

# 2017-Present Can-Am Maverick X3 XRS Trailing Arm Kit PART# 370-90364

# **Introduction**

- The Cognito Can-Am Maverick X3 XRS Trailing arms are a direct replacement for factory XRS arms.
- Constructed of chromoly to be high in strength while being lightweight.
- 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.

### Parts List - 370-90364

- 8475 Driver Side Trailing Arm
- 8476 Passenger Side Trailing Arm
- (2) HP9170 Brake Line Clamp Hardware
- (2) 6134, Rear Shock Spring Retainer
- (2) 2319, Shock Guard Bracket
- HP9193 Trailing Arm Hardware

### **Installation Instructions**

- 1. All hardware will be re-used except the shock bolt and the brake line retaining bolts, so retain all removed hardware for re-use.
- 2. Raise the rear of your Maverick up and support by the frame so that the suspension droops out and tires are off the ground by at least an inch. Remove rear tires.
- 3. Using an 18mm socket and wrench, remove the sway bar end link from the trailing arms and lift the sway bar out of the way.
- 4. Drill out the rivets holding the brake line clamps to trailing arm.
- 5. Remove axle nut cover with a flat head screwdriver. Take out the cotter pin and remove the axle nut with a 30mm socket.
- 6. Remove the two bolts holding each brake caliper to the spindle and tie the calipers up out of the way. Mark the hubs LEFT and RIGHT and remove them from the spindle.
- 7. With a 19mm wrench and 18mm socket, remove the inner radius rod bolt from the spindle. Retain the hardware.

- 8. With an 18mm wrench and socket, remove the two bolts that go through the upper and lower radius rods and the spindle. Retain hardware.
- 9. Remove spindles from the arm and axle.
- 10. Remove the rear shocks. They will need to be completely removed to install the new Cognito spring retainer and shock guard bracket. Be sure to support the trailing arm so it doesn't fall after removing the shock bolt.
- 11. Take out the pivot bolt for the trailing arm with an 18mm wrench and socket and remove the trailing arm.
- 12. Locate the Cognito trailing arms. The Uniball bearings and internal retaining rings are preinstalled at the factory. Ensure the retaining ring is properly seated inside the pivot end. If you did not buy the Cognito trailing arm rock guards use the supplied button head bolts to plug up the two mounting holes on each side of the trailing arms.
- 13. Locate the 4 included misalignment spacers and insert one into each side of the trailing arm pivot end from the previous step. Fasten the Cognito trailing arms to the frame pivots with the stock bolt and nut. Torque to 77 ft.lbs.
- 14. Using the original hardware, bolt the sway bar end link to the trailing arm and tighten to 77 ft.lbs. If replacing the end links with the Cognito end link, use the provided hardware.
- 15. Next, the shocks need to be retrofitted to fit. With a punch and hammer or shock adjuster tool, loosen the lock nut on the shock body and screw it up 3-4 inches. Screw the adjuster nut up to the lock nut.
- 16. Push the bumpstops up the shaft and remove the stock shock retainer. It is the piece that the shock guard is mounted too. Using an 8mm socket, remove the 3 screws holding the shock guard to the retainer.
- 17. Install the new Cognito spring retainer on the bottom of the shocks as well as the new supplied shock guard bracket.



Figure 1: The shocks should look as pictured after installing the spring retainer and shock guard bracket.

- 18. Screw down the adjustor and lock nut for the spring until there is some pressure on the spring. Do not tighten the lock nut at this time as the ride height will need to be set.
- 19. Mount the shock back to the frame and use the new M12 bolt and hardware to mount the bottom of the shock to the Cognito trailing arms. Use a washer under the head of the bolt and under the nut. Torque to 77 ft.lbs.
- 20. Put the spindle into the trailing arm. Swing the arm away from the car and line up the radius rods and the axle to go to their respective locations. Using the stock hardware, bolt the upper and lower radius rod through the arm and spindle. Bolt up the middle radius rod to the spindle. This bolt has two thin washers from the factory. One washer goes between the radius rod and the spindle and the other goes between the nut and the spindle. Torque these three bolts to 77 ft.lbs.
- 21. Place the hub back onto the axle and into the spindle, lining up the splines. Put the axle nut washer and nut onto the axle and torque to 184 ft.lbs. Back it off slightly if needed to get the cotter pin installed in the castle nut and hole in the stub of the axle. Bend the cotter pin to secure.
- 22. Locate the brake calipers and mount them to the spindle. Torque to 37 ft.lbs.
- 23. Route the brake lines as shown in Figure 2 to the Cognito trailing arm. Locate the hardware pack with the brake line clamp hardware. Remove the OEM brake line clamps from the brake line and install the new ones. Fasten the clamps to the trailing arm with the #10 hardware. A washer goes between the bolt head and the clamp, and another washer between the nut and the tab on the trailing arm.



Figure 2: Brake line routing.

24. Install the tires back onto the hub. Torque the lug nuts to 89ft.lbs in an X pattern.

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25. Set the car back onto the ground and adjust the ride height. Recommended for 30 inch tires is 15" from ground to bottom of skid place. After adjusting, tighten the locknut.

REMINDER: It is important to bleed the brakes and check fluid levels after changing any brake lines or brake components on a vehicle to insure proper function of the brake system. Please follow proper procedure and verify brake system is functioning properly before using vehicle.

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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.

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