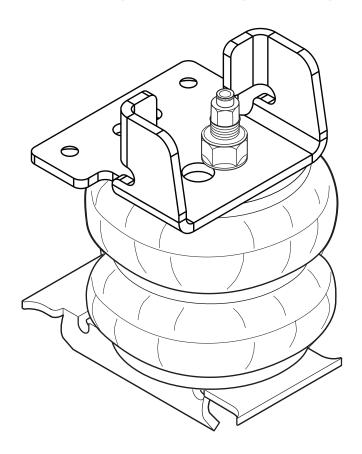


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Congratulations - your new TowPro Helper Springs are quality products capable of improving the handling and comfort of your vehicle. As with all products, proper installation is the key to obtaining all of the benefits your kit is capable of delivering. Please take a few minutes to read through the instructions to identify the components and learn where and how they are used. It is a good idea to start by comparing the parts in your kit with the parts list below.

## **INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS**



# **PARTS**

Compare the parts below to your kit. Assure you have all pieces, and organize them for an easier installation.

#### **MAIN KIT CONTENTS**

PT # 6401	x 2 AIR SPRING	PT # 5370	x 2	LOWER BRACKET	PT # 3511	3000000	x 2 BAIL CLAMP
PT # 5905	x 2 UPPER BRACKET	PT # 5896	x 2	AXLE STRAP BRACKET	PT # 1004		x 1 HEAT SHIELD
		PT # 5783	x 2	SPACER BRACKET	PT # 9415		x 1 AIR LINE TUBE (22 FEET)

#### A24-760-7560 INFLATION VALVE BRACKET KIT

PT # 9483	00	x 1	NO-DRILL INFLATION VALVE BRACKET	PT # 9488	x 2 LARGE NYLON TIE
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#### A21-760-2560 HARDWARE PACK

PT # 3069	x 2	3/8" - 16 x 3/4" FLANGE BOLT	PT # 3067	<b>@</b>	x 4	3/8" - 16 FLANGE LOCK NUT	PT # 3293	×4 M10 - 1.50 x 30mm FLAT HEAD BOLT
PT # 3064	x 2	3/4" INTERNAL TOOTH LOCK WASHER	PT # 3295		x 2	3/4" - 16 HEX NUT	PT # 3031	x 2 ELBOW AIR FITTING
PT # 3032	x 2	INFLATION VALVE AND VALVE CAP ASSEMBLY	PT # 3033	0	x 4	5/16" FLAT WASHE	PT # 9036	x 6 RED NYLON TIE
							PT # 0899	x 2 THERMAL SLEEVE

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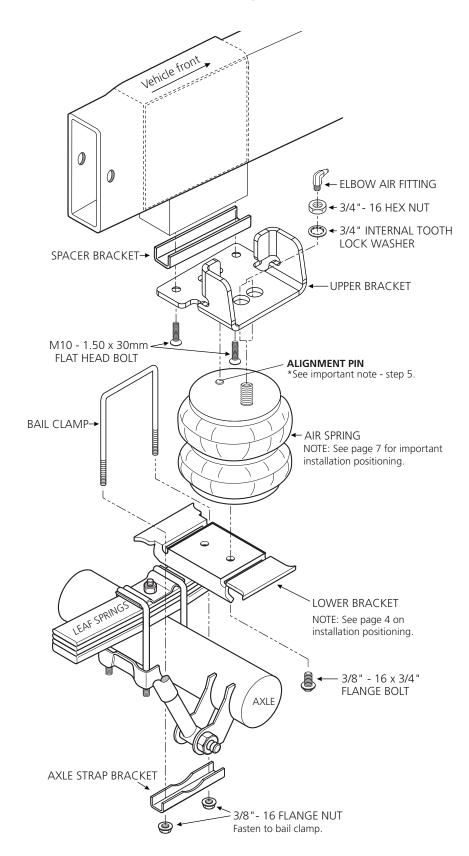
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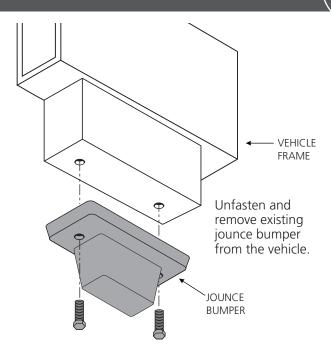
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START THE INSTALLATION ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE VEHICLE WHEN FACING FORWARD.



**DETERMINE LOWER BRACKET ORIENTATION** 

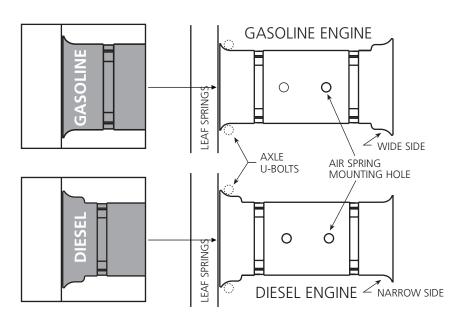
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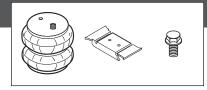
THE ORIENTATION OF THE BRACKET IS IMPORTANT. NOTE THE DIFFERENCE AND USE THE CORRECT SIDE FOR YOUR VEHICLE.

#### LOWER BRACKET ORIENTATION



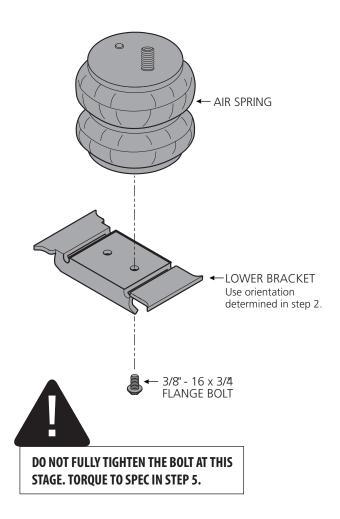


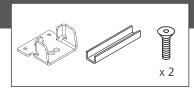
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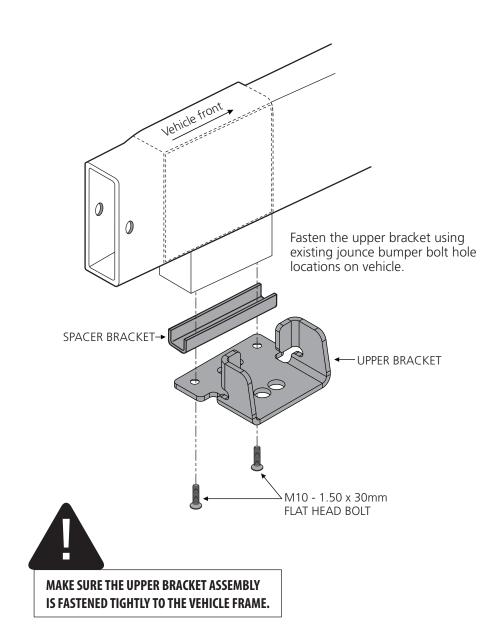


Install the air spring to the lower bracket, as shown.

2 Do not fully tighten the fastener at this stage.









#### **INSTALL AIR SPRING ASSEMBLY**



#### **INSTALLING THE RIGHT SIDE? REMEMBER STEP 7 FIRST!**





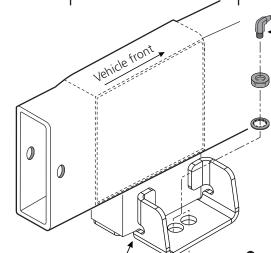


Follow guidelines below to dry fit assembly. Make alignment marks as shown.

Remove assembly and match align - ment marks you made.

Fully tighten flange bolt to fasten the air spring to the lower bracket.

Install assembly and follow the guidelines.

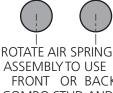


 ELBOW AIR FITTING Tighten until threadlock coating is fully engaged.

← 3/4"- 16 HEX NUT Thread onto outside of air combo stud.

← 3/4" INTERNAL TOOTH LOCK WASHER

VIEW FROM BELOW



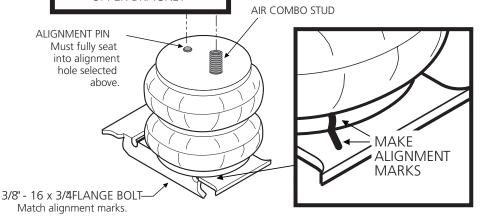
FRONT OR BACK COMBO STUD AND ALIGNMENT HOLES FOR BEST VERTICAL ALIGNMENT.





UPPER BRACKET

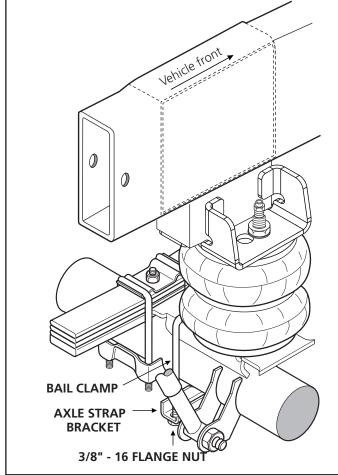
ALIGNMENT PIN ON AIR SPRINGS MUST BE INSTALLED TO FULLY SEAT INTO ONE OF THE ALIGNMENT HOLES IN THE UPPER BRACKET. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL CAUSE IT TO BE PUSHED INTO THE BEAD PLATE, CREATING AN AIR LEAK, AND RESULTING IN AN AIR SPRING FAILURE THAT IS NOT WARRANTABLE. THE ALIGNMENT PIN CANNOT HOLD 2,500 LBS! IT IS USED FOR ALIGNMENT ONLY!

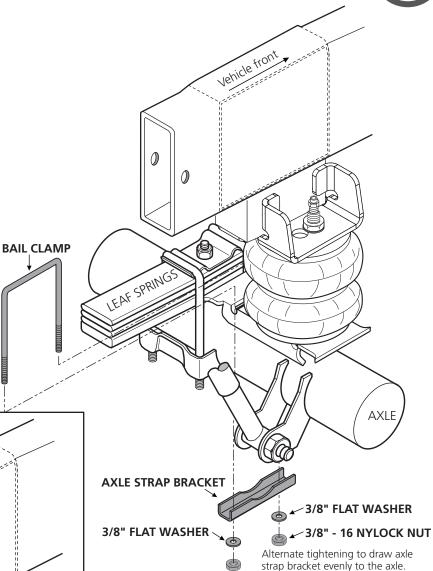


INSTALL AXLE STRAP BRACKET

- Assure that the lower bracket is tight against the leaf spring stack on the vehicle.
- Install the bail clamp over the lower bracket, assuring that the bail clamp is positioned into the lower bracket notches, as shown.
- Alternate tightening of the 3/8"-16 flange nuts to draw axle strap bracket evenly around the axle.

### BAIL CLAMP INSTALLED





USE YOUR HAND TO CHECK FOR THE PROPER CLEARANCE AROUND THE AIR SPRING. IF YOUR HAND DOES NOT FIT BETWEEN THE AIR SPRING AND OTHER COMPONENTS, IT WILL RUB!



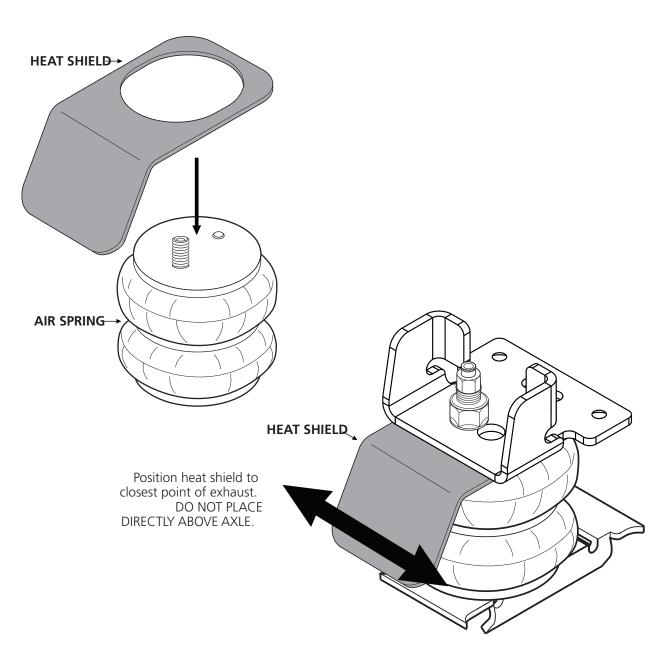




AWESOME! You're done with the left side. The right side installation is the same, with the addition of this step. Go complete steps 1-4 for the right side, then complete this step before continuing to step 5.

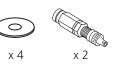


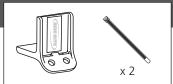
**RIGHT SIDE INSTALLATION MUST INCLUDE HEAT SHIELD!** 







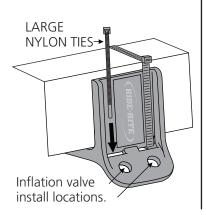






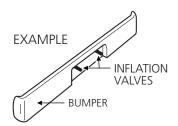
IF USING THE OPTIONAL NO-DRILL INFLATION VALVE BRACKET, CHOOSE OPTION 1. IF DRILLING, CHOOSE OPTION 2. INFLATION VALVES MUST BE ACCESSIBLE BY AN AIR CHUCK.

Secure the air Inflation valve bracket to a protected, secure location. PROCEED TO STEP 3.

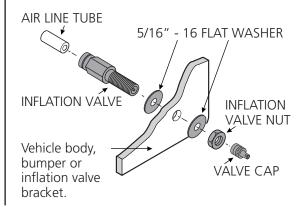


Select a protected location to install the inflation valves, such as the bumper or the body of the vehicle.

Drill two 5/16" holes for inflation valve install locations.



Install inflation valve assembly as shown.





**CUT THE AIR LINE TUBE INTO TWO EQUAL LENGTHS** 

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✓ Match air line tube ends.



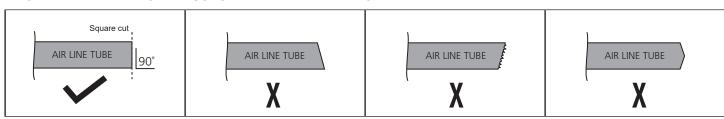
Find center of air line tube, make a square cut with tube cutter or sharp utility knife.

**DO** 

Make sure the cut is as square as possible. Use a tube cutter or sharp utility knife. DON'T

Fold or kink the air line tube. Cut the air line tube at an angle. Use pliers, scissors, snips, saws, or side cutters.

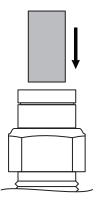
#### PROPER AND IMPROPER CUTS IN THE AIR LINE TUBE



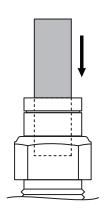


#### INSTALLING AIR LINE TUBE INTO AIR FITTINGS AND INFLATION VALVE

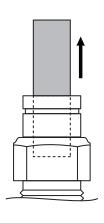
Insert end of air line tube into air fitting.



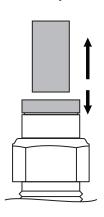
Push air line tube into air fitting as far as possible.



Gently pull on the air line tube to check for a secure fit.



To remove, push down collar and gently pull air line tube away.

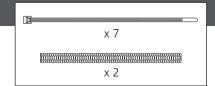


Removal Tip: Use a 1/4", 5/16", or 6mm open-ended wrench to push the collar down.

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#### **ROUTE AND SECURE AIR LINE TUBES**

Air line tube routes will vary, depending on your truck, and requires you to choose the best path from the air springs to the inflation valves. Use the instructions below to help you choose.

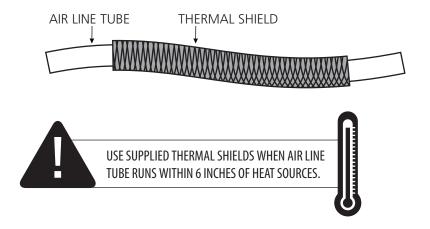


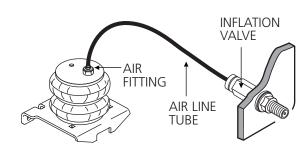
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Select routes protected from heat, debris, and sharp edges.
Use thermal shields near heat sources.
Use Nylon ties to secure the air line tube.

DON'T

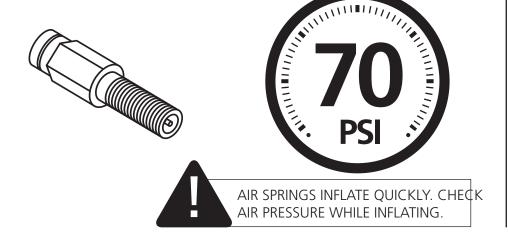
Bend or sharply curve air line tubes. Leave air line tube exposed to sharp edges. Use unnecessary lengths of air line tube. Route air line tube near moving parts. Let air line tube hang unsecured from vehicle. Scar air line tube while routing.







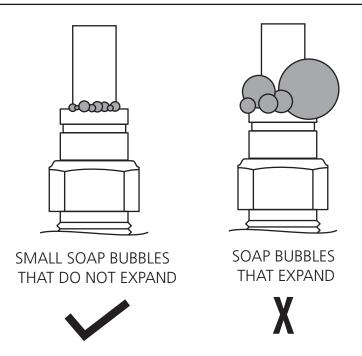
Place an air chuck onto the inflation valve and fill the system to 70 PSI.



Spray fittings with soap and water mixture.



Observe bubbles.



## NO LEAKS?

Congratulations! Continue to step 15 to finish installation. Review the Operating Instructions.

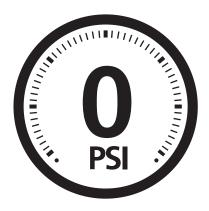
## **LEAK?**

Bummer. Continue to step 14 to fix the leak.



Press the air valve on end of inflation valve to release all air pressure.

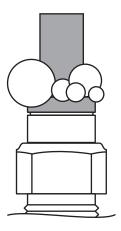






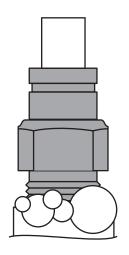
EXHAUST ALL AIR FROM THE SYSTEM PRIOR TO RELEASING AIR LINE TUBES FROM AIR FITTINGS.

#### LEAK AT AIR LINE TUBE AND AIR FITTING



Release air line tube (see page 12). Review proper cuts and procedures in step 10. Repeat steps 11 and 13.

### LEAK AT BASE OF AIR FITTING ON AIR SPRING



Tighten air fitting one turn or until leak stops.

### LEAK OUT OF THE VALVE CORE ON INFLATION VALVE



Tighten valve core with valve core wrench on inflation valve cap.

## STILL HAVE A LEAK?

Refer to the Troubleshooting section of the Instruction Manual. If the leak persists, or if there is an issue with a leaking part, call 1-812-482-2932.

#### SAFELY RETURN VEHICLE TO OPERATIVE STATE

If you removed any wheels during installation, install the wheels and torque the lug nuts to the manufacturer's specifications.

Safely remove any jack stands and wheel chocks used during installation.

Re-attach the negative battery cable.

#### DOUBLE-CHECK AIR SPRING CLEARANCE

Check the air springs once again for the proper 1/2" minimum clearance. Perform clearance check again when vehicle is under load.

#### **VEHICLE GVWR**

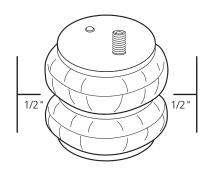
NEVER exceed the maximum load recommended by the vehicle manufacturer (GVWR). The GVWR can be found in your vehicle's owner's manual or on the data plate on the driver's side door. Consult your local dealership for additional GVWR specifications.

### READ AND UNDERSTAND THE OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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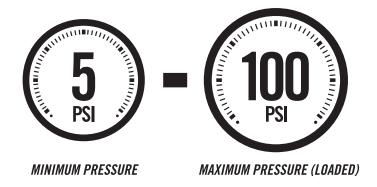
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## ! IMPORTANT

#### A MINIMUM OF 5 PSI MUST BE MAINTAINED IN THE AIR SPRINGS AT ALL TIMES

Too much air pressure in the air springs will result in a firmer ride, while too little air pressure will allow the air springs to bottom out over rough conditions, and will not provide the improvement in handling that is possible.



BEFORE YOU DRIVE, CONFIRM THE	FOLLOWING:	:
☐ Do you have a minimum of 5PSI in your air springs?		
$\square$ Are your air springs standing 5 1/2" - 6 1/2" tall?	5 1/2" - 6 1/2"	
$\square$ Are your air springs properly aligned, left-to-right and front-to-back	·?	
☐ Are your nuts and bolts tight?		
$\square$ Put your paper work back into the sleeve and keep it in your glove	compartment for future reference	ž.

☐You've been bagged...and now your suspension is Airide equipped! Show it off with the supplied decal!



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