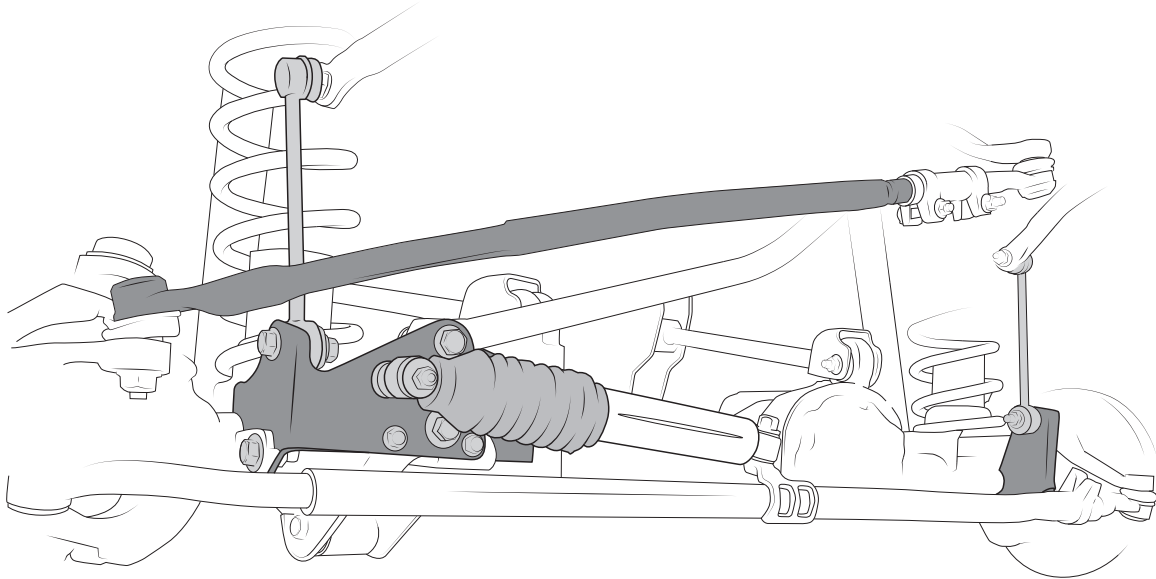




# HIGH STEER KIT

Designed for 2007–current Jeep JK Wrangler and  
Wrangler Unlimited models in all trim levels, including  
Rubicon, with at least 3.0” of suspension lift.





## PLEASE READ BEFORE YOU START

TO GUARANTEE A QUALITY INSTALLATION, WE RECOMMEND READING THESE INSTRUCTIONS THOROUGHLY BEFORE BEGINNING ANY WORK. THESE INSTRUCTIONS ASSUME A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF MECHANICAL ABILITY AND ARE NOT WRITTEN NOR INTENDED FOR SOMEONE NOT FAMILIAR WITH AUTO REPAIR.

INCLUDED PARTS	QTY	REQUIRED TOOLS
Passenger-side Front Axle Bracket	2	7/8" drill bit for metal
Driver-side Front Axle Bracket	1	High-torque drill motor
Draglink	1	Floor Jack and two Jackstands
Steering Damper	1	or Vehicle Lift with tall Jackstands
Shock Doubler Bracket	2	Torque Wrench (ft-lbs)

### These instructions assume you have the following factory parts installed on your JK:

1. JK frame and front axle with all relevant brackets in tact.
2. Front track bar (aftermarket units will work ONLY if they can be adjusted to stock length.
3. Factory steering linkage (tie rod and part of the drag link will be retained.)
4. Rear stabilizer end links (or equivalent length) to use in front.



## I. REMOVE FACTORY COMPONENTS

1. Raise Jeep and support the frame using jack stands or a hoist, such that the front axle can be lowered enough to remove the springs. Support the axle by placing floor jack under the center of the axle. Remove the wheels (Fig. 1).

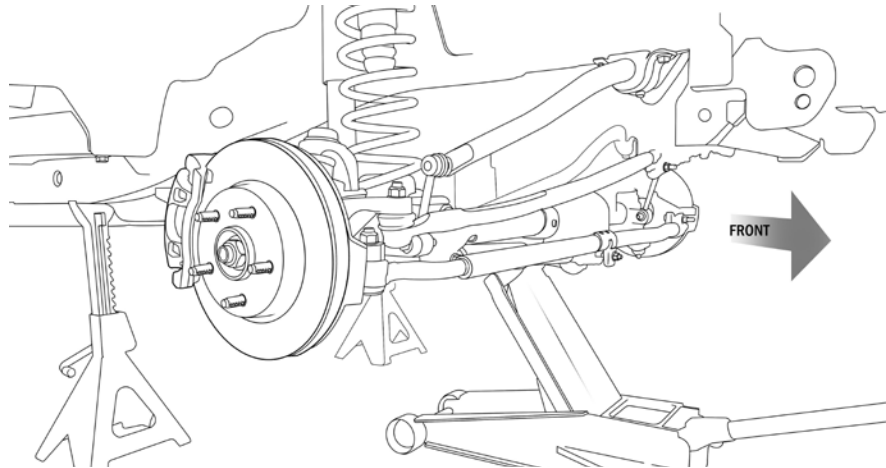


Figure 1

2. Remove the following parts:
  - Passenger front wheels/tires (needed for drilling access in step 6)
  - Steering drag link (coupler to knuckle portion only)
  - Steering damper
  - Tie rod
  - Sway bar end links
3. Also perform the following items only as indicated (not full removal as above):
  - Disconnect front track bar at axle side

## II. INSTALL PASSENGER-SIDE FRONT AXLE BRACKETS

1. Place bracket with “half moon” cutouts inside the original front track bar bracket and over the axle tube (Fig. 2-A). Insert two of the supplied  $3/8" \times 1.0"$  L bolts and washers through the small holes in the bracket and the corresponding holes in the stock bracket, then add nuts and hand tighten.

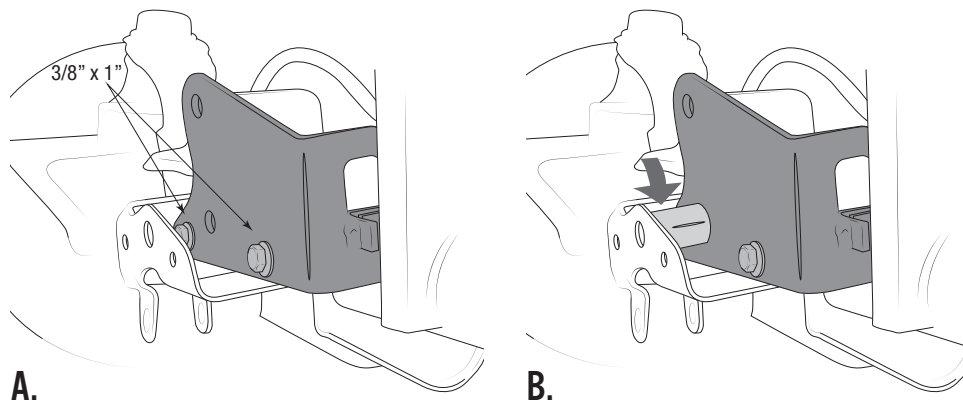


Figure 2



2. Add the supplied u-bolt and nuts (visible in Fig. 4).
3. Insert the supplied spacer tube between stock track bar bracket and new bracket (Fig. 2-B), lining it up with the original track bar bolt hole. (This may require slight prying or tapping with a hammer.)
4. Pre-assemble the second bracket as shown (Fig. 3) with the supplied bolt, washers, and free-spinning nut.

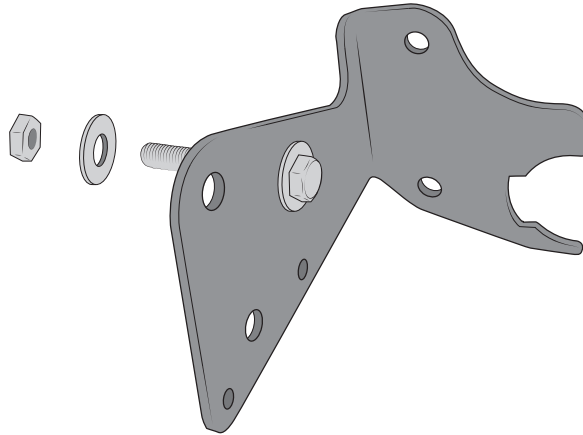


Figure 3

5. Install this bracket in front of the stock track bar bracket on the axle and line up the small holes with the corresponding ones on the axle bracket. Insert the remaining two 3/8" x 1.0" L bolts and washers from the front through the brackets, add nuts and hand tighten.
6. Insert the 1/2" x 1 1/2" L bolt through the factory stabilizer tab on the side of the axle and the corresponding bracket hole and add the locking nut.
7. Place 9/16" x 3 1/2" L bolt through original trackbar hole, both brackets, and supplied spacer tube.
8. You may now tighten all fasteners.

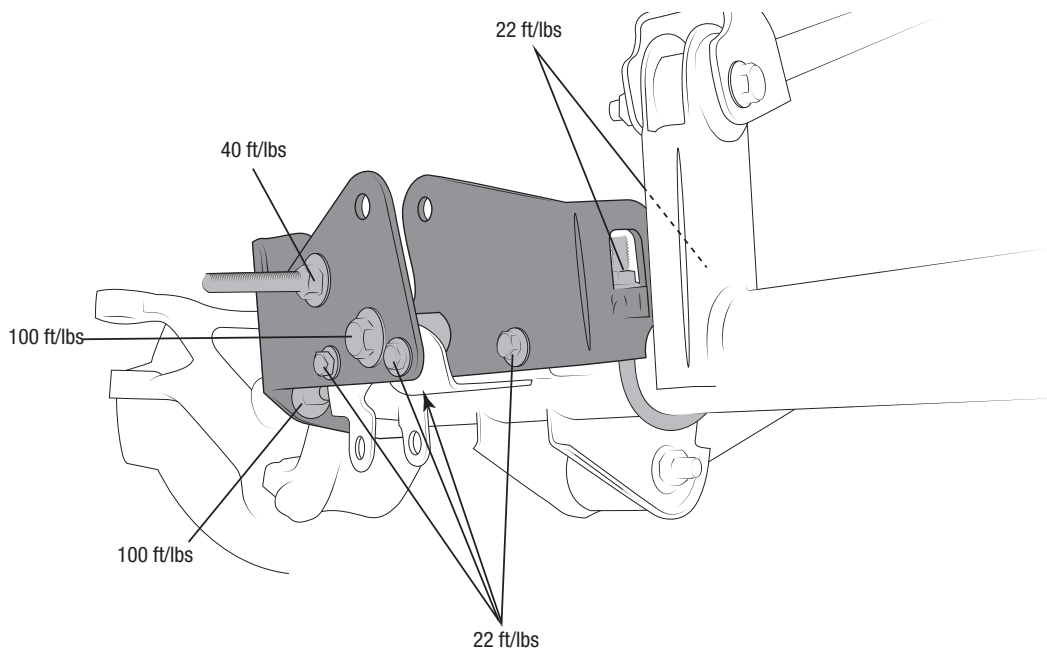


Figure 4



### III. INSTALL DRIVER-SIDE FRONT AXLE BRACKET

Position bracket over axle tube as shown (Fig. 5) Use supplied hardware to attach bracket to axle and tighten to 100 ft/lbs.

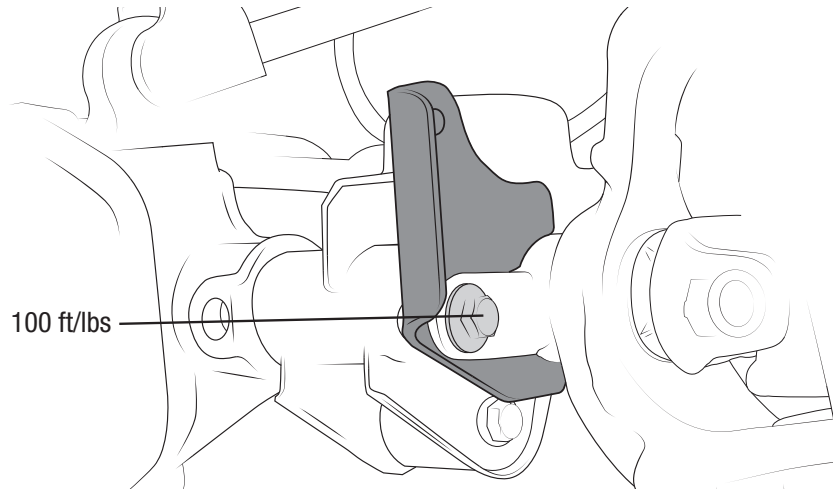


Figure 5

### IV. REATTACH TRACK BAR

1. Raise the axle until the axle-end of the track bar can be lined up with the uppermost holes in the new brackets (it may be necessary to pry the brackets apart to allow the track bar to drop in easily. TIP: We find that using a ratchet strap to move the axle over will help with aligning the holes).
2. Insert original track bar bolt and flag nut through passenger-side front axle brackets and track bar but do not tighten at this time (refer to Fig. 10).

### V. INSTALL SWAY BAR END LINKS

- Replace with factory REAR end links or end links with the same overall length as factory rear JK or JKU end links.
1. For each side attach the upper end stud to the sway bar in the same manner as the original front links had been (nut on frame side of bar). NOTE: The upper stud has a different thread than the rest of the M12 fasteners in the suspension—it is a “normal” pitch versus a “fine pitch.” Tighten to 40 ft/lbs. (refer to Fig. 10 for proper orientation.)
  2. The lower ends of the links will attach to the inboard side of the new brackets on the axle using the original hardware. Torque to 40 ft/lbs.



## VI. INSTALL HIGH-STEER DRAGLINK

1. First, drill out the tapered hole in the upper (draglink) arm on the passenger-side knuckle to make it a 7/8" diameter straight hole as shown (Fig. 6). Be sure to drill as straight and steady as possible to avoid a loose connection. Insert the supplied taper-to-straight adapter sleeve into the hole.

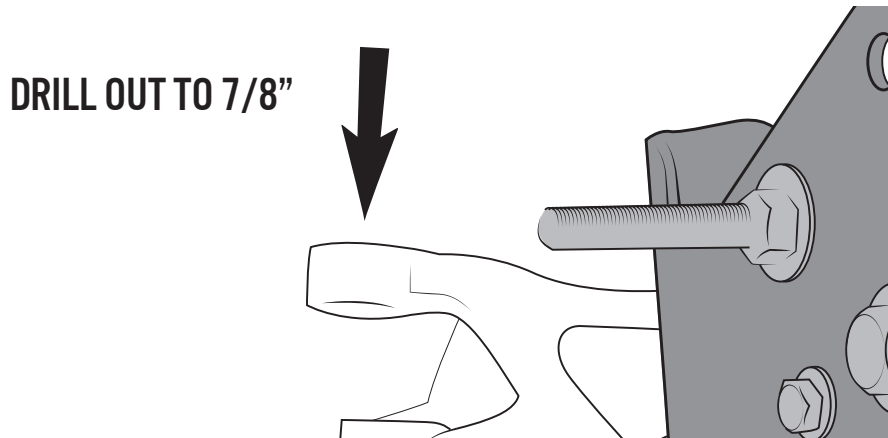


Figure 6

2. Apply anti-seize compound to the threads of the new draglink and thread it into the adjuster sleeve until the amount of thread showing is similar to the amount showing on the short side that is still attached to the pitman arm.
3. Insert the tie rod end of the draglink into the adapter sleeve. **DO NOT** use the original TRE nut, use the new 14mm locking flange nut provided in your kit. This supplied nut has a larger flange that can adequately cover the 7/8" hole. Torque to 63 ft/lbs. **DO NOT** use an impact gun, over-torque can damage the draglink.

## VII. INSTALL NEW STEERING DAMPER

1. Loosen the clamp that holds the factory steering damper mount to the tie rod and slide it toward the driver's side several inches (out of the way for now.)
2. Place the eye of the damper body onto the stud of the tie rod bracket, add the original nut and tighten.
3. Attach the damper to the new High Steer axle bracket orienting the hardware as shown (Fig. 7).  
NOTE: the Old Man Emu Steering damper includes a spacer sleeve for proper fitment on bolt. Rotate the black rubber boot on the damper so that the drainage holes are on the bottom.
4. To position the tie rod bracket properly, extend or compress the damper until the eye to eye length is 16 1/2". Making sure the steering is straight ahead, rotate the tie rod bracket until the stud is pointing just forward of straight up while the tie rod itself is rocked "down" as far as it will go. Tighten the mounting bracket at this location. Torque the lock nut (see Fig. 7 below) to 40 ft/lbs.

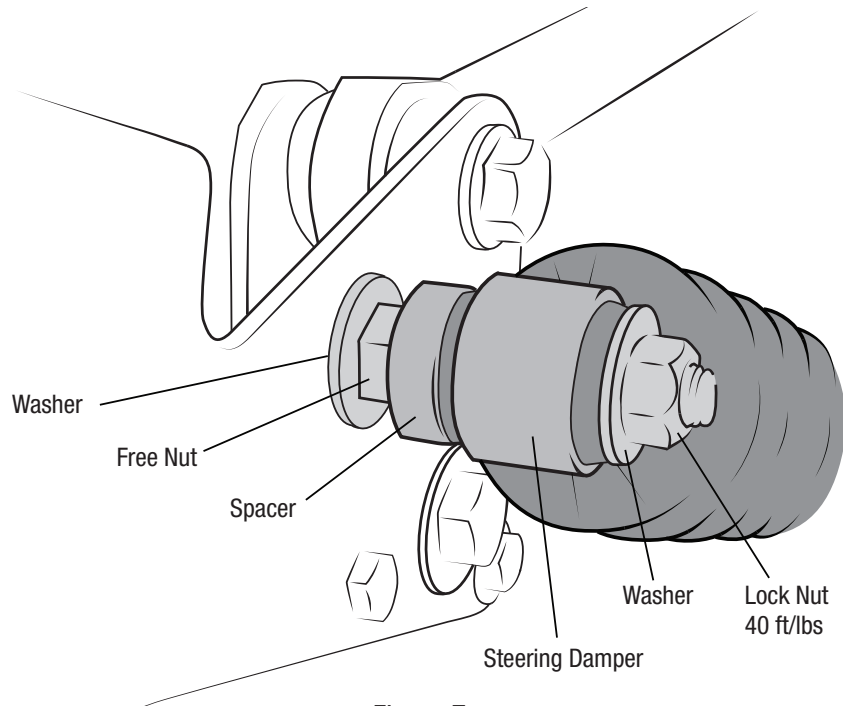


Figure 7

## VIII. SHOCK DOUBLER BRACKETS

1. Remove shocks at lower mount.
2. Install Shock Doubler brackets on both sides as shown using supplied hardware (Fig. 8).
3. Install shocks in Shock Doubler brackets as shown using supplied hardware (Fig. 8).

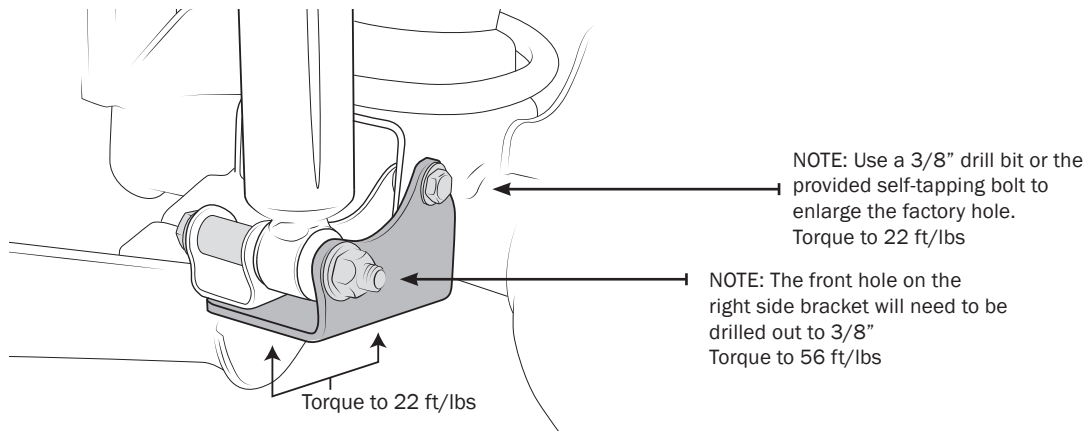


Figure 8



NOTE: On most late model JK and JKU, there is a cross member tube extending far enough out of the frame to interfere with the front sway bar. We recommend trimming this just outbound of the weld (Fig. 9). Remember to follow proper painting procedures to prevent corrosion.

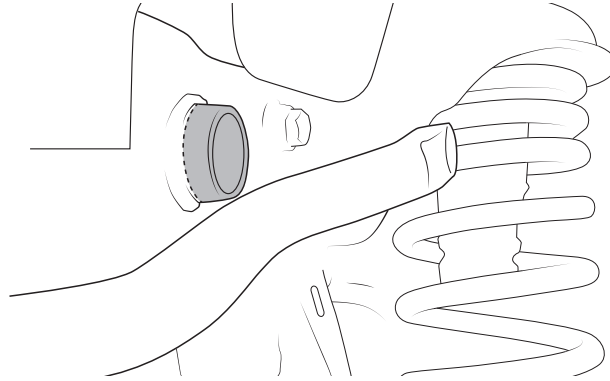


Figure 9

## IX. FINAL TORQUES\*

Now that the Jeep is fully assembled and sitting on its tires, you may re-torque all track bar and control arm bolts to factory torque specs. NOTE: This must be done with the vehicle resting on it's springs.

TIP: It is good practice to mark each major bolted suspension connection such as these with a paint pen. Draw a line that runs from bolt head or nut to the adjacent bracket material. This will allow a visual inspection to easily catch bolts that work loose. After approximately 100 miles, you should perform a complete visual inspection and re-torque any suspect bolts as well as your wheel lug nuts.

## X. ADJUSTMENTS AND PROCAL

Assuming the Jeep was properly aligned prior to this installation; the only alignment parameter that has been altered is steering wheel center. We recommend using the AEV ProCal (available separately or as part of our DualSport SC Suspension Kits) to accurately center the steering wheel. This operation should be performed on an alignment rack

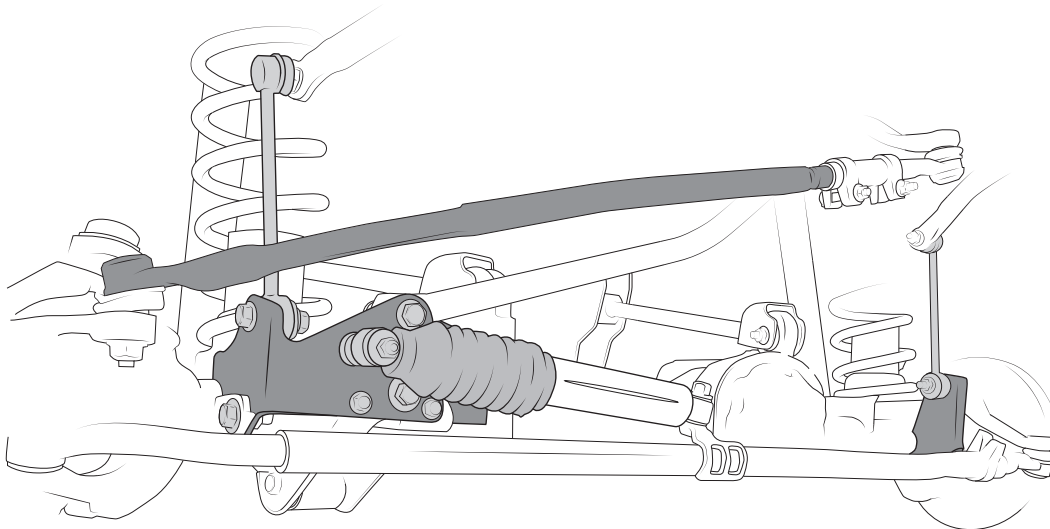


Figure 10

\*Refer to Appendix for all torque specifications.



# APPENDIX

## JK FACTORY TORQUE SPECIFICATIONS

\*nominal torque shown in ft. lbs.

Front Suspension & Steering		
UCA bushings	M12	75
LCA bushings	M14	125
Track bar bushing frame	M14	125
Track bar bushing axle	M14	125
Stabilizer end link top	M12	65
Stabilizer end link bottom	M12	75
Shock Absorber	upper M12 bayonet	20
	lower M12	56
Steering gear		87
P/S pump to engine		21
High pressure hose pump		22
Hoses to steering gear		21
Intermediate shaft, all points	M10	42
Intermediate shaft toe plate		100 in. lbs.
Steering damper	axle M12	50
	cross-link M12	50
Pitman arm to gear	7/8	195
Pitman to drag link nut	M14	78
Drag link to knuckle nut	M14	63
Tie rod to knuckle nut	M14	63
Tie rod clamp	M10	45
Drag link clamp	M10	26

Rear Suspension		
UCA bushings	M14	125
LCA bushings	M14	125
Track bar bushing frame	M14	96
Track bar bushing axle	M14	111
Stabilizer bar sill bushing	M10	45
Stabilizer bar to link	M12	66
Stabilizer bar link to axle	M12	75
Shock Absorber	upper M8	37
	lower M12	56

Cab Mounts		
	M10 short bolts	45
	M12 stud FESM	80

Powertrain Mounts		
	M10 bracket to block	45
	M12 bracket to block	90
	M12 Isolator to frame	85
diesel	bracket to engine	85
diesel	M12 Hydro mt to bracket	65
diesel	M12 Hydro mt to frame	65

Transmission Mount		
	M10 trans to mount	40
	M10 mount to frame	40

Wheels		
(5" bolt circle/1.75" offset)	5 x 1/2" stud	105

Driveline		
T-case companion flange nut		210
Front driveshaft	to front axle	80
	to t-case	22
Rear driveshaft	to rear axle	22
	to t-case	22