



Part # 42205  
2020 Jeep Gladiator JT Leveling Kit

<i>Part #</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Qty.</i>
42105-02	Front coil spacer	2
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Congratulations on your selection to purchase a Tuff Country EZ-Ride Suspension System. We at Tuff Country EZ-Ride Suspension are proud to offer a high quality product at the industries most competitive pricing. Thank you for your confidence in us and our product.

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.

For a list of parts, please refer to the back of the installation manual for photos of parts that are included in this suspension system.

Make sure to use thread locker or loctite on all new and stock hardware associated with the installation of this suspension system.

After the completion of the installation, a front end alignment is required.

## Installation Manual 2020 Jeep Gladiator JT Leveling kit With Shock Extensions Part # 42200

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### Important customer information:

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

It is the responsibility of the customer/installer 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. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our technical department @ (801) 280-2777. Also, the OEM manual should be used as a reference guide.

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 100 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 checked every 6 months to ensure proper tracking, proper wear on tires and front end components. Tuff Country EZ-Ride Suspension takes no responsibility for abuse, improper installation or improper suspension maintenance.

### 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.

Important information that needs to be read before installation begins:

Tuff Country recommends a 35"x12.50" tire once part # 42200 has been installed. 37" tires can be installed with possible modification required. The OEM tires and wheels can be used in conjunction with this lift kit. If a wider tire is installed on the stock wheel, contact with suspension components may occur. Due to different types of tread patterns, some aggressive tires in this size recommendation may require slight trimming of inner fender plastic. **Our tire and wheel fitments are only a guideline. Different production times or tolerances will vary and this size should only be used as a starting point. Each vehicle is different and will need to be treated as such.**

Before installation begins, Tuff Country EZ-Ride Suspension highly recommends that the installer performs a test drive on the vehicle. During the test drive, check to see if there are any uncommon sounds or vibrations. If uncommon sounds or vibrations occur on the test drive, uncommon sounds or vibrations will be enhanced once the suspension system has been installed. Tuff Country EZ-Ride Suspension highly recommends notifying the customer prior to installation to inform the customer of these issues if they exist.

This Suspension kit comes with (1) installation manual and some post installation procedure literature and it is the installers responsibility to make sure that the customer receives the post installation procedure literature. If a customer would like a copy of the installation manual, please have them visit our website at [www.tuffcountry.com](http://www.tuffcountry.com). Have them go to the customer care section to download these instructions. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at (801) 280-2777.

Recommended tool selection:

- Jack stands
- Torque wrench
- Standard socket set
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- Metric socket set
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- Hydraulic floor jacks

## Hardware Bag 42205NB Includes:

Description		Quantity
S10026	.680" X .500" X 1.500" SLEEVE	2
123B	1/2" X 3" Bolt	2
716WA	7/16" Flat Washer	4
12UN	1/2" Unitorque Nut	2
516B	5/16" X 1" Bolt	2
14WA	1/4" Flat Washer	4
516UN	5/16" Unitorque Nut	2

**Actual Parts may vary slightly from the parts in these photographs.**

Please follow instructions carefully:

Before installation begins, 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: \_\_\_\_\_

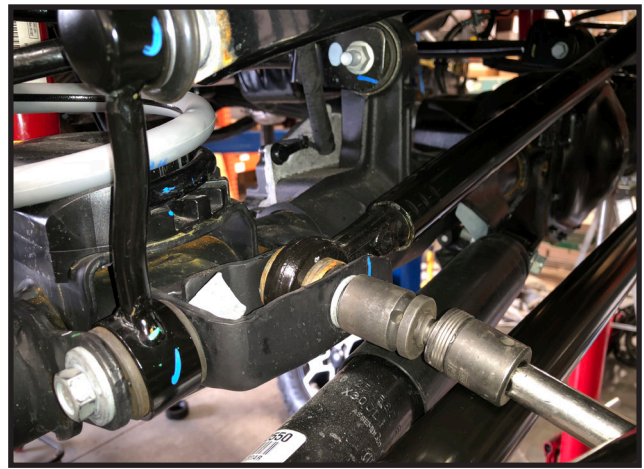
Driver side rear: \_\_\_\_\_

Passenger side rear: \_\_\_\_\_

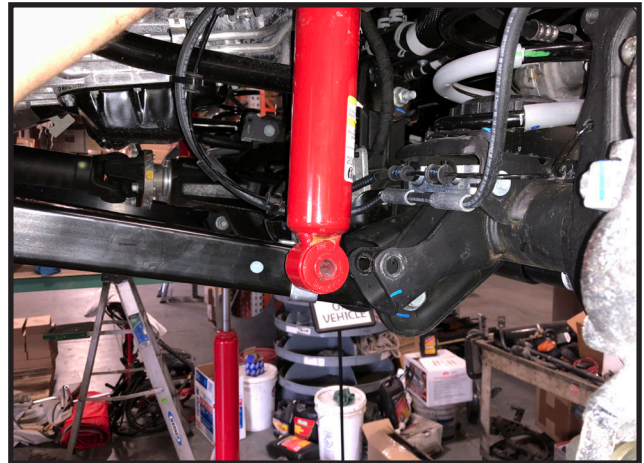
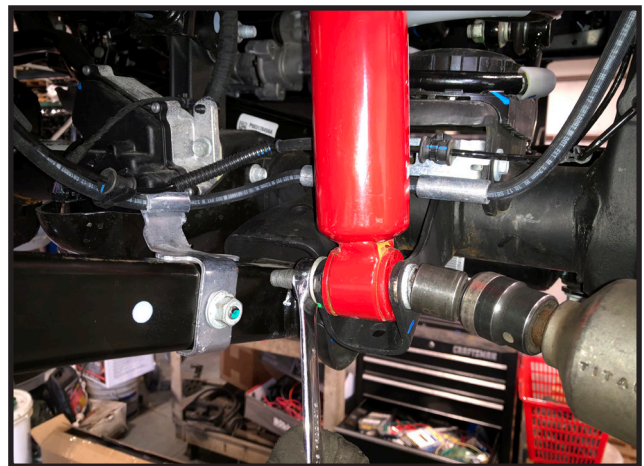
Front end installation:

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 both the driver and passenger side with jack stands. Remove the tires and wheels from both sides. Place a pair of hydraulic jacks on each side of the front axle.

2. Remove the track bar mounting hardware from the axle side bracket. Save the hardware for re-installation.

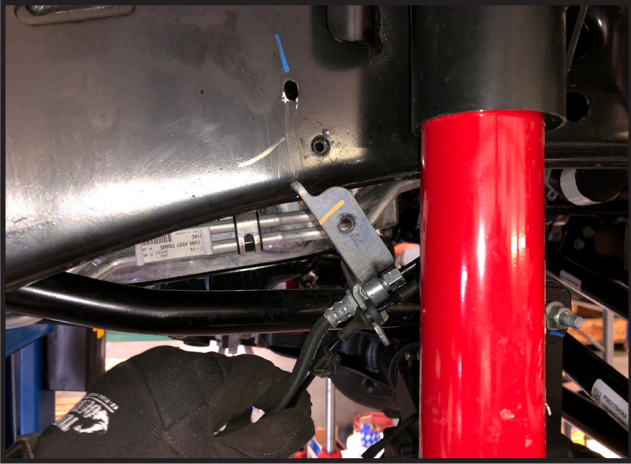


3. Working on both sides, remove the shocks from the axle, save the hardware for later installation.

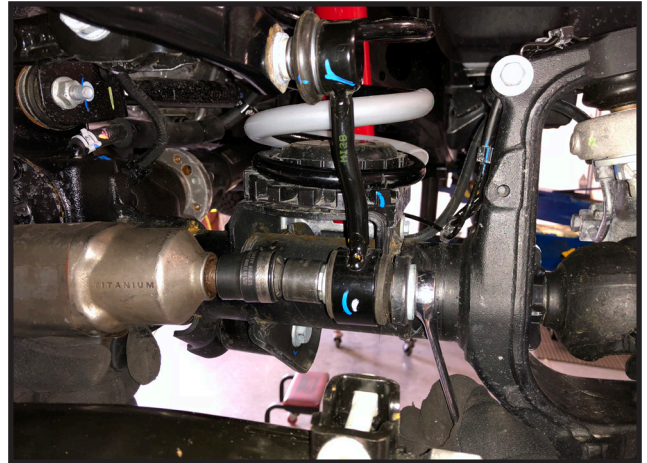
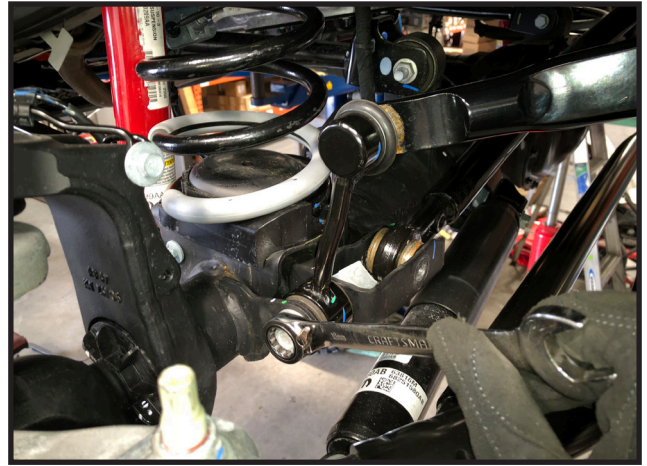
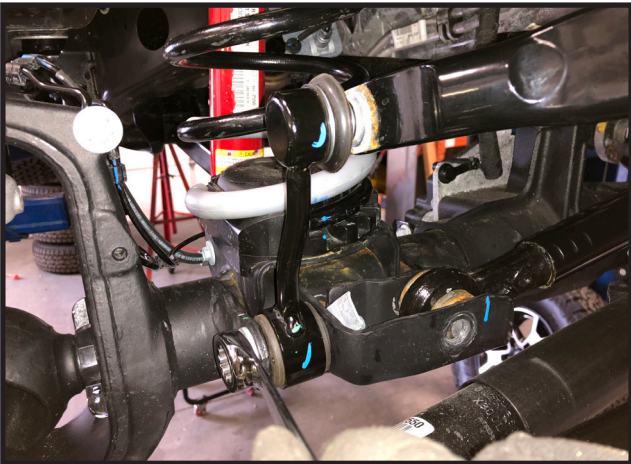




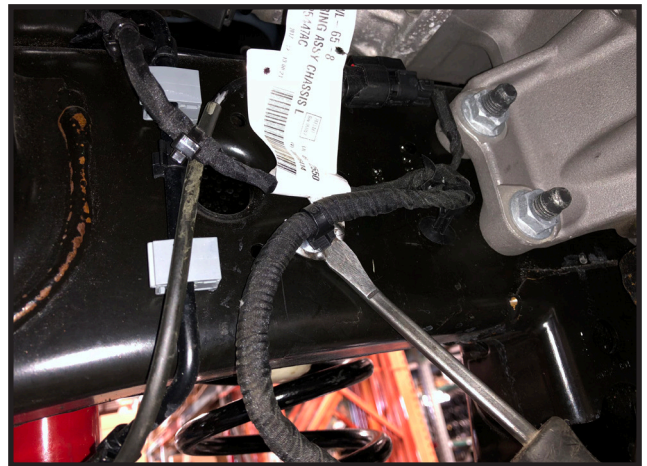
4. Working on both sides, remove the brakeline frame mounting bracket bolt and save bolts.



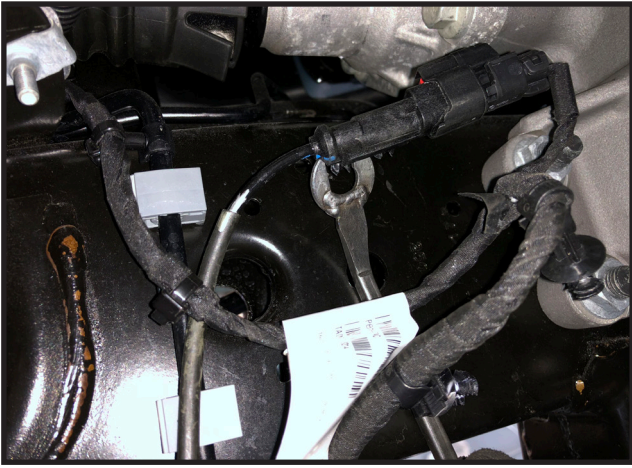
5. Working on both sides, remove the lower mounting hardware for the swaybar endlinks. Save the hardware.



6. Working on the driver side inner frame rail, just behind the steering gear box, locate and remove the plastic plugs holding the wire harness to the frame. This is done to gain slack in the wires during the install process.



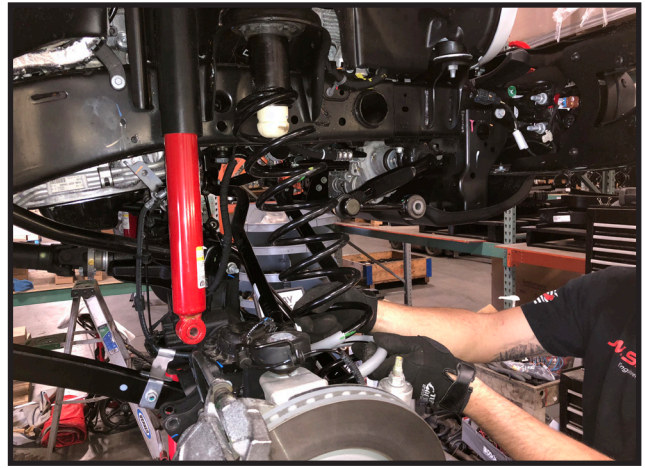
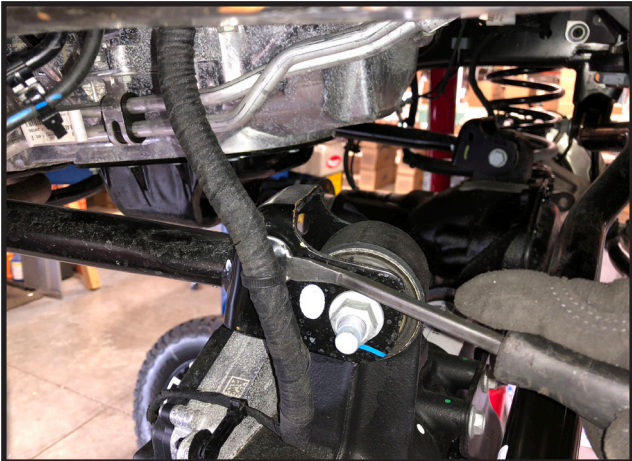




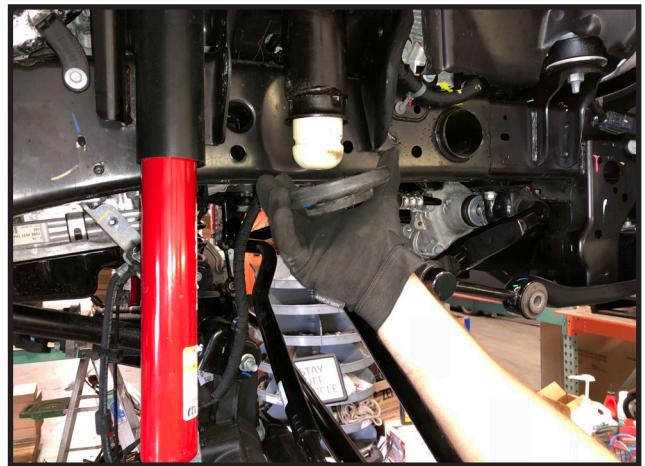
7. Working on the passenger side upper control arm axle mount, locate and remove the plastic wire harness plug from the control arm to gain slack in the wire.



8. Carefully lower down on the hydraulic jacks so that the coil springs become loose and can be removed. Remove the front coil springs and set aside. **IMPORTANT: Be sure to remember what side of the vehicle the coils came off of, they will need to be re-installed on the SAME side as the came off.**



9. Working on both sides, remove the upper rubber coil spring isolator from the frame mount.

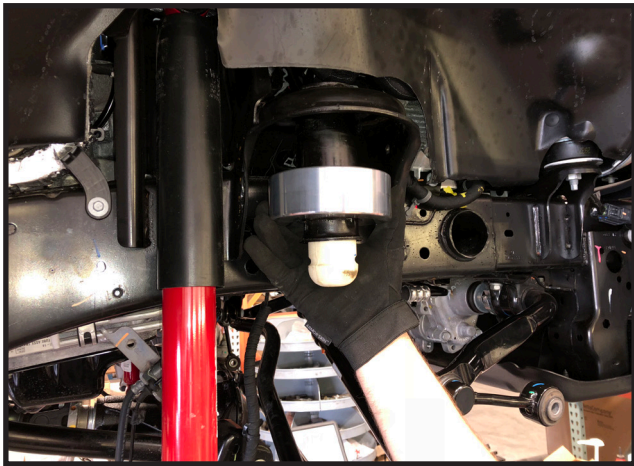


10. Locate and cut the rubber nipple off of both coil spring isolators.





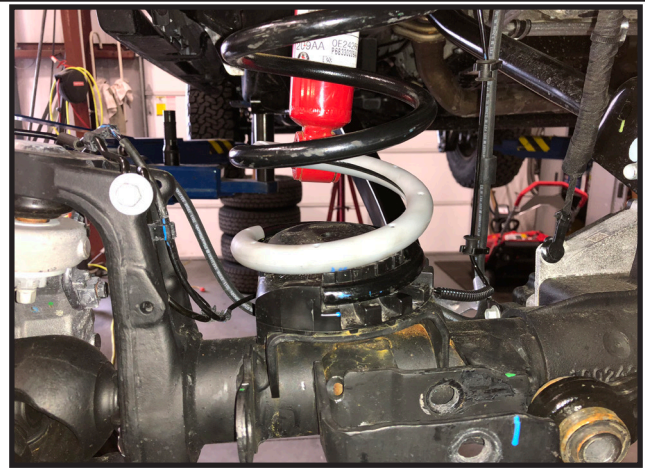
11. Locate the new front coil spacers part #42105-02, and install them into the front coil spring frame mounts.



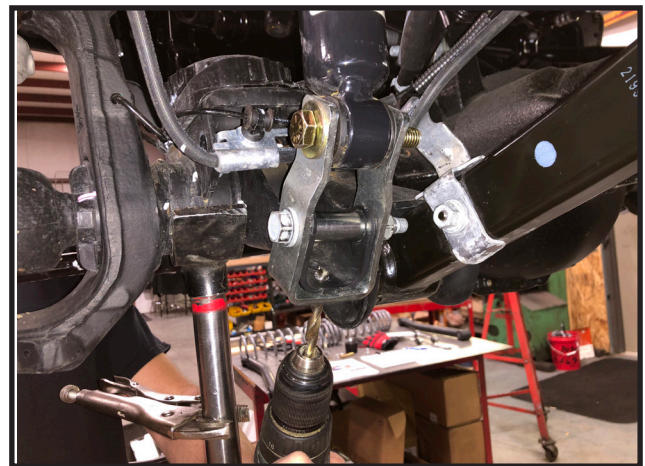
12. Re-install the rubber coil spring isolators to the bottom of the new coil spring spacers.



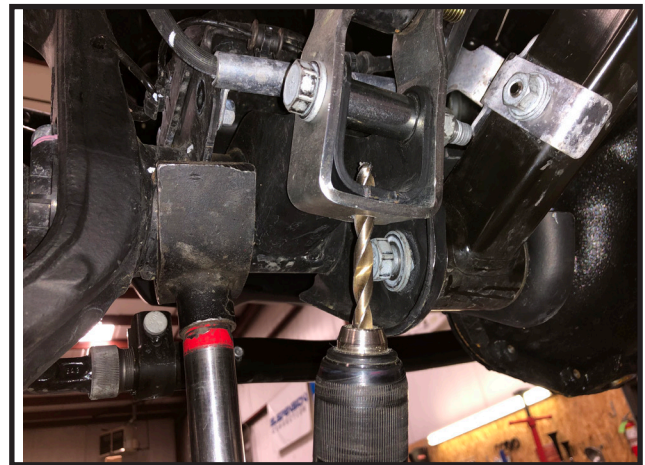
13. Re-install the front coil springs making sure to install them on the same side they were removed from. Also make sure that the bottom of the coils are properly seated in the lower plastic mount so that the end of the coil wind is up against its stop.



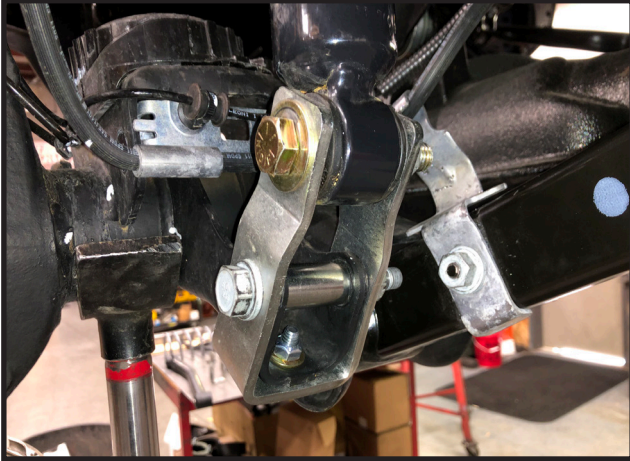
14. Locate the shock Extension Brackets, (2) S10026 Sleeves, (2) 123B, (4) 716WA, (2) 12UN, And the OE shock hardware. Install the bracket on to the lower Shock mount, Using the OE hardware and S10026 sleeve. Do not tighten. Attach the shock to the bracket using 123B, 716WA, 12UN. Do not tighten.



15. Locate (2) 516B, (4) 14WA, (2) 516UN, Install the hardware thru the bottom side of the shock bracket. Some OE shock mounts may need to be drilled.



16. Torque the 5/16" hardware to **25 FT LB**. At this time you can torque Both the OE shock hardware and the 1/2" hardware to **45 FT LB**



17. Carefully raise up on the hydraulic floor jacks enough to start re-installing all of the previously removed components.

**Tip: Place a jackstand or support device under the rear bumper before raising the front axle to help prevent the vehicle from lifting from the pressure of the coil springs.**

18. Working on the driver side inner frame rail, re-install the plastic wire harness plugs into the original locations.

19. Working on the passenger side, re-install the plastic wire harness plug onto the upper control arm axle mount.

20. Working on both sides, re-install the brakeline frame mounts using the OE bolts. Re-install the sway bar end links using OE bolts. Torque to **45 FT LB**

**Special note: The front track bar bolt will be difficult to install at this time, if possible, you may do so, otherwise we will install it at the end of this install when the vehicle is under its own weight on the ground.**

**Torque track bar bolt to 80 FT LB**

**Front installation complete, re-install the front tires and wheels and lower the vehicle back to the ground.**