

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

FTS51007 88-98 GM K1500 4WD Multiple Frt. Shock System

FTS51007 PARTS LIST-

1	FT20148BK	Upper Hoop Drv.
1	FT20149BK	Upper Hoop Pass.
1	FT20151BK	Lower Shock Mount Pass.
1	FT20150BK	Lower Shock Mount Drv.
1	FT20124	Frame Bung
1	FT20179	Hardware Kit
1	FT51007i	Instruction Sheet
1	FTREGCARD	Registration Card
1	FTAS12	Sticker

FT20179 HARDWARE LIST-

4	1/4"-20 x1" Bolt
4	1/4"-20 Nylok Nut
8	1/4" SAE Flat Washer
4	5/16"-18 x1" Bolt
2	5/16"-18 x11/4" Bolt
14	5/16"-18 Nylok Nut
28	5/16" SAE Flat Washer
2	12mm- 1.75mm x 30mm Bolt
2	12mm Flat Washer
8	5/16"-18 x2" Bolt
4	1/2"-13 x 6" Bolt
4	1/2"-13 Nylok Nut
16	1/2" SAE Flat Washer

SHOCKS REQUIRED- (NOT INCLUDED)
4- Fabtech FTS7052 Shocks

TOOL LIST- (NOT INCLUDED)
Assorted Metric & SAE Sockets & Wrenches,
Torque Wrench.
Drill With Assorted Bites.

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

CHECK FOR FRAME AND SUSPENSION DAMAGE PRIOR TO INSTALLTION. THIS KIT DOES NOT REQUIRE WELDING FOR INSTALLATION. DO NOT WELD ANY OF THESE COMPONENTS. THE INSTALLATION OF THIS KIT SHOULD BE PERFORMED BY A PROFESSIONAL MECHANIC.

NOTE: THIS SHOCK SYSTEM IS ONLY COMPATABLE WITH A VEHICLE WITH A FABTECH SUSPENSION SYSTEM OR STOCK SUSPENSION

INSTALLATION-

- 1. Disconnect the negative terminal on the battery. With the vehicle on level ground, set the parking brake and block the rear tires. Jack up the front of the vehicle and support the under the frame with jack stands. Remove tires and wheels.
- 2. Working from the driver side of the vehicle, locate and remove the steering box bolt on the outside of the frame rail closest to the upper control arm, save bolt. See Photo Below.



- **3.** Locate and remove the nut and washer that is installed in the rear, stock lower control arm pivot bolt. Do not remove the bolt, only the nut and washer.
- **4.** Locate the factory brake line tab on top of the forward upper control arm pocket, remove and discard hardware.
- **5.** Locate the driverside upper shock hoop FT20148 and place the rear leg of the shock hoop over the crossmember bolt were the nut and washer were previously removed, using original hardware start nut and washer, leave loose. Attach the front leg of the shock hoop to the frame using the factory steering box bolt, leave loose.
- **6.** Pushing on the top of the hoop, mate the upper mounting tabs to the top of the upper control arm pockets. Using the supplied ¼" x 1" bolts, nuts, and washers attach the rear holes on the shock hoop control arm pocket mounts to the upper control arm pockets, leave loose. Now using the supplied 5/16" x 1" bolts, nuts, and washers attach the outer holes on the shock hoop control arm pocket mounts to the upper control arm pockets. Torque all bolts to 25LBS. SEE PHOTO IN NEXT COLUMN.



- **7.** Tighten the steering box bolt to 90 LBS and the lower control arm rear bolt to 125 LBS.
- **8.** Locate the factory brake line bracket previously removed. Using the supplied 5/16" x 1 ¼" bolt, nut, and washers attach the factory tab to the dual shock hoop. SEE PHOTO BELOW

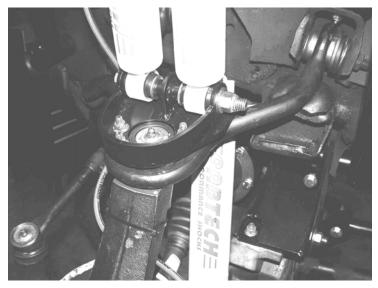


- **9.** Using a floor jack, jack up on the lower control arm to relieve pressure on the upper ball joint. Remove the nut attaching the upper ball joint to the knuckle. Using a large hammer strike the spindle to release the ball joint free from the steering knuckle. **Note: Use care not to hit the threads on the ball joint.** Pull the ball joint free from the knuckle.
- 10. Using a drill, drill all the rivets out attaching the upper ball joint to the upper control arm. Note: Some models have three rivets and a bolt, and some models four rivets. On either model remove all hardware attaching the ball joint to the arm.
- 11. Locate the new Fabtech lower shock mount FT20150. Place the lower shock mount on top of the upper control arm, aligning with the four holes in the ball joint. Using the supplied 5/16" x 2" bolts, nuts, and washers attach the mount to the upper control arm and ball joint. Note: If attaching the brake line to the ball joint mount, as required in the Fabtech 6"

suspension system, do so at this time. Torque to 18 ft. lbs. See Photo Below.

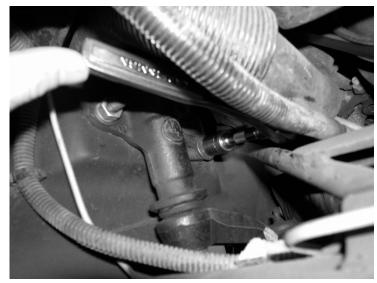


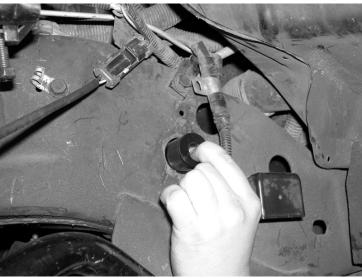
- **12.** Reinstall the upper ball joint into the steering knuckle using the factory castle nut. Torque ball joint to the knuckle using the factory hardware 1990 and earlier to 94lbs, 1991 to 70lbs, 1992 to 84 and 1993 and later to 94LBS.
- 13. Locate and install Fabtech shocks FTS7052 (not included in kit) using the supplied $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 6" bolts, nuts, and washers install the shocks with the body of the shock connected to the control arm mount. Note the positioning of the washers for the shock mounting in the picture below. Torque to 35 ft. lbs.



14. Repeat same procedure for passenger side. Except step 2, do the following step in place of step 2. Remove the factory

upper idler arm mounting bolt and discard. Locate the frame insert FT20124, install into the frame from the outside, and attach to the frame from the inside of the frame through the idler arm using the supplied 12mm-1.75mm x 30mm bolt and washer, torque to 70 ft. lbs. Use the other supplied 12mm-1.75mm x 30mm bolt to attach the dual shock hoop to the frame. See Photos Below. Follow all other steps the same as the driverside.





15. Check the front-end alignment and set to the factory specifications.

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

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