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# 4331 EUCALYPTUS AVE. ~~ CHINO, CA 91710 PHONE 909-597-7800 FAX 909-597-7185 1999-2000 CHEVROLET C2500 & C3500 2WD FTS2599-7 3" LIFT SPINDLES

## THIS KIT WILL NOT WORK ON HEAVY DUTY (2500HD) 2000-03 3/4-1 TON MODELS

#### **PARTS LIST:**

1 EA. PASSENGER SIDE LIFT SPINDLE FT2599-7P

1 EA. DRIVER SIDE LIFT SPINDLE FT2599-7D

2 EA. 1/4" x 3/4" BOLT

2 EA. ¼" LOCK WASHER

2 EA. ¼" SAE WASHER

1 EA. THREAD LOCK FTLOCK

TOOL LIST: (NOT INCLUDED)

FLOOR JACK JACK STANDS

ASSORTED METRIC AND S.A.E SOCKETS, & ALLEN WRENCHES

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS THOROUGHLY FROM START TO FINISH BEFORE BEGINNING INSTALLATION! IF THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE NOT PROPERLY FOLLOWED, SEVERE FRAME OR UPPER CONTROL ARM DAMAGE MAY RESULT TO THE VEHICLE.

OEM <u>WHEELS AND TIRES</u> CAN BE USED AFTER THE INSTALLATION OF THIS KIT. A LARGER TIRE WILL NOT WORK ON THE FACTORY WHEEL, WE RECOMMEND AFTER MARKET WHEELS WITH A MAXIMUM BACKSPACING OF 4 5/8".

VEHICLES THAT WILL RECEIVE OVERSIZED TIRES SHOULD CHECK BALL JOINTS, TIE RODS ENDS AND IDLER ARM EVERY 2500-5000 MILES FOR WEAR AND REPLACE AS NEEDED.

CHECK ALL PARTS INCLUDED IN THIS KIT TO THE PARTS LIST ABOVE BEFORE BEGINNING INSTALLATION OF THE KIT. IF ANY PIECES ARE MISSING, CONTACT FABTECH AT 909-597-7800

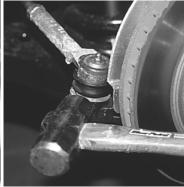
## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 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. Starting on the passenger side of the truck, remove the bolt attaching the brake line tab to the spindle. Remove the two bolts securing the brake caliper bracket to the spindle, do not separate the brake caliper from the caliper bracket, and tie it up and out of the way. DO NOT LET THE CALIPER HANG BY THE BRAKE LINE!
- 3. Follow the antilock brake sensor wire from the hub to the frame rail. Separate the wire from the upper control arm and separate the connector at the frame. SEE PHOTO BELOW.



4. Remove the nuts securing the tie rod, upper and lower ball joints to the spindle. Separate all three joints from the spindle and remove the spindle from the control arms. Remove the four bolts securing the wheel bearing assembly to the spindle, noting the position of the hub and air deflector in the spindle for reassembly. SEE PHOTOS BELOW.

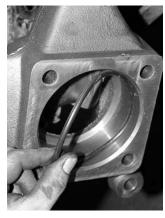




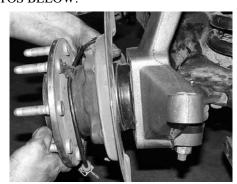
5. Take the spindle marked FT2599-7P and set it onto the lower ball joint. Tighten the nut on the lower ball joint to 94 ft/lbs, SEE PHOTO IN NEXT COLUMN.

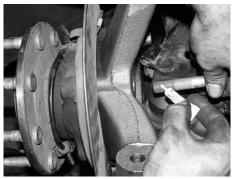


6. Remove the O ring from the original spindle bore. Apply a light coat of grease to it and install it into the new spindle O ring groove. SEE PHOTO BELOW.



7. Slide the spindle bearing and dust shield assembly into the new spindle in the same position it was removed. Apply several drops of the supplied thread locking compound to the four original spindle bolts and torque to 133 ft/lbs. SEE PHOTOS BELOW.





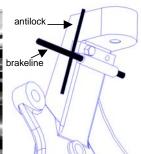
8. Slide the brake caliper mount assembly onto the new spindle. Apply several drops of the supplied thread locking compound to the two original bolts and torque to 129 ft/lbs. With the brake line routed behind the spindle, place the spindle onto the upper ball joint and torque the nut to 74 ft/lbs., you may need to hold the ball joint shaft with a wrench. Install the tie rod end into the steering knuckle and torque the nut to 46 ft/lbs. SEE PHOTOS BELOW.





9. Locate the brake line tab onto the two holes on the backside of the spindle. Using the supplied ¼" bolt and lock washer, place one drop of the supplied thread locking compound on the threads and attach the brake line tab to the spindle. Be sure the locating tab is positioned in the adjacent hole. Torque the bolt to 5 ft/lbs. SEE PHOTO AND DIAGRAM BELOW.





10. Reattach the antilock sensor wire to the brake line tab, moving the clip to the upper portion of the wire insulator for more slack between the spindle and the frame. Also reconnect the antilock sensor wire to the upper control arm and frame connector. SEE PHOTOS BELOW.





- 11. Repeat steps two through ten on the driver side of the truck.
- 12. Reinstall the front tires and torque the wheel lugs to factory specifications, located in the owners manual. Set the truck back on the ground. WHILE TURNING THE STEERING WHEEL FULLY IN EACH DIRECTION, MAKE SURE THERE IS AMPLE CLEARANCE BETWEEN THE WHEELS, TIRES, CONTROL ARMS, BRAKE LINES AND ABS WIRES. DRIVE THE TRUCK FOR 50 MILES AND HAVE IT ALIGNED TO FACTORY SPECIFICATIONS.
- 13. Check front-end alignment and set to factory specifications. Re-adjust headlights

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