

Installation Guide



Ford F350 DRW

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Kits 93350 | 94350

For maximum effectiveness and safety, please read these instructions completely before proceeding with installation. Failure to read these instructions can result in an incorrect installation.

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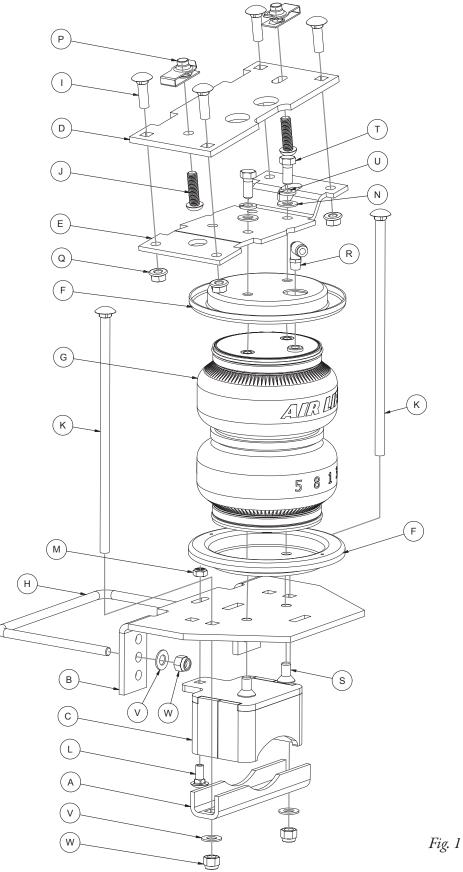
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System Overview



Hardware and Tools

Common Parts Included in Both Kits

| Item | Part# | Description | Qty |
|------|-------|------------------------------------|-----|
| А | 01531 | Clamp bar | .2 |
| В | 03014 | Lower bracket, main plate | .2 |
| С | 03223 | Lower bracket, cup | .2 |
| D | 07045 | Upper bracket, frame | .2 |
| E | 07220 | Upper bracket, air spring | .2 |
| Н | 11770 | U-bolt | |
| 1 | 17361 | 3/8"-16 x 1 1/4" Carriage bolt | . 8 |
| J | 17366 | M10-1.5 x 35 Button-head cap screw | |
| K | 17387 | 3/8"-16 x 10" Carriage bolt | .4 |
| L | 17500 | 5/16"-18 x 3/4" Carriage bolt | |
| М | 18404 | 5/16"-18 Serrated flange lock nut | .2 |
| Ν | 18507 | 3/8" Stainless steel flat washer | .4 |
| O* | 18501 | M8 Stainless steel flat washer | .2 |
| Р | 18622 | M10-1.5 Universal nut | .4 |

| Item Q R S T U V | | DescriptionQty3/8"-16 Serrated flange lock nut |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ŭ | 18504 | 3/8" Stainless steel lock washer4 |
| V W | 18444 18435 | 3/8" Flat washer |
| AA* | 20086 | Air line assembly1 |
| BB* CC* | 10466 21230 | Zip tie |
| DD* | 21234 | Rubber washer |
| EE* FF* JJ* | 18411 21233 21838 | Stainless steel star washer2 5/16" Hex nut4 Tee fitting1 |

* These parts are not shown in the System Overview (Fig. 1).

| Uni | que F | Parts in Each kit | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Air I PR | | eries | |
| K۱ | r <mark>9</mark> 33 | 50 | |
| Item F G | Part# 11951 58937 | DescriptionQty Roll plate (silver zinc plated)4 Air spring2 | |

The photos in this manual show the LoadLifter 5000 kit.

Tools Needed

| DescriptionQty |
|----------------------------------------------|
| Standard and metric open-end or box wrenches |
| Ratchet1 |
| Ratchet1 Standard and metric socketsSET |
| 5/16" Drill bit (very sharp)1 |
| 9/16" Crow's foot adapter |
| 9/16" Ratchet combo wrench |
| Heavy-duty drill |
| Torque wrench |
| Standard and metric hex-key wrenches |
| Flat-tip screwdriver |
| |
| Hose cutter, razor blade, or sharp knife1 |
| Hoist or floor jacks1 |
| Safety stands |
| Safety glasses1 |
| Air compressor or compressed air source1 |
| Spray bottle with dish soap/water solution1 |



Missing or damaged parts? Call Air Lift[®] customer service at (800) 248-0892 for a replacement part.

Air lift **PROSeries** ULTIMATE KIT 94350 Item Part# Description

| Item | Part# | DescriptionQty |
|------|-------|--------------------------------|
| F | 11967 | |
| G | 58996 | Air spring with jounce bumper2 |



Introduction

The purpose of this publication is to assist with the installation and maintenance of the Air Lift[®] ProSeries and Air Lift[®] ProSeries Ultimate air spring kits. All Air Lift[®] ProSeries and Air Lift[®] ProSeries Ultimate kits utilize sturdy, reinforced, commercialgrade double convolute bellows.

The air springs are manufactured like a tire with layers of rubber and cords that control growth. Air Lift[®] ProSeries and Air Lift[®] ProSeries Ultimate kits provide up to 5,000 pounds (2,268kg) of load-leveling support with air adjustability from 5-100 PSI (.34-7BAR).

It is important to read and understand the entire installation guide before beginning installation or performing any maintenance, service or repair.

NOTATION EXPLANATION

Hazard notations appear in various locations in this publication. Information which is highlighted by one of these notations must be observed to help minimize risk of personal injury or possible improper installation which may render the vehicle unsafe. Notes are used to help emphasize areas of procedural importance and provide helpful suggestions. The following definitions explain the use of these notations as they appear throughout this guide.

🕂 DANGER

INDICATES IMMEDIATE HAZARDS WHICH WILL RESULT IN SEVERE PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH.

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<u>A</u> CAUTION

INDICATES HAZARDS OR UNSAFE PRACTICES WHICH COULD RESULT IN DAMAGE TO THE MACHINE OR MINOR PERSONAL INJURY.

IDENTIFYING THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN KITS

Should you need to contact Air Lift[®] customer service, you will need to know which kit you are inquiring about: standard Air Lift[®] ProSeries or Air Lift[®] ProSeries Ultimate. The kits are easily identifiable by looking at the roll plates.

- □ Standard Air Lift[®] ProSeries Zinc-plated steel roll plates.
- □ Air Lift[®] ProSeries Ultimate Black powder-coated roll plates.



Air Lift[®] ProSeries silver zinc-plated steel roll plate

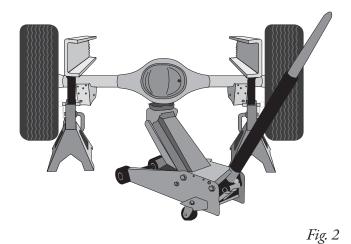


Air Lift[®] ProSeries Ultimate black powder-coated roll plate

Installing the System

PREPARING THE VEHICLE

 Jack up the rear of the vehicle or raise on a hoist. Support the frame with safety stands (Fig. 2). Lower the axle or raise the body of the vehicle until the springs are completely extended.



2. Unbolt and remove the jounce bumper assembly from under the frame on both sides (Fig. 3).



Fig. 3

3. Remove the clip-in studs by prying on the hinged end with a screwdriver. Pull all four (two from each side) out from the frame (Fig. 4).



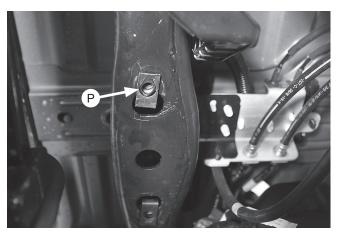




4. Install the universal nuts (P) into the frame rail, lining up the holes in the frame and the threads in the nuts so that a bolt can be installed (Fig. 5).

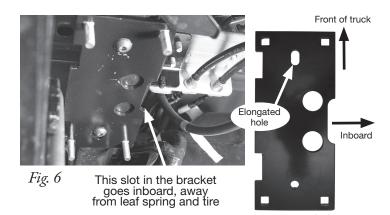
TECH TIP

A flat-tip screwdriver works well in installing the universal nut into position.





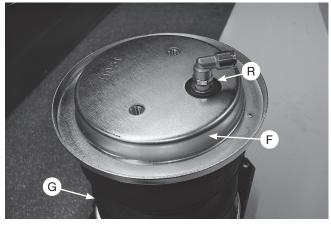
 Insert the 3/8"-16 x 1 1/4" carriage bolts (I) into the upper frame brackets (D). Install the upper bracket onto the frame using the M10-1.5 x 35mm button-head cap screws (J). The slot on the side of the bracket should be inboard of the frame rail (Fig. 6). The elongated hole should be toward the front of the truck (Fig. 7). Torque hardware to 38 Ib.-ft. (52Nm).





ASSEMBLING THE AIR SPRINGS

 Set a roll plate (F) on top of the air spring (G). The radiused, or rounded, edge of the roll plate should be toward the air spring so that it is seated inside the roll plate (Fig. 8). Install the 90 degree swivel fitting (R) into the port on top of the air spring, finger-tight plus 1 1/2 turns.





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2. Set the upper air spring bracket (E) onto the top of the air spring using one set of holes with the 3/8"-24 x 7/8" hex-cap screw (T), 3/8" lock washer (U) and 3/8" flat washer (N) (Fig. 9). Install the remaining air spring bracket onto the remaining air spring, using the opposite holes from those that were previously used. This makes the air spring assemblies into left- and right-hand units. Torque the hardware to no more than 20 lb.-ft. (27Nm).

Driver's (left) side assembly

Passenger's (right) side assembly

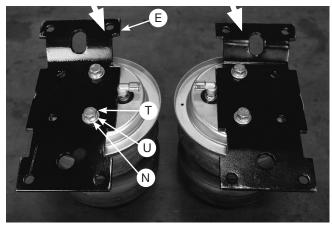
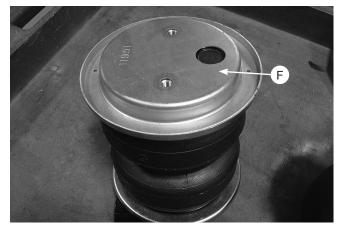


Fig. 9

3. Flip the assemblies over and set a roll plate (F) onto the bottom of the air springs (Fig. 10).





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Carriage Bolts (B).

The assembly

being shown

bar equipped

side specific.

vehicles and is

right (passenger)

is for sway

4. Insert two 3/8"-16 X 10" carriage bolts (K) through the square holes in the lower bracket main plate (B) as shown. For models with sway bars: use the holes farthest away from the flanges for the left (driver's) side, and the holes closest to the flanges for the right (passenger's) side installation (Fig. 11). For all models without sway bar, use the square holes farthest away from the flange for both sides of the installation.

For all models, left (driver side) only, use these holes for installing Carriage Bolts (B).

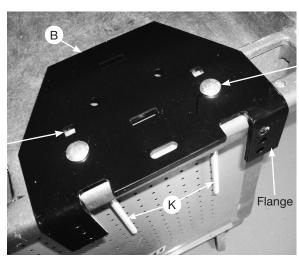


Fig. 11

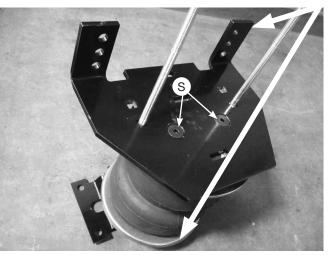
 When installing the lower brackets onto the air spring assemblies already assembled (step 2, Fig. 9), if you have a sway bar equipped vehicle, make sure the lower bracket assembly you assembled for the passenger's (right) side, is assembled on the passenger's (right) side air spring assembly. Using the holes specified in step 4, for vehicles not equipped with sway bars, it will not matter which assembly the lower bracket fits on.

Set the lower bracket main plate assemblies onto the air springs with the roll plates installed. Attach with 3/8"-24 X 3/4" flat-head socket-cap screws (S) (Fig. 12). Torque the hardware to no more than 20 lb.-ft. (27Nm).

NOTE

The flange on the lower bracket must be on the opposite side of the fitting that is located on the top of the air spring.

 Install the lower bracket cup (C) onto the lower bracket main plate using the 5/16"-18 x 3/4" carriage bolt (L) (Fig. 13). Cap with 5/16"-18 serrated flange lock nut (M) (Fig. 14) Snug bolt down but leave loose enough for bracket to move freely in slot. The flanges on the lower bracket must be installed so they are on the opposite side of the fitting that is on the top of the air spring.





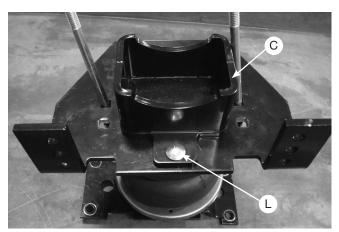


Fig. 13





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7. Figure 15 shows the driver's (left) side and passenger's (right) side assemblies.

Driver's (left) side assembly Passenger's (right) side assembly

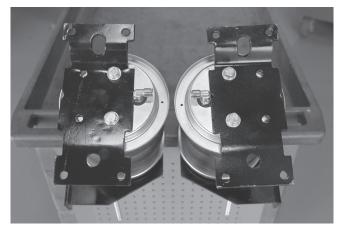


Fig. 15

INSTALLING THE AIR SPRING ASSEMBLIES

 With the vehicle supported by safety stands, drop the axle or raise the body so that the assemblies can be put into position in between the axle and frame. Set the driver's (left) side and passenger's (right) side assemblies into position so that the lower bracket sits on the axle.

NOTE

If there is a sway bar, insert the carriage bolts through the Clamp Bar (A) while setting the assemblies into position over the axle (see Fig. 18).

2. Push the lower bracket so that it is flush against the leaf spring stack. The flanges on the lower bracket main plate should lock on the sides of the U-bolt (Fig. 16).

NOTE

On the driver's (left) side, the long carriage bolt in the lower bracket main plate should be located between the hard brake line and axle (Fig. 21). On the passenger's (right) side, the carriage bolt should be located on the backside of the brake line (Fig. 22).

 Install the U-bolt (H) around the stock U-bolt/leaf spring assembly and insert through the topmost holes in the lower bracket main plates (Fig. 16). Cap with 3/8" flat washer (V) and 3/8" nylon lock nuts (W). Snug bolts evenly, just enough to hold the lower bracket main plate flush against the stock U-bolts.

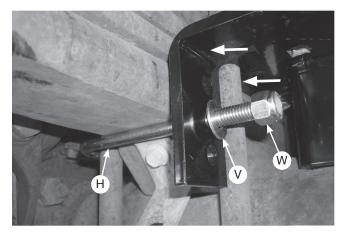


Fig. 16

4. Before proceeding, ensure the 90 degree fittings each point inboard toward the center of the vehicle. While raising the axle or lowering the body of the vehicle, align the previously installed upper frame bracket carriage bolts with the air spring bracket holes so the carriage bolts protrude through the air spring bracket. Cap the carriage bolts with the 3/8" serrated flange lock nuts (Q) (Fig. 17). Snug the bolts down first then torque to 31 lb.-ft. (42Nm). Finish raising the axle or lowering the body and remove safety stands.



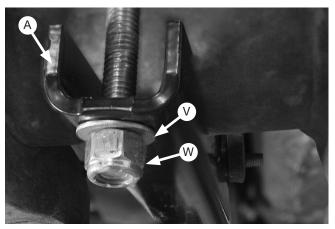
Fig. 17

 If not already completed, set the lower clamp bars (A) over the carriage bolts located under the axle (Fig. 18). Attach with 3/8" flat washers (V) and 3/8" nylon lock nuts (W). Evenly torque the lower clamp bar hardware to 16 lb.-ft. (22Nm). Finish tightening the U-bolt hardware previously snugged by torqueing to 10 lb.-ft. (14Nm).

TECH TIP

For sway bar applications it is acceptable to tighten the front carriage bolt hardware down more than the rear to gain more clearance on the sway bar. Also, it may be necessary to use a 9/16" crows foot adapter to properly torque the hardware.

6. If necessary, on vehicles that have a sway bar, cut the front carriage bolt just below the nut, so it does not contact the sway bar (Fig. 19).











7. Snug the nut holding the lower bracket main plate and lower bracket cup together to finish the lower bracket installation (Fig. 20).

NOTE

This nut will be difficult to tighten. It may be necessary to flip the wrench over a couple of times and/or move from the front/back side of the axle to get this tightened.

8. Figures 21 and 22 show the lower bracket installed.

▲ CAUTION

PUSH THE HARD BRAKE LINE AWAY FROM THE LOWER BRACKET CARRIAGE BOLT IF THE LINE IS RESTING ON IT (FIGS. 21 & 22).

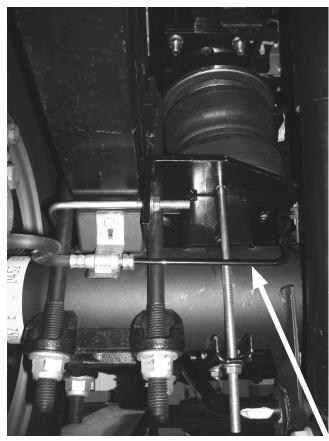






Fig. 20

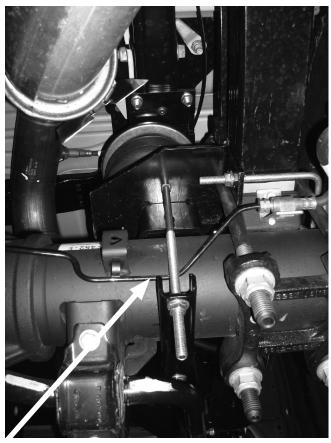


Fig. 22

If the hard brake line is resting on the lower bracket carriage bolts on either side, push or pull the brake line out of the way.



Installing the Air Lines

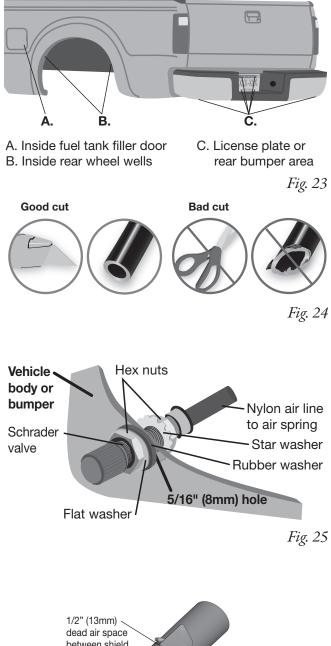
- 1. Choose the locations for the Schrader valves and drill a 5/16" (8mm) hole, if necessary (Fig. 23).
- 2. An optional tee fitting (JJ) has been supplied for those who prefer to use just one Schrader fill valve on the vehicle.

3. Cut the air line in half. Make clean, square cuts with a razor blade or hose cutter (Fig. 24). Do not use scissors or wire cutters.



KEEP AT LEAST 6" (152MM) OF CLEARANCE BETWEEN ALL AIR LINES AND THE EXHAUST SYSTEM. AVOID SHARP BENDS AND EDGES.

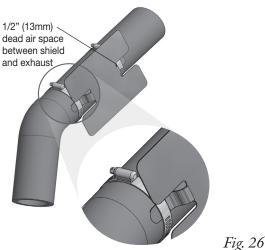
- 4. Use zip ties to secure the air line to fixed points along the chassis. Do not pinch or kink the air line. Leave at least 2" (51mm) of slack in the air line to allow for any movement that might pull on the air line. The minimum bend radius for the air line is 1" (25mm).
- 5. Install the Schrader valve in the chosen location (Fig. 25).





 Attach the metal heat shield to the exhaust where it is closest to the passenger's (right) side air spring (Fig. 26). Slide the air line thermal sleeve onto the air line on the passenger side and push into position against the fitting (Fig. 26).





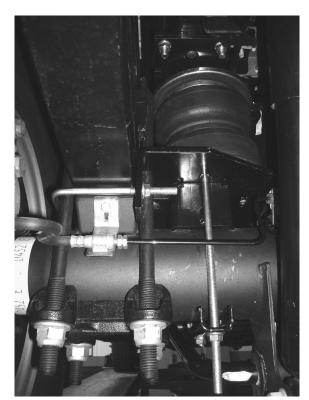
Finished Installation

These images show the finished installation (Figs. 27-30).



Inside, forward of axle view of passenger's (right) side installation.

Fig. 28



Inside, rear of axle view of driver's (left) side installation.

driver's (left) side installation.

Inside, over axle view of

passenger's (right) side installation.

Fig. 30

Fig. 29

INSTALLATION CHECKLIST

- Clearance test Inflate the air springs to 40-60
 PSI (2.8-4.1BAR) and make sure there is at least 1/2" (13mm) clearance from anything that might rub against each air spring. Be sure to check the tire, brakes, frame, shock absorbers and brake cables.
- □ Leak test before road test Inflate the air springs to 40-60 PSI (2.8-4.1BAR) and check all connections for leaks. All leaks must be eliminated before the vehicle is road tested.
- □ Heat test Be sure there is sufficient clearance from heat sources, at least 6" (152mm) for air springs and air lines. If a heat shield was included in the kit, install

MAINTENANCE AND USE GUIDELINES

- 1. Check air pressure weekly.
- 2. Always maintain normal ride height. Never inflate beyond 100 PSI (7BAR).
- 3. If the system develops an air leak, use a soapy water solution to check all air line connections and the inflation valve core before deflating and removing the air spring.
- 4. Upon successful completion of the installation, follow these pressure requirements for the air springs.





it. If there is no heat shield, but one is required, call Air

□ Fastener test - After 500 miles (800km), recheck all

after the preceding tests. Inflate the air springs to

recommended driving pressures. Drive the vehicle

10 miles (16km) and recheck for clearance, loose

□ **Operating instructions** – If professionally installed,

the paperwork that came with the kit.

the installer should review the operating instructions

with the owner. Be sure to provide the owner with all of

Lift[®] customer service at (800) 248-0892.

□ Road test — The vehicle should be road tested

bolts for proper torque.

fasteners and air leaks.

CAUTION

FOR SAFETY AND TO PREVENT POSSIBLE DAMAGE TO THE VEHICLE, DO NOT EXCEED MAXIMUM GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT RATING (GVWR) OR PAYLOAD RATING, AS INDICATED BY THE VEHICLE MANUFACTURER.

ALTHOUGH THE AIR SPRINGS ARE RATED AT A MAXIMUM INFLATION PRESSURE OF 100 PSI (7BAR), THE AIR PRESSURE ACTUALLY NEEDED IS DEPENDENT ON LOAD AND GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT RATING.



Limited Warranty and Return Policy

Air Lift[®] Company provides a limited lifetime warranty to the original purchaser of its load support products, that the products will be free from defects in workmanship and materials when used on cars and trucks as specified by Air Lift[®] Company and under normal operating conditions, subject to the requirements and exclusions set forth in the full Limited Warranty and Return Policy that is available at www.airliftcompany.com/warranty.

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