# R WJ D30 Front Truss

#### Parts List: Instructions Iron Rock Off Road Decal 10001 (1) Front Left Plate 88330 (1) Rear Left Plate 88331 (1) Front Right Plate IRO 88332 (1) Top Left Plate, Spring Mount 88333 (1) Rear Right Plate, Long 88334 (1) Top Right Plate, Long 88335 (1) Track Bar Inner Bracket 88336(1) Differential Top Plate 88339 (1) Inner Gusset Plate 88341 (4) Shock Mount 88342 (2) Left Sway Bar Link Mount 88345 (1) Right Sway Bar Link Mount 88346 (1) WJ Coil Spring Mount, Tube 92243 (2)



- WJ Coil Spring Mount, Cap 92054 (2)
- Upper Control Arm Mount, Short, Driver 88359 (1)
- Optional: UCA Mount, Passenger 88358 (1)
- UCA Bracket 88317 (2), Bushing Tube 92025 (1)
- Optional: Lower Control Arm Mount, WJ Width 88343 (2)
- Optional: Lower Control Arm Mount, Standard (2-5/8") Width 88344 (2)

# Safety Warning: \*\*\*Important! Read Before Installation. \*\*\*

We recommend that this kit be installed by a qualified professional. Knowledge of suspension component function is necessary for safe installation and post installation inspections. We recommend that all welds be performed by a certified welder. A weld failure may result in serious injury or death, in addition to severe vehicle damage. Be sure to re-torgue all suspension components after the first 100 miles of use, and frequently inspect all safety critical suspension components.

## Before you begin:

Fitment requirements:

- For optimal performance these modifications have been made compared to OEM parts: Make any necessary accommodations.
  - Bump stop pads raised 1-1/4"
  - Coil spring pads moved back 1/2".
  - Sway bar link mounts moved out 1/2".
  - □ Shock mounts moved up 1/2" per side.

### □ If using products from other manufacturers verify fitment before installation.

- This product has not been tested at OEM suspension height and likely will not work. We recommend 3" lift or more.
- □ Not compatible with Iron Rock Off Road Iron-Y long arm suspension.
- □ It is recommended to replace axle seals after installation due to welding heat.
- Read all safety warnings.
- Read and understand installation instructions.
- Check all suspension components for wear and replace as needed.
- Contact Iron Rock Off Road with any questions before, during, or after installation.
- Ensure that all parts are present and in good condition using the included shipping checklist <u>before scheduling installation</u>.
- Be sure you have the following tools and supplies:
  - Basic hand tools
  - $\Box$  4-1/2" Angle grinder with grinding, sanding, and cut-off wheels.
  - Sawzall
  - U Welder
  - Torque wrench
  - Propane or MAP gas torch

#### Prepare the axle housing:

- 1. Remove the front axle from the Jeep. It is recommended that you install new axle seals due to possible damage from welding heat.
- Remove spring mount brackets and upper control arm mounts from the axle. Including the cast upper control arm mount on the top of the differential. Be careful not to cut into the tubes at all. <u>Optional:</u> Remove the steering stabilizer bracket. The truss is designed for it to be removed. If you plan to keep it the truss is marked where it needs to be trimmed for clearance.



- 3. If you purchased the optional lower control arm brackets, remove the factory lower control arm brackets at this time.
- 4. Check the axle housing and tubes for straightness: Using an angle finder, with the pinion horizontal, check the slope along the entire length of each tube. Any variance of 1/4 degree or more must be straightened or the housing replaced. Be sure to remove any rust or dirt from under the angle finder. Perform the same check with the pinion vertical.
- 5. Clean off any paint or any remaining bracket residue. A 4-1/2" angle grinder with a flap wheel works well for this.
- 6. Clean off any paint or rust from the axle Cs. A wire wheel on a 4-1/2" angle grinder works well for this.

#### Installation:

- 7. Truss Assembly: Locate the plates, 88330, 88331, 88332, 88333, 88334, 88335, and 88341.
- 8. Place two 88341 gussets between plates 88331 & 88330 then insert into 88333. Use a few small tack welds to hold the pieces together.
- 9. Place two 88341 gussets between plates 88334 & 88332 then insert into 88335. Use a few small tack welds to hold the pieces together.
- \*\*Ensure that your truss assembly matches the picture below before tack welding.



- Set the two truss pieces onto the axle housing. Check that all the surfaces of the axle that meet up with the truss are clean and ready to weld.
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- Insert the top cap 88339 onto the truss assembly by matching the tabs to the slots in each truss piece. Ensure the front and rear edges are flush and square with the truss assemblies then tack weld it in place.
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- 13. Fully weld the truss to the axle tubes. Weld in short alternating 2" segments on opposite sides of the axle assembly. Allow a short cooling off period between welds. Ensure good weld penetration but try to minimize the amount of heat and the heat affected zone.

\*\*When welding the truss assembly be sure to leave clearance near locating slots for the rest of the components to be easily assembled onto the truss.

- 14. Cover with welding blanket to ensure a slow, even cooling process.
- 15. Optional: If you choose to weld the truss to the cast differential be sure to preheat before welding. Cover the welded area with a welding blanket to avoid cracking after welding.
- 16. Track Bar Mount: Locate 88336 and 88346. Insert 88336 up, into the top plate then add a small tack to hold it in place.
- 17. Add the sway bar link mount 88346 beside 88336. Use a small tack weld to hold it in place.
- Check that the track bar bolt holes are aligned and verify the width is 1-5/8" inside the track bar mount. \*\*<u>Tip</u>: Install your track bar bushing sleeve in the mount before welding to guarantee proper fitment.
- 19. Double check fitment then fully weld the track bar mount to the truss.



- 20. **Spring Mount:** Locate tube 99243 and cap 92054. Align the tube 99243 to the etched circle on the top plate of the truss and tack into place.
- 21. Center the cap on top of the tube and tack it into place.
- 22. Repeat this process for the other spring mount.
- Double check placement then fully weld the spring mount to the truss.
  <u>Upper Control Arm Mounts:</u> Locate the assembled upper control arm
- mounts 88337 and 88358.
- 25. Align the long UCA mount to the etched lines on the top plate of the truss, tack in place. The driver side UCA mount is tabbed to match the differential top plate and can only go on the truss one way. The passenger UCA mount does not have a specific mounting orientation, it can mount either way.

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26. Double check fitment then fully weld the upper control arm mounts to the truss.

- 27. <u>Sway Bar Mount:</u> Locate 88345. Insert 88345 onto the front of the driver side spring mount and secure it with a small tack weld.
- 28. Double check fitment then fully weld the sway bar mount.
- Shock Mounts: Locate the two shock mounts 88342. Insert 88342 tabs into the slots on the back side of the truss. The open side of the bracket faces up, secure them with a small tack weld.
- 30. Double check fitment then fully weld the shock mounts.
- 31. Optional Lower Control Arm Mounts: Locate 88343, and an angle finder. With the driver side lower control arm mount touching the differential, set the angle to 13°. Measure the angle from the front face of the bracket to the differential cover mounting surface (arrows). Tack in place.



- 32. Measure 7-3/8" from the passenger axle C to the outside surface of the passenger side lower control arm bracket.
- 33. Set the angle to 13°. Measure the angle from the front face of the bracket to the differential cover mounting surface
- 34. Tack the bracket into place then recheck measurements for both brackets and fully weld them to the axle.
- \*\*Driver side LCA mount: Preheat the cast differential before welding. Wrap welded area in a welding blanket to avoid cracking after welding.
  35. <u>Final Check and Paint:</u> Recheck the truss and axle assembly for any section that may have been left unwelded during assembly. Weld any area that may have been missed and allow a short cooling off period between welds. Ensure good weld penetration but try to minimize the amount of heat and
- the heat affected zone. 36. Cover with welding blanket to ensure a slow, even cooling process.
- 37. Remove any weld spatter and prepare axle assembly for paint.
- 38. Repeat step 3 to verify that the axle housing and tubes are still straight. The axle must be completely cool for this measurement.
- 39. It is recommended that you install new axle seals due to welding heat.
- 40. Paint axle assembly and reinstall in your Jeep.





