



Installation manual
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<u>Part #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Qty.</u>
32902-01	Front strut spacer	2
D2P-NB	Hardware bag	1
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MIRRORHANGER	Rear view mirror hanger	1
WARNIGNDECAL	Warning decal	1

Congratulations on your selection to purchase a Tuff Country EZ-Ride Suspension System. We at Tuff Country are proud to offer a high quality product at the industries most competitive pricing. Thank you for your confidence in us, and our product.

Before installation begins, it is the customers/installers responsibility to make sure that all parts are on hand. If any parts are missing, please feel free to call one of our customer service representative @ (800) 288-2190.

Make sure to use lock tite on all new and stock hardware associated with this installation.

Tuff Country EZ-Ride Suspension packages (1) set of instruction sheets with this box kit. This instruction sheet is for the installer. We also package some post installation procedure literature and it is the installers responsibility to make sure that the customer receives a copy of the literature.

Important customer information:

Tuff Country EZ-Ride Suspension highly recommends that a qualified and/or certified mechanic performs this installation.

If you desire to return your vehicle to stock, it is the customers responsibility to save all stock hardware.

This vehicles reaction and handling characteristics may differ from standard cars and/or trucks. Modifications to improve and/or enhance off road performance may raise the intended center of gravity. Extreme caution must be utilized when encountering driving conditions which may cause vehicle imbalance or loss of control. **DRIVE SAFELY!** Avoid abrupt maneuvers, such as sudden sharp turns which could cause a roll over, resulting in serious injury or death.

It is the customers responsibility to make sure that a re-torque is performed on all hardware associated with this suspension system after the first 100 miles of installation. It is also the customers responsibility to do a complete re-torque after every 3000 miles or after every off road use.

After the original installation, Tuff Country EZ-Ride Suspension also recommends having the alignment checked every 6 months to ensure proper tracking, proper wear on tires and front end components. Tuff Country EZ-Ride Suspension takes no responsibility for abuse, improper installation or improper suspension maintenance

It is the customers/installers responsibility to read and understand all steps before installation begins. OEM manual should be used as a reference guide.

Make sure to use loctite on all new and stock hardware associated with this installation.

The Tuff Country EZ-Ride Suspension product safety label that is included in your kit box must be installed inside the cab in plain view of all occupants.

Limited lifetime warranty

Notice to all Tuff Country EZ-Ride Suspension customers: It is your responsibility to keep your original sales receipt! If failure should occur on any Tuff Country EZ-Ride Suspension component, your original sales receipt must accompany the warranted unit to receive warranty. Warranty will be void if the customer can not provide the original sales receipt. Do not install a body lift in conjunction with a suspension system. If a body lift is used in conjunction with any Tuff Country EZ-Ride Suspension product, your Tuff Country EZ-Ride Suspension WARRANTY WILL BE VOID. Tuff Country Inc. ("Tuff Country") suspension products are warranted to be free from defects in material and workmanship for life if purchased, installed and maintained on a non-commercial vehicle; otherwise, for a period of twelve (12) months, from the date of purchase and installation on a commercial vehicle, or twelve thousand (12,000) miles (which ever occurs first). Tuff Country does not warrant or make any representations concerning Tuff Country Products when not installed and used strictly in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions for such installation and operation and accordance with good installation and maintenance practices of the automotive industry. This warranty does not apply to the cosmetic finish of Tuff Country products nor to Tuff Country products which have been altered, improperly installed, maintained, used or repaired, or damaged by accident, negligence, misuse or racing. ("Racing is used in its broadest sense, and, for example, without regards to formalities in relation to prizes, competition, etc.) This warranty is void if the product is removed from the original vehicle and re-installed on that or any other vehicle. This warranty is exclusive and is in lieu of any implied warranty of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose or other warranty of quality, whether express or implied, except the warranty of title. All implied warranties are limited to the duration of this warranty. The remedies set forth in this warranty are exclusive. This warranty excludes all labor charges or other incidental of consequential damages. Any part or product returned for warranty claim must be returned through the dealer of the distributor from whom it was purchased. Tuff Country reserves the right to examine all parts returned to it for warranty claim to determine whether or not any such part has failed because of defect in material or workmanship. The obligation of Tuff Country under this warranty shall be limited to repairing, replacing or crediting, at its option, any part or product found to be so defective. Regardless of whether any part is repaired, replaced or credited under this warranty, shipping and/or transportation charges on the return of such product must be prepaid by the customer under this warranty.

Important information that needs to be read before installation begins:

Tuff Country recommends a 275/70 tire package once part # 32902 has been installed. If larger than a 275/70 tire is installed on your in conjunction with part # 32902; Tuff Country assumes no liability and the warranty will be VOID.

Please be aware that some Dodge Ram owners may experience a vibration in the front end or a violent shaking vibration of the front wheels when going over a bump at certain speeds. This is due to the front differential and suspension when Dodge Ram trucks are in 4x4 mode. These two symptoms are often lumped together and called a "death wobble" however it is actually two different problems with the Ram Truck.

The 4HI mode vibration is a vibration or shudder that occurs when accelerating in 4x4 high mode. This symptom appears isolated to 2006-2012 1500 non-Mega Cab model trucks and only when in 4-hi mode. Dodge could not discover why their stock trucks would do this for some customers and not others so the final official statement from Dodge was that there is no problem and that all of the new Rams will shudder or shake when in 4x4 high.

Therefore, after installing the leveling kit on your Dodge Ram truck and experience either of the two symptoms mentioned above, Tuff Country recommends two options. 1). Remove the kit from the vehicle and send it back to the company you purchased it from for a full refund or 2). Install High angle CV joints that will stabilize the factory vehicles issues.

Before installation begins, Tuff Country EZ-Ride Suspension highly recommends that the installer performs a test drive on the vehicle. During the test drive, check to see if there are any uncommon sounds or vibrations. If uncommon sounds or vibrations occur on the test drive, uncommon sounds or vibrations will be enhanced once the suspension system has been installed. Tuff Country EZ-Ride Suspension highly recommends notifying the customer prior to installation to inform the customer of these issues if they exist.

Torque settings:

5/16"	15—18 ft lbs.
3/8"	28—32 ft lbs.
7/16"	30—35 ft lbs.
1/2"	65—85 ft lbs.
9/16"	85—120 ft lbs.
5/8"	95—130 ft lbs.
3/4"	100—140 ft lbs.

Hardware bag D2P-NB includes:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
38NLN (3/8" nylon lock nut)	6
516WA (5/16" USS flat washer)	6

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Recommended tools selection:

- Torque wrench
- Standard socket set
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- Metric socket set
- Metric wrench set
- Tape measure
- Hydraulic floor jacks

Please follow instructions carefully:

Before installation begins, measure from the center of the hub, to the bottom of the fender well, and record measurements below.

Pre-installation measurements:

Driver side front: _____
Passenger side front: _____

At the end of the installation take the same measurements and compare to the pre-installation measurements.

Post installation measurements:

Driver side front: _____
Passenger side front: _____

Front end installation:

1. To begin installation, block the rear tires of the vehicle so that the vehicle is stable and can't roll backwards. Safely lift the front of the vehicle and support the frame with a pair of jack stands. Place a jack stand on both the driver and passenger side. Next, remove the wheels and tires from both sides.

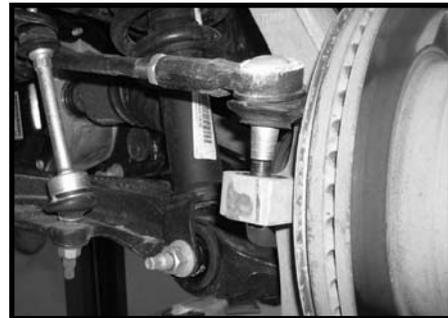
2. Working on the driver side, remove the stock sway bar end link from the stock sway bar. Save the stock hardware. **Special note: The sway bar end link does not need to be removed from the stock lower control arm.**



3. Working on the driver side, remove the stock outer tie rod nut that connects the tie rod to the knuckle. Save the stock hardware.



4. Working on the driver side, remove the stock outer tie rod from the stock knuckle.



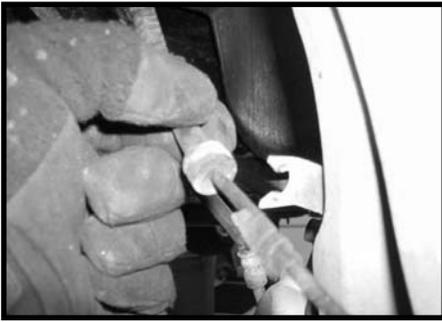
5. Working on the driver side, remove the stock hardware that connects the upper control arm to the knuckle. Save the stock hardware.



6. Working on the driver side, remove the upper control arm from the knuckle. Let the knuckle hang. **Special note: make sure not to over extended any brake hose and or wires.**



7. Working on the driver side, remove the stock ABS line from the stock clip on the backside of the stock knuckle.



8. Working on the driver side, remove and save the (3) stock nuts that secure the stock strut into the upper location.



9. Working on the driver side, remove and save the stock hardware that connects the stock strut to the stock lower control arm. Set the stock strut aside.



10. Locate (1) new strut spacer and the stock hardware that connected the stock strut into the stock location. Install the new spacer on top of the stock strut and secure using the stock hardware. **Make sure to use thread locker or lock tite and torque to 45 ft lbs.**



11. Locate (3) 3/8" nylon lock nuts and (3) 5/16" USS flat washers from hardware bag D2P-NB. Working on the driver side, install the newly modified stock strut into the stock upper location. **Do not tighten at this point.** Secure the lower portion of the strut to the stock lower control arm using

the stock hardware. **Do not tighten at this point.**



12. Locate the stock outer tie rod hardware and working on the driver side, connect the outer tie rod to the knuckle. **Do not tighten at this point.**



13. Locate the stock upper control arm hardware and working on the driver side, connect the stock upper control arm to the knuckle. **Do not tighten at this point.** Also, at this time, connect the ABS line to the stock clip on the back side of the knuckle.

14. Working on the driver side lower strut hardware, add some thread locker or lock tite and torque to **110 ft lbs.**



15. Working on the driver side new upper strut hardware add some thread locker or lock tite and torque all (3) nuts to **45 ft lbs.**



16. Locate the stock sway bar end link hardware and secure to stock sway bar to the stock end link. Add some thread locker or lock tite and torque to **32 ft lbs.**



17. Move back to the stock outer tie rod that connects to the knuckle and torque to **65 ft. lbs.**

18. Move back to the stock upper control arm that connects to the knuckle and torque to **85 ft lbs.**

19. Repeat step's 2 - 18 on the passenger side.

20. Check and double check to make sure that all steps were performed properly and check again.

21. Install the tires and wheels and carefully lower the vehicle to the ground.

Special note: After the completion of the installation, Tuff Country EZ-Ride Suspension recommends taking the vehicle to an alignment shop and having a proper front end alignment performed.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Tuff Country or your local Tuff Country dealer.