

# 2007-2008 CHEVY/GMC 1500 4WD 10" BASIC KIT

#### C8470-5 Component Box 1

- 1) Rear X Member
- 2) Sway Bar Drop Bracket
- 2) Compression Strut U Brackets
- 2) Offset Compression Strut U Brackets
- 2) Coil Strut Spacers
- 1) Driver Differential Drop

### C8470-2 Component Box 2

- 1) Front X Member
- 1) Front Lower X Member
- 2) Compression Strut 32"
- 1) Left A Arm Drop
- 1) Right A Arm Drop
- 1) Steering Heims Support Bracket

### C8470-14 Component Box 3

- 8) Alignment Cams
- 8) Compression Strut Bushing
- 4) Compression Strut Sleeves
- 1) Steering Extension
- 1) Steering U Joint 18mm
- 1) 3/4 Heims Joint
- 2) 3/4 Fine Jam Nuts
- 1) Differential Bushing
- 1) 16mm X 50mm Bolt
- 4) 3/8" X 1 1/2" Bolts
- 4) 3/8" Nylock Nuts
- 8) 3/8" Washers
- 2)12mm X 25mm Allen

#### **Hardware Bag 1**

- 2) 5/8" X 2" Bolts
- 4) 5/8" X 6" Bolts
- 2) 5/8" X 5 1/2" Bolts
- 2) 5/8" X 5" Bolts
- 10) 5/8" Nylock Nuts
- 20) 5/8" Washers
- 2) ½" X 2" Bolts
- 8) 1/2" X 1 1/2" Bolts
- 4) 1/2" X 4" Bolts
- 1) 1/2" X 3" Bolt
- 15) 1/2" Nylock Nuts
- 30) 1/2" Washers
- 14) 7/16" X 1 ½" Bolts
- 14) 7/16" Nylock Nuts
- 28) 7/16" Washers



1) Disconnect the negative terminal on the battery. With the vehicle on level ground and the emergency brake set, block the rear tires. Jack up the front end of the truck and support the frame rails with jack stands. NEVER WORK UNDER AN UNSUPPORTED VEHICLE! Remove the front tires.

- 2) Remove the nut on the tie rods; disconnect the tie rod ends from the steering knuckle by striking the knuckle to dislodge the tie rod end. Use care not to damage the tie rod end when removing.
- 3) Unplug the ABS brake connection from the frame and control arm. Remove the brake hose bracket from the steering knuckle. Remove the brake hose bracket from the coil bucket and save hardware. Remove the caliper from the rotor and secure the brake caliper to the frame out of the way. DO NOT ALLOW THE BRAKE CALIPER TO HANG FROM THE BRAKE LINE HOSE.
- 4) Remove the wheel stud clips and discard. Remove bearing cover, 36mm axle nut, washer, and rotor with hub bearing. (DO NOT REMOVE THE HUB FROM THE ROTOR). Retain parts and hardware for reinstallation.
- 5) Remove the upper and lower ball joint nuts. Disconnect the upper and lower ball joints from the steering knuckle by striking the knuckle with a large hammer next to each ball joint on the knuckle to dislodge the ball joints. Use care not to hit the ball joints when removing. Save nuts and discard knuckle.
- 6) Remove the shock assembly and save with the hardware.
- 7) Remove upper a arm and hardware, set aside for reinstallation later
- 8) Disconnect and remove CV axles from differential housing and the sway bar end links and save hardware.
- 9) Remove the lower control arms from the frame and retain with the hardware for reinstallation.
- 10) Remove sway bar.
- 11) Remove front factory differential skid plate and splash shield and discard.
- 12) Disconnect front driveshaft from differential housing and retain bolts and u joint clamps for reinstallation.
- 13) Disconnect the electrical connection including the two retaining clamps and the vacuum line from differential housing. Remove differential housing assembly from vehicle. Retain hardware for reinstallation.
- 14) Carefully cut the metal band clamp holding the rubber boot between the driveshaft and transfer case. Slowly pull the driveshaft from the transfer case and set it aside
- 15) Locate the rear driver lower control arm mount on the frame. Measure 3" from the inside edge of the mount toward the frame and mark with a paint pen. Use a sawzall and cut the mount from the frame.
- 16). Locate the factory front lower control arm pockets. Grind <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" section from both Corners of the pockets
- 17) Using a cutoff wheel or grinder remove the nub from the left side differential mount as shown in picture #2.
- 18) Cut the front upper a-arm mounts as needed for clearance as shown in picture #3. Preparation is now complete.

### **INSTALLATION**

- 19) Using the factory lower a-arm hardware install the front cross member with the letters facing to the front.
- 20) Install the front lower cross member support using the supplied 7/16" x 1-1/4" bolts, nuts and washers. DONOT TIGHTEN AT THIS TIME
- 21) Now install the steering rack assembly on to the front plate using the factory hardware on the right side and

upper left side using the supplied 16mm x 70mm bolt to mount it to the FTS lower cross member.

- 22) Bend the factory power steering lines as shown in picture #4 and reconnect them to the power steering return hose and factory pressure line. THE POWER STEERING RETURN LINE IS TO SHORT YOU WILL NEED GET 3/8 POWER STEERING HOSE. THIS IS LOW PRESSURE HOSE.
- 23) Install the steering shaft support bracket using the supplied 5/8" x 5-1/2" bolts through the factory left side steering rack mounting holes as well as the heims joint and steering shaft extension as shown in pictures #5A and #5B.
- 24) Install the right differential drop bracket using the factory hardware at the top and the supplied ½ x 3" bolt through the supplied poly bushing. The left side differential drop bracket is installed using the factory bolt in the front and supplied 12mm x 25mm bolt in the rear. THE NUB ON THE FACTORY DRIVER DIFFERENTIAL DROP WILL NEED TO BE GROUND FLAT
- 25) Now carefully lift the front differential into place and secure it using the supplied  $5/8 \times 2$  bolts on the right side and  $\frac{1}{2} \times 1-\frac{1}{2}$  bolts on the left side
- 26) Connect the vent tube to the differential by pulling excess line form the frame. Do the same with the differential disconnect switch.
- 27) Install the rear lower cross member using the factory hardware.
- 28) Using the supplied  $\frac{1}{2}$  x 4" bolt and supplied sleeve at the top install the upper a-arm drop now. Secure the bottom of the drop using the supplied  $\frac{1}{2}$  x 1-1/2 bolt.
- 29) Install the strut spacer using the supplied 7/16 x 1-1/4 bolts.
- 30) Install the lower a-arms into the using the supplied  $5/8 \times 5$  bolts in the front and  $5/8 \times 6$  bolts in the rear.
- 31) Reinstall the strut using all factory hardware.
- 32) Install and torque the six CV axle flange bolts on each side to factory specification using Loctite on the threads use factory hardware.
- 33) Install the upper a-arm using the factory bolts and nuts, but new alignment washers supplied with the kit.
- 34) Install the factory steering knuckle and torque ball joints to factory specs.
- 35) Tighten lower 5/8 a arm bolts to 125 ft-lbs
- 36) Tighten front lower cross member bolts to 50ft-lbs
- 36) Reinstall the rotor and hub bearing assembly using the stock hardware and torque flange bolts to 125 ft lbs. Reinstall brake rotor and caliper. Torque caliper bracket bolts to 90 ft lbs.
- 37) Screw on the CV axle nut and also torque to factory specs. USE LOCKTITE
- 38) Install the sway bar drop brackets using factory hardware at the top. Now flip over the sway bar and reinstall using factory sway bar end links and supplied  $3/8 \times 1-1/2$  bolts.
- 39) Attach tie rod end to the knuckle with the factory nut and torque to 40ft. lbs.

- 40) Reconnect the factory ABS wiring by pulling excess from the factory wiring harness.
- 41) Following factory torque specs install the new front brake lines at this time. Be sure to use new copper crush washers with the banjo bolt. Bleed brakes as necessary.
- 42) Install the compression strut u-brackets to the rear cross member as shown in picture #6 using supplied 1/2 x 1-1/2 bolts. Press the compression strut bushings MO3852 into the compression struts and hang them from the u-brackets using supplied  $\frac{1}{2}$  x 4 bolts. Bolt the remaining u-brackets to the opposite end of the compression struts. Swing the compression struts up to the transmission cross member and secure the using the supplied  $\frac{1}{2}$  x 3 bolts or by welding them to the cross member.
- 43) If your vehicle has auto track your vehicle requires a new CV front drive shaft. Part# 85475
- 44) Install a new CV front drive shaft now, part# 85475
- 45) The front installation is now complete. Check over all of your work and be sure that there is adequate clearance around all steering components and that everything is tight.

### REAR SPRING INSTALLATION

- 1) Block the front tires and raise the rear of the vehicle. Support the frame with jack stands forward of the rear springs.
- 2) Remove the wheels and tires.
- 3) Remove the shocks on both sides of the vehicle. It may be necessary that you slightly raise the axle to unload the shocks for removal.
- 4) Remove rear brake line from the frame to the axle.
- 5) Remount differential vent tube and secure lines. Make sure there is no pinching, stretching or rubbing.
- 6) Support the rear axle with a floor jack and remove the U-bolts on the driver side. Loosen the U-bolts on the passenger side.
- 7) Lower the rear axle and remove the factory block and rear leaf spring from the driver side only at this time.
- 8) Install the FTS spring pack to the hangers using the factory hardware. Do not tighten at this time.
- 9) Raise the axle to the spring and reinstall the factory U-bolts do not torque these bolts at this time.
- 11) Install new FTS steel braided brake line and bleed as necessary
- 12) Install your new shocks part# 132000 or FTS 12" travel shocks and torque this hardware to 60 ft. lbs
- 13) Torque the U-bolts to 100 ft. lbs
- 14) Reinstall the wheels and tires and lower the vehicle to the ground.
- 15) Torque the spring hanger bolts at this time. The 16mm bolts are torqued to 115 ft. lbs. and the 14mm bolts are torqued to 100 ft. lbs. Torque the 14mm or 9/16 "U-bolts to 100 ft. lbs.

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Bolt Size	Grade 5	Grade 8	Bolt Size	Class 10.9	Class 12.9
5/16	15 FT-LB	20 FT-LB	M6	9 FT-LB	12 FT-LB
3/8	30 FT-LB	35 FT-LB	M8	23 FT-LB	27 FT-LB
7/16	45 FT-LB	60 FT-LB	M10	45 FT-LB	50 FT-LB
1/2	65 FT-LB	90 FT-LB	M12	75 FT-LB	90 FT-LB
9/16	95 FT-LB	130 FT-LB	M14	120 FT-LB	145 FT-LB
5/8	135 FT-LB	175 FT-LB	M16	165 FT-LB	210 FT-LB
3/4	185 FT-LB	280 FT-LB	M18	240 FT-LB	290 FT-LB



















