



## INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS



**2017-2018 FORD F-250/F-350 SUPERDUTY**

**TRACTION BAR KIT**

**12 BOLT REAR END VEHICLES ONLY**

**FTS62008**

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**- PARTS LIST -  
FORD F-250/F-350 TRACTION BAR KIT**

<b>FTS62008 FORD F-250/350 TRACTION BARS</b>		
1	FT30723	HARDWARE SUBASSEMBLY
1	FT30734	AXLE BRACKET (DRIVER)
1	FT30735	AXLE BRACKET (PASSENGER)
1	FT30740	FRAME BRACKET (DRIVER)
1	FT30741	FRAME BRACKET (PASSENGER)
1	FT30755	HARDWARE KIT
4	FT749U	U-BOLT RD 5/8-18 X 20.00 X 3.50
2	FT90018	TRACTION BAR SHACKLE ZINC
2	FT90027	UPPER REAR TRACTION BAR MOUNT
1	FT90094BK	TRACTION BAR 67" (DRIVER)
1	FT90095BK	TRACTION BAR 67" (PASSENGER)

<b>FT30755 - HARDWARE KIT</b>		<b>LOCATION</b>
16	1/2 SAE WASHER	
6	1/2-13 C-LOCK NUT	
4	1/2" LOCK WASHER	
4	1/2-13 X 1-1/2" HEX BOLT	
2	1/2-13 X 3-1/4" HEX BOLT G8	FRAME BRACKET
4	1/2-13 X 6" HEX BOLT G8	AXLE BRACKET
12	3/4" SAE WASHER	
6	3/4-10 C-LOCK NUT	
2	3/4-10 X 2-1/2" HEX BOLT G8	TRACTION BARS
4	3/4-10 X 3" HEX BOLT	
6	JAM NUT 3/4-16 RH	
8	5/8 SAE WASHER	UBOLTS
8	5/8-18 NYLOCK NUT	
1	THREAD LOCKING COMPOUND	

<b>FT30723 HARDWARE SUBASSEMBLY</b>		
4	FT1004	SWAY BAR LINK BUSHING HALF
8	FT192	SLEEVE 1.250 X .750 X .570
8	FT20731	TRACTION BAR SPACER
2	FT30796	NUT TAB
1	FT62008i	INSTRUCTIONS
2	FT66	SLEEVE .625 X .509 X 2.000
2	FT70136	NUT TAB
1	FTAS12	STICKER FT BLUE 10X4
1	FTAS16	DRIVER WARNING DECAL
1	FTREGCARD	REGISTRATION CARD
6	FTS98003	3/4" ROD END



## - TOOL LIST -

### *Required Tools (Not Included)*

Basic Hand Tools  
Floor Jack  
Jack Stands  
Assorted Metric and S.A.E sockets, and Allen wrenches  
Torque Wrench

## - PRE-INSTALLATION NOTES -

For technical assistance call: **909-597-7800** or e-mail: **info@fabtechmotorsports.com**

### *READ THIS BEFORE YOU BEGIN INSTALLATION -*

Check all parts to the parts list above before beginning installation. If any parts are missing contact Fabtech at 909-597-7800 and a replacement part will be sent to you immediately.

Read all instructions thoroughly from start to finish before beginning the installation. If these instructions are not properly followed severe frame, driveline and / or suspension damage may occur.

Check your local city and state laws prior to the installation of this system for legality. Do not install if not legal in your area.

Prior to the installation of this suspension system perform a front end alignment and record. Do not install this system if the vehicle alignment is not within factory specifications. Check for frame and suspension damage prior to installation.

The installation of this suspension system should be performed by two professional mechanics.

This suspension must be installed with Fabtech shock absorbers.

Use the provided thread locking compound on all hardware.

**WARNING-** Installation of this system will alter the center of gravity of the vehicle and may increase roll over as compared to stock.

Vehicles that receive oversized tires should check ball joints, uniballs, tie rods ends, pitman arm and idler arm every 2500-5000 miles for wear and replace as needed.

Verify differential fluid is at manufactures recommended level prior to kit installation. Installation of the kit will reposition the differential and the fill plug hole may be in a different position. (For example, if the manufacture recommends 3 quarts of fluid, make sure the diff has 3 quarts of fluid). Check your specific manual for correct amount of fluid.

### *FOOTNOTES -*

**- Non dually models only**

**- Installation of traction bars may not eliminate carrier bearing vibration on some vehicles**

**- Fits 6" and 8" suspension systems only**

# - INSTRUCTIONS -

## FRONT SUSPENSION

1. With the vehicle on a level surface. Disconnect the negative terminal on the battery. Jack up the rear end of the truck and support the frame rails with jack stands. **NEVER WORK UNDER AN UNSUPPORTED VEHICLE!** Remove the rear tires.
2. Locate both Fabtech traction bars and install the supplied FTS98003 Heim joint and jam nut into the single tube end. Locate FTS98003 Heim joints and jam nuts and install two into the end of the traction bar with the two-tube ends. You will need to thread them in so that 3/4" of thread (Including the Jam Nut) show. A minimum amount of 1" of thread should be threaded into the traction bars at all times. Thread engagement will vary due to truck heights. A starting point should be 70-1/4" from the front Heim to the top rear heim and 70-3/8" for the bottom.
3. **ONLY PERFORM THE FOLLOWING STEP FROM ONE SIDE OF THE VEHICLE AT A TIME.** Working from the driver side of the vehicle, locate the factory u-bolts and u-bolt plates and remove. **SEE FIGURES 1-2**

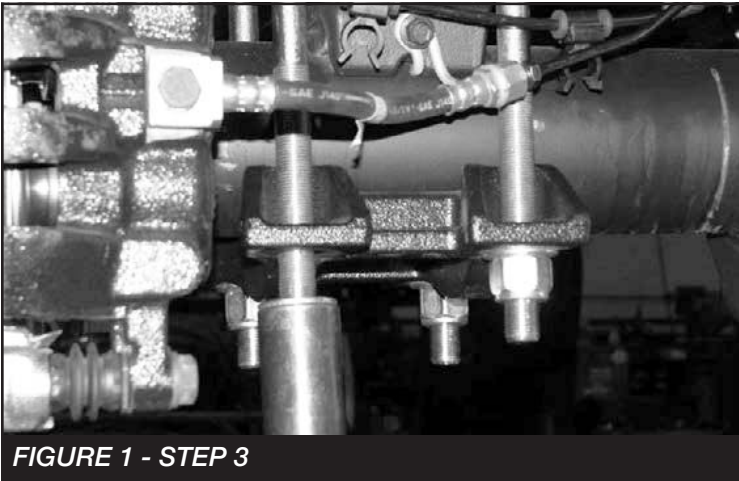


FIGURE 1 - STEP 3

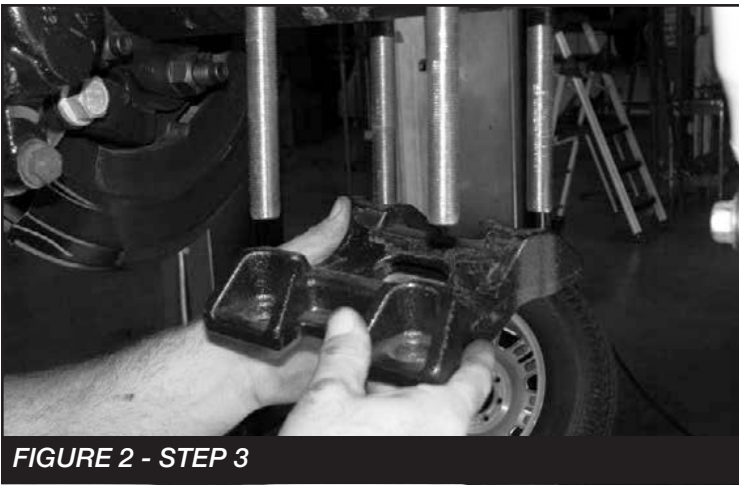


FIGURE 2 - STEP 3

4. Locate the Fabtech lower axle bracket FT30734, upper axle bracket FT90027, four FT192 sleeves, FT749U u-bolts, washers and nuts. Slide the new u-bolts over the top of the spring in the factory configuration with factory lower plate. Install the sleeves and lower bracket on to the u-bolts under the axle. Leave u-bolt nuts loose at this time. **SEE FIGURES 3-4**

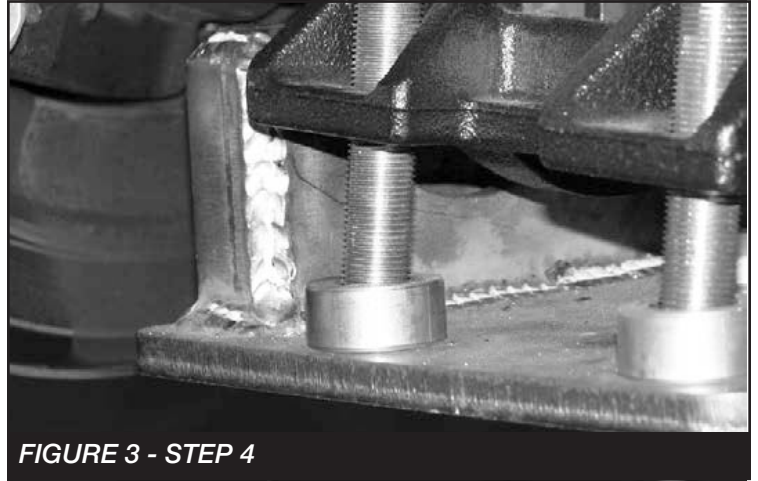


FIGURE 3 - STEP 4

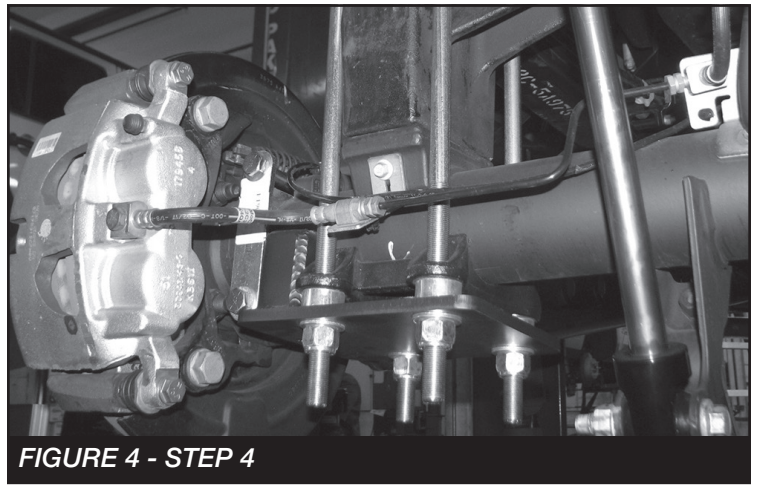


FIGURE 4 - STEP 4

5. Using two 1/2-13 x 6" bolts, washers and nuts, install the FT90027 upper clamp bracket on the backside of the axle housing.. Torque the u-bolt nuts to 170 ft-lbs and upper 1/2" hardware to 90 ft-lbs. **SEE FIGURE 5**

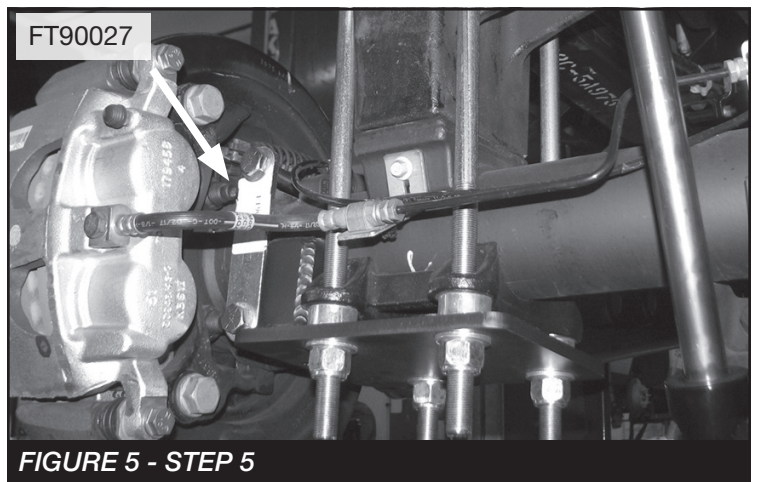


FIGURE 5 - STEP 5

6. Re-install the rear wheels and set the vehicle on the ground.



7. Locate the FT90018 (Shackle) and install (2) FT1004 (Bushings) and a FT66 (sleeve). Install the Shackle onto the Fabtech traction bar using the 3/4" X 2-1/2" bolt and hardware. Leave loose. Next, Install FT30740 (Driver frame mount) to the shackle using the 1/2" X 3-1/2" bolt and hardware. **SEE FIGURES 6-7 for proper configuration.**



FIGURE 6 - STEP 7



FIGURE 7 - STEP 7

8. Install the traction bars to the **LOWER REAR AXLE MOUNT ONLY** using the FT192 (spacers) on each side of the heim joints using the 3/4" X 3" bolts and hardware. Leave loose. **SEE FIGURES 8-9**

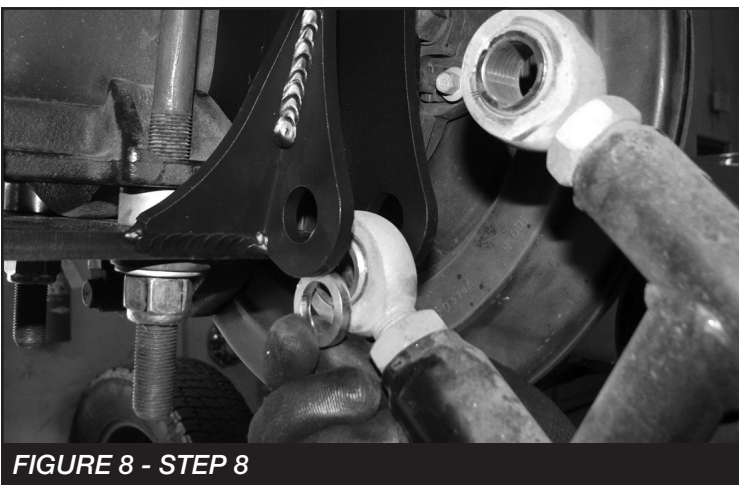


FIGURE 8 - STEP 8



FIGURE 9 - STEP 8

9. Swing the traction bar up to the frame. With the shackle up and down mark the two holes using the frame bracket as a template. **SEE FIGURE 10**



FIGURE 10 - STEP 9

10. Lower the traction bar Use a center punch and drill the two marked holes to 1/2" **SEE FIGURES 11-12**

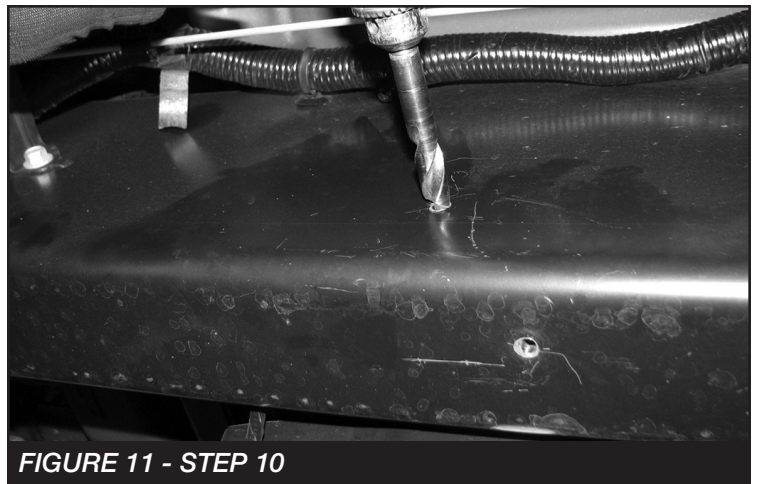


FIGURE 11 - STEP 10



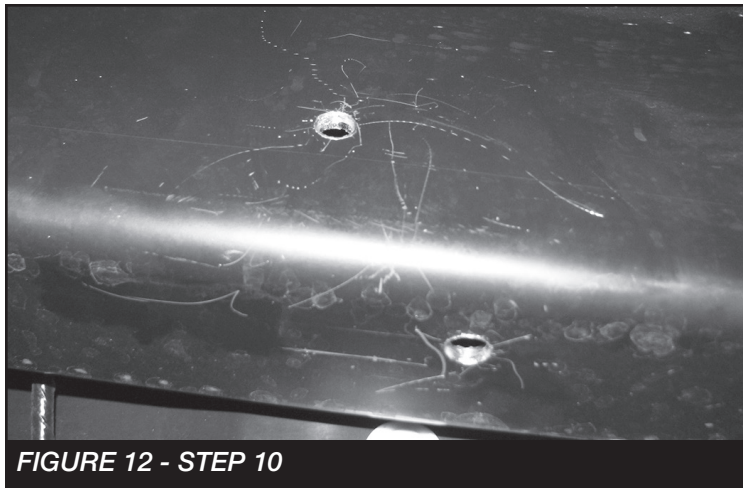


FIGURE 12 - STEP 10

11. Measure back 2" from the center of the hole drilled on the side of the frame and mark. Drill this hole out to 1-1/2" using a hole saw. **SEE FIGURES 13-14**

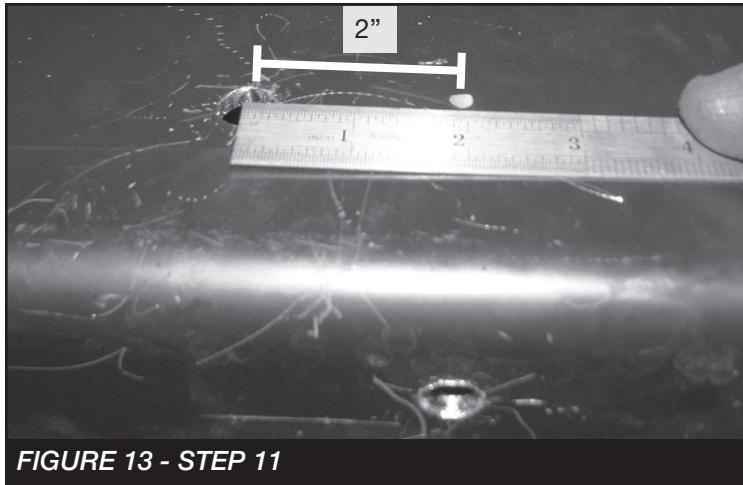


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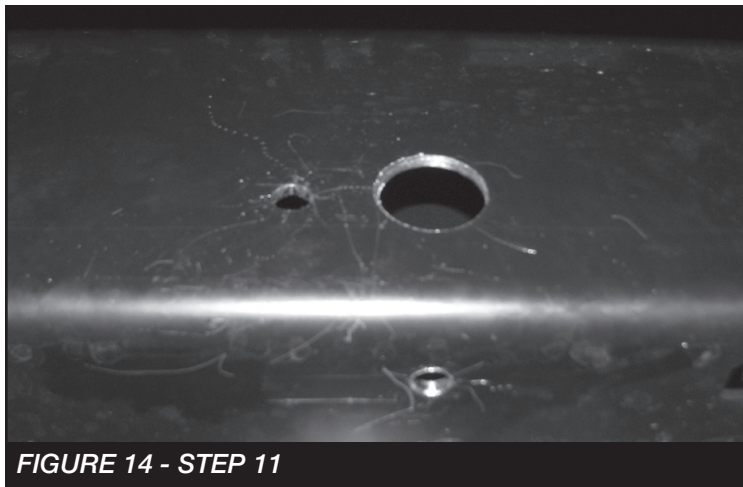


FIGURE 14 - STEP 11

12. Remove the frame bracket from the shackle. Install the frame bracket to the frame using the FT70136 (Nut Tab), FT30796 (Nut Tab) and 1/2" X 1-1/2" bolt, split & lock washers. **NOTE: The FT70136 will be used for the side and FT30796 for the bottom hole.** Torque to 127 ft-lbs. **SEE FIGURE 15**

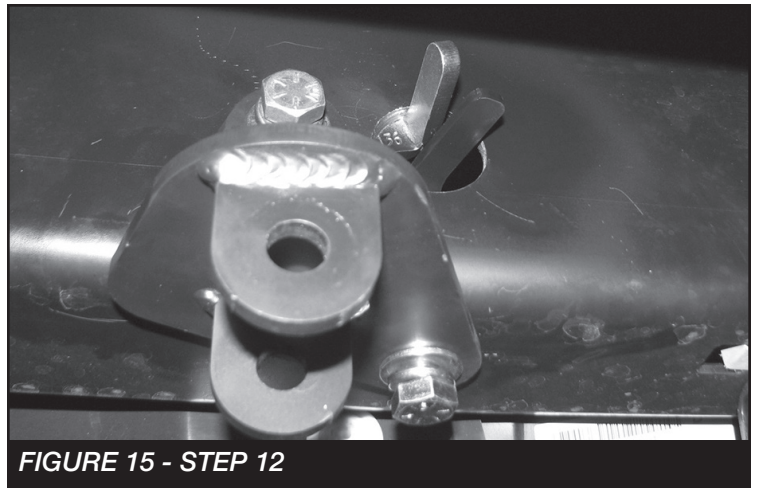


FIGURE 15 - STEP 12

13. Install the traction bar to the frame bracket using the 3/4" X 2-1/2" hardware. Torque to 200 ft-lbs. Use the 3/4" x 3" hardware for the rear upper axle location. **NOTE: The heim may need to be adjusted to properly install the bolt.**

14. Repeat steps 3-13 on the passenger side.

15. **SEE FIGURE 16 FOR COMPLETED INSTALL**

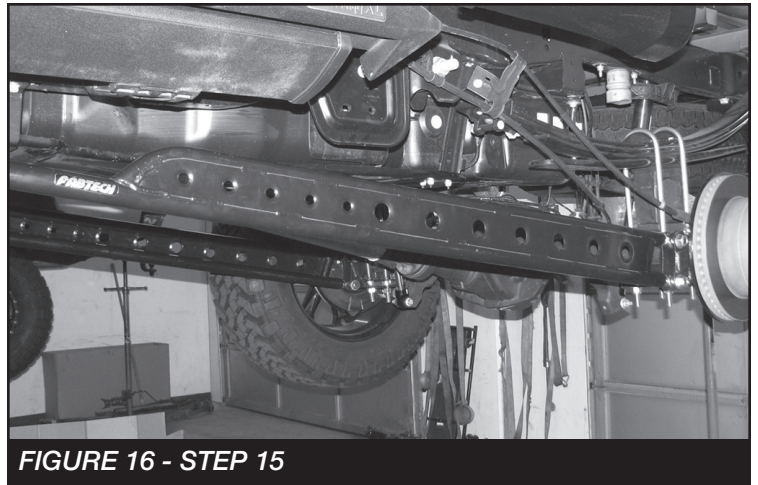


FIGURE 16 - STEP 15

16. Recheck all bolts for proper torque.

17. Install Driver Warning Decal. Complete product registration card and mail to Fabtech in order to receive future safety and technical bulletins on this suspension.

**Vehicles that will receive oversized tires should check ball joints, uniballs and all steering components every 2500-5000 miles for wear and replace as required.**

**RE-TORQUE ALL NUTS, BOLTS AND LUGS AFTER 50 MILES AND PERIODICALLY THEREAFTER.**

For technical assistance call: **909-597-7800**

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