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# 2000-2001 DODGE RAM 1500 2 WHEEL DRIVE FTS3200-7 3 1/2" LIFT SPINDLES

### **PARTS LIST:**

1 EA. LIFT SPINDLE PASS, SIDE FT3200-7P

1 EA. LIFT SPINDLE DRIVER'S SIDE FT3200-7D

6 EA. COTTER PINS
1 EA. BRAKE LINE TAB FT34
1 EA. 3/8" X 1" BOLTS
2 EA. 3/8" FLAT WASHERS

1 EA. 3/8" NYLOCK NUTS 2 EA. M24-2.0 FLANGE NUT FT3200-

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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

TOOL LIST: (NOT INCLUDED)
FLOOR JACK AND JACK STANDS
ASSORTED METRIC AND S.A.E SOCKETS, & ALLEN WRENCHES

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.

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS THOROUGHLY FROM START TO FINISH BEFORE BEGINNING INSTALLATION! IF THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE NOT PROPERLY FOLLOWED, SEVERE FRAME, SUSPENSION AND TIRE DAMAGE MAY RESULT TO THE VEHICLE.

THESE SPINDLES CAN BE INSTALLED WITH OEM TIRES AND WHEELS, BUT YOU CANNOT INSTALL A LARGER TIRE ON THE FACTORY OFFSET WHEEL.

#### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Disconnect the negative terminal on the battery. Jack up the front end of the truck and support the frame rails with jack stands. <u>NEVER WORK UNDER AN</u> UNSUPPORTED VEHICLE!
- 2. Starting on the driver's side, remove the front tire. Remove the 2 bolts securing the brake caliper to the spindle, slide the caliper off the spindle and tie it up against the frame rail. DO NOT LET THE CALIPER HANG FROM THE BRAKE LINE!
- 3. Remove the nut securing the tie rod end to the spindle. Use a ball joint puller to separate the tie rod end from the spindle. Remove the original M24-2.0 flange nut and Discard. **DO NOT REUSE THIS NUT.** Slide the rotor off the spindle, remove the three bolts securing the dust shield to the spindle, save these they will be used later, and set the shield aside. SEE PHOTO BELOW.



- 4. If you do not have the factory shock still installed on the truck, support the lower control arm (LCA) with a floor jack. Remove the cotter pins from the upper and lower ball joints. Remove the castle nuts securing the upper and lower ball joints to the spindle. Use a ball joint puller to separate the spindle from the ball joints and set the spindle assembly aside.
- 5. Take the driver's side lift spindle and place it on the lower ball joint. Raise the upper control arm and insert the upper ball joint into the top of the spindle. Reinstall the original castle nuts and torque to factory specs. Insert new cotter pins in each of the castle nuts.
- 6. Place the dust shield onto the lift spindle and reinstall the 3 factory bolts. On trucks equipped with front ABS brakes, route the sensor line the in the same position that was used on the original spindles. SEE PHOTO BELOW.



- 7. Slide the rotor onto the new axle and install the supplied M24-2.0 nut. **DO NOT REUSE THE ORIGINAL NUT.** Tighten the new flange nut to 90-100 ft/lbs.
- 8. Loosen the tie rod adjuster clamps and rotate the tie end a ½ turn so it can be reinstalled from the top of the spindle. Retorque the original castle nut to factory specifications and install a new cotter pin. SEE PHOTO BELOW.



9. Remove the clip securing the brake line to the frame mounted tab and slide the brake line out of the hole in the frame tab. Attach the supplied brake line extension tab to the factory brake line mount using the supplied 3/8" hardware. Slide the brake line into the extension tab and reinstall the factory clip. If this kit is being installed with Fabtech lift upper control arms, make sure there is ample clearance between the hard brake line and the lower bump stop mount. If you have to bend the factory hard line, be sure not to kink the line. SEE PHOTOS BELOW.







## **Driver side only:**

Remove the bolt securing the brake line clamp to the frame. Gently bend down the factory brake line 2 ½"-3". **BE SURE NOT TO KINK THE HARD LINE.** Drill 2 new ¼" holes, one for the locating tang on the tab and another for the original bolt. Reinstall the factory self tapping bolt and fully tighten. If this kit is being installed with Fabtech lift upper control arms, make sure there is ample clearance between the hard brake line and the lower bump stop mount.







Passenger side only:

- Slide the brake caliper onto the lift spindle. Make sure the brake pads are properly seated on the caliper. Thread the caliper bolts into the spindle and torque to factory specs.
- 11. Repeat steps two through ten on the opposite side of the truck.
- 12. With both sides of the truck completely finished and the truck still off the ground, cycle the steering left to right from stop to stop. Make sure there is plenty of clearance between brake, ABS lines and all other components.
- 13. Reinstall the tires onto the truck and torque the lugs to factory specifications, which can be found in the owners manual. Set the truck back on the ground and cycle the steering left to right from stop to stop.
- 14. Drive the truck for several miles, recheck all clearances and the torque on the front spindle flange nuts.
- 15. Check front-end alignment and set to factory specifications. Re-adjust headlights

## **Product Warranty and Warnings-**

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The Limited Lifetime Warranty excludes the following Fabtech items; bushings, bump stops, ball joints, tie rod ends, limiting straps, cross shafts, heim joints. 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.

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