

PRODUCT: JT Four Link Long Arm, RockSport

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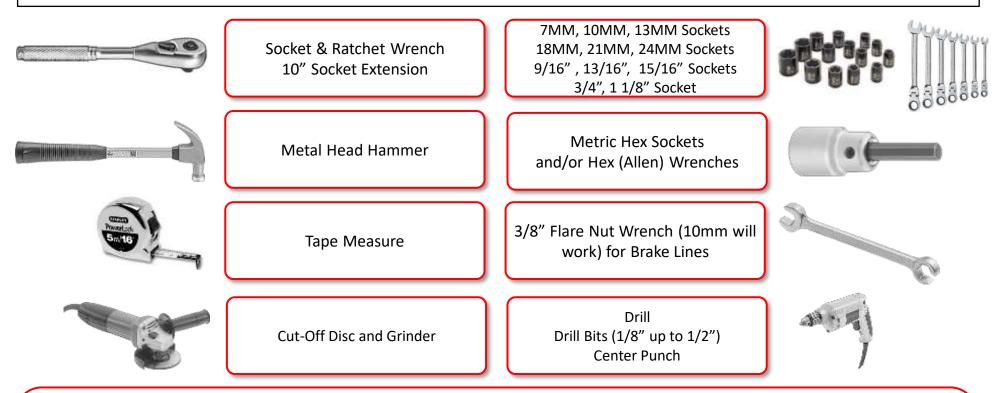
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Tools Required: This list is the recommended tools for ease of installation. Other versions of the same tool can be used. For example, Allen Wrenches instead of Allen Drive Sockets. Be sure to use metric on metric and SAE on SAE.



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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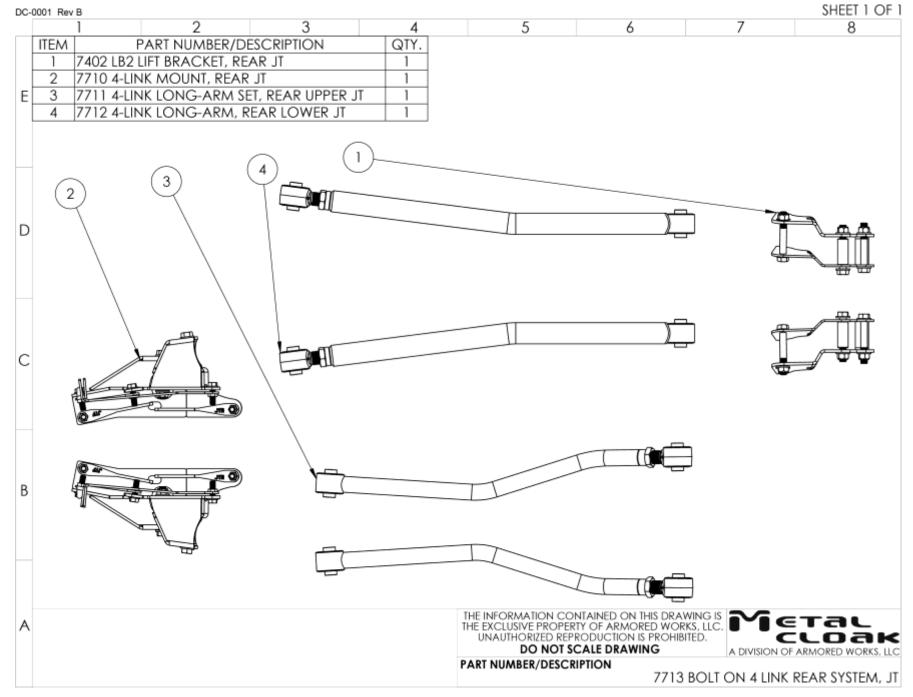


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Important Note: MetalCloak recommends replacing the factory drive shaft. The factory drive shaft binds at transfer case side and the factory drive shaft is too short for additional travel. An aftermarket drive shaft clears t-case and is optimal for maximum travel



Factory Drive Shaft Misalignment



Aftermarket Drive Shaft Correction





Important Note: MetalCloak does not recommend powder coating your True Dual Rate Coils. The baking process in powder coating can, in some cases, cause the metallurgical properties of the coils to be changed, resulting in the loss of the lift properties of the coils. As such, the process of powder coating the coils will void any warranty stated or implied in relation to the coils.

Important Note: To install lift components you will need to fully 'droop' your suspension in the front and rear (not at the same time). We strongly recommend that the vehicle be placed on an automotive lift and that all appropriate safety precautions be taken to secure the vehicle while it is off the ground. Always use the necessary axle stands (or equivalent) to support the axle when the suspension components are disconnected for safety, and to ensure the integrity of your suspension system during the installation process.



Step 1: Remove Stock Components

- A. Disconnect front sway bar links using a 18MM wrench and 6MM Allen Wrench. Save all Hardware
- B. Using a 10MM Socket disconnect the brake line brackets that is attached to the frame. Save all Hardware.

Important 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 carful not to damage the brake line!!!

Important Note: To help prevent strain on the brake lines MetalCloak recommends clipping all zip ties attached to the brake lines.









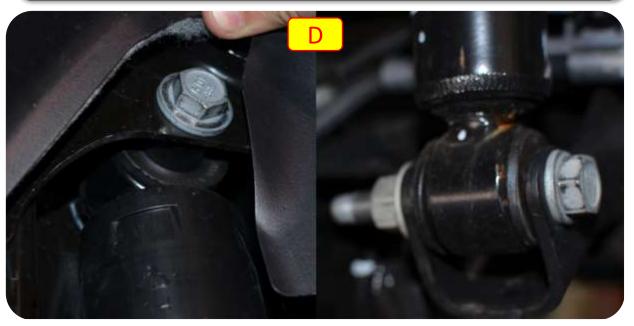
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Step 1: Remove Stock Components

Important Note: Disconnect any electronics attached to the axle (Locker plug, Front axle disconnect plug, etc.)

- C. Using a 21MM Socket disconnect the stock track bar. Save all hardware.
- D. Use a 18MM Socket and Wrench to remove the shocks. Save all hardware
- E. Remove stock springs, and any spacers that have been used if vehicle has been previously lifted.









Step 2: 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.





Step 3: Disconnect Front Control Arms (Stock Control Arms)

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

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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.

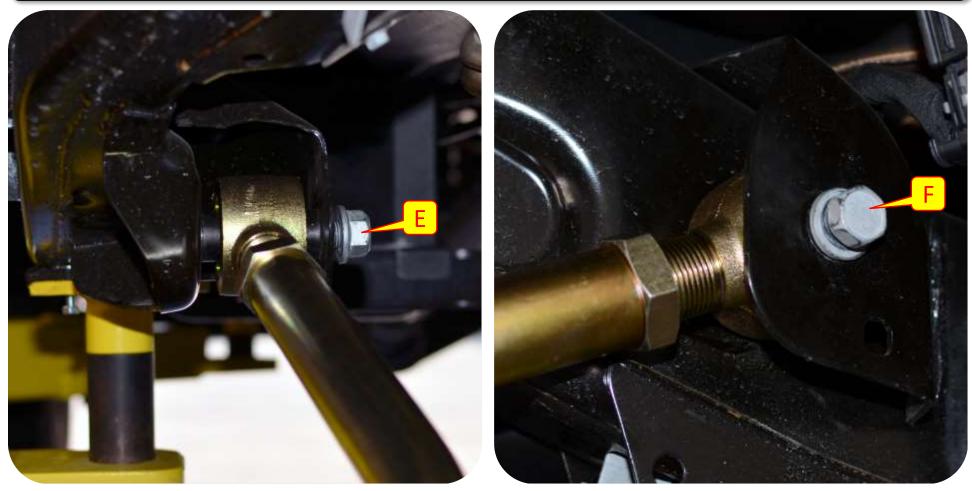




Step 3: Disconnect Front Control Arms (MetalCloak Mid Arms)

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

- E. Disconnect the front lower control arms using a 24mm socket & wrench. Save Hardware.
- F. Disconnect the front upper control arms using a 18mm socket and wrench. Save Hardware.

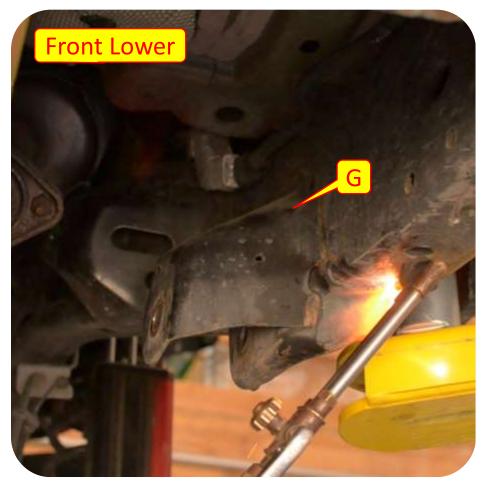


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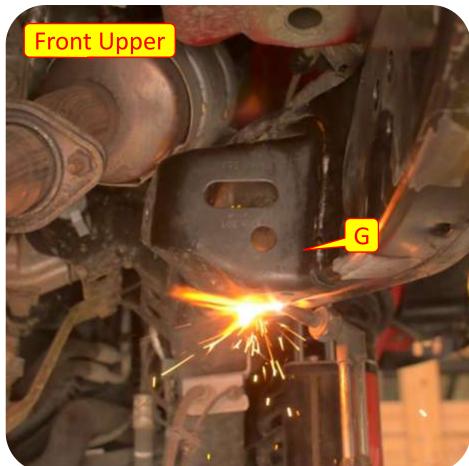


Step 4: Removing Stock Control Arm Mounts

Note: You can unbolt and remove driver and passenger catallactic converts from the vehicle. This will allow more room for removal of factory bracketry and later installation of upper control arms bolts. **This step is optional and is not required.**



- 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.

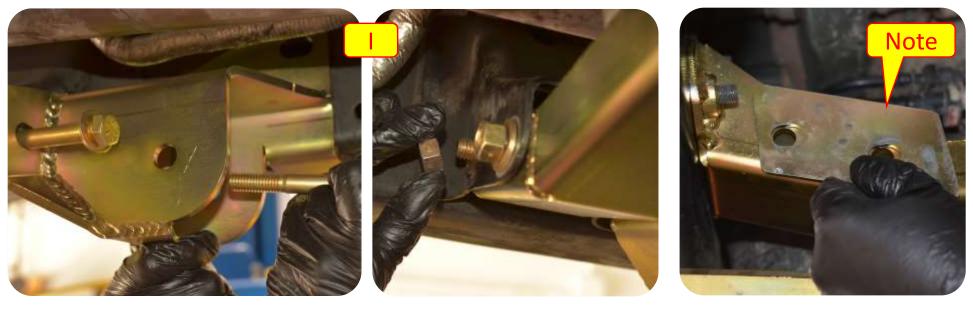




Step 5: Install the Front Lower Control Arm Bracket

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.

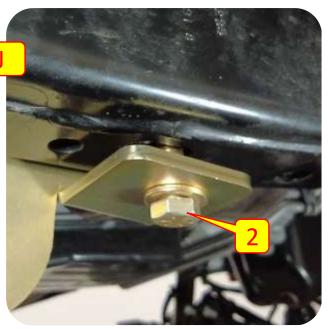




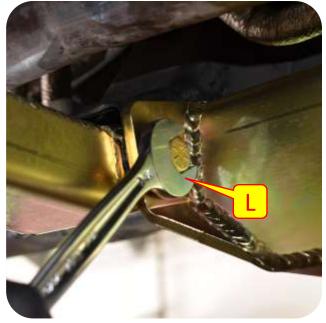
Step 5: Install the Front Lower Control Arm Bracket

- J. Insert flag nut (BOM#3) into the frame and install the 3/4" head bolt and 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.











Step 6: Install the Front Upper Control Arm Bracket

- M. 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.
- N. Insert the double flag nut into the hole in the side of the frame and install the provided 1 1/8" bolts into weld nuts (BOM#5) and tighten.



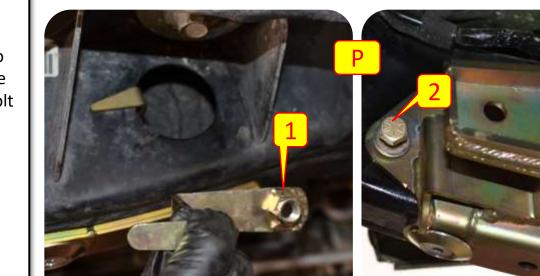


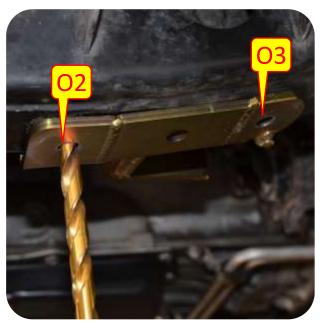
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- O. Using a 1/2" drill, drill out the remaining hole on the inside of the bracket. and drill out the front and back hole on the bottom of the bracket, do not drill out the center hole on the bottom.
- P. Insert the flag nut (BOM#4) into the hole in the side of the frame and install the provided 1/2" bolt (3/4" head).

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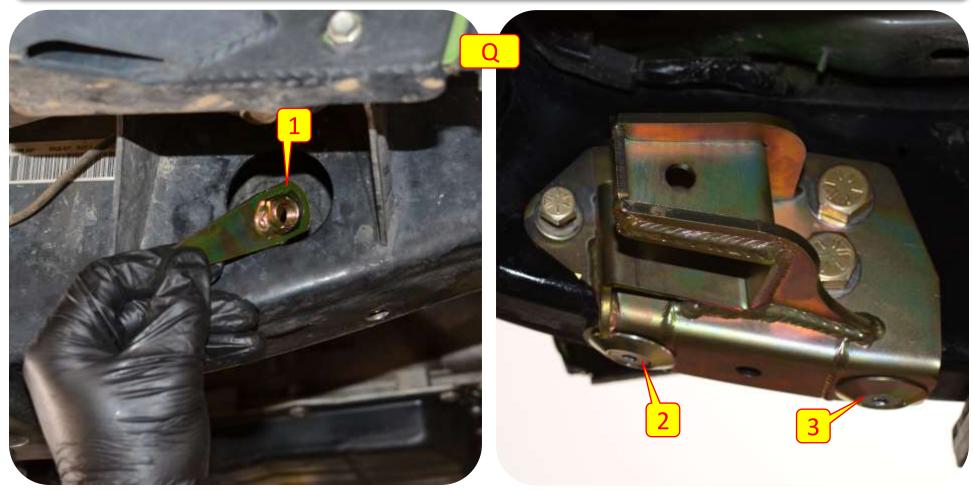






Step 6: Install the Front Upper Control Arm Bracket

- Q. Insert the flag nut (*BOM#2*) into the hole in the side of the frame and install the provided skid washer and 1/2" countersunk 5/16" allen bolt (*You can use masking tape to help fish the flat flag nuts down the frame in needed*).
- R. Tighten all front upper control arm bracket hardware.

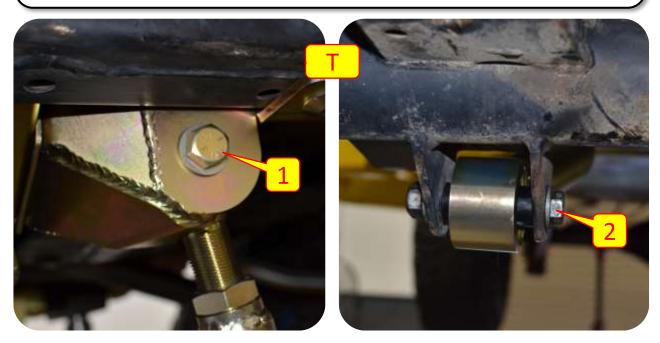




Step 7: Install the Front Control Arms

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.

- S. 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).
- T. 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.
- U. Set the caster and install the upper control arms at the axle end using the factory hardware.









Coil Isolator Information Guide

Important Note: MetalCloak's suspension systems include a unique coil design that utilizes upper isolators to position the coil. The following table will help you identify where to install the isolators included with your kit. You must remove the stock isolators before installing the provided coil isolators. If you have any questions give us a call at 916-631-8071.

	Coil Isolator Je	ep Locations				
Tall Isolator	Jeep Model	Installation Locations				
	JL Wrangler 3.6L Non-E Torque	Upper Front Passenger				
HETOLSLODE	JL Wrangler 2.0T E-Torque	Upper Front Driver & Passenger				
	JL Wrangler 4xE	Upper Front Driver & Passenger				
	JL Wrangler Diesel	Upper Front Driver & Passenger				
	JT Gladiator Diesel	Upper Front Driver & Passenger				
Short Isolator	JK Wrangler (All Models)	Upper Front Driver & Passenger				
H-TRUCCOS	JL Wrangler 3.6L Non-E Torque	Upper Front Driver				
	JL Wrangler 3.6L E-Torque	Upper Front Driver & Passenger				
	JL Wrangler Turbo	Upper Front Driver & Passenger				
	JL Gladiator 3.6L Motor	Upper Front Driver & Passenger				
Rear Isolator	JL Wrangler 3.6L Non-E Torque	Upper Rear Passenger				
New Sections	JL Wrangler 4xE	Upper Front Driver & Passenger				

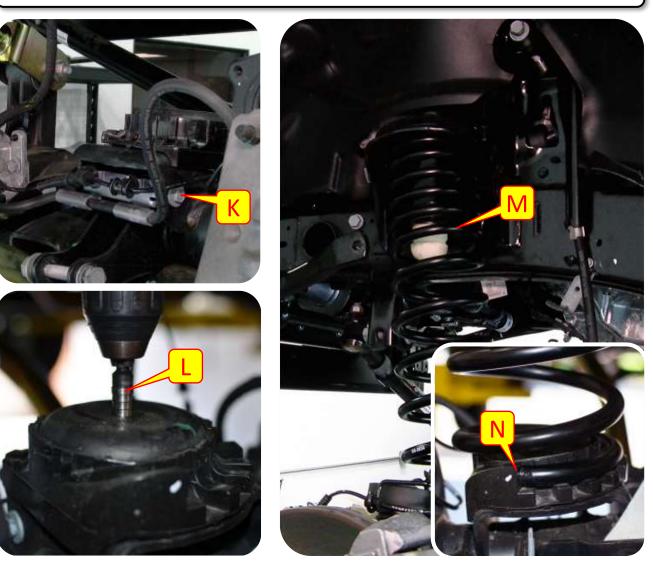
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Step 8: Install Coils and Bump Stops

- K. Using a 10mm socket disconnect the bracket from the spring perch on the axle.
- L. Drill out the center hole using a step bit or you can start your hole with a smaller drill bit and work your way up to a 1/2".
- M. Install the front coils. Make sure the tightly wound coils are oriented upward.
- N. Slip the bottom of the coil onto the coil base on the axle. Rotate the coil until it is seated properly on the coil base.

Important Note: If the axle does not droop enough to allow the coil to be put in place a coil compressor can be used to compress the coil to allow fitment. **Important Note:** Droop your suspension to gain access to the spring perch. Be sure to watch the ABS lines so they do not get over extended and break.

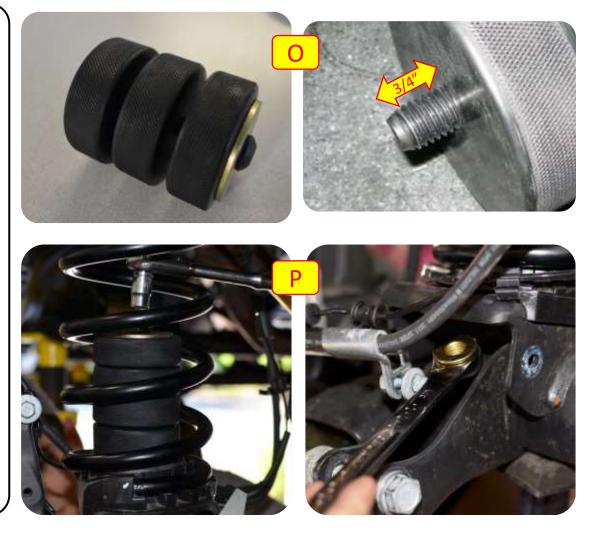




Step 8: Install Coils and Bump Stops

Important Note: Your individual build may require an addition or removal of bump stop pucks for your tire size fitment.

- Select the appropriate Screw length so that the threads stick out of the bottom Disks approximately 3/4". Assemble your bump stops inside the installed coil by feeding the 1/2" Countersunk Screw through the Cover Plate, and then threading through the Bump Stop Disks. The center hole in the Disk is intentionally small to create the most rigid assembly possible after installation.
- P. The 1/2" Screw is backed by a 1/2" Flanged Nylon Lock Nut. Install the nut and tighten the hardware using a 5/16" Hex Key Socket or Allen Wrench and a 3/4" Wrench. Tighten until everything is tight; the hardware will not bottom out, but instead will begin to compress the Disks.





Step 9: Install Outboard Shock Spacer & Shocks

- Q. Drill out the brake line bracket hole using a 3/8" drill bit or step bit.
- R. Drill out the hole located on the bottom of the stock shock mount using a 3/8" drill bit or step bit.
- S. Place the outboard spacer on the stock shock mount so it aligns with the pre existing holes.





Step 9: Install Outboard Shock Spacer & Shocks

- T. Install the lower shock mount bolt hand tight.
- U. Install the provided bolt and nut into the brake line bracket mount location hand tight.
- V. Install the spacer and stock hardware into the stock location and tighten using a 18mm socket and wrench.
- W. Using a 14mm wrench and socket tighten the two remaining bolts.



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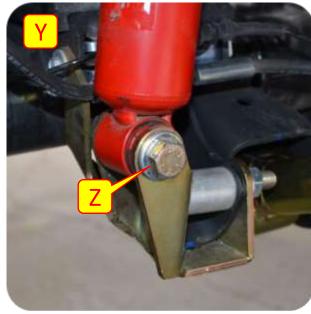


Step 10: Install Outboard Shock Spacer & Shocks

- X. Using the stock hardware install the top of the RockSport shock making sure the spacer is on the inboard side of the shock.
- Y. Align the shock with the outboard shock mount.
- Z. Install the shock with the provided 1/2'' bolt and flange lock nut.
- AA. Using a 19mm wrench and socket tighten the 1/2'' bolt and flange lock nut.
- BB. Secure the brake line bracket back on to the coil perch with a zip tie.





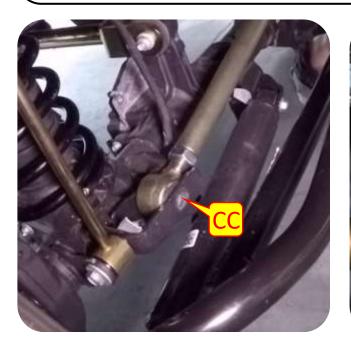




Step 11: Install Front Track Bar

- CC. Install the front track bar. Making sure the adjustable end of the track bar goes into the stock bracket on the axle. Re use the stock hardware.
- DD. Install the fixed end of the track bar into the stock frame bracket. The clearance bends should point towards the front bumper, up and away from the differential cover. Re use the stock hardware.
- EE. Fully tighten the stock hardware on both ends of the Track Bar using a 21MM socket and wrench, and then tighten the Jam Nut on the Track Bar.
- FF. MetalCloak **STRONGLY RECOMMENDS** having your alignment checked by a professional after changing any suspension components.

Note: It is helpful to have someone push the vehicle to the driver or passenger side to help align the hole; if you don't have an extra pair of hands you can use a ratchet strap on the frame/axle to pull the frame in the desired direction. Lower the Jeep to the ground to ensure the axle is centered once the bolt is in place. If not then remove the bolt, adjust the Track Bar length, replace the bolt, and re-check axle centeredness. Repeat until the axle is as close to center.







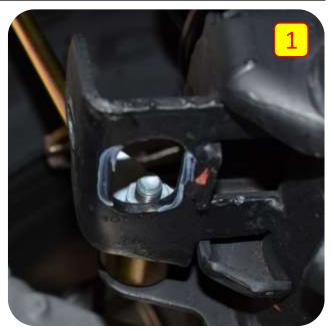
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Step 11: Install Front Track Bar

Note: MetalCloak uses an over-sized forged housing for additional strength; the factory window pocket may need additional clearance for optimal fitment. Use a die grinder and cutting bit to enlarge the existing window in the factory track bar bracket.





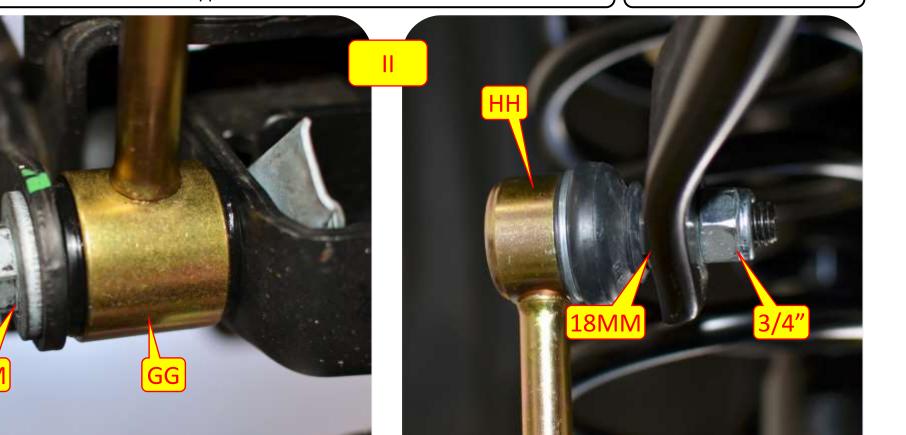




Step 12: Install Sway Bar End Links

- GG. Using the factory hardware install the bottom of the MetalCloak extended sway bar links.
- HH. Using the supplied hardware install the top of the MetalCloak extended sway bar links
- II. Tighten sway bar end links with an 18MM Wrench for the factory hardware and a 3/4" & 18MM wrench for the supplied hardware.

Important Note: MetalCloak recommends using red Loctite on each of the upper spindles of the sway bar end links.







Step 13: Finalize Installation

JJ. Adjust the caster angle and toe as needed. Once set, tighten all hardware, Re attach all brackets and reinstall the heat shield. Finally, tighten the jam nuts on all control arms.

Note: When lifting any vehicle, basic dynamics are changed. It is important to take your vehicle to a professional for an alignment after installation. Make sure caster setting is adjusted for a lifted vehicle (not stock specs).



Step 1: Remove Stock Components

Important Note: MetalCloak Recommends removing the bottom rear fender well plate for easier access to the upper shock bolts by using a 8MM socket wrench.

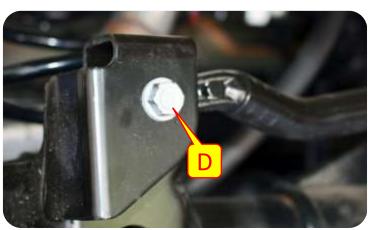


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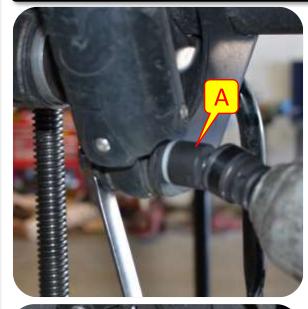
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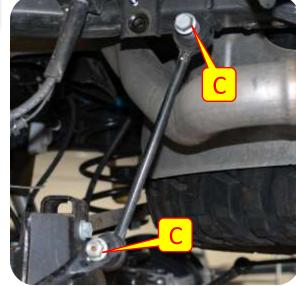
- A. Using a 21mm socket and wrench disconnect the stock shocks. Save all hardware.
- B. Disconnect the locker, breath tube, and wheel speed sensor lines, and emergency brake bracket from the axle.
- C. Disconnect the rear sway bar links using an 18MM wrench. Save all hardware.
- D. Using a 21MM Socket and wrench disconnect the stock rear track bar.
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- E. Remove Stock Coils.

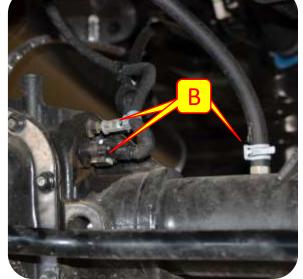


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Important Note: Make sure the axle is supported before disconnecting anything.











Step 1: Remove Stock Components

- F. Remove the factory control arm bolts of the rear upper and lower control arms with a 23mm socket and 21mm wrench.
- G. Disconnect the E-Brake cable at the wheel end.

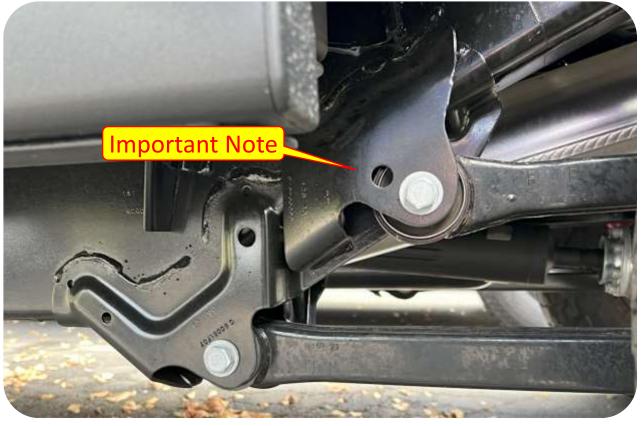




Step 2: Gas Tank Removal

Important Note: It is required to cut off the factory rear control arm mounts at the frame for this installation. MetalCloak recommends removing the gas tank for optimal safety when removing this bracket; if you are uncomfortable removing the tank you should take you Jeep to an Authorized MetalCloak installer to have the work done by a professional.

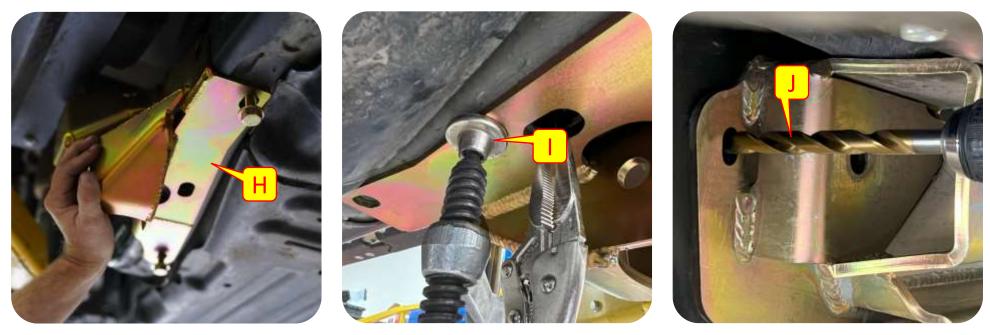
Important Note: After removing the factory control arm mount MetalCloak recommends grinding the area smooth, clean, and then paint any of the exposed metal to help prevent rust.





Step 3: Rear Frame Bracket Installation

- H. Align the bracket with the frame making sure that the 2 holes on the bottom of the frame are centered and front most 2 holes on the frame are centered with the holes on the bracket.
- I. Secure the Mounting Bracket to the frame using a clamp or an assistant.
- J. Center mark your rear most side hole drill with a 1/2'' drill bit.





Step 3: Rear Frame Bracket Install (Driver Side Gas JT / Passenger Side Diesel JT)

K. Most JT will only have threaded inserts on the fuel tank side only (*Passenger Side on a Gas JT and Driver side on the Diesel*). When installing the bracket on the side opposite to the fuel tank you must use flag nuts JTF and JTR. Insert JTR through the hole in the side of the frame bolt end 1st (*K1*) and use your finger and a screwdriver to slide the flag nut down the frame to the rear most hole. The tail of this flag nut should fall though the slot in the bottom of the frame. (*K3*) next Install JTF through the same hole but this time inset it tale first. slid the nut to be over the front most hole in the bottom of the frame and again the tail of the flag nut should fall through the slot in the bottom of the frame and again the tail of the slot is large enough (*K2*). Use vice grips to hold each flag nut tail, install a 1/2 bolt into each flag nut from below (*L*).









Step 3: Rear Frame Bracket Install (Gas Tank Side)

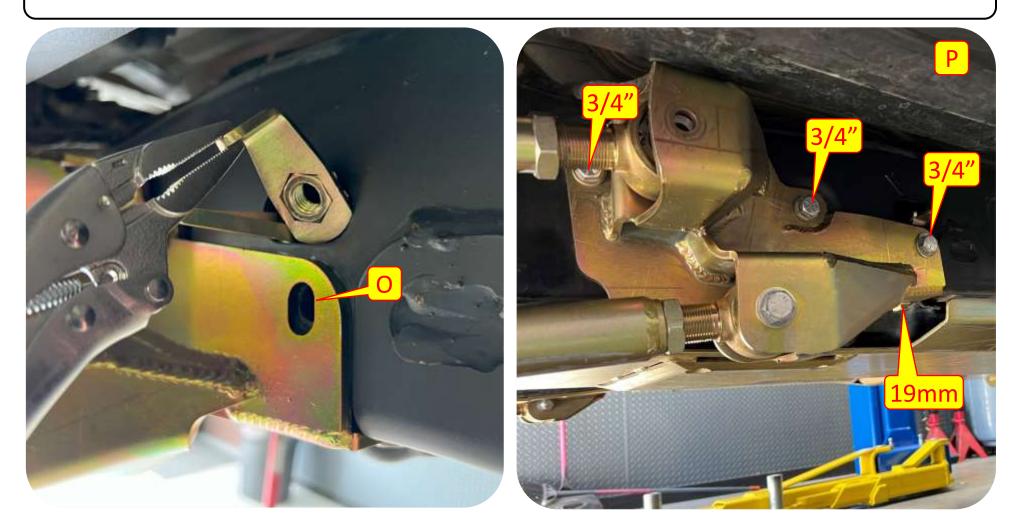
- M. Insert the long flag nut labeled JTS through the access hole (*M1*) to the drilled-out bolt hole (*M2*). Install 1/2" bolt into flag nut and hand tighten. After bolt is started into flag nut, you may push the tail into the frame to not obstruct the installation of remaining 2 flag nuts.
- N. Insert the flag nut labeled JT through the access hole (*N1*) to the center bolt hole on the bracket (*N2*). Install 1/2" bolt into flag nut hand tight.





Step 3: Rear Frame Bracket Install (Gas Tank Side)

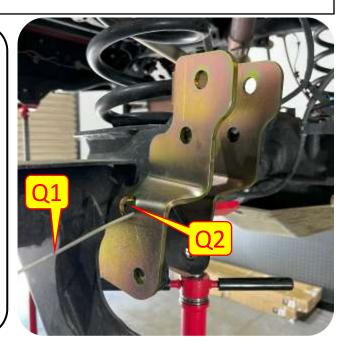
- O. Insert the smallest flag nut through the access hole to the front hole just under the access hole and install 1/2" bolt into flag nut hand tight.
- P. Fully tighten all 1/2" bolts using a 3/4" socket and all M12 bolts (*bottom bolts*) using a 19mm socket.

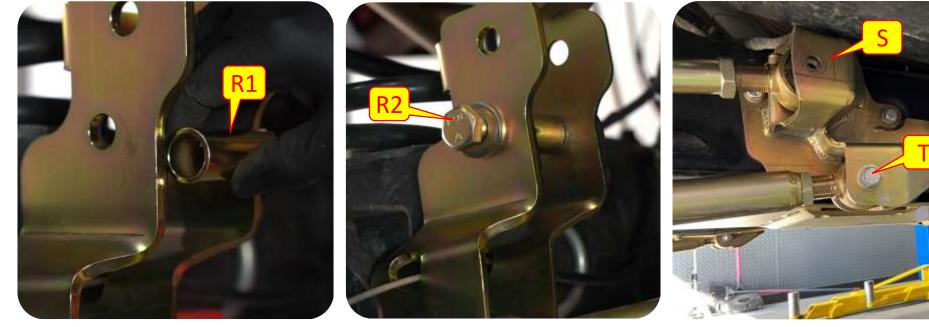




Step 4: Axle Control Arm Correction Bracket Installation

- Q. Feed the E-Brake cable through the holes on the bracket and set the bracket into place with the bracket offset to the outside of the vehicle.
- R. Insert the crush sleeve into factory upper control arm mount and insert the provided 5/8" bolt and nut hand tight.
- S. Set lower arms to 37 1/2" eye to eye as a starting point and install using the provided 5/8" bolts and nuts making sure the lock nuts are at the frame.
- T. Set upper arms to 33 1/2" eye to eye as a starting point and install using the provided 5/8" bolts and nuts making sure the lock nuts are at the frame.

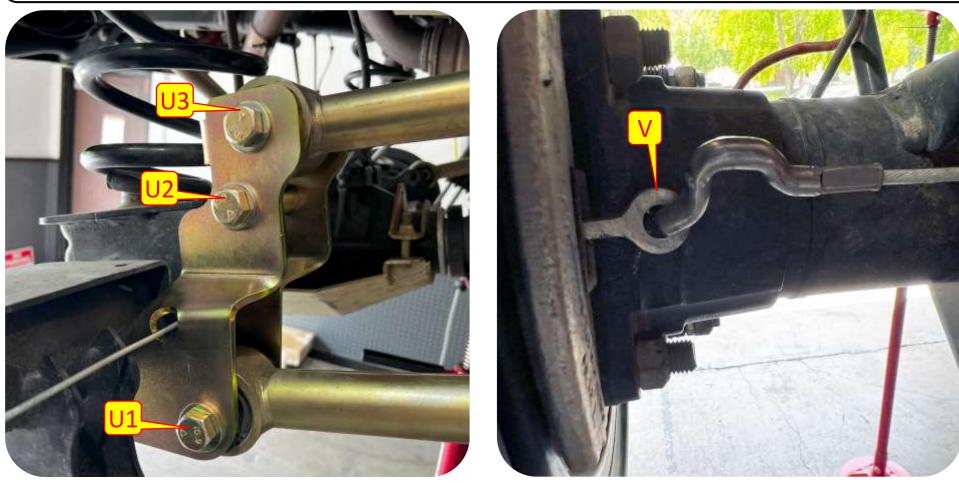






Step 4: Axle Control Arm Correction Bracket Installation

- U. Working from the bottom to the top tighten the correction bracket bolts with a 15/16" socket and wrench.
- V. Reinstall the E-Brake.



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Step 5: Install Rear Coils

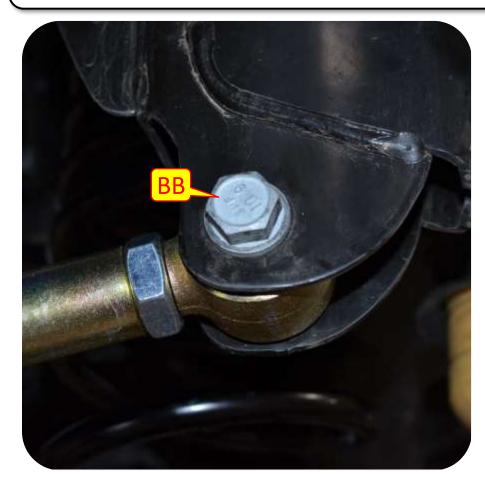
- W. If the axle does not "droop" enough to allow the coil to be put in place a coil compressor can be used to compress the coil to allow fitment.
- X. Place the rear coil cup on top of the rear true dual rate coil.
- Y. Install rear true dual rate coils with the tightly wound coils oriented upward.
- Z. Slip the bottom of the coil onto the coil base on the axle.
- AA. Install the RockSport shocks in the stock locations using the stock hardware.





Step 6: Install MetalCloak Track Bar

K. Install the MetalCloak Track Bar using the stock hardware. You may need to lower the vehicle to the ground to install one end of the track bar and tighten the hardware using a 21MM Socket and Wrench.

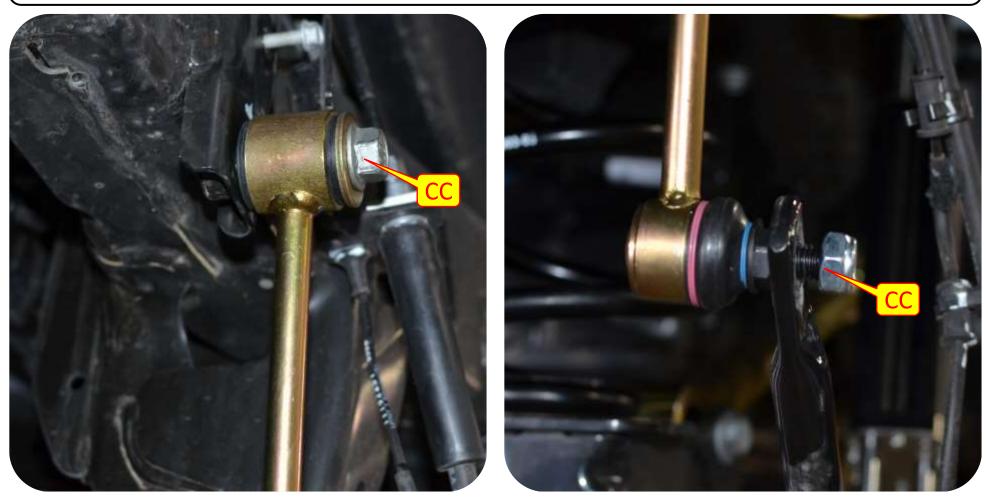






Step 7: Sway Bar Links

CC. Using an 18mm socket Install the extended sway bar end links to the frame and on the sway bar.

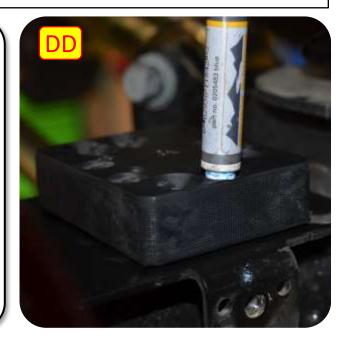


Step 8: Install Rear Bump Stops

- DD. Center the rear bump stop onto the rear axle bump stop plate and mark the holes in preparation for drilling.
- EE. Center punch the marked holes.
- FF. Drill a pilot hole at the marked location and work your way up to a 3/8" drill bit.
- GG. Using a 1/2" wrench and a 3/16" allen socket tighten the provided hardware into the drilled locations.







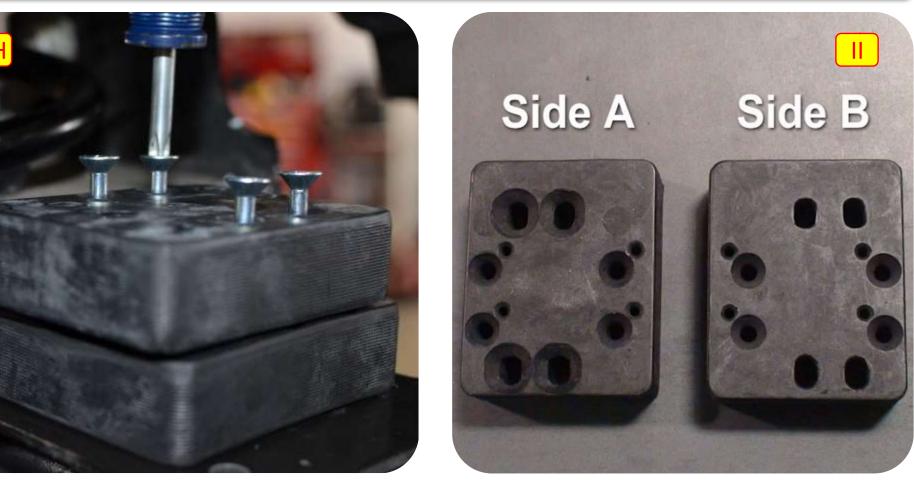




Step 9: Install Rear Bump Stops

HH. Install next puck (Side B) using the 1 3/4" woodscrews.

II. Continue until desired bump stop height (Side A/Side B/ Side A/Side B).



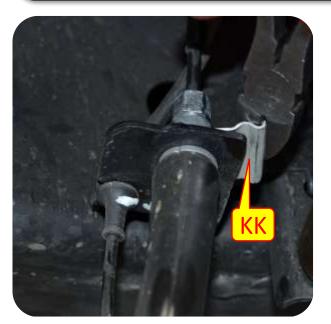


Step 10: Rear Brake Line Installation

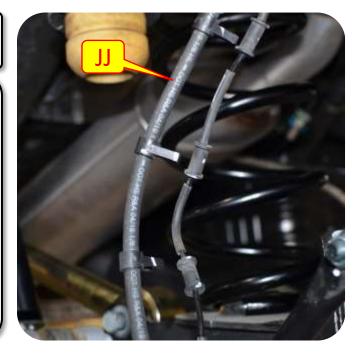
Important Note: *MetalCloak recommends placing a drain pan under the caliper; fluid will leak out when removing brake lines.*

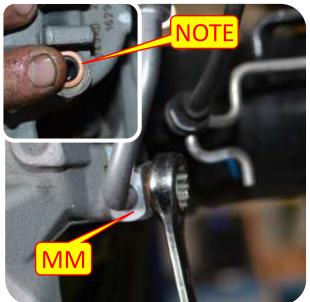
- JJ. Carefully disconnect the brake line from the ABS line.
- KK. Using pilers remove the stock brake line spring clip.
- LL. Using a 12mm and 16mm wrench disconnect the stock brake line at the frame.
- MM.Using a 15mm wrench disconnect the brake line from the caliper. Save bolt.

Note: *Make sure the copper washer is removed from the caliper.*





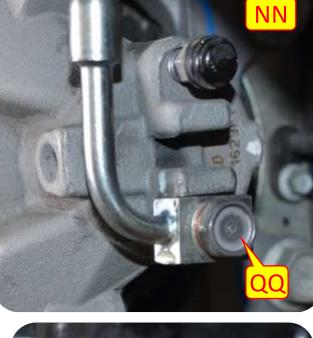






Step 11: Rear Brake Line Installation

- NN. Install the new brake line into the caliper using the stock bolt making sure to place a brass washer on each side of the brake line.
- OO. Install the break line at the frame and install the provided spring clip.
- PP. Using a 12mm and 18mm wrench fully tighten the brake line at the frame.
- QQ. Using a 15mm wrench fully tighten the brake line at the caliper.
- RR. Using zip ties reconnect the Brake Line to the ABS Line.











Step 12: Finalize

- SS. Lower the vehicle to the ground and re connect the locker, breath tube, and wheel speed sensor lines, and emergency brake bracket to the axle.
- TT. Adjust the caster angle and toe as needed.
- UU. Once the caster is set, make sure to tighten all hardware and tighten the jam nuts on all control arms.



Step 8: Bleed Brakes

CAUTION!! FAILURE TO PROPERLY BLEED THE BRAKE LINES WILL CAUSE YOUR BRAKES TO BE INEFFECTIVE.

Before your vehicle is ready to drive you will need to refill the brake reservoir and bleed the air out of the brake lines. If you are not experienced with this process, or have any reservations, consult a professional. For a full write-up of the brake bleeding process for your JEEP Wrangler JK, you can also refer to:

https://wayalife.com/showthread.php/4335-MAINTENANCE-Bleeding-the-Brakes-on-a-Jeep-JK-Wrangler

