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Rough Country 51018 Installation Instructions

Front Track Bar for 1999–2004 Ford F-250 & F-350 4WD

Part number: 51018

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1999-2004 Super Duty 2.5-3” Lift Fixed Front Track Bar

Thank you for choosing Rough Country for your suspension needs.

Rough Country recommends a certified technician installs this system. In addition to these instructions, professional knowledge of disassemble/reassembly procedures as well as post installation checks must be known. Attempts to install this system without this knowledge and expertise may jeopardize the integrity and/or operating safety of the vehicle.

Please read all the instructions before beginning the installation. Check the kit hardware against the parts list on the back page of these instructions. Be sure you have all the needed parts and understand where they go. Also please review the tools needed list and make sure you have needed tools.

PRODUCT USE INFORMATION

⚠WARNING As a general rule, the taller a vehicle is the easier it will roll. Seat belts and shoulder harnesses should be worn at all times. Avoid situations where a side rollover may occur. Braking performance and capabilities are decreased when significantly larger/heaver tires and wheels are used. Take this into consideration while driving. Also, speedometer recalibration is necessary when larger tires are installed.

Do no add, alter, or fabricate any factory or after-market parts which increase vehicle height over the intended height of the Rough Country product purchased. Mixing component brands, lifts, and/or combining body lift with suspension lifts voids all warranties. Rough Country makes no claims regarding lifting devices and excludes any and all implied claims. We will not be responsible for any product that is altered.

This heavy duty track bar only fits trucks produced after 03/01/99—2000 models forward. If you have a truck produced prior to this date this kit will not fit the vehicle. A difference of bolt size on the stock track bar bracket does not allow the installation of the new track rod.

If you have any questions about this installation or the product included please call our customer service department at 800-222-7023.

⚠NOTICE **NOTICE TO DEALER AND VECHICLE OWNER**

Any vehicle equipped with any Rough country product must have the “Warning to Driver” decal installed on the sun visor or dash. The decal is to act as a constant reminder for whoever is operating the vehicle of its unique handling characteristics. **INSTALLING DEALER**—It is your responsibility to install the warning decal and to forward these installation instructions on too the vehicle owner for review and to be kept in the vehicle for its service life.

KIT CONTENTS:

1-Fr Track Rod
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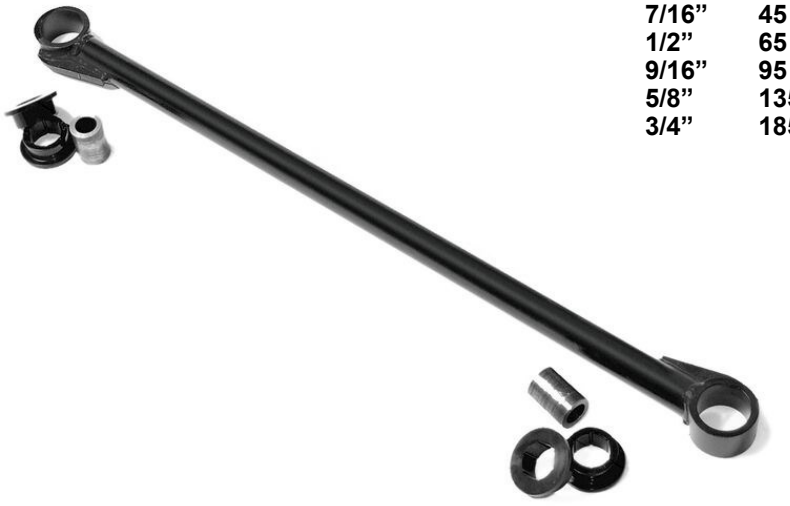
- **4-Track Rod Bushings**
- **2-Track Rod Sleeves**

TOOLS NEEDED:

Hammer
30mm Socket/Wrench

TORQUE SPECS:

Size	Grade 5	Grade 8
5/16”	15 ft/lbs	20 ft/lbs
3/8”	30 ft/lbs	35 ft/lbs
7/16”	45 ft/lbs	60 ft/lbs
1/2”	65 ft/lbs	90 ft/lbs
9/16”	95 ft/lbs	130 ft/lbs
5/8”	135 ft/lbs	175 ft/lbs
3/4”	185 ft/lbs	280 ft/lbs



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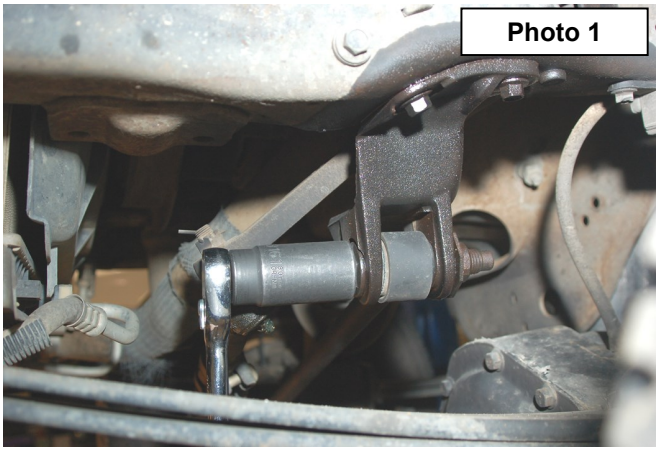
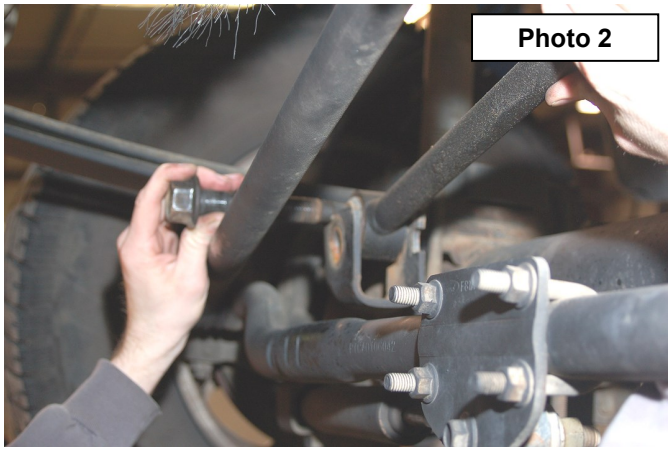
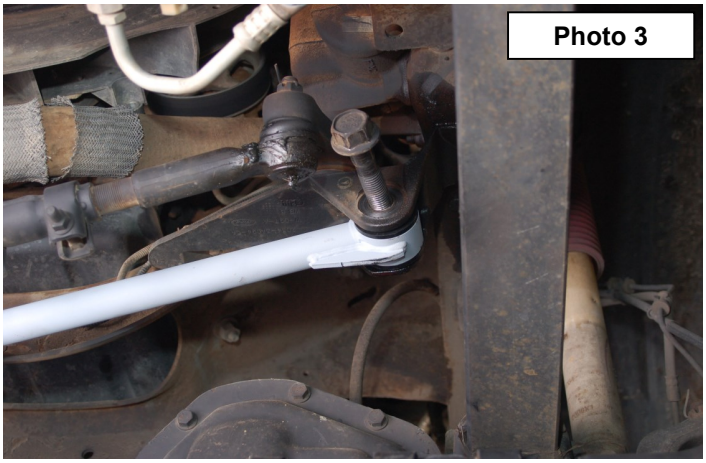
INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

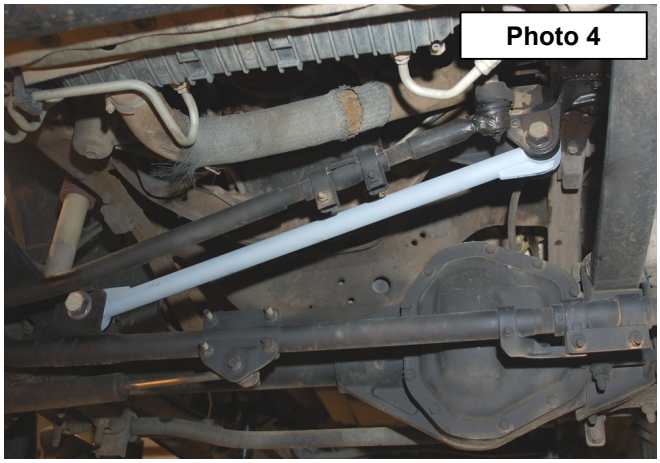
1. Place the vehicle in park. Chock the rear wheels.
2. Remove the factory track rod from the axle and the frame using a 30mm socket / wrench. Remove the factory track bar. **See Photos 1 & 2.**





3. Install new track rod with stock hardware and using a 30mm socket. **See Photos 3 & 4.** It may be necessary to turn the steering wheel to align the track rod in the mount. This is best accomplished with two people. One turning the steering wheel and one under the truck inserting the bolts in the mounts.





POST INSTALLTION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Check all fasteners for proper torque. Check to ensure there is adequate clearance between all rotating, mobile, fixed and heated members. Check steering gear for interference and proper working order. Test brake system
2. Perform steering sweep. Check to ensure brake hoses have sufficient slack and will not contact rotating, mobile, or fixed members, adjust lines/brackets to eliminate interference and maintain proper working order. Failure to perform inspections may result in component failure
3. Readjust headlights to factory settings
4. Have vehicle aligned by a certified alignment professional.
5. All components must be retightened after 500 miles, and every three thousand miles after installation.

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