

# Sport Sway Bar Kit 22105 55-57 Chevy "Tri-Five"



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IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ THE <u>ENTIRE</u> INSTRUCTION MANUAL BEFORE STARTING THIS INSTALLATION. THERE'S A LOT OF HOLE DRILLING INVOLVED AND IT WOULD BE A SHAME TO MAKE ANY UNNECESSARY HOLES DUE TO INSTALLER ERROR.

# Installation of Hotchkis Front Sway Bar

# 1F **Raising Vehicle**

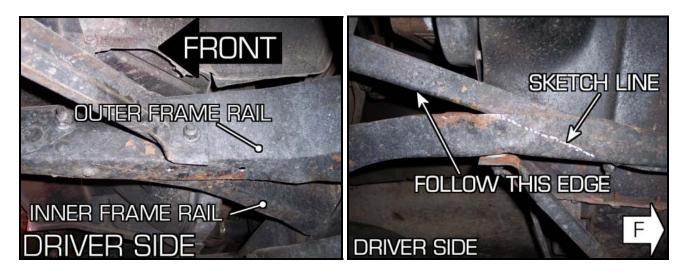
Raise front of the vehicle by using a 4 post lift or drive-on ramps. Securely block the rear wheels of the vehicle. Do not remove the front wheels during installation for safety. It is imperative that the vehicle is at ride height for this installation.



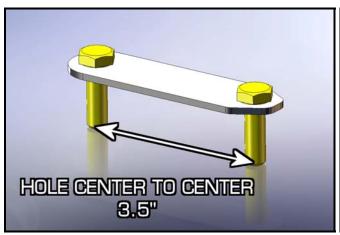


# 2F **Drill Holes for the Bushing Brackets**

When looking at the front section of the chassis frame, there are 2 frame rails on each side that extend to the front bumper. The outer frame rail is the main support for the front bumper. The bushing brackets will be installed on the main outer frame rail, just behind where the 2 frame rails meet. This will require you to drill 2 holes per side. Use a silver marker to sketch out a line, depicting where the inner frame rail joins the outer rail.

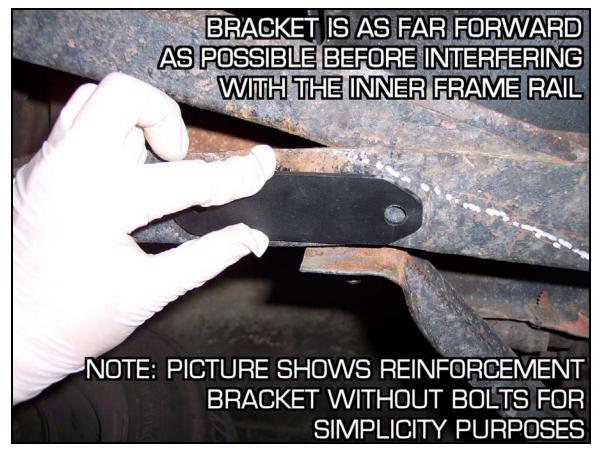


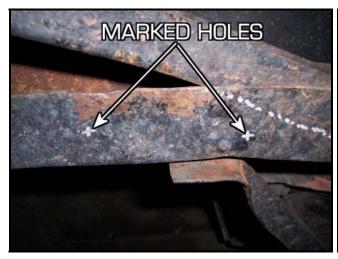
Your Hotchkis kit includes bushing bracket reinforcement plates, which will be installed on the inside of the frame rail. When measuring out where to drill the holes, your main goal is to position the holes as far forward without contacting the inner frame rails. See picture for more details. Make sure the 2 holes are parallel with the length of the car. Drill the holes using a 7/16" drill bit. Remember to always wear safety glasses when drilling.















Once the holes are drilled out, undo the nut & bolt that holds the bumper support to the frame rail. This will give you enough clearance to install the reinforcement plate inside the frame rail. Install both reinforcement plates and re-install the bumper support nut & bolt.











### 3F **Install the Bushing Brackets**

With the holes drilled out and reinforcement plates in position, you are now ready to install the bushing brackets. Apply the supplied silicon grease on the inside of each bushing. Install the bushings onto the sway bar. Place the bushing bracket onto the bushing. Hold the bar up to the chassis and slide the reinforcement plate studs into the bushing bracket holes. Install the supplied nuts to the studs. You may fully tighten these nuts.





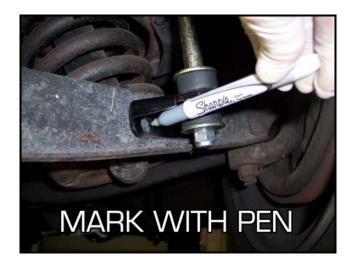
#### 4F **Drill Holes for the End Link Brackets**

Install the end links as shown in the picture. Position the sway bar so that the end link bracket is located on the lower control arm properly. Important note: Make sure the sway bar is centered with the car. A good way to measure this is to look at the gap between the sway bar ends and the frame on each side.





Mark the hole centers on the lower control arm with a marker. Once the holes are marked, you can disassemble the end links from the bar.



Drill the holes using a 7/16" drill bit. Remember to always wear safety glasses when drilling.



Install the end link bracket onto the lower control arm with the supplied bolts.







Reassemble the end links. Tighten the end links until you start to see the bushings begin to bulge.



# 5F **Double-Check for Tightness**

Make sure to double-check all fasteners. You are now finished with the front sway bar installation.



# 6F **Sway Bar Stiffness**

This bar has a stiffness rate of approx. 800 lbs/in.



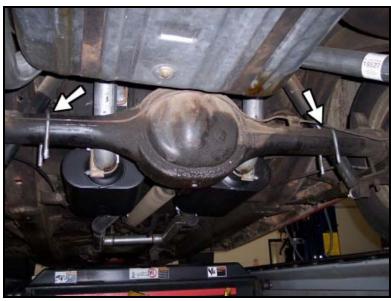
# Installation of Hotchkis Rear Sway Bar

### 1R *Raising Car*

Raise rear of the vehicle by using a 4 post lift or drive-on ramps. Securely block the front wheels of the vehicle. Do not remove the rear wheels during installation for safety. It is imperative that the vehicle is at ride height for this installation.

#### 2R **Install U-Bolts (kit#T1722) on Rear Axle**

Take the washers and nuts off of the U-bolts and slide them on top of the axle tubes on each side. They should be centered and approx. 27" apart from each other. If you have any brake lines in the way, you must relocate them. This could be as easy as unclipping them and bending them away from the axle tubes. Apply the supplied anti-seize to the threads of the U-bolts.

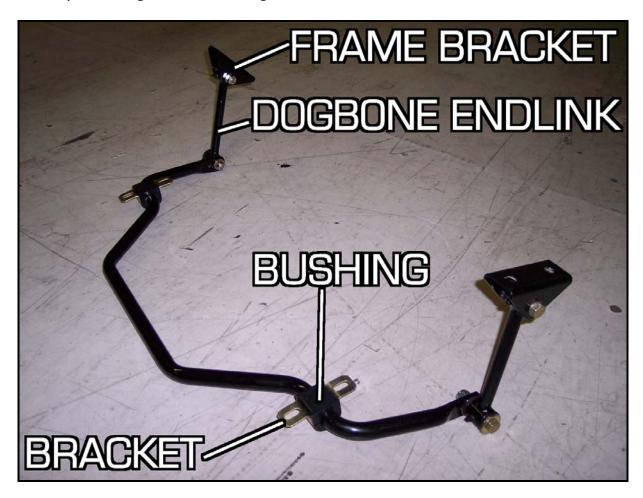






# 3R *Prepare the Rear Sway Bar*

Next, we are going to put all of the components on the sway bar before we install it on the car. Grease the inside surface of the bushings with the supplied silicon lube. Install them on the sway bar along with the bushing brackets.



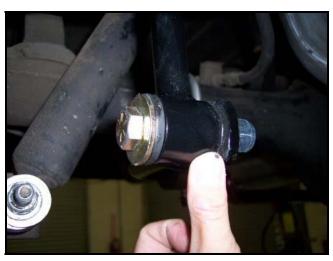
You will also need to grease the outside surface of the dogbone end link bushings. Install the end link onto the sway bar ends as shown in the picture. Use the hole closest to the end for installation purposes. Next, install the frame bracket onto the other end of the end link. The bolts do not need to be fully tight at this time, but they should be snug.





#### **End Link Hardware Order:**

# 1/2" Bolt - Lg.Washer - Dog Bone End Link - Sway bar - Sm.Washer - Nut





# 4R **Mount the Sway Bar onto the Rear Axle**

Now we are going to bring the assemble sway bar to the rear axle. Also grab the axle brackets at the same time. These will have to go on between the axle and the bushing bracket. See picture for more details. When tightening the u-bolt nuts, make sure the u-bolt is pointing straight down. I.e. The u-bolt should not be at an angle with the ground.







#### 5R **Drill Holes for the Frame Brackets**

You're going to be drilling 2 holes for the frame brackets on each side. But first we need to know where to drill the holes. Rotate the sway bar up to it's normal position. Make sure the sway bar is centered with the car. Next, position the end link so that it is slightly tilting towards the back of the car. The reason for tilting it back is so you can use either sway bar hole and the end link can stay fairly vertical in both positions. Make sure the frame bracket has it's flat side facing the frame. Mark the hole centers with a silver pen. Push the end links out of the way and drill out the 2 holes with a 7/16" bit. Remember to always wear safety glasses when drilling.









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# Install Shorty U-Bolts (kit #1718) onto Frame

Carefully insert the shorty U-bolt into one of your frame bracket holes you just drilled. Rotate the U-bolt down so that it pokes out through the second hole. It might be a good idea to spin on a nut temporarily on one end when doing this.









### 7R **Bolt the Frame Brackets to the Frame**

Now that you have the shorty U-bolts are in place you can bolt up the frame bracket to the frame. To make things easier, unbolt the frame bracket from the end link before you fasten the bracket to the frame. This will allow you to get to nuts easier.









#### 8R **Double Check Hardware**

Make sure all hardware is fully tightened before driving the vehicle. You are done with the installation. The vehicle does not require an alignment after this installation.



# 9R **Stiffness Adjustment**

Your Hotchkis rear bar has 2 adjustment holes, which allows you to change the sway bar stiffness harder or softer. The hole closets to the sway bar end is the softer setting, while the hole furthest from the end is the stiffest. The stiffness values are as follows:

Soft Setting: 310 lbs/in added Stiff Setting: 385 lbs/in added



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