

## JK 1 Ton Flip Kit (Over the Knuckle ONLY)

## **TIE Rod and Drag Link Installation Instructions:**

Before beginning any work, ensure the vehicle is secured, and follow good safety practices.

- 1. Tie rod assembly requires TR117 and TR119 rod ends. Set these parts aside with the long adjusting sleeve from the KIT (TR205, TR206, or TR207).
- 2. Thread jam nuts all the way down the tie rod ends toward the ball studs, then install Ninja washers on the ends all the way down to the jam nuts.
- 3. Starting with the Tie Rod Tube, locate the left-hand side of the tie rod tube, it will have a machined cut line toward the end of the rod on one side (this is the left-hand thread indicator), find the left-hand thread tie rod end, this will have notches in the jam nut. Please, coat the inside threads of the connecting rod with anti-seize, NOT the tie rod end threads. Getting anti-seize in the area of the jam nuts can decrease the effectiveness of the jam nuts.
- 4. Thread the tie rod ends into the adjusting rod, ensuring the correct thread direction. Thread until it reaches the jam nut. Wipe off any excess antiseize.
- 5. Continue with the right-hand side of the tie rod and repeat the above instructions.
- 6. Drag link assembly, locate adjusting sleeve (the shorter rod) and ends and follow the instructions as you did with the tie rod end assembly. This will require TR119 (right-hand threads) and TR118 (left-hand threads), you will need to flip the tube so that the right-hand threads are on the passenger side of the tube.

- 7. Before removing the OEM tie rod and drag link assemblies, measure center to center of the grease fittings or ball studs and write these measurements down for later.
- 8. Remove OEM tie rod and drag link assemblies.
- 9. Drill Knuckle in the drag link attachment hole with a straight 7/8" drill bit and make sure to make the hole straight, then insert taper sleeve from the top of the knuckle.
- 10.Install drag link first with the drag link end on the knuckle side then the pitman arm side. Torque the castle nuts 75-82 ft lbs., leave the jam nuts loose and center the steering wheel before turning the tube until lined up. This will install over the knuckle on the passenger side.
- 11.Install the tie rod assembly, torque castle nuts to 63-67 ft. lbs. rotate the tube to achieve the previous length measurements you wrote down. Be sure to measure at the same point on the new tie rod. Leave jam nuts loose and use tape measure to set toe to factory specs.
- 12. Tighten all jam nuts on tie rod and drag link, torque to 100 Ft. Lbs. At this point, we recommend a professional do the wheel alignment. Once the alignment is complete, bend the square tabs of the Ninja washer over the flats on the tube and the rounded tabs over the jam nut.
- 13.Set and adjust steering stabilizer following manufacturer's instructions, be sure that it has equal travel at full lock both directions, and is not contacting any other parts, such as differential covers.
- 14. Check jam nuts after the first few days to insure they are tight, and periodically inspect components for wear and adjustment.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to give us a call or email.

Thank you,

Team Apex

sales@apexchassis.com

480-470-5500