INSTALLATION GUIDE

BDS SUSPENSION

HARDCORE LIMITED LIFETIME WARRANTY

Control Arms

Chevy / GMC 1500 4WD | 2007-2018

Part#: 121151

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BEFORE YOU START

BDS Suspension Co. recommends this system be installed by a professional technician. In addition to these instructions, professional knowledge of disassembly/ reassembly procedures and post installation checks must be known.

FOR YOUR SAFETY

Certain BDS Suspension products are intended to improve off-road performance. Modifying your vehicle for off-road use may result in the vehicle handling differently than a factory equipped vehicle. Extreme care must be used to prevent loss of control or vehicle rollover. Failure to drive your modified vehicle safely may result in serious injury or death. BDS Suspension Co. does not recommend the combined use of suspension lifts, body lifts, or other lifting devices. You should never operate your modified vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Always drive your modified vehicle at reduced speeds to ensure your ability to control your vehicle under all driving conditions. Always wear your seat belt.

BEFORE INSTALLATION

- Adhere to recommendations when replacement fasteners, retainers and keepers are called out in the OE manual.
- Larger rim and tire combinations may increase leverage on suspension, steering, and related components. When selecting combinations larger than OE, consider the additional stress you could be inducing on the OE and related components.
- Post suspension system vehicles may experience drive line vibrations. Angles may require tuning, slider on shaft may require replacement, shafts may need to be lengthened or trued, and U-joints may need to be replaced.
- Secure and properly block vehicle prior to installation of BDS Suspension components. Always wear safety glasses when using power tools.
- If installation is to be performed without a hoist, BDS Suspension Co. recommends rear alterations first.
- Due to payload options and initial ride height variances, the amount of lift is a base figure. Final ride height dimensions may vary in accordance to original vehicle attitude. Always measure the attitude prior to beginning installation.

BEFORE YOU DRIVE

Check all fasteners for proper torque. Check to ensure for adequate clearance between all rotating, mobile, fixed, and heated members. Verify clearance between exhaust and brake lines, fuel lines, fuel tank, floor boards and wiring harness. Check steering gear for clearance. Test and inspect brake system.

Perform steering sweep to ensure front brake hoses have adequate slack and do not contact any rotating, mobile or heated members. Inspect rear brake hoses at full extension for adequate slack. Failure to perform hose check/ replacement may result in component failure. Longer replacement hoses, if needed can be purchased from a local parts supplier.

Perform head light check and adjustment.
Re-torque all fasteners after 500 miles. Always inspect fasteners and components during routine servicing.
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*See Troubleshooting Important Note 1

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**A262 DRIVER’S SIDE**

**A263 PASSENGER’S SIDE**

- **重要提示**
  - DOT 面朝外

![Diagram A262 Driver's Side](image1)

![Diagram A263 Passenger's Side](image2)

![Diagram Orientation](image3)
INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Park vehicle on clean, flat, and level surface. Block the rear wheels for safety.

2. Raise the front of the vehicle and support frame rails with jack stands.

3. Remove the front wheels.

4. Disconnect the ABS wire from the frame above the upper control arm (Fig 1a). Remove from clip on steering knuckle by the upper ball joint. (Fig 1b)

5. Remove the ABS wire from the upper control arm clip. Trim the tab from the factory brake line bracket, do this while the bracket is attached to the arm. (Fig 2)

SPECIAL TOOLS

- Welder

TROUBLESHOOTING INFORMATION FOR YOUR VEHICLE

1. Control arms are of much larger size than stock. Tire and wheel selection is critical to allow for proper clearance. Weld on steering stops are included to eliminate any possible chance for contact between the tire and upper control arm. These arms are not recommended for trucks with aluminum lower control arms. A wheel spacer is included with this kit incase the stock spare wheel and tire needs to be installed, this is a temporary measure.

2. Medium-strength thread-lock (blue loctite) is recommended on all bolts.

3. Arms are designed to work with Extented Travel Fox Coilovers that require upper control arms and may not work with all aftermarket spacer lifts / lift kits. If the arm contacts the droop limiter at full droop the factory droop a different spacer or strut assembly is recommended. Removing the droop limiter may cause range of motion problems with the ball joint.
6. Disconnect the brake line bracket from the upper control arm. Hardware will not be reused.

7. Disconnect the upper ball joint. Remove the nut and separate the ball joint taper from the steering knuckle.
   *Aluminum knuckles: Do not strike the aluminum knuckle to dislodge taper.* (Fig 3)

8. Support the lower control arm with a jack.

9. Remove the strut hardware and remove the factory strut from the vehicle.

10. Remove the upper control arm from vehicle. (Fig 4)
11. Install new control arm with factory cam bolts. Snug, but do not torque bolts. Do not install the upper ball joint cap at this time. Do not attach to the steering knuckle at this time. (Fig 5)

12. Install new coilover with included hardware.

Remote Reservoir Applications: Reservoir will mount to the top side of the factory upper strut bracket. Attach reservoir with included hose clamps. (Fig 6a, 6b) Ensure the hose clears the upper arm and cycle the upper arm to ensure that it will clear the hose before attaching to the steering knuckle in later steps. Adjust fittings on reservoir hose / hose location if necessary to gain adequate clearance.
13. Attach the upper control arm to the steering knuckle with included castellated nut. Tighten to 45 ft-lbs, install cotter pin.

14. Grease the upper ball joint at this time. The ball joint cap will need to be removed to grease the joint at future maintenance intervals.

15. Lightly grease the o-ring with included grease and install the o-ring onto the cap. Push cap into the upper control arm squarely to get it to ‘pop-in.’ Turning the cap as you push down helps. (Fig 7a, 7b)

16. Attach modified factory brake line bracket to the upper control arm with ¼” hardware. Tighten to 12 ft-lbs. Cycle the steering to ensure that the brake line clears the sway bar components. Rotate bracket if necessary. (Fig 8a, 8b)
17. Reattach ABS wire to factory mounting clips and brackets. It may be necessary to slide the ABS wire in the rubber grommets to get adequate clearance / routing of the wire. Use silicone spray to allow the grommet to slide on the ABS wire.

**STEERING STOP INSTALLATION:**

18. Disconnect battery.

19. Prep the lower control arm for welding, remove coating at the factory steering stops.

20. Place steering stops on the stock lower control arm and weld the top and bottom of the plate. (Fig 9)


22. Install new wheels and perform a steering sweep to check for adequate clearances at full droop.

23. Lower the vehicle to the ground. Perform additional steering sweep to check for clearances.

24. Center the upper control arm cams and tighten hardware to 95 ft-lbs.

25. Reconnect battery.

26. Roll the vehicle out, adjust the steering wheel to a centered position. Do not drive the vehicle with the steering wheel off center for extended periods of time or adverse traction control affects may become present.
27. Recheck all hardware after 500 miles. Grease ball joint at regular service intervals. Replacement ball joint number is Moog k6540, and is a directional ball joint that must be installed correctly for maximum range of motion.

WE WANT TO SEE YOUR RIDE!
Grab photos of your BDS-equipped truck in action and send them in for a chance to be featured. Send it in to our Bad Ass Rides customer gallery at bds-suspension.com/bar and post them on the BDS Fan Page on Facebook at facebook.com/BDSSuspensions. Don’t forget about your BDS swag! BDS offers t-shirts, hoodies, decals and more available on the BDS website or through your local BDS distributor.

TIME TO HAVE SOME FUN

Thank you for choosing BDS Suspension.

For questions, technical support and warranty issues relating to this BDS Suspension product, please contact your distributor/installer before contacting BDS Suspension directly.