



## INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

FTS21255		GM T1 ALUMINUM UCA KIT
1	FT20861	UPPER CONTROL ARM (DRIVER)
1	FT20862	UPPER CONTROL ARM (PASS)
1	FT20866	HARDWARE SUBASSEMBLY

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1	FT20867	HARDWARE KIT
1	FT21255i	INSTRUCTIONS
2	FT90152	MISALIGNMENT (UPPER)
2	FT90153	MISALIGNMENT (LOWER)
1	FT90154	BEARING CAP KIT
2	FT94531	UNIBALL ADAPTER PIN

FT20867 - HARDWARE KIT		LOCATION
2	1/2-20 X 1" BOLT 12PT	
4	9/16" SAE WASHER	
2	1/2" SAE WASHER	
2	1/2-20 C-LOCK NUT	
1	THREAD LOCKING COMPOUND	
4	M14-2.0 X 100MM HEX BOLT	
8	M14 FLAT WASHER	
4	M14-2.0 C-LOCK NUT	

FTS21262		GM T1 UCA BEARING ROD END KIT
4	FT95196	BEARING ROD END
8	FT619	ROD END SPACER
4	75160003252	3/4-16 JAM NUT

FTS21263		GM T1 UCA BUSHING ROD END KIT
4	FT95242	BUSHING ROD END
4	FT20882	SLEEVE
4	75160003252	3/4-16 JAM NUT

## 2019-2020 GM 1500 4WD ALUMINUM UPPER CONTROL ARM KIT FT21255i

**NOTE:** TO ORDER WEARABLE REPLACEMENT COMPONENTS DO NOT USE PART NUMBERS SHOWN ON THIS INSTRUCTION SHEET. GO TO FABTECH WEBSITE AND LOOK UP WEARABLE REPLACEMENT PARTS TO FIND THE PROPER PART NUMBER TO ORDER.

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## - TOOL LIST -

### ***Required Tools (Not Included)***

- Basic Hand Tools
- Floor Jack
- Jack Stands
- Assorted Metric and S.A.E sockets, and Allen wrenches
- Torque Wrench
- Die Grinder w/ Cutoff Wheel or Sawzall
- Coil spring compressor

## - PRE-INSTALLATION NOTES -

For technical assistance call: **909-597-7800** or e-mail: **info@fabtechmotorsports.com**

### ***READ THIS BEFORE YOU BEGIN INSTALLATION -***

Check all parts to the parts list above before beginning installation. If any parts are missing contact Fabtech at 909-597-7800 and a replacement part will be sent to you immediately.

Read all instructions thoroughly from start to finish before beginning the installation. If these instructions are not properly followed severe frame, driveline and / or suspension damage may occur.

Check your local city and state laws prior to the installation of this system for legality. Do not install if not legal in your area.

Prior to the installation of this suspension system perform a front end alignment and record. Do not install this system if the vehicle alignment is not within factory specifications. Check for frame and suspension damage prior to installation.

The installation of this suspension system should be performed by two professional mechanics.

This suspension must be installed with Fabtech shock absorbers.

Use the provided thread locking compound on all hardware.

**WARNING-** Installation of this system will alter the center of gravity of the vehicle and may increase roll over as compared to stock.

Vehicles that receive oversized tires should check ball joints, uniballs, tie rods ends, pitman arm and idler arm every 2500-5000 miles for wear and replace as needed.

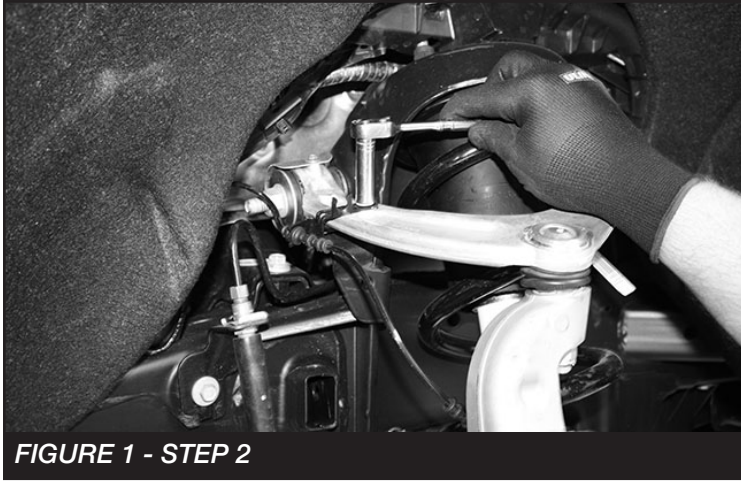
Verify differential fluid is at manufactures recommended level prior to kit installation. Installation of the kit will reposition the differential and the fill plug hole may be in a different position. (For example, if the manufacture recommends 3 quarts of fluid, make sure the diff has 3 quarts of fluid). Check your specific manual for correct amount of fluid.

### ***FOOTNOTES -***

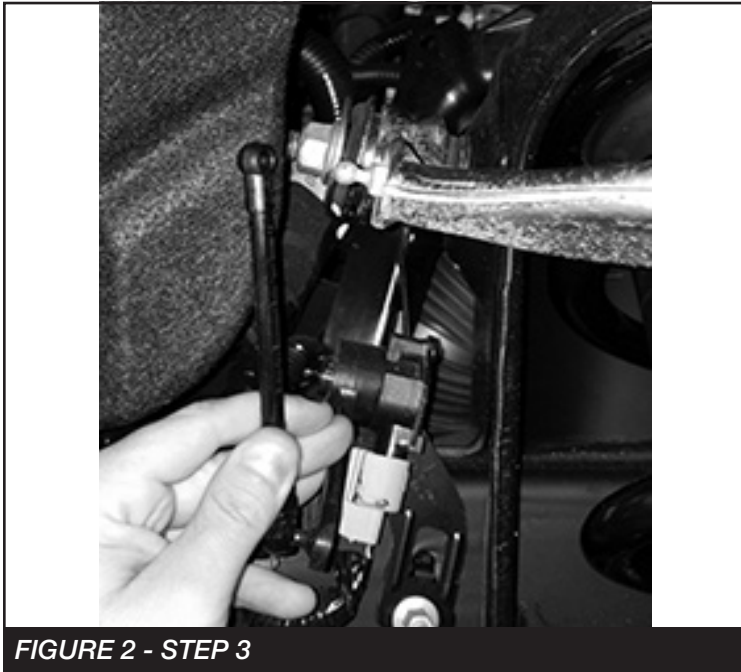
- Does not fit 2019 Chevy Silverado LD or 2019 GMC Sierra Limited 1500 models. Use 2018 model application for these vehicles.

## - INSTRUCTIONS -

1. Disconnect the negative terminal on the battery. Jack up the front end of the truck and support the frame rails with jack stands. **NEVER WORK UNDER AN UNSUPPORTED VEHICLE!** Remove the front tires.
2. Disconnect the ABS wire bracket from the upper control arm. **SEE FIGURE 1**



3. **IF EQUIPPED-** Disconnect the adjusting rod from the upper control arm. Remove the ball screw from the factory control arm and save for later installation. **SEE FIGURE 2**



4. Loosen the upper ball joint nut and strike the knuckle with a hammer until it comes loose from the upper control arm. Next, remove the factory nut. Then, detach the knuckle from the upper control arm. Push the knuckle to the side and secure if possible. **SEE FIGURE 3**



5. Remove the factory upper control arm from the vehicle. Save hardware.
6. Refer to the next pages for the correct installation instructions associated with your part number.

## FTS21262

### ROD BEARING KIT

7. Install the 3/4" jam nut onto the rod ends. **SEE FIGURE 4**



FIGURE 4 - STEP 7

8. Install the rod ends into FT20861 & FT20862 (Upper control arm). Measure 1.5" from the center of the rod end to the control arm, tighten the jam nut. **NOTE: If installing on an Adaptive Ride Control vehicle install the factory ball screw onto the FT20863 bracket with the provided M5 nut, then install the bracket onto the new control arm using the provided hardware. SEE FIGURE 5**

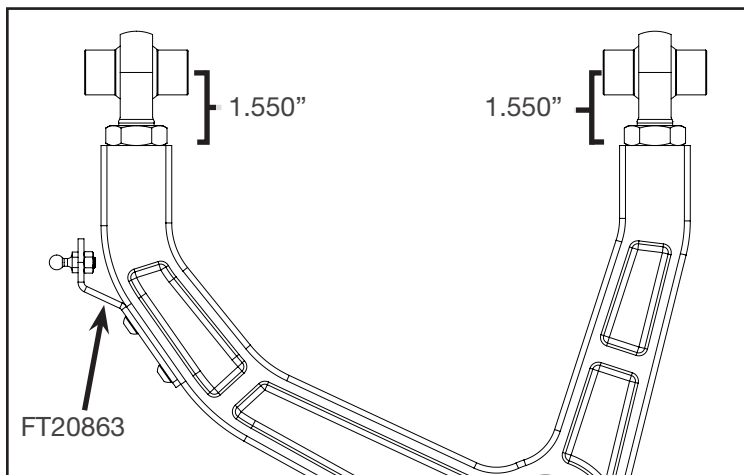


FIGURE 5 - STEP 8

9. Install the control using a supplied FT619 (Spacer) on each side of the rod end with the factory hardware. Leave loose at this time. **SEE FIGURE 6**

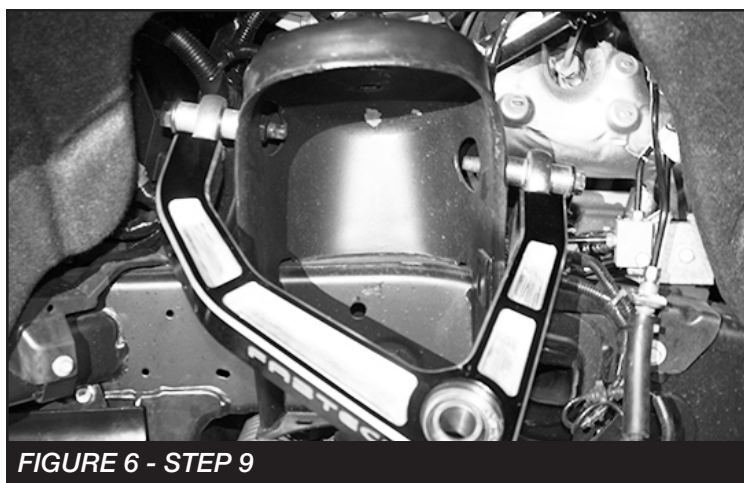


FIGURE 6 - STEP 9

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### ROD BUSHING KIT

10. Using a press, press out the sleeve that came in FT95242 (Rod End). Then, install the 3/4" jam nut onto the rod end. **SEE FIGURES 7-8**



FIGURE 7 - STEP 10



FIGURE 8 - STEP 10

11. Install the FT95242 (rod end) into FT20861 & FT20862 (Upper control arm). Measure 1.5" from the center of the rod end to the control arm, then tighten the jam nut. Using the supplied urethane grease install FT20882 (sleeve) into the bushing so the spacer end is towards the inside. **NOTE: If installing on an Adaptive Ride Control vehicle install the factory ball screw onto the FT20863 bracket with the provided M5 nut, then install the bracket onto the new control arm using the provided hardware. SEE FIGURE 9**

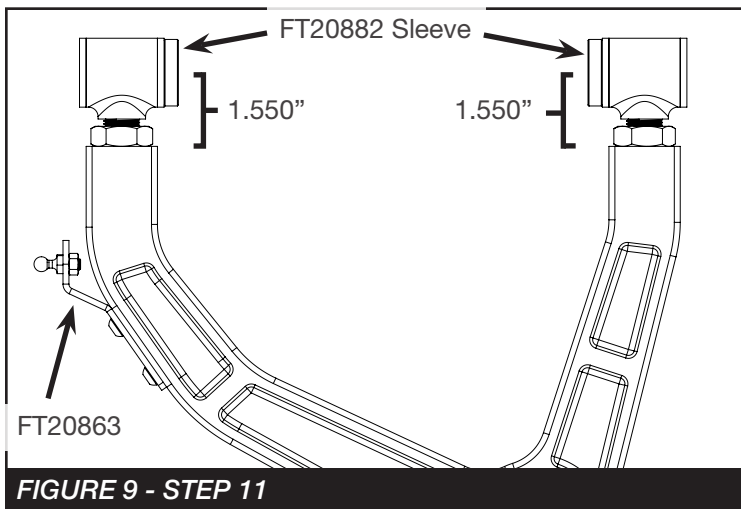


FIGURE 9 - STEP 11



12. Install the new control arm using the supplied M14 hardware. Leave loose at this time.
13. If they have not already been removed. Remove the factory bumpstop tabs on the frame mount. Using a cutoff wheel, remove this tab completely off the mount and sand to a smooth finish. **SEE FIGURES 10-11**



FIGURE 10 - STEP 13



FIGURE 11 - STEP 13

14. Install FT90153 (Lower misalignment) onto FT94531 (Uniball Pin). Then, install into the knuckle using the supplied 1/2-20 nut and washer. Torque the nut to 120 ft-lbs. using a 15/16" open end wrench on the pin end. **SEE FIGURES 12-13**



FIGURE 12 - STEP 14



FIGURE 13 - STEP 14

15. Install the new upper control arm bearing to the pin making sure it is fully seated. Then, insert the FT90152 (Upper misalignment) & 1/2-20 - 12 point bolt. Torque to 120 ft-lbs. Then, install FT90154 (Bearing cap). **SEE FIGURE 14**

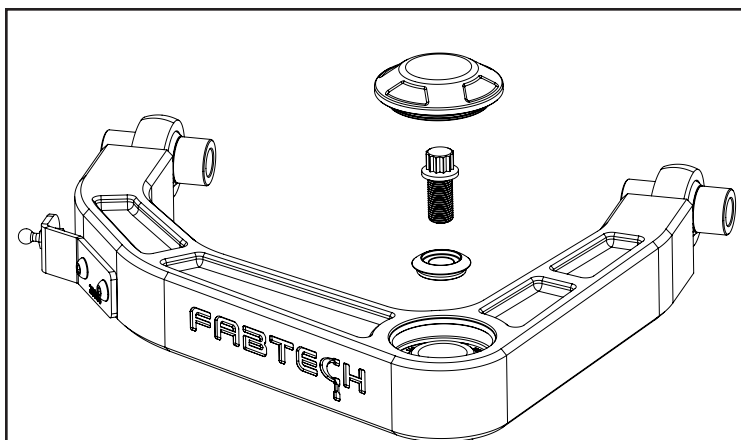


FIGURE 14 - STEP 15

16. Using the supplied thread lock, torque the upper control arm frame pocket hardware to 148 ft-lbs. **NOTE: Removal of the nut may be necessary to apply the thread lock compound.**
17. Remove the ABS bracket from the lines and discard. Secure the ABS lines to the frame using a zip tie. **SEE FIGURES 15-16**

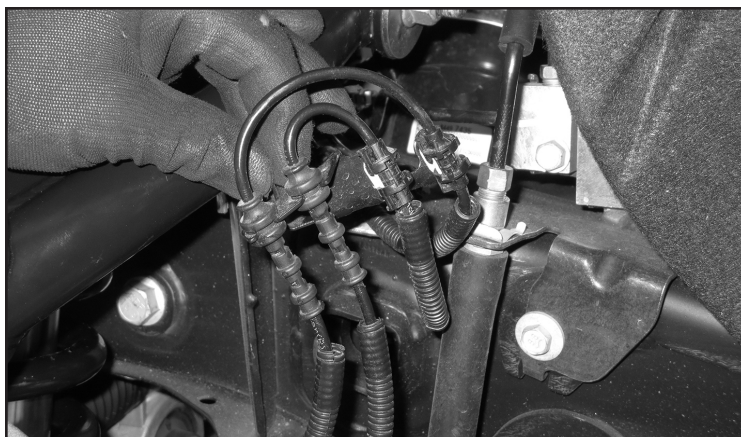


FIGURE 15 - STEP 17



**FIGURE 16 - STEP 17**

**18. Repeat steps on the passenger side.**

19. Install tires and wheels and torque lug nuts to wheel manufacturer's specifications. Turn front tires left to right and check for appropriate tire clearance. **Note - Some oversized tires may require trimming of the front bumper & valance.**

20. Recheck all bolts for proper torque.

21. Recheck brake hoses, ABS wires and suspension parts for proper tire clearance while turning tires fully left to right.

22. Install Driver Warning Decal. Complete product registration card and mail to Fabtech in order to receive future safety and technical bulletins on this suspension.

**Vehicles that will receive oversized tires should check ball joints, uniballs and all steering components every 2500-5000 miles for wear and replace as required.**

**RE-TORQUE ALL NUTS, BOLTS AND LUGS  
AFTER 50 MILES AND PERIODICALLY  
THEREAFTER.**

For technical assistance call: **909-597-7800**

## - Product Warranty and Warnings -

Fabtech provides a Limited Lifetime Warranty to the original retail purchaser who owns the vehicle, on which the product was originally installed, for defects in workmanship and materials.

The Limited Lifetime Warranty excludes the following Fabtech items; bushings, bump stops, ball joints, tie rod ends, limiting straps, cross shafts, heim joints and driveshafts. These parts are subject to wear and are not considered defective when worn. They are warranted for 60 days from the date of purchase for defects in workmanship.

Dirt Logic and Performance Coilover take apart shocks are considered a serviceable shock with a one year warranty on leakage only. Service seal kits are available separately for future maintenance. All other shocks are covered under our Limited Lifetime Warranty.

Fabtech does not warrant any product for finish, alterations, modifications and/or installation contrary to Fabtech's instructions. Alterations to the finish of the parts including but not limited to painting, powder coating, plating and/or welding will void all warranties. Some finish damage may occur to parts during shipping, which is considered normal and is not covered under warranty.

Fabtech products are not designed nor intended to be installed on vehicles used in race applications or for racing purposes or for similar activities. (A "RACE" is defined as any contest between two or more vehicles, or any contest of one or more vehicle against the clock, whether or not such contest is for a prize). This warranty does not include coverage for police or taxi vehicles, race vehicles, or vehicles used for government or commercial purposes. Also excluded from this warranty are sales outside of the United States of America.

Installation of most suspension products will raise the center of gravity of the vehicle and will cause the vehicle to handle differently than stock. It may increase the vehicle's susceptibility to a rollover, on road and off road, at all speeds. Extreme care should be taken to operate the vehicle safely at all times to prevent rollover or loss of control resulting in serious injury or death. Fabtech front end Desert Guards may impair the deployment or operation of vehicles equipped with supplemental restraining systems/air bag systems and should not be installed if the vehicle is equipped as so.

Fabtech makes every effort to ensure suspension product compatibility with all vehicles listed on the website, but due to unknown auto manufacturer's production changes and/or inconsistencies by the auto manufacturer, Fabtech cannot be responsible for 100% compatibility, including the fitment of tire and wheel sizes listed. The Tire and Wheel sizes listed in Fabtech's website are only a guideline for street driving with noted fender trimming. Fabtech is not responsible for damages to the vehicle's body or tires. Fabtech is not responsible for premature wear of factory components due to the installation of oversized tires and wheels.

Fabtech's obligation under this warranty is limited to the repair or replacement, at Fabtech option, of the defective product only. All costs of removal, installation or re-installation, freight charges, incidental or consequential damages are expressly excluded from this warranty. Fabtech is not responsible for damages and/or warranty of other vehicle parts related or non related to the installed Fabtech product. This warranty is expressly in lieu of all other warranties expressed or implied. This warranty shall not apply to any product that has been subject to accident, negligence, alteration, abuse or misuse as determined by Fabtech.

Fabtech suspension components must be installed as a complete system including shocks as shown on our website. All warranties will become void if Fabtech parts are combined and/or substituted with other aftermarket suspension products. Combination and/or substitution of other aftermarket suspension parts may cause premature wear and/or product failure resulting in an accident causing injury or death. Fabtech does not warrant products not manufactured by Fabtech.

Depending on the condition of the factory suspension components retained after the installation of a Fabtech suspension not all vehicles may have the same ride stance front to rear as described in the website. The blue color of suspension components shown in all Fabtech photographs are for display purposes only. Majority of all Fabtech components will be black specifically where noted with part numbers ending in BK.

Installation of Fabtech product may void the vehicles factory warranty; it is the consumer's responsibility to check with their local vehicle's dealer for warranty disposition before the installation of the product. Some state laws may prohibit modification of suspension to a vehicle in whole or in part. It is the responsibility of the installer and consumer to consult local laws prior to the installation of any Fabtech suspension product to comply with such written laws.

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