

HOTCHKIS **HOTCHKIS** **SPORT SUSPENSION**

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1978-1988 GM A/GBody

Extreme Sway Bar Kit

Thank you for your purchase from our new line of GM parts.

Please call us at (877) 4NO - ROLL if you have any questions regarding the service or installation of your Hotchkis products.

Before You Start:

Please read this entire instruction manual before starting. Being prepared with the right tools and procedures will aid in the ease of this installation.

This sway bar kit requires Hotchkis Trailing Arms (p/n 1301) to be installed beforehand. You will not be able to install this kit using stock trailing arms due to end link interference.

Front Bar Installation

1. Look carefully at the current installation.
2. This installation can be performed without removing the front wheels. Always use proper safety devices such as jack stands or lift jacks to properly support the vehicle.
3. Loosen front bushing retaining bolts, leave a few threads engaged to support the bar.
4. Remove the factory end link from the car.
5. Support or hold the center of bar and carefully remove front bushing bolts.
6. Remove factory bar from vehicle, taking note of the placement of the swaybar bushings.

7. Using the included white silicone grease, grease the inside of the urethane 1 7/16" in sway bar bushings. (The silicone grease can be cleaned up with WD40.)



8. Install the urethane bushings on the bar. Make sure you position the bushing so when the bar is installed in the vehicle, the split will face the front of the car.
9. Place the bushing's bracket over top the bushing.



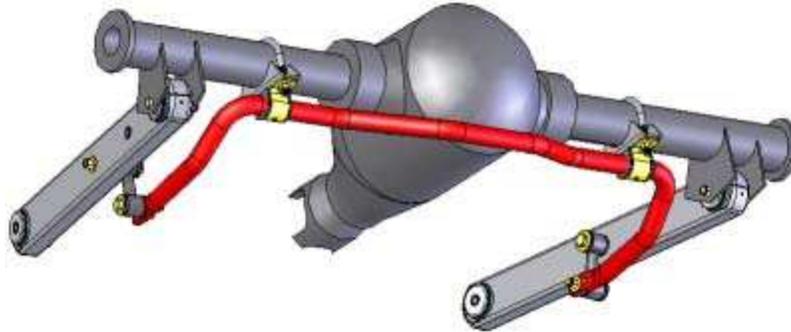
10. Install the new swaybar into the car using the included Cap Screws on the new brackets. This step will take some manipulating, as the original car was designed for a very small sway bar. You will need a 1/4" or a 6mm Allen Driver Socket for this. Our swaybar set is a much larger diameter than stock bar, and our Heavy Duty sway bar bushings and brackets are larger as well. You might find it easier to slightly squeeze the brackets together in a vice to allow you to better align the bracket holes with the original factory holes. Using a ratchet or air impact, install the screws with a washer under each head. This does work very well, you just need to use some torque to install these bolts. Have patience with this step.



11. Install the new A-Arm endlinks using a ratchet and wrench.
12. Tighten end link nut to the point where the end link bushing's diameter is just larger than it's support washer.



Rear Bar Installation



Before You Start:

This sway bar kit requires Hotchkis Trailing Arms (p/n 1302) to be installed beforehand. You will not be able to install this kit using stock trailing arms due to end link interference.

1. Raise Rear of the Vehicle

To properly install the rear sway bar you must have the rear suspension at ride height. Please use a 4-post lift or alignment rack to raise the vehicle. If these are not available, you may use floor ramps to gain access to the underside of the vehicle. Floor ramps can be found at most local auto parts stores.

2. Install Hotchkis End Links

Lube the polyurethane bushing surface on both dogbone end links. Look at your dogbone and notice that the bushing sleeves on each end have different inner diameters. The trailing arm bolt will use the small sleeve and the sway bar bolt will use the large hole. Use the 7/16" x 4" bolt to attach the end link to the trailing arm. The bolt should be pointing inboard. Use the 7/16" SAE washer (small) on the bolt head side and the 7/16" USS washer (larger) on the nut side. Do not fully tighten at this time.



3. Attach Sway Bar to the End Links

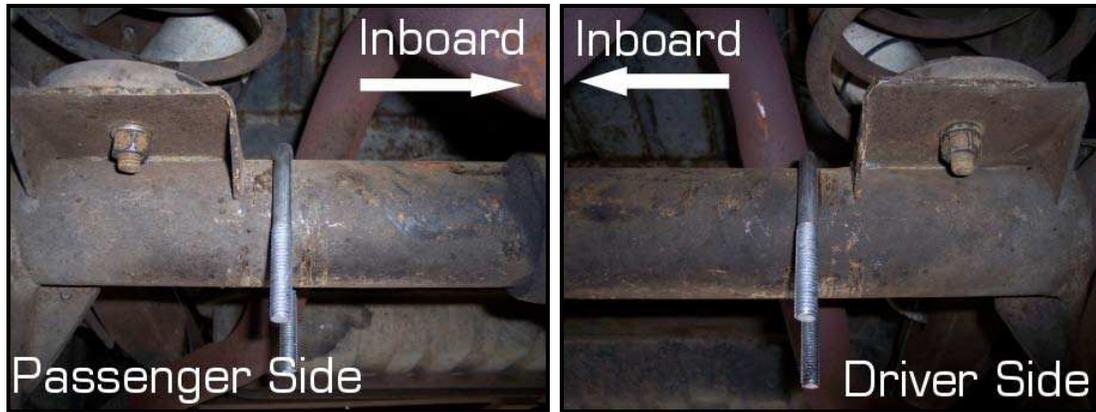
Orient the sway bar so that the Hotchkis sticker is right side up. At this time you can choose the stiffness setting by using the hole at the end for a softer setting or the 2nd hole from the end for a harder setting. Use the ½" x 3" bolt to attach the sway bar to the end link. The bolt should be pointing inboard. Use the ½" SAE washer (small) on the bolt head side and the ½" USS washer (larger) on the nut side. Do not fully tighten at this time.



4. Install Axle Brackets

First step is to install the provided stainless steel U-bolts. Each U-bolt will install a little inboard of the spring mount. You will have to unclip the brake line from the axle tab and carefully pull the brake line away from the axle tube to give enough clearance for the U-bolts.





Next, apply the provided lube on the inside surface of the polyurethane bushings. Pop the bushings onto the sway bar. Slide the bushing brackets onto the bushings.

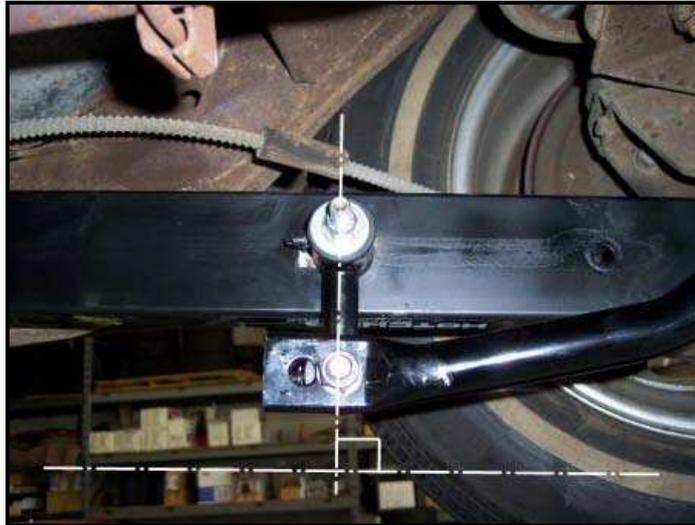


Apply a small amount of anti-seize to the threads of the U-bolts. Next position the axle bracket up against the axle tube. Raise the sway bar up to meet the axle bracket and allow the U-bolts to poke through the bushing bracket. Fasten the assembly together with the provided nut and washer. Do not fully tighten.



5. Position the Sway Bar

Since all of the hardware is still semi-loose, we can position the sway bar so that the end links are perpendicular to the trailing arm. Once the bar is positioned, fully tighten the axle bracket U-bolts. Then fully tighten the rest of the hardware. You are finished with this installation.



6. Optional Reinforcement

If the vehicle is going to be drag racing or road racing, it is recommended that you weld the axle brackets to the axle tubes. Sand off the paint on the mating edge of the axle bracket and axle tube. MIG weld a few beads on each side of the bracket. Finish it off with a little spray paint to keep it from rusting.

Hotchkis Performance LLC Return Policy & Limited Warranty

Effective December 1, 2010 all Hotchkis products must be registered to qualify for warranty at www.hotchkis.net or via the mail-in warranty card, included with the product, within 30 days of the original purchase date.

IMPORTANT: This warranty supersedes all other warranties included with this product.

Return Policy

We want you to be completely satisfied with your Hotchkis Performance product. For products, presenting signs of shipping damage please contact the freight carrier immediately. All our products are guaranteed to be free from manufacturer's defects. If your order arrives with a manufacture defect, please contact our Customer Service Department at (562) 907-7757. You will be assigned a Returned Goods Authorization Number (RGA). The package you return must show the RGA on the outside of the package, include the original invoice and be shipped prepaid to our facility. The product has to be unused and in its original packaging materials. Exchanges or refunds made after 30 days will be subject to a 20% restocking charge. **If you purchased your Hotchkis Performance product from an authorized dealer, you are still covered by this return policy. All returns however, should be made to your dealer, not to Hotchkis Performance directly.**

Limited Warranty

Hotchkis Performance offers a Limited Warranty against defects in materials and workmanship for the term of 36 months (3 years) from the date of purchase of this product. This Warranty only applies to the original retail purchaser who retains ownership of the vehicle on which the product was originally installed. If the product is determined to be defective, Hotchkis Performance will repair, replace or refund the purchase price of the defective product at Hotchkis Performance's sole discretion, which shall fully satisfy and discharge any and all warranty claims. Any repaired or replaced product will be returned to the sender excluding the cost of freight. **Products must be registered to qualify for warranty at www.hotchkis.net or via the mail-in warranty card, included with the product, within 30 days of the original purchase date.**

Exclusions from Warranty

Items offered but not manufactured by Hotchkis Performance are warranted according to the manufacturer's terms and are not covered by this limited warranty. Hotchkis Performance shall not be responsible for any labor, removal, installation, re-installation or maintenance costs. This warranty does not cover the cosmetic finish or plating of any product or any normal wear and tear to any product including, but not limited to bushings, brackets, end-links, hardware, steering components, shocks or springs. In addition, this warranty does not apply to any products that have been:

- **Improperly installed or installed by someone other than a qualified, licensed auto mechanic experienced in the installation and removal of suspension products;**
- **Improperly serviced, misused, or modified, altered or subjected to abuse, negligence, accident or collision;**
- **Installed in any vehicle that has been modified;**
- **Installed on any vehicle that has carried loads in excess of automobile manufacturer suggested weight limits; or**
- **Installed on any vehicle that has been subject to abnormal or excessive use, including rallying, racing, or racing-type activities or off-road use.**

Limitation of Warranty

This limited warranty is the entire and only warranty for the products and may not be modified or supplemented by any other person or company in any form. Any description of the products, by anyone, is for the sole purpose of identifying them and is not part of the basis of the bargain, and does not constitute a warranty that the products will conform to that description. The statements of any salesperson do not constitute part of this limited warranty and cannot be relied upon as a warranty.

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Technical Information

Hotchkis Performance makes every effort to ensure that you are provided with the most accurate and up-to-date technical information. However, all technical information is approximate and may vary upon application. Additional suspension components may be needed in some applications, depending upon the make, model, engine and chassis of the vehicle. Hotchkis Performance is not responsible for any consequences resulting from manufacturer's technical mid-year changes. Hotchkis Performance products should only be installed by a qualified, licensed auto mechanic experienced in the installation of such products.

Warranty Claim Procedure:

The answer to ALL the following questions should be YES before making a warranty claim:

- **Did you register the product at www.hotchkis.net or via the mail-in warranty card within 30 days of purchase?**
- **Is the product appropriate to your application?**
- **Did you carefully and thoroughly read the instructions provided along with the product?**
- **Do you have the original invoice or sales receipt?**
- **Is the return date within 36 months from the purchase date?**
- **Are you the original purchaser?**
- **Was the product properly installed by a qualified, licensed auto mechanic?**
- **Has the product been installed on the original vehicle on which it was installed at all times?**
- **Is the product unmodified and clean?**
- **Is the reason for return a legitimate product defect?**

If the answer to all these questions is YES, please contact our Customer Service Department at (562) 907-7757. You will be given a Returned Goods Authorization Number (RGA) valid for 60 days. You will also be asked to ship the product prepaid to our facility. All shipments MUST be (i) prepaid, (ii) include the original invoice or sales receipt, (iii) show the RGA on the outside of the package and (iv) include your name, address, make and model of the vehicle, and a brief description of the claimed defect, including the circumstances under which the defect occurred. If the warranty claim is deemed valid then Hotchkis will estimate shipping costs to return the repaired or replacement part and contact you for payment. Hotchkis's Limited warranty requires that any repaired or replaced product will be returned to the sender excluding the cost of freight. Warranty related inquiries should be sent to the following address:

**HOTCHKIS PERFORMANCE, LLC
C/O CUSTOMER SERVICE
8633 Sorensen Avenue
SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670**

Hotchkis Performance will not accept product returns without the RGA number, receipt and the information described above. C.O.D. or collect shipments will be refused. Once the returns are received at Hotchkis

Performance, we will evaluate the products, verify the sales receipt, and investigate the warranty claim. Any repaired or replaced product will be returned to the sender.

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