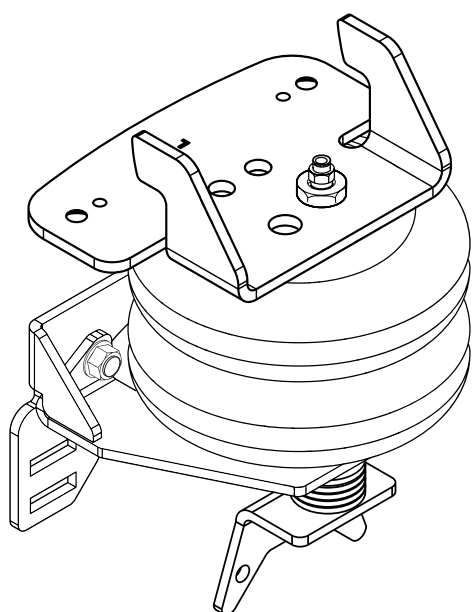


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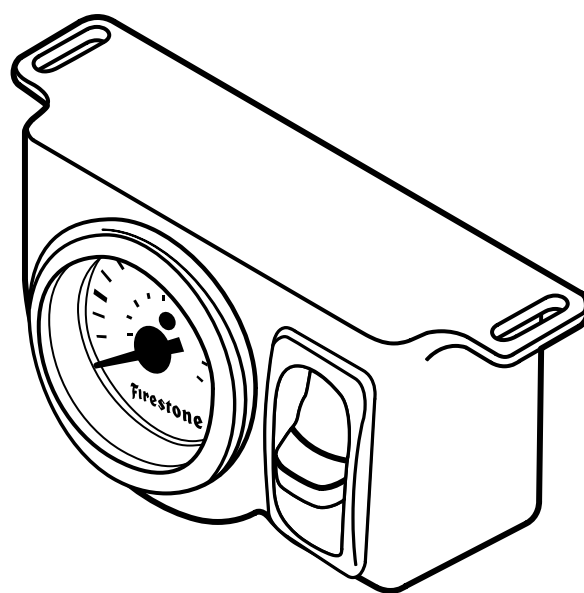
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# INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS



**SECTION 1 - AIR SPRING**



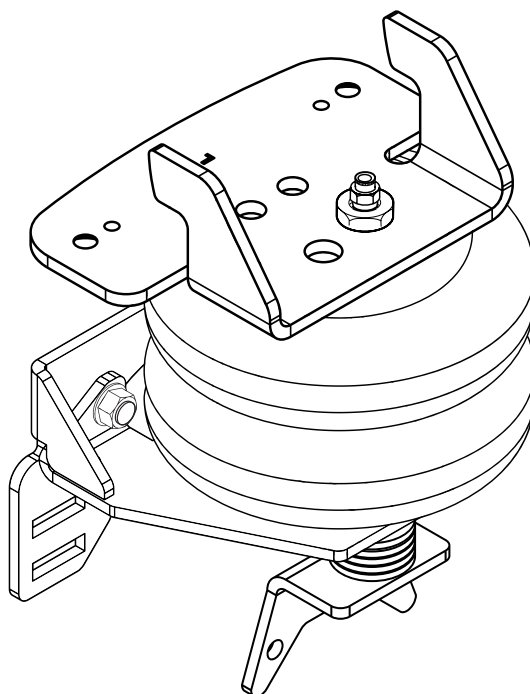
**SECTION 2 - AIR ACCESSORY**



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**!** Does your vehicle have an aftermarket lift kit? See step 8.  
! You may need to purchase a spacer in order to use this kit.



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# ! IMPORTANT

*PLEASE DON'T HURT YOURSELF, YOUR KIT OR YOUR VEHICLE. TAKE A MINUTE TO READ THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION.*

**DO NOT INSTALL IF THE TRUCK HAS BEEN LIFTED AND THE STOCK JOUNCE BUMPER TONGUES ARE NOT ON THE VEHICLE.** *This kit is to be used on a pickup truck only, and DOES NOT INCREASE YOUR VEHICLE'S MAXIMUM LOAD.*

## **SAFE INSTALLATION**

Please take all safety precautions during installation. A hydraulic jack can fail, and if that happens, you can be seriously hurt, or worse, if you are relying on it to hold up the vehicle. If you use a hydraulic jack, secure jack stands in the appropriate locations and chock any tires still touching the ground.

Wear safety glasses or goggles. Your eyes may be lower than some parts and pieces, and you don't want to lose an eye.

Remove the possibility of any electrical issues by disconnecting the negative battery cable.

## **KIT CLEARANCE**

There must be a minimum of 1/2" clearance around all installed components when the air springs are inflated and under a load. The air springs must flex and expand during operation, so the clearance keeps the kit from rubbing against parts of the vehicle.

## **VEHICLE GVWR**

NEVER exceed the maximum load recommended by the vehicle manufacturer (GVWR). The GVWR can be found in your vehicle's owner's manual or on the data plate on the driver's side door. Consult your local dealership for additional GVWR specifications.

## **INFLATING THE AIR SPRINGS**

When inflating air springs, add air pressure in small quantities, checking air pressure frequently. The air springs have much less air volume than a tire, so they inflate much more quickly.

## **PRESSURE TO LOAD**

The air springs will support approximately 50 lbs. of load for each PSI of inflation pressure (per pair). For example, 50 PSI of inflation pressure will support a load of 2500 lbs. per pair of air springs.

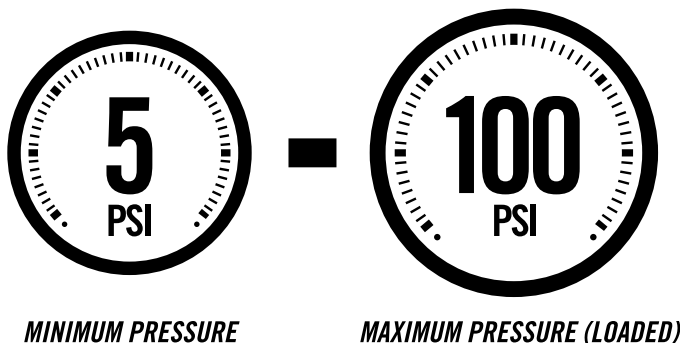
## **APPROPRIATE AIR PRESSURE**

For best ride, use only enough air pressure in the air springs to level the vehicle when viewed from the side (front to rear). This will vary, depending on the load, location of the load, condition of the existing suspension, and personal preference.

## **OPTIONAL T-FITTING**

This kit includes inflation valves and air line tube for each air spring, allowing you to compensate for unbalanced loads. If you prefer a single inflation valve system to provide equal pressure to both air springs, your dealer can supply the optional "T" fitting (Part # 3025 or WRI-760-3461 retail pack).



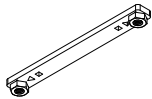
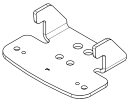
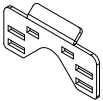

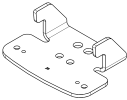


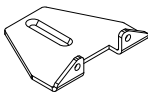
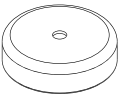
**ONCE INSTALLED SUCCESSFULLY, FOLLOW THESE PRESSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE AIR SPRINGS:**





# PARTS

Compare the parts below to your kit. Assure you have all pieces, and organize them for an easier installation.



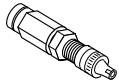




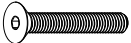







## MAIN KIT CONTENTS

PT # 6397	 x 2 AIR SPRING	PT # 5939	 x 2 LOWER FRAME BRACKET	PT # 5940	 x 2 THREAD PLATE
PT # 5872	 x 1 UPPER LEFT BRACKET	PT # 5942	 x 2 LEAF SPRING BRACKET	PT # 1004	 x 1 HEAT SHIELD
PT # 5873	 x 1 UPPER RIGHT BRACKET	PT # 5941	 x 2 SUPPORT BRACKET	PT # 9415	 x 1 AIR LINE TUBE (22 FEET)
PT # 5938	 x 2 LOWER SPRING BRACKET	PT # 5336	 x 2 AIR SPRING SPACER		

## A24-760-7560 INFLATION VALVE BRACKET KIT

PT # 9483	 x 1 NO-DRILL INFLATION VALVE BRACKET	PT # 9488	 x 2 LARGE NYLON TIE
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## A21-760-2625 HARDWARE PACK

PT # 3022	 x 18 3/8" - 16 FLANGE LOCK NUT	PT # 3514	 x 6 3/8" - 16 x 1" FLAT HEAD CAP SCREW	PT # 3032	 x 2 INFLATION VALVE AND VALVE CAP ASSEMBLY
PT # 3033	 x 4 5/16" FLAT WASHER	PT # 3430	 x 6 3/8" - 16 x 2" FLAT HEAD CAP SCREW	PT # 3055	 x 2 AIR FITTING
PT # 3106	 x 2 3/8" - 16 x 1" FLANGE BOLT	PT # 3515	 x 6 3/8" - 16 x 2.5" FLAT HEAD CAP SCREW	PT # 3502	 x 8 3/8" - 16 x 6" CARRIAGE BOLT
PT # 3150	 x 2 3/8" - 16 x 2" FLANGE BOLT	PT # 3332	 x 2 5/8" - 18 NYLON JAM NUT	PT # 9036	 x 10 RED NYLON TIE
PT # 0532	 x 18 3/8" FLAT WASHER	PT # 5224	 x 2 SPACER	PT # 0899	 x 2 THERMAL SLEEVE

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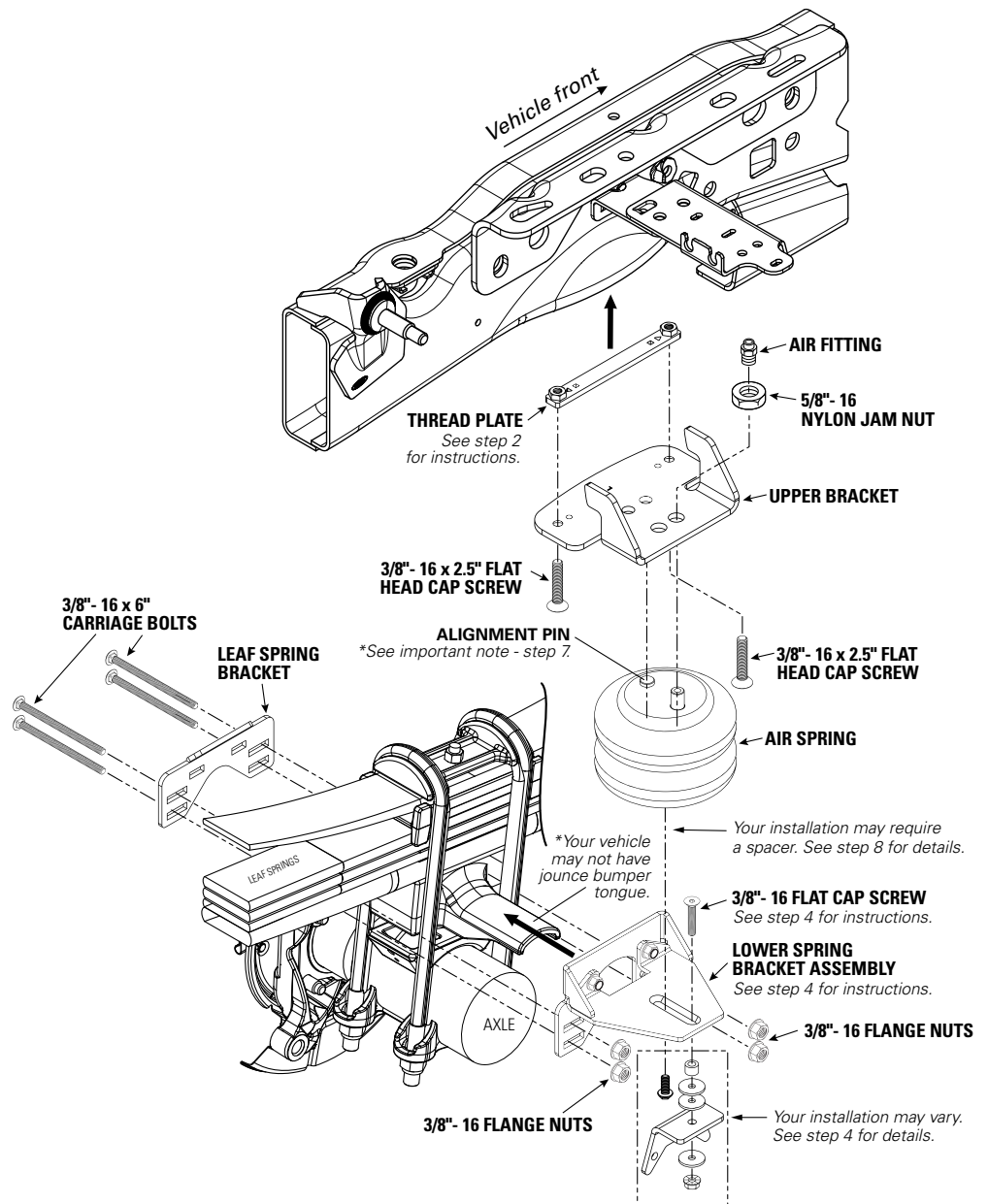
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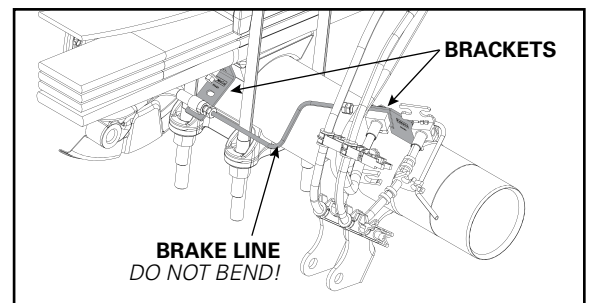
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## ! IMPORTANT NOTE

If necessary for installation clearance, slightly bend the brackets on the left (driver) side which supports the brake line and axle vent tube. After removing the plastic ABS mount from its hole in the axle bracket, use an adjustable wrench or similar tool to bend the bracket approximately 1/8" (3mm). Replace the ABS mount when proper clearance is obtained.



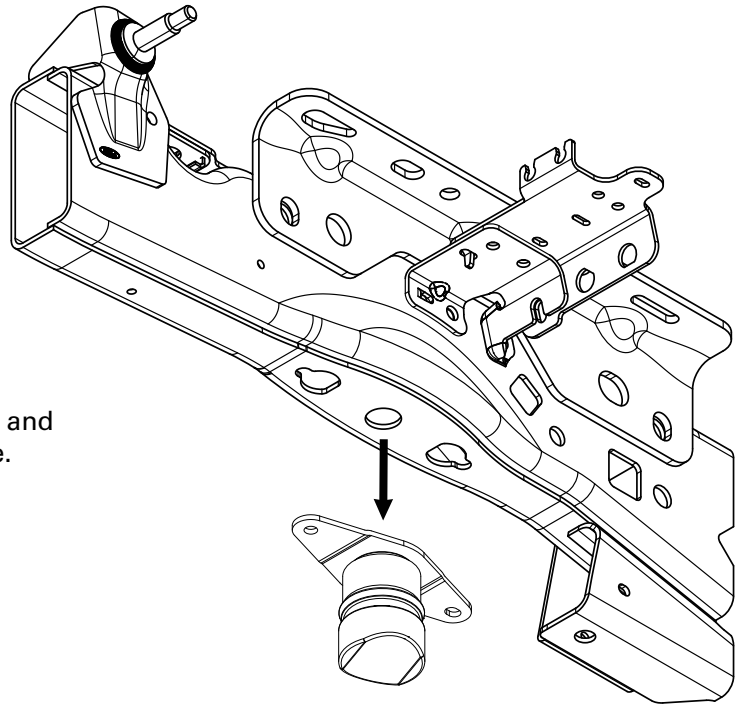
## REMOVE EXISTING JOUNCE BUMPER

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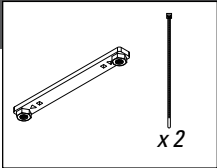
START ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE VEHICLE WHILE FACING FORWARD.

Remove the existing jounce bumper and fastener clips from the vehicle frame.



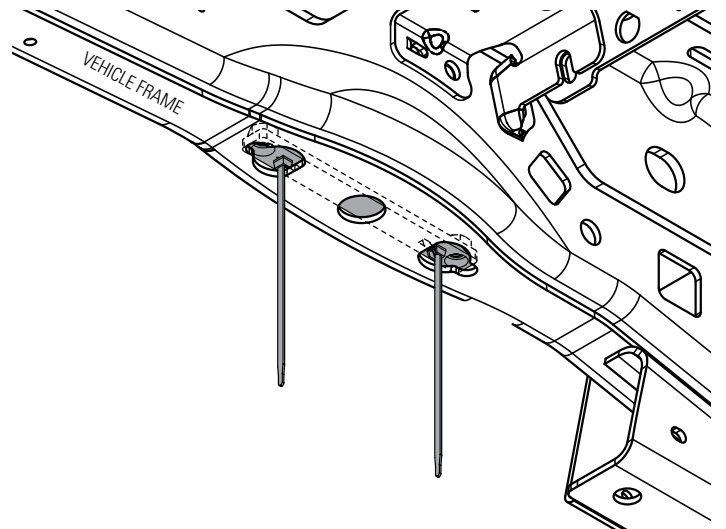
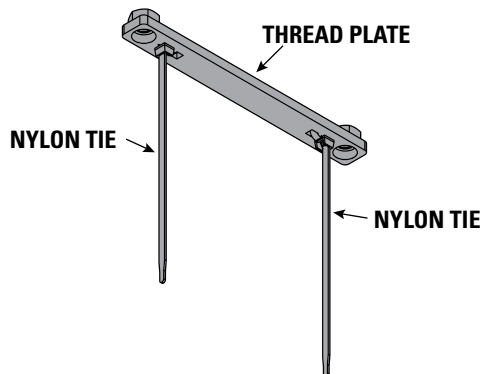
## INSTALL THREAD PLATE

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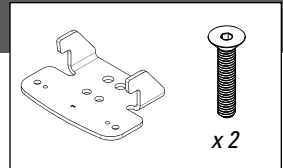
Attach nylon ties to the thread plate, as shown. These act as installation guides for the thread plate and upper bracket. They will be removed in a later step.

Insert the thread plate into the vehicle frame, as shown. Use nylon ties as handles to position thread plate.



# 3

## INSTALL UPPER BRACKET

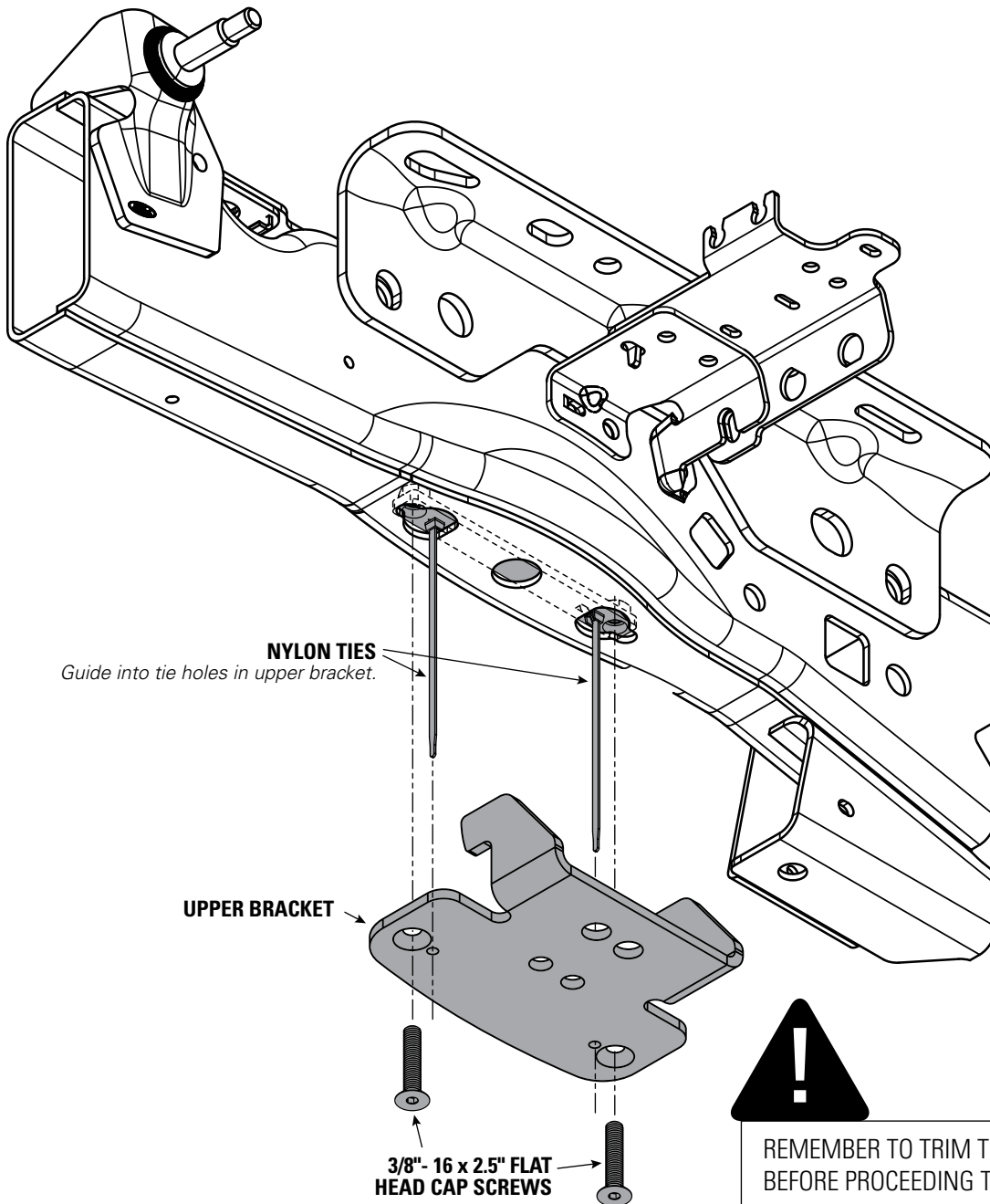


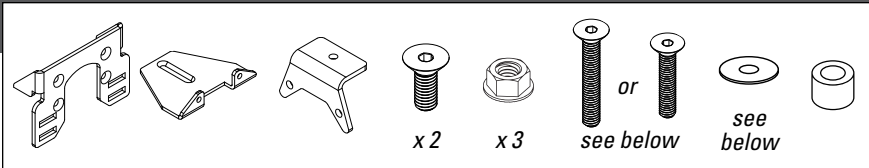
**1** Guide the two nylon ties into the inner holes in the upper bracket.

**2** While holding the thread plate in place with the nylon ties, **hand-thread** the fasteners in place.

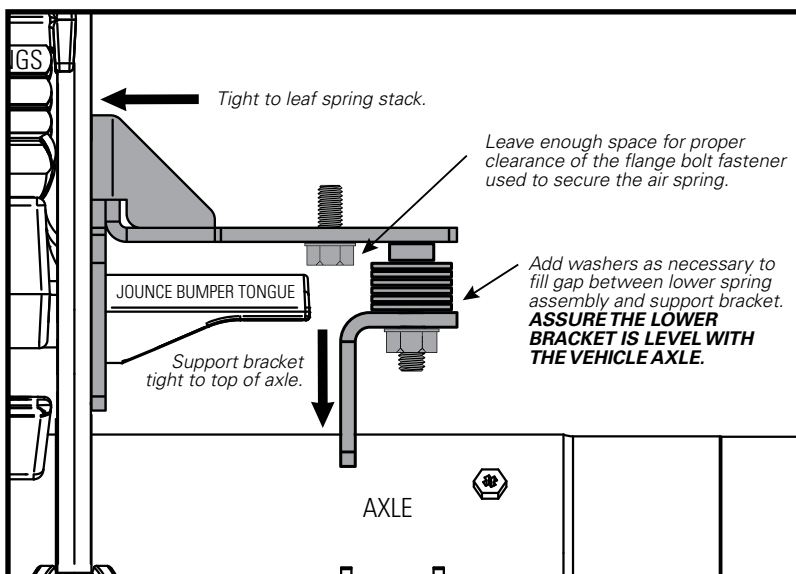
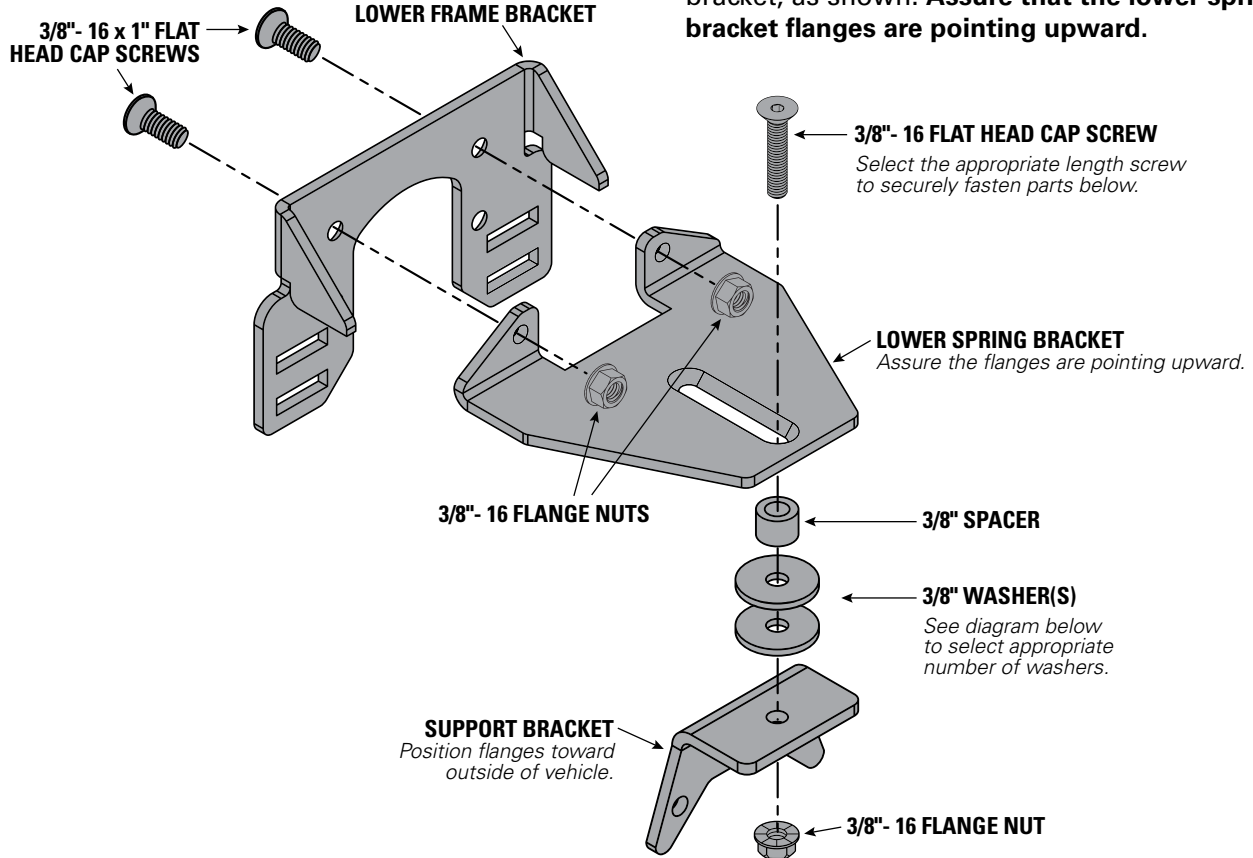
**3** Once the fasteners have begun engaging the threads, use snips or a knife to trim the nylon ties flush with the frame.

**4** Fully-tighten the fasteners.





Fasten the lower spring bracket to the lower frame bracket, as shown. **Assure that the lower spring bracket flanges are pointing upward.**



**DRY FIT TO DETERMINE WASHERS**

Place the lower bracket assembly tight to the leaf springs. If your vehicle has a jounce bumper tongue, leave enough space to allow proper clearance for the flange bolt used to secure the air spring, as shown.

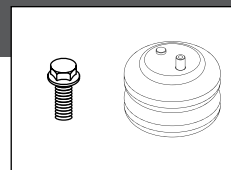
Position the support bracket so it is **tight** to the top of the axle. Install selected 3/8"-16 flat head cap screw, spacer, and enough washers to fill the gap and provide enough space for the flat head bolt, as shown. **ASSURE THE LOWER BRACKET IS LEVEL WITH THE VEHICLE AXLE.**

Fully-tighten the 3/8"-16 flange nut to the flat head cap screw.

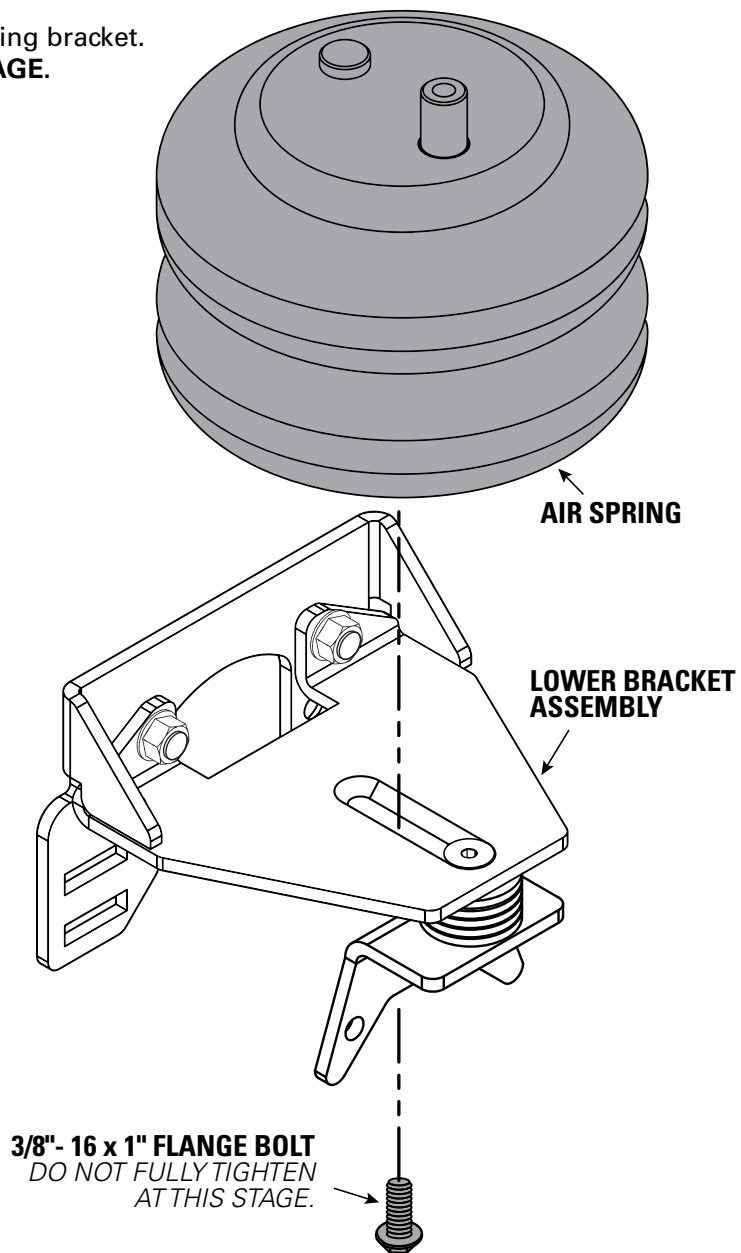


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## DRY FIT AIR SPRING



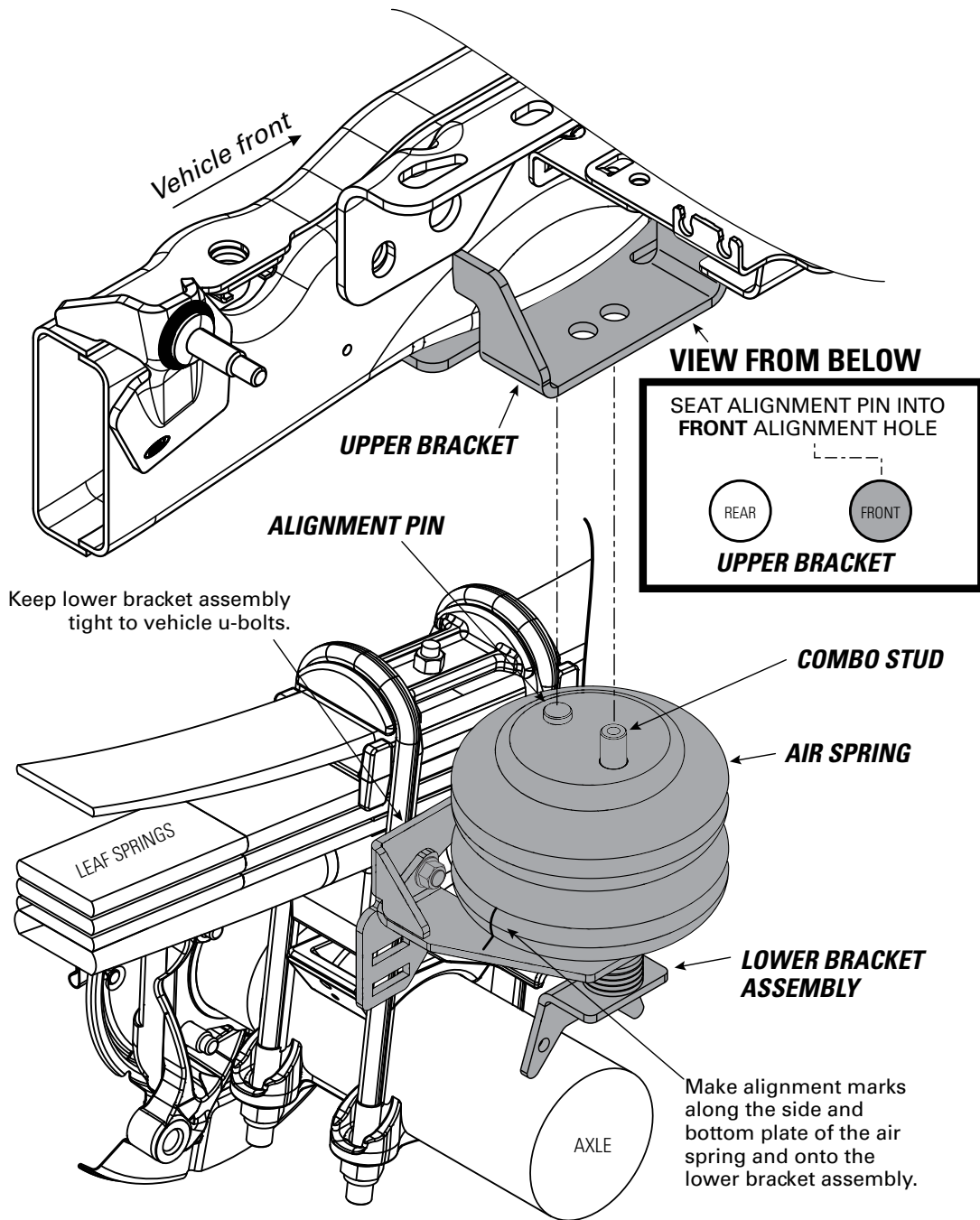
Fasten the air spring to the lower spring bracket.  
**DO NOT FULLY TIGHTEN AT THIS STAGE.**



**1** Insert the air spring alignment pin and combo stud into the front alignment holes, as shown.

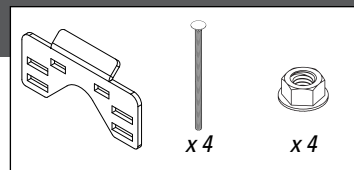
**2** Position the lower bracket assembly tight to the u-bolts and assure the combo stud and alignment pin are fully seated.

**3** Make alignment marks, as shown.



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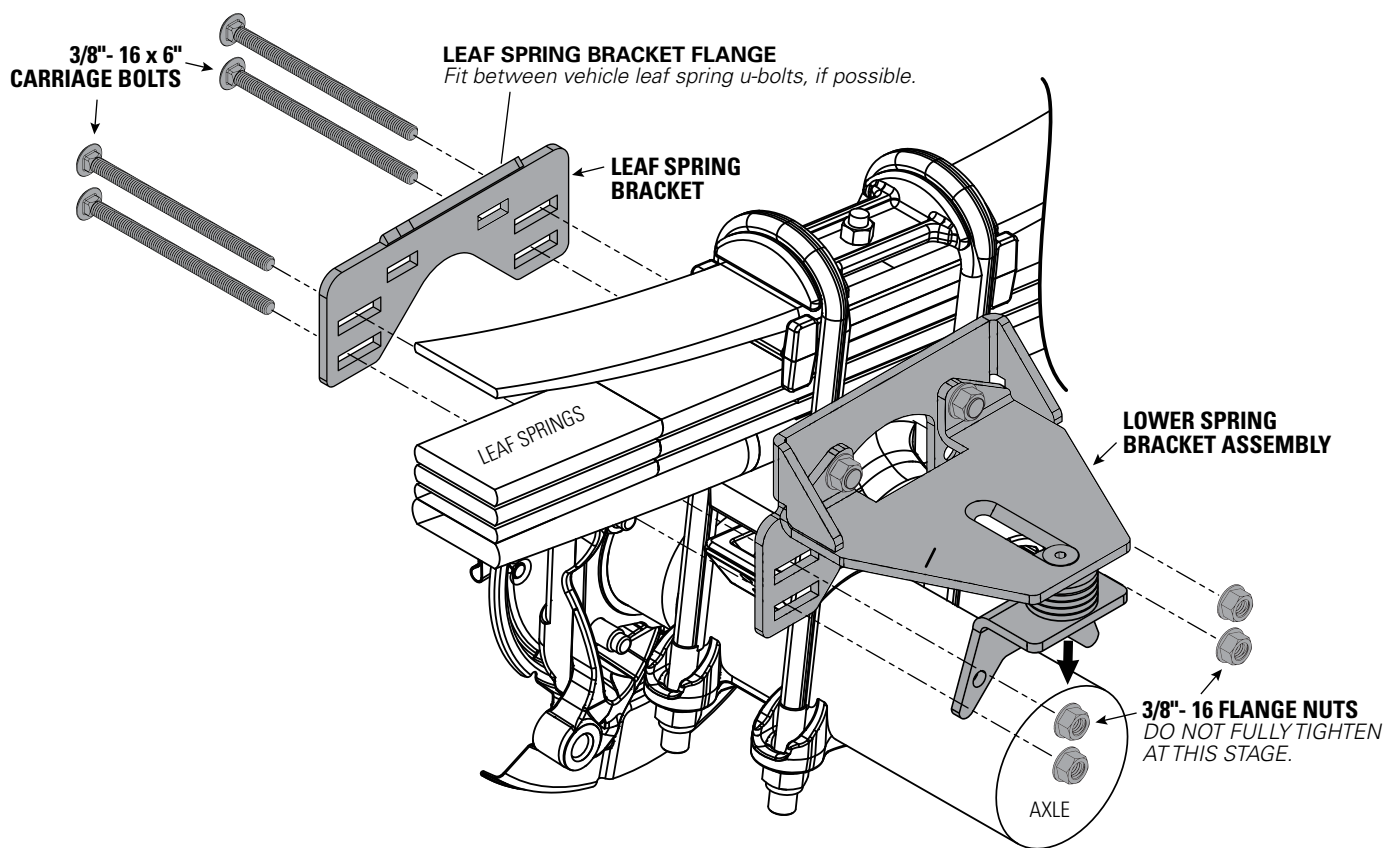
## DRY FIT LOWER BRACKET ASSEMBLY

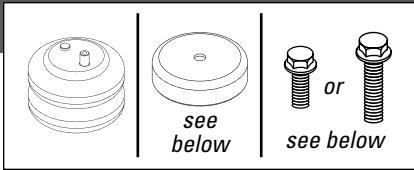


**1** Remove air spring and fastener from lower bracket assembly.

**2** Install the lower bracket assembly so that it is tight against the vehicle leaf spring stack and axle.

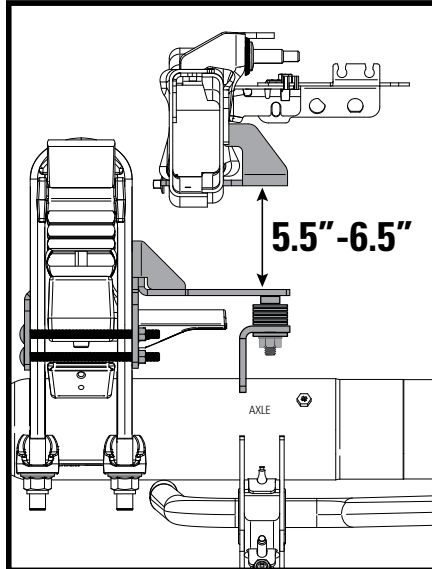
**3** Do not fully tighten at this stage. You will remove the assembly after the next step.



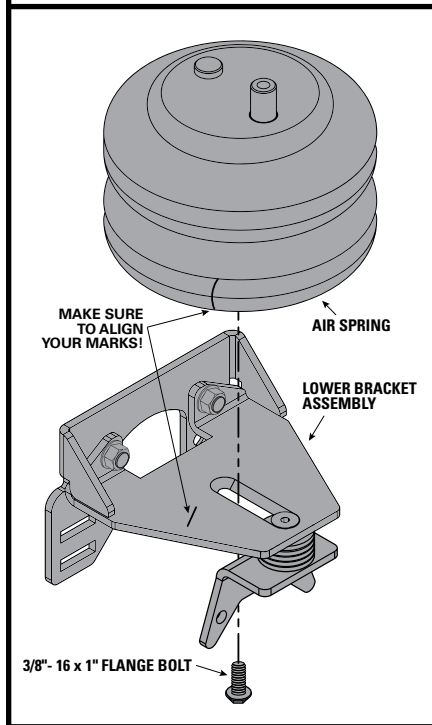


With vehicle unloaded on level ground and supporting its own weight, measure the distance between the bottom of the upper bracket and the top of the lower bracket. Use your measurement to follow the appropriate steps below.

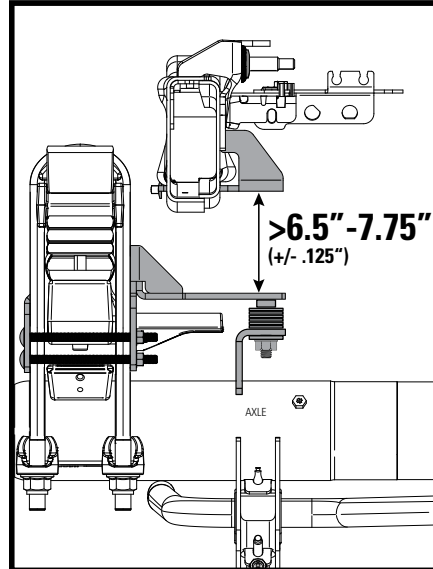
**STANDARD INSTALLATION**



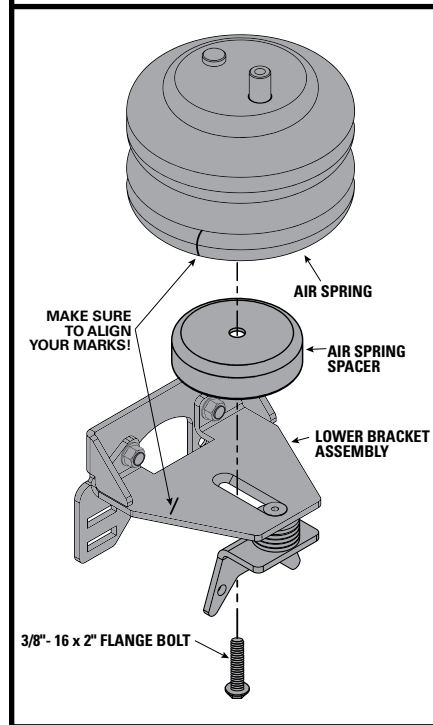
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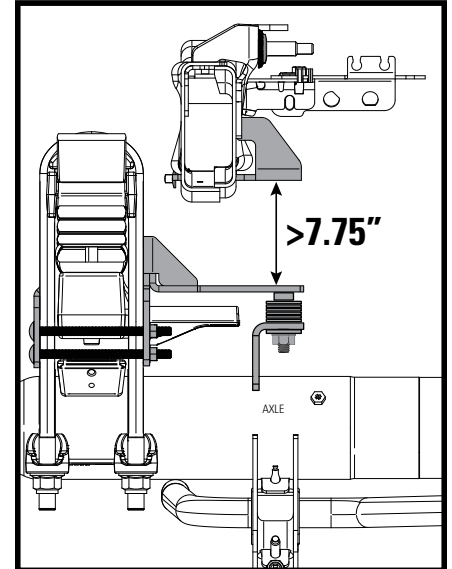
**INSTALLATION WITH SPACER**



**> 6.5\"/>**



**LARGER SPACER REQUIRED**



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See Firestone catalog to order correct spacer to achieve the proper 5.5\"/>



YOUR ALIGNMENT MARKS MUST LINE UP BEFORE FULLY-TIGHTENING THE FLANGE BOLT.

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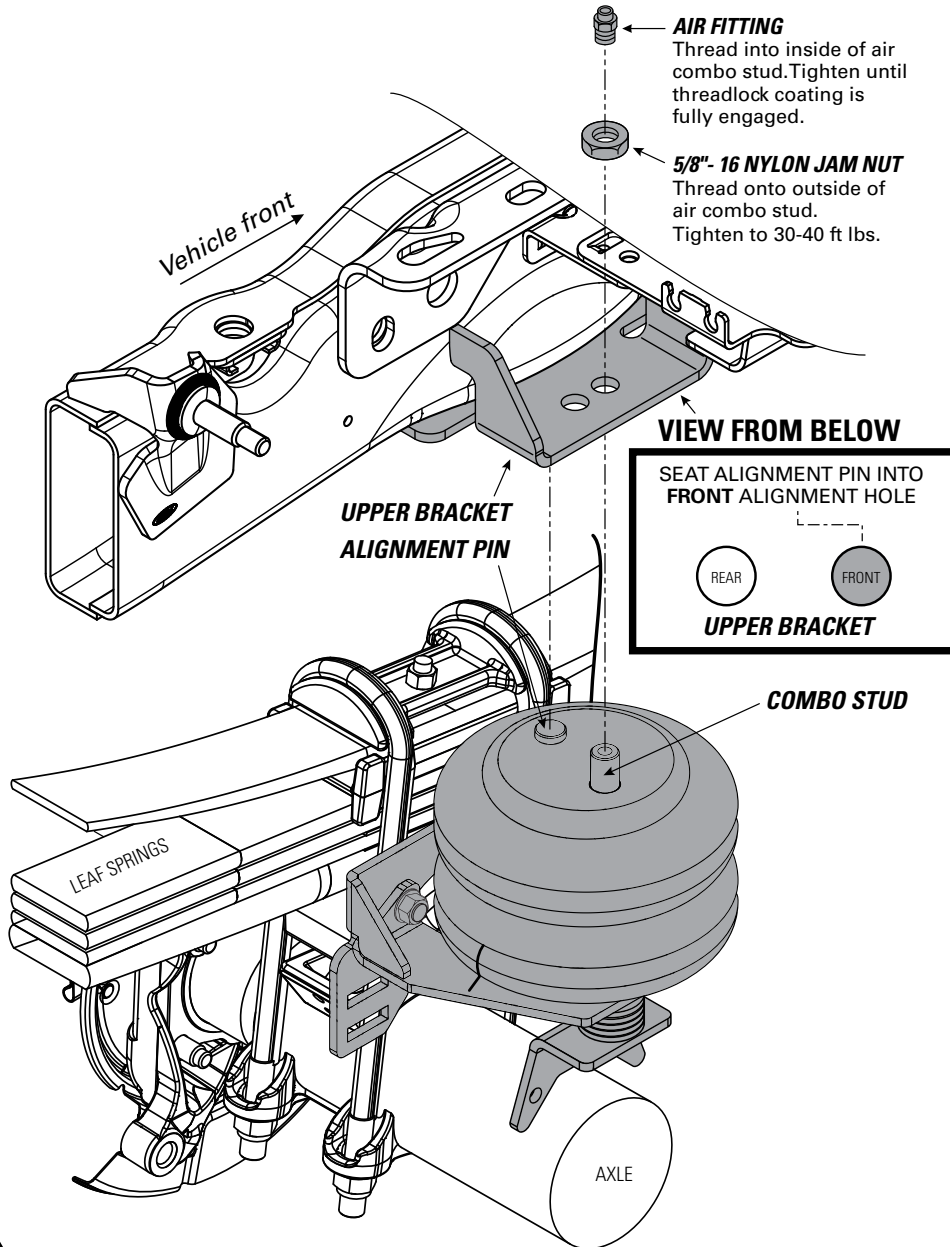
## INSTALL AIR SPRING TO UPPER BRACKET



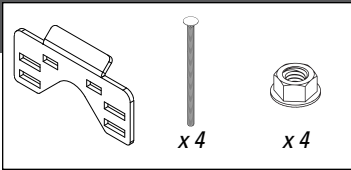
INSTALLING THE RIGHT SIDE? REMEMBER TO INSTALL THE HEAT SHIELD IN STEP 11 FIRST!

**1** Install the air spring combo stud into the **front** alignment hole in the upper bracket. Fully-seat the air spring alignment pin into the **front** alignment hole.

**2** Fully tighten the top of the air spring to the upper bracket.



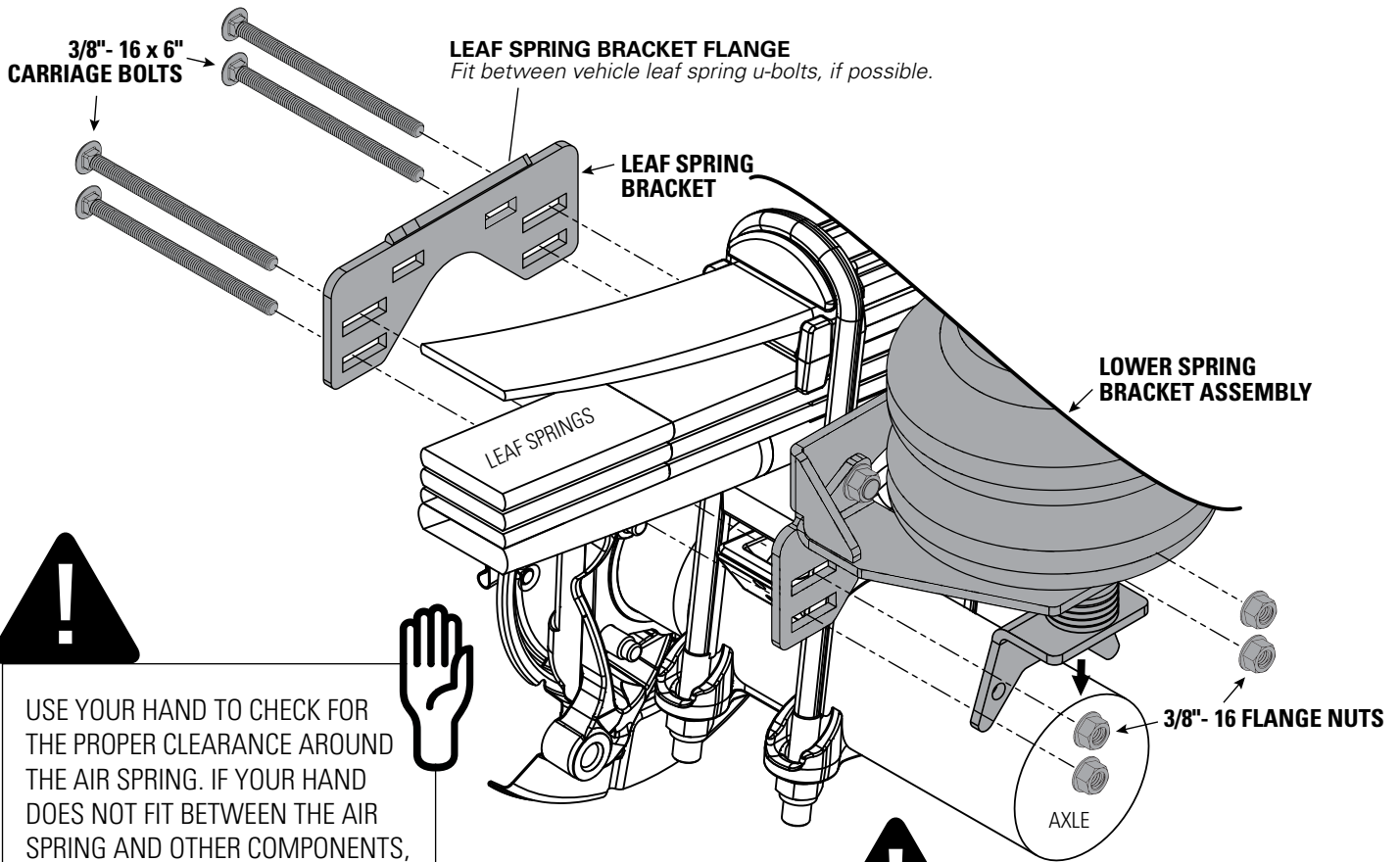
ALIGNMENT PIN ON AIR SPRINGS MUST BE INSTALLED TO FULLY SEAT INTO THE FRONT ALIGNMENT HOLE IN THE UPPER BRACKET. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL CAUSE IT TO BE PUSHED INTO THE BEAD PLATE, CREATING AN AIR LEAK, AND RESULTING IN AN AIR SPRING FAILURE THAT IS **NOT WARRANTABLE**. **THE ALIGNMENT PIN CANNOT HOLD 2,500 LBS! IT IS USED FOR ALIGNMENT ONLY!**



**1** Install the lower bracket assembly so that it is tight against the vehicle leaf spring stack and axle.

**2** Place the leaf spring bracket on the outboard side of the leaf spring stack. If possible, fit the leaf spring bracket flange between the vehicle leaf spring u-bolts.

**3** Install the fasteners as shown. Alternate tightening to evenly draw the lower spring bracket assembly to the vehicle leaf spring u-bolts.



**!**  
 USE YOUR HAND TO CHECK FOR THE PROPER CLEARANCE AROUND THE AIR SPRING. IF YOUR HAND DOES NOT FIT BETWEEN THE AIR SPRING AND OTHER COMPONENTS, IT WILL RUB!

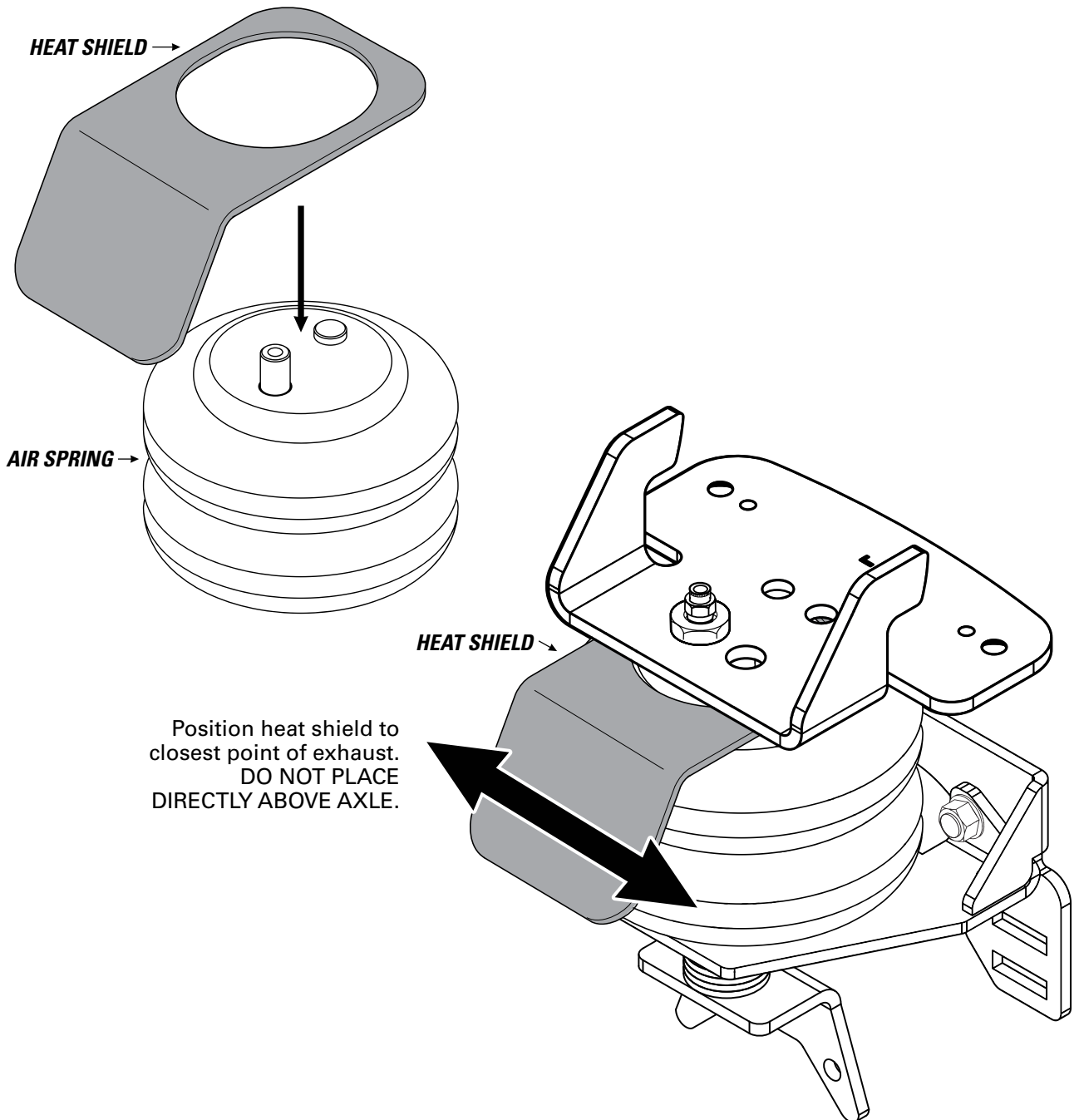
**!**  
 DID YOU TIGHTEN ALL HARDWARE? COMPLETE THIS BEFORE MOVING TO THE NEXT STEP!

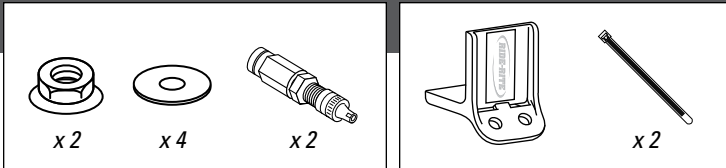


**AWESOME!** You're done with the left side. The right side is the same, with the addition of the heat shield. See step 11, then complete the steps for the right side installation.



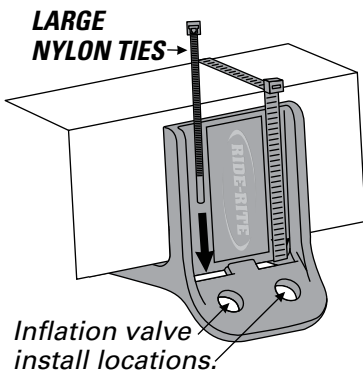
RIGHT SIDE INSTALLATION MUST INCLUDE HEAT SHIELD!





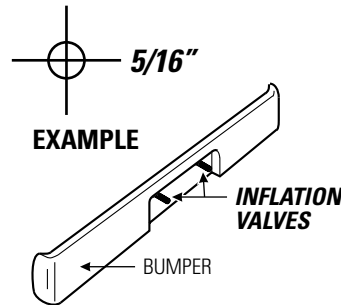
IF USING THE OPTIONAL NO-DRILL INFLATION VALVE BRACKET, CHOOSE OPTION 1. IF DRILLING, CHOOSE OPTION 2. **INFLATION VALVES MUST BE ACCESSIBLE BY AN AIR CHUCK.**

**1** Secure the air inflation valve bracket to a protected, secure location.

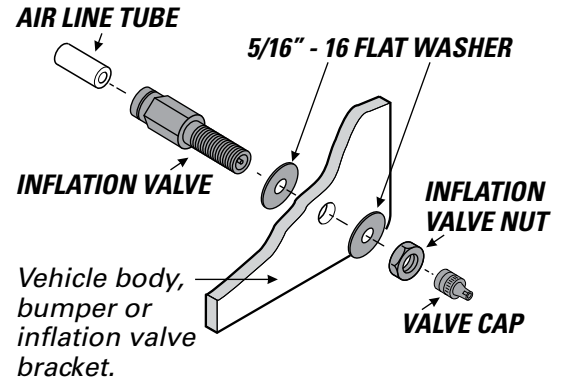


**2** Select a protected location to install the inflation valves, such as the bumper or the body of the vehicle.

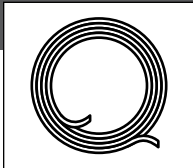
Drill two 5/16" holes for inflation valve install locations.



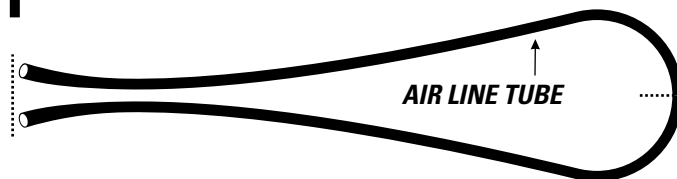
**INFLATION VALVE ASSEMBLY**



CUT THE AIR LINE TUBE INTO TWO EQUAL LENGTHS



**1** Match air line tube ends.



**2** Find center of air line tube, make a square cut with tube cutter or sharp utility knife.

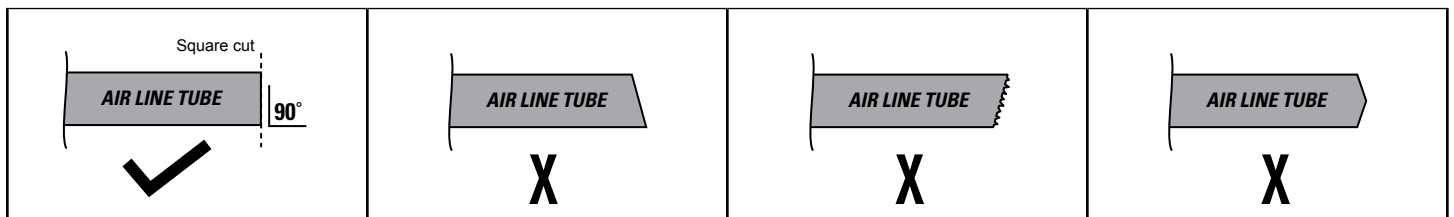
**DO**

Make sure the cut is as square as possible. Use a tube cutter or sharp utility knife.

**DON'T**

Fold or kink the air line tube. Cut the air line tube at an angle. Use pliers, scissors, snips, Saws, or side cutters.

**PROPER AND IMPROPER CUTS IN THE AIR LINE TUBE**

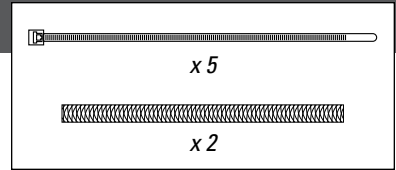




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## ROUTE AND SECURE AIR LINE TUBES

Air line tube routes will vary, depending on your truck, and requires you to choose the best path from the air springs to the inflation valves. Use the instructions below to help you choose.

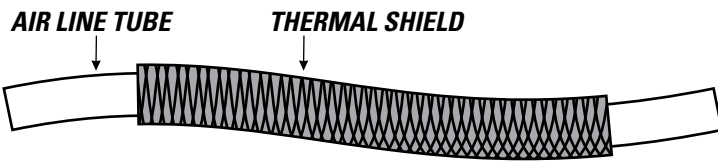


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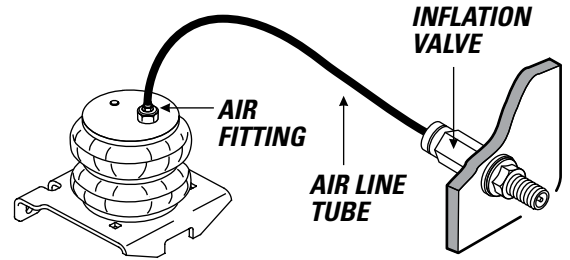
Select routes protected from heat, Debris, and sharp edges. Use thermal shields near heat sources. Use nylon ties to secure the air line tube.

# DON'T

Bend or sharply curve air line tubes. Leave air line tube exposed to sharp edges. Use unnecessary lengths of air line tube. Route air line tube near moving parts. Let air line tube hang unsecured from vehicle. Scar air line tube while routing.



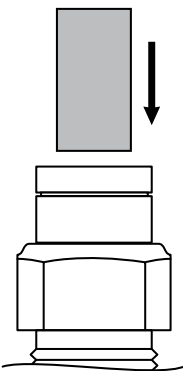
USE SUPPLIED THERMAL SHIELDS WHEN AIR LINE TUBE RUNS **WITHIN 6 INCHES** OF HEAT SOURCES.



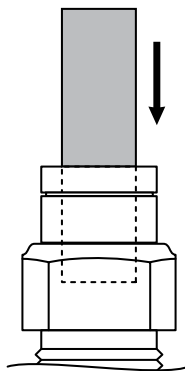
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## INSTALLING AIR LINE TUBE INTO AIR FITTINGS AND INFLATION VALVE

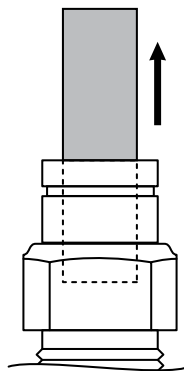
**1** Insert end of air line tube into air fitting.



**2** Push air line tube into air fitting as far as possible.

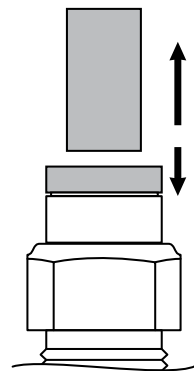


**3** Gently pull on the air line tube to check for a secure fit.



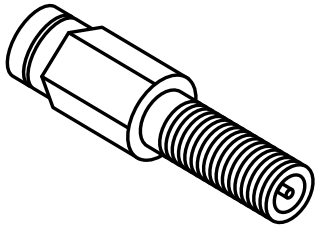
## AIR LINE REMOVAL

To remove, push down collar and gently pull air line tube away.



**Removal Tip:** Use a 1/4", 5/16", or 6mm open-ended wrench to push the collar down.

- 1** Place an air chuck onto the inflation valve and fill the system to **70 PSI**.

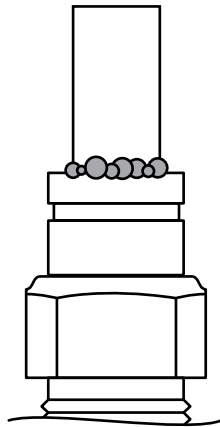


AIR SPRINGS INFLATE QUICKLY. CHECK AIR PRESSURE WHILE INFLATING.

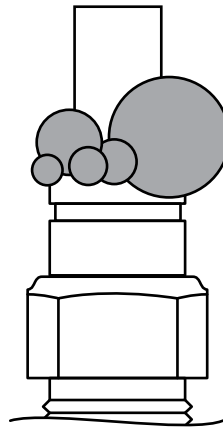
- 2** Spray fittings with soap and water mixture or glass cleaner.



- 3** Observe bubbles.



**SMALL SOAP BUBBLES  
THAT DO NOT EXPAND**



**SOAP BUBBLES  
THAT EXPAND**



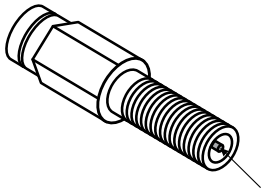
# NO LEAKS?

Congratulations! Continue to step 18 to finish installation. Review the Operating Instructions.

# LEAK?

Bummer. Continue to step 17 to fix the leak.

- 1 Press the air valve on end of inflation valve to release all air pressure.

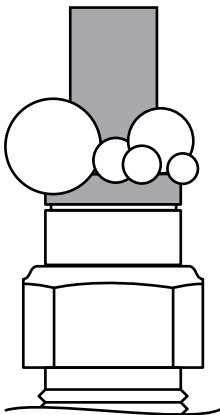


AIR VALVE



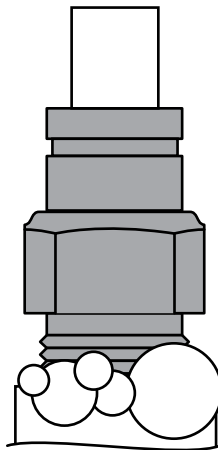
EXHAUST ALL AIR FROM THE SYSTEM PRIOR TO RELEASING AIR LINE TUBES FROM AIR FITTINGS.

#### LEAK AT AIR LINE TUBE AND AIR FITTING



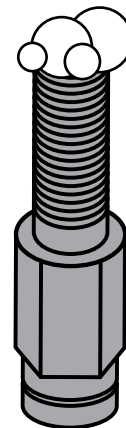
Release air line tube (see page 15). Review proper cuts and procedures in step 13. Repeat steps 15 and 16.

#### LEAK AT BASE OF AIR FITTING ON AIR SPRING



Tighten air fitting one turn or until leak stops.

#### LEAK OUT OF THE VALVE CORE ON INFLATION VALVE



Tighten valve core with valve core wrench on inflation valve cap.

# STILL HAVE A LEAK?

Refer to the Troubleshooting section of the Instruction Manual.

**SAFELY RETURN VEHICLE TO OPERATIVE STATE**

If you removed any wheels during installation, install the wheels and torque the lug nuts to the manufacturer's specifications.

Safely remove any jack stands and wheel chocks used during installation.

Re-attach the negative battery cable.

**DOUBLE-CHECK AIR SPRING CLEARANCE**

Check the air springs once again for the proper 1/2" minimum clearance. Perform clearance check again when vehicle is under load.

**VEHICLE GVWR**

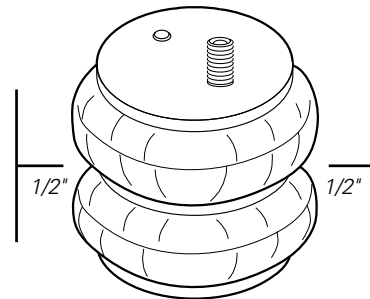
NEVER exceed the maximum load recommended by the vehicle manufacturer (GVWR). The GVWR can be found in your vehicle's owner's manual or on the data plate on the driver's side door. Consult your local dealership for additional GVWR specifications.

**READ AND UNDERSTAND THE OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Ride-Rite system can improve handling and comfort. Take the time to learn how to properly use and maintain your investment by reading the Operating Instructions.



USE YOUR HAND TO CHECK FOR THE PROPER CLEARANCE AROUND THE AIR SPRING. IF YOUR HAND DOES NOT FIT BETWEEN THE AIR SPRING AND OTHER COMPONENTS, IT WILL RUB!



# ! IMPORTANT

**A MINIMUM OF 5 PSI MUST BE MAINTAINED IN THE AIR SPRINGS AT ALL TIMES**

Too much air pressure in the air springs will result in a firmer ride, while too little air pressure will allow the air springs to bottom out over rough conditions, and will not provide the improvement in handling that is possible.



MINIMUM PRESSURE

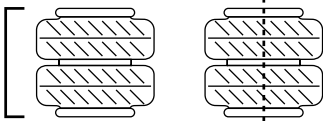


MAXIMUM PRESSURE (LOADED)



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## BEFORE YOU DRIVE, CONFIRM THE FOLLOWING:

- Do you have a minimum of 5PSI in your air springs?
- Are your air springs standing 5.5" - 6.5" tall? 
- Are your air springs properly aligned, left-to-right and front-to-back?
- Are your nuts and bolts tight?
- Put your paper work back into the sleeve and keep it in your glove compartment for future reference.
- You've been bagged...and now your suspension is Airide™ equipped! Show it off with the supplied decal!

## NEED INSTALLATION HELP?

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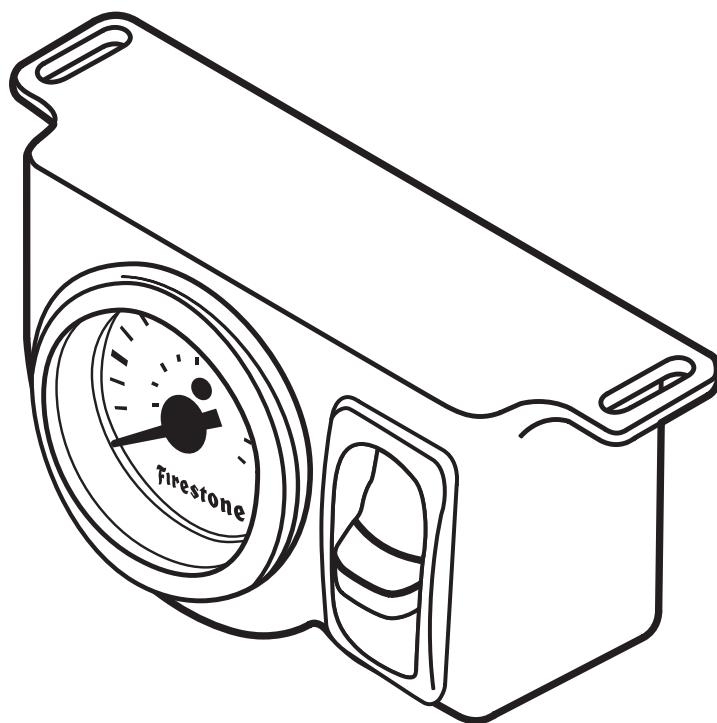


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# INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS



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# ! IMPORTANT

*PLEASE DON'T HURT YOURSELF, YOUR KIT OR YOUR VEHICLE. TAKE A MINUTE TO READ THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION.*

## **SAFE INSTALLATION**

Please take all safety precautions during installation. A hydraulic jack can fail, and if that happens, you can be seriously hurt, or worse, if you are relying on it to hold up the vehicle. If you use a hydraulic jack, secure jack stands in the appropriate locations and chock any tires still touching the ground.

Wear safety glasses or goggles. Your eyes may be lower than some parts and pieces, and you don't want to lose an eye.

Remove the possibility of any electrical issues by disconnecting the negative battery cable.

## **VEHICLE GVWR**

NEVER exceed the maximum load recommended by the vehicle manufacturer (GVWR). The GVWR can be found in your vehicle's owner's manual or on the data plate on the driver's side door. Consult your local dealership for additional GVWR specifications.

## **INFLATING THE AIR SPRINGS**

When inflating air springs, add air pressure in small quantities, checking air pressure frequently. The air springs have much less air volume than a tire, so they inflate much more quickly.

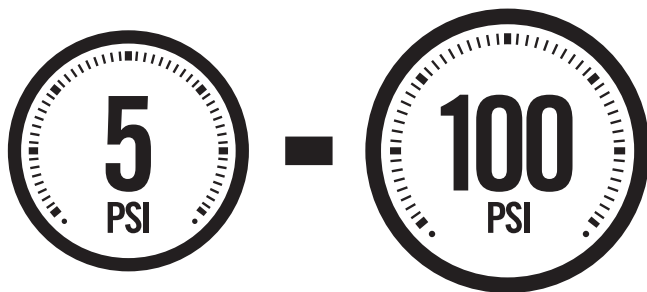
## **PRESSURE TO LOAD**

Be sure to review the load limits noted in the air spring kit installation instructions (sold separately).

## **APPROPRIATE AIR PRESSURE**

For best ride, use only enough air pressure in the air springs to level the vehicle when viewed from the side (front to rear). This will vary, depending on the load, location of the load, condition of the existing suspension, and personal preference.

***ONCE INSTALLED SUCCESSFULLY, FOLLOW THESE PRESSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE AIR SPRINGS:***



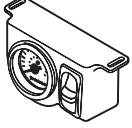
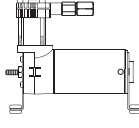
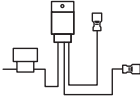

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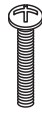

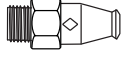






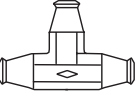

# PARTS

Compare the parts below to your kit. Assure you have all pieces, and organize them for an easier installation.

## MAIN KIT CONTENTS

PT # 2572	 x1 <i>SINGLE AIR CONTROL PANEL</i>	PT # 9523	 x1 <i>AIR COMPRESSOR</i>	PT # 9307	 x1 <i>RELAY HARNESS</i>
PT # 9416	 x1 <i>AIR LINE TUBE (30 FEET)</i>				

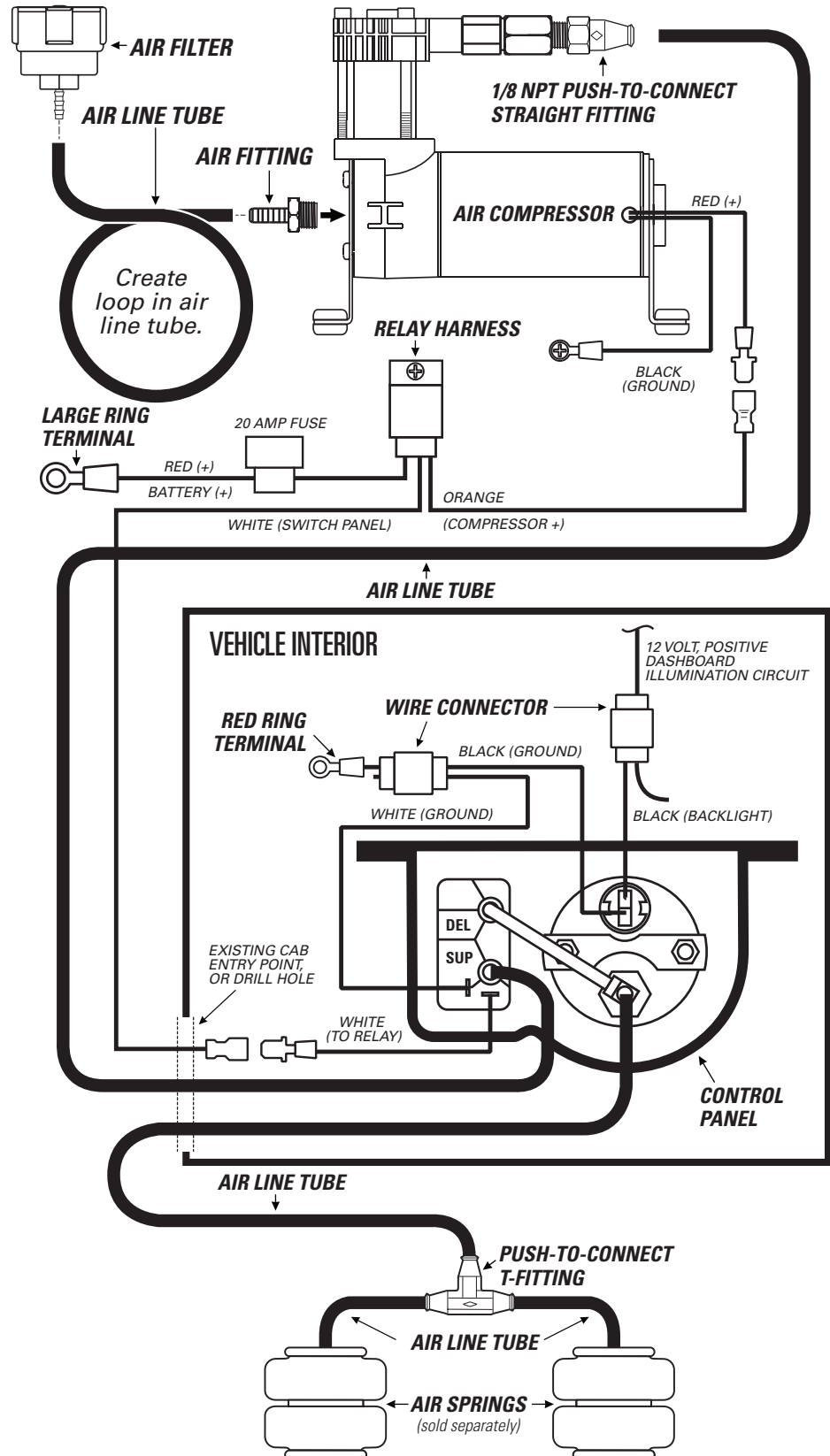
## A21-760-2158 HARDWARE PACK

PT # 3087	 x8 <i>10-32 x 1" MACHINE SCREW</i>	PT # 9078	 x1 <i>RED RING TERMINAL</i>	PT # 3055	 x1 <i>1/8 NPT PUSH-TO-CONNECT STRAIGHT FITTING</i>
PT # 3088	 x8 <i>10-32 LOCK NUT</i>	PT # 9083	 x2 <i>WIRE CONNECTOR</i>	PT # 9041	 x1 <i>LARGE RING TERMINAL</i>
PT # 3086	 x16 <i>#10 FLAT WASHER</i>	PT # 3025	 x1 <i>PUSH-TO-CONNECT T-FITTING</i>	PT # 9036	 x15 <i>NYLON TIE</i>
PT # 3025	 x1 <i>1/4" PUSH-TO-CONNECT TEE</i>	PT # 9041	 x1 <i>BLUE RING TERMINAL</i>		



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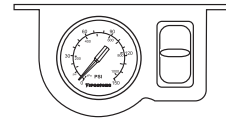


# PLANNING THE INSTALL

THESE PLANNING STEPS WILL HELP YOU SAVE TIME AND WILL MAKE THE INSTALLATION EASIER.

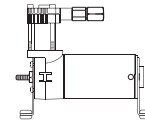
## **DETERMINE THE MOUNTING LOCATION FOR THE CONTROL PANEL**

- Mount inside the vehicle cab, in a place where you will not hit or kick it.
- Allow room for the air line tube to run without sharp curves or bends.
- Do not obstruct your view or ability to safely operate the vehicle.



## **DETERMINE THE MOUNTING LOCATION FOR THE AIR COMPRESSOR**

- Provide ample air flow.
- Protect from airborne debris and moisture.
- If using the optional Frame Installation Kit (Part # 2497), consider the guidelines above, and follow kit's instructions.



## **PLAN INSTALLATION ROUTES FOR WIRING AND AIR LINES INTO CAB**

- If possible, use existing factory grommet, such as where a wiring harness enters the cab.
- If not possible, drill a hole large enough for two air line tubes and a ground wire. Make sure the wiring and air line tubes are not exposed to sharp metal edges that can damage them.

## **SOAK AIR LINE TUBE ENDS IN HOT WATER BEFORE INSTALLING ONTO BARBED FITTINGS**

- The hot water makes the air line tube easier to work with and enables it to shrink onto the barbed fitting for a better seal.



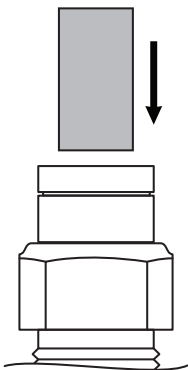
## **TAPE ALL ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS**

- Use electrical tape to appropriately secure and protect all electrical connections.

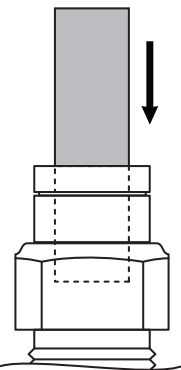
## **USING PUSH-TO-CONNECT FITTINGS FOR AIR LINES**

Your kit includes push-to-connect fittings to connect the air line tubes to hardware. Use the instructions below when using the air line.

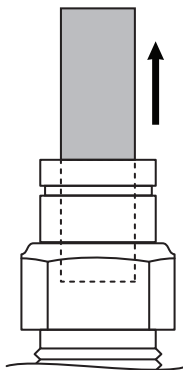
- 1** Insert end of air line tube into air fitting.



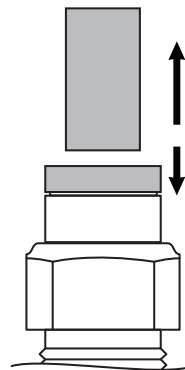
- 2** Push air line tube into air fitting as far as possible.



- 3** Gently pull on the air line tube to check for a secure fit.



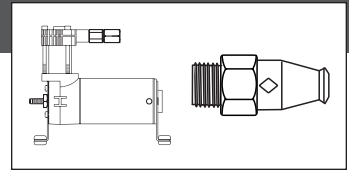
- 4** To remove, push down collar and gently pull air line tube away.



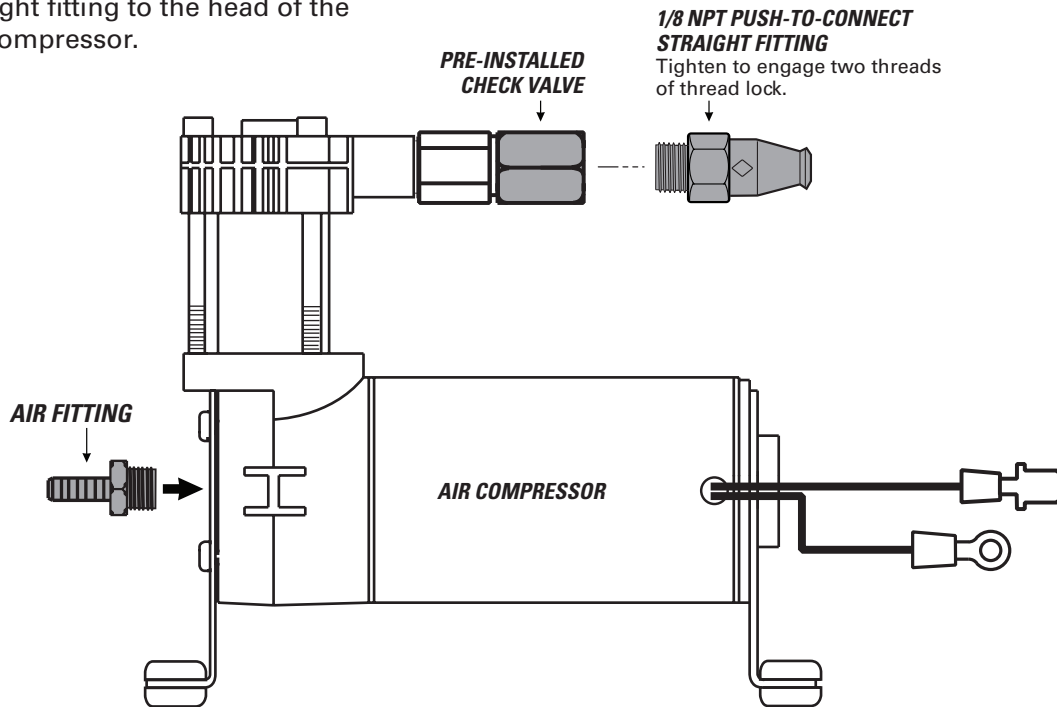
**Removal Tip:** Use a 1/4", 5/16", or 6mm open-ended wrench to push the collar down.

# 1

## PREPARE THE AIR COMPRESSOR



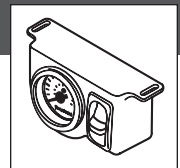
- 1 Install 1/8 NPT push-to-connect straight fitting to the head of the air compressor.



# 2

## DRILL HOLES FOR CONTROL PANEL INSTALLATION

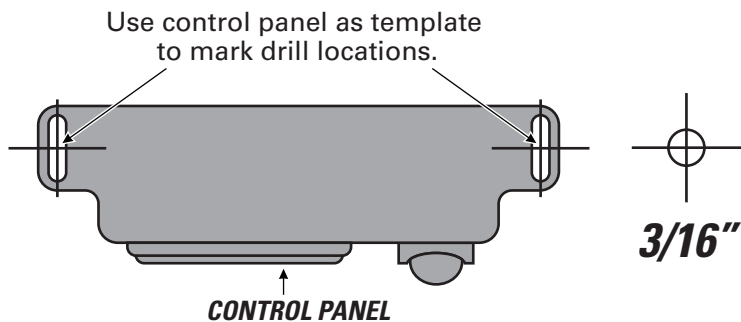
Use the location you selected during the Planning the Installation step on page 4.

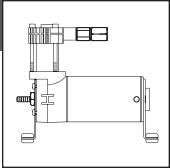


- 1 Using the control panel slots as a template, mark two drill locations with a punch or marking tool.

- 2 Drill a 3/16" diameter hole on each center mark.

- 3 Do not mount the control panel until step 8.





IF YOU ARE USING THE OPTIONAL FIRESTONE AIR COMPRESSOR MOUNTING KIT (PART # 2497), SKIP THIS STEP AND REFER TO THE MOUNTING KIT'S INSTRUCTIONS.

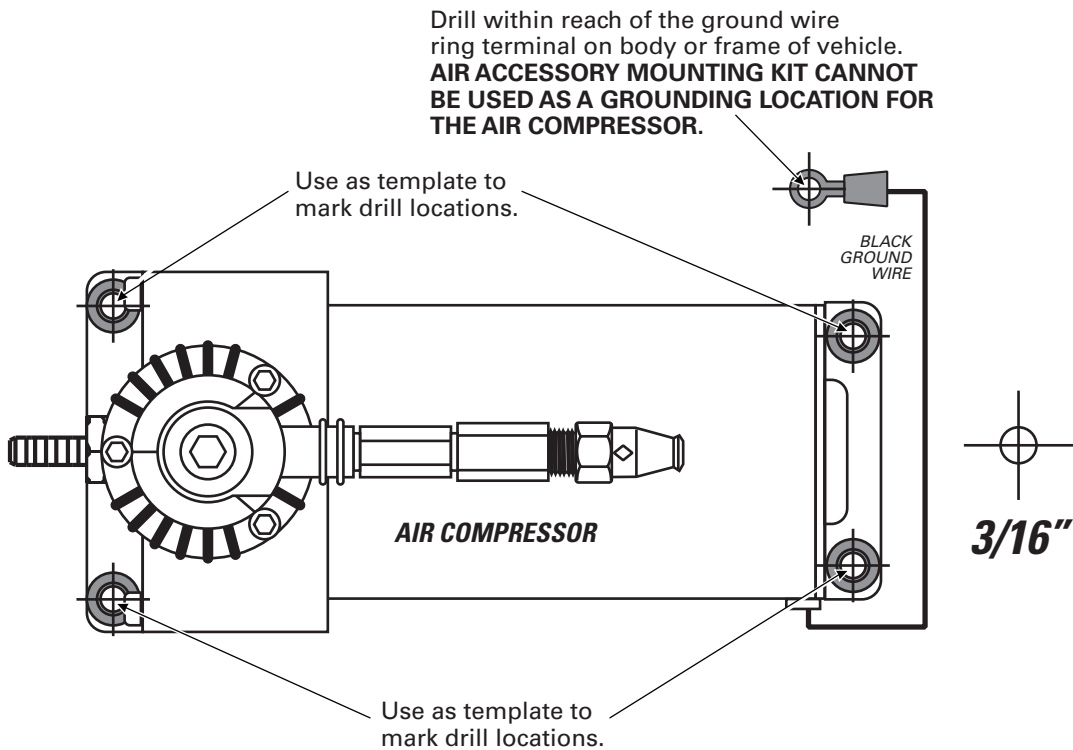


CHECK SURROUNDING AREA AND BACK SIDE OF MOUNTING LOCATION TO AVOID DRILLING INTO EXISTING LINES OR WIRING.

**1** Using the air compressor as a template, mark four drill locations with a punch or marking tool.

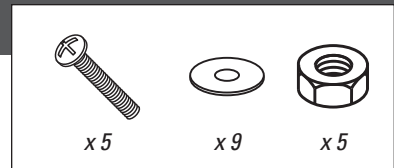
**2** Mark ground wire fastening location within reach of the ground wire ring terminal.

**3** Drill 3/16" diameter holes. Remove any burrs and debris from drill holes.



# 4

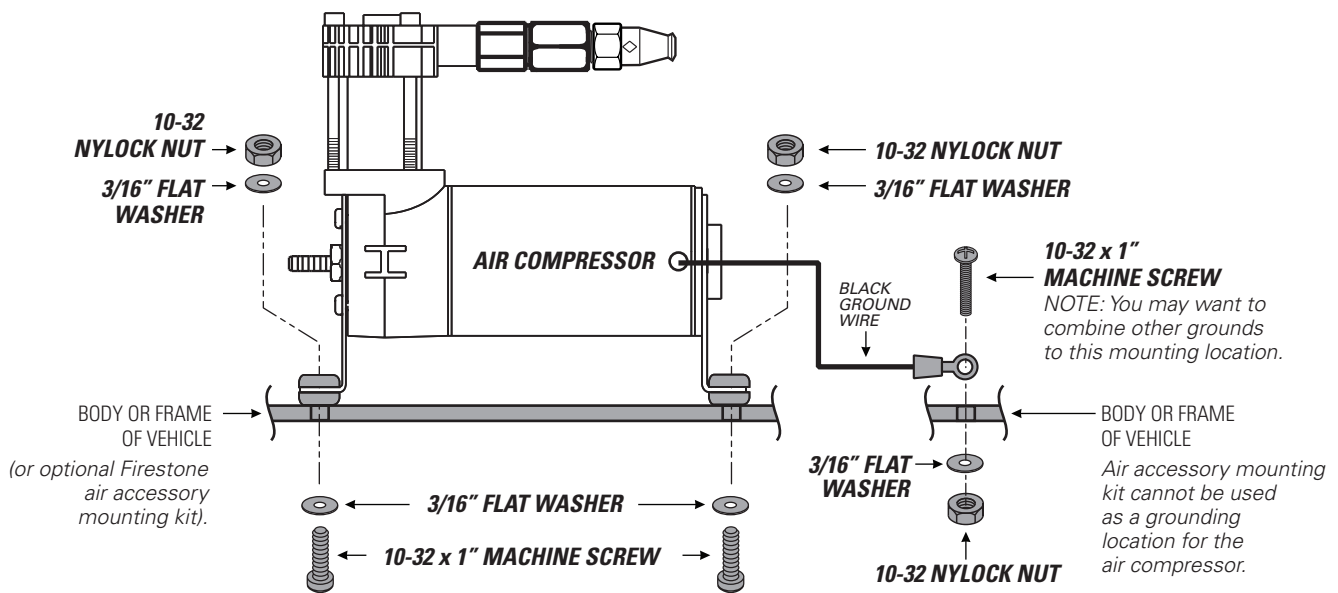
## INSTALL AIR COMPRESSOR



DO NOT OVER TIGHTEN MOUNTING BOLTS AND NUTS. TOO MUCH TORQUE CAN CRUSH THE BRASS INSERTS AND RUBBER ISOLATORS.

**1** Mount the air compressor to the drill hole location using the supplied fasteners. DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN.

**2** Mount the black ground wire ring terminal using the supplied fasteners. Assure that the ring terminal makes a solid contact with bare metal for a proper ground. (Optionally, you can run the negative to the negative battery terminal.)



TO CREATE A PROPER GROUND, ASSURE THE GROUND RING TERMINAL CONTACTS BARE METAL AND IS FASTENED SECURELY. AFTER INSTALLATION, YOU MAY OPTIONALLY COAT THE RING TERMINAL IN SILICONE TO PROTECT IT FROM CORRODING.



Use the route you selected during the Planning the Installation step on page 4.

**1** Route the air line tube from the air compressor to the control panel, leaving room to secure line safely. Use guidelines below to cut.



EXHAUST ALL AIR FROM THE SYSTEM PRIOR TO RELEASING AIR TUBES FROM AIR FITTINGS.

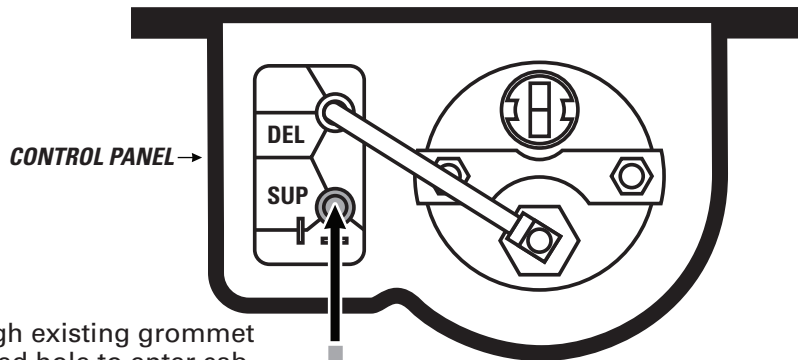


**2** Install the air line tube end onto the barbed fitting on the back of the control panel switch as shown.

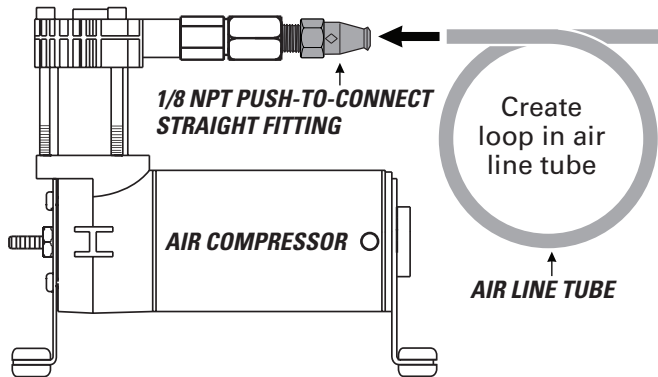


FOR PROPER INSTALLATION, SOAK AIR LINE TUBE ENDS IN HOT WATER BEFORE INSTALLING ONTO BARBED FITTINGS.

**3** Install the air line tube end into the 1/8 NPT push-to-connect straight fitting on the top of the air compressor.



Pass through existing grommet or drilled hole to enter cab.



THE AIR LOOP CREATES A TRAP FOR CONDENSATION TO GATHER. WITHOUT THIS TRAP, THE AIR COMPRESSOR COULD BE DAMAGED BY WATER INTAKE.

**DO**

Make sure the cut is as square as possible. Use a tube cutter or sharp utility knife.

**DON'T**

Fold or kink the air line tube. Cut the air line tube at an angle. Use pliers, scissors, snips, saws, or side cutters.

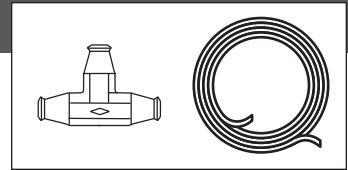
**PROPER AND IMPROPER CUTS IN THE AIR LINE TUBE**

<p>Square cut AIR LINE TUBE 90°</p>	<p>AIR LINE TUBE</p>	<p>AIR LINE TUBE</p>	<p>AIR LINE TUBE</p>
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# 6

## INSTALL T-FITTING AND ROUTE AIR LINE TUBE TO CONTROL PANEL

Use the route you selected during the Planning the Installation step on page 4.



EXHAUST ALL AIR FROM THE SYSTEM PRIOR TO RELEASING AIR TUBES FROM AIR FITTINGS.



FOR PROPER INSTALLATION, SOAK AIR LINE TUBE ENDS IN HOT WATER BEFORE INSTALLING ONTO BARBED FITTINGS.

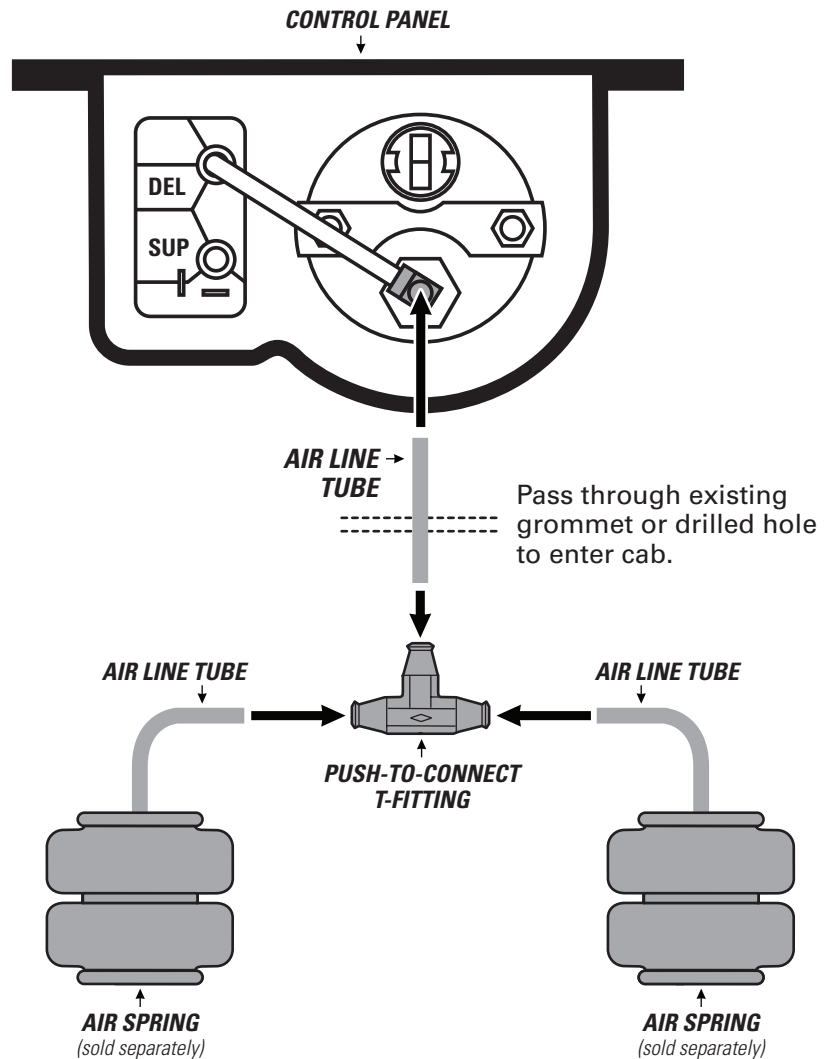
**1** Route the air line tube from the control panel to the air springs.

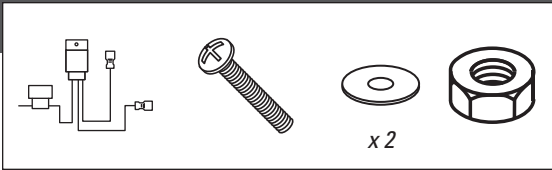
**2** Install the air line tube end onto the barbed fitting on the back of the control panel pressure gauge as shown.

**3** Determine a safe location for the push-to-connect T-fitting, where air line tubes from the air springs and the control panel can safely meet.

**4** Install the air line tubes from the air springs into opposite ends on the push-to-connect T-fitting, as shown.

**5** Install the air line tube from the control panel to the single end on the push-to-connect T-fitting.

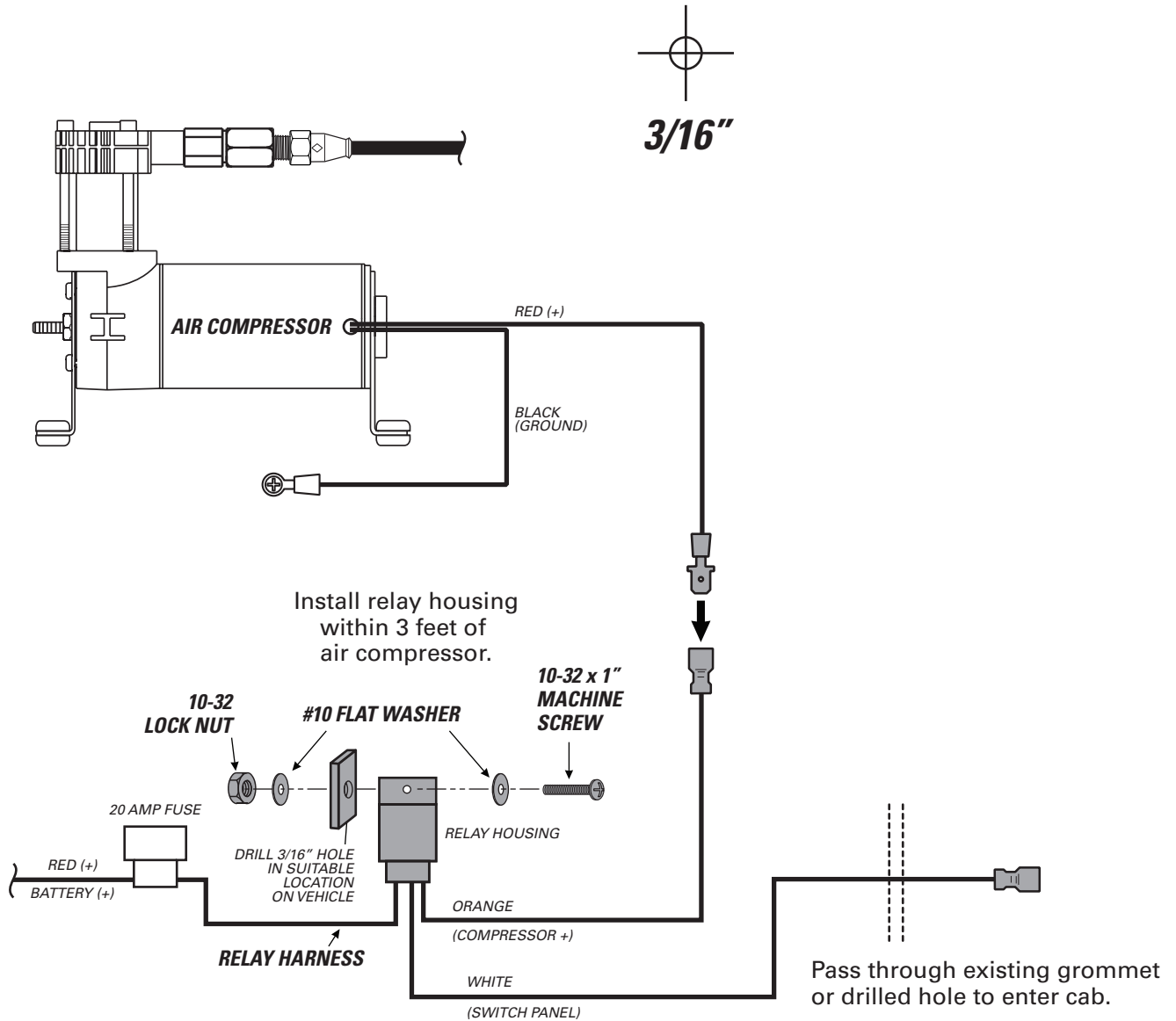




**1** Select a safe location within 3 feet of the air compressor.

**2** Mark and drill a 3/16" hole to mount the relay housing on the relay harness. Secure with fasteners shown.

**3** Route the white wire with the female spade connector labeled "switch panel" to the control panel.





# 8

## FINISH WIRING AND INSTALLATION



x 2



x 3



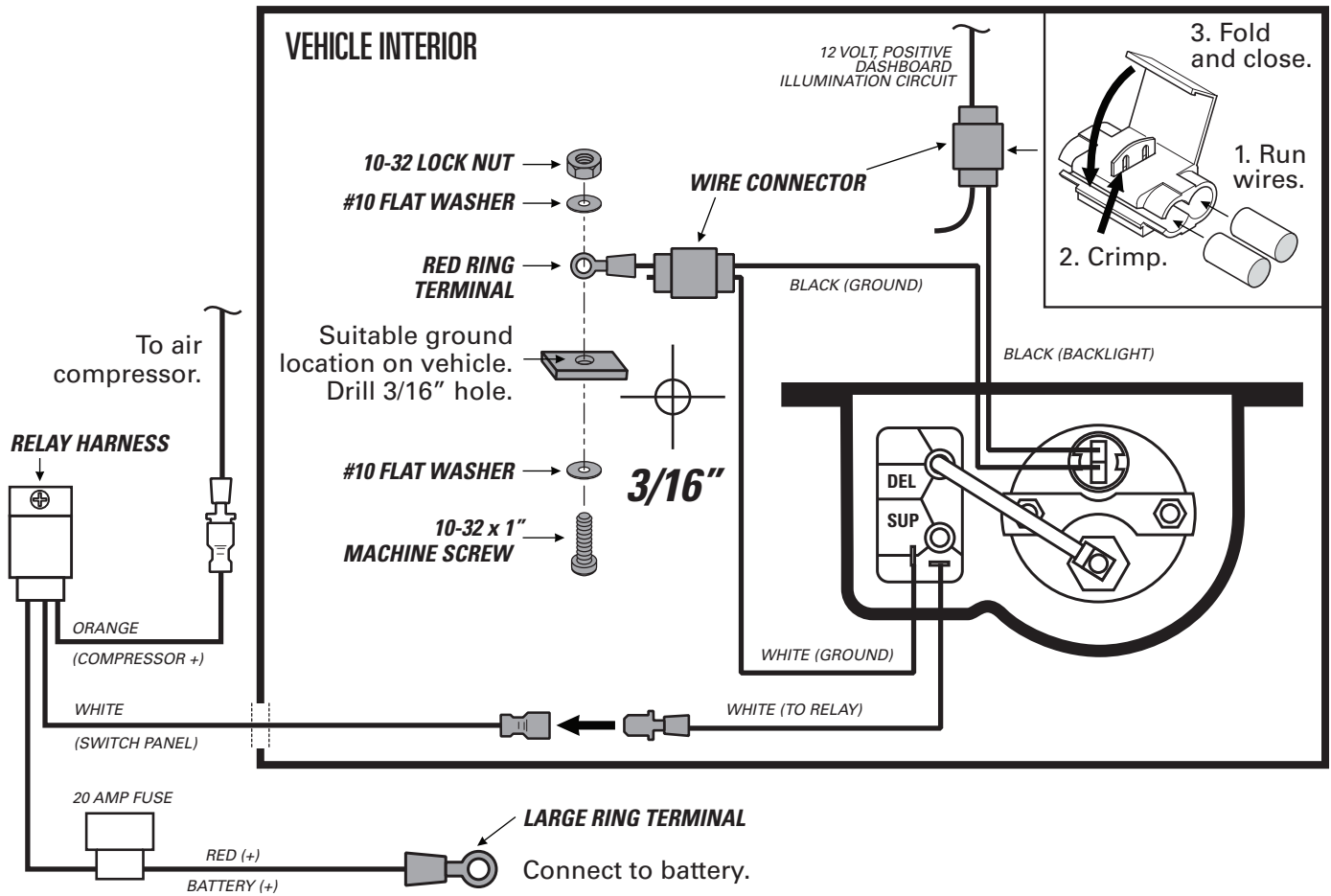
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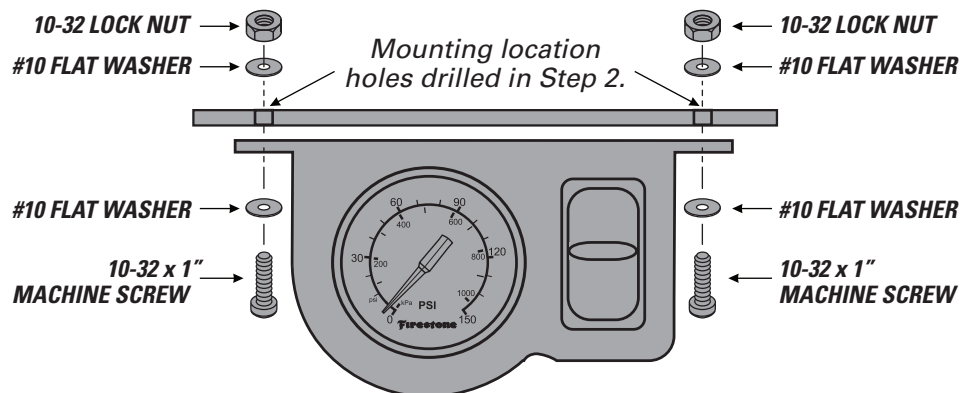
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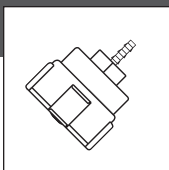
**1** Connect wires, install ring terminals and wire connectors as shown below.

**2** Fasten control panel ground wires to vehicle as shown.



**3** Install the control panel using the supplied fasteners.



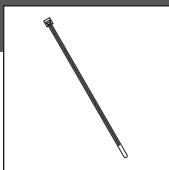
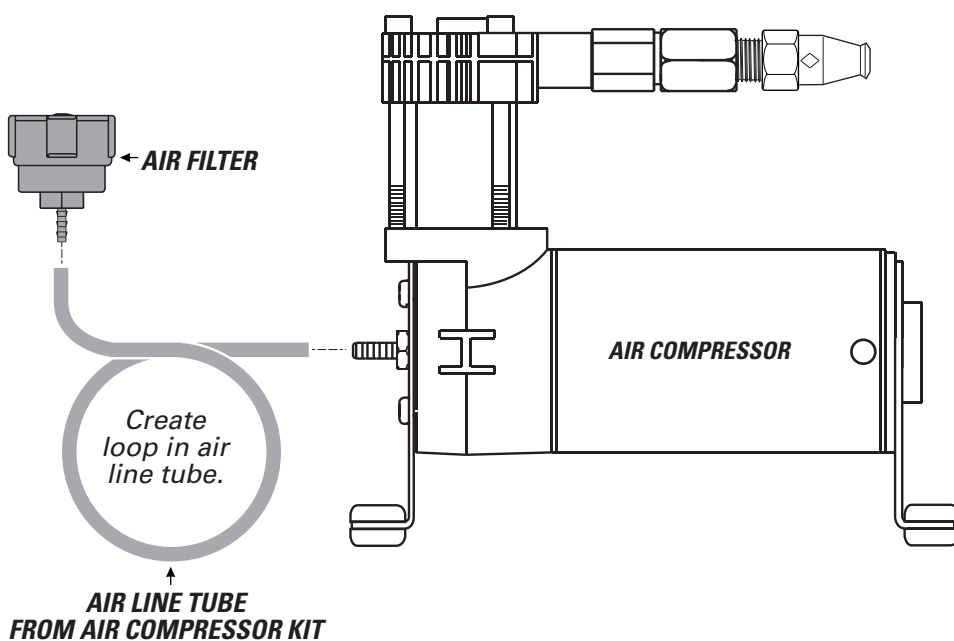


FILTER LIFE WILL VARY BASED ON ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS. PROTECT THE AIR COMPRESSOR BY CHANGING THE AIR FILTER MORE FREQUENTLY IN DUSTY CONDITIONS.

**1** Fully secure the air filter barb into the air line tube from the air compressor kit.

**2** Press air line tube onto the barb on the air compressor air fitting until fully seated. Assure you create a loop in the air line tube, as shown, when securing it to the vehicle.

**3** Periodically check the air filter during operation. When the air filter is dirty and needs to be replaced, contact an Authorized Firestone dealer to purchase a new one.



**1** Clean up the installation using supplied Nylon ties, and return all factory parts and materials to operative state.



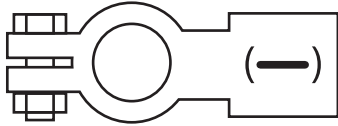
USING SUPPLIED NYLON TIES, SECURE ALL WIRING AND AIR LINE TUBE IN A MANNER THAT DOES NOT OBSTRUCT YOUR VIEW OR ABILITY TO SAFELY OPERATE THE VEHICLE.

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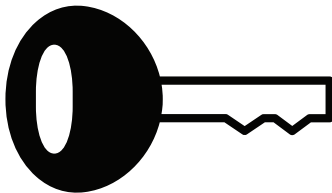
## TEST THE SYSTEM

With the Air Command™ kit and your air springs installed, you are ready to test the system.

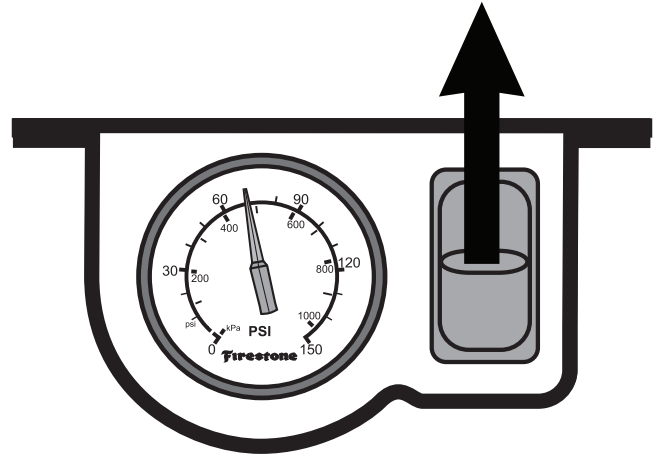
- 1** Re-attach the negative battery cable.



- 2** Turn on your vehicle's ignition.



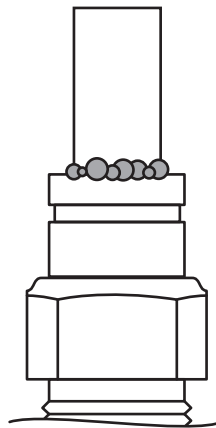
- 3** Push paddle switch up to inflate the air springs to 70 PSI.



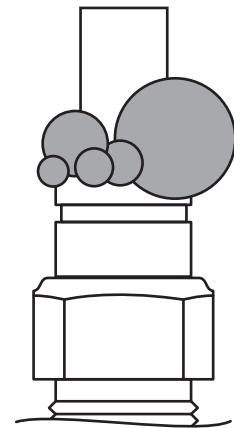
- 4** Spray fittings with soap and water mixture.



- 5** Observe bubbles.



**SMALL SOAP BUBBLES  
THAT DO NOT EXPAND**



**SOAP BUBBLES  
THAT EXPAND**



# NO LEAKS?

Congratulations! You're riding right with the flip of a switch! Remember to review the Operating Instructions.

# LEAK?

Bummer. Continue to step 11 to fix the leak.

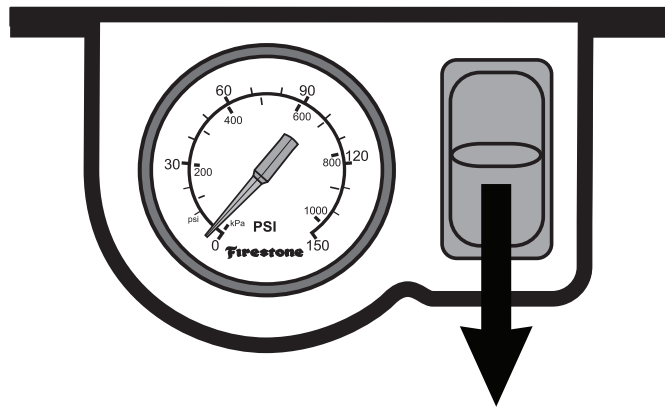


EXHAUST ALL AIR FROM THE SYSTEM PRIOR TO RELEASING AIR TUBES FROM AIR FITTINGS.

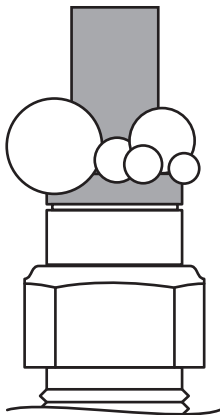


- 1 Push paddle switch down to release all air pressure from the air springs.

NOTE: While doing this, if you get a quick burst of air prior to the gauge dropping to 0 PSI, your lines are incorrectly swapped.

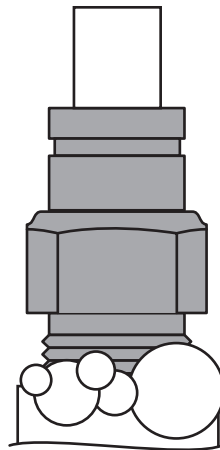


#### LEAK AT AIR LINE TUBE AND AIR FITTING



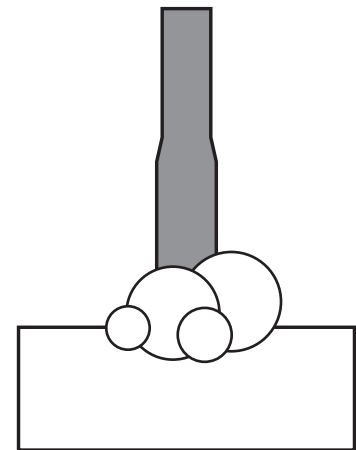
Release air line tube (see page 4). Review proper cuts and procedures in step 5. Repeat installation steps.

#### LEAK AT BASE OF AIR FITTING ON AIR SPRING



Tighten air fitting one turn or until leak stops.

#### LEAK AT A BARBED FITTING



Being careful not to scar the metal barbs, cut away, check for debris. Trim air tube line, **soak for 5 minutes in hot water**. Reinstall.

## STILL HAVE A LEAK?

Refer to the Troubleshooting section of the Instruction Manual. If the leak persists, or if there is an issue with a leaking part, call 1-800-888-0650; Option 1; Option 1 for Tech Support.



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## BEFORE YOU DRIVE, CONFIRM THE FOLLOWING:

- Secure all air line tubes and wiring inside the cab and on the outside of the truck.
- Make sure no wiring, air line tubes, or hardware obstruct your vision or ability to safely operate the vehicle.
- The system passes the leak test and holds air.
- The air compressor ground ring terminal is contacting bare metal, and coated with silicone if possible.
- There is a loop in the air line tubes as shown to prevent water or debris from getting into the air compressor head and damaging it.
- The air gauge backlight turns off when the ignition is off, or when dashboard lights do not illuminate.
- Put a minimum of 5 PSI in the air springs, unloaded.

## NEED INSTALLATION HELP? 1-800-888-0650

Select Option 1 for Ride-Rite; Select Option 1 for Technical Support.

Or, email us at [rrtech@fsip.com](mailto:rrtech@fsip.com). Please include photos to help us better diagnose and understand any problems you may be experiencing.

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# Do Not Return This Product to the Dealer or Distributor

## If you are

- missing parts,
- experiencing installation problems, or
- have technical concerns regarding this product,

you may contact a Firestone Technical Service Representative at [rrtech@fsip.com](mailto:rrtech@fsip.com) or at 800-888-0650 (option 1, and then option 2). Representatives are available from 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Eastern on Monday – Friday, excluding holidays. If you are located outside of the United States, you should first contact your distributor or dealer directly with any issues.

When contacting Technical Service, please have the kit or part # ready, along with the make, model, and year of the vehicle. You may also need to provide details, such as 2WD/4WD or if the vehicle has been lifted or lowered from stock height.

If you have a warranty concern, please include in your email a detailed description of the situation, a photo(s) of the issue, and your contact information, including ship-to address.

**WARRANTY COVERAGE\***— The Ride-Rite™ kits, components, and accessories are warranted against defects in workmanship and materials. This warranty does not cover service or labor charges, neglect...to the product.

### **PERIOD OF COVERAGE:**

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| • Ride-Rite air springs – Lifetime Limited  | • Work-Rite load assists – 2 Years Limited                                       |
| • Sport-Rite air springs – Lifetime Limited | • Air-Rite accessories – 2 Years Limited   |
| • Coil-Rite air springs – Lifetime Limited  | • Brackets, hardware, fittings, air line, and other components – 2 Years Limited |
| • Level-Rite air springs – Lifetime Limited |  |

**HOW TO MAKE A WARRANTY CLAIM** — If you purchased your air springs in the U.S. or Canada and believe you have a part with a warrantable defect, call Firestone directly at 1-800-888-0650.

International customers should contact their distributors or dealers directly with any problems.

(\*) Please refer to the “Firestone Limited Lifetime Air Spring Warranty” for details, terms, and conditions.

## **WARRANTY QUESTIONS**

Go to [www.riderite.com/installation-support](http://www.riderite.com/installation-support)  
Select “Warranty Info” tab