

# #024201

## Installation Instructions

### Front Spacer Kit

Jeep XJ, MJ

#### **READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS PRIOR TO INSTALLATION OF SYSTEM AND OPERATION OF VEHICLE.**

#### **SAFETY WARNING**

BDS Suspension Co. recommends this system be installed by a professional technician. In addition to these instructions, professional knowledge of disassembly/ reassembly procedures and post installation checks must be known.

#### **PRODUCT SAFETY WARNING**

Certain BDS Suspension products are intended to improve off-road performance. Modifying your vehicle for off-road use may result in the vehicle handling differently than a factory equipped vehicle. Extreme care must be used to prevent loss of control or vehicle rollover. Failure to drive your modified vehicle safely may result in serious injury or death. BDS Suspension Co. does not recommend the combined use of suspension lifts, body lifts, or other lifting devices.

You should never operate your modified vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Always drive your modified vehicle at reduced speeds to ensure your ability to control your vehicle under all driving conditions. Always wear your seat belt.

#### **PRE-INSTALLATION NOTES**

1. Special literature required: OE Service Manual for model/year of vehicle. Refer to manual for proper disassembly/reassembly procedures of OE and related components.
2. Adhere to recommendations when replacement fasteners, retainers and keepers are called out in the OE manual.
3. Larger rim and tire combinations may increase leverage on suspension, steering, and related components. When selecting combinations larger than OE, consider the additional stress you could be inducing on the OE and related components.

4. Post suspension system vehicles may experience drive line vibrations. Angles may require tuning, slider on shaft may require replacement, shafts may need to be lengthened or trued, and U-joints may need to be replaced.
5. Secure and properly block vehicle prior to installation of BDS Suspension components. Always wear safety glasses when using power tools.
6. If installation is to be performed without a hoist, BDS Suspension Co. recommends rear alterations first.
7. Due to payload options and initial ride height variances, the amount of lift is a base figure. Final ride height dimensions may vary in accordance to original vehicle attitude. Always measure the attitude prior to beginning installation.

#### **POST-INSTALLATION WARNINGS**

1. Check all fasteners for proper torque. Check to ensure for adequate clearance between all rotating, mobile, fixed, and heated members. Verify clearance between exhaust and brake lines, fuel lines, fuel tank, floor boards and wiring harness. Check steering gear for clearance. Test and inspect brake system.
2. Perform steering sweep to ensure front brake hoses have adequate slack and do not contact any rotating, mobile or heated members. Inspect rear brake hoses at full extension for adequate slack. Failure to perform hose check/ replacement may result in component failure. Longer replacement hoses, if needed can be purchased from a local parts supplier.
3. Perform head light check and adjustment.
4. Re-torque all fasteners after 500 miles. Always inspect fasteners and components during routine servicing.

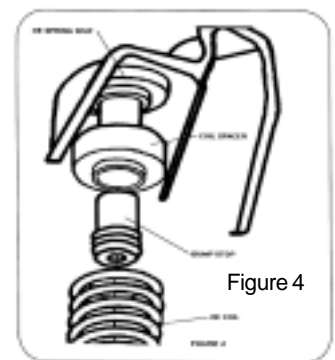
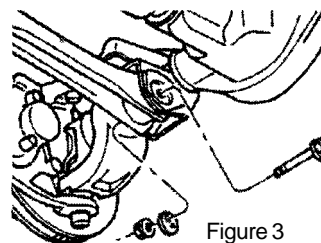
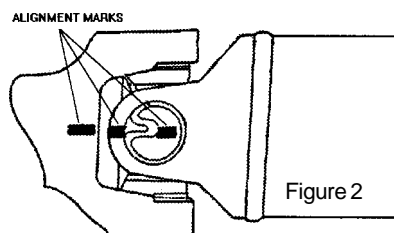
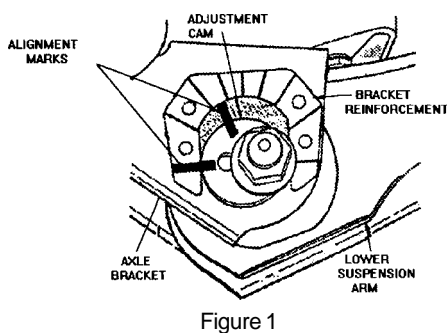
# PARTS LIST

Description	Quantity
2" Bump Stop Spacer	2
Urethane Coil Spacer	2
Warning Label	1
10mm x 80mm Bolt	2

## INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

### A. FRONT SYSTEM INSTALLATION

1. Raise and support the vehicle.
  - a. Place a hydraulic jack under the axle to support it.
2. Remove the OE front coils.
  - a. Paint or scribe alignment marks on the cam adjuster and axle bracket as shown in figure 1.
  - b. Mark & disconnect the propeller shaft from the axle.
    1. Paint or scribe alignment marks on the yolk at the axle pinion as shown in figure 2.
    2. Remove the U-joint strap bolts and the U-joint straps from the axle pinion.
  - c. Remove the lower suspension arm nut, cam, and cam bolts from the axle as shown in figure 3.
  - d. Disconnect the stabilizer bar links from the axle.
  - e. Remove the shocks.
  - f. Disconnect the track bar from the frame rail bracket.
    1. Remove the cotter pin.
    2. Remove the nut.
    3. Use a universal puller tool to separate the ball stud from the bracket.
  - g. Disconnect the drag link from the pitman arm.
    1. Remove the cotter pin.
    2. Remove the nut.
    3. Remove the drag link ball stud from the pitman arm using a puller.
  - h. Lower the axle until the spring is free from its upper mount.
3. Install the front assembly.
  - a. Remove the OE bump stop.
    1. Pull rubber bumper from the metal pocket. Remove center bolt retaining the OE bump stop pocket.



2. Install 2" BDS spacer between the bump stop cup and the OE mount with the 10mm x 80mm bolt. Tighten to OE specification. Install OE rubber bump stop in to OE pocket.
- b. Install the BDS coil spacer over the bump stop pocket and up into the mount with the lip of the spacer down as shown in figure 4.
- c. Raise the axle until the spring seats on the coil spacer, then raise it two more inches.
- d. Connect the stabilizer bar links.
- e. Connect the BDS shocks at this time. Shocks must be appropriate for a 2" lift system.
- f. Connect the track bar to the frame rail.

**Note: It may be necessary to pry the axle assembly over in order to install the track bar.**

1. Install the ball stud into the frame rail bracket.
2. Install the retaining nut on the stud.
  - a. Torque to 65 lbs.
3. Install new cotter pin. **Note: Always tighten the nut in order to align the pin hole, never loosen.**
- g. Install the lower suspension arm in the axle bracket.
  1. Position the lower suspension arm in the axle bracket.
  2. Install cam bolts, cam, and nut.
    - a. Finger tighten only, DO NOT TIGHTEN AT THIS TIME.
- h. Install the front propeller shaft onto the axle pinion.
  1. Position the propeller shaft with the reference marks aligned.
  2. Replace the U-joint straps and the strap bolts. Torque to 141bs.
- i. Install the drag link to the pitman arm.
  1. Install the drag link ball stud into the pitman arm.
  2. Install the nut & torque to 60 lbs.
  3. Install a new cotter pin as described previously.
- j. Remove the supports and lower the vehicle to the ground.
- k. Torque the lower control arm pivots at the axle.
  1. Align the marks you painted or scribed and torque to 85 lbs.

### B. INSTALL WARNING LABEL

1. Install warning label in a highly visible location inside the cab of the vehicle.