



INSTALLATION GUIDE

PART NUMBER: 5546
REAR ANTI-SWAY BAR
FORD F-150 REGULAR AND EXTENDED CAB | 1997-2003

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THANK YOU

Thank you for choosing our high quality Belltech product. We have spent a great deal of time developing our line of products so that you will receive maximum performance with minimal difficulty during installation. Soon your vehicle will be on the road looking and feeling much improved.

Please take a moment to read all instructions and warnings prior to installation of your new Belltech product and before operating your vehicle. If you have any questions or concerns regarding any step in the installation process, please do not hesitate to call or email our customer support specialists who are trained to help you through any portion of this process.

Before You Begin:

It is of the utmost importance that you confirm all the components listed on the parts list are in the kit. You can find this list located on the last page(s) of your instructions. Do not begin installation if any part is missing. Instead, please call our Belltech customer service specialists.

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Safety Information:

Warning: Do not work under a vehicle supported only by a jack. Place support stands securely under the vehicle in the manufacturer's specified locations unless otherwise instructed.

Proper use of safety equipment and eye/face/hand protection is necessary when performing any of the following instructions.

We strive for an exceptional experience for all our valued customers. If for any reason you need assistance with your Belltech products, please do not return the product to the store you purchased from, but rather call our dedicated customer service experts, from 7am to 5pm PST.

We recommend that a qualified mechanic, in a properly equipped facility, perform this installation.

It is very helpful to have an assistant available during installation.

Before Driving Your Vehicle:

It is important to double check all brake hoses, cables, and other components to be sure there is no interference. You must also check for wheel/tire to chassis/body interference. If any issues are found, review your installation instructions to be sure no steps were missed, and any problems are corrected.

Make sure your vehicle is aligned immediately following installation.

Check all hardware and torque at intervals for the first 10, 100, and 1000 miles.

Some of Belltech's products are designed to improve your vehicle's off-road performance. Leveling/lifting your vehicle may result in an altered center of gravity. It is crucial to use extreme care when operating your vehicle to prevent rollover and/or loss of control.

Any changes in your vehicle's suspension may result in transformed handleability. Please test-drive your vehicle in a remote location so you can become accustomed to the revised driving characteristics.

Perform headlight check and adjustment.

Failure to drive any modified vehicle in a safe manner may result in harm or death.

Never operate your modified vehicle under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or lack of adequate sleep.

Always wear your seatbelt.



DIFFICULTY:



INSTALLATION TIME: 1-2 Hours

RECOMMENDED TOOLS:

- Properly rated floor jack
- Support stands
- Wheel chocks
- Metric and standard socket wrench set
- Metric and standard wrench set
- Drill with drill bit set
- Safety glasses
- Torque wrench rated up to 130 ft lbs.

JACKING, SUPPORTING, AND PREPARING THE VEHICLE

1. Park your vehicle on a smooth, level, concrete, or seasoned asphalt surface.
2. Block the front wheels of the vehicle using wheel chocks. Make sure the vehicle's transmission is in "PARK" (automatic) or first gear (manual).
3. Activate the parking brake.
4. Lift the rear of the vehicle off the ground using a properly rated floor jack. Lift the vehicle so the rear tires are approximately 6-8 inches off the ground.
5. Place support stands rated for the vehicle's weight. The stands must be positioned in the factory specified locations. (Refer to the owner's manual). Prior to lowering the vehicle onto stands, make sure the support stands will contact the chassis. It is very important that the vehicle is properly supported to prevent any harm to oneself or to the vehicle.
6. Lower the vehicle slowly onto the stands.



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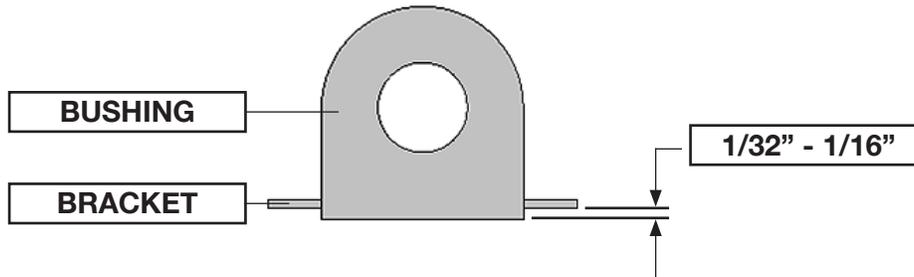
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7. Thoroughly lubricate the inside of the supplied pivot bushings using the grease packet included with the kit.

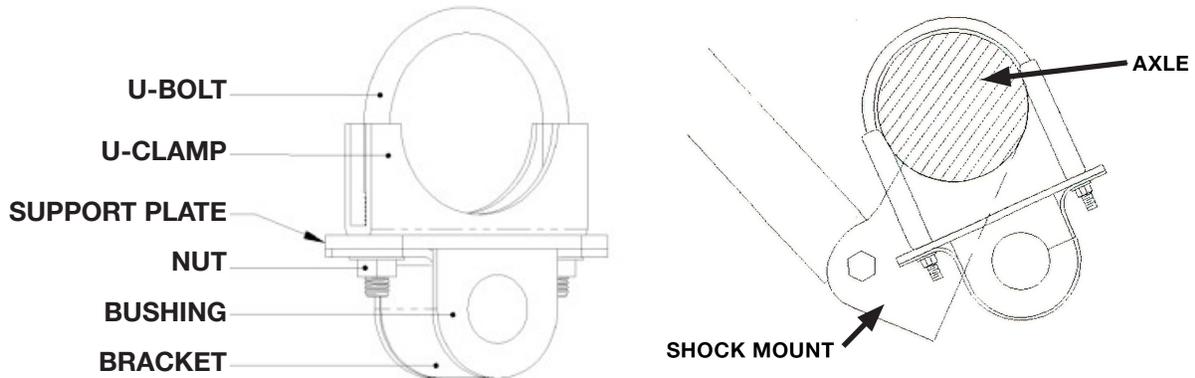


8. Place the bushings on both sides of the Belltech sway bar, centered on the first set of bends. Once located, rotate the bushings slightly to evenly spread the lubricant. Place the bushing brackets over the bushings.

9. Ensure there is 1/32" to 1/16" of the bushing is showing after the bracket is seated. If the bushing is showing more than 1/16", use a sander or a sheet of coarse grit sandpaper to shave it down to the proper height.



10. Carefully bend the hydraulic line away from the axle and place the U-bolts over the axle tube and under the brake line, ensuring the brake line is not clamped underneath. Place the U-clamp on the U-bolt followed by the support plate. Mount the sway bar and bushing bracket on the U-clamp. Position the assembly below and slightly forward of the axle housing, enough to clear the lower shock mounts. Hand tighten the supplied nuts on the U-bolt for now.



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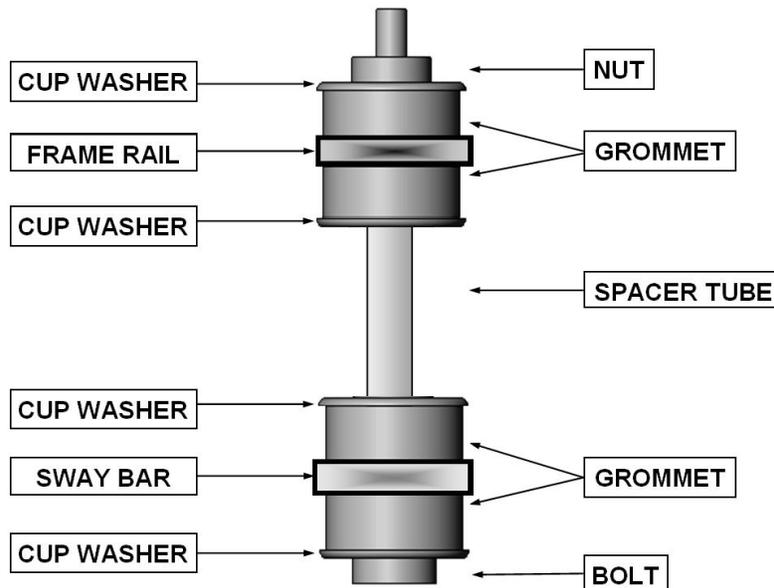
Technician note:

Different length bolts and spacer tubes are supplied for both lowered and stock height vehicles.

Stock height vehicles: Use the 10" long bolt and 5-1/2" spacer tube.

Lowered height vehicles: Use the 7" long bolt and 2-1/2" spacer tube.

11. The end link is assembled through the frame rails and the ends of the Belltech sway bar as shown in the diagram below.



12. On the passenger side, locate the spring hanger at the front of the leaf spring. There are four rivets securing the hanger to the frame. From the rear lower rivet, measure back 9-1/4" then mark the bottom of the frame rail. Center punch and drill a 5/8" hole in the center of the frame rail at the marked location. There is an existing hole in the same location on the driver's side. If necessary, enlarge the hole to 5/8".

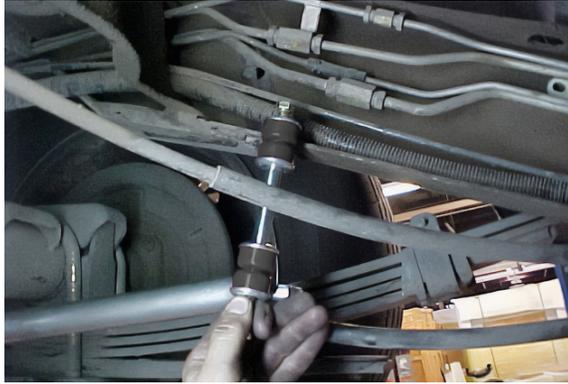


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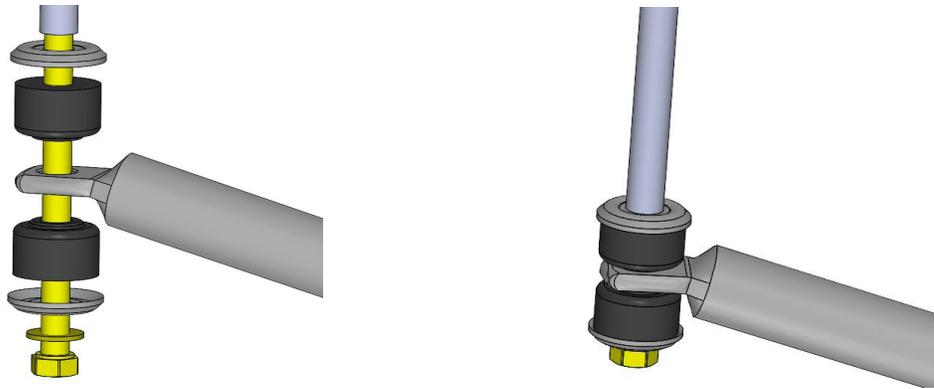
Before drilling, check for electrical, fuel, and brake system components on the inside of the frame rail being drilled. Relocate the components as necessary so they are not damaged during the frame modification.

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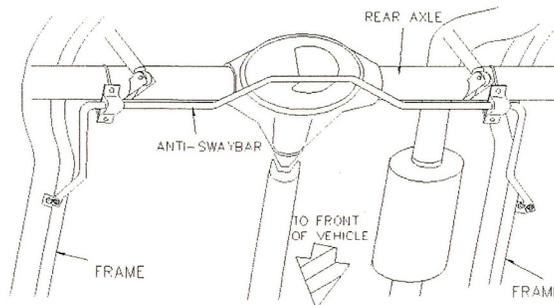
- Center the sway bar left to the right and front to rear. Position the U-bolts and clamps to the widest spacing possible. This will prevent the sway bar from shifting left or right while cornering. Use a floor jack to raise the rear axle until the jack stands are just beginning to unload. Check for vehicle stability. Raise the ends of the sway bar until the arms are parallel with the frame rails.



- Assemble the end links to the Belltech sway bar, as shown in the diagram.



- Mount the end link assembly to the frame and tighten the end link bolt to the point where the spacer tube can still be forced to rotate on the bolt by hand, but the rubber grommets should not be able to rotate by hand. The end links must be tightened before the U-bolts and clamps.
- Torque the U-bolts and pivot bushing clamps to 30 ft lbs.

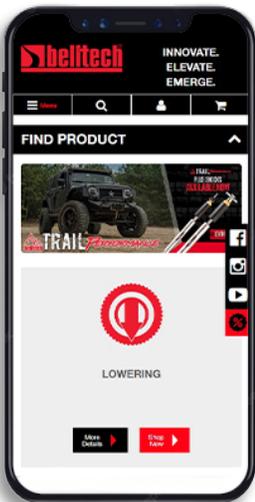


FINALIZING THE INSTALLATION

17. Lift the vehicle and remove the support stands.
18. Carefully lower the vehicle onto flat ground.
19. Check that all components and fasteners have been properly installed and torqued.
20. Read and perform all tasks in the “Before Driving Your Vehicle” section of page 1 of your instructions.

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You are now a part of the Belltech family and we are eager to catch a glimpse of your newly modified vehicle. Give us a shout out and let us know how much you love our product. Don't forget, we offer other Belltech related merchandise for you and your vehicle on our website www.belltech.com



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KIT CONTENTS



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Part number	Description	Qty
5546-300	1" REAR ANTI-SWAY BAR	1
5546-777	HARDWARE KIT	1

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Part number	Description	Qty
110255	3/8"-16 NYLOC NUT	4
112502	CUP WASHER	8
113000	END LINK GROMMET	8
112140	3/8"-16 X 7" BOLT	2
112088	3/8"-16 X 10" BOLT	2
112422-95	2-1/2" SPACER TUBE	2
112456-95	5-1/2" SPACER TUBE	2
112258	3" U-CLAMP	2
113075	1" PIVOT BUSHING	2
114026-95	PIVOT BUSHING BRACKET	2
114038-95	BUSHING SUPPORT PLATE	2
55000-10	WHITE LITHIUM GREASE	1