



PRODUCT: JL Wrangler Four Link Front Long Arm Kit

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READ INSTRUCTIONS IN FULL BEFORE INSTALLATION.

QUESTIONS? CALL 916-631-8071 M-F 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM PST

The MetalCloak experience includes the ease of installation of our products. We design for most contingencies, but installation may be different based on different Jeep condition, configuration and/or year.

We are continually trying to improve our products and instructions – please help us by providing feedback and pictures if you find any part of the instructions that do not match your particular Jeep or are not easily understandable.

If you have any difficulties at all, please give us a call. Thank you and enjoy your MetalCloak Products!

IMPORTANT NOTE: We use Stainless Steel Hardware where possible. Therefore, a tube of Silver Anti-seize is provided and should be used on all bolts—only a small amount is needed.

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Section 1: Tools & Notes on Installation



Tools Required: This list is the recommended tools for ease of installation. Other versions of the same tool can be used. For example, Allen Wrenches instead of Allen Drive Sockets.



Socket & Ratchet Wrench

10MM Socket 13MM Socket
18MM Socket 21MM Socket
24MM Socket 13/16" Socket
3/4" Socket 1 1/8" Socket



18MM Box Wrench
24MM Box Wrench

Cutoff Wheel/Grinder
Or Torch



5/16" Allen Wrench

1/2" Drill Bit & Drill



HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE: The installation guide contains ALL steps for installation. Please read and follow the instructions in order of each page top to bottom, and left to right.

Jeep Model: Instructions may apply to multiple Jeep models, but are labeled separately where appropriate (i.e. TJ vs. LJ).

Options: Because of the number of component options we offer, these instructions may contain steps that will not match your particular configuration. You can skip these steps.

Images: Pictures are provided and parts are labeled throughout the instructions. Each text box contains guidance based on the pictures next to it. The text will refer to alphabetical labels (A, B, etc.) found in the images.

Installation Notes: Terms may be used in the body of the instructions that you may not be familiar with, if you have any questions feel free to contact us at the number below, or email techhelp@metalcloak.com

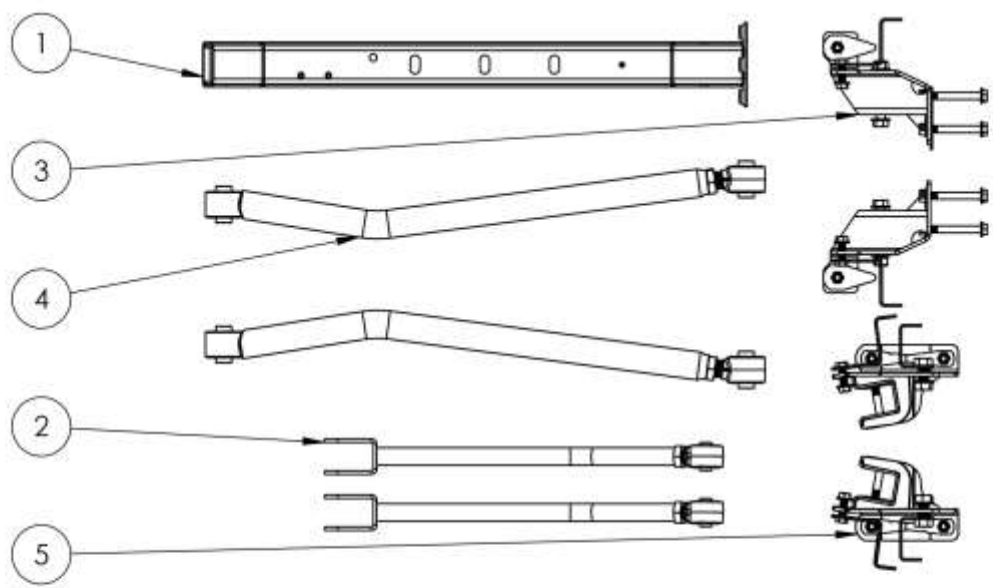
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ITEM.	PART NUMBER / DESCRIPTION	QTY.
1	6361 SKID PLATE SYSTEM UPGRADED CROSS-MEMBER, JLU JT	1
2	7291 4-LINK LONG-ARM PAIR, UPPER FRONT JK JL JT	1
3	7295 LONG ARM MOUNT LOWER, FRONT JL-JT	1
4	7297 4-LINK LONG-ARM PAIR, LOWER FRONT JL JT	1
5	7298 4-LINK MOUNT UPPER, FRONT JL JT	1

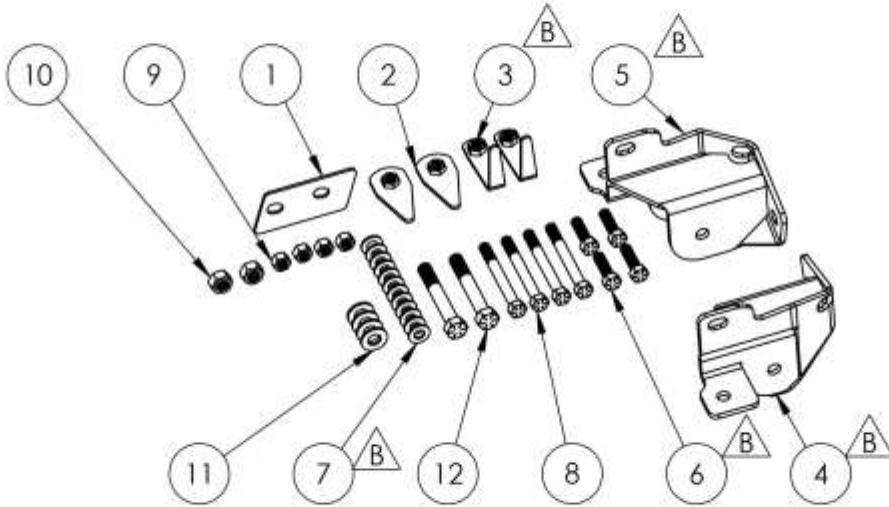


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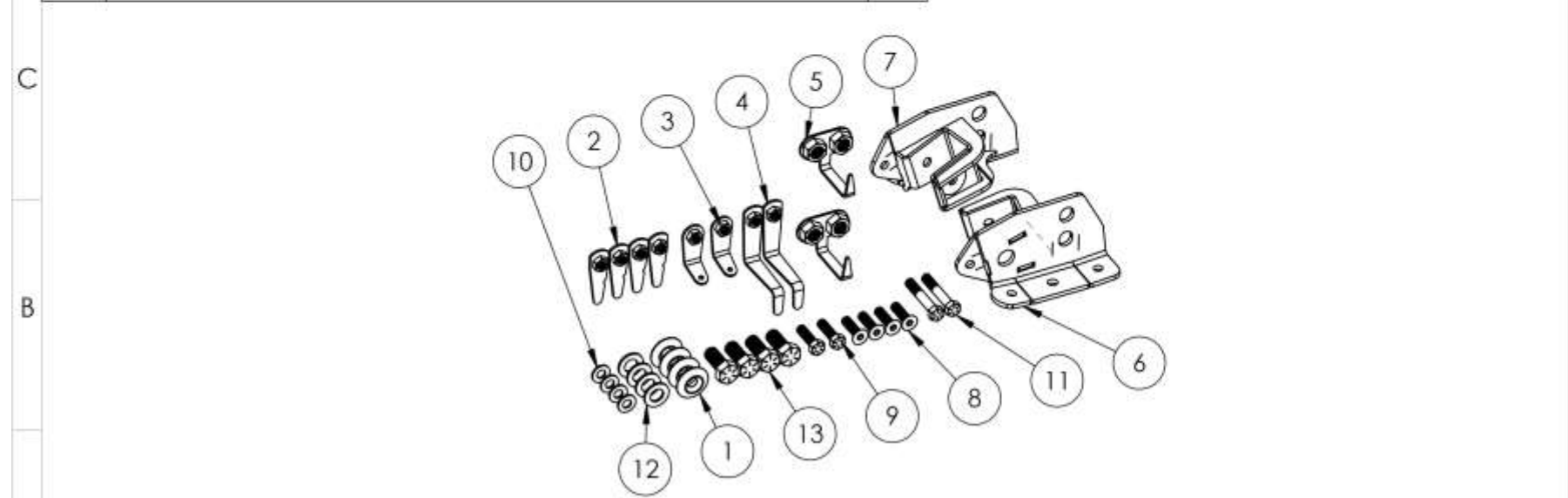
PART NUMBER/DESCRIPTION
 7288 BOLT ON 4 LINK FRONT SYSTEM, JLU JT

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ITEM.	PART NUMBER / DISCRPTION	QTY.
E	1 SS-0325 BACKING PLATE, LONG-ARM MOUNT LOWER, FRONT JL JT	1
	2 WM-5897 WELDMENT, FLAG NUT .5-13, LOWER LONG-ARM MOUNT JL JT	2
	3 WM-5898 WELDMENT, FLAG NUT 5-13, LONG ARM MOUNT JL JT	2
	4 WM-5954 WELDMENT, LONG-ARM MOUNT LOWER, FRONT JL JT	1
	5 WM-5954-P WELDMENT, LONG-ARM MOUNT LOWER, FRONT JL JT	1
HK-7295		
D	6 FS-08173 HHCS, 0.5-13 x 1.75L STL G8 ZINC FULL THREAD	4
	7 FS-08307 WASHER, 0.53ID X 1.06OD X 0.20TH STL GR8 GOLD ZINC	12
	8 FS-08322 HHCS, 0.50-13 x 4.50L STL G8 GOLD ZINC	4
	9 FS-08359 TOPLOCK NUT, 0.5-13 X .44H STL GC STL ZINC	4
	10 FS-10130 TOPLOCK NUT, 0.63-18 X 0.55H STL GC CAD	2
	11 FS-10161 WASHER, 0.66ID X 1.31OD X 0.14TH STL GR8 GOLD ZINC	4
	12 FS-10295 HHCS, 0.63-18 X 4.25L STL G8 ZINC	2
		
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ITEM.	PART NUMBER	QTY.
1	CP-3084 BEVELLED SKID WASHER	4
2	WM-5885 WELDMENT, .5-13 FLAG NUT	4
3	WM-5896 WELDMENT, FLAG NUT .5-20, 4-LINK MOUNT JK JL	2
4	WM-5898 WELDMENT, FLAG NUT 5-13, LONG ARM MOUNT JL JT	2
5	WM-5899 WELDMENT, FRONT NUT PLATE, 4-LINK MOUNT JL JT	2
6	WM-5955 WELDMENT, 4-LINK MOUNT UPPER, FRONT JL JT	1
7	WM-5955-P WELDMENT, 4-LINK MOUNT UPPER, FRONT JL JT	1
HK-7298		
8	FS-08081 SFHCS, 0.5-13 X 1.75L STL G8 ZINC	4
9	FS-08173 HHCS, 0.5-13 x 1.75L STL G8 ZINC FULL THREAD	2
10	FS-08307 WASHER, 0.53ID X 1.06OD X 0.20TH STL GR8 GOLD ZINC	4
11	FS-08311 HHCS, 0.5-20 x 3.00L STL G8 ZINC	2
12	FS-12319 WASHER, 0.81ID X 1.49OD X 0.12TH STL GR8 GOLD ZINC	4
13	FS-12352 HHCS, 0.75-10 X 1.75L STL G8 GOLD ZINC	4



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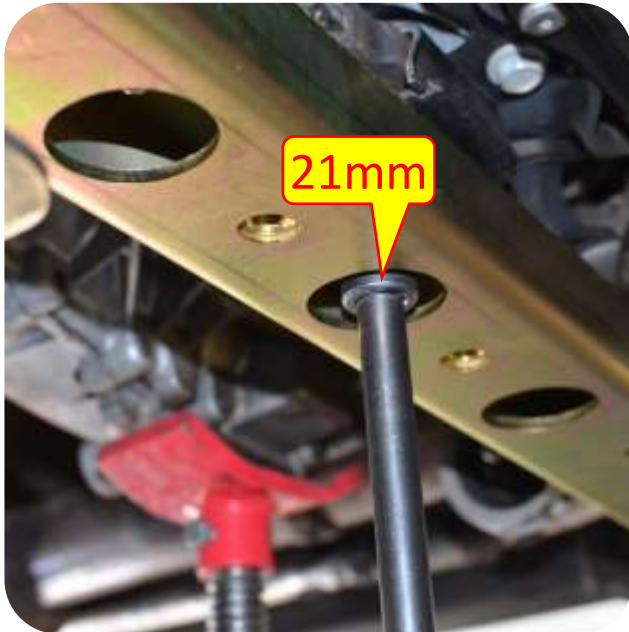
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Step 1: Install MetalCloak Crossmember

Note: Before removing the crossmember support the transmission and transfer case with jackstands.

- A. Remove the factory cross member and install the provided MetalCloak cross member using 21mm socket at the transmission mount, a 13mm socket for the exhaust mount and 18mm socket and wrench for the crossmember.



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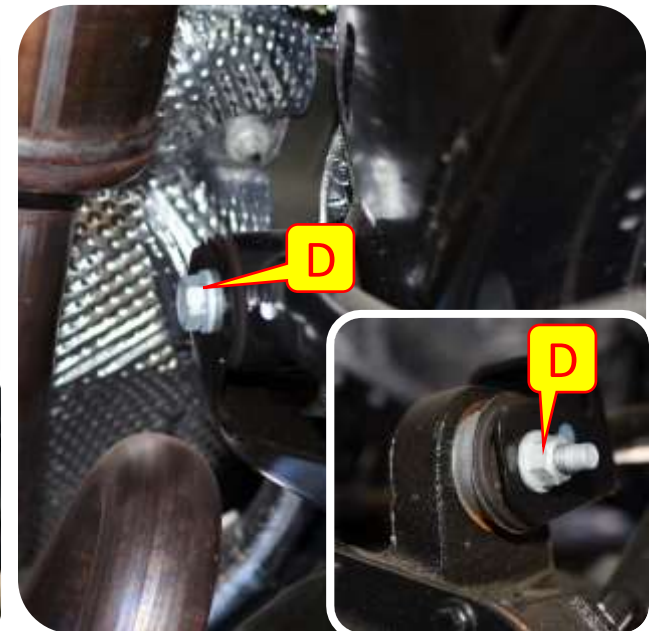
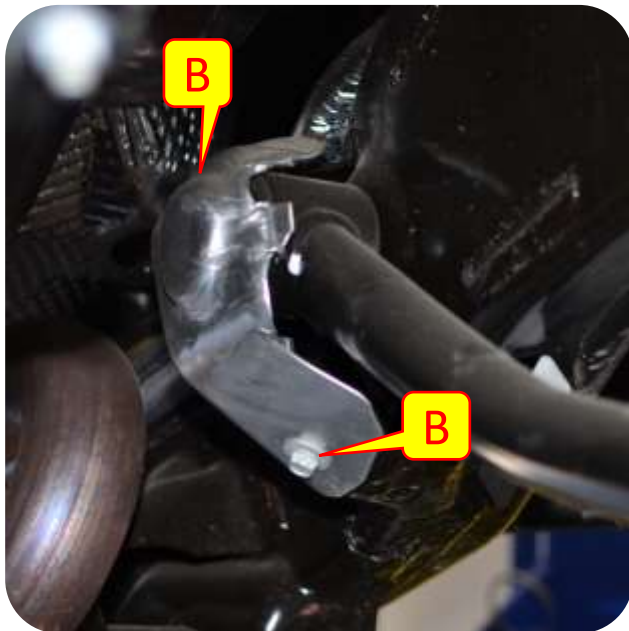
Step 2: Disconnect Front Control Arms (*Stock Control Arms*)

Note: Make sure to use jack stands to support the axle before removing the control arms.

Note: The brake line on the lower front control arms (drivers and passenger side) must be removed from the bracket. It may be pried out or cut; be VERY careful not to damage the brake line!!!

Note: On the passenger side upper control arm you will need to cut the stock bolt as the exhaust interferes with the bolt removal.

- B. Disconnect the upper control arm heat shield on both sides at the frame using a 10MM Socket. Save heat shields and all hardware.
- C. Use a 24mm Socket & Wrench to remove the stock bolts from the front lower control arms. **Save all hardware.**
- D. Using a 18mm wrench and socket remove the Front Upper Control Arms. **Save all hardware.**

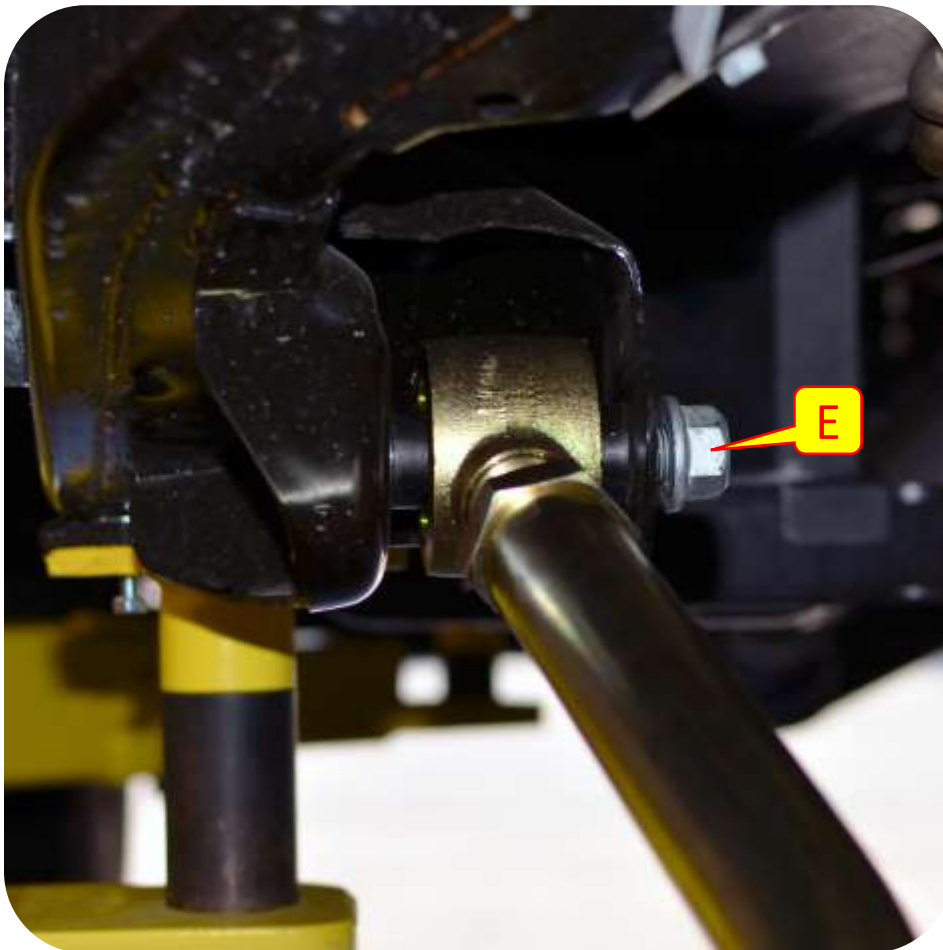


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Step 2: Disconnect Front Control Arms (*MetalCloak Mid Arms*)

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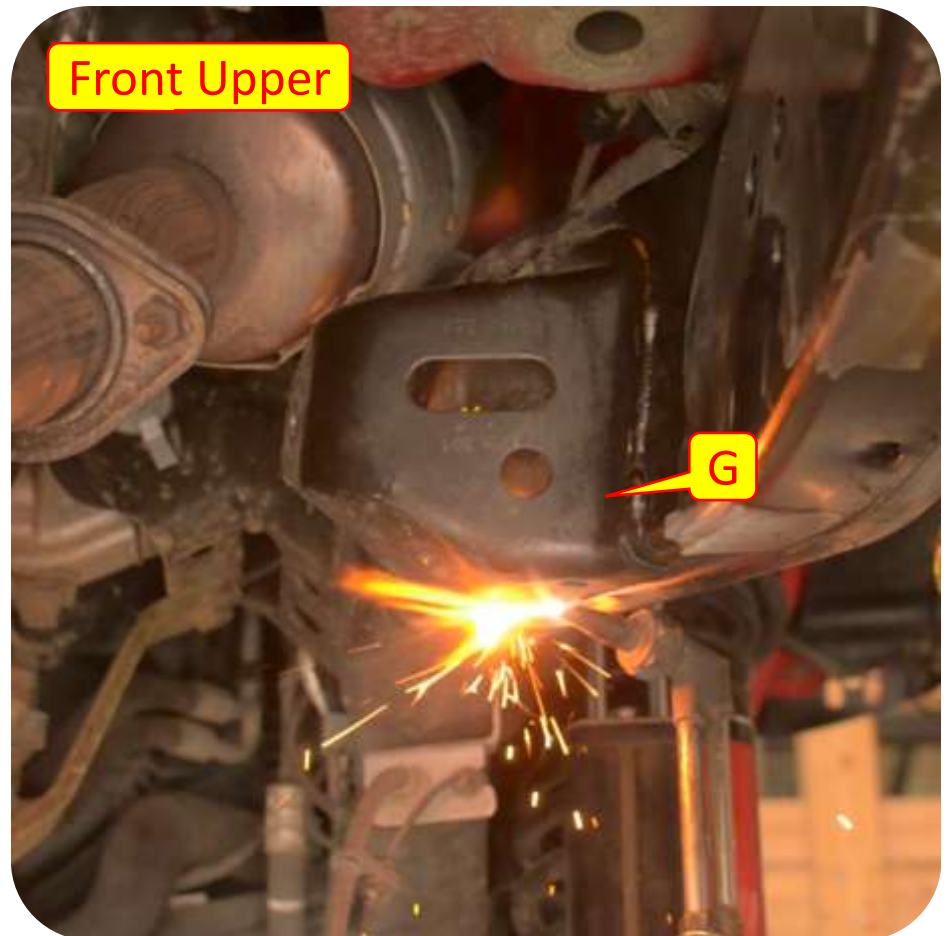
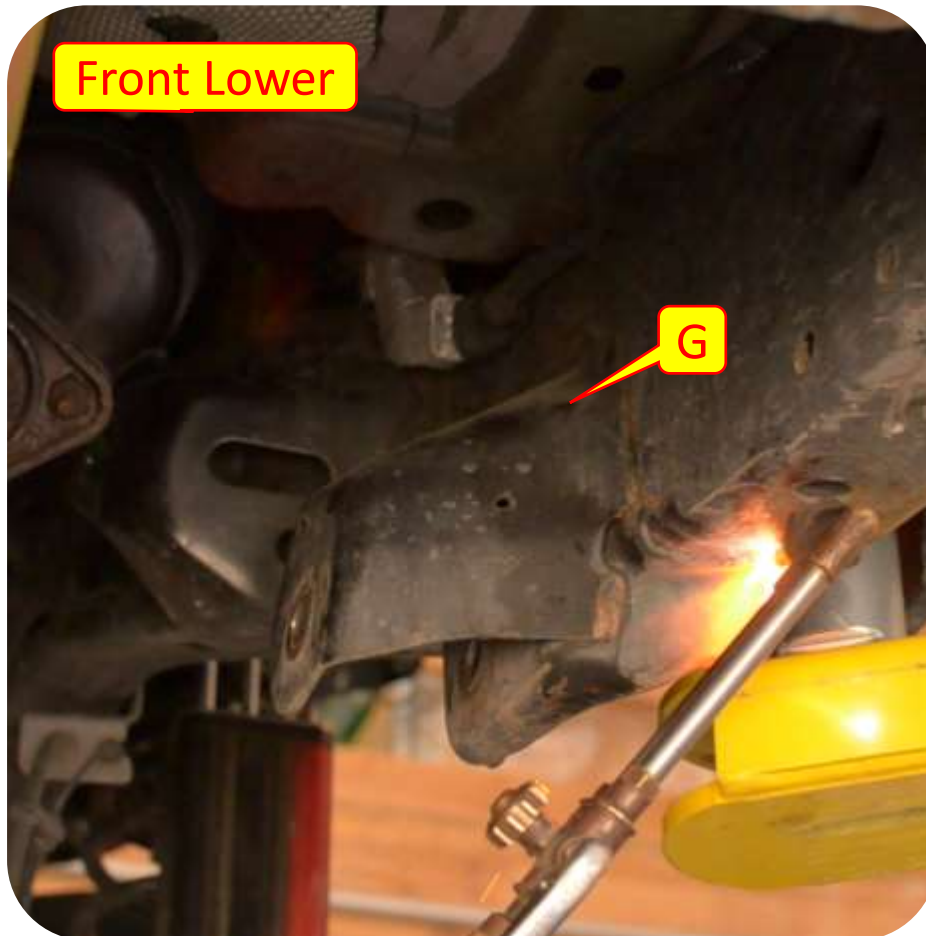
- E. Disconnect the front lower control arms using a 24mm socket & wrench. **Save Hardware.**
- F. Disconnect the front upper control arms using a 3/4" socket on the passenger side and a 18mm socket and wrench on the driver side. **Save Hardware.**



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Step 3: Removing Stock Control Arm Mounts

- G. Using a cut off wheel & grinder or torch remove the factory front control arm brackets from the frame.
- H. Clean and paint any exposed metal to prevent rust.



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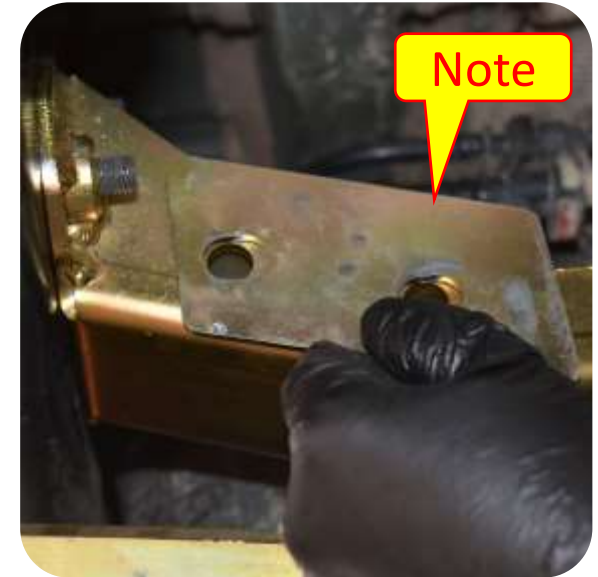
Step 4: Install the Front Lower Control Arm Bracket

- I. Install the lower control arm bracket to the crossmember using the provided 1/2" bolts (3/4" head), washers and nuts and hand tighten.

Note: *The passenger side lower control arm bracket comes with a shim to be placed between the bracket and the crossmember.*



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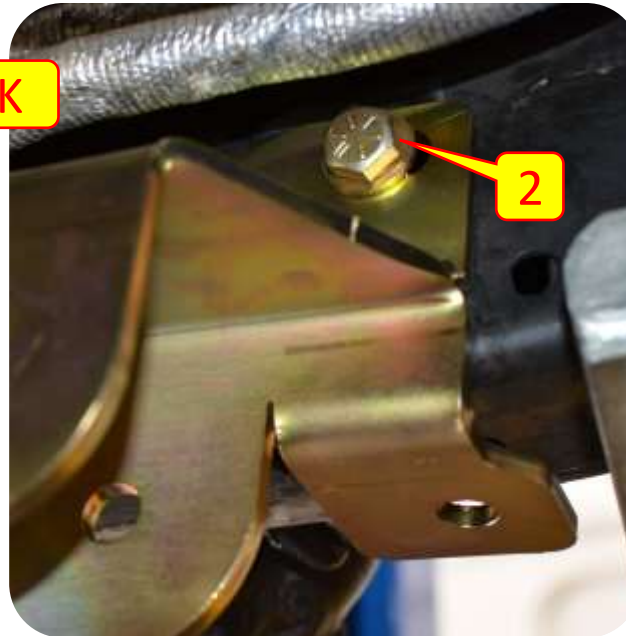
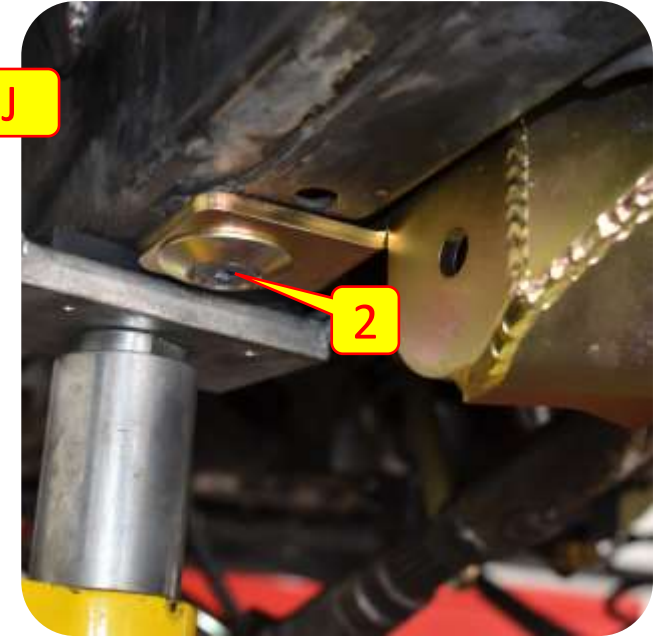


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Step 4: Install the Front Lower Control Arm Bracket

- J. Insert flag nut (*BOM#3*) into the frame and install 5/16" allen bolt and skid washer through the control arm bracket at the bottom of the frame.
- K. Insert flag nut (*BOM#4*) into the side of the frame and install 3/4" bolt through control arm bracket and frame.
- L. Tighten all lower control arm bracket hardware.

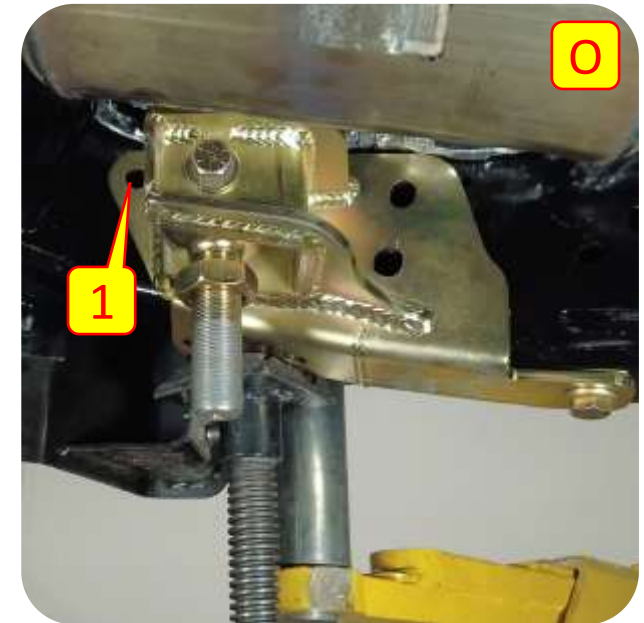
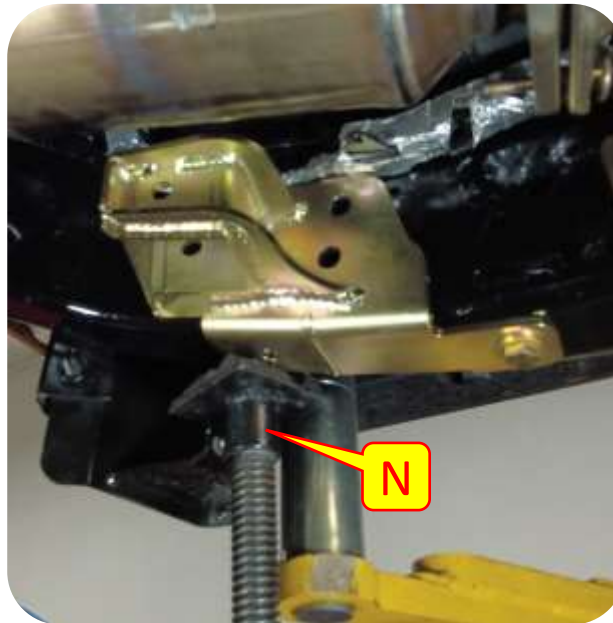


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Step 5: Install the Front Upper Control Arm Bracket

- M. Place upper control arm bracket up to frame and align rear most slot on the bottom of the bracket with factory threaded insert using the provided 18mm head 12mm bolt. Insert the bolt and snug holding the bracket with pressure to the rear of the vehicle.
- N. Use a jack or c clamp to pull the rest of the bracket tight up to the vehicles frame.
- O. Mark the 1 hole on the bracket for drilling.

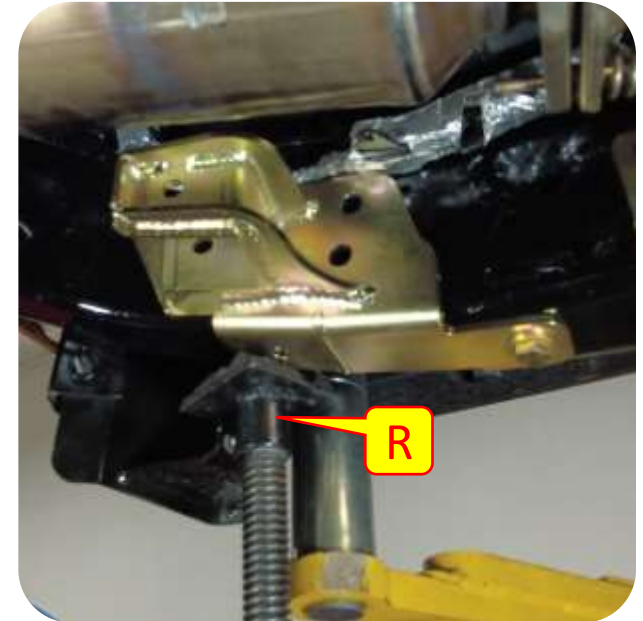
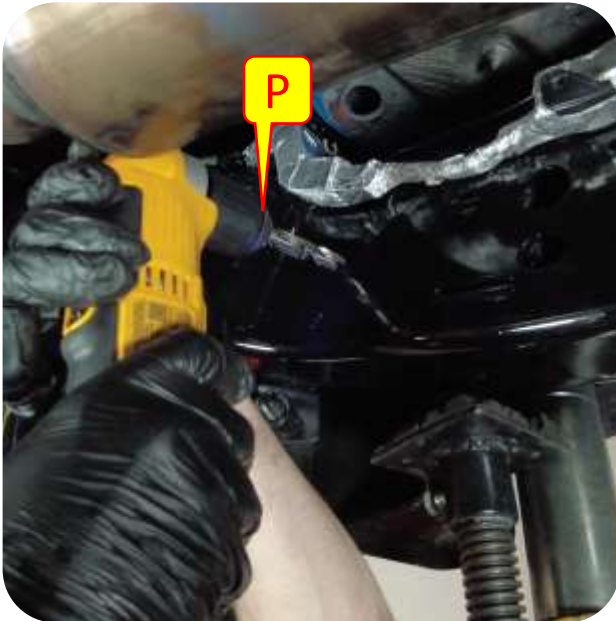
Note: *If your vehicle is equipped with the factory crash bar on the passenger side frame rail, trace the profile of the lower large hole just rear of the arm pocket.*



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Step 5: Install the Front Upper Control Arm Bracket

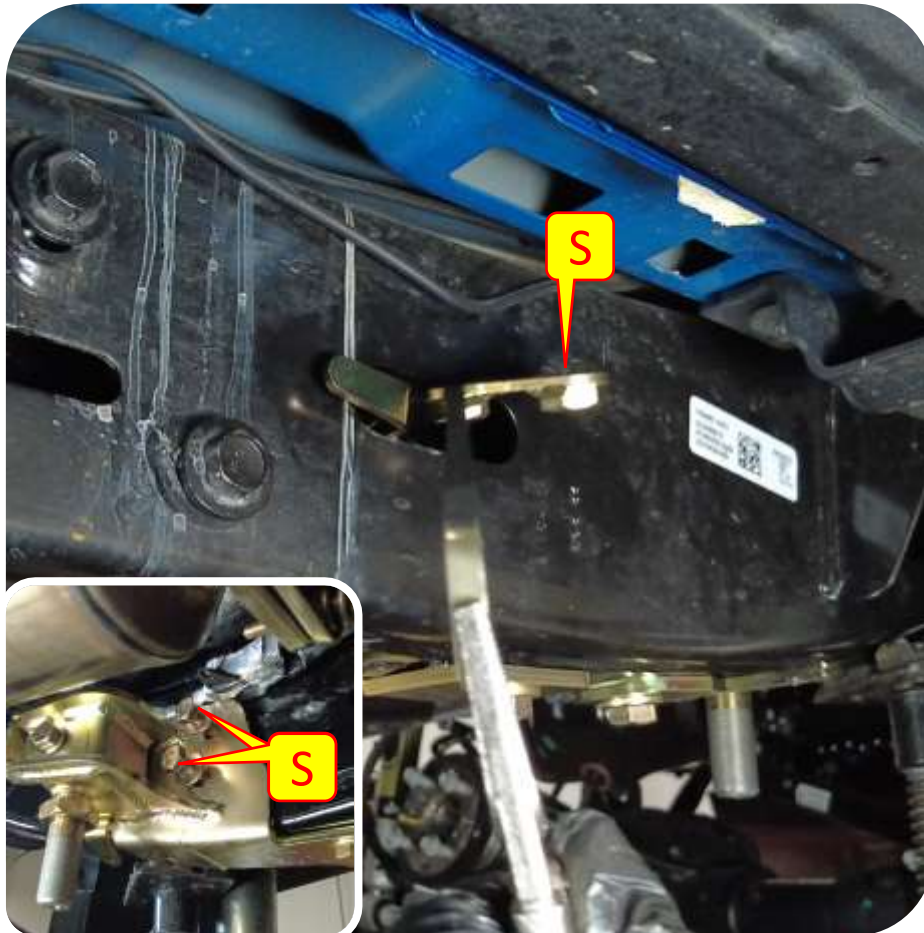
- P. Remove the bracket and drill you 2x 1/2 holes and if equipped with the crash bar clearance the marked hole using a die girder or something similar.
- Q. Place upper control are bracket up to frame and align rear most slot on the bottom of the bracket with factory threaded insert using the provided 18mm head 12mm bolt. Insert the bolt and snug holding the bracket with pressure to the rear of the vehicle.
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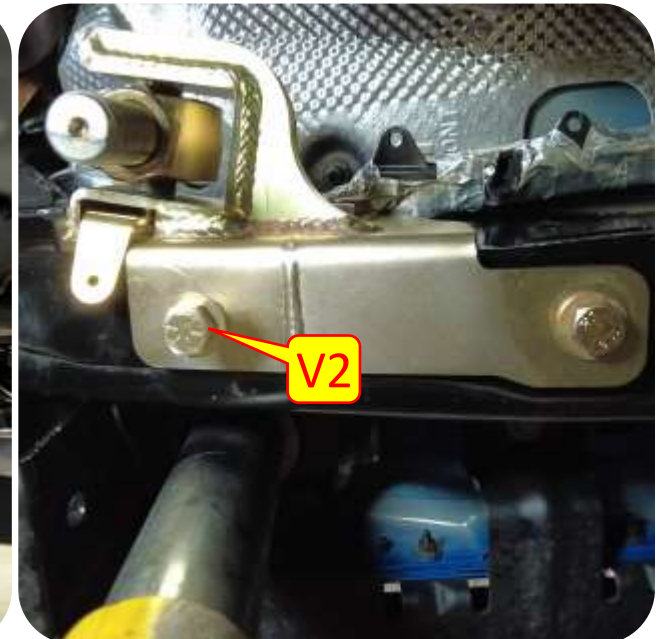
- S. Insert flag nut BOM #3 into the same slot as step K. Align with the 2 holes on the rear side of the bracket and install the two provided 3/4" head 1/2" bolts into this flag plate.
- T. Insert flag nut BOM #7 into the hole in the frame just ahead of the body mount and align with the hole on the inside from most hole drilled earlier. install provided bolt.



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Step 5: Install the Front Upper Control Arm Bracket

- U. Using a 1/2" drill bit drill out the lower front hole on the frame.
- V. Insert the flag nut BOM #1 into the hole in the side of the frame between the mounts and install the provided bolt into the front most bottom hole drilled out in step U.



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Step 6: Install the Front Control Arms

Note: Measure the upper front control arms to 26 3/4" eye to eye and the lower rear control arms to 37 9/16" eye to eye. These control arm specifications are just starting points. **ALL JEEPS ARE DIFFERENT.** MetalCloak recommends seeing a suspension specialist for correct control arm lengths for **YOUR** Jeep.

- W. Install the front upper control arm into the upper control arm bracket loosely using the provided 1/2" bolt and flag nut (BOM#3 & BOM#11).
- X. Install the lower control arm into the axle and bracket at the crossmember using a 13/16" socket at the frame and the factory 21mm bolt at the axle.
- Y. Set the caster and install the upper control arms at the axle end using the factory hardware.

