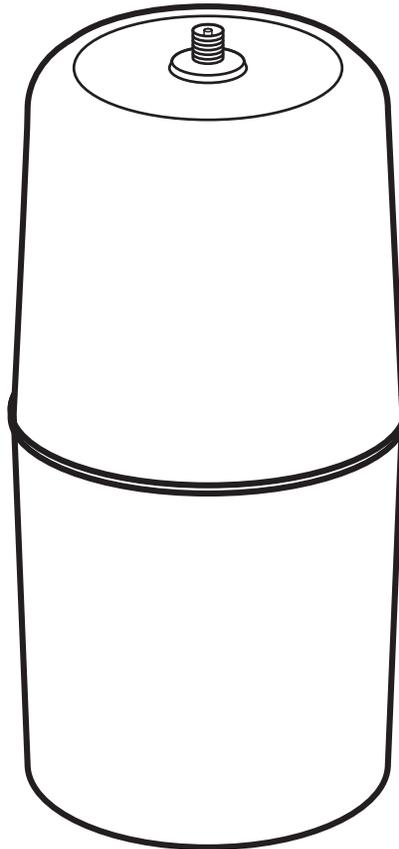




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# INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS



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Firestone Industrial Products

# ! IMPORTANT

*PLEASE DON'T HURT YOURSELF, YOUR KIT OR YOUR VEHICLE. TAKE A MINUTE TO READ THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION.*

## **WARNING**

Do not inflate this assembly when it is unrestricted. The assembly must be restricted by a coil spring. Do not ever inflate beyond recommended operating pressures for your specific vehicle. Improper use or over inflation may cause property damage or severe personal injury.

## **SAFE INSTALLATION**

Please take all safety precautions during installation. A hydraulic jack can fail, and if that happens, you can be seriously hurt, or worse, if you are relying on it to hold up the vehicle. If you use a hydraulic jack, secure jack stands in the appropriate locations and chock any tires still touching the ground.

Wear safety glasses or goggles. Your eyes may be lower than some parts and pieces, and you don't want to lose an eye.

Remove the possibility of any electrical issues by disconnecting the negative battery cable.

## **SHOCK ABSORBERS**

If necessary, additional clearance between the coil turns may be obtained by removing the shock absorbers from the lower shock mounts and lowering the suspension an additional one to two inches. (CAUTION: Do not put strain or tension on the flexible brake line.

## **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.

## **INFLATING THE AIR SPRINGS**

When inflating air springs, add air pressure in small quantities, checking air pressure frequently. The air springs have much less air volume than a tire, so they inflate much more quickly.

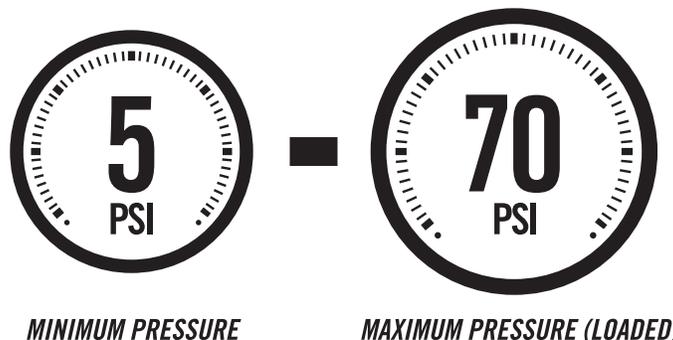
## **APPROPRIATE AIR PRESSURE**

For best ride, use only enough air pressure in the air springs to level the vehicle when viewed from the side (front to rear). This will vary, depending on the load, location of the load, condition of the existing suspension, and personal preference.

## **OPTIONAL T-FITTING**

This kit includes inflation valves and air line tube for each air spring, allowing you to compensate for unbalanced loads. If you prefer a single inflation valve system to provide equal pressure to both air springs, your dealer can supply the optional "T" fitting (Part # 3025 or WRI-760-3461 retail pack).

**ONCE INSTALLED SUCCESSFULLY, FOLLOW THESE PRESSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE AIR SPRINGS:**



# PARTS

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

## MAIN KIT CONTENTS

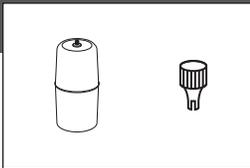
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| PT # 6133 |  | x2 COIL-RITE AIR SPRING | PT # 0045 |  | x2 COIL-RITE SUPPORT | PT # 0048 |  | x1 AIR LINE ASSEMBLY |
|-----------|---|-------------------------|-----------|---|----------------------|-----------|---|----------------------|

## 000 HARDWARE PACK

|           |   |                       |           |   |                    |           |   |                    |
|-----------|---|-----------------------|-----------|---|--------------------|-----------|---|--------------------|
| PT # 3033 |  | x4 5/16" FLAT WASHERS | PT # 3098 |  | x2 INFLATION VALVE | PT # 9168 |  | x6 BLACK NYLON TIE |
| PT # 3098 |  | x2 VALVE CAP          |           |   |                    | PT # 0899 |  | x2 THERMAL SLEEVE  |

## PREPARE THE AIR SPRING FOR INSTALLATION

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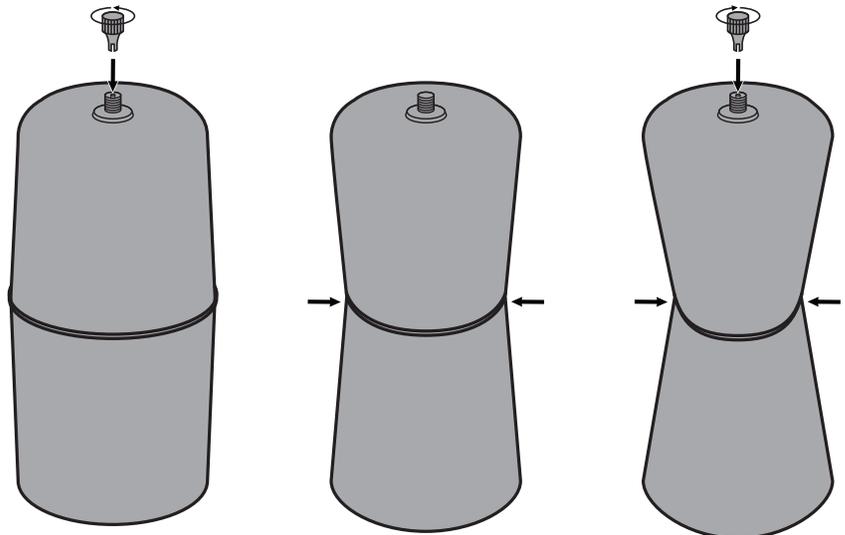
START THE INSTALLATION ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE VEHICLE WHEN FACING FORWARD.

**1** Remove the inflation valve cap from the inflation valve on the air spring.

**2** Using the valve cap as a core tool from the inflation valve, remove the inflation valve core from the air spring.

**3** Exhaust the air spring by pushing it flat.

**4** Re-insert the valve core back into the air spring to keep it collapsed.



# 2

## INSTALL AIR SPRING INTO COIL SPRING



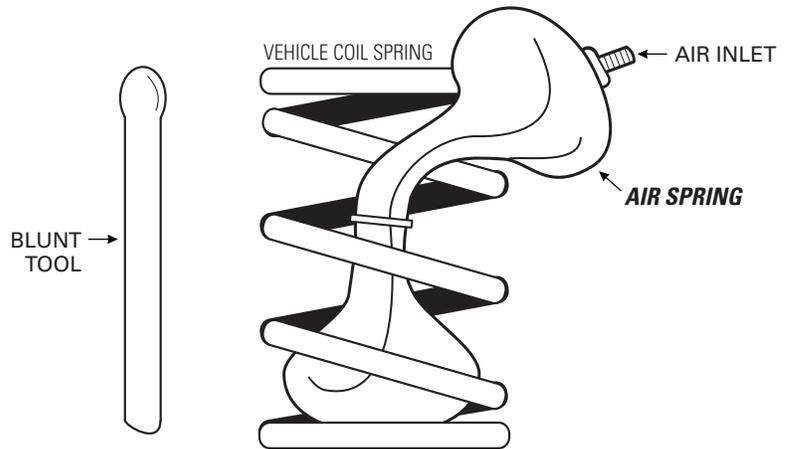
**1** Insert the top of the flattened air spring into the coil spring through the lowest opening with the air inlet at the top, as shown.

**2** Push the air spring up into the coil spring by hand or with a blunt tool. **DO NOT use anything with sharp edges or corners, as this may damage the air spring.**

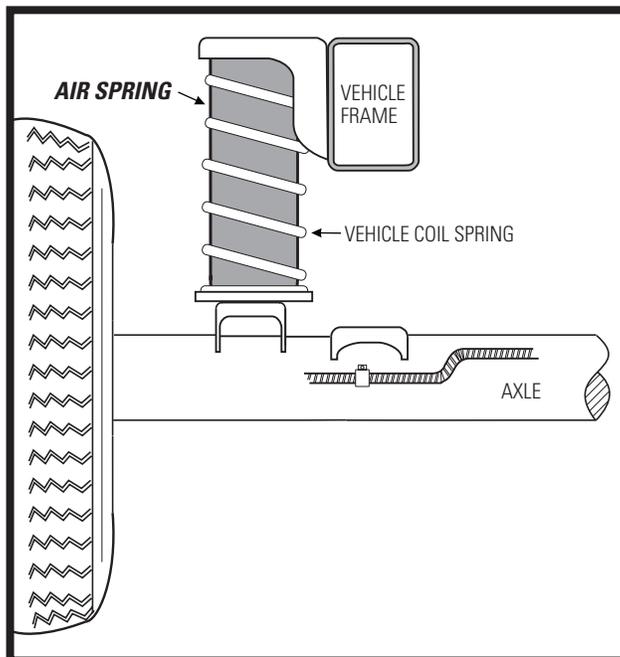
**3** When the air spring is completely within the coil spring, remove the valve core to let the air back into the air spring. See Step 1 for reference. Allow the air spring to return to its normal shape.



DO NOT USE ANY TOOL OR OBJECT WITH SHARP EDGES OR CORNERS. THESE COULD PUNCTURE THE AIR SPRING, RESULTING IN AN AIR SPRING FAILURE THAT IS **NOT WARRANTABLE.**



### VIEW FROM SIDE

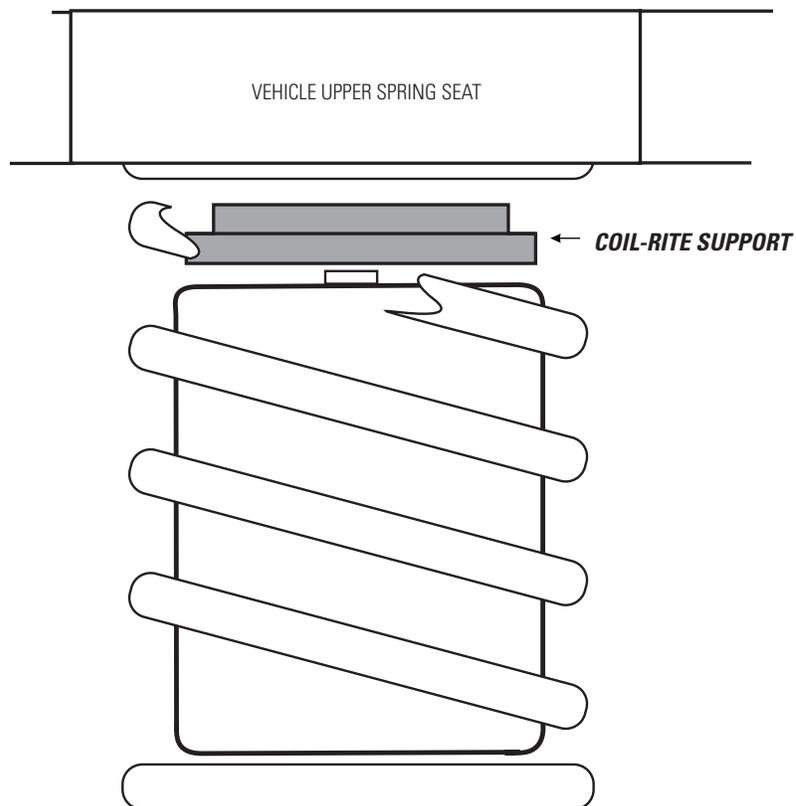




**1** Install the spacer on top of the air spring, as shown.

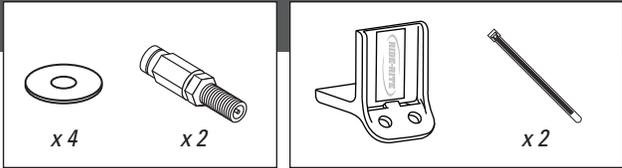
**2** NOTE: Once the weight of the vehicle is applied to the suspension and the air springs are pressurized, the spacer will stay in place.

**3** If removed earlier in the installation, re-attach shock absorbers. Torque to manufacturer's specifications.



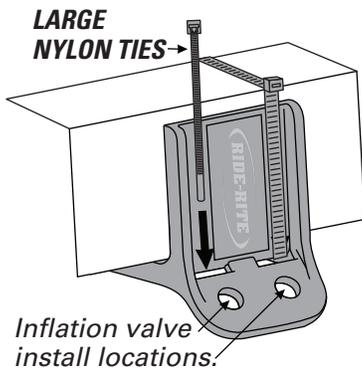
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## INSTALL INFLATION VALVES



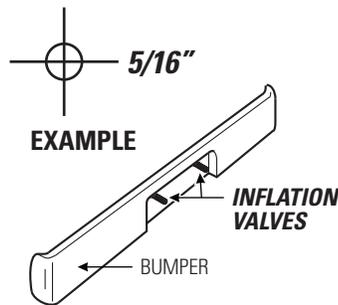
IF USING THE OPTIONAL NO-DRILL INFLATION VALVE BRACKET, CHOOSE OPTION 1. IF DRILLING, CHOOSE OPTION 2. **INFLATION VALVES MUST BE ACCESSIBLE BY AN AIR CHUCK.**

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

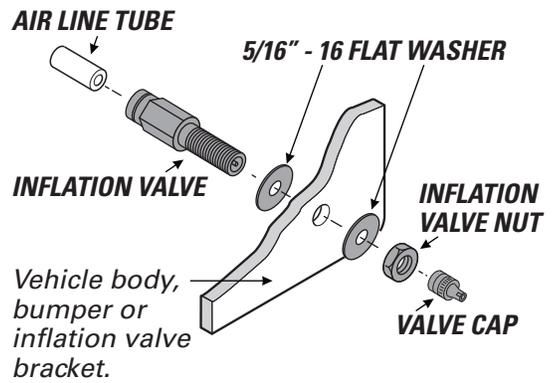


**2** Select a protected location to install the inflation valves, such as the bumper or the body of the vehicle.

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



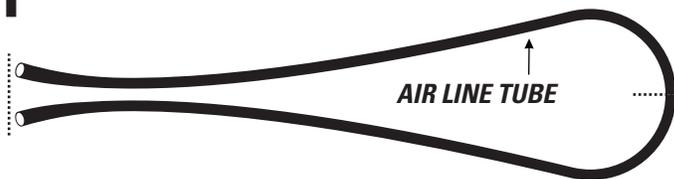
**3** Install inflation valve assembly as shown.



# 5

## CUT THE AIR LINE TUBE INTO TWO EQUAL LENGTHS

**1** Match air line tube ends.



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



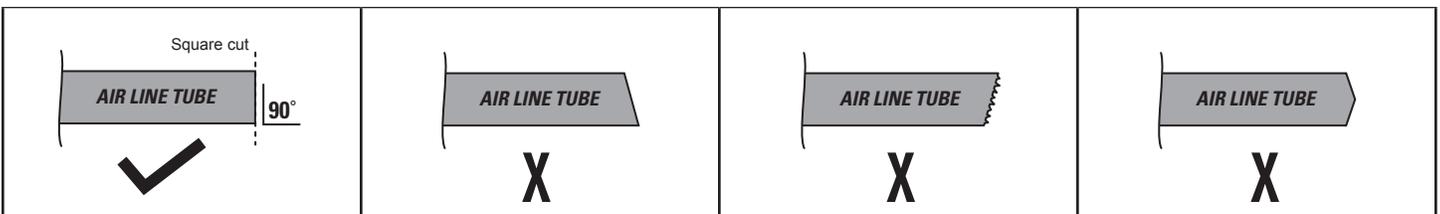
# DO

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.

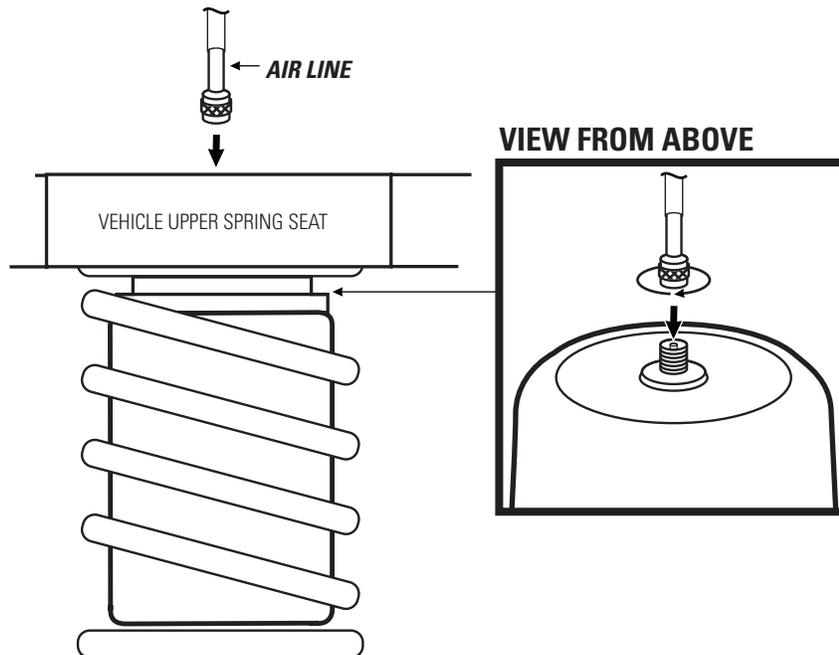
### PROPER AND IMPROPER CUTS IN THE AIR LINE TUBE





**1** Screw the fitting that is on the air line tube onto the inflation valve coming out of the air spring.

**2** Route the tubing from the air spring to the inflation valve install location, making sure to avoid direct heat from the engine or exhaust pipe, and away from sharp edges.

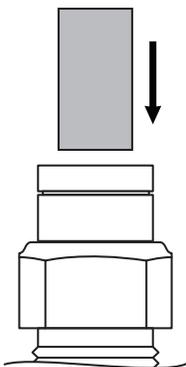


**AWESOME!** You're done with the left side. Follow the same steps for the right side, then proceed to Step 7 to finish installation.

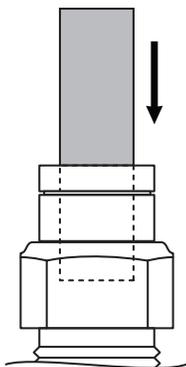
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## INSTALLING AIR LINE TUBE INTO AIR FITTINGS AND INFLATION VALVE

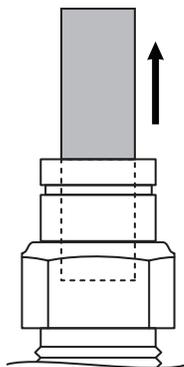
**1** Insert end of air line tube into air fitting.



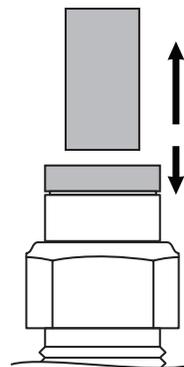
**2** Push air line tube into air fitting as far as possible.



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



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

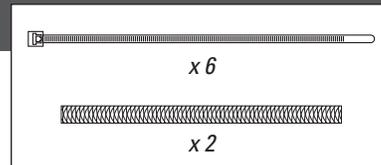


**Removal Tip:** Use a 1/4", 5/16", or 6mm open-ended wrench to push the collar down.

# 8

## 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.

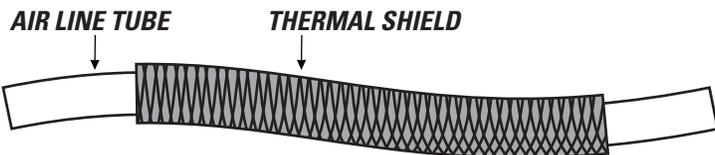


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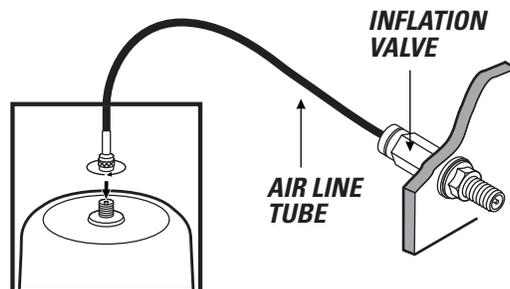
Select routes protected from heat, debris, and sharp edges. Use thermal shields near heat sources. Use nylon ties to secure the air line tube.

# DON'T

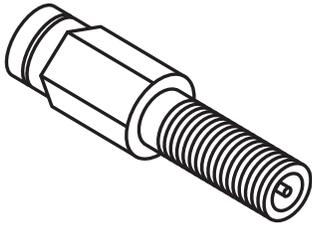
Bend or sharply curve air line tubes. Leave air line tube exposed to sharp edges. Use unnecessary lengths of air line tube. Route air line tube near moving parts. Let air line tube hang unsecured from vehicle. Scar air line tube while routing.



USE SUPPLIED THERMAL SHIELDS WHEN AIR LINE TUBE RUNS **WITHIN 6 INCHES** OF HEAT SOURCES.



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

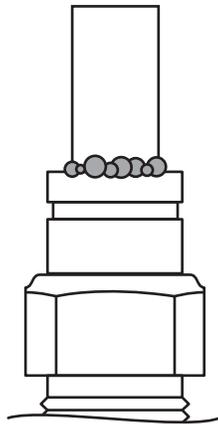


AIR SPRINGS INFLATE QUICKLY. CHECK AIR PRESSURE WHILE INFLATING.

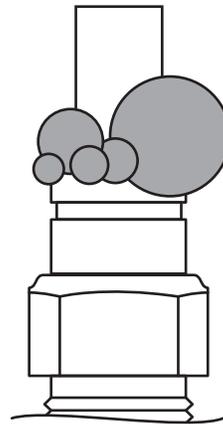
- 2** Spray fittings with soap and water mixture or glass cleaner.



- 3** Observe bubbles.



**SMALL SOAP BUBBLES  
THAT DO NOT EXPAND**



**SOAP BUBBLES  
THAT EXPAND**



# NO LEAKS?

Congratulations! Continue to Step 11 to finish installation. Review the Operating Instructions.

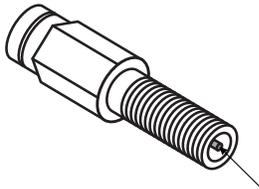
# LEAK?

Bummer. Continue to Step 10 to fix the leak.

# 10

## FIXING AN AIR LEAK

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

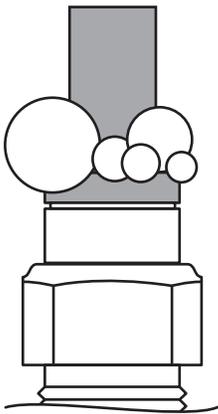


AIR VALVE



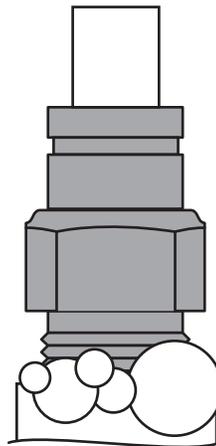
EXHAUST ALL AIR FROM THE SYSTEM PRIOR TO RELEASING AIR LINE TUBES FROM AIR FITTINGS.

### LEAK AT AIR LINE TUBE AND AIR FITTING



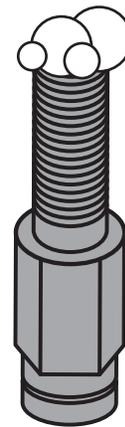
Release air line tube (see page 7). Review proper cuts and procedures in Step 5. Repeat Steps 7 and 9.

### 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 1-800-888-0650; Option 1; Option 1 for Technical Support.

***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.

***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***

The Coil-Rite system can improve handling and comfort. Take a moment to review the operating instructions before hitting the road.

# ! 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.





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## BEFORE YOU DRIVE, CONFIRM THE FOLLOWING:

- Do you have a minimum of 5PSI in your air springs?
- Put your paper work back into the sleeve and keep it in your glove compartment for future reference.
- You've been bagged...and now your suspension is Airide™ equipped! Show it off with the supplied decal!

## NEED INSTALLATION HELP? 1-800-888-0650

Select Option 1 for Ride-Rite; Select Option 1 for Technical Support.

Or, email us at [rrtech@fsip.com](mailto:rrtech@fsip.com). If emailing, please include photos to help us better diagnose and understand any problems you may be experiencing.

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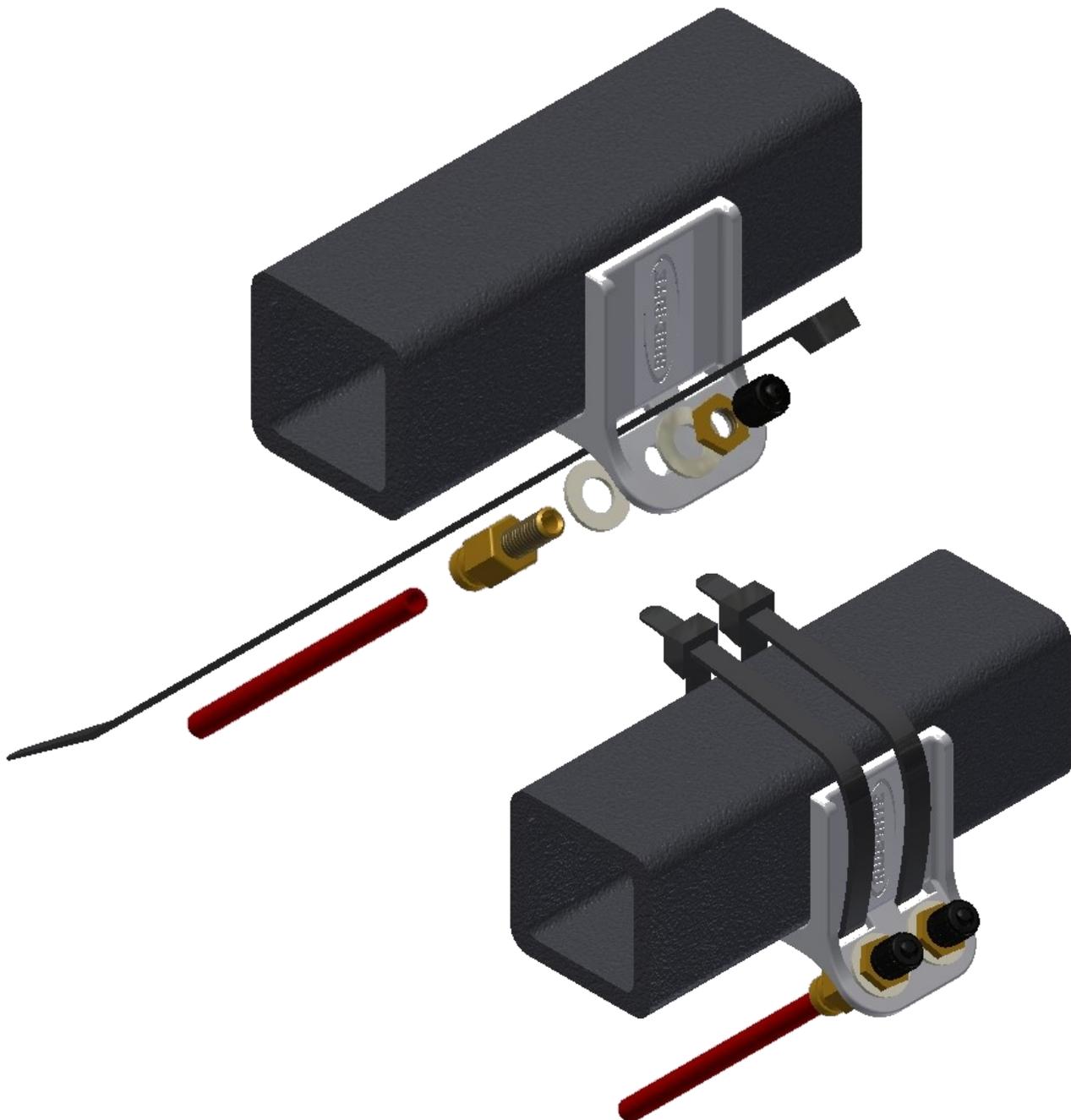
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# No Drill Inflation Valve Bracket

## Parts List

| Description             | Part Number | Quantity |
|-------------------------|-------------|----------|
| Inflation Valve Bracket | 9483        | 1        |
| Large Nylon Tie         | 9488        | 2        |

This bracket is designed to mount on receiver hitches round or square. Simply use the two provided large Nylon ties to affix the bracket to the receiver hitch tube. Install the air inflation valves on the bracket using two 5/16" flat washers per valve as supports. Then push the end of each air line tubing into the inflation valve as far as possible.





# Do Not Return This Product to the Dealer or Distributor

## If you are

- missing parts,
- experiencing installation problems, or
- have technical concerns regarding this product,

you may contact a Firestone Technical Service Representative at [rrtech@fsip.com](mailto:rrtech@fsip.com) or at 800-888-0650 (option 1, and then option 2). Representatives are available from 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Eastern on Monday – Friday, excluding holidays. If you are located outside of the United States, you should first contact your distributor or dealer directly with any issues.

When contacting Technical Service, please have the kit or part # ready, along with the make, model, and year of the vehicle. You may also need to provide details, such as 2WD/4WD or if the vehicle has been lifted or lowered from stock height.

If you have a warranty concern, please include in your email a detailed description of the situation, a photo(s) of the issue, and your contact information, including ship-to address.

**WARRANTY COVERAGE\***— The Ride-Rite™ kits, components, and accessories are warranted against defects in workmanship and materials. This warranty does not cover service or labor charges, neglect...to the product.

### **PERIOD OF COVERAGE:**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| • Ride-Rite air springs – Lifetime Limited  | • Work-Rite load assists – 2 Years Limited                                       |
| • Sport-Rite air springs – Lifetime Limited | • Air-Rite accessories – 2 Years Limited   |
| • Coil-Rite air springs – Lifetime Limited  | • Brackets, hardware, fittings, air line, and other components – 2 Years Limited |
| • Level-Rite air springs – Lifetime Limited |  |

**HOW TO MAKE A WARRANTY CLAIM** — If you purchased your air springs in the U.S. or Canada and believe you have a part with a warrantable defect, call Firestone directly at 1-800-888-0650.

International customers should contact their distributors or dealers directly with any problems.

(\*) Please refer to the “Firestone Limited Lifetime Air Spring Warranty” for details, terms, and conditions.

## **WARRANTY QUESTIONS**

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Select “Warranty Info” tab