

### **INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS**

# PART # FTS7645 4.5" Front Spring Hanger & Shackles without Shocks PART # FTS764505 4.5" Front & Rear System without Shocks 2000-2004 Ford Super Duty 4wd Pickup

**HARDWARE AND PARTS LIST (After March 99)** 

Component List	Qty
50-764501 Spring Hanger, 4.5" Left 50-764501R Spring Hanger, 4.5" Right	1 1
50-764501 R Spring Hanger, 4.5 Right	1
50-764503 Spring Shackle 4.5"	2
50-7 04303 Spring Shackle 4.5	
FTSFD101 Track Bar Bracket	1
FTSFD100 Pitman Arm	1
FTS250BK 2.5" Lift Block Kit	2
50-1011 Front Sway Bar Link	2
50-1008 Center Carrier Support Spacer	1
60-1000 Bushing & Sleeve Kit - (contains MOO392BK01 5/8" Hourglass Bushings/Blk	4
SLE104 Steel Sleeve	4
70-7645 Hardware Kit - (contains 1) B12X1.25 1/2-13 X 1.25 Long Gr 8 Bolt N12MLN 1/2-13 Metal Lock Nut FW12 ½ Sae Gr 8 Washer 50-764504 Front Bumper Standoff Bracket	6 6 12 2
B916X3.5 9/16 x 3.5 Gr 8 Bolt WTL916 9/16 Thick Load Washer Fw916 9/16 Flat Washer N916MLN 9/16 Metal Lock Nut 50-1009 Sway Bar Link Bracket	1 1 1 1 2

Component List	Qty
<u>U-Bolts</u> 15-R145 5/8" x 3.5" x 14.5" Rear U-Bolt	4
60-3011 U-Bolt Hardware Kit - (contains on NH58 5/8" High nut FWT58 5/8" Flat Washer	1) 8 8
Installation Instructions FTS Decals FTS9991 Windshield Decal	1 2 1

Note: This kit will only fit vehicles after 3/1/99 Production Installation requires a professional mechanic.

Prior to installation, carefully inspect the vehicles steering and drive line systems, paying close attention to the tie rod ends, pitman and idler arms, ball joints and wheel bearing pre-load. Also check steering-to-frame and suspension-to-frame attaching points for stress cracks. The overall vehicle must be in excellent working condition. Repair or replace worn parts.

Please read entire instructions before attempting installation.

Check the parts and hardware against the parts list to ensure that your kit is complete. Separating parts according to the areas where they will be used and placing the hardware with the brackets before you begin will save installation time. Secure and properly block vehicle prior to beginning installation. Always wear safety glasses when using power tools.

### **PLEASE NOTE**

Tire and wheel is crucial in assuring proper fit performance and the safety of your Full-Traction Suspension equipped vehicle. For this application a wheel not to exceed 10" in width with a maximum backspacing of 3.5" must be used. Diameter of wheel may be any of the following 3 choices-16", 16.5", 17". Any other diameter, either smaller or larger, will not be endorsed as acceptable by Full-Traction Suspension and will void any and all warranties, written or implied.

### **BEFORE YOU BEGIN**

- 1. Read the instructions and study the illustrations before attempting installation. Separating the parts according to the areas where they will be used and placing the hardware with the brackets before you begin will save installation time.
- 2. Check the parts and hardware against the parts list to assure that your kit is complete.
- 3. Always use jack stands when installing suspension components under the vehicle.
- 4. A pitman arm removal tool and tie rod separating tool are required to complete the installation.



**TECH TIP:** Factory spring bolts are secured with loctite which make removal difficult. By warming the nut with a propane torch to approx. 300 degrees fahrenheit the loctite will release and the hardware can be removed with hand tools. (Have Fire Extinguisher handy whenever using open flame on or near any vehicle.

- 1. Position vehicle on a smooth, flat, hard surface (ie. Concrete or asphalt).
- 2. Block rear tires and set the parking brake.
- 3. Remove front bumper from vehicle.
- 4. Remove track rod bolt on driver side at the frame mount. Fig 1.
- 5. Raise front of vehicle and support with jack stands behind front spring.
- 6. Remove front tires on both sides.
- **7.** Remove sway bar links on both sides. Save the factory 12mm bolts, to be used for reassembly.
- 8. On driver side, support front axle with floor jack. Remove shocks.
- **9.** With the floor jack supporting the axle, remove the front bushing bolts followed by the rear bolts that connect the top of the shackles to the frame, separating the shackles from the frame. Leave the U-Bolts attached to the axle. Slowly lower the floor jack until the leaf spring clears the frame mounts. If 2 floor jacks are available, lower down the springs on both sides at the same time. Otherwise, work on one side at a time. Save factory hardware. Do not lower the axle more than the length of the brake lines. Remove brake calipers if necessary.
- **10.** Remove all bolts (7) holding the factory spring hangers to the frame. Remove the factory spring hangers from the frame. Save factory hardware.



Fig.1



Fig.2



Fig.3

11. Place the new Full-Traction spring hangers onto the frame aligning holes on the bracket with the existing holes in the frame. Install using factory hardware. Spring hanger brackets are Left and Right. Install the cross brace between each spring hanger using supplied ½" bolts Crossbar must be held in position between the spring hangers using the upper mounting bolt. Next, align the spring eye with the lower bolt hole in the spring hanger and install factory bolt. Fig.2



- **12.** Raise the floor jack(s) supporting the front axle and align the front eyelet of the leaf springs with the holes in the new hangers Install the front leaf spring bolt through the bottom hole of the spring hanger Install the new **Full-Traction shackle** on the rear of the front spring using factory bolts. Tighten all hardware. **Fig.4**
- **13.** Install 50-764504 Bumper standoff bracket to the Hanger as shown in **Fig.5**
- **14.** Remove factory cast track bar bracket on driver side. Save the bolts and pal nuts. Some will be reused.
- **15.** Use a tie rod separator and a pitman arm puller to remove the pitman arm from the steering box.
- 16. Install new Full-Traction pitman arm. Torque to 185 lbs/ft.
- 17. Install new Full-Traction track bar bracket. Use existing bolts and pal nuts on frame and use new 9/16" x 3.5" bolt in cross member. Drill out frame hole to 9/16 as shown in Fig.6 Install 9/16" bolt from the rear of the vehicle with the plated load washer under the head of the bolt. The load washer when properly installed will be between the head of the bolt and the crossmember. Install a flat washer on the outside of the track bar bracket under the 9/16" nut. Torque bolt to 85 lbs/ft.
- **18.** To install front sway bar link, invert the factory frame bracket and install 50-1009 sway bar link bracket as shown in **Fig.7**
- 19. Install shocks at this time.
- 20. Install tires
- 21. Install track rod into new track bar bracket. Torque to 115 lbs/ft. Fig.6



Drill out hole to 9/16"



Fig.4



Fig.5



Fig.6

Invert factory bracket





### REAR DISASSEMBLY AND ASSEMBLY PROCEDURES

- **1.** Block front tires and raise rear of vehicle. Support frame with jack stand forward of rear springs.
- 2. Remove tires and shocks on both sides.
- 3. Support rear axle with floor jack and remove u-bolts on driver side.
- **4.** Remove the rear U-bolts holding the spring to the axle.
- 5. Install new lift blocks under the existing factory blocks. Fig.8
- 6. Raise axle to spring and secure with 5/8" U-Bolts supplied. .
- **7.** Tighten u-bolts. Torque 5/8" U-bolts to 100 lbs/ft.
- 8. Install shocks.
- 9. Install tires and lower vehicle to ground. Check wheel torque on all four wheels.
- **10.** Install Center Carrier Support Spacer on rear drive shaft. Mount spacer using supplied 7/16" x 2.5" Bolts, nuts, and washers.



Typical assembly Fig.8

### **CHECKS AND ADJUSTMENTS**

Check all hardware again. Test drive vehicle.

Check all hardware for tightness after first 100 miles and after off road use.

Headlights should be adjusted.



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