

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

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6641 **C-SECTION** CHEVY / GMC 2 DR. TAHOE / YUKON

Thank you for being selective enough to choose our high quality BELLTECH PRODUCT. We have spent many hours developing our line of products so that you will receive maximum performance with minimum difficulty during installation.

- Note: Confirm that all of the hardware listed in the parts list is in the kit. Do not begin installation if any part is missing. Read the instructions thoroughly before beginning this installation.
- DO NOT work under a vehicle supported by only a jack. Place support stands securely under Warning: the vehicle in the manufacturer's specified locations unless otherwise instructed.
- DO NOT drive vehicle until all work has been completed and checked. Torgue all hardware to Warning: values specified.
- Proper use of safety equipment and eve/face/hand protection is absolutely necessary when Reminder: using these tools to perform procedures!

NOTE: This is a complex installation that requires trimming of the rear chassis rails and cross members. It should not be attempted by someone without the proper tools and some experience in installations of this type. This installation may also require exhaust system modification to re-route the tailpipe aft of the muffler.

We recommend that the installation be performed by a qualified mechanic or repair facility.

RECOMMENDED TOOLS:

- Properly rated floor jack, support stands, and wheel chocks •
- Combination wrench set
- Torque wrench: 0-75 lb ft. range •
- Ratcheting socket wrench and socket sets •
- Safety Glasses

KIT INSTALLATION

- 1. Open the hardware kit and remove all of the contents. Refer to the part list (Page 5) to verify that all parts are present.
- 2. Park the vehicle on a smooth, level concrete or seasoned asphalt surface and activate the parking brake. Block the FRONT wheels of the vehicle with appropriate wheel chocks; making sure the vehicle's transmission is in 1st gear (manual) or "Park" (automatic).
- 3. Raise the rear of the vehicle off the ground using a floor jack rated for this load. Position a set of jack stands rated for this load under the frame rails just forward of the rear leaf spring forward hangers. Lower the vehicle down onto the jack stands and verify the vehicle stability on the jack stands with the floor jack located under the center of the rear axle housing.
- 4. Remove, and set aside, the rear wheels and tires.

- 5. Locate the floor jack under the center of the rear axle housing and raise the floor jack until it touches the rear axle housing. Raise the rear axle housing another 1" to 1-1/2" to slightly preload the rear leaf spring.
- 6. Remove the OEM bump stops by grinding a slot in the head of the rivet that secures the bump stop bracket to the chassis. (PHOTO 10) Using an air chisel, or suitable tool, remove the slotted rivet head. (PHOTO 11) Using an air chisel, or suitable tool, remove the remaining rivet shank from the bracket and frame rail. (PHOTO 12) Remove the bolt in the forward portion of the bump stop bracket and remove the bracket. (PHOTO 13) CAUTION: Be aware of fuel, brake and electrical components inside of the frame rail when removing the rivet shank from the bump stop bracket. CAUTION: Always wear eye protection when using power tools.
- 7. In the inside of the frame rail on the driver side of the vehicle there are three(3) plastic clips that secure the brake and fuel lines to the inside of the frame rail. Remove the bolts that secure these clips to the frame rail. (PHOTO 14 & 15) Also, there are several plastic ties that secure the electrical wire harness to the inside of the frame rail, remove these ties as well. (Refer to PHOTO 15) Secure the brake, fuel and electrical components as far away from the chassis rail as possible.
- Locate the fuel line clip bolt hole that is forward of the rear axle. Secure the kit-supplied template to the frame rail using this hole, and the bolt that came out of it, according to the instructions on the template. (PHOTO 16)
- 9. Using a center punch, or suitable tool, transfer the locations marked as "B" from the template onto the frame rail. (PHOTO 17) Also follow the angled lines on the template to the lowest point that these lines are still on the frame. Transfer this location to the frame rail with the center punch. (PHOTO 18) Remove the template from the frame and connect the transferred locations with a scribe or suitable tool, (PHOTO 19) at the point that the scribed lines run off of the chassis scribe a line at right angles to the chassis rail. (PHOTO 20)
- 10. Using a 3/8" drill bit, drill through the frame rail at the points that correspond with the "B" locations from the template. (PHOTO 21) CAUTION: Be aware of the fuel, brake and electrical components inside the frame rail when drilling through the frame, so as not to cause damage to these components. CAUTION: Always wear eye protection when using power tools.
- 11. Using a die grinder with a cutoff wheel, or suitable tool, cut out the section of the frame rail marked by the transferred locations from the template. **CAUTION**: Be aware of the fuel, brake and electrical components inside the frame rail when cutting through the frame, so as not to cause damage to these components. **CAUTION**: Always wear eye protection when using power tools.
- 12. Remove the two rivets that exist in the lower frame rail just forward and aft of the removed frame section by grinding slots in the rivet heads using a die grinder with a cutoff wheel, or suitable tool. Remove the heads of the rivets with an air chisel, or suitable tool. Drive the remaining rivet shanks through the frame rail with an air chisel or suitable tool. **CAUTION: Do not grind through the rivet heads into the lower flange of the frame rail; also, be aware of the fuel, brake, and electrical components inside the frame rail when driving the rivets through the frame. CAUTION: Always wear eye protection when using power tools.**
- 13. Trim the frame cross member that intersects the frame rail cutout to a height that is parallel with the bottom of the frame rail cutout. (PHOTO 22) The middle aft section of this frame cross member must be trimmed up to the top of the frame cross member so that the rear axle housing has clearance upon

full suspension compression. (PHOTO 23) CAUTION: Always wear eye protection when using power tools.

- 14. The rear axle housing vent hose must be relocated and the original mounting strap trimmed off to insure rear axle housing clearance during suspension compression. Remove the bolt that secures the rear axle-housing vent to mount. (PHOTO 24) Open the vent tube clamp enough so that it can be moved on the vent tube. Relocate the vent tube clamp to the existing hole in the fuel tank forward cross member. (PHOTO 25) Install the kit-supplied hardware and torque to 15 Ft.-lbs. Trim off the vent tube mount forward of the brake hose union. (PHOT 26) CAUTION: Always wear eye protection when using power tools. Exercise caution when cutting near brake system components so that damage does not disable the brake system.
- 15. Trim the front middle edge of the fuel tank retaining cross member directly behind the rear axle housing approximately 7" wide and 1" deep so that the rear axle housing rear cover has sufficient clearance upon full suspension compression. (PHOTO 27) **NOTE**: There is an electrical system harness that lies on top of the cross member, remove the bolt and clip that retain this electrical harness before any trimming is accomplished. After the trimming operation, replace the harness and securing hardware. **CAUTION: Always wear eye protection when using power tools.**
- 16. Open up the underbody cross member directly over the center of the drive shaft by locating the kit supplied template on the cross member and marking the cross member according to template instructions. Cut out the marked section of the underbody cross member. (PHOTO 28 & 29) CAUTION: Always wear eye protection when using power tools.
- 17. Position the kit supplied frame reinforcement on the frame, aligning the small hole in the reinforcement with the vacant bolthole in the chassis rail. Clamp the reinforcement in place using c-clamps or a suitable tool.
- 18. Using the frame reinforcement as a guide, drill through the frame rail at the 4 forward and 4 aft, and ½ "holes in the reinforcement using a ½" drill bit. (PHOTO 30) CAUTION: Be aware of the fuel, brake and electrical components inside the frame rail as the frame is being drilled. CAUTION: Always wear eye protection when using power tools. NOTE: The drilling operation can be eased by starting off with a smaller "pilot" drill bit and working up gradually in drill bit size to this final drill bit size.
- 19. De-burr the drilled holes in the frame rail and install the kit supplied ½" hardware. Torque the hardware to 100-120 Ft.-lbs. After the bolts that secure the frame reinforcement to the side of the chassis are torqued, drill through the forward and aft holes in the bottom of the frame reinforcement and install the kit supplied ½" hardware in these holes. Torque these bolts to 110-120 Ft.-lbs CAUTION: Be aware of the fuel, brake and electrical components inside the frame rail as the frame is being drilled. CAUTION: Always wear eye protection when using power tools. NOTE: The fuel and brake rigid lines should be re-secured to the chassis rail with the original hardware and clips wherever possible. Use the kit supplied "zip ties" to secure the electrical harness to the chassis brake lines to the kit supplied ½" hardware. These rigid lines must be reconfigured as necessary so that they do not have contact with any other parts.
- 20. Install the kit supplied elastic bump stop in the hole in the bottom center of the frame reinforcement raised section. (PHOTO 31) Reconfigure fuel and brake lines as necessary to prevent line contact with the other hardware.

NOTE:

21. Placement of the exhaust system tailpipe should be analyzed at this point to determine if it extends below a line sighted between the bottom of the frame reinforcement mounted bump stops. The exhaust system should be a minimum of 1" above a line sighted between these points. If this specification is not met, the exhaust system must be modified to accomplish this clearance.

- 22. Install wheels and tires. Torque the lug nuts to 120 Ft.-lbs.
- 23. Installation is complete. Check <u>all</u> of the hardware and re-torque at intervals for the first 10, 100, 1000 miles.

PART No.	DESCRIPTION	QTY.
6640-050	C-Section L/H	1
6640-060	C-Section R/H	1
4923-001	Bump Stop Kit	1
6640-188	Template	
110408	¹ / ₂ "-20 x 1-1/4" Grade 8 Bolt	24
110402	1/2"-20 Grade C Lock Nut	28
110660	1⁄2" A325 Flat Washer	56
4918-001	Bump Stop	2
111125	14mm x 2.0 x 115mm Grade 8 Bolts	2
111135	14mm x 2.0 Grade C Nut	2
6640-887	Template	1
110409	HHCS 1/2" –20 x 1 1/2"	4

PART LIST FOR 6640 FLIP KIT



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