

## Cognito Steering Stabilizer Kit with FOX Damper for 2011+ GM 2500/3500 HD Trucks

### INSTALL INSTRUCTIONS:

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2500/3500 HD Trucks  
SKU: 210-91333**

#### PARTS LIST FOR SKU: 210-91333

QUANTITY	PART #	DESCRIPTION
1	299-91331	FOX Steering Stabilizer
1	8868	GM HD Steering Stabilizer Crush Sleeve
1	8870	GM HD Steering Stabilizer Bracket for Extended Length Damper
1	HP9358	GM HD Steering Stabilizer Bracket Hardware
1	HP9359	GM HD Steering Stabilizer FOX Damper Hardware

#### PARTS LIST FOR SKU: HP9358

QUANTITY	PART #	DESCRIPTION
1	HARDWARE-M12X1.75X70-HB	M12-1.75 x 70 Hex Cap Screw
1	HARDWARE-M12X1.75X130-HB	M12-1.75 x 130 Hex Cap Screw
2	HARDWARE-M12-FLATWASHER	M12 Flat Washer
2	HARDWARE-M12X1.75-FLN	M12-1.75 Top Lock Flange Nut

#### PARTS LIST FOR SKU: HP9359

QUANTITY	PART #	DESCRIPTION
1	7039	FOX Steering Stabilizer Tapered Pin
2	HARDWARE-M12X1.75-FLN	M12-1.75 Top Lock Flange Nut



### WARNING

Please read this entire instruction sheet before beginning installation. Proper installation of these components requires a qualified mechanic. Always wear safety glasses when using power tools, and take appropriate precautions when working under a vehicle. If these instructions are not properly followed you may jeopardize your, and your passenger's safety, and severe frame, suspension or tire damage may also result from improper installation.



## INTRODUCTION

Thank you for buying the Cognito Steering Stabilizer Kit with FOX Damper. This kit packages everything needed to install FOX's 2.0 IFP universal steering stabilizer in a configuration that is compatible with Cognito's patented Pitman and Idler-arm Support Kit (PISK) SKU 110-90772.

Most steering issues can be solved by installing Cognito's patented PISK, which fixes the inherent flaw in the stock steering by putting the key steering elements (the pitman arm and idler arm) into double shear. However, for those who want to reduce steering feedback from rough roads or larger tires a steering stabilizer is an excellent option.

## TECH NOTES

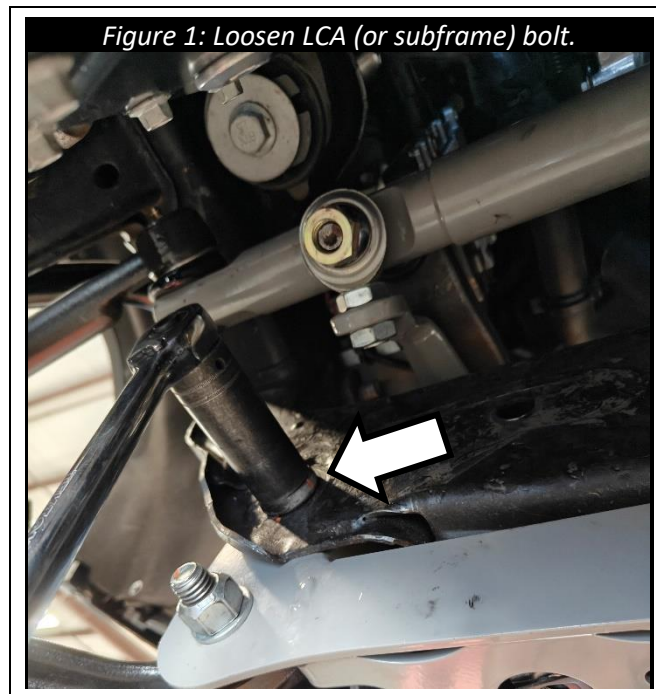
- Read instructions carefully and study the pictures (if included) before attempting installation.
- If this product was purchased as part of a bundle/package, familiarize yourself with each set of instructions included with the bundle/package before beginning.
- Check the parts and hardware packages against the parts list to assure that your kit is complete before starting.
- Simple and completely bolt on installation for 2016+ model years.
- 2011-2015 model years require cutting off the OEM frame clevis with tabs.
- This kit is compatible with any stock location center link with a steering stabilizer receptacle. Including Cognito's Extreme Duty Center Link and Tie Rod Kit SKU 110-90940.

## REQUIREMENTS

- Installation requires a qualified mechanic.
- Follow the OE specifications when replacing or re-installing OE fasteners, retainers, and hardware specified in the OEM service manual.
- Always wear safety glasses when using power tools.
- When a lift is required to perform the installation of these products ensure the vehicle is properly supported before attempting installation or serious injury may occur.

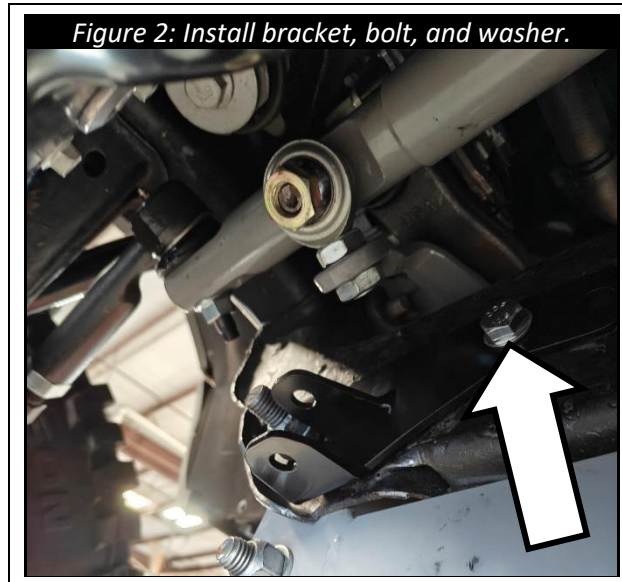
## INSTALLATION

1. Safely rack or jack the vehicle off the ground and properly support it, **never work under an unsupported vehicle.**
  - Note: If installing the Cognito Pitman and Idler-Arm Support Kit (PISK), Cognito Extreme Duty Center Link kit, or a Cognito lift kit, complete those installations before installing the steering stabilizer kit.
2. Remove the splash guard and skid plate.
3. If the vehicle is a 2011–2015-year truck, then you must first remove the stock damper mounting clevis, located on the front crossmember.
  - Note: Cut the tabs of the clevis off then grind the plate the clevis mounted to until it is flush with the crossmember. Always recoat any exposed metal to prevent corrosion.
4. Loosen the driver side front-most lower control arm bolt until the nut is flush with the end of the bolt.
  - Note: If this steering stabilizer kit is installed in addition to a sub-frame lift kit (as is shown in this set of instructions), then this will be the driver side bolt mounting the front crossmember onto the frame.



5. Tap the bolt, with a non-marring hammer, rearward until there is enough room to install the steering stabilizer bracket.

6. Install the steering stabilizer bracket and pass the 130mm length bolt, with flat washer, through the bracket and into the cross member.



7. Install the crush sleeve 8868 into the cross member and thread the nut onto the 130mm length bolt hand tight.
  - Note: On some 2011-2019 model year trucks it may be required to clearance the crossmember through hole to allow the crush sleeve to pass through. If that is the case, then use a die grinder to increase the hole's diameter.



8. Verify that the steering stabilizer bracket is moved downward as far as possible while it straddles the control arm bolt. Then tighten the lower control arm bolt (or subframe bolt). Followed by the crush sleeve bolt.
  - Torque the M18 control arm/subframe bolt to the factory spec of 133 ft-lb and then an additional 60°.
  - Torque the M12 flanged lock nut to 90 ft-lb.

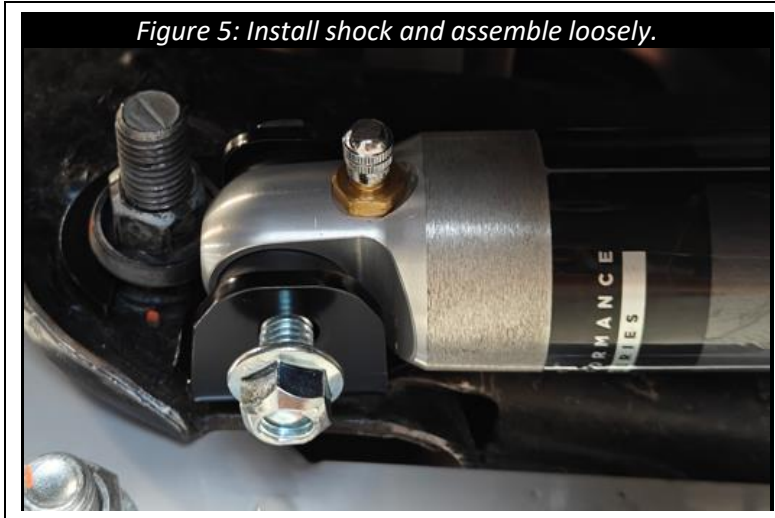
9. Locate the FOX damper and remove the stock crush sleeve on the shaft side of the damper. Install the Cognito tapered pin in its place.

*Figure 4: Remove FOX crush sleeve and install the tapered pin.*



10. Apply anti-seize lubricant to the tapered pin's threads and taper.
11. Install the FOX damper (body side) onto the steering stabilizer bracket with the gas fitting pointed to the rear of the truck and assemble the hardware loosely.

*Figure 5: Install shock and assemble loosely.*



12. Compress the FOX damper and insert the tapered portion of the tapered pin into the center link. Install and tighten the locking nuts to 80 ft-lb. Ensure that the pin is well seated into the center link.
  - Note: The flat sections (22mm span) of the tapered pin can be used to hold the pin steady while tightening the lock nuts.
13. Tighten the hardware mounting the damper to the steering stabilizer bracket (90 ft-lb).
14. Lower the vehicle onto the ground and fully cycle the steering to verify clearance.
  - Note: If installing the steering stabilizer onto a vehicle without a sub-frame lift, then with the vehicle on the ground loosen then re-tighten the front left control arm bolt to the OE spec (the one retaining the steering stabilizer bracket). This will allow the bonded rubber bushing in the control arm to return to a neutral position. If this step is not taken, then premature wear of the LCA bushing may occur.
15. Reinstall the splash guard and skid plate.



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