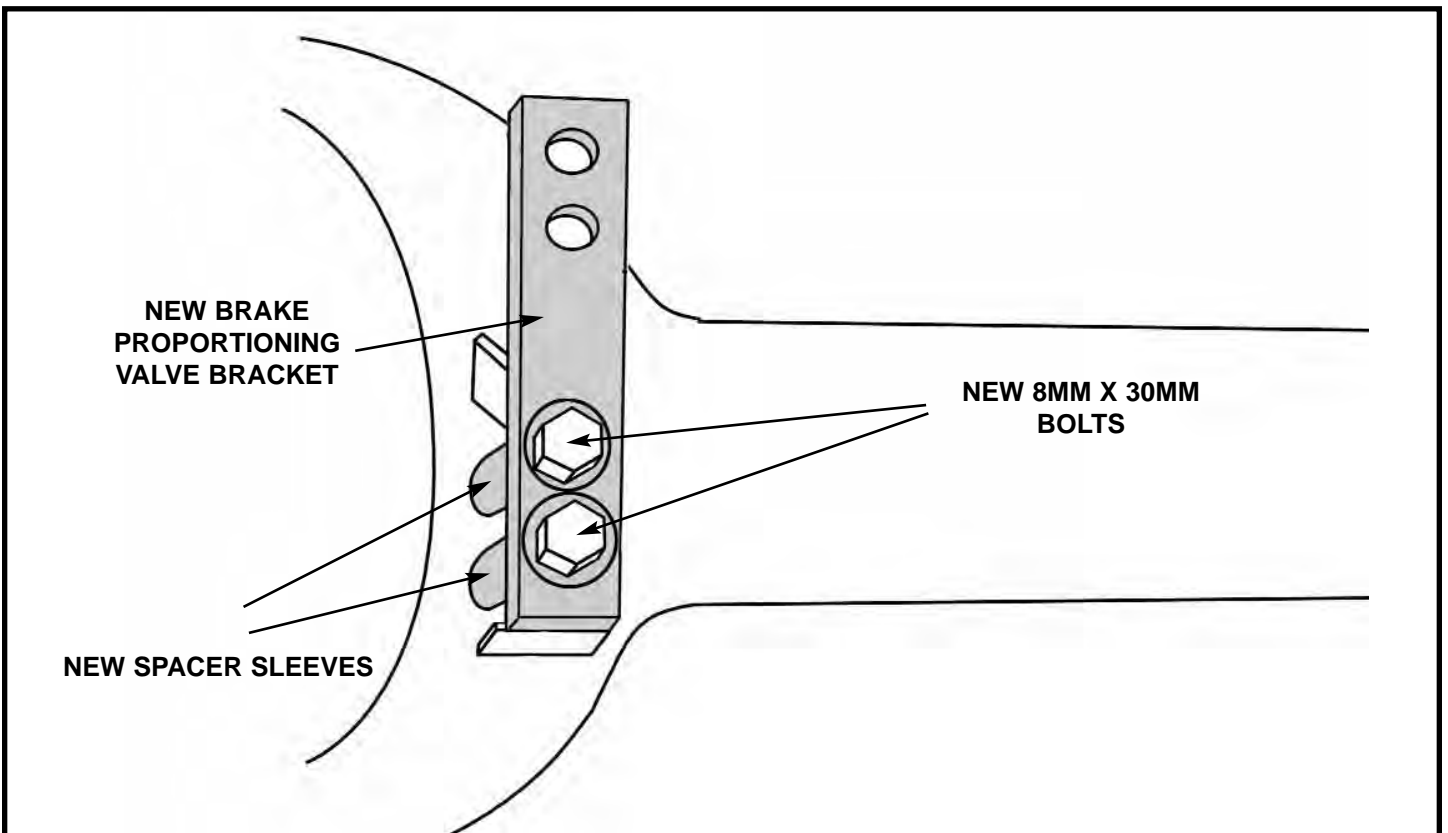


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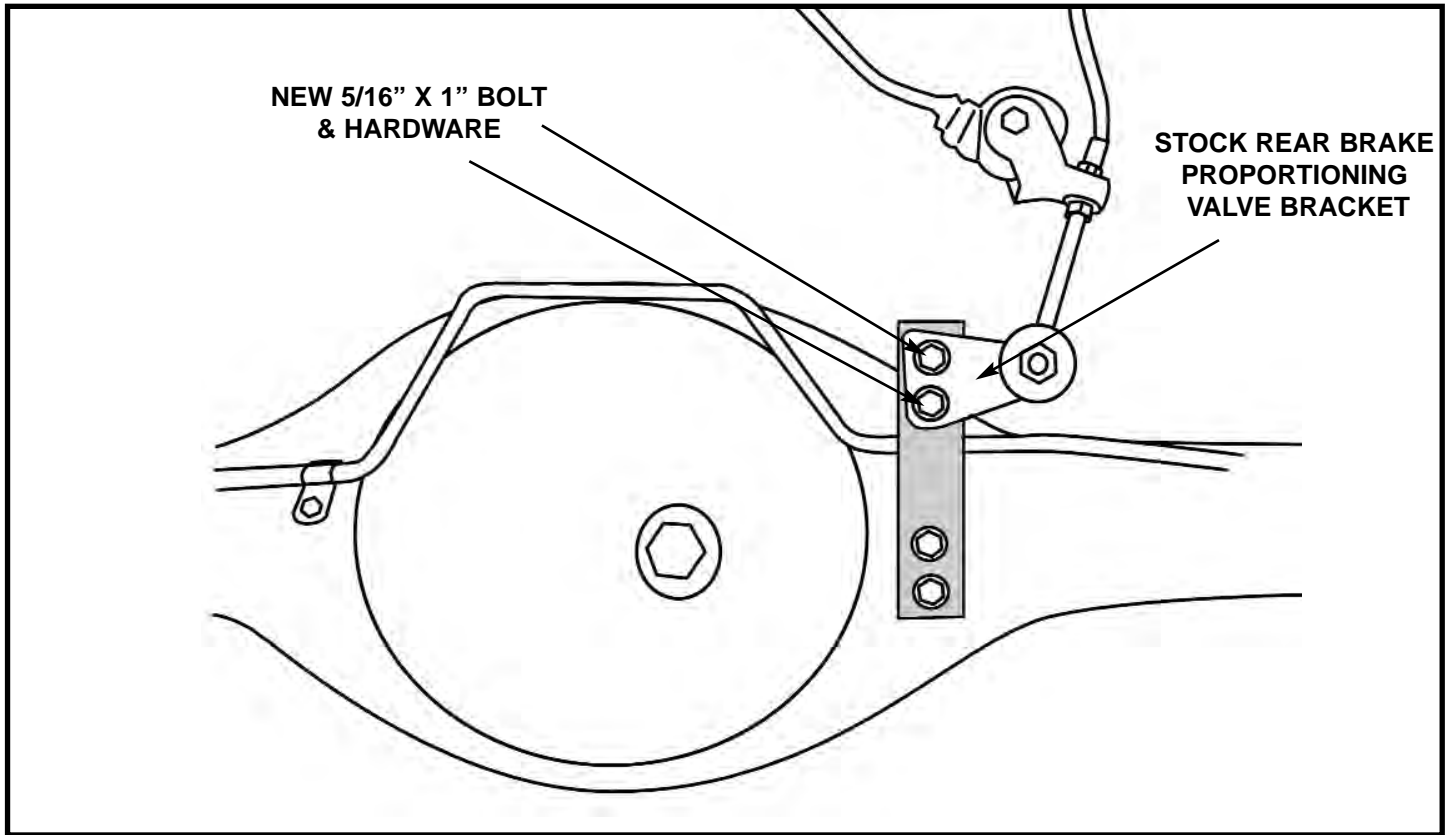


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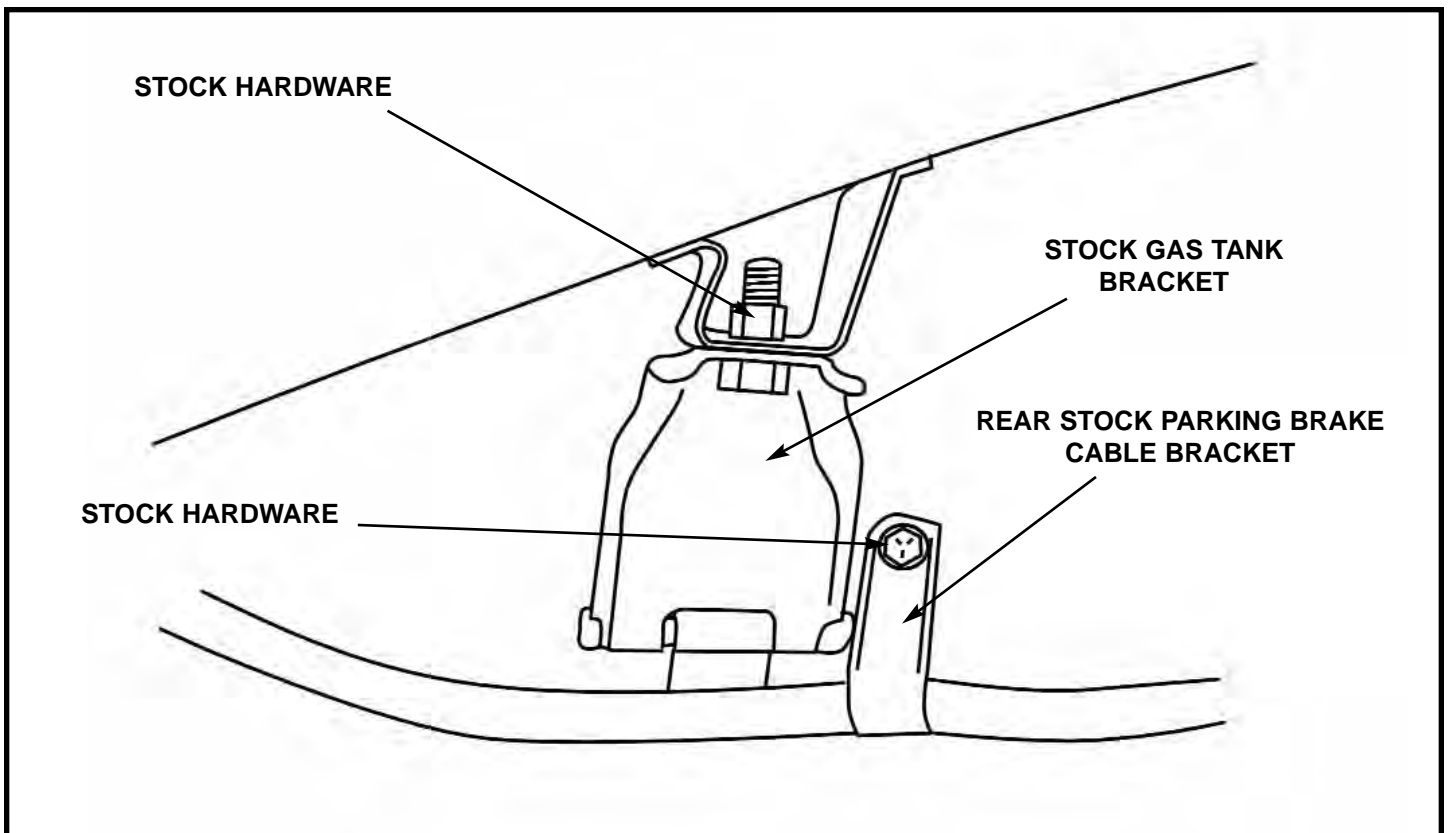


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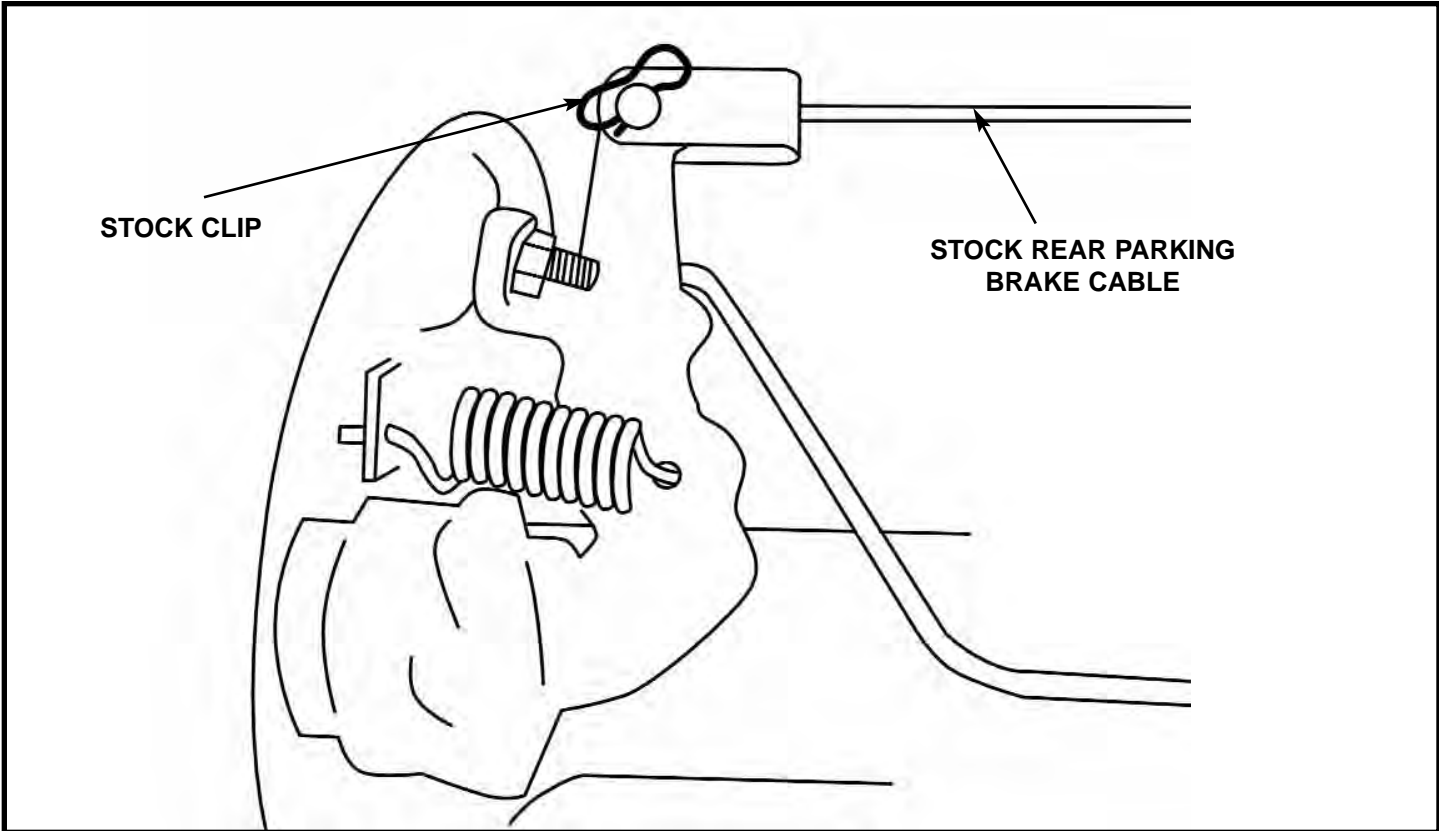


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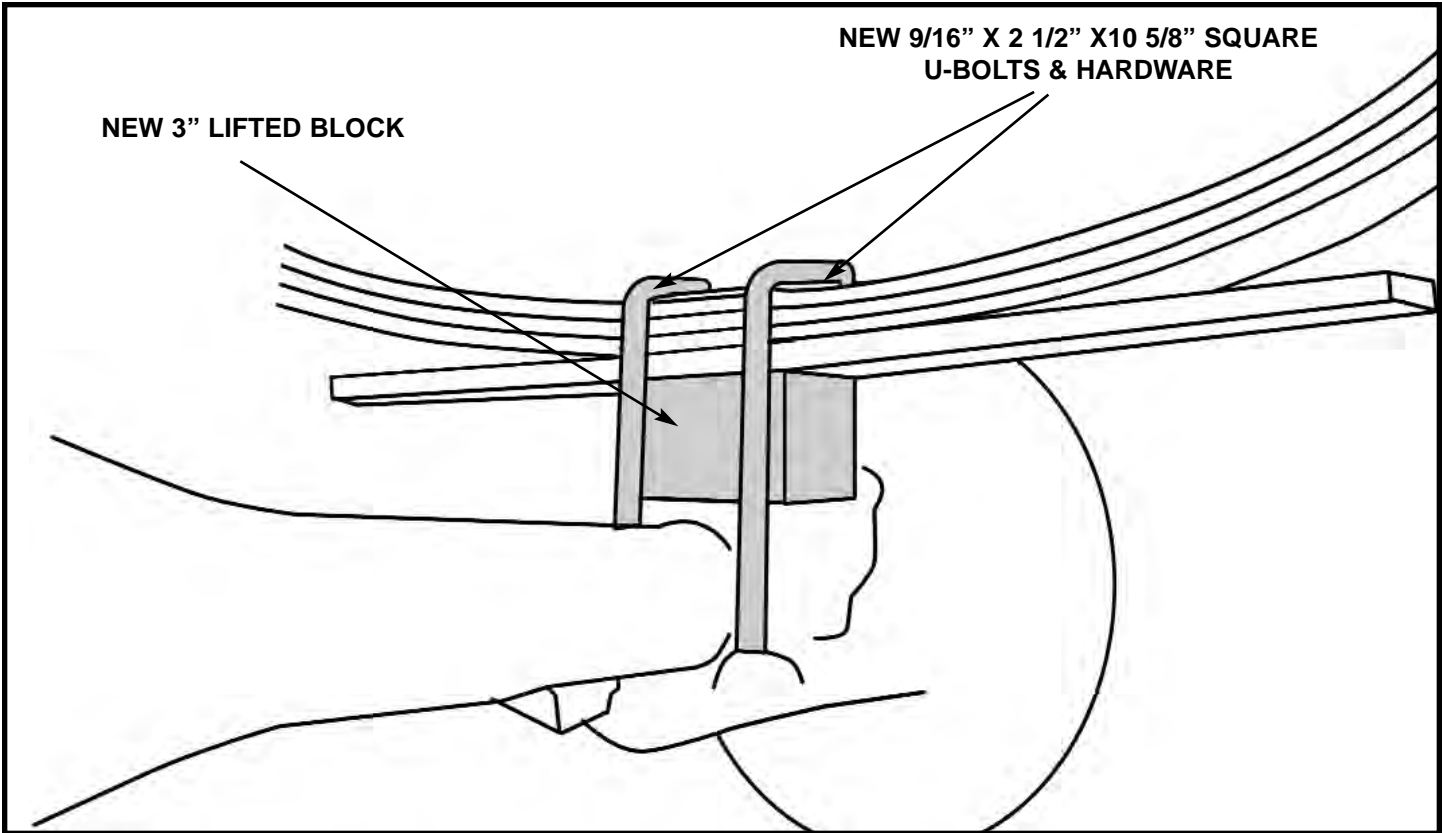
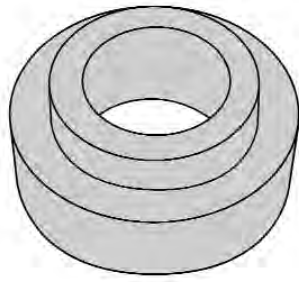
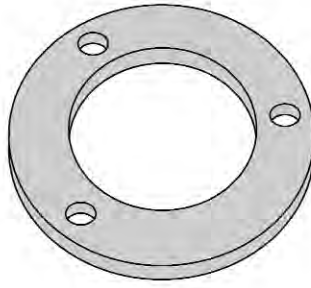


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FRONT STRUT SPACER
TT212-03 / QTY 2



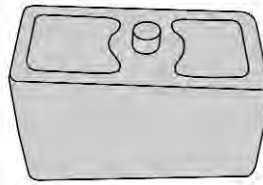
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SPACER**
TT212-04L / QTY 2



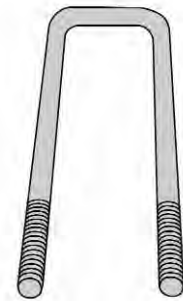
**REAR BRAKE PROPORTIONING
VALVE BRACKET**
TT212-02 / QTY 1



REAR BRAKE HOSE
95515 / QTY 1



3" LIFT BLOCK
BL301 / QTY 2



REAR U-BOLTS
5U-243S / QTY 4