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COGNITO 3” Standard SM Series UCA Leveling Kit for GM 2020+ 2500HD/3500HD 2WD/4WD Trucks

INSTALL SUMMARY SHEET:

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SKU: 110-P1236



COMPONENTS INCLUDED:

QUANTITY	PART #	DESCRIPTION
1	80000	COGNITO 2020 GM 2500HD/3500HD SM UCA DRVR
1	80001	COGNITO 2020 GM 2500HD/3500HD SM UCA PASS
1	110-90771	COGNITO Torsion Bar Keys Kit
1	110-90259	1” Front Shock Extender Kit

TOOLS REQUIRED:

Floor Jack Jack Stands Torque Wrench	18mm Socket / Wrench 21mm Socket / Wrench

TECH NOTES:

- Read instructions carefully and study the pictures (if included) before attempting installation.
- If this product was purchased as part of a bundle/package, familiarize yourself with each set of instructions included with the bundle/package before beginning.
- Check the parts and hardware packages against the parts list to assure that your kit is complete before starting
- Unloading of the torsion bars is required.
- Estimated install time: 2-3 hours

INTRODUCTION:

Thank you for purchasing the Cognito 3” SM Series Standard Leveling Kit. We've bundled everything you need in a leveling kit for your 2020+ Silverado/Sierra 2500/3500 2WD/4WD with high quality Cognito components. There's no guesswork. The Cognito SM Series upper control arms are built with a modified ball joint angle to eliminate travel limitations of the ball joint in lifted applications. Upgrade your stock upper control arms with Cognito Standard Control Arms for better performance, style and function. Ample droop travel is required for good ride quality and all suspension components to last and work properly. The allowable droop travel is also improved with the design of these arms. Cognito Torsion Bar Keys levels the front with the rear of the truck. Their forged construction makes them practically indestructible, and they bolt in for easy installation.

WARNING

Please read this entire instruction sheet before beginning installation. Proper installation of these components requires a qualified mechanic. Always wear safety glasses when using power tools, and take appropriate precautions when working under a vehicle. If these instructions are not properly followed you may jeopardize your, and your passenger’s safety, and severe frame, suspension or tire damage may also result from improper installation.
Modification of vehicle suspension can interfere with ride-height sensors, active suspension, lane departure features, semi-autonomous, and autonomous driving features. It is the responsibility of the installer to determine feature compatibility prior to installation. Recalibration of sensors may be required in the event of any modification.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Installation requires a qualified mechanic.
- Follow the OE specifications when replacing or re-installing OE fasteners, retainers, and hardware specified in the OEM service manual.
- Always wear safety glasses when using power tools.
- When a lift is required to perform the installation of these products ensure the vehicle is properly supported before attempting installation or serious injury may occur.

This Kit Install Summary will guide you through the **necessary order of steps** to install each of the individual components that comprise this kit.

The proper installation of this combination of products is dictated by the necessary sequence in which each component must be installed to avoid access, interference or clearance issues that will result in unnecessary disassembly and reassembly and potential safety hazards.

This document will guide you through the sequence of operations, which includes preparatory work and the prescribed order for installing components – by referring you to the individual instructions packaged with each Cognito component for detail on how each kit component is properly installed.
YOU MUST FOLLOW THESE STEPS IN SEQUENTIAL ORDER FOR PROPER INSTALLATION OF THIS KIT.

REVIEW TECHNICAL NOTES AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE INDIVDUAL INSTALLATION INSTRUCTION SHEETS INCLUDED WITH THIS KIT BEFORE BEGINNING.

INSTALLATION

1. Begin by locating the 2 instruction sheets **7037** and **110-90910** included with this kit. You will need them both to do this install. If instructions are missing or damaged, contact Cognito Motorsports for where to find replacements.

2. Start with instruction set **7037**. Check to make sure all parts on the parts list are accounted for. Work through until instructed to load the Cognito torsion keys, stop at this point and not load the torsion keys.

3. Refer to instruction set **7267** to remove the factory upper control arms. Check to make sure all parts on the parts list are accounted for. Work through until instructed to install the Cognito control arms onto the truck, stop at this point and do not install the Cognito UCA.

4. Remove the shock, make sure the lower control arm is supported as the shock and sway bar are the only things holding it in place as this time. Unbolt the front shock upper and lower mounts and remove it.
   - **NOTE:**
     You can compress the shock by pulling down on the body or lower the support under the lower control arm to make removal easier.

5. Knock out the studs on the removed shocks using a deep socket to cup the flat side and a hammer to tap them out (Figure 1).

6. Reinstall the shock in the lower mount using OEM hardware and torque specs. Use the 1/2” hardware in **110-90259** to install the shock in the upper mount with the 2X 1/2” spacer. From the bottom up, the order should be bolt, washer, shock pin, spacer, strut tower frame, washer, and lock nut (Figure 2). Torque to **50ft-lbs**.
   - NOTE:
     Only use these extender spacers with the **OEM** shocks, aftermarket shocks may be longer and cause damage if used along with these spacers

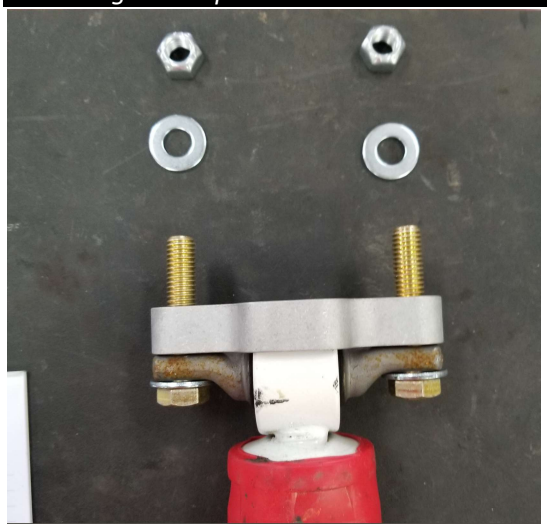
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INSTALLATION- CONTINUED

Figure 1: Remove OEM Studs



Figure 2: Spacer and Hardware



7. Refer back to instruction set **7267** to install the Cognito upper control arms, pick up where the install left off. Work through until instructed to install the wheels and tires onto the truck, stop at this point and do not install the wheels and tires.

8. Refer back to instruction set **7037** to load the torsion bars and set ride height. Continue where the install left off, and work through the rest of the steps to completion

This completes the installation steps, enjoy your new COGNITO 3" Standard Leveling Kit!

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Cognito Limited Lifetime Warranty

Cognito Motorsports, Inc. hereinafter "Cognito," warrants to the original retail purchaser, that its suspension products are free from workmanship and material defects for as long as the purchaser owns the vehicle on which the product(s) were originally installed. This warranty will be void if any modifications are made to the components, including alterations to the surface finish, i.e.; painting, powder coating, plating, and/or welding, or if they are improperly installed. Cognito truck suspension products are not designed nor intended to be installed on "competition" vehicles used in race applications, stunt or for exhibition purposes that are outside of the intended operating conditions specified by the manufacturer. Racing and competition are defined as any contests between two or more vehicles; or vehicles competing individually on off road circuits in timed events (whether or not such contests are for an award or prize).

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Product Safety Advisory

The installation of Cognito steering and suspension components will modify your vehicle's original factory equipment and geometry, which may cause it to handle differently than a stock (unaltered) vehicle. Installation of these components is not intended to strengthen nor reinforce the vehicle's frame, nor are they designed to increase rollover protection. It is necessary to periodically inspect all suspension and drive train components for proper attachment, torque specifications, operation, and for any potential unusual wear or damage. Installation of these parts will modify the height of the vehicle and may raise the center of gravity. Modifying vehicle height combined with off road operation may increase your vehicle's susceptibility to rollover conditions, which may cause serious injury or death. Many states regulate allowable vehicle height modifications, and it is your responsibility to know and comply with the legal requirements specified by the laws where you reside. Modifications to your vehicle's ride height may also affect the ride quality, driver input response, trackability and handling, and wear to your vehicle's suspension components and tires.

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