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ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

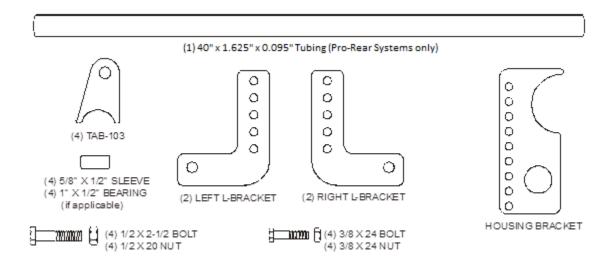
MT100K and MT101K Shock Mount Bracket Kit

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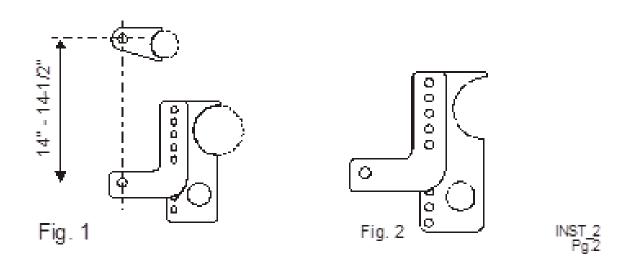
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Warning: This kit does not contain all necessary components if converting from a leaf spring suspension.

- 1. With the car sitting at ride height on level ground, measure the chassis ride height at the center of the wheel opening or at the rocker panel and record this measurement for both sides of the car.
- 2. Remove the coil springs. If you are working with a leaf spring car, leave them in place. They are what locates the rear from side to side and front to rear. Use a floor jack to lift the rear of the car back to the chassis ride height measurement that was taken earlier. It is recommended to tack weld a piece of scrap metal to the rear end housing and frame rail. This jigs the rear end housing into the proper chassis ride height.
- 3. If you are working with the factory frame rails, it is recommended that you double plate the frame rails in the area the cross member is to be welded. Keep in mind that your upper points should be as parallel to each other as possible (See figure 1). Measure the distance from frame rail to frame rail and cut the cross member tubing to length (if applicable). Lightly tack tubing into place. Double check all measurements.
- 4. Now with the cross member located, you will need to locate the positions of the upper shock mounting tabs and the housing brackets. An easy way of accomplishing this is to use a plum bob (a nut tied to a string will also work). Assemble both sets of upper mounts (two tabs, 1 ½" ID x 1 ¼" in. wide sleeve or 1" wide bearing, one ½" x 2 ½" bolt and one ½" nut). Assemble both of the adjustable mounts (one left L-bracket, one Right L-bracket, one housing bracket, two 3/8" x 1 ¼" bolts, two 3/8" nuts). When assembling the adjustable shock mount brackets, the housing bracket is sandwiched between the two L-brackets. Align the L-brackets so the shock mount hole is approximately halfway down the housing bracket (Figure 2). This allows plenty of ride height adjustment, both up and down. It is suggested that for the installation process you substitute the lock nuts with standard nuts for ease of use.
- 5. Wrap string around the center of the sleeve between the two tabs, from that point let the end of the plumb bob extend to 14" to 14 ½". Hold the upper shock mount assembly against the upper cross member and move it from side to side to find the best location for it and the adjustable shock mount an the rear axle housing. Once you have the best left and right position for both, rotate the upper mount up and down until the plumb bob pointer lines up with the shock bolt in the adjustable mount. This will provide you the proper shock ride height distance. Once you have found that location tack weld the upper mount to the cross member. Tack the adjustable mount into place on the axle housing. Repeat the procedure on the other side. Make sure that both housing brackets are set in from the frame rail or housing ends as close to the same distance as possible. Make sure to double check all of your measurements to ensure everything is square.
- 6. Grind or brake the tack welds on the cross member at the frame rails and remove from the car for finish welding. It is only necessary to weld on the outsides of the tabs. Welding both sides of the tabs may cause weakness in the weld joint from imbrittlement. Tie the plumb bobs back onto the upper shock sleeves as before. Put both the cross member back in place under the car and realign your plumb bobs over the lower shock mounts. Weld all the way around both ends of the upper cross member. Remove the L-brackets from the housing brackets. Make sure the housing brackets are straight and square with the housing. Finish weld the brackets to the housing.
- 7. If you are converting from leaf springs, you must install a housing locator such as a panhard bar, track locator or wishbone available from many quality companies.
- 8. Remove the nuts, bolts and sleeves from the upper mounts. Put the L-brackets back onto the housing brackets in the original position. If not already installed, push all four sleeves into the bushings at the ends of each shock by hand or with a vice. Next install the springs on the shocks according to the instructions included with your shock. Place the floor jack under the rear end housing, just touching it. Remove the scrap piece being used as your ride height jig or the leaf springs at this time. Lower the housing so you can install the shocks top and bottom.

9. It will be necessary to adjust the spring seat to achieve the proper shock ride height the shock ride height is measured from the center of the upper shock eye to the center of the lower shock eye with the car sitting on the ground at ride height. (Figure 1). The shock ride height should be 14" to 14 ½" if you have purchased a QA1 Pro-Rear System. If the chassis ride height is off some, do not be concerned at this point as it can be changed later. If the shock ride height is not correct, jack the car up and place on jack stands. Let the rear axle hang and adjust the spring seats as needed. Put the car back on the ground and recheck the shock ride height. If that measures OK, then check your chassis ride height. If the chassis ride height is off, then jack the car back up and put it back on the jack stands. Loosen the two nuts and bolts on both housing brackets. Let the rear axle down until the bolts can be removed. Raise or lower the axle to get the chassis ride height set. Reinstall all nuts and bolts and tighten properly. Be sure to use lock nuts upon your final adjustment. Put the car back on the ground and recheck the chassis ride height. Reinstall; the fuel tank, fuel and brake lines. Check for any interference be for taking your first drive.



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