

# 4331 EUCALYPTUS AVE. ~~ CHINO, CA 91710 909-597-7800 Fax 909-597-7185 1999-2003 FORD F-250/350 SUPER DUTY/EXCURSION 4 WHEEL DRIVE FTS421-50 FRONT DUAL SHOCK SYSTEM

#### **PARTS LIST:**

2 EA. LOWER SPRING PLATE SHOCK MOUNT FT421-50-1

1 EA. DRIVER'S SIDE SHOCK HOOP FT420-50D

1 EA. PASSENGER'S SIDE SHOCK HOOP FT420-50P

4 EA. ½" X 8" BOLTS

7 EA. ½" LOCK NUTS

3 EA. ½" X 1 ½" BOLTS

15 EA.½" SAE FLAT WASHERS (SMALL DIAMETER)

4 EA. U-BOLTS FT350U

1EA. 9/16" HARDWARE FOR U-BOLTS

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:**

FLOOR JACK

**JACK STANDS** 

ASSORTED METRIC AND S. A. E. WRENCHES AND SOCKETS

DRILL WITH 1/4" AND 1/2" BIT

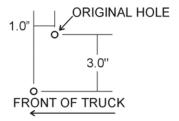
READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS THOROUGHLY FROM START TO FINISH BEFORE BEGINNING INSTALLATION.

THIS KIT CAN BE INSTALLED WITH ANY 10" TRAVEL, 2" TO 2 1/2" DIAMETER SHOCK, THAT HAS AN EXTENDED LENGTH OF 29.5" AND A COMPRESSED LENGTH OF 19.5". SHOCKS ARE NOT INCLUDED WITH THIS KIT.

THIS DUAL SHOCK KIT WILL ONLY WORK WITH FABTECH LEAF PACKS FTS275 & FTS278.

### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Disconnect the negative terminal on the battery. Jack up the front end of the truck and support the front axle with jack stands. NEVER WORK UNDER AN UNSUPPORTED VEHICLE. Remove the front tires.
- 2. Starting on the Driver's side of the truck, remove the front shock and the 3 bolts securing the front upper shock mount to the frame.
- 3. Remove the lower rear steering box bolt from the frame. Place the new hoop onto the frame, aligning the 3 holes in the center section of the hoop with the original holes in the frame Reuse the original bolts but only hand tighten. Remove the flat washer from the original steering box bolt and use the bolt to attach the bottom of the front shock support tube to the frame, through the original steering box hole. Torque all three bolts to 40 ft/lbs. Remove the bolt securing the brake line tab to the frame.
- 4. You will now relocate the upper brake line mounting tab. Mark a spot on the frame 3" below and 1" towards the front of the frame from the original hole. Drill a new ¼" hole and reinstall the original bolt. SEE DIAGRAM BELOW.



- 5. With a jack supporting the front axle, remove the 2 ubolts on the front axle. Remove the factory cast ubolt plate from the top of the leaf spring and replace it with the new lower shock mount. Make sure to line up the hole in the shock mount with the center pin in the leaf spring. The shock mount tube should be offset downward. Using the new supplied u-bolt attach bracket and tighten fully.
- 6. Mark the position of the rear hole on the hoop with a center punch. Make sure there are no lines or wires behind the frame and drill a ¼" pilot hole, followed by a ½" hole. Insert one of the ½" x 1 ½" bolts through the hoop and frame with a ½" SAE flat washer and nylock nut on the inside of the frame. Tighten to 65 ft./lbs.
- 7. Install the new shocks, not included with this kit, onto the hoops using the supplied ½" x 8" bolts, nuts and washers. There should be a ½" washer under the head of the bolt, the nut and on the inside of each shock. Once the upper mounts are attached, complete the lower mounts using the same hardware, with 4 washers, 2 on each side of the shock.
- 8. Repeat steps two through seven on the passenger's side of the truck. You will have to drill a ½" hole for the bottom of the passenger's side front support tube. Use the supplied ½" x 1 ½" bolt, ½" SAE flat washer and ½" lock nut.
- Reinstall the front tires and set the truck back on the ground. Turning the steering wheel fully in each direction, check for contact between the tires and any newly installed components.

#### RETOROUE ALL NUTS, BOLTS AND LUGS AFTER 50 MILES AND PERIODICALLY THEREAFTER.

For technical assistance call: 909-597-7800

### Product Warranty and Warnings-

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