



# 1061 – 2015-PRESENT, MERCEDES SPRINTER 4X4 / AWD, FRONT SWAY BAR DISCONNECT KIT

Version 1.0

## General Notes

- For the most up to date and current instructions, please visit our website at [www.vancompass.com](http://www.vancompass.com)
- Please read all instructions thoroughly before starting installing Van Compass products.
- This suspension kit can be completely removed, allowing the vehicle to be returned to stock configuration if desired.
- Note this is a simple bolt on sway bar link on 2023+ AWD models. 2015-2022 4x4 vans will require the use of a die grinder and included burr bit to clearance a piece of the OEM suspension bracketry for proper fitment. See steps 4-6 for details.
- This sway bar disconnect is designed to allow the operator to easily disconnect the front sway bar of the van when traveling offroad to allow the front suspension to be more compliant and use its full range of motion to mitigate the 3 wheeling / tripod effect Sprinters are known for.

## Parts List

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- (1) 106103 MERCEDES SPRINTER 4X4 / AWD, FRONT SWAY BAR DISCONNECT
- (2) 106101 MERCEDES SPRINTER 4X4 / AWD, FRONT SWAY BAR DISCONNECT STUD
- (2) BM12-1.75-30-10.9 M12-1.75 X 30MM LONG, BUTTON HEAD SCREW, CLEAR ZINC
- (2) WF-M12 FLAT WASHER, M12
- (2) LP-.188-1250 3/16" LYNCH PIN X 1.250" LONG
- (1) BB-375-250 3/8" DIAMETER, 1/4" SHANK, 2.50" LONG BURR BIT
- (1) SB-DC-BAG SWAY BAR DISCONNECT STORAGE BAG
- (1) LTBL-02 BLUE LOCTITE, 2 ML TUBE

## Tools Needed

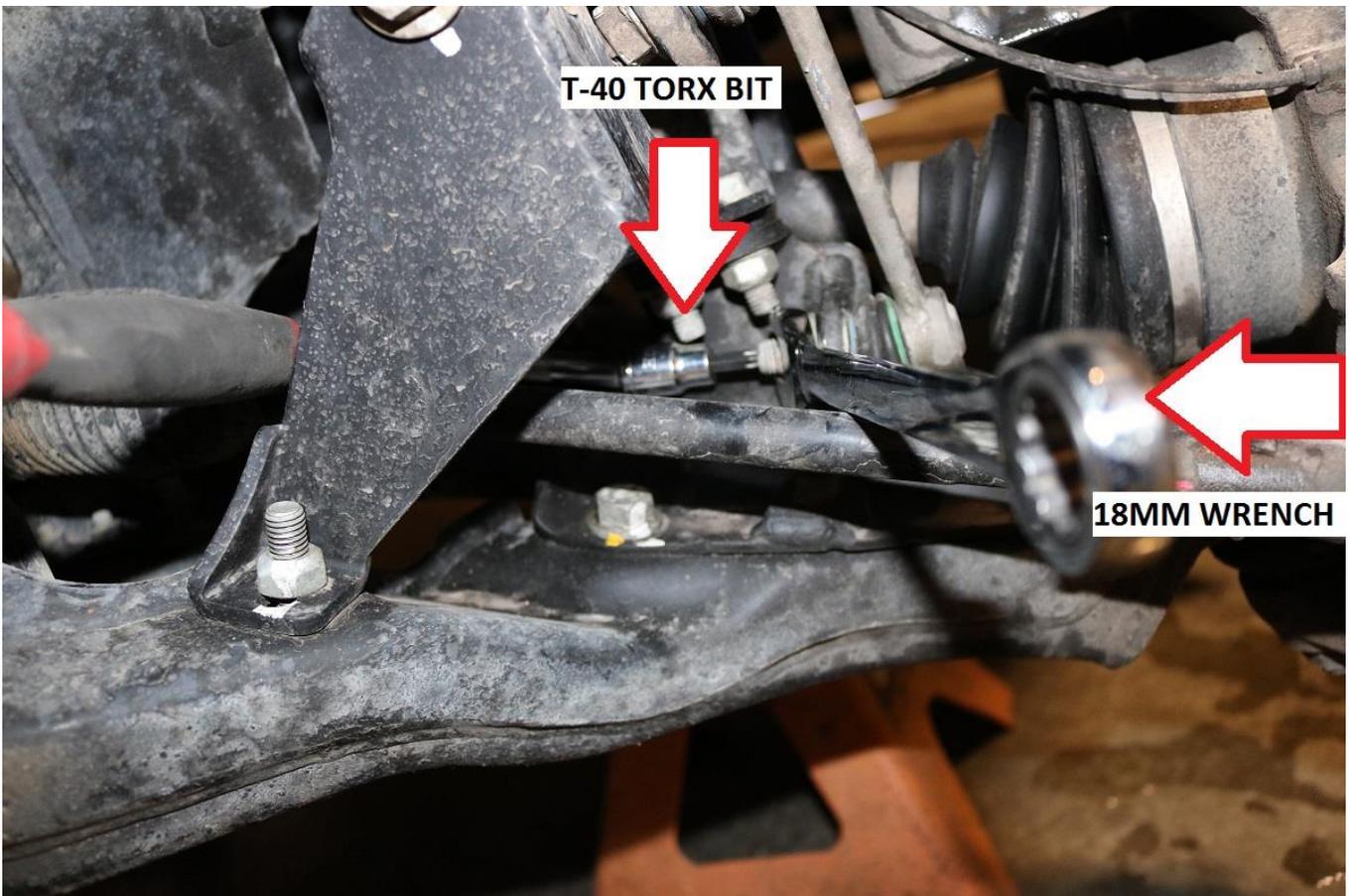
- Quality Jack and 2 jack stands.
- Simple hand tools:
  - Torque wrench.
  - Basic wrench and socket set:
    - Metric sizes: 18mm
    - T-40 Torx Bit
    - 5.5mm, 8mm allen wrench
    - Small punch or screwdriver
- For 2015-2022 4x4 models only:
  - Pneumatic die grinder or HD Dremel style tool for metal grinding.

## Approximate Installation Time

- 1-2 hrs.

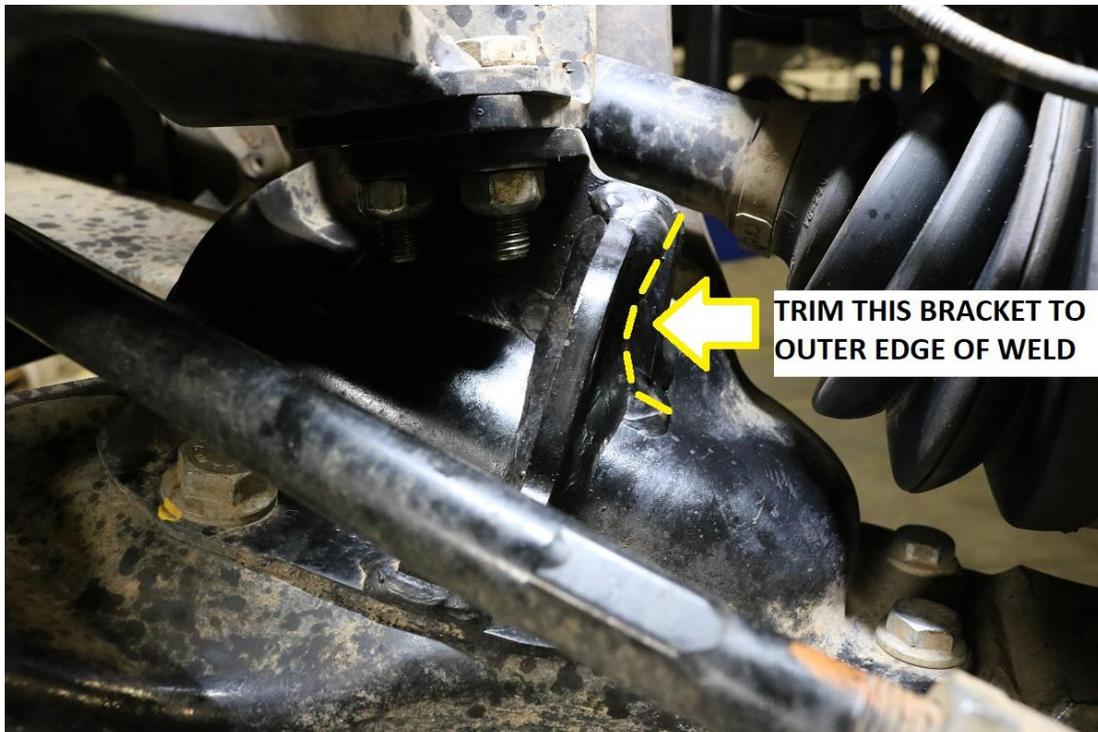
## Installation

- 1) Note, on 2023+ AWD vans, this kit can be installed with the vehicle sitting under its own weight at ride height. Simply turn the wheel to full driver lock to gain clearance to the driver side front sway bar link.
- 2) On 2015-2022 4x4 models, begin by safely supporting the front of the vehicle so that the front suspension can hang free.
  - a. Remove the driver side tire.
- 3) Remove the driver side sway bar link. Use an 18mm wrench to hold the nut and spin the tie rod end with a T-40 torx bit on a ratchet. Do this for both the upper and lower tie rod end of the sway bar end link.
  - a. Note, an air or electric ratchet fitted to the Torx bit speeds up this process significantly.
  - b. Note, there can be some tension on the sway bar link making the sway bar link more challenging to remove. If needed, use a pry bar as shown in the image below to alleviate tension on the link for easier removal.





- 4) Note; steps 5-6 are for 2015-2022 4x4 models only. 2023+ AWD models, skip ahead to step 7
- 5) A small portion of the lower control arm sway bar tab bracketry must be ground away for clearance of the new sway bar disconnect. See the images below of the area to be cleared.
  - a. Use the included 3/8" diameter burr bit to clearance the bracket. Before & after photos shown.

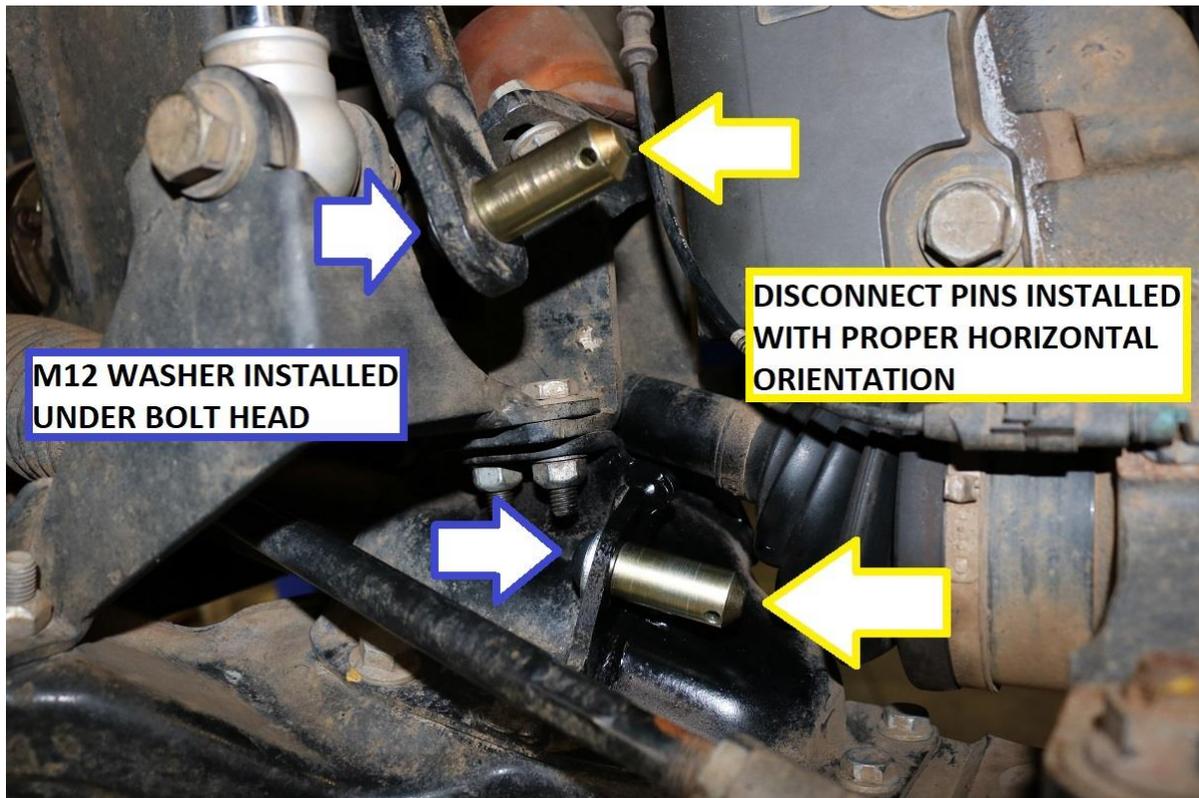
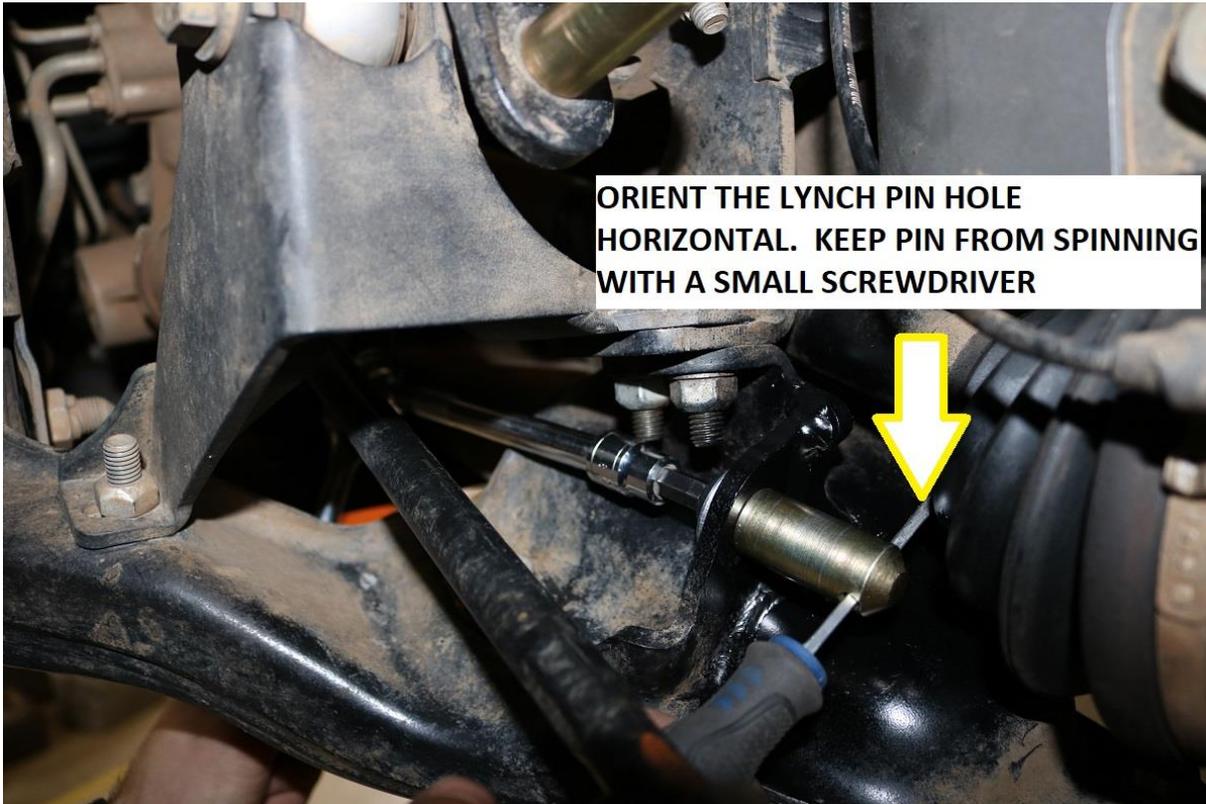




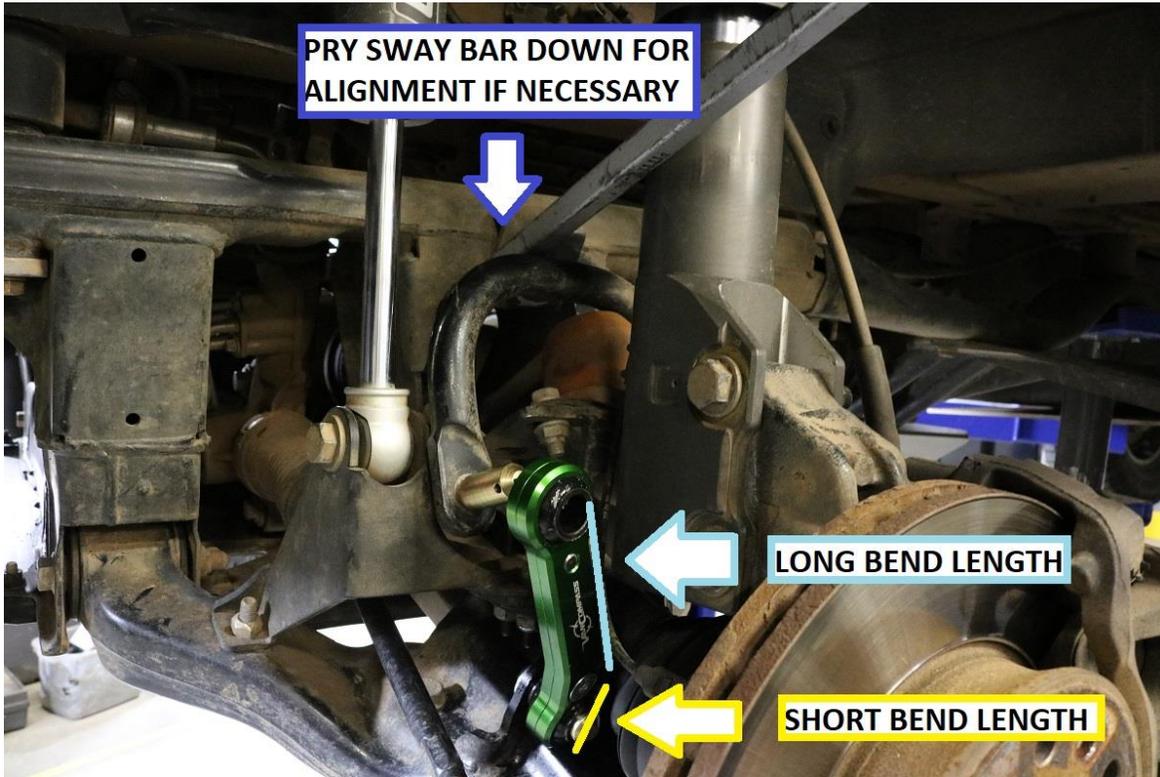
- 6) Be careful to not contact / damage the CV boot during grinding. Test fit the lower disconnect pin & fit the sway bar link to ensure there is no contact with the link to the bracket.
  - a. Once satisfied with the clearance / fitment. Touch up any exposed areas of metal with a quality spray paint to prevent corrosion.
- 7) Install the sway bar disconnect studs as shown in the image below. Utilize an 8mm allen wrench to tighten the button head bolts. Be sure to use an M12 flat washer under the bolt head and put a dab of blue Loctite on the threads of the bolts.
  - a. Keep the stud from spinning by using a small screwdriver or punch through the lynch pin hole.



- 8) Fitting a torque wrench can be difficult here, snug the bolt down till it is bottomed and give the bolt an additional  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  turn. Torque spec should be about 55 ft-lbs. (74 N.m) for reference.
- a. Orient the lynch pin mounting holes horizontal with the ground for ease of use and clearance with the front axle shaft.



- 9) Install the sway bar disconnect. Install the short bend length first at the control arm disconnect pin. The long length goes up towards the sway bar itself.
- a. Note, if installing the sway bar disconnect with the suspension at droop, it will be helpful to pry the sway bar up / down for proper alignment of the upper disconnect pin.



- 10) Install lynch pins. Completed install shown below.



- 11) Re-check all bolt torques after 100 miles of driving.

Installation is Complete

### **Directions for use:**

1. Remove the sway bar disconnect for any duration of off-road driving. Both high speed and low speed off road travel will benefit from the added compliance provided by disconnecting the front sway bar.
2. Removal and installation of the sway bar link is best done when the van is on a flat, level surface and the suspension is not articulated. Turn the steering wheel to full driver lock for more room to remove / install the sway bar disconnect.
3. Use the included storage bag to store the sway bar disconnect and associated hardware when removed from vehicle.

### **Service Interval / Instructions:**

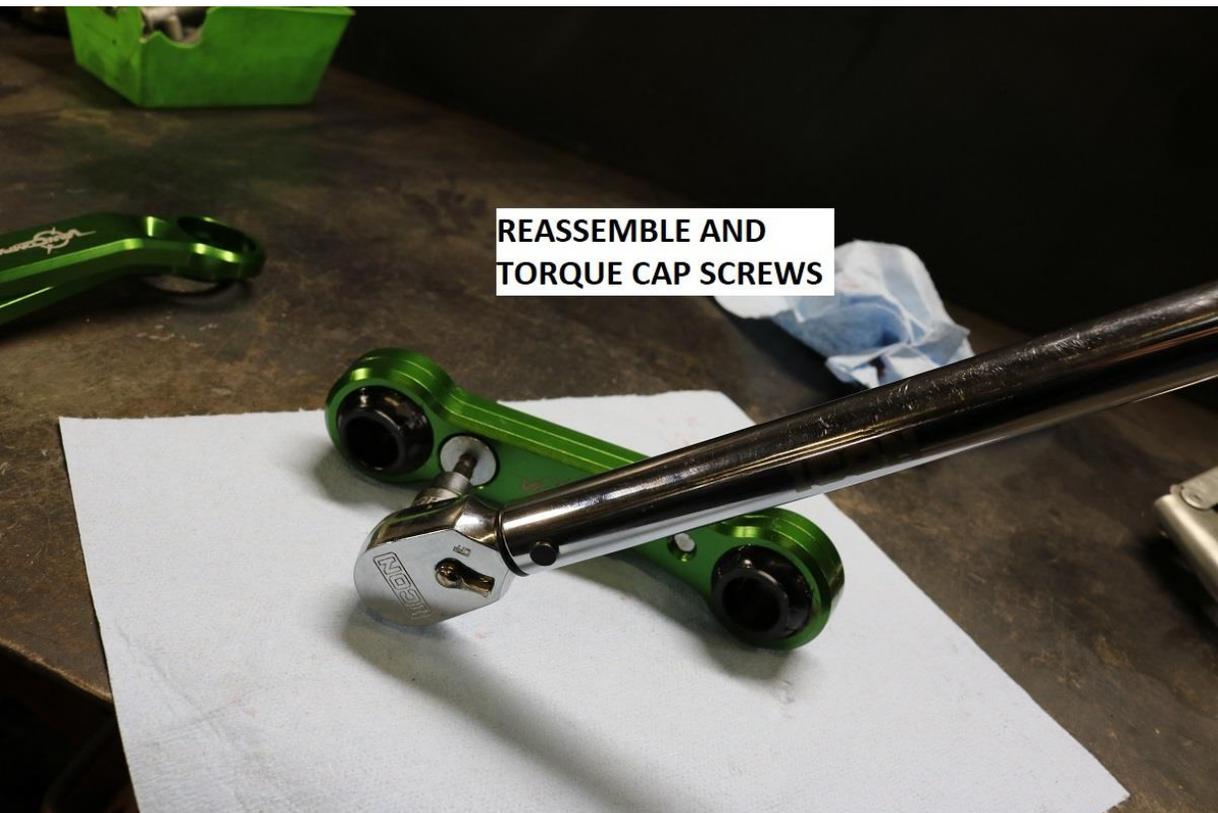
1. Once a year or every 15k miles, remove and grease the sway bar disconnect.
2. Use a 5.5mm allen wrench to remove the two flat head socket cap screws and separate the two halves of the sway bar disconnect.



3. Thoroughly clean all the components. Re-grease the bushings as described below with a quality chassis grease such as Lucas Red N Tacky #2 grease.
  - a. Fill the center rib and horizontal voids of the bushing with grease as shown. No need to overdo it, just a ¼" wide film that fills the voids of the bushing will suffice.



4. Re-assemble the sway bar disconnect. Torque the flat head socket cap screws to 20-25 ft-lbs (27-34 N.m)



5. Re-install on vehicle.

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