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INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR: RE1136 SWAY BAR QUICK DISCONNECT KIT 2018 JEEP WRANGLER JL w/2.5"-6" LIFT

Safety Warning:

Suspension systems or components that enhance the off-road performance of your vehicle may cause it to handle differently, on and off-road, than it did from the factory. Care must be taken to prevent loss of control or vehicle rollover during sudden maneuvers. Failure to drive the vehicle safely may result in serious injury or death to driver and passengers. We recommend you always wear your seatbelt, drive safely and avoid quick turns and other sudden maneuvers. Constant maintenance is required to keep your vehicle safe. Thoroughly inspect your vehicle before and after every off-road use.

Installation Warning:

We recommend that certified technicians perform the installations of our products. Attempts to install these products without knowledge or experience may jeopardize the safety of the vehicle. These instructions only cover the installation of our products and may not include factory procedures for disassembly and reassembly of factory components. Read instructions from start to finish and be sure all parts are present before disassembling the vehicle. Included instructions are guidelines only for recommended procedures and in no way are meant to be definitive. Installer is responsible to insure a safe and controllable vehicle after performing modifications. Do not perform test drives on public roads with partially completed installations. Always double and triple check your work before use.

IMPORTANT!: This kit is COMPATIBLE WITH OE sway bars ONLY!

NOTE: Extended front brake hoses or other modifications to compensate for additional suspension travel may be necessary.

IMPORTANT!: Only disconnect the sway bar for use in approved off-roading areas.

IMPORTANT!: WHEN DISCONNECTED, the sway bar must be properly secured to prevent interference all suspension components.

REQUIRED TOOLS:

Metric/Standard Socket Wrench Set (17mm and 3/4" sockets)
Torque Wrench
Tie Rod End Remover *
6mm Allen Head Socket
6mm Allen Wrench
1/4" Allen Wrench *
Cut-off Wheel or Air saw

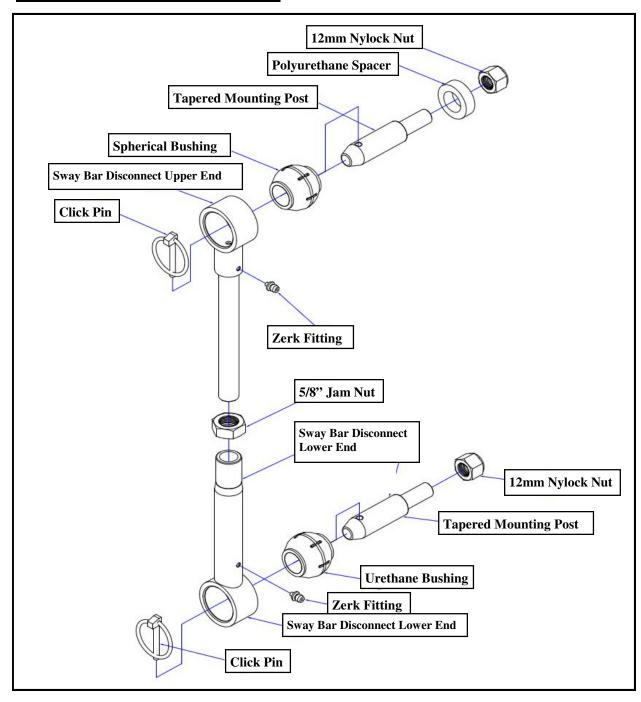
15/16" Open-End Wrench #1 Philips Screwdriver or Small Punch (F) Drill Bit (0.257" equiv.) * 5/16" x 18TPI Tap * Angle Measuring Tool Grease Gun with Zerk Fitting Coupler Wheel Bearing Grease

• Asterisk denotes tools that are not required certain applications. Read instructions thoroughly before determining which tools will be required for your installation.

RE1136 Sway Bar Quick Disconnect Kit:

- 4 RM43003 Spherical Bushing
- 4 RM43002 Offset Polyurethane Spacer: 1.20" X .75" X .430"
- 4 RM14031 Tapered Mounting Post
- 4 HWC12005 Click Pin
- 4 HW5035 Zerk Fitting: Press in
- 5 72-01217508812 12mm- 1.75 Nylock Nut
- 1 35-RM31162 Sleeve
- 2 88-RM31163 Sway Bar Disconnect Upper End
- 2 88-RM31164 Sway Bar Disconnect Lower End
- 2 72-062200518 5/8" Jam Nut

SWAY BAR LINK INSTALLATION:



1. Remove **OE** front sway bar end links and **OE** mounting hardware per the vehicle's factory service manual.

NOTE: If installing sway bar disconnects on Rubicon model, save the OE passenger side lower axle mounting bolt and hardware for reinstallation.

Steps 2 Through 6 are for Driver Side (Rubicon, Sport, and Sahara Models)

- 2. Install the **12mm** tapered mounting post, RM14031, on the outside of the sway bar. Be sure the click pin holes are horizontal or parallel with the ground. **(photo 1)**
- 3. Apply medium strength thread locker to the mounting post, RM14031, threads. Secure the upper mounting post to the sway bar using the **12mm** nylock nuts. Torque **12mm** nut to 65 ft./lbs. **(photo 2 & 3)**

NOTE: Inserting a small Philips head screwdriver or punch through the click pin hole will prevent the threaded mounting post, RM14031, from rotating when tightening the nut. (photo 3)

4. Install **12mm** tapered mounting post, RM14031, into the lower sway bar end link front axle mounting holes. Position posts with tapered end pointing inboard. Be sure click pin holes are horizontal or parallel with the ground. **(photo 3)**

NOTE: Inserting a small Philips head screwdriver or punch through the click pin hole will prevent the threaded mounting post, RM14031, from rotating when tightening the nut. (photo 3)

- 5. Apply medium strength thread locker to the mounting post, RM14031, threads. Secure the lower mounting post to the axle mount using the **12mm** nylock nuts. Torque **12mm** nut to 65 ft./lbs. **(photo 2 & 3)**
- 6. Install the supplied offset polyurethane spacers, RM43002, to the upper and lower threaded mounting posts, RM14031.







(Photo #1) (Photo #2) (Photo #3)

Steps 7 Through 11 Are for Passenger Side (Rubicon, Sport, and Sahara Models)

- 7. Using a cut-off wheel or another appropriate tool, remove the tab adjacent to the track bar mount and grind smooth. Prep the area, prime and paint with a good quality paint.
- 8. Install **12mm** tapered mounting post, RM14031, into the hole in the track bar mount. Position posts with tapered end pointing outboard. Be sure click pin holes are horizontal or parallel with the ground. **(photo 3)**
- NOTE: <u>Rubicon Models Only</u>, the previously removed OE lower sway bar mounting bolt, hardware, and supplied sleeve, 35-RM31162, can be used in OE location instead of grinding the track bar mount tab and using tapered mounting post, RM14031. Torque OE hardware to manufacturer's specifications.

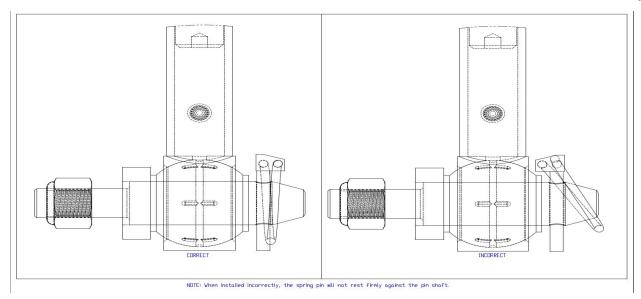
- NOTE: Inserting a small Philips head screwdriver or punch through the click pin hole will prevent the threaded mounting post, RM14031, from rotating when tightening the nut. (photo 3)
- Apply medium strength thread locker to the mounting post, RM14031, threads. Secure the upper mounting post to the sway bar using the 12mm nylock nuts. Torque 12mm nut to 65 ft./ lbs. (photo 2 & 3)
- 10. Install **12mm** tapered mounting post, RM14031, into the lower sway bar end link front axle mounting holes. Position posts with tapered ends pointing inboard. Be sure click pin holes are horizontal or parallel with the ground. **(photo 3)**
- NOTE: Inserting a small Philips head screwdriver or punch through the click pin hole will prevent the threaded mounting post, RM14031, from rotating when tightening the nut. (photo 3)
- 11. Apply medium strength thread locker to the mounting post, RM14031, threads. Secure the upper mounting post to the sway bar using the **12mm** nylock nuts. Torque **12mm** nut to 65 ft./ lbs. (photo 2 & 3)
- 12. Install the supplied offset polyurethane spacers, RM43002, to the upper and lower threaded mounting posts, RM14031.
- 13. Determine the proper sway bar angle for your vehicle.
- IMPORTANT: <u>DO NOT</u> exceed maximum length (measured from center-to-center of bushings) for your part. Be sure there is a proper amount of thread engagement.
- 14. Adjust the length of the disconnects until sway bar is at the proper angle. (photo 4)
- NOTE: Vehicle must be at normal ride height and located on level ground.
- 15. Once adjusted, tighten **5/8**" jam nuts, 72-062200518, firmly against the lower ends.
- IMPORTANT: Bushing ends at both ends must remain parallel with each other while tightening the jam nut.
- 16. Install the upper and lower end of the disconnect onto the threaded mounting posts, RM14031. **(photo 5)**
- 17. Insert click pins, HWC12005, to secure the disconnects. (photo 6)
- IMPORTANT: When properly installed, the ring on the click pin, HWC12005, will sit firmly against the shaft of pin. When installed improperly, the ring will not fit snugly against shaft. (photo 6)
- 18. Lubricate all grease Zerk fittings, HW5035, on the disconnects immediately after installation using common wheel bearing grease or equivalent.







(Photo #5)



(Photo #6)

CORRECT OPERATION OF SWAY BAR DISCONNECTS:

- 1. Remove the click pins, HWC12005, from the upper and lower threaded mounting posts, RM14031.
- 2. Remove the disconnects from the threaded mounting posts, RM14031, and store them safely inside the vehicle.

NOTE: To avoid losing the click pins, reinstall them into the mounting posts.

3. Secure the sway bar to the chassis, in the horizontal position, with plastic wire ties or bungee cords (not supplied).

IMPORTANT!: The sway bar must be secured in the horizontal position to prevent serious tire damage.

- 4. To reconnect the disconnects, remove the click pins, HWC12005, from the threaded mounting posts, RM14031, and rotate the sway bar down into place.
- 5. Install the upper and lower end of the disconnect onto the threaded mounting posts, RM14031. (photo 5)
- 6. Insert click pins, HWC12005, to secure the disconnects. (photo 6)

NOTE: To make the installation easier, install the passenger side disconnect first.

TROUBLESHOOTING:

1. If the OE sway bar does not rotate freely, remove it from the vehicle. Clean and apply lubricant to chassis-mounted bushings. Reinstall OE sway bar.

MAINTENANCE:

- 1. Lubricate all grease Zerk fittings, HW5035, on the disconnects frequently after installation using common wheel bearing grease or equivalent.
- 2. It is important to lubricate the disconnects frequently after installation.
- 3. After break-in period, the disconnects should be lubricated as part of the vehicle's regular maintenance schedule.
- 4. Regular cleaning is recommended to maximize ease of operation and reliability. Always lubricate after any off road adventures.

INSTALLATION REVIEW:

- 1. Torque all the bolts to factory specifications. Be sure to double check your work.
- 2. Recheck all bolts after 50 miles and again after every off road excursion.







Notice to Owner, Operator, Dealer and Installer:

Vehicles that have been enhanced for off-road performance often have unique handling characteristics due to the higher center of gravity and larger tires. This vehicle may handle, react and stop differently than many passenger cars or unmodified vehicles, both on and off-road. You must drive your vehicle safely! Extreme care should always be taken to prevent vehicle rollover or loss of control, which can result in serious injury or even death. Always avoid sudden sharp turns or abrupt maneuvers and allow more time and distance for braking! Rubicon Express reminds you to fasten your seat belts at all times and reduce speed! We will gladly answer any questions concerning the design, function, maintenance and correct use of our products.

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- Parts subject to normal wear; this includes bushings*, shock absorbers, driveshafts, ball joints, tie rod ends and heim joints.
- Discontinued products at Rubicon Express's discretion.
- Finish after 90 days.

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