

### INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Congratulations — your new Air Helper Springs are quality products capable of improving the handling and comfort of your vehicle. As with all products, proper installation is the key to obtaining all of the benefits your kit is capable of delivering. **Please take a few minutes to read through the instructions to identify the components and learn where and how they are used.** It is a good idea to start by comparing the parts in your kit with the parts list below.

The heart of the Air Helper Spring kit is, of course, the air helper springs. Remember that the air helper springs must flex and expand during operation, so be sure that there is enough clearance to do so without rubbing against any other part of the vehicle.

Be sure to take all applicable safety precautions during the installation of the kit. The instructions listed in this brochure and the illustrations all show the left, or driver's side of the vehicle. To install the right side assembly simply follow the same procedures.

Your kit includes separate inflation valves and air lines for each air helper spring. This will allow you to level your vehicle from side to side as well as from front to back. If you would rather have a single valve inflation system, your dealer can supply the required "T" fitting.

### PARTS LIST

AIR SPRING	6859	2	3/8" -24 NYLON INSERT NUT	12
UPPER BRACKET	0150	2	3/8" -16 FLANGED LOCK NUT	4
LOWER BRACKET	1162	2	3/8" -24 X 2-1/2"	
LOWER BRACKET	5064	1	RIBBED NECK BOLT	0829
LOWER BRACKET	5065	1	3/8" -24 X 1-1/4"	8
BRACKET STRAP	1163	4	RIBBED NECK BOLT	8082
BRACKET STRAP	5038	1	3/8" -16 X 3/4" HEX BOLT	4
HEAT SHIELD	1004	2	5/16" FLAT WASHER	4
22 FT. TUBING	0937	1	NYLON TIE	6
PUSH-TO-CONNECT ELBOW	3031	2	THERMAL SLEEVE	2
PUSH-TO-CONNECT			CAUTION TAG	2
INFLATION VALVE	3032	2		

### WARNING!

Do not inflate this assembly when it is unrestricted. The assembly must be restricted by the suspension or other adequate structure. Do not inflate beyond 100 P.S.I. Improper use or over inflation may cause property damage or severe personal injury.

### NOTE:

Chevrolet P30 class "A" motor homes with a gross vehicle weight between 10,500 and 14,500 GVW have an "offset differential." Chevrolet motor homes with a 16,000 GVW have a centered differential. Please note each application will require specific lower brackets for proper installation.

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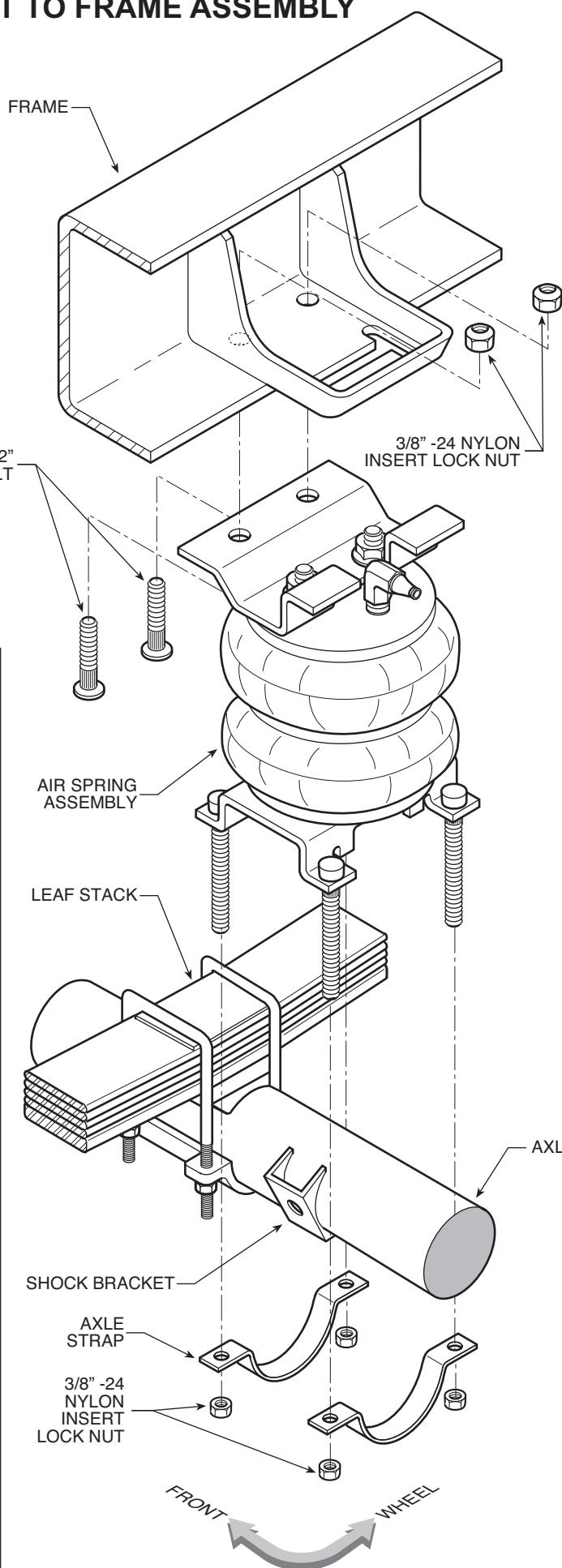
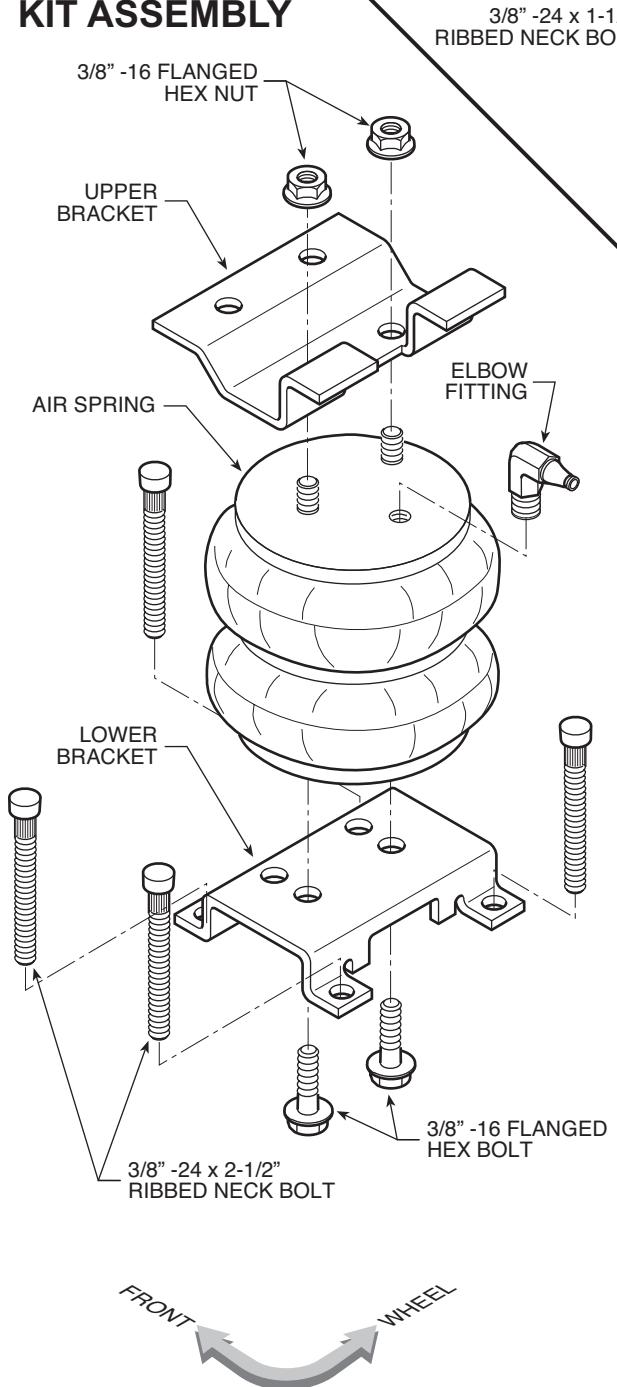
*For your safety and to prevent possible damage to your vehicle, do not exceed the maximum load recommended by the vehicle manufacturer (GVWR). Although your Air Helper Springs are rated at a maximum inflation pressure of 100 psi, this pressure may allow you to carry too great a load on some vehicles. It is best to have your vehicle weighed once it is completely loaded and compare that weight to the maximum allowed. Check your vehicle owner's manual or data plate on driver side door for maximum loads listed for your vehicle.*

**When inflating your Air Helper Springs, add air pressure in small quantities, checking pressure frequently during inflation. The air spring requires much less air volume than a tire and, therefore, inflates much quicker.**

FIGURE "A"

**NOTE:** Both illustrations are of the left, or driver's side, of the vehicle. Reverse any orientations when assembling and installing the right, or passenger, side of the vehicle.

### KIT ASSEMBLY



## STEP 1—PREPARE THE VEHICLE

With the vehicle on a solid level surface, chock all four wheels and apply the parking brake. It will not be necessary to raise the rear of the vehicle for this installation, however, raising the vehicle may provide easier installation.

Your vehicle is equipped with rubber jounce bumpers. The bumpers are attached to a bracket on the frame directly above the axle. Remove these bumpers by pulling them out, while leaving the bracket intact **see Figure "B"**. This bumper will not be reused with this kit.

On most vehicles, a metal plate is attached to the bottom of the frame rail beneath the jounce bumper bracket. If your vehicle has this plate, remove it and discard the plate and mounting bolts **see Figure "B"**. The holes left in the frame from the mounting bolts will be used to attach the upper bracket to the frame rail.

## STEP 2—USE OF THE HEAT SHIELD

**Note: The use of two heat shields is required on the exhaust side of the vehicle. The heat shields will mount between the upper bracket and the air helper spring **see Figure "C"**.** Position the shields between the nearest point of the exhaust pipe to the air spring. Ensure that the heat shields will not interfere with the normal operation of the air spring or the vehicle's suspension. Do not position the face of the shields directly over the axle, as they may contact the axle on full suspension compression.

## STEP 3—PRE-ASSEMBLE THE KIT

Pre-assembly will begin with the left (driver's) side of the vehicle. All pictures depict the installation on the left side of the vehicle unless noted otherwise. Select one of the air springs and install the push-to-connect air fitting in the air spring and tighten the air fitting securely to engage the orange thread sealant. Point the air fitting so that it points toward the rear of the vehicle and away from the exhaust pipe.

Select an upper bracket from your kit and install two 3/8" -24 x 1-1/2" ribbed neck bolts in the bracket. Insert the ribbed neck bolts into the holes in the upper bracket and seat them in place with a hammer **see Figure "A"**. Insert the threaded studs on the air spring through the holes in the upper bracket. The elbow fitting must be located between the tabs on the upper bracket **see Figure "A"**. Secure the upper bracket to the air spring with the provided 3/8" -16 flanged lock nuts.

### A) Centered differential

On vehicles with the differential centered on the axle, the lower brackets that are identical to each other will be used. The right-side lower bracket will be installed on the axle closer to the outside of the vehicle to clear the axle vent tube **see Figure "D"**. When attaching the right-side lower bracket to the air spring, the holes offset to the inside of the bracket must be used to keep the air spring in proper vertical alignment. When attaching the left-side lower bracket to the air spring, use the holes centered in the lower bracket **see Figure "E"**.

### B) Offset differential

On vehicles with the differential offset on the axle, the dissimilar lower brackets must be used. The air spring assembly will be installed on the axle housing so that it straddles the shock bracket. The left-side assembly will use the taller lower bracket and two axle straps of unequal size to secure the lower bracket to the axle. The small axle strap will secure the lower bracket to the axle housing while the large axle strap will secure the lower bracket to the differential housing. The left-side assembly will be installed so that the lower bracket straddles the shock bracket while butting against the differential housing. The right-side assembly will be installed with two axle straps of equal size and straddle the shock bracket **see Figure "F"**.

Select the proper lower bracket for your kit and install four 3/8" -24 x 2-1/2" ribbed neck bolts in the bracket. Insert the ribbed neck bolts into the holes in the bracket and seat them in place with a hammer. Attach the lower bracket to the air spring with two 3/8" -16 x 3/4" flanged hex bolts **see Figure "A"**.

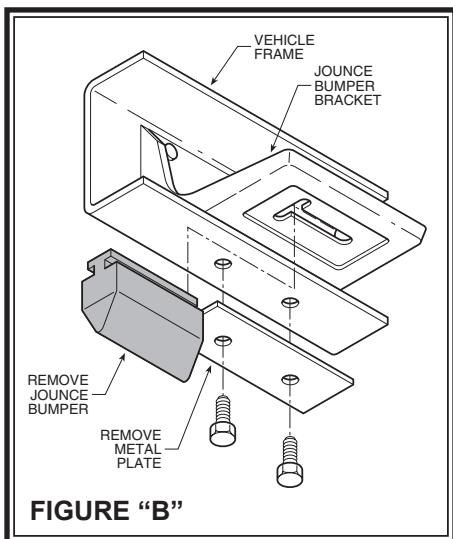


FIGURE "B"

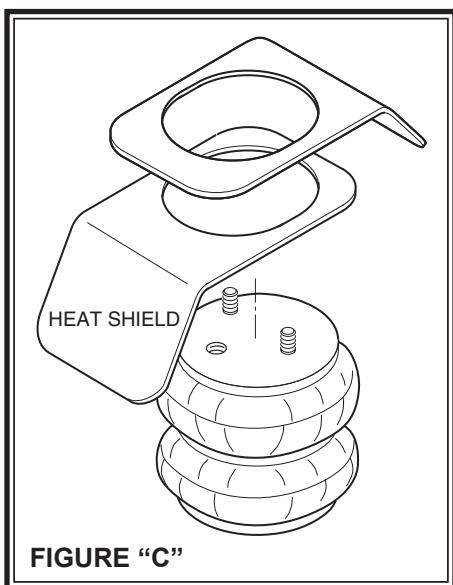


FIGURE "C"

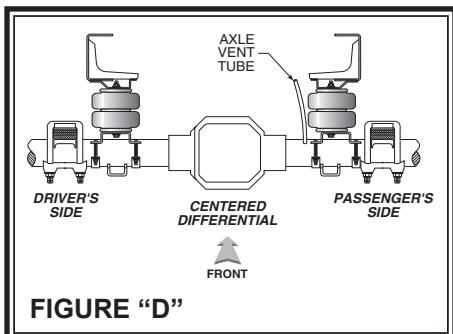


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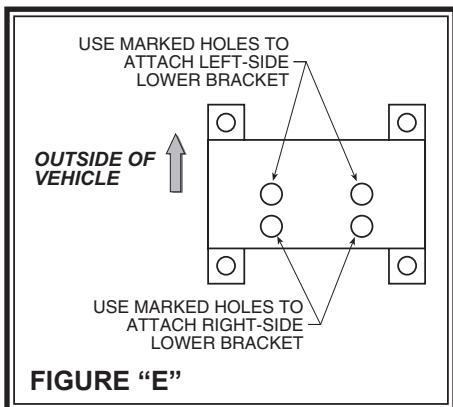


FIGURE "E"

## STEP 4—INSTALL THE ASSEMBLY TO THE VEHICLE

Place the air spring assembly on top of the axle housing so that the lower bracket straddles the shock bracket. Extend the air spring upward so that the upper bracket is flush against the bottom of the frame rail and the jounce bumper brace. The ribbed neck bolts in the upper bracket will extend through the holes in the bottom of the frame rail. Install two 3/8" -24 nylon insert lock nuts on the ribbed neck bolts and tighten them to secure the upper bracket to the frame **see Figure "A"**.

Install the axle straps necessary for your application underneath the axle housing, aligning the ribbed neck bolts in the lower bracket with the holes in the axle straps. Move the lower bracket inward or outward on the axle housing as necessary to ensure that the air spring is aligned vertically. Secure the axle straps to the lower bracket by installing four 3/8" -24 nylon insert lock nuts on the ribbed neck bolts **see Figures "A", "D", & "F"**.

When installing the driver's side assembly, ensure that the parking brake-line does not contact the rubber air spring. The brake-line must be moved downward and secured to the axle or lower bracket. Use a nylon tie to secure the parking brake-line to the lower bracket or axle **see Figure "F"**.

## STEP 5—INSTALL THE AIR LINE AND INFLATION VALVE

Uncoil the air tubing and cut it in two equal lengths. **DO NOT FOLD OR KINK THE TUBING**. Make the cut as square as possible. Insert one end of the tubing into the push-to-connect elbow fitting installed in the top of the air helper spring as far as possible.

Select a location on the vehicle for the air inflation valves. The location can be on the bumper or the body of the vehicle, as long as it is in a protected location so the valve will not be damaged, but still maintain accessibility for the air chuck **see Figure "G"**. Drill a 5/16" hole and install the air inflation valve using two 5/16" flat washers per valve as supports **see Figure "H"**. Run the tubing from the air helper spring to the valve, routing it to avoid direct heat from the engine, exhaust pipe, and away from sharp edges. Thermal sleeves have been provided for these conditions. The air line tubing should not be bent or curved sharply as it may buckle. Secure the tubing in place with the nylon ties provided. Push the end of the air line tubing into the inflation valve **see Figure "H"**.

## STEP 6—INSTALL THE PASSENGER'S SIDE ASSEMBLY

Follow steps 2-5 for assembly and installation of the passenger's side assembly.

## STEP 7—CHECK THE AIR SYSTEM

Once the inflation valves are installed, inflate the air helper springs to 70 psi and check the fittings for air leaks with an applied solution of soap and water. If a leak is detected at a tubing connection, check to make sure that the tube is cut as squarely as possible and that it is pushed completely into the fitting. The tubing can easily be removed from the fittings by first releasing the pressure from the air springs, then by pushing the collar towards the body of the fitting and then pulling out the tube. If a leak is detected where the elbow fitting screws into the air spring, screw the elbow into the spring until the leak stops. Reinstall the tubing and reinflate the air springs and check for leaks as noted above.

This now completes the installation. Before proceeding, check once again to be sure you have proper clearance around the air springs. With a load on your vehicle and the air helper springs inflated, you must have at least 1/2" clearance around the air springs. As a general rule, the Air Helper Springs will support approximately 50 lbs. of load for each psi of inflation pressure (per pair). For example, 50 psi of inflation pressure will support a load of 2500 lbs. per pair of air helper springs. **FOR BEST RIDE** use only enough air pressure in the air helper springs to level the vehicle when viewed from the side (front to rear). This amount will vary depending on the load, location of load, condition of existing suspension and personal preference.

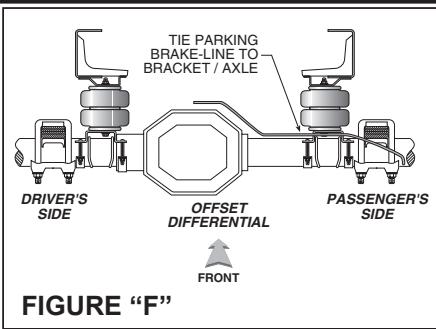


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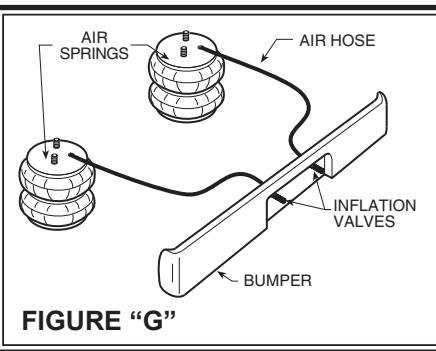


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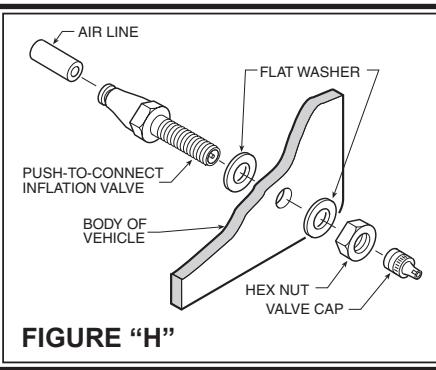


FIGURE "H"

### NOTE:

Too much air pressure in the air helper springs will result in a firmer ride, while too little air pressure will allow the air helper spring to bottom out over rough conditions. Too little air pressure will also not provide the possible improvement in handling. **TO PREVENT POSSIBLE DAMAGE, MAINTAIN A MINIMUM OF 20 P.S.I. IN THE AIR HELPER SPRINGS AT ALL TIMES.**



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## Operating Instructions and Trouble Shooting Guide

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Thank you for purchasing Firestone air helper springs. You have purchased a quality product from the world's number one air spring manufacturer.

This guide will provide answers to some of your questions regarding the use and operation of your new air helper springs. Following the guidelines in this manual will help provide you with many years of trouble-free service from your Firestone air helper springs.

For vehicle applications, air pressure requirements, air compressor CFM, maintainance, or air spring technical data, contact us at:

**[www.ride-rite.com](http://www.ride-rite.com)**  
**1-800-888-0650**

**INSTALLER: Please leave this manual with the vehicle's owner.**

## **SAFETY TIPS**

### **Never exceed the manufacturer's recommended Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR)**

As with your vehicle's tires, an air helper spring is a pneumatic device that supports a portion of the vehicle's weight. The air helper spring may fail as a result of punctures, impact damage, improper inflation, improper installation, or improper usage. To reduce the risk of failure, we strongly recommend the following:

**Never overload your vehicle.** The manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) is stated on the specification plate on the chassis. You should weigh your vehicle on a truck scale when it is fully loaded and in a level condition to determine if you are exceeding the manufacturer's recommended GVWR.

Inspect the inflated air springs to verify that they do not contact any component of the vehicle under normal suspension operation. The air helper spring must flex and expand during normal operation. There must be at least 1/2" of clearance between the inflated air spring and any other component of the vehicle under normal suspension operation.

The kit is designed to clear all chassis components. If there is **any** interference, please call Firestone at 1 (800) 888-0650.

Inspect the air line tubing and the air spring to verify that they have not been too close to the exhaust system. If the distance between any portion of the air spring or air line tubing and the exhaust system is less than 6", a heat shield should be used.

Never inflate the air helper springs beyond the maximum pressure indicated in the installation manual.

Never attempt to remove any component of the air spring assembly when the air springs are inflated.

If an air helper spring has failed while you are on the road, operate your vehicle at reduced speeds. High speed over rough roads will result in severe bottoming of the air spring and may damage other vehicle components.

Never attempt to drive the vehicle in an unleveled condition. Failure to level a heavily loaded vehicle may result in excessive body roll and possible damage or injury.

If unidentifiable problems exist with your air helper spring kit, visit Firestone on the web at [www.riderite.com](http://www.riderite.com) or call 1 (800) 888-0650 for technical assistance.

Never cut, weld, or modify the air helper springs or brackets.

Do not use aerosol tire repair products in the air helper springs or a tire patch of any kind on the air helper spring. If there is a hole in the air spring it must be replaced.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Firestone air helper springs are heavy duty, quality air springs designed to supplement your vehicle's existing suspension system. These durable air springs allow you to maximize your vehicle's load carrying capacity through the use of air pressure. Proper installation, use, and operation will provide the maximum service life and performance your air spring kit is capable of delivering. These instructions will help you obtain the maximum benefits available from your air spring kit.

### **RIDE-RITE™ AIR HELPER SPRINGS**

Ride-Rite™ air helper springs are installed between the frame and the suspension of trucks, vans, and motorhomes. Ride-Rite™ air helper springs are capable of supporting loads up to 5000 lbs per pair.\*

### **SPORT-RITE™ AIR HELPER SPRINGS**

Sport-Rite™ air helper springs are installed between the frame and suspension of light trucks, and utilize a sleeve-style air spring to enhance the ride when the vehicle is loaded or unloaded. Sport-Rite™ air helper springs are capable of supporting loads up to 3000 lbs per pair.\*

### **LEVEL-RITE™ AIR HELPER SPRINGS**

Level-Rite™ air helper springs replace the existing shock absorber with a fully-protected, reversible sleeve air spring paired it with a high-performance Bilstein monotube shock absorber for perfectly matched performance characteristics over the entire operation spectrum. Level-Rite™ air helper springs are capable of supporting loads up to 1000 lbs per pair.\*

## **BASIC OPERATION**

As your vehicle is loaded, the stock suspension is compressed under the weight of the load. Your vehicle's stock suspension system has been designed so that it will provide optimum performance and handling with a specific load on the vehicle. When your vehicle is loaded, its performance, handling characteristics, and ride quality may be compromised. As the stock suspension is compressed, the ride may become "mushy", and you may encounter sway and handling problems. As weight is added to the vehicle, the air helper springs become an active part of

\*Do not exceed the vehicle's recommended gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR)

the suspension system. As more air pressure is added to the air springs, they will support more weight. You will be able to compensate for a heavy load by adding air pressure to the air springs, thereby reducing sway and handling problems associated with a heavily loaded vehicle.

**TABLE “A”**

**ALL TORQUE SPECIFICATIONS**

Using a torque wrench, torque the threaded fasteners to the following specifications:

Fasteners used on studs and blind holes in air springs	15 – 20 ft lbs
Hex nuts installed on axle straps	10 – 15 ft lbs
Hex nuts installed on 3/8" hex bolts	28 – 32 ft lbs
Hex nuts and bolts used to secure brackets to frame	28 – 32 ft lbs
Hex nuts installed on U-bolts	15 – 20 ft lbs
Hex bolts securing tapered sleeve style air spring to lower bracket	10 – 12 ft lbs

**PREVAILING-TORQUE LOCK NUTS**

In order to assure trouble-free operation, your air spring kit includes a variety of self-locking threaded fasteners. Your kit may include prevailing-torque lock nuts. Prevailing-torque lock nuts may be more difficult to install, but will not come loose under normal suspension operation.

**THREAD LOCKING COMPOUND**

The hex bolts used to secure the air spring to the brackets may have a locking compound applied to the threads. Lock washers are not required when using a fastener with pre-applied thread locking compound. When installing fasteners with thread locking compound, follow the torque recommendations listed in table.

**HELICAL LOCK WASHERS**

Your air helper spring kit may include helical lock washers. In order to properly use the lock washer, tighten the nut/bolt fastener just enough to flatten the lock washer. Overtightening the fastener may damage the nut or bolt. When using helical lock washers, follow the torque recommendations listed in Table “A”.

**AIR FITTINGS**

Your kit will include one of two types of push-to-connect air fittings: fittings with a thread locking compound pre-applied to the threads or fittings with a Nylon collar in place of the thread locking compound.

The pre-applied thread sealant, thread the air fitting into the air spring and tighten the fitting securely to engage the pre-applied thread sealant.

The Nylon collar, thread the air fitting into the threaded hole on the air spring so that the Nylon collar makes contact with the top of the air spring and then tighten 1/2 turn. No thread sealant is required.

Both types of air fittings allow easy connection between the air fitting and the air line tubing. To install the air line in the fittings, cut the tubing as square as possible using a sharp utility knife or razor blade. Push the air line into the fitting as far as possible. If the tubing must be removed from the fitting, first release the air pressure from the air spring. Push the collar towards the body of the fitting and then pull the tubing out.

**PRESSURE DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN AIR SPRINGS**

It is not uncommon to have different pressures between the air springs after the vehicle has been brought to a level condition. If the vehicle is within the manufacturer's recommended gross vehicle weight and you have not achieved a level condition after inflating the air springs to 100 psi, there may be a problem with your stock suspension. The leaf springs may have become fatigued over time or a leaf spring may be fractured. There may be an obstruction in the air system, not allowing the air pressure to reach the air helper springs.

**AIR SPRING ALIGNMENT AND HEIGHT**

Upon completion of the installation, the air springs should be inspected for proper alignment. Although the air helper springs can function with some misalignment, it is preferred that the air springs be mounted so that they are aligned with as little top to bottom offset as possible.

Check the distance between the upper bracket and lower bracket (design height). The dimensions shown on **Page 5** are a guide to assist in determining the ideal operating height for your air helper springs.

## INFLATING THE AIR SPRINGS

With the air helper springs installed on your vehicle and the vehicle sitting on a level surface, visually verify that the vehicle is in a level state. If the vehicle is not level (front-to-back or from side-to-side) it can be brought to a level position by inflating the air springs. Each air spring has a separate inflation valve. To level the vehicle from front-to-back, add air pressure to both air springs in equal amounts. To level the vehicle from side-to-side, add more air pressure to the air spring on the lower side of the vehicle. When inflating the air springs, add air pressure in small quantities, checking the pressure frequently. The air spring requires much less air volume than a tire, and therefore, will inflate and deflate quickly.

**WARNING: DO NOT EXCEED THE MAXIMUM PRESSURE AS INDICATED IN THE INSTALLATION MANUAL**

## LEVELING THE VEHICLE

Check the level of your vehicle visually. If it is not level, either from front to back or from side to side, level it by inflating your air springs. (If your vehicle is equipped with a cab control unit or automatic control system refer to the directions for that device.) There is one inflation valve for each air spring. To level from front to back, add air pressure to both air springs equally. For side to side, add air pressure to the air springs on the side of the vehicle that is low. When adding air pressure to the air springs, remember that they have a much smaller volume of air than a tire so they will inflate much quicker. Add air pressure in short bursts until the vehicle is level. (NEVER EXCEED 100psi IN EACH AIR SPRING.)

## MAINTENANCE

It is considered normal for air helper springs to lose some air pressure over time. Normal pressure loss should not exceed 3 – 4 psi per week when the air springs are inflated to 50 psi. If the pressure loss is greater than 3 – 4 psi per week, there may be a leak in the system. Each time you check the pressure in the air springs, you will lose 1 – 3 psi. The air pressure should be checked at regular intervals.

It is recommended that the air pressure be checked according to the following guidelines:

At least monthly intervals during the continuous operation of the vehicle (see above)

When the vehicle is removed from long-term storage

If the air springs are used to assist in leveling an RV or camper on uneven ground, ensure that the vehicle is returned to a level ride height before departing.

The brackets used to secure the air helper spring to the vehicle should be inspected periodically for damage and for loose fasteners. Ensure that the air line tubing is clear of any sharp edges and routed away from the exhaust system. The brackets and air line tubing should be inspected every 6 months. Ensure that the threaded fasteners are torqued to the specifications listed on **Page 3**.

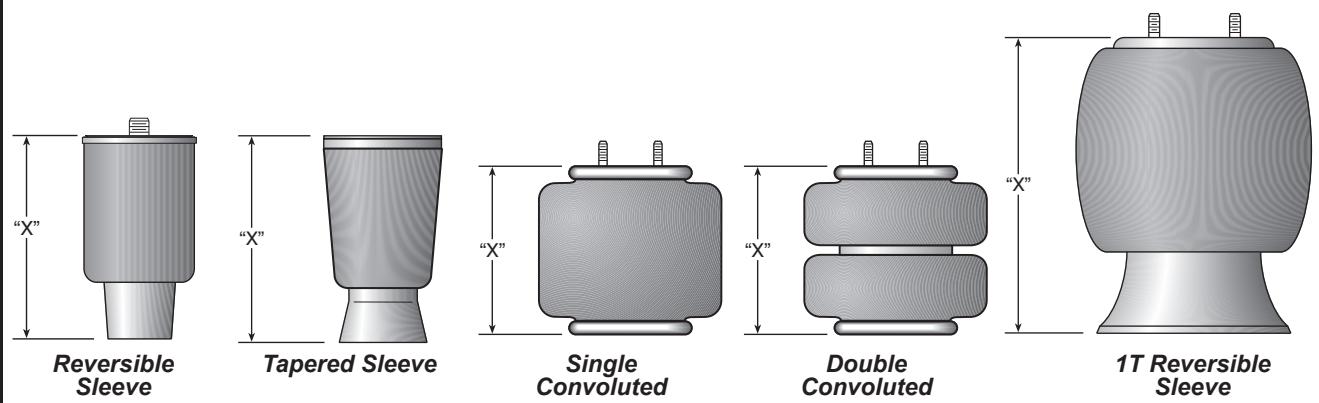
Accumulated sand, gravel, or other road debris on the air springs or brackets should be rinsed away with a garden hose each time the vehicle is washed.

If it is necessary to lift the vehicle by the frame, first release the air pressure from the air springs. This will allow the air springs to extend to their maximum length without being damaged. The uninflated air springs are capable of supporting the weight of the axle when the vehicle is lifted by the frame. After servicing of the vehicle is complete, lower the vehicle to the ground and reinflate the air helper springs to the desired pressure. **NOTE:** On Sport-Rite kits the air helper springs must be aired up to 50 psi and then release the air until the air helper springs are to the desired pressure.

## ONLINE AUCTION PURCHASES

Firestone will not replace missing components from any kit purchased through an online auction.

## AIR SPRING TECHNICAL DATA



Part Number	Description	Style	"X" Ride Height	Min/Max Air Pressure	Max Load @100 psi (per pair)
6868	Single Convoluted	160BY	5.0" - 6.0"	5 / 100 psi	3600 lbs
6762					
6764	Double Convoluted	268C	4.5" - 5.5"	5 / 100 psi	3200 lbs
6766					
6397					
6410	Double Convoluted	267C1.5	5.5" - 6.5"	5 / 100 psi	4800 lbs
6781					
6401					
6873	Double Convoluted	224C	5.5" - 7.0"	5 / 100 psi	5000 lbs
6859					
7689	Double Convoluted	26C	7.0" - 8.0"	5 / 100 psi	5640 lbs
7701					
7076	Reversible Sleeve	70mm	6.0" x 8.0"	10 / 100 psi	2000 lbs
9000	Tapered Sleeve	110/70 mm	7.75" - 8.75"	10 / 100 psi	3000 lbs
9001	Tapered Sleeve	110/70 mm	5.88" - 6.88"	10 / 100 psi	3000 lbs
9002	Tapered Sleeve	110/70 mm	6.75" - 7.75"	10 / 100 psi	3000 lbs
5405	1T Reversible Sleeve	1T14C-3	8.0" - 12.0"	5 / 100 psi	6400 lbs

This information is provided for reference purposes only. The bracketry and air springs in the Ride-Rite™ and Sport-Rite™ kits are designed to work with the original suspension and within the manufacturer's Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) for the intended vehicle. Brackets and air springs should not be interchanged or modified.

## TROUBLE SHOOTING GUIDE

### Air spring will not inflate

Ensure that the air line tubing is inserted into the air fittings as far as possible. The tubing should go in the fitting 3/4 of an inch. You will feel some resistance when the tubing goes past the o-ring.

Clear any dirt or debris from inside the inflation valves.

Inspect the entire length of air line tubing to ensure that it is not kinked, damaged from exhaust heat, or cut due to contact with sharp edges

### Air spring will not hold air

Normal pressure loss is no more than 3 - 4 psi per week when the air spring is inflated to 50 psi.

Using the inflation valve cap as a core tool, ensure that the valve stem core is installed securely.

Apply a solution of soap and water to the air fittings, air line, and air springs to check for leaks. Tighten the air fitting or re-install the tubing in the air fitting to stop the leak. Rinse the soap and water solution from the system when complete.

If a leak can not be detected with the soap and water solution, deflate the air springs and remove them from the vehicle. Re-install the tubing and inflation valve on the air spring and inflate the air spring to a maximum of 20 psi. Submerge the air spring in a bucket of water to check for leaks.

### Locations of air leaks

Leaks occur most often at the threaded connection between the air fittings and the air springs. Tighten the fitting to engage the pre-applied orange thread sealant or until the nylon collar makes contact with the air spring, plus 1/2 turn, depending on which type of fitting is included in your kit. (See air fittings on page 3)

The end of the air line tubing must be cut square and clean to avoid burrs in the connection to the air fittings. The push-to-connect fittings require a square cut to properly seal. The tubing can be removed from the fitting by first releasing the air pressure from the air spring. Push the collar on the fitting toward the body of the fitting. While holding the collar in, pull out the tubing. Cut the tubing squarely and push the tubing into the fitting as far as possible.

### The vehicle is not level

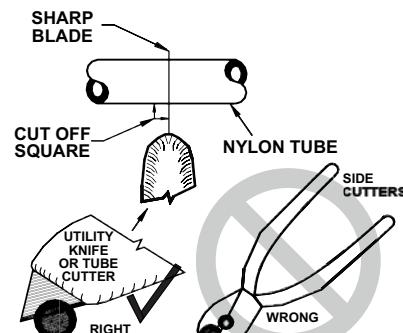
Check for proper inflation of the air springs on each side of the vehicle.

Check for obstructions in the air system or vehicle components that may be restricting suspension travel.

#### IMPORTANT

##### NYLON TUBE CUTTING:

FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS TO AVOID LEAKS



## WARRANTY QUESTIONS

### FIRESTONE LIMITED LIFETIME AIR SPRING WARRANTY

Firestone Industrial Products Company LLC ("Firestone") warrants that its Ride Rite Air Spring Assembly will perform according to the manufacturer's specifications for as long as the vehicle on which the system was originally installed is owned by the original retail purchaser. This limited warranty does not include installation or other service charges for replacement.

#### Warranty Period

The Air Spring is warranted for as long as the original purchaser owns the vehicle on which it was originally installed. The fasteners and upper and lower brackets which accompany the air spring are warranted for a period of twenty-four (24) months or 24,000 miles whichever occurs first. This warranty begins on the original retail delivery date.

#### What is Covered

Any implied warranties are limited in duration to the coverage period of this warranty (some states do not allow limitation on how long an implied warranty lasts so the above limitation may not apply to you). This Warranty runs in favor of the original retail purchaser when the Ride Rite Air Spring Assembly is used under normal operating conditions according to Firestone's specifications and installed on the appropriate application. This warranty does not apply to Ride Rite Air Spring Assemblies that have been improperly applied, improperly installed, used in racing or off road applications or used for commercial purposes. In addition, the warranty will not apply to products which have not been maintained and serviced according to the instructions that accompany the air spring assembly. The consumer will be responsible for any costs incurred in removing the product from the vehicle and the cost to return the air spring assembly to the dealer or installer from which it was purchased. If it is determined that the Ride Rite Air Spring Assembly failed as a result of a manufacturing defect, Firestone will repair or replace, at its option, any product or components subject to this warranty. You should retain a copy of your contract with your installer and your receipt as proof of the date of installation. This warranty is non-transferable and is not assignable in any way.

**Firestone specifically excludes any obligation for consequential damages or incidental expenses including claims for loss of use of the product, loss of time, inconvenience, or commercial loss. This warranty gives you specific legal rights. You may also have other rights that may vary from state-to-state. Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts or allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages. The above limitation or exclusion may not apply to you. There are no warranties, express or implied, including implied warranty of merchantability and fitness which extend beyond this warranty.**



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### IS A LEAKING AIR SPRING COVERED UNDER WARRANTY?

An air helper spring with a leak does not necessarily indicate that the air spring is defective. Inspect the air spring for obvious punctures or abrasions. A failure caused by a puncture or abrasion to the air spring would not be covered by the material and workmanship warranty. An air helper spring kit that has not been installed according to the published installation manual will not be covered by the warranty. Warranty consideration will only be given if the kit listed in our published application guide is installed on the proper vehicle.

### WHAT DO I DO IF I HAVE A DEFECTIVE PART THAT IS COVERED UNDER WARRANTY?

If you live in the U.S. or Canada, contact Firestone directly at 1-800-888-0650 for warranty assistance. All other customers should contact their purchasing dealer. If the warranty claim is questionable, you may need to purchase a replacement part until the warranty claim can be submitted and reviewed by Firestone. If the warranty claim is determined to be a valid warranty claim, a credit for the purchased part will be issued.

Firestone has made every attempt to assure that your air helper spring kit will properly fit your vehicle. Revised vehicle designs, new model year vehicles, and changes made to the vehicle by the manufacturer can affect proper fit. Any aftermarket chassis or suspension modification made to the vehicle may affect suspension dimensions and may not allow the air helper spring kit to fit the vehicle as intended.

## AIR-RITE™ AIR CONTROL SYSTEMS

Firestone has expanded the offering of Air-Rite Air Control Systems, which provides an instant air source for air suspension products. Adjust the ride for various load and road conditions with a flip of a switch or even a click on a remote. Individual air accessory components are also available, including compressors, air tanks, and mounting solutions, providing a wide variety of air control assist solutions.

Choosing among the Air Command products has now become easier. To select an Air Command Kit from the table below, consider the level of air source and the style of gauge that best fits the application.

### STEP: #1:

Based upon usage, consider the level of air source.



	LIGHT DUTY	STANDARD DUTY	HEAVY DUTY	XTRA	XTREME	PRESSURE MONITOR ONLY
<b>Usage Examples</b>	Ideal for Coil-Rite, Level-Rite, or consistent loads	Moderate use Most 1/2 tons	Regular use 8-lug or RVs Wide load ranges	Heavy Use Small Fills (Motorcycle Tires)	Heavy Use Large Fills (RV/Truck Tires)	No Compressor No Tank
<b>Compressor Included</b>	Compressor No.9377	Compressor No.9284	Compressor No.9285	Compressor No.9285	Compressor No.9287	N/A
<b>Air Tank Included</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	9124 1/2 gal.	9420 2 gal.	N/A

### STEP #2:

Select from the assortment of gauge styles.



### STEP #3:

Use the table to choose the Air Command Kit that matches your air source and gauge selection.

<b>Air Command™</b>	<b>CLASSIC</b> 	<b>Single</b>	<b>2538</b>	<b>2158</b>	<b>2097</b>	<b>2266</b>	<b>2543</b>	<b>2196</b>
		<b>Dual</b>		<b>2178</b>	<b>2219</b>	<b>2168</b>	<b>2549</b>	
<b>ELECTRONIC</b> 	<b>Single</b>	<b>2490</b>	<b>2544</b>					
	<b>Dual</b>	<b>2491</b>	<b>2545</b>					
<b>REMOTE</b> 	<b>Dual</b>	<b>2489</b>	<b>2540</b>	<b>2541</b>	<b>2546</b>	<b>2547</b>		
	<b>Warranty Period</b>	<b>1 yr.</b>	<b>1 yr.</b>	<b>2 yr.</b>	<b>2 yr.</b>	<b>2 yr.</b>	<b>2 yr.</b>	