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1997-02 FORD 2 WHEEL DRIVE EXPEDITION FTS97159-1 2" REAR LIFT COIL SPRINGS

PARTS LIST:

2 EA. COIL SPRINGS 2 EA. FT90038 NUT TAB

1 EA. TRACK BAR BRACKET FT97159-3-1 2 EA. FTS97159-3-2 BUMPSTOP BRACKET

2 EA. FTS86 BUMP STOP 1 EA. 9/16" X 3" BOLT

2 EA. 9/16" FLAT WASHER SAE 1 EA. 9/16" NYLOCK NUT

1 EA. 7/16" X 1-1/2" BOLT 2 EA. 7/16" X 1-1/4" BOLT

4 EA. 7/16" FLAT WASHERS SAE 1 EA. 7/16" NYLOCK NUT

4 EA. 12MM SHOCK SLEEVE FT404739 1 EA. Thread Locking Compound

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:

JACK STANDS FLOOR JACK ASSORTED METRIC WRENCHES AND SOCKETS

THIS KIT WILL NOT WORK ON EXPEDITIONS WITH REAR AIR BAG SUSPENSION.

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

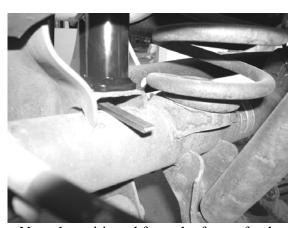
WARNING: FABTECH RECOMMENDS THAT YOU EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION WHEN WORKING WITH COIL SPRINGS TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY!

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Disconnect the negative terminal on the battery. Jack up the rear end of the vehicle and support the frame with jack stands. **NEVER WORK UNDER AN UNSUPPORTED VEHICLE!** Remove the rear tires.
- 2. Using a floor jack, raise the rear differential enough to compress the rear shocks ½". Remove the bolt securing the top of the track bar to the frame.
- 3. Remove the two rear shocks and discard.
- 4. Locate the factory bump stops, remove and discard the bump stops and hardware.
- 5. Locate the factory upper sway bar end link mounts on the frame. Disconnect the sway bar end links from the frame only, and save hardware. Slowly lower the jack under the differential to release the coil springs, **USE EXTREME CAUTION, THE COIL SPRING CAN BE UNDER LOAD!** Remove the coil springs and insulators, save the coil insulators on top of the coil, they will be reinstalled.
- 6. Locate the original mounting perch for the bump stop previously removed. Using a drill, drill the factory bolt hole out to 7/16". Locate the new Bump Stop mount FT97159-3-2, using the supplied 7/16" x 1 ¼" bolt, washer, and supplied FT90038 nut tab, apply a small amount of the supplied thread locking compound to the bolt and attach the bump stop mount to the frame. NOTE the supplied nut tab will be inserted from the front side of the axle. Thread the supplied FTS86 bump stop into the top of the new bump stop mount. Torque nut tab bolt to 35 lbs. SEE PHOTO BELOW.



Drill factory hole out to 7/16."



Nut tab positioned from the front of axle

- 7. Take the track bar drop bracket FT97159-3-1 and slide it inside the upper track bar frame bracket. Using the supplied 9/16" bolt, nut, and washer attach the trac bar bracket to the frame. Leave loose. Locate the 7/16" hole on the outside edge of the original trac bar mount, line it up with the 7/16" hole in the track bar drop bracket. Use the supplied 7/16" bolt, flat washers and nylock nut to secure the track bar drop bracket to the frame, if the holes are not perfectly aligned you can use a 7/16" reamer to remove any excess material. Tighten the 7/16" bolt to 35 ft./lbs. followed by the 9/16" bolt to 75 ft./lbs.
- 8. Place the original coil insulators onto the new coil springs. The top of the coil springs have the small pigtail winding, make the insulator is timed properly onto the coil spring. Hold the coil springs in the coil pockets, making sure they are timed properly, and raise the floor jack supporting the differential.
- 9. Slide the track bar into the drop bracket and using the upper bolt hole, reinstall the original bolt and torque to 75 ft./lbs
- 10. Reattach the sway bar end links to the frame in the original location, using factory hardware.
- 11. Locate the new Fabtech rear shock (not included in kit). Using the supplied FT404739 sleeves, press one into each end on the shock. Install the shocks onto the truck using the factory hardware.

- 12. Reinstall the rear tires and torque the lugs to factory specifications. Set the truck back on the ground. We recommend you drive the vehicle for fifty miles and then retorque all fasteners.
- 13. Check front-end alignment and set to factory specifications. Re-adjust headlights.

RETORQUE 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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