

D2201 Installation Instructions 2012-2014 Dodge Ram 1500 4WD 2" Adventure Series Suspension System

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Difficulty Level

easy 1 (2) 3 4 5 difficult

Estimated installation: 3-4 hours Special Tools Required

Ball Joint Separation Tool

Tire/Wheel Fitment

33x12.50 with 4.75" Backspacing

>> Pre-Installation Notes

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- 5. Secure and properly block vehicle prior to installation of Zone Offroad Products. Always wear safety glasses when using power tools.
- 6. If installation is to be performed without a hoist, Zone Offroad Products recommends rear alterations first.
- 7. 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.

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D2300 Kit Contents

Qty Part

- 1 Dry Upper Control Arm
- 1 Pass Upper Control Arm
- 2 Straight grease fitting
- 2 Ball joint aluminum slugs
- 2 2-5/16" Circlip yellow zinc
- 2 2-1/4"OD x 3/32 O-ring
- 4 Upper control arm factory style bushings
- 2 Upper Control arm ball joints

Strut Spacer

Qty Part

- 2 2 strut spacer
- 1 Strut spacer bolt pack
- 1 Loc-tite
- 2 Sway bar link spacer

Kit Fitment notes:

- 1. Do not use this kit with Bilstein leveling struts, or with any other form of suspension lift.
- 2. Do not install spacer kit without upper control arms, the factory upper ball joint will be extended past operating range. Vehicle damage may occur.

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

>> DISASSEMBLY

- 1. The factory service manual specifically states that striking the knuckle to loosen the ball joints or tie rod ends is prohibited. Striking the aluminum knuckle can damage it. A special puller tool #8677 (or equivalent ball joint tool) is recommended to be used to separate these components from the knuckle.
- 2. Park vehicle on clean flat and level surface. Block rear wheels for safety.
- Raise front of vehicle and support frame rails with jack stands. Remove the front wheels
- 4. Remove sway bar nut from the sway bar links at the sway bar, remove bushings and cup washers. Fig 1

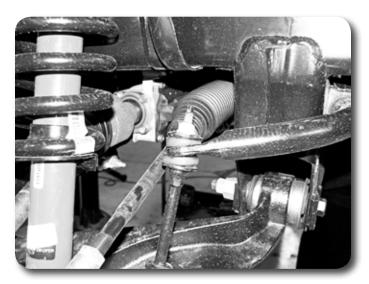


Figure 1

- 5. Remove the upper ball joint nut and use appropriate puller to disconnect the ball joint from the steering knuckle. Do NOT strike the aluminum knuckle with a hammer! Remove upper control arm from vehicle.
- 6. Disconnect the tie rod end from the steering knuckle using appropriate puller. Again do NOT strike the aluminum knuckle with a hammer!
- 7. Disconnect the brake caliper bracket from steering knuckle, hang caliper out of the way, do not allow the caliper to hang from the brakeline. Remove the brake rotors for safety.
- 8. Disconnect the ABS wire connector at the inner fender well. Remove wire from retaining clips.
- 9. Remove the lower strut bolt and nut. Fig 2

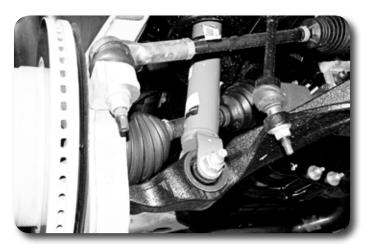


Figure 2

- 10. Remove upper strut nuts and remove strut assembly from vehicle.
- 11. Meause stud sticking out of the top of the factory strut assembly. 2014 models will need this trimmed to 5/8" past the mounting surface (the hex portion will need trimmed). If this measurement is less than 5/8" no modification is necessary. Fig 3



Figure 3

12. Install the new top spacer with factory nuts onto the strut assembly, the strut assembly can only be installed one way. It may be necessary to use a chrome socket for clearance in the access holes. Tighten to 40 ft-lbs. Fig 4

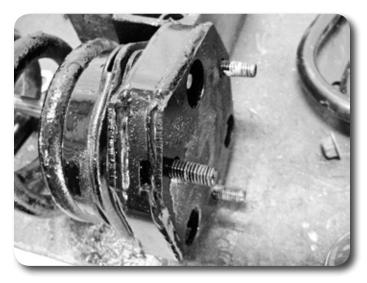


Figure 4

- 13. Attach the strut assembly to the frame with new 3/8" nuts with washers. Leave hardware slightly loose.
- 14. Swing the lower control arm up. Attach the lower control arm to the strut with factory hardware, do not tighten at this time.
- 15. Remove the stock upper control arms, retain all hardware.
- 16. Install new upper control arms with factory hardware. The arms will offset the ball joint to the rear of the vehicle. Leave loose at this time.
- 17. Attach steering knuckle to new upper control arm with new crown nut and cotter pin. Tighten to 65 ft-lbs, do not loosen to get cotter pin to align.
- 18. Grease the upper control arm assembly once installed. Fig. 5

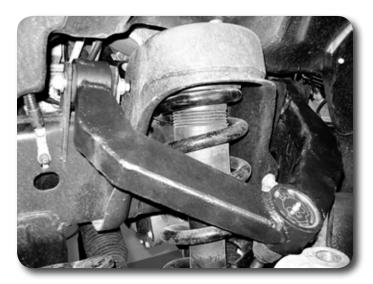


Figure 5

- 19. Reinstall brake rotors and calipers with factory hardware. Tighten to 130 ft-lbs
- 20. Attach tie rod to steering knuckle, tighten to 45 ft-lbs then an additional 90 degrees
- 21. Reconnect the ABS wire, secure with included zip ties.
- 22. Tighten upper strut hardware to 40 ft-lbs.

23. Install spacer sleeve on sway bar link, reassemble with factory bushings, cup washers, and nut. Use loc-tite on the nut. Do NOT over tighten the nut, tighten until the bushings begin to swell. It may be necessary to compress the suspension slightly to get the bushings at an appropriate angle to allow for assembly. The nylock portion should be just engaged into the threads. Fig 6a, 6b



Figure 6a



Figure 6b

- 24. Reinstall wheels, tighten to factory specifications
- 25. Lower vehicle to the ground. Tighten lower strut hardware to:155 ft-lbs Upper control arm hardware to: 130 ft-lbs
- 26. Recheck all hardware for proper torque, check again after 500 miles and at regularly scheduled maintenance intervals.
- 27. A front end alignment must be performed.



D2301 Installation Instructions 2006-2014 Dodge Ram 1500 4WD Replacement Upper Control Arm

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Difficulty Level

easy 1 (2) 3 4 5 difficult

Estimated installation: 1 hours

Special Tools Required

Ball Joint Separation Tool

Tire/Wheel Fitment

Stock

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- 2. Park vehicle on clean flat and level surface. Block rear wheels for safety.
- Raise front of vehicle and support frame rails with jack stands. Remove the front wheels
- 4. Remove the upper ball joint nut and use appropriate puller to disconnect the ball joint from the steering knuckle. Do NOT strike the aluminum knuckle with a hammer! Disconnect hardware and remove upper control arm from vehicle. Do NOT allow the knuckle assembly to hang by the brake line / ABS wire
- 5. Install new control arm, the arms are side specific and will offset the ball joint to the rear of the vehicle. Attach with factory control arm bolts. Attach ball joint to steering knuckle with included castellated nut. (Fig 1)

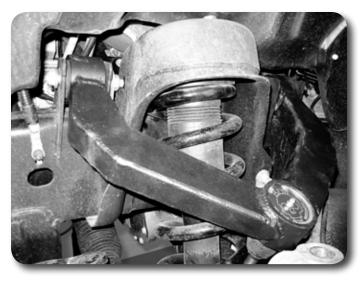


Figure 1

- 6. Tighten ball joint nut to 55 ft-lbs, align castellated nut with hole in the ball joint and install cotter pin. Do NOT loosen the nut to get the cotter pin to align.
- 7. Grease the upper control arm assembly once installed.
- 8. Reinstall wheels, tighten to factory specifications
- 9. Lower vehicle to the ground. Tighten Upper control arm hardware to: 130 ft-lbs. Do NOT tighten the upper control arms when the vehicle is hanging in the air, the bushings will bind and cause premature wear.
- 10. Recheck all hardware for proper torque, check again after 500 miles and at regularly scheduled maintenance intervals.
- 11. A front end alignment must be performed.



D9150 Installation Instructions 09+ Dodge 1500 1.5" Body Lift

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Difficulty Level

easy 1 (2) 3 4 5 difficult Estimated installation: 3-5 hours

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Kit Contents

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Qty	Part		Qty	Part	
14	3" OD x 1.5" x 9/16" ID blocks		1	Rear bumper step spacer	
4	1.5" square crush tube		1	Rear bumper center bracket	
2	1/2" washer (0.11"-0.14" thick)		2	Rear bumper outside bracket	
1	Ground strap extension		2	Spare tire spacer sleeve	
2	Front bumper bracket		1	Loctite	
4	Ribbed shank rivet (plastic)		1	Rear bolt pack	
1	Body mount bolt pack			2	8mm-1.25 x 65mm bolt
	8	12mm-1.75 x 150mm bolt		2	8mm flat washer
	6	12mm-1.75 x 75mm bolt		8	10mm-1.50 x 40mm bolt
	8	12mm flat washer		12	10mm flat washer
	2	1/4" external tooth serrated edge washer		4	10mm-1.50 prevailing torque nut
	1	1/4"-20 nylock nut		2	1/2"-13 x 1-1/4" flat head allen bolt
		,		2	1/2"-13 serrated edge flange nut

Installation Instructions

>>> FRONT DISASSEMBLY

- 1. Park vehicle on clean, flat, and level surface. Block the wheels to prevent the vehicle from rolling.
- 2. Disconnect the battery.
- 3. Disconnect the ground strap from the inside of the driver's side wheel well. Figure 1



Figure 1

4. Engine mounted cooling fans: Remove the lower radiator shroud cover, it will not be reinstalled. Models with electric fans will not require the removal or modification of the factory shroud. Figure 2



Figure 2

5. Remove the upper radiator cover. Figure 3



Figure 3

6. Remove the grill; disconnect the 4 bolts that attach the grill to the body. Figure 4 Pull the lower portion of the grill straight out and slightly up.

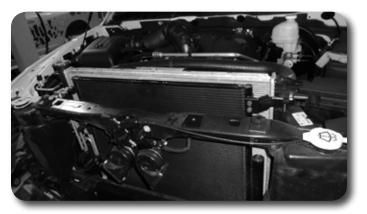


Figure 4

7. Remove the 2 bolts that attach the headlights to the body. Figure 5

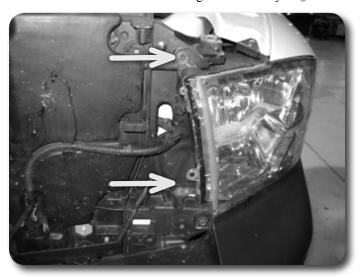


Figure 5

8. Lower the flap inside the wheel well to access the headlights. Raise the plastic retaining clip up to allow the headlight to be removed. Pull out on the headlight to dislodge it. Figure 6a, 6b Disconnect the wiring harness, and set headlights aside.



Figure 6a



Figure 6b

9. Remove the bolt that attaches the inner fenderwell to the front bumper Figure 7a. Sport models need to have additional bolts removed. Figure 7b



Figure 7a



Figure 7b

10. Remove the top cover bolt that is run from the inside of the fender. Figure 8



Figure 8

- 11. Sport models these steps are not required, skip to step #13. Remove the upper bumper cover from the vehicle.
- 12. Loosen the 4 bolts (2 per each side) that attach the upper cover support bracket to allow it to move out of the way for removal of the bumper. Figure 9

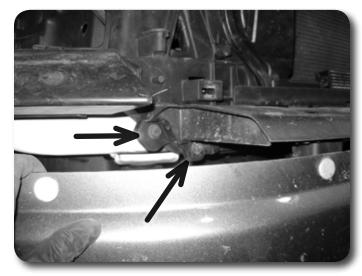


Figure 9

13. Remove the 6 nuts (3 per side) that attach the bumper to the frame. Remove the bumper from the vehicle. Figure 10



Figure 10

>> CAB AND BED LIFT PROCEDURE

- 14. Remove the cab mounting bolts (4 per side) from the passenger's side only. Loosen the bolts on the driver's side.
- 15. Remove the washers from the factory bolts. Figure 11



Figure 11

Step 16 Note

Body mount hardware is located in bolt pack 279.

- 16. Raise the passenger's side of the cab and install the body lift blocks. Apply loctite and install the 12mm x 150mm bolts with the factory washers. The rear cab mount will get the large factory block with a new 12mm washer. Do not tighten bolts at this time.
- 17. Repeat installation on driver's side. Tighten all body mount bolts to 65 ft-lbs.
- 18. Locate the spare tire removal tool from under the passenger side seat and lower the spare tire and remove. See owner's manual.
- 19. Remove the 3 passenger's side bed bolts. Loosen the driver's side bed bolts.
- 20. Lift the passenger's side of the bed and install the lift blocks. Apply loctite to the 12mm x 75mm bolts and install them at the bed mounts with the provided washers. Do not tighten. Remove the rubber bed supports. Transfer them to the new bed spacer blocks. Install them with the plastic push tree pins. Figure 12

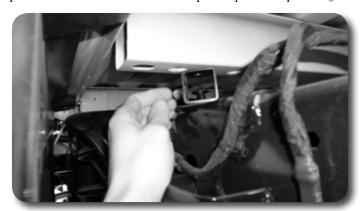


Figure 12

21. Repeat block installation on driver's side. Tighten all hardware to 65 ft-lbs.

>>> FRONT BUMPER INSTALLATION

22. Bend the factory tab back flush with the bracket. Place the front bumper brackets over the front of the frame horn. Mark the center of the holes to be drilled. Drill holes to ½". Figure 13



Figure 13

23. Reinstall the front bumper by attaching the two lower studs into the drilled holes directly against the frame rail. Place the thick washer over the top stud of the bumper. Install the relocation brackets. Tighten assembly with factory nuts. Figure 14

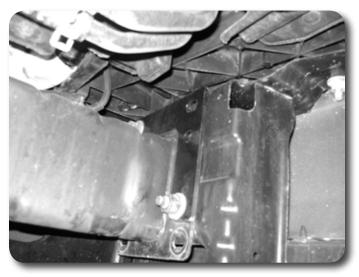


Figure 14

- 24. Tighten the upper bumper cover support (2 per side).
- 25. Reinstall upper bumper cover.
- 26. Reinstall headlights, grill, and upper radiator cover.
- 27. Install the ground strap extension in the driver's side inner fenderwell. Use serrated edge washer between the strap and wire. Use serrated edge washer between the strap and frame. Attach with ½" nylock nut. Figure 15



Figure 15

- 28. Adjust bumper to be even side to side. Tighten bumper bolts to 65 ft-lbs.
- 29. Recheck all hardware for proper torque.

>>> REAR BUMPER & SPARE TIRE WINCH INSTALLATION

- 30. Disconnect the trailer harness and 2 license plate lights.
- 31. Remove the license plate to reveal the 2 center bumper bolts.
- 32. Remove the bumper by removing the 6 bumper bracket bolts 2 on each side and 2 in the center. Figure 16

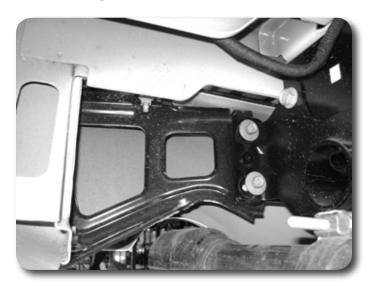


Figure 16

33. The alignment pins at each bumper mount location will need to be removed.
Using a cut off wheel, cut the heads of the studs off behind the mount as shown.
Figure 17



Figure 17

- 34. Drill the holes where the studs where located to 1/2"
- 35. Remove the two bolts that hold the spare tire winch to the frame. Locate the provided 1.5" spacers and supplied 8mm x 60mm bolts and washers. Install the spacers between the spare tire winch and frame and tighten bolts to 18 ft-lbs. Figure 18

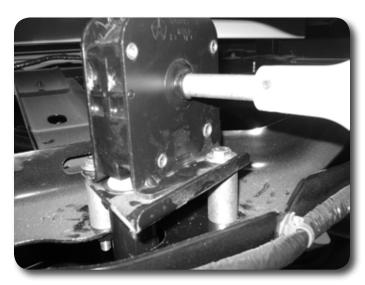


Figure 18

36. Remove the factory U-Nuts from the center bracket and install them in the large holes of the center relocation bracket. Install the center relocation bracket using the 1/2" flat head bolts, and serrated edge nuts. Figure 19



Figure 19

- 37. Install the provided bumper step spacer with the 10mm x 40mm bolts nuts and washers through the existing holes in the bumper mount.
- 38. The bottom of the bumper will have to be slightly trimmed. Measure over 3/4" and cut out the sections as shown in Figure 20a & 20b.



Figure 20a

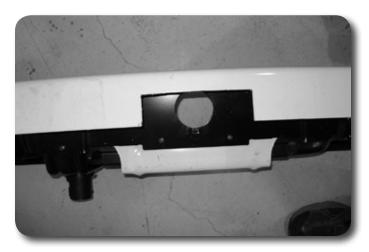


Figure 20b

39. There is a slot and hole between the factory mounting holes on the bumper.

Drill out the factory hole to 1/2" and do the same in the center of the slot using a drill or rotary grinder. Figures 21a & 21b



Figure 21a

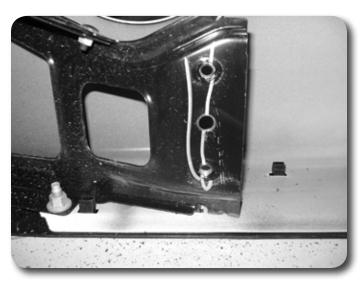


Figure 21b

- 40. Install bumper back on the vehicle by letting it rest on the new step spacer. Loosely fasten the center bracket with the factory hardware.
- 41. Locate the provided side bumper brackets. These will sandwich between the bumper and frame bracket. Insert the bracket so cutout is at the top and install using supplied 10mm x 40mm bolts and washers. The center bolts will require the additional nuts and washers.
- 42. Reconnect the trailer and license plate light harnesses and re-install the license plate.
- 43. Re-install spare tire.
- 44. Check all hardware for proper torque.

Post-Installation Warnings

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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.
- 3. Perform head light check and adjustment.
- 4. Re-torque all fasteners after 100 miles. Always inspect fasteners and components during routine servicing.