

# Cognito Motorsports, Inc. Heavy Duty Front Sway Bar End Link Kit for 6&8 Lug GM Trucks and SUV's

## **Introduction**

- Installation requires a qualified mechanic.
- Read instructions carefully and study the pictures (if included) before attempting installation.
- Check the parts and hardware packages against the parts list to assure that your kit is complete.
- Always wear safety glasses when using power tools.

## <u>Parts List</u>

- (2) Sway bar end link, length will depend on application
- Hardware package #9095
  - (2) 5/8" flat washer
  - (2) 5/8" locknut
  - (2)  $\frac{1}{2}$ -13x2-3/4" hex bolt
  - $(4) \frac{1}{2}$ " flat washer
  - (2) ½" locknut
  - (2) 7/16"-14x2-1/2" hex bolt
  - (4) 7/16" USS high strength flat washer
  - (2) clevis with stud,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -13x2"
  - (4) polyurethane end link grommet 4802
  - (2) polyurethane hourglass bushing 2202
  - (2) 5022 crush sleeve, 3/4x.120x1-1/2"

### **Installation Instructions**

- 1. Remove the existing sway bar end links.
- 2. Insert the stud end of the clevis through the original sway bar end link hole in the lower control arm. Fasten with a 5/8" flat washer and lock nut, but do not completely tighten at this time.
- 3. Clean the threaded holes of each end link out with brake cleaner, and then blow dry with compressed air. This is to ensure there are no obstructed threads and to clean any oil out so thread locker will be effective.
- 4. Use a drop of thread locker, not included, on each threaded bolt hole.
- 5. Lube with wd-40 and press each hour glass bushing into the loop on each sway bar end link. Then press the steel crush sleeve into the hour glass bushing.
- 6. Fasten the loop end of the sway bar end link into the clevis bracket with the  $\frac{1}{2}$ " hardware provided.
- 7. Twist the clevis until the top side of the end link lines up close to the hole in the sway bar. Tighten the 5/8" lock nut on the bottom side of the control arm while securing the clevis from twisting during tightening. Fasten to 70 ft/lbs of torque.
- 8. There is one washer to fit in between each bushing and the bolt head, and also each busing and the sway bar end link. The small end of the bushings will fit inside the hole on the sway bar. Bushings will sandwich the sway bar.
- 9. When tightening the bolts, do not over tighten. Only tighten the bolts until the bushings start to crush and expand. This will allow articulation of the joint. Over tightened bolts will lead to premature breakage of the bolts.
- 10. Now tighten the  $\frac{1}{2}$ " hardware to 60 ft/lbs of torque.

Instruction set # 7038



Figure 1: Clevis in lower a-arm, don't tighten yet.



Figure 2: end link in place, clevis rotated so bushing relaxed, now tighten.



Figure 3: Bushings swell slightly when tightened properly. Don't over tighten.

#### **Cognito Motorsports**

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The installation of this kit will modify the suspension of your vehicle and may cause it to handle significantly different than a factory equipped vehicle. Installing larger tires with modified suspension and increased ground clearance will significantly alter the handling characteristics of the vehicle, and may result in increased braking distances as well as changes in vehicle maneuverability and handling compared to the factory equipped vehicle. As with any vehicle, extreme caution and care must be used to prevent loss of control or roll-over during sharp turns or abrupt maneuvers. Always wear seat belts and drive safely, recognizing the reduced speeds and specialized driving techniques is required.

This suspension system will not strengthen nor reinforce the stock frame of the vehicle, nor will it increase rollover protection. It is necessary to periodically inspect all suspension and drive train components for tightness of fit or any damage. Installation of these parts will modify the height of the vehicle and will raise the center of gravity. Altered height modifications and off-road operation may increase your vehicle's susceptibility to roll over conditions and may cause serious injury or death. Many states regulate the height modification to each vehicle. Check the laws in your state for exact specifications. Height modifications may affect the reaction, ride, handling, and wear factor of your vehicle's components.

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