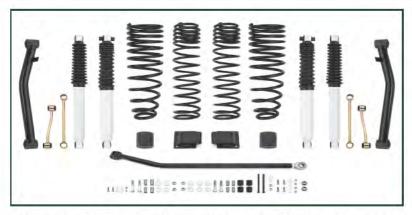
# Quadratec® 3.5" Suspension Lift

Installation Manual: For Jeep Wranglers JT #16400-2021





Make sure you park the vehicle on a level concrete or asphalt surface. Many times a vehicle is not level (side-to-side) from the factory, but is usually not noticed until a lift kit has been installed which makes the difference more visible. Using a measuring tape, measure the front & rear (both sides) from the ground up to the center of the fender opening above the axle. Record this information below for future reference.

| Driver Side Front: | Passenger Side Front: |  |  |
|--------------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| Driver Side Rear:  | Passenger Side Rear:  |  |  |

#### **PARTS LIST**

FRONT COIL SPRING QTY 2
REAR COIL SPRING QTY 2
FRONT LOWER CONTROL ARM - DRIVE QTY 1
FRONT LOWER CONTROL ARM - PASS QTY 1
FRONT ADJUST TRACK BAR QTY 1

FRONT SWAY BAR LINKS QTY 2
REAR SWAY BAR LINKS QTY 2
FRONT SHOCK QTY 2
REAR SHOCK QTY 2
HARDWARE BOX: KIT QTY 1



**AWARNING A** 

TO REDUCE RISK OF SERIOUS INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE:
READ ALL SAFETY MESSAGES AND UNDERSTAND ALL INSTRUCTIONS AND PROCEDURE
NOTICES BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO INSTALL OR USE THIS PRODUCT.

**ACAUTION A** 

RISK OF EYE INJURY! SAFETY GLASSES MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHILE INSTALLING OR MAINTAINING THIS PRODUCT. TORQUE AND RECHECK FASTENERS AFTER 250 MILES AND FREQUENTLY THEREAFTER. DO NOT USE IF DAMAGED.

**NOTICE** 

PARK THE VEHICLE ON FLAT, LEVEL GROUND AND SET THE EMERGENCY BRAKE. ALWAYS SUPPORT FRAME RAILS USING JACK STANDS

## A FEW WORDS ABOUT PRODUCT SAFETY:

Your Quadratec Jeep Lift Kit is intended to enhance the utility and enjoyment of your off road capable vehicle. Follow safety information and installation recommendations. Throughout these instructions is important safety information that is generally preceded by one of three signal words indicating the relative risk of injury, property damage or adverse consequence.

The signal words mean:

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A HAZARDOUS SITUATION WHICH, IF NOT AVOIDED, COULD RESULT IN DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY. YOU CAN BE KILLED OR SERIOUSLY HURT IF YOU DON'T FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS



A HAZARDOUS SITUATION WHICH, IF NOT AVOIDED, COULD RESULT IN A MINOR OR MODERATE INJURY. YOU CAN BE MODERATELY HURT AND ALSO MAY SUFFER PROPERTY DAMAGE IF YOU DON'T FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS.

NOTICE

CAREFUL ATTENTION IS REQUIRED TO THIS INSTRUCTION OR OPERATION BUT DOES GENERALLY NOT RELATE TO PERSONAL INJURY. DAMAGE TO YOUR QUADRATEC® PRODUCT OR OTHER PROPERTY MAY RESULT IF YOU DON'T FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS.

### **BEFORE YOU BEGIN INSTALLATION:**

Congratulations on your purchase of Quadratec® lift kit for your Jeep® Wrangler. This custom lift kit has been designed for protection, long life, and great looks. When unpacking, check to make sure all parts are included and not damaged due to shipping. If any part is missing or broken, please call Customer Service at 800-745-6037 as soon as possible. Thank you again for your purchase and let's start the installation process.

**ACAUTION A** 

READ ALL SAFETY MESSAGES AND ALWAYS WEAR SAFETY GLASSES WHEN WORKING WITH TOOLS.

NOTICE

THIS PRODUCT IS INSTALLED UNDERNEATH THE VEHICLE AND REQUIRES ACCESS TO THE UNDERSIDE. WE RECOMMEND USING A VEHICLE LIFT SUCH AS THOSE FOUND IN MOST REPAIR SHOPS TO ACCESS THIS PART OF THE VEHICLE. ALWAYS USE CAUTION WHEN WORKING UNDER YOUR VEHICLE.

NOTICE

WE ALSO RECOMMEND THAT YOU HAVE A HELPER NEARBY AS SOME OF THE STEPS OUTLINED BELOW WILL BE MUCH EASIER WITH THE HELP OF ANOTHER SET OF HANDS.

#### AFTER INSTALLATION IS COMPLETE:



HAVE A QUALIFIED ALIGNMENT CENTER ALIGN THE VEHICLE TO THE FACTORY SPECIFICATIONS.



#### REQUIRED TOOLS

Safety Glasses 8mm Socket 18mm Socket 9/16 Socket

Pliers 10mm Socket 19mm Socket  $^{7/_{32}}$  Hex Key Socket Wrench 13mm Socket 21mm Socket 6mm Hex Key Socket

Ratchet 15mm Socket 22mm Socket Jack Stands Measuring Tape 24mm Socket Floor Jack

## 3.5" KIT PARTS LIST

#### FRONT AND REAR BUMP STOPS

FRONT BUMP STOP SPACER QTY 2

3/8 SAE WASHER QTY 2

3/8 X 4 1/2 BUTTON HEAD BOLT QTY 2

3/8 COARSE THREAD N/I LOCK NUT QTY 2

5/16 X 1 FINE THREAD BOLT QTY 4

5/16 FINE THREAD N/I LOCK NUT QTY 4

5/16 SAE WASHER QTY 4

#### FRONT LOWER CONTROL ARMS

1/4 X 1 FINE THREAD BOLT QTY 2

1/4 FINE THREAD N/I LOCK NUT QTY 2

1/4 SAE WASHER QTY 4

#### ADJUSTABLE FRONT TRACK BAR

ROD END BUSHING / .563 ID QTY 2

3/4 RIGHT HAND JAM NUT QTY 1

3/4 HD ROD END QTY 1

#### **REAR SWAY BAR LINKS**

BLACK HOURGLASS BUSHING QTY 4

7/16 USS FLAT WASHER QTY 6
CRUSH SLEEVE / 1.25 LONG QTY 4

12MM METRIC N/I LOCK NUT QTY 2

12MM X 65 METRIC BOLT QTY 2

#### FRONT SWAY BAR LINKS

CRUSH SLEEVE / 1.50 LONG QTY 4

7/16 USS FLAT WASHER QTY 4

12MM X 70MM METRIC BOLT QTY 2

12MM METRIC N/I LOCK NUT QTY 2



## **FRONT INSTALLATION - STEP 1**





Put on safety glasses. Park your vehicle on flat level ground. Set the emergency brake and block the rear tires. Raise the front of the vehicle, support the frame rails, and front differential using jack stands. Remove the front tires using a 22mm socket. (Fig 1) Remove the factory front skid plate using a 13mm socket. (Fig 2)

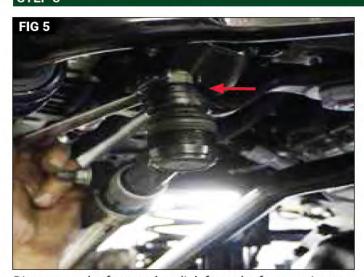
## STEP 2





Remove the factory front sway bar end links using a 6mm hex key socket and 18mm socket. (Fig 3) Next, remove the factory front track bar using a 21mm socket. (Fig 4)

## STEP 3





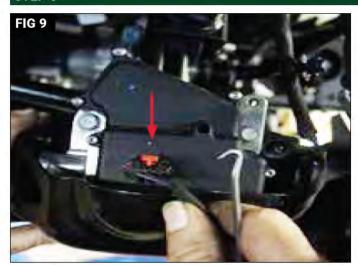
Disconnect the factory drag link from the factory pitman arm using a 21mm socket. (Fig 5) Remove the factory front shocks using a 18mm socket. (Fig 6)





Disconnect the factory front brake line brackets from the factory front lower control arms using a 15mm socket. (Fig 7) Mark the location of the factory front driveshaft flange at the front differential and disconnect using a 15mm socket. (Fig 8)

#### STEP 5





Disconnect the wiring harness from the passenger side factory front upper control arm using pliers. Disconnect the wiring harness from the factory 4wd actuator. (Fig 9) Lower the front differential and remove the factory front coil springs. Use pliers to remove the vent hose. Install the new Quadratec front coil springs and new front bump stop spacers to the factory front bump stop pads using the supplied  $^{3}/_{8}$ " x 4  $^{1}/_{2}$ " button head bolts,  $^{3}/_{8}$ " washers,  $^{3}/_{8}$ " nuts a  $^{7}/_{32}$ " hex key socket and  $^{9}/_{16}$ " socket. (Fig 10) **NOTE:** Be sure when installing the new front coil springs that the tabs of each factory front upper coil spring isolators are aligned with the holes of the factory front upper coil spring mounts.

#### STEP 6



Raise the front differential in order to load the new Quadratec front coil springs. Connect the factory front driveshaft using the factory hardware with a 15mm socket. (Fig 11) **NOTE:** There has been occasional reports of the passenger side coil spring having an inward bow after installation on taller lifts. If so, the factory upper coil spring isolator can be rotated 180 degrees. Mark the factory position of the passenger side factory upper coil spring isolator. Remove the two alignment pins on top of the passenger side factory upper coil spring isolator using diagonal cutting pliers or similar tool. Rotate the passenger side factory upper coil spring isolator so the thicker portion is on the inside toward the frame.





Connect the factory front driveshaft using factory hardware and a 15mm socket. (Fig 12) Connect the factory drag link to the factory pitman arm using the factory hardware and a 21mm socket. Re-install the factory axle breather hose to the front differential using pliers. Connect the wiring harness to the factory 4wd actuator and passenger side factory upper control arm. (Fig 13)

#### STEP 8



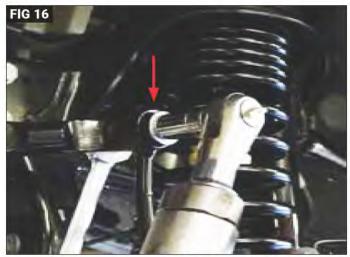
One at a time, remove the factory front lower control arms & install the new Quadratec front lower control arms using the factory hardware, a 21mm socket / wrench, & 24mm socket / wrench.

**NOTE:** Install the new front lower control arms with the offset bend toward the inside of the vehicle. Connect the factory front brake line brackets to the new Quadratec front lower control arms using the supplied 1/4" x 1" bolts, 1/4" washers, 1/4" nuts, & a 7/16" socket / wrench. (Fig 14)

#### STEP 9

Install the new Quadratec front shocks using the supplied polyurethane bushings, steel sleeves, factory hardware and a 18mm socket. (Fig 15) **NOTE:** The new front shocks use the larger inside diameter polyurethane bushings and longer steel sleeves for the front upper shock mounts. The smaller inside diameter polyurethane bushings are used on the shorter steel sleeves for the front lower shock mounts. (Fig 15)

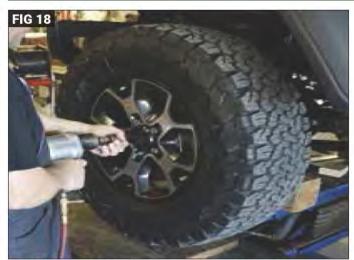






Install the new Quadratec front sway bar end links using the supplied steel sleeves, 12mm x 70mm bolts, 7/16" USS washers, 12mm nuts, factory hardware, a 18mm socket and 19mm socket. (Fig 16) **NOTE**: On the driver side of the vehicle, install the factory lower bolt with the large washer to the bushing side of the new front sway bar end link. Next, install the factory front skid plate using the factory hardware and a 13mm socket. (Fig 17)

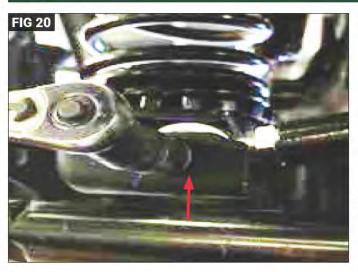
#### STEP 11





Install the front tires using a 22mm socket and lower the front of the vehicle to the ground. (Fig 18) Install the fixed end of the new Quadratec adjustable front track bar to the frame using the factory hardware and a 21mm socket. Do not tighten at this time. (Fig 19) Please proceed to align the axle with the track bar.

#### STEP 12



With the vehicle at normal ride height and on level ground, determine if the axle is centered under the vehicle. This can be done by measuring the distance from the inside edge of the tire to the frame on both sides of the vehicle equipped with the same size and make of tires. Use the exact same points on each side of the vehicle to ensure an accurate measurement. If the two measurements are the same, then the axle is centered. If there is a difference in the two values, then the frame will need to be moved to become centered. To determine the distance of travel needed, take the difference of the two measurements and divide in half. Attach a heavy-duty ratchet strap to the frame on the side of the vehicle with the larger measurement. Attach the other end of the strap to the opposite side axle housing. Tighten the strap in small increments to pull the frame into alignment with the axle. Take a measurement after each adjustment until centered. (Fig 20) Proceed to tighten the final torque of bolts.

## **REAR INSTALLATION - STEP 1**





Block the front tires. Raise the rear of the vehicle, support the frame rails and rear differential using jack stands. Remove the rear wheels using a 22mm socket. (Fig1) Remove the factory rear sway bar end links using a 6mm hex key socket and 18mm socket. (Fig 2)

## STEP 2





Disconnect the factory rear track bar from the frame using a 21mm socket. (Fig 3) In order to gain access to the factory rear upper shock mounting bolts, remove the factory rear lower fender liners using a 8mm socket. (Fig 4)

## STEP 3





Remove the factory rear shocks using a 21mm socket / wrench. (Fig 5) Remove the brake line bracket on the rear axle (Fig 6)



Check for the appropriate slack in ABS lines, brake lines and differential vent hose. Lower the rear differential and remove the factory rear coil springs. Install the new Quadratec rear bump stop spacers to the factory rear bump stop pads using the supplied  $^{5}/_{16}$ " x 1" bolts,  $^{5}/_{16}$ " washers,  $^{5}/_{16}$ " nuts, &  $^{1}/_{2}$ " wrenches. **NOTE:** Install the new rear bump stop spacers with the forward angle toward the front of the vehicle. (Fig 7)

## STEP 5





Install the factory rear coil spring isolators & factory rear coil springs. (Fig 8) Install the new Quadratec rear shocks using the supplied polyurethane bushings, steel sleeves, factory hardware & a 21mm socket. **NOTE:** The new Quadratec rear shocks must be mounted with the "body end" at the rear differential & the "rod end" at the frame. (Fig 9)

Install the new Quadratec rear sway bar end links using the supplied polyurethane bushings, steel sleeves, 12mm x 65mm bolts, 7/16" USS washers, 12mm nuts, factory upper hardware, a 18mm socket / wrench, & 19mm socket / wrench. (Fig 10) Install the rear tires / wheels using a 22mm socket & lower the rear of the vehicle to the ground. Connect the factory rear track bar to the rear differential using the factory hardware & a 21mm socket. Please proceed to check all torque specifications. Installation is complete.



**AWARNING A** 

AFTER THE FIRST 100 MILES, CHECK ALL HARDWARE FOR THE PROPER TORQUE AND PERIODICALLY THEREAFTER.

**ACAUTION A** 

HAVE A QUALIFIED ALIGNMENT CENTER ALIGN THE VEHICLE TO THE FACTORY SPECIFICATIONS.

NOTICE

HAVE THE HEADLIGHTS READJUSTED TO THE PROPER SETTINGS.



#### TORQUE SPECIFICATIONS:

After the installation is complete, double check that all nuts and bolts are tight. Refer to the following chart for the proper torque specifications, do not tighten the nuts and bolts where thread lock compound was used.

| TORQUE SPECIFICATIONS |             |           |           |               |            |  |  |
|-----------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|------------|--|--|
|                       | INCH SYSTEM |           |           | METRIC SYSTEM |            |  |  |
| Bolt Size             | Grade 5     | Grade 8   | Bolt Size | Class 8.8     | Class 10.9 |  |  |
| 5/16                  | 15 FT LB    | 20 FT LB  | 6MM       | 5 FT LB       | 9 FT LB    |  |  |
| 3/8                   | 30 FT LB    | 35 FT LB  | 8MM       | 18 FT LB      | 23 FT LB   |  |  |
| 7/16                  | 45 FT LB    | 60 FT LB  | 10MM      | 32 FT LB      | 45 FT LB   |  |  |
| 1/2                   | 65 FT LB    | 90 FT LB  | 12MM      | 55 FT LB      | 75 FT LB   |  |  |
| 9/16                  | 95 FT LB    | 130 FTLB  | 14MM      | 85 FT LB      | 120 FT LB  |  |  |
| 5/8                   | 135 FT LB   | 175 FT LB | 16MM      | 130 FT LB     | 165 FT LB  |  |  |
| 3/4                   | 185 FT LB   | 280 FT LB | 18MM      | 170 FT LB     | 240 FT LB  |  |  |

<sup>·</sup> The above specifications are not to be used when the bolt is being installed with a bushing.

With the vehicle placed on the ground, cycle the steering lock to lock and inspect the steering, suspension, brake lines, front and rear drivelines, fuel lines and wiring harness for proper operation, tightness and adequate clearance. After installation, the drag link must be adjusted to center the steering wheel before the vehicle is driven. Failure to do so will cause computer errors, odd handling characteristics, & poor performance. If larger tires (10% more than the OEM diameter) are installed, speedometer recalibration will be necessary. Contact your local Jeep dealer or an authorized dealer for details. After installation, a qualified alignment facility is required to align the vehicle to the factory specifications.



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