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## Part # 11060210 59-64 Impala CoilOver System

#### **Front Components:**

1	11053510	HQ Series Front Coilovers

- 1 11052899 Front Lower StrongArms
- 1 11053699 Front Upper StrongArms
- 1 111059100 Front MuscleBar

#### **Rear Components:**

1	11054699	Rear Coil Spring Kit for StrongArms
1	11050701	HQ Series Rear Shocks
1	11054499	Rear Lower StrongArms
1	11066699	Rear Upper StrongArm & Panhard Bar Kit
1	11059102	Rear MuscleBar

### **Components:**

1 85000000 Spanner Wrench



## Part # 11053510 58-64 Impala HQ Series Front CoilOvers For Use w/ StrongArms

#### Shock Assembly:

- 2 24139999 3.6" stroke HQ Series shock
- 2 90009989 2.75" adjustable threaded stud top
- 2 90001994 .625" I.D. bearing
- 4 90001995 Bearing snap ring

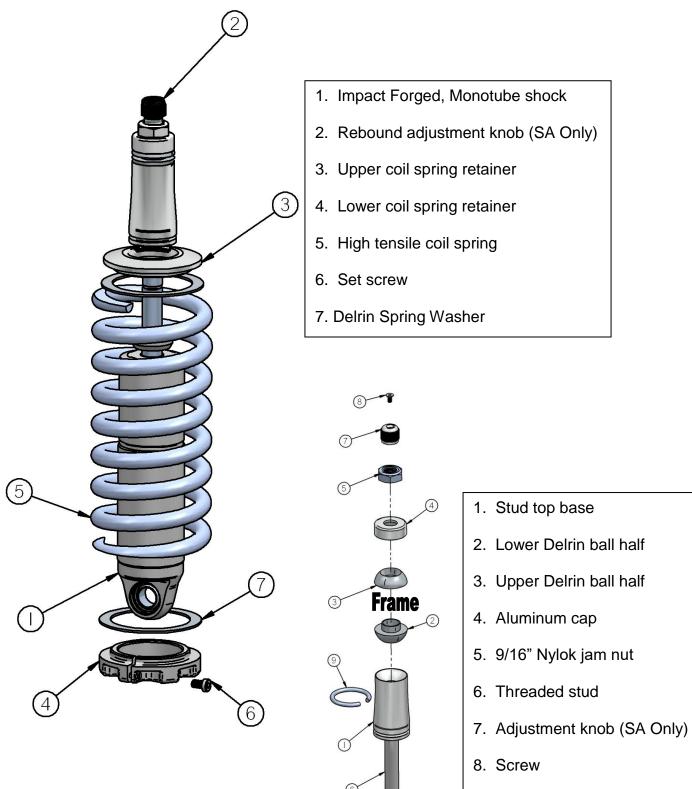
#### **Components:**

- 2 59080750 Coil spring 8" long / 750 # rate
- 2 90002313 2.75" stud top base
- 2 90002222 Spring retainer kit
- 2 90001902 Aluminum cap for Delrin ball
- 2 90001903 Delrin ball upper half
- 2 90001904 Delrin ball lower half
- 2 70010828 Delrin Spring Washer

#### Hardware:

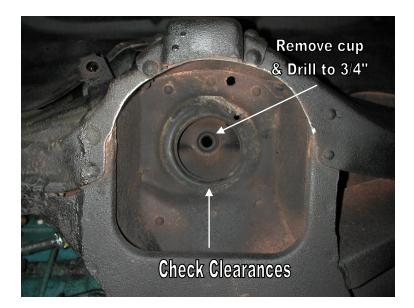
2 99562003 9/16" SAE Nylok jam nut Stud top hardware

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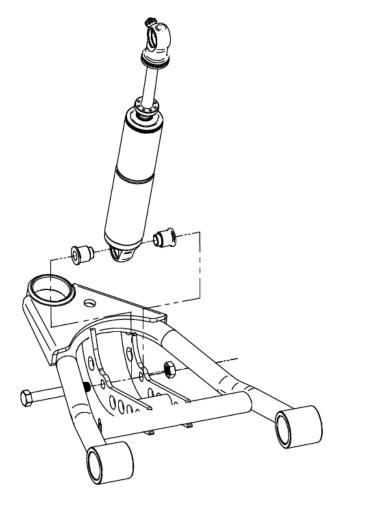
9. Snap ring

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1. To allow the step in the lower Delrin ball half to slide into the factory shock hole, the bushing cup (if your car has one) will need to be removed and the hole may need to be drilled out to  $\frac{3}{4}$ ".

2. Assemble the CoilOver then place into the coil spring pocket w/ the stud and lower Delrin ball sticking through the factory shock hole.



3. Check clearance between the upper factory spring retaining lip and stud top base. Allowing this to hit could cause the shock to break, this

4. Place the upper Delrin ball over stud, then the aluminum cap. Secure the assembly w/ the 9/16" Nylok jam nut.

5. Attach the bottom of the shock to the lower StrongArms using the spacers and hardware supplied w/ the arm.

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## Part # 11052899 58-64 Impala Front Lower StrongArms For Use w/ Shockwaves or CoilOvers

#### **Components:**

- 1 90000474 Driver side lower Arm
- 1 90000475 Passenger Side Arm
- 2 90000676 Cross shaft
- 2 90000677 Cross shaft clamp
- 4 90000906 Lower control arm bushing
- 1 90000476 Driver side steering stop
- 1 90000477 Passenger side steering stop
- 2 90002586 Ball joint
- 4 90002062 Aluminum bearing spacer
- 2 Grease Fittings

#### Hardware Kit:

2	99371011	3/8" x 6 1⁄2" USS bolt	Sway bar end link
2	99372002	3/8" USS Nylok nut	Sway bar end link
4	99311001	5/16" X 1" USS bolts	Steering stop to lower arm
4	99313002	5/16" SAE flat washer	Steering stop to lower arm
4	99312003	5/16" Nylok Nut	Steering stop to lower arm
4	99431004	7/16" x 2" SAE Gr.8 bolt	Lower arm cross shaft clamp to frame
4	99431006	7/16" x 1 ¼" SAE Gr. bolt	Lower arm cross shaft
4	99503004	1/2" Fender washer	Lower arm cross shaft
8	99433003	7/16" lock washer	Lower arm cross shaft & clamp
2	99501024	1⁄2"-13 x 3 1⁄4" Gr. 8 bolt	Shockwave to lower arm
2	99502001	1⁄2"-13 Nylok	Shockwave to lower arm



Note: These arms will not work with stock 1958 spindles.

1. Raise and support car at a safe, comfortable working height. Let the front suspension hang freely.

2. Remove coil spring, shock absorber, and lower control arm. Refer to factory service manual for proper disassembly procedure.



3. Bolt the lower StrongArm shaft to the frame. 7/16" x 2" bolts, lock washers and flat washer will be used to fasten the aluminum clamp to the frame.

4. Slide the ball joint boot over the ball joint stud. Slide the stud through the spindle, secure assembly w/ new castle nut and cotter pin supplied.

5. Attach the adjustable steering stop to the lower arm using two 5/16" x 1" bolts. This can be adjusted to maintain tire/shock clearances.



6. Attach the ShockWave to the lower StrongArm using the  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 3  $\frac{1}{4}$ " bolts and aluminum spacers provided.

7. The sway bar end link must be shortened to 2" tall optimize clearance and alignment. Use the shorter 3/8" x 6  $\frac{1}{2}$ " bolt supplied. (Discard if using RideTech MuscleBar)

8. Check all clearance with brake lines, airlines, tie rod, sway bar, and tire through full suspension travel and turn wheel lock to lock.



#### Item # Description Qty. Passenger side arm 1. 1 58-64 Chevy Drivers Side Lower Strong 1. Driver side arm 1 Arm 2 2. 1/2"-13 Nylok nut Aluminum bearing spacer 3. 4 2 4. Cross shaft Aluminum shaft clamp 2 5. 2 Steering stop bracket 6. 2 7. Ball joint 8. Cross shaft bushing 4 5/16"-18 x 1" bolt 4 9. 5/16" flat washer 4 10. 5/16"-18 Nylok nut 4 11. 3/8" x 6 1/2 bolt 12. 2 3/8" USS Nylok nut 2 13. 1/2"-13 x 3 ¼" bolt 2 14. 7/16" lock washer 15. 8 7/16"-20 x 2" bolt 4 16. 67 17. 1/2" fender washer 4 $(\square)$ (9) 18. 7/16"-20 x 1 ¼" bolt 4 3 1 (13) (14) (4)(5) (15



## Part # 11053699 58-64 Impala Front Upper StrongArms

#### **Components:**

- 1 90000478 Passenger side Upper Arm
- 1 90000479 Driver side Upper Arm
- 2 90000905 Ball Joints
- 2 90000907 Cross shaft bushing
- 2 90000927 Upper Cross Shaft

#### Hardware:

- 4 99371014 3/8" x 1 ¼" SAE Gr. 8 bolt Upper cross shaft
- 4 99373001 3/8" Fender washer Upper cross shaft



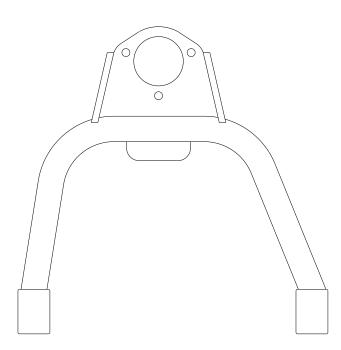


1. Drop the ball joint down through the ball joint plate, secure w/ the hardware supplied.

2. Fasten the upper arm to the frame using the factory hardware. Reinstall the current alignment shims, but **vehicle must be realigned.** This arm was designed with an extra 2 degrees of positive caster allowing the car to be aligned with up to 4 degrees of positive caster. (This will vary from car to car.)

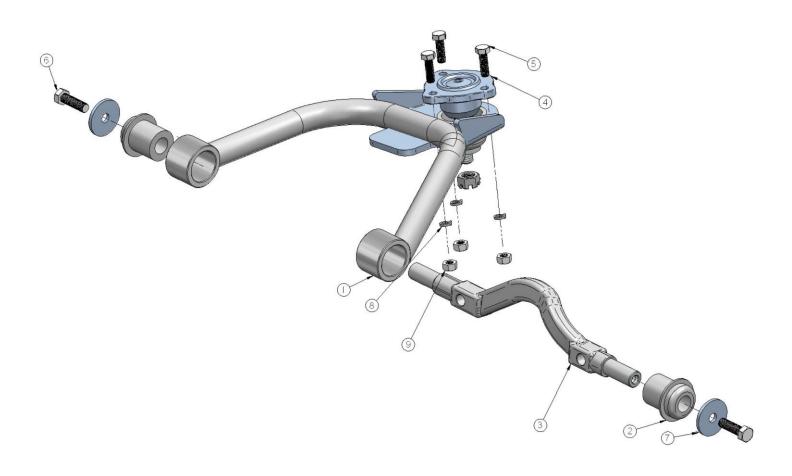
3. Insert the ball joint stud through the spindle and install new castle nut and cotter pin supplied.

## 58-64 Impala Driver Side Upper StrongArm





Item #	Item # Description	
1.	Passenger side arm	1
1.	Driver side arm	1
2.	Cross shaft bushing	4
3.	Cross shaft	2
4.	Ball joint	2
5.	5/16"-24 x 1" hex bolt	6
6.	3/8"-24 x 1 ¼" hex bolt – Gr. 8	4
7.	3/8" x 1 1/2" washer	4
8.	5/16" lock washer	6
9.	5/16"-24 hex nut	6



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## Part # 11059100 58-64 Impala Front MuscleBar

w/ PosiLinks

### **Components:**

- 1 90000127 1 ¼" Diameter sway bar
- 2 90000124 Sway bar arm
- 1 90000736 Driver side frame bracket
- 1 90000737 Passenger side frame bracket
- 2 90001098 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" I.D. Polyurethane bushing
- 2 90000922 12mm straight PosiLink
- 2 90000921 12mm 90 degree PosiLink
- 2 90000089 T-bushing for lower control arm
- 1 90001092 Tube of lithium grease
- 2 99250001 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" 28 straight grease fitting
- 2 99125001 12 x 1.75 x 45mm stud In PosiLink (use Loctite)

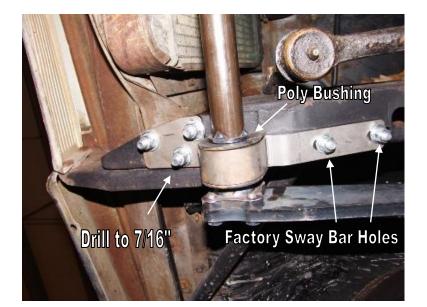
### Hardware Kit: 99010039

4	99122001	12mm Nylok nut	PosiLink
2	99433002	7/16" SAE flat washer	PosiLink to lower arm
6	99431001	7/16" x 1" USS bolt	Frame bracket to frame
6	99432001	7/16" USS Nylok nut	Frame bracket to frame
12	99433002	7/16 SAE flat washer	Frame bracket to frame
4	99371003	3/8" x 1" USS bolt	Frame bracket to frame
4	99372002	3/8" USS Nylok nut	Frame bracket to frame
8	99373003	3/8" SAE flat washer	Frame bracket to frame
8	99371017	3/8" x 1" USS button head	Attaches sway bar arm to bar
8	99373005	3/8" lock washer	Attaches sway bar arm to bar
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\*\*\*\*\*This sway bar is designed for use with our StrongArms\*\*\*\*\*\*



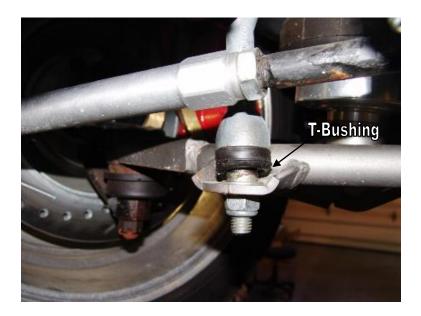
 Apply lithium grease to the polyurethane bushing and slide it over the sway bar.
 Note: Do not use petroleum based lubricants on polyurethane.
 Place the frame bracket over the poly bushing. Bolt the assembly to the frame, the rear two holes in the bracket will align with the factory sway bar mounting holes.



3. Two of the three holes on the front of the bracket will align with existing holes. The outer hole must be drilled to 7/16".

4. Bolt the sway bar arm to the bar using four 3/8" x 1" button head bolts and lock washers. The holes in the frame may need to be drilled out slightly.

5. Attach the 90 degree end of the PosiLink to the arm using a 12mm Nylok nut.



6. Attach the straight end to the lower control arm. A T-bushing is required between the PosiLink and the lower control arm. A 12mm Nylok nut and flat washer will secure the PosiLink to the lower arm.

Check clearance though full suspension travel and turn the wheel lock to lock. Ensure that the PosiLinks to not bind. Check PosiLink clearance with tie rods.





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## 58-64 Chevy Impala Rear HQ Series Shock Kit

#### Shock:

2	22989999	HQ Smooth Body Shock Cartridge

- 2 70011139 5/8" ID Shock Bushing
- 2 70011138 3/4" ID Shock Bushing
- 2 90002103 5/8" ID Shock Sleeve
- 2 90002068 Wide Trunnion

#### Hardware:

4 99311001 5/16" x 1" USS bolt
4 99312003 5/16" USS Nylok nut
8 99313002 5/16" SAE flat washer
2 99502002 ½" SAE Nylok Nut
2 99503001 ½" SAE flat washer

Shock to frame Shock to frame Shocks to frame Shock to lower stud Shock to lower stud





1. Attach shock T-Bar to frame using 3/8" x 1  $\frac{1}{4}$ " bolts, Nylok nuts and flat washers.

2. Attach the bottom of the shock to factory shock stud using the  $\frac{1}{2}$ " Nylok nut & flat washer supplied. Install one aluminum spacer on each side of the bearing.



## Part # 11054499 58-64 Impala Rear Lower StrongArms For Use with CoolRide or Coil Springs

#### **Components:**

- 2 90000466 Lower control arm w/ air spring mount
   4 90001085 Poly bushing half 1.5" O.D x 1.5" long
   4 90001086 Poly bushing half 1.5" O.D. x 1" long
- 4 90000467 Bushing sleeve 2.5" long

#### Hardware:

4	99621005	5/8" x 3 1/2" SAE Gr.8 bolt	Lower arm

4 99622006 5/8" SAE Nylok jam nut Lower arm

## Installation Instruction

1. Raise and support vehicle at a safe and comfortable working height.



2. Fasten the lower StrongArms to the frame and axle using the 5/8° x 3  $\frac{1}{2}$ ° bolt and Nylok nuts supplied.

3. Thread the 3/8" x 3/4" bolt with washer and lock washer about half way into the air spring. Slide bolt into slot on lower arm and tighten.

**Note:** Do one side at a time to keep axle from rotating.



## Part # 11066699 59-64 Chevy Impala Rear Upper Strong Arm & Panhard Bar Kit

#### **Components:**

- 1 90001119 Upper control arm (set at 13.75")
- 1 70013364 R-Joint threaded rod end housing
- 2 70013858 R-Joint Spacers
- 1 90001085 Poly bushing half 1.5" O.D. x 1.5" long
- 1 90001086 Poly bushing half 1.5" O.D. x 1" long
- 1 90000467 Bushing sleeve 2.5" long

#### Panhard:

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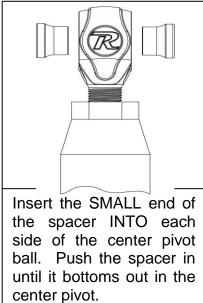
- 1 90002849 Panhard bar (Set at 31.500")
- 1 90001946 Panhard Kevlar lined Heim end 3/4" I.D.
- 2 90000460 Aluminum T bushing for heim end
- 2 70013334 R-Joint Spacers
  - 90000461 Panhard bar stud

#### **R-Joint Components**

- 70013279 Retaining Ring
- 70013280 Wavo Wave Spring
- 70013276 R-Joint Composite Center Ball Cage
- 70013275 R-Joint Stainless Center Ball

#### Hardware:

2	99603003	5/8" USS flat washer	Panhard bar stud
1	99563001	9/16" USS flat washer	Panhard bar stud
1	99561001	9/16" x 2 ½" SAE Gr.8 bolt	Panhard bar to frame
2	99562001	9/16" SAE Nylok nut	Panhard bar
2	99752004	3/4"-16 Jam nut	Heim end & R-Joint
2	99621005	5/8" x 3 ½" SAE Gr.8 bolt	Upper arm
3	99622006	5/8" SAE Nylok jam nut	Upper arm / Panhard bar stud







1. Insert the LONG R-joint Spacers into the R-joint. The Small Diameter goes into the R-joint. Bolt the upper StrongArm to the frame using the 5/8" x 3  $\frac{1}{2}$ " bolts and Nylok nuts supplied.

2. Using a 5/8" x  $3 \frac{1}{2}$ " bolt fasten the poly bushing end of the upper bar to the axle bracket.

**Note:** Some vehicles have two factory upper arms and need a second tubular arm.



 Install the <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" jam nut onto the end of the Heim end, then screw Heim end into the end of the panhard bar.

4. Press the aluminum T-bushings into the Heim end. Fasten the Heim end to the frame bracket using the 9/16" x 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ " bolt and Nylok nut supplied.



5. Bolt the new panhard bar stud onto the axle in factory stud location using the 9/16" Nylok nut and flat washer supplied.

6. Install a Narrow R-joint Spacer into the R-joint. The Small Diameter goes into the R-joint. Slide the R-joint onto the stud and fasten in place with a 5/8" flat washer and nylok nut.

New R-Joints will be quite stiff (75-90 in/lbs breakaway torque) until they "break in" after a few miles of use. After the break in period they will move much more freely. Because the composite bearing race contains self-lubricating ingredients, no additional lubrication is needed or desired. Any additional lubrication will only serve to attract more dirt and debris to the R-Joint and actually shorten its life.

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## Part # 11054799 58-64 Impala Rear Coil Spring Kit

#### **Components:**

- 2 59130375 Coil spring 13" free length, 5" O.D., 375# rate
- 2 90002079 Lower spring retainer

#### Hardware:

2	99371001	3/8" x 3/4" USS bolt	Spring retainer to lower arm
2	99373005	3/8" lock washer	Spring retainer to lower arm





 Attach the spring retainer to the lower trailing arm using the 3/8" x 3/4" bolt and lock washer.

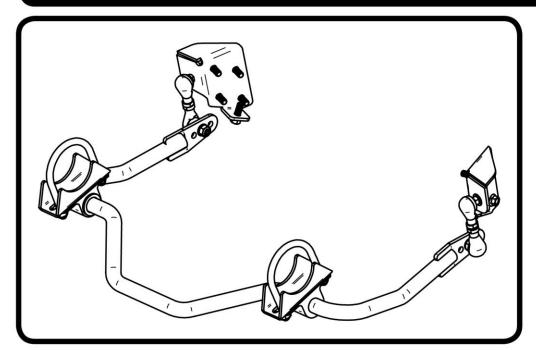


2. Support the axle, then remove the lower shock nut, and pull the shock off the stud. This will allow the axle to drop low enough to install the spring into the pockets.





## Part # 11059102 - 58-64 Chevy Fullsize Rear MuscleBar



## **Recommended Tools**





## 58-64 Chevy Fullsize MuscleBar Installation Instructions

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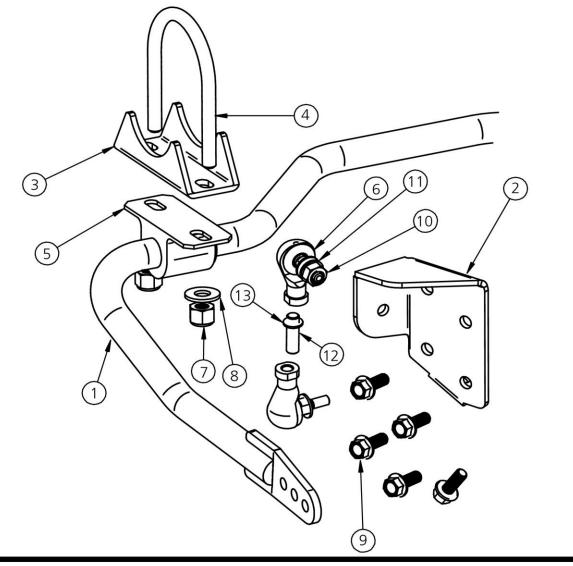






## Major Components .....In the box

ltem #	Part #	Descritpion	
1	90002444	58-64 Rear MuscleBar Assembly	1
2	90002445	Driver Frame Bracket	1
2	90002446	Passenger Frame Bracket	
3	90000740	Axle Saddle Bracket	
4	90000088	7/16" U bolt	
5	99800004	Poly Bushing and Bracket	
6	90000926	10mm 90 degree PosiLink end	
	90001092	Tube of Lithium Grease (Not Shown)	







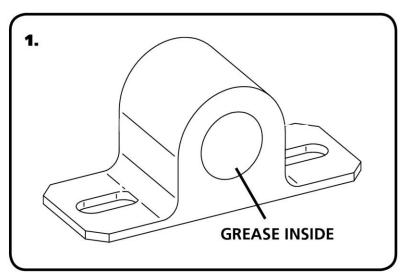
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7	4	99432001	7/16"-14 Nylok Nut	Axle Mount U-bolt
8	4	99433002	7/16" SAE Flatwasher	Axle Mount U-bolt
9	10	99373007	3/8"-16 x 1 Thread Forming Bolt	Frame Bracket to Frame
10	4	99112002	10mm-1.5 Nylok Nut	PosiLink to Bracket and MuscleBar
11	8	99373003	3/8" SAE FlatWasher	PosiLink to Bracket and MuscleBar
12	2	99115001	10mm-1.5 x 40mm Stud	Preassembled in Posilink Assembly
13	4	90002275	Aluminum Crush Washer	Preassembled in Posilink Assembly

## Hardware List .....In the box

## Getting Started.....

Congratulations on your purchase of the Ridetech Rear Muscle Bar. These system has been designed to give your car excellent handling along with a lifetime of enjoyment. One of the key features of this Muscle-Bar: Posilinks - The Posilink makes the reaction of the swaybar instantaneous, tuneability - this Musclebar has 3 postions to aid in the tuning of the handling of your car.

The MuscleBar has 3 postions to aid in the tuning of your cars handling. We start in the center position and tune from there. The Postion to to the front of the car will make the Musclebar softer. The position to the rear of the car will make the MuscleBar stiffer.

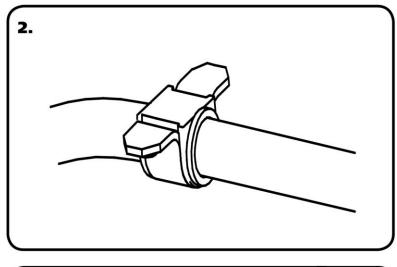


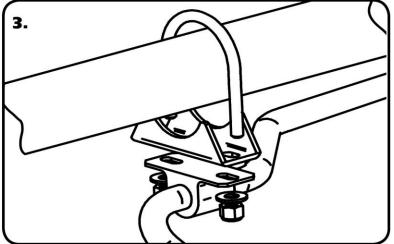
**1.** Apply Lithium grease to the inside of the sway bar bushings using the tube of grease supplied in the kit.

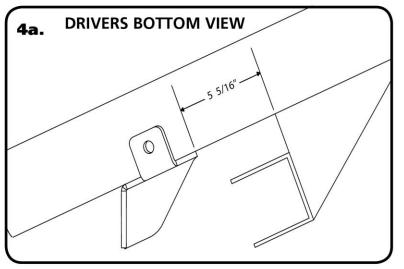




## **MuscleBar Installation**







**2.** Install the swaybar bushings and straps onto the MuscleBar. The bushings and straps get installed on the outer ends of the MuscleBar against the stop rings.

**3.** Install the U-bolts over the axle, slide the saddles onto the ubolts along with the MuscleBar. The MuscleBar should be centered on the rearend. Install the 7/16" washer and Nylok nut loosely for now. **DO NOT TIGHTEN NUTS YET.** 

**Note:** It may be necessary to trim the panhard mount to get the saddle to sit in place properly on the axle tube. The saddle should be level with the ground.

**Note:** With the arms parallel with the ground the rear of the Muscle bar should be angle down towards the ground.

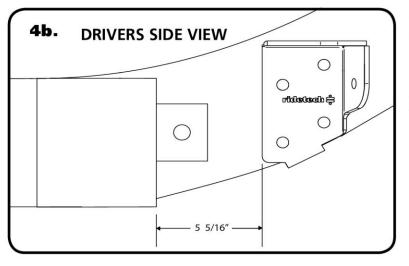
**4a** . There is a Driver and Passenger frame bracket. In illustrations 4a & 4b, the drivers side is shown. The bracket gets located by measuring from the lower control arm frame bracket. The frame bracket is located 5 5/16" (measuring towards the rear of the car) from the factory control arm bracket. This measurment is taken right where the factory bracket attaches to the frame.

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## **MuscleBar Installation**



PASSENGER

FRONT

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**4b.** This illustration shows the frame bracket as looking from the side. With the frame bracket held in place mark the (5) mounting holes. Drill these holes with a 5/16" drill bit. Attach each bracket with (5) 3/8-16" thread forming bolts.

**5.** Install the PosiLinks in the frame brackets and in the CENTER hole in the MuscleBar using a 3/8" SAE Flatwasher on each side of the bracket and on each side of the mount on the MuscleBar. The Posilinks are installed with the stud on the upper Posilink pointing forward and the stud on the lower Posilink pointing to the inside of the car. Install the 10mm Nylok on Posilink and tighten nut.

**6.** Tighen the 7/16" Nylok nuts on the U-bolts making sure the Musclebar is centered on the rearend.

DRIVER





## **Final Tightening and Adjusting**

**5.** The MuscleBar has (3) holes in the arms for adjustment. The center hole is the standard hole. You can stiffen the bar by moving the Posilnk in to the hole closest to the differential, or soften it by moving it to the hole at the end of the bar.

Note: If any grease is needed after installation use a lithium based grease. DO NOT USE A PETROLEUM BASED GREASE

### **STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?**

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#### Ride Height

We have designed most cars to have a ride height of about 2" lower than factory. To achieve the best ride quality & handling, the shock absorber needs to be at 40-60% overall travel when the car is at ride height. This will ensure that the shock will not bottom out or top out over even the largest bumps. Measuring the shock can be difficult, especially on some front suspensions. Measuring overall wheel travel is just as effective and can be much easier. Most cars will have 4-6" of overall wheel travel. One easy way to determine where you are at in wheel travel is to take a measurement from the fender lip (center of the wheel) to the ground. Then lift the car by the frame until the wheel is just touching the ground, re-measure. This will indicate how far you are from full extension of the shock. A minimum of 1.5" of extension travel (at the wheel) is needed to ensure that the shock does not top out. If you are more than 3" from full extension of the shock then you are in danger of bottoming out the shock absorber.

#### **Adjusting Spring Height**

When assembling the CoilOver, screw the spring retainer tight up to the spring (0 preload). After entire weight of car is on the wheels, jounce the suspension and roll the car forward and backward to alleviate suspension bind.

- If the car is too high w/ 0 preload then a smaller rate spring is required. Although threading the spring retainer down would lower the car, this could allow the spring to fall out of its seat when lifting the car by the frame.
- If the car is too low w/ 0 preload, then preload can then be added by threading the spring retainer up to achieve ride height. On 2.6" - 4" stroke shocks, up to 1.5" of preload is acceptable. On 5-7" stroke shocks, up to 2.5" of preload is acceptable. If more preload is needed to achieve ride height a stiffer spring rate is required. Too much preload may lead to coil bind, causing ride quality to suffer.

## Shock adjustment 101- Single Adjustable

**Rebound Adjustment:** 

How to adjust your new shocks.

The rebound adjustment knob is located on the top of the shock absorber protruding from the eyelet. You must first begin at the ZERO setting, then set the shock to a soft setting of 20.





-Begin with the shocks adjusted to the ZERO rebound position (full stiff). Do this by rotating the rebound adjuster knob clockwise until it stops.

-Now turn the rebound adjuster knob counter clock wise 20 clicks. This sets the shock at 20. (settings 21-24 are typically too soft for street use).

Take the vehicle for a test drive.



-if you are satisfied with the ride quality, do not do anything, you are set!

-if the ride quality is too soft increase the damping effect by rotating the rebound knob clock wise 3 clicks.

Take the vehicle for another test drive.



if the vehicle is too soft increase the damping effect by rotating the rebound knob clock wise 3 additional clicks.

If the vehicle is too stiff rotate the rebound adjustment knob counter clock wise 2 clicks and you are set!

Take the vehicle for another test drive and repeat the above steps until the ride quality is satisfactory. Note:

One end of the vehicle will likely reach the desired setting before the other end. If this happens stop adjusting the satisfied end and keep adjusting the unsatisfied end until the overall ride guality is satisfactory.