



### Before you begin:

- \*\*\*Ensure that all parts are present and in good condition using above shipping checklist. \*\*\*
- Read and understand all installation instructions.
- **D** Tools required:
  - Floor jack and jack stands
  - Basic hand tools
  - □ Torque wrenches capable of 70-85 in-lb. and 75-130 ft-lb
  - Medium thread locker
  - Anti-seize compound.
  - Multipurpose grease
  - □ 7/16" drill bit and drill

#### <u>Prepare the parts for installation:</u>

- 1. Front Shocks: Locate the front shocks (shorter) and HK #255.
- 2. Grease and install the long sleeve into the top bushing of the front shocks. The long sleeve should be approximatly in the center of the bushing.
- 3. Grease and install the short shock sleeves (included with shocks) into the bottom bushing.
- 4. Rear Shocks: Locate the rear shocks (longer) and HK #255.
- 5. Remove the bushings from the included shocks.
- 6. Grease and install the new shock bushings.
- 7. Grease and install the new M14 shock sleeves.
- 8. Track Bars: Locate front track bar, HK #235, HK #306, and track bar threaded male end.
- 9. If you purchased the Premium Track Bar Upgrade refer to the track bar flex joint assembly instructions at the end of this document.
- 10. Locate rear track bar, HK #236 and track bar threaded male end.
- 11. Lubricate track bar bushings and bushing sleeves with multi-purpose grease and install into track bars.
- 12. Slip clamping bracket onto adjusting end of track bar with the opening up and insert the 5/16 carriage bolt from rear and nut facing forward.
- 13. Apply anti-seize and thread the track bar male end into the track bar and adjust to length listed in the chart as a starting point.
- 14. Tighten the clamping bracket.

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- 15. <u>Control Arms:</u> Use a light coat of anti-seize and thread the male ends into the control arms and adjust to the lengths listed in the chart as a starting point.
- 16. Using the instructions on the last page assemble the flex ends into the threaded male ends.
- 17. Install 1/4"clamping bolts (HK #65) in the lower control arms, do not tighten at this time.
- 18. Sway Bar Links: Grease and install the hourglass bushings into the links. HK #201
- 19. Grease and install the sway bar link bolt sleeves into the bushings. All sleeves are the
- same (12mm I.D.). If you purchased the *IRO Sway Bar Disconnect Upgrade* refer to the assembly instructions at the end of this document. *Front installation:*
- 20. Lift front of vehicle and support with jack stands under frame rails.
- \*\*Tip: break lug nuts loose before lifting vehicle.
- 21. Remove front wheels.
- 22. Remove front sway bar links.
- 23. Support front axle with jack stands and remove shocks.
- 24. Remove front track bar.
- 25. Remove factory lower control arms.
- 26. Loosen factory upper control arms.
- 27. Remove coil springs.
- 28. Install new lower contol arms using the factory hardware. Do not tighten bolts at this time. The bend goes up for ground clearance. The rubber bushing goes to the axle and the flex end at the frame.
- 29. Install new coil springs.
- 30. Install new shocks with a new M12 x 70 bolt at the bottom. HK #255
- 31. Install new front sway bar links.
- 32. Install new front track bar, threaded end to axle side. The clamp faces up, nut facing front.
- 33. Lower vehicle onto jack stands.

## <u>Rear installation:</u>

- Lift rear of vehicle and support with jack stands under frame rails.
  \*\*Tip: break lug nuts loose before lifting vehicle.
- 35. Remove rear wheels.
- 36. Remove sway bar links.
- 37. Support the rear axle with jack stands and remove shocks.
- 38. Remove track bar.



Track Bar & Control Arm Length (Center to Center)			
Front LCA (Lower Control Arm)	24-1/4"		
Front Track Bar	33-7/8"		
Rear Track Bar	33-3/4"		



\*Shown with suspension at ride height\*





- 39. Remove coil springs.
- 40. Loosen factory lower control arms.
- 41. Loosen factory upper control arms.
- 42. Install new springs.
- 43. Install new shocks.
- 44. Install new track bar, adjustable end at the frame.
- 45. Install new sway bar links.
- 46. Lower vehicle onto jack stands.

#### Final Torque and Adjustments:

- 47. The draglink <u>must</u> be adjusted to center the steering wheel before driving the vehicle. Failure to do so will cause an error with the factory traction control system and will result in odd handling and decreased performance.
- 48. Check that axles are centered side to side and adjust track bars as needed.
- 49. Raise vehicle and reposition jack stands under the front and rear axles.
- 50. Temporarily install a tire on one side.
- 51. Verify that the axle is centered as desired front to rear. Check caster before adjusting.
- 52. Check caster angle. Using a laser level or string level, set the front axle level to the rear axle (left side and right) Bounce the Jeep up and down to ensure the suspension is in resting position (at exact ride height). Place the angle finder under the axle "C" (or on top of the upper ball joint). Ensure the angle finder is parallel to the Jeep front to rear. This is your caster angle. See chart for desired setting.
- 53. Adjust control arms to the desired position.
- 54. To adjust axle front to rear, adjust upper and lower control arms by the same amount. 12 turns equal one inch.
- 55. To adjust only caster, adjust only the upper control arms (3 turns equals roughly 2 degrees).
- 56. To adjust both, adjust both at the same time.

#### Caster angle may need to be adjusted after a test drive to eliminate driveline vibrations.



- 57. With the vehicle weight on the suspension, tighten front lower control arm bolts to 130 lb-ft. Tighten front upper control arm bolts to 75 lb-ft.
- 58. Tighten rear upper and lower control arm bolts to 130 lb-ft.
- 59. Install wheels and torque lug nuts to factory spec. (85 to 115 ft-lbs)
- 60. Ensure flex ends are parallel with control arm mounts then torque lower control arm clamping bolts to 140 in-lb. Be sure to go back and forth between both bolts several times to ensure even clamping.
- 61. Check all components for clearance for suspension to fully cycle up and down and wheels to turn lock to lock. Pay special attention to brake lines, axle vent hoses, and ABS wires. Reposition as needed by bending the brackets, relocating, or extending hoses and wiring.

#### Final Safety Warning:

\* Re-torque all fasteners after 100 miles, and frequently inspect all safety critical suspension components. It is the responsibility of the installer to be sure all fasteners are properly tightened after installation and to ensure the owner knows his/her ongoing responsibility. It is the responsibility of the owner of the vehicle to be sure all safety critical components are inspected frequently, especially after off road or other demanding use.



Caster Angle (Starting point)		
Lift Height	Caster	
2.5"	7°	
3.5"	6.5⁰	
4" or more	5°	



1-877-919-JEEP www.ironrockoffroad.com This flex end is ONLY for the front LCAs of the Wrangler JL & Gladiator JT and rear LCAs & UCAs on the Gladiator JT. This flex end uses a larger 16mm through bolt. Do not confuse it with HK #127

#### Before you begin:

- Read and understand installation instructions. 0
- Contact Iron Rock Off Road with any questions before, during, or after installation. 0
- Ensure that all parts are present and in good condition per attached shipping checklist! 0
- Have these tools handy: 0
  - 5/32" Allen head socket 0
  - 3/8" open end wrench 0
  - Inch-lb. torque wrench 0
  - Multipurpose grease/grease gun 0

#### Parts Checklist:

Outer housing, weld on (may already be attached to your existing control arm)

#### #233 - 2-5/8" IRO Flex End (6 bolt)

- □ 2-5/8" flex end race 91118 (2)
- Thrust washer 91119 (2)
- 2-5/8" flex end ball 16mm 91242 (1)
- #10-32 nylock nut (7)
- #10-32 x 1-3/4" socket head cap screw (6)
- □ 90° ¼"-28 grease zerk fitting (1)

#### Assembly:

- 1. Insert two #10-32 socket head cap screws into one thrust washer and one plastic race. Spherical bore of race facing away from thrust washer. (Figure 1)
- Install this small assembly into the flex end housing. The races are a light press fit, use a wide punch and hammer to assist you if needed. 2.
- Apply a thin coating of multi-purpose grease to the mating surfaces of the ball and both races. 3.
- 4. Place the ball in the race (inside the flex end). The ball should perfectly fit the contour of the race. (Figure 2)
- Insert the other race onto the ball so that the spherical bore is contacting the ball. Once 5. again, the races are a light press fit, use a hammer and wide punch if needed. (The two screws should be through one washer and both races at this point)
- Insert the second thrust washer on top of the flex end housing, sliding the bolts through the 6. holes. (Figure 3)
- 7. Start nylock nuts on the two bolts that are in the flex end assembly. Hold the nut and turn the bolt.
- Insert the remaining four cap screws through the remaining holes and install nuts. (Figure 4) 8.
- Snug up all of the bolts fairly tight. 9.
- 10. Torque bolts evenly, starting at one bolt and continuing using a crisscross pattern. Torque all six bolts to 70 in-lbs., then to 85 in-lbs.
- 11. Install 90° grease zerk fitting so that it is easily accessed in the vehicle.
- 12. Grease flex end until grease comes out of the races around the ball.
- 13. Re-torque bolts to 85 in-lbs. after 5 minutes.



\*Reference Only\* Complete joint shown fully assembled without housing









Figure 3



#254 - Track Bar Flex End Hardware - 14mm (1) Inner race (plastic) 91113 (2)

End cap (steel) 91112 (2)

Ball 91142 - M14 bolt (1)

## **Parts Checklist:**

#122 - Track Bar Flex End Hardware - 12mm (1)

- Inner race (plastic) 91113 (2)
- End cap (steel) 91112 (2)
- Ball 91104 – M12 bolt (1)
- $#5-40 \times 1 1/4$ " Socket head cap screw (9)
- 3/32" Hex L key, high torque (hex plus) (1)

## Safety Warning:

Installation and assembly of this part requires knowledge of steering and suspension systems. Failure to precisely adhere to installation procedure may cause a part failure resulting in vehicle damage and serious injury or death. This part only fits Iron Rock Off Road track bars in good condition. Iron Rock Off Road makes no claims that this part will fit track bars from other manufacturers. Improper fitment may cause a part failure resulting in vehicle damage, serious injury, or death.

#5-40 x 1 1/4" Socket head cap screw (9)

□ 3/32" Hex L key, high torque (hex plus) (1)

## Before you begin:

- Read and understand installation instructions. 0
- Contact Iron Rock Off Road with any questions before, during, or after installation. 0
- Ensure that all parts are present and in good condition per attached shipping checklist! 0
- Ensure that you have high strength threadlocker (such as red Loctite) and multi-purpose grease. 0

#### Fitment:

This kit replaces the poly bushings and inner sleeve in your Iron Rock Off Road track bar. This part only fits track bars manufactured by Iron Rock Off Road after 2009 with an inside diameter of 1.510", a width of 1.250", and a radiused inside corner.

#### \*\*\*To verify fitment: Remove the track bar from your vehicle, remove the poly bushings, clean the parts, and verify the following is true: \*\*\*

- The plastic races fit tight inside the inside bore.
- Both end caps fit the inside bore with just a bit of "wiggle room".
- Both end caps slide in freely until the flat shoulder rests firmly against the end of the outer tube.
- The overall width of the outer tube is 1.250". This can be measured with a caliper or verified after flex end is fully assembled. Once fully assembled (bolts torqued to spec.) the shoulders of the end caps should rest firmly against the ends of the outer tube. At the same time, the ball should fit tight inside the assembly. It should require a tool (such as a screwdriver) to pivot or rotate the ball. The ball should pivot smoothly with even resistance in any position.

If any of those steps cannot be verified, please contact us to order a new track bar.

Bolt size: This bushing replacement assembly is only available to fit a 12mm & 14mm bolt at this time. Those with a 10mm fastener may wish to upgrade to 12mm hardware for more strength (drill your bracket and install a 12mm bolt).

#### Assembly:

- Verify fitment per the "Fitment" section above. 1.
- Insert four socket head cap screws into one end cap and one race. (Race should have spherical 2. bore facing away from end cap.)
- 3. Install this small assembly into the track bar outer bushing tube. The races are a light press fit, use a wide punch and hammer to assist you if needed.
- Apply a thin coat of multi-purpose grease to the ball and the spherical mating surface of the races. 4 Coat both mating surfaces but leave no excess grease that would interfere with the threadlocker adhesive on the bolts.
- Place the ball into the race inside the housing. The ball should fit the contour of the race perfectly. 5.
- Insert the other race on top of the ball so that the spherical bore is contacting the ball. Once again, 6. the races are a light press fit, use a hammer and wide punch if needed. (The four screws should be through one end cap and both races at this point.)
- Apply a generous coating of high strength threadlocker (such as red Loctite) to all 8 screws 7. (including the ones already installed).
- Install the second end cap, aligning the screws with the tapped holes. When completed 4 screws will be inserted from each side. 8.
- 9. Insert the last four screws and tighten them all snug.
- 10. Torque screws in sequence using a crisscross pattern, like torquing lug nuts. Tighten all 8 screws evenly in small steps. Take your time and do not rush. Tighten all 8 screws to 20 in/lbs.















# Installation Instructions:

#### Safety Warning: \*Important! Read before installation. \*

We recommend this system be installed by a qualified professional. Knowledge of suspension component function is necessary for safe installation and post installation inspections. Be sure to re-torque all suspension components after the first 100 miles of use, and frequently inspect all safety critical suspension components frequently.

## Notes:

- This kit requires Iron Rock front sway bar links from an IRO lift kit or available separately for purchase.
- Do not operate vehicle with only one side of the sway bar connected. Both sides of the sway bar must either be disconnected or both sides must be connected.

### <u>Before you begin:</u>

- Read all safety warnings.
- Read and understand installation instructions.
- Contact Iron Rock Off Road with any questions before, during, or after installation. 952-210-7185
- **D** Ensure that all parts are present and in good condition using the included shipping checklist.
- Be sure you have the following tools and supplies:
  - Floor jack and jack stands.
  - Basic hand tools (wrenches, sockets, etc.).
  - Multi-purpose grease

## Removal of existing parts:

- 1. Raise the vehicle and secure on jack stands under the front axle.
- 2. Remove the front tires.
- 3. Disconnect the front sway bar links from the axle and sway bar.
- 4. Remove the sleeves and bushings from the Iron Rock sway bar links.

#### <u>Installation:</u>

- Use a 1/2" drill bit to slightly enlarge the bolt hole in the sway bar. Only a very minor amount of material will be removed.
- 6. Install the disconnect pin on the sway bar, pin pointing out-board. Use the 1/2" x 1" bolt with a washer.
- Tip: Before tightening determine your desired orientation for the retaining pin.
- 7. Hold the disconnect pin in your desired orientation and torque the bolts to 70lb-ft.



- 8. Align the holes and slide the plate 77082 onto the unwelded side of bracket 77080.
- 9. Slide the bracket assembly between the sway bar link tab and the track bar mount.
- 10. Install using the long M12 bolt, washers, and nylock nut.
- 11. Install the disconnect pin on the bracket assembly, pin pointing in-board. Use the 1/2" x 1" bolt with a washer.
- 12. Hold the disconnect pin in your desired orientation and torque both bolts to 70lb-ft.







- 13. Align the holes in plate 77083 and plate 77084.
- 14. Slide the assembly between the sway bar link tab and the spring mount.
- 15. Install using the short M12 bolt, washers, and nylock nut.
- 16. Install the disconnect pin on the assembly, pin pointing in-board. Use the 1/2" x 1" bolt with a washer.
- 17. Hold the disconnect pin in your desired orientation and torque both bolts to 70lb-ft.
- 18. Install the new bushings into the sway bar links using plenty of multi-purpose grease.
- 19. Apply grease to the disconnect pins and slide the sway bar link onto the disconnect pins.
- Secure the sway bar link in place using the spring pins.
  <u>\*NOTE:</u> The spring pin should take some effort to install. This is done on purpose to keep the link secure and noise free.
- 21. Reinstall tires and torque lug nuts to spec.
- 22. Lower vehicle to the ground.
- 23. With the vehicle back on the ground, pull the spring pins and slip the sway bar links off the disconnect pins.
- 24. Swing the sway bar up to its highest position.
- 25. Flex the suspension and steer fully left and right. Check for possible interference between the tires and sway bar.
- 26. Reconnect the sway bar links with the spring pins.
- 27. For ease of installation and best performance, re-grease the sway bar bushings periodically.

## Final Safety Warning:

#### \*Both sides of the sway bar <u>must be disconnected</u>. Do not operate vehicle with only one side of the sway bar connected.

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