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Rough Country 1153 Installation Instructions

Steering Box Brace for Jeep Wrangler TJ (1997-2002)

Part number: 1153

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Thank you for choosing Rough Country for your Jeep off road needs.

Please read all the instructions before beginning the installation.

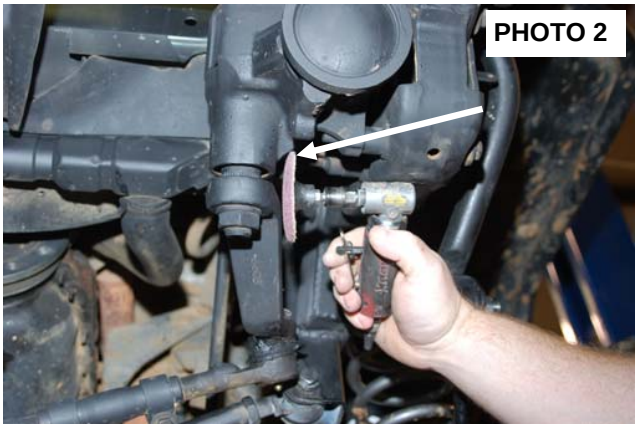
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INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

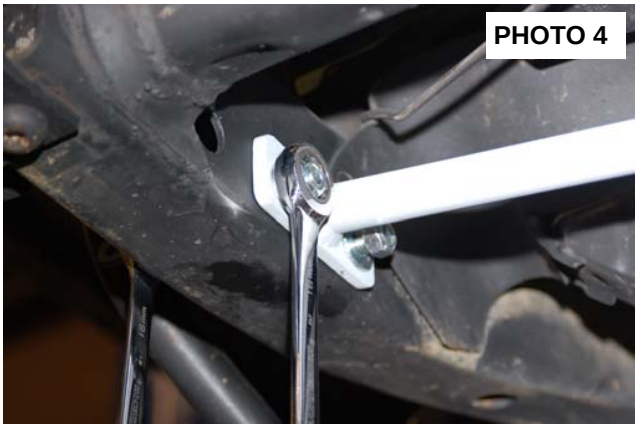
1. Loosely install the Rough Country steering brace as shown in **Photo 1** on the steering box using the supplied u-bolt / nuts & washers. **Torque to 10 ft/lbs.** It may be necessary to grind the steering box to install the u-bolt. **See Photo 2.**





2. Install the opposite end on the frame. Using the bracket as a template mark the holes to be drilled and remove steering brace.
3. Drill the frame as shown in **Photo 3** using a 3/8” drill bit. Keep drill level when drilling the holes to drill through inside and outside frame rail. After the holes have been drilled, re-drill with a 15/32” bit to clean holes for 7/16” bolts.
4. Reinstall the steering brace on the steering box using a 9/16” wrench and secure the brace to the frame with the supplied 7/16” x 3 1/2” bolts, washers /nuts using a 16mm & 18mm wrench. **See Photo 4.**





POST INSTALLATION

1. Check all fasteners for proper torque. Check to ensure there is adequate clearance between all rotating, mobile, fixed and heated members. Check steering for interference and proper working order.
2. Re torque all fasteners after 500 miles. Visually inspect components and re torque fasteners during routine vehicle service.