

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS 34867 LEVELING KIT

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2021+ Ford F150 2WD Leveling Kit

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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.

Warning: **DO NOT** work under a vehicle supported by only a jack. Place support stands securely under the vehicle in the manufacturer's specified locations unless otherwise instructed.

Warning: **DO NOT** drive vehicle until all work has been completed and checked. Torque all hardware to specified values.

Reminder: Proper use of safety equipment and eye/face/hand protection is absolutely necessary when using these tools to perform procedures!

Note: It is very helpful to have an assistant available during installation.

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RECOMMENDED TOOLS:

- Properly rated floor jack and support stands
- Combination wrench set
- Ratcheting socket wrench and socket set
- Safety glasses
- Torque wrench
- Hammer
- Punch Set
- Strut Spring Compressor





Kit Installation

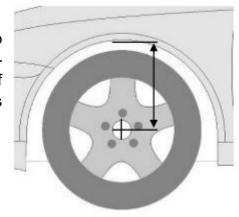
WE RECOMMEND that a qualified mechanic, at a properly equipped facility, perform this installation. **WE RECOMMEND** that the installation be performed on a firm, flat and level surface such as seasoned asphalt or concrete.

The use of safe and proper equipment is very important!

KIT PRERPERATION

a) Before beginning the install process, measure the hub to fender heights for your vehicle so you can compare the resulting height to the original. Measure vertically from the center of the wheel to the inner edge of the fender. Record results here.

LF:	RF:
LR:	RR:



1) JACKING, SUPPORTING AND PREPARING THE VEHICLE

- a) Block the rear wheels of the vehicle with appropriate wheel chocks. Make sure the vehicle's transmission is in "PARK" (automatic) or 1st gear (manual). Activate the parking brake.
- b) Loosen, but DO NOT REMOVE the front wheel lug nuts.
- c) Lift the front of the vehicle off the ground using properly rated floor jack. Lift the vehicle so that the front tires are approximately 6-8 inches off the ground surface.
- d) Place support stands rated for the vehicles weight. The stands should be positioned in the factory specified locations. (Refer to owners manual). Prior to lowering the vehicle onto stands, make sure the support stands will contact the chassis. It is very important that the vehicle is properly supported to prevent any harm to ones self or to the vehicle.
- **e)** Lower the vehicle slowly onto the stands, checking that they properly and securely contacting the frame rails as described above before placing the vehicles weight completely on them.
- f) Remove the front wheels.

!SAFTEY REMINDER!

Check for safe vehicle stability before proceeding under the vehicle to begin the following procedures. <u>Never</u> work under a vehicle supported by ONLY a jack. Always use properly rated support stands to support the vehicle.

2) OEM Strut Removal

- a) Before removing any component, mark your current alignment settings. (Photo 1)
- b) Working on one side at a time, loosen and remove both of the lower control arm bolts that connect the lower control arm to the frame. (**Photo 1**)
- c) Loosen and remove the nuts securing the lower strut mount to the control arm. (**Photo 2**)
- d) Push the lower control arm down until the lower strut studs are clear from the lower control arm. (Photo 3)
- e) Remove the 3 flanged nuts, using a 18mm wrench, securing the top of the strut to the chassis. (**Photo 4**)









3) Strut Disassembly

!CAUTION! The coil spring is held in place under extreme compression. BELLTECH recommends the use of a heavy-duty spring compressor suitable for truck springs to perform the following steps. If unsure of your spring compressor capabilities, take your struts to a professional installer. Use caution during the following steps to avoid personal injury and/or damage to the vehicle.

- a) Mark the orientation of the strut top mount relative to the strut body
- b) Mount the entire OEM spring/strut assembly in a spring compressor and compress the spring to alleviate the tension on the top of the strut. (**Photo 5**)
- c) Using a 17mm wrench, remove (**DO NOT USE AN IM-PACT**) the strut top nut from the strut and remove the strut top. (**Photo 6**)
- d) Using a punch and hammer, carefully remove the strut's vent cap as this part will be reused. (**Photo 7**)
- e) Remove the bottom spring perch to expose the retaining clip. Place the metal Belltech pre-load spacer on top of the retaining ring. Ensure that the pre-load spacer completely covers the retaining ring. Slide the bottom spring perch back onto the strut and check that it sits flat on top of the pre-load spacer. (Photo 8)
- f) Slide the vent cap back onto the strut and secure the vent cap in place using a hammer. The vent cap should not move freely.
- g) With the spring still compressed, slide the strut back into the spring and put the strut top back on. Turn the top mount around so that the marks are 180 degrees out. Tighten the strut top nut back on to the strut to factory specifications.
- h) Install the Belltech strut spacer onto the OEM strut top mount. The strut spacer only fits in one direction; use the supplied flanged nuts to secure the strut spacer to the OEM strut top mount and torque to factory specifications. (Photo 9)













4) OEM Strut and Spacer Assembly Installation

- a) Install the strut assembly into the frame strut tower.
 Secure with the OE flanged nuts, and torque to factory specifications. (Photo 10)
- b) Attach the lower strut mount to the lower control arm using the factory nuts, and torque to factory specification. (Photo 11)
- c) Attach the lower control arm back to the frame using the OEM alignment hardware. (Photo 12)
- d) Set alignment settings to the markings made before uninstall and torque to factory specifications. (Photo 12)

5) Finalizing the Installation

- a) Re-install the wheels and torque to OEM specifications.
- b) Check that all components and fasteners have been properly installed and torqued.
- c) Lift the vehicle and remove the support stands. Carefully lower the vehicle to the ground.
- d) Check brake hoses, cables, and other components for possible interference.
- e) Check for wheel/tire to chassis/body interference.
- f) Test-drive the vehicle in a remote location so that you can be accustomed to the revised driving characteristics and handling. Be aware that the vehicle will handle substantially different.
- g) Check all of the hardware and re-torque at intervals for the first 10, 100, and 1000 miles.







NOTE: Front end alignment is required immediately following the installation.

PARTS LIST		
P/N	ITEM DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY
152513-120	Front Strut Spacer (incl. 3 flanged nuts per spacer)	2
152513-121	Pre-load Spacer	2