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MB SPRINTER (309-324)/ VW CRAFTER (28-35)

ABS Vehicles Only

**All Applications including vehicles with rear overhang up to
2.015m**

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS



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Introduction

The purpose of this publication is to assist with the installation of the Drive-Rite Semi-Air air suspension kit.

It is important to read and understand the entire installation guide before beginning installation or performing any maintenance, service or repair. The information here includes a hardware list and step-by-step installation information.

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IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

The installation of this kit does not alter the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) or payload of the vehicle. Check your vehicle's owner's manual and do not exceed the maximum load listed for your vehicle.

Gross Vehicle Weight Rating = the maximum allowable weight of the fully loaded vehicle (including passengers and cargo). This number — along with other weight limits, as well as tire, rim size and inflation pressure data — is shown on the vehicle's Safety Compliance Certification Label.

Payload: The combined, maximum allowable weight of cargo and passengers that the truck is designed to carry. Payload is GVWR minus the Base Curb Weight.

Precautions

Never exceed the maximum and minimum recommended pressure limits:

- Minimum Pressure 1 Bar (14.5 p.s.i)
- Maximum Pressure 7 Bar (100 p.s.i)

While it is possible to inflate the system in static mode to 7 Bar (100 p.s.i.), it should not be necessary to exceed operating pressure in the region of 3.5 Bar (50 p.s.i.) at vehicle full GVW. This kit should not be used to carry any greater load than manufacturers stated GVW.

To avoid damage to airsprings – When the kit has been installed, please ensure there is adequate clearance (25mm) around the airspring so the airspring does not come in contact with any other parts.

NEVER DRIVE WITH DEFLATED AIRSPRINGS

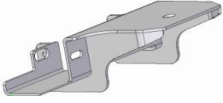
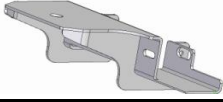

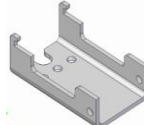


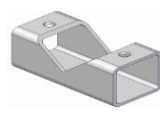
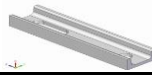
Special Instructions for Air Connections

- To cut the tubing correctly an appropriate cutter must be used (not scissors)



- When inserting the tubing into the connection, it must be pushed in approximately 14mm until a 'click' is heard.
- To remove the tube, you must push the flange in on the connection and at the same time pull the tube. (No tool is necessary.)
- **ATTENTION**, when a tube is removed it is important to trim 14mm from the end before reconnection.
- It is advisable that LOCTITE or similar sealant be used on the threaded fittings.

 **HARDWARE LIST**

Description	Quantity	Picture/Description	Part #
Upper Bracket Right Hand Side	1		DRV-7294R
Upper Bracket Left Hand Side	1		DRV-7294L
Lower Leaf Spring Bracket	2		DRV-7296
Lower Air Spring Bracket	2		DRV-7295
Cross Members	2		DRV-7297
Chassis Supports	2		DRV-7299
Bump Stop Brackets	2		DRV-7298
Axle Straps	2		DRV-7300
M12 x 110 Hex Head Bolt	2	Use with Chassis Support on Upper Bracket.	4033
M12 DIN9021 Washer	2	For M12 Bolt	3897
M12 Flat Washer	2	For M12 Bolt	0128
M12 Nyloc	2	For M12 Bolt	0141
M10 x 110 Hex Head Bolt	4	Bump Stop Bracket to Axle Strap	3906
M10 x 90 Hex Head Bolt	4	Bump Stop Bracket to Axle Strap	3905
M10 Nyloc	4	For M10 x 110 bolts	0034
M10 Flat Washer	8	For M10 x 110 bolts	0079
M8 x 30 Hex Head Bolt	8	Crossmember	0006
M8 Flat Washers	20	For M8 Bolts	0007
M8 Nyloc	10	For M8 Bolts	0033
M8 X 120 Hex Head Bolt	2	Lower Brackets	3899
M10-20mm Countersunk Bolt	2	Air Spring to Upper Bracket	DR.42.013845
Cable Ties	10		DR.45.019037
Thermal Sleeves	2		DR.45.010899
Air Springs	2	Style 267 Bag - Metric	DR.07.016694
M10 X 20 HEX HEAD BOLT	4	Air Spring to Lower AS Bracket	DR.42.013813
6MM - 1/4 Metal Elbow	2		DR.41.013614
6MM PTC Inflation Valve	2		DR.41.013660
6mm - 6mm - 6mm Tee	1		DR.41.013666
Dust Cap	2		DR.45.019064
6mm Tubing	5		DR.46.1364-1MR

Step by Step Installation

↘ Step 1: Prepare the Air Spring Assembly

Screw the elbow fitting into the Air Spring. The elbow should be facing away from the studs.

Bolt the Lower Air Spring Bracket to the Air Spring as shown in the picture on the right.

(Torque to approx. 20-25Nm.)



Bolt the opposite side of the Air Spring to the Upper Bracket using the M10 x 20mm countersunk bolt.

(Torque to approx. 25-30Nm.)



↘ Step 2: Secure the Lower Leaf Spring Bracket

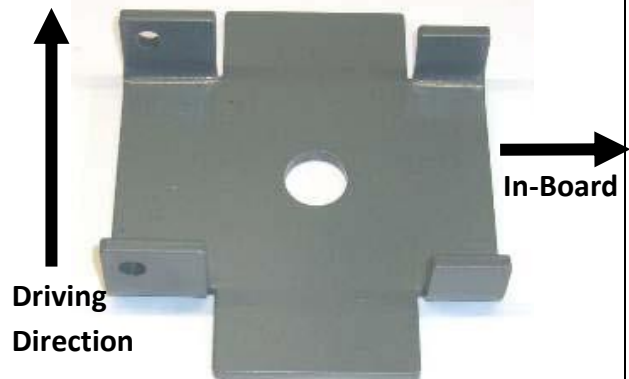
Remove the U-Bolts and the 'shoe' securing the leaf spring to the rear axle.



Place the Lower Leaf Spring Bracket in place of the 'leaf spring shoe' in the orientation shown on the image.

Place the 'shoe' on top of this bracket.

Replace the U-Bolts and torque to 180Nm



Step 3: Air Spring Assembly to Vehicle

Place the Air Spring Assembly onto the Lower Leaf Spring Bracket.

Insert the flanges of the Lower Air Spring Bracket inside the Lower Leaf Spring Bracket. Bolt the brackets together using the M8 x 120 bolts and nyloc nuts.

(Torque to approx. 22Nm.)

Ensure the Lower Leaf Spring Bracket is sitting in the groove on the Lower Air Spring Bracket.



The Upper Bracket is now bolted to the chassis. Align the bracket with the hole in the chassis.

In order to prevent the chassis from distorting when tightening, the Chassis Support must be used. This is inserted from the inboard side. Use the M12 penny washer (30mm O.D.) on the inboard side and use an M12 flat washer on the outboard side.

Bolt in place using the M12 x 110 bolt. The bolt is inserted from the outboard side.

(Torque to approx. 87Nm.)

Repeat on opposite side.



Chassis Support



NOTE: If the vehicle does not have a hole in the chassis then a hole must be drilled.

- Drill a hole on the outboard side at 12.5mm diameter.
- Drill a hole on the inboard side at 19mm diameter.

If there is an existing hole then it must be used.

When drilling this hole it is important to get the position correct on **the first attempt**. Ensure the bump stop is in the centre of the Upper Bracket cutout and the bracket is sitting comfortably against the bottom of the chassis. **DO NOT DRILL A SECOND HOLE.**

Coat any cut surfaces with an appropriate primer to protect against corrosion.

Insert the two Cross Members between the Upper Brackets as shown in the picture on the right. Bolt in place using the M8 x 30 bolts.
Fill the Air Springs with air and ensure all fittings are secured and tightened.
(Torque to approx. 24 Nm.)



Step 4: Bump Stop Bracket

The Bump Stop Bracket is placed over the axle underneath the rubber bump stop.

Bolt the Bump Stop Bracket to the axle using the M10 x 110 bolts and Axle Straps as shown.

In some cases, the M10 x 90 bolts may need to be used.

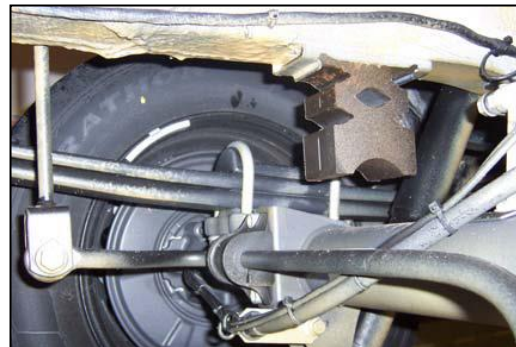
(Torque to approx. 38Nm.)



Some vehicles have longer bump stops as you can see in the picture on the right.

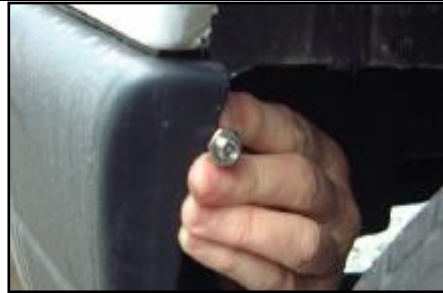
In this instance the Bump Stop Bracket may not be needed.

You need to ensure that the bump stop bottoms out before the top and bottom cap on the Air Springs touch. *(The distance between the top cap and the bottom cap must be greater than 80mm on full compression).*



Step 5: Routing the Air Tubing

Cut a long length of tubing in order to connect the valve to the nearest air spring. Do the same for the opposite side. Choose whether you want separate inflation valves for each side or one valve common to both sides using the T shaped connector. Use the nylon ties provided to tie the tubing up into a safe position.

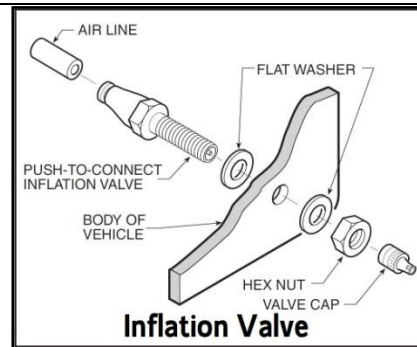


When cutting the air tube, it is vital that the tube is not cut at an angle. This could cause an air leak. It is recommended that a tube cutter or a sharp blade be used.



Drill an 8mm (5/16") hole and mount the inflation valve as shown in the diagram, pushing the valve through the hole from behind and attaching with 2 washers and a nut.

Cut the air tube to length, making sure the end is cut squarely, and push the end as far as possible into the back of the inflation valve.




IMPORTANT:

- Attach all tubing securely to the underneath of the vehicle using nylon ties.
- Do not attach to brake lines.
- Protect the tube with the sleeves provided where there are any sharp edges or sources of heat.

Examination:

After assembly, inflate air springs and check all mounting bolts are tight. Screw all connections tight again. It must be ensured that the mounting brackets cannot move. If the plates touch the brake hose at the air springs, then these must be moved by suitable means.



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