



# Assembly, Installation, Operation and Maintenance Instructions

## Kit, Base Rail Bracket Part # 31853

(Can be used with 4 Bolt Rails  
#31323 or 10 Bolt Rails #30686)

**Dealer / Installer:** Provide a copy of these Instructions to the end user of this product. These Instructions provide important operating and safety information for proper usage of this product. Demonstrate the proper use of the product with the end user. Have the end user demonstrate that they understand the proper use of the product.

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**APPLICATION:** 2011 - 2017 Chevrolet & GMC Silverado & Sierra 2500 & 3500 HD Pick-ups

Complete Parts List		
ITEM NO.	Description	QTY.
1	DRIVER SIDE FRONT "L" BRACKET	1
2	DRIVER SIDE REAR "L" BRACKET	1
3	PASSENGER SIDE FRONT "L" BRACKET	1
4	PASSENGER SIDE REAR "L" BRACKET	1
5	5/8" -11 CLIP NUT	4
6	1" SPACER TUBE	4
7	1/4" SPACER PLATE	4
8	PULL WIRE FOR 5/8"-11 THREADED BOLT	2
9	5/8" -11 GRADE 5 HEX NUT, CLEAR	8
10	Ø5/8" X Ø1.079" LOCK WASHER, CLEAR	8
11	Ø5/8" X Ø1-3/4" FLAT WASHER, CLEAR	8
12	5/8"-11 BOLT AND ANTI-ROTATION PLATE	8
13	Ø5/8" X Ø1.079" LOCK WASHER, BLACK	4
14	Ø5/8" X Ø1-3/4" FLAT WASHER, BLACK	4
15	5/8"-11 X 3.25" GRADE 5 HEX BOLT, BLOT	4

**WARNING!** Never exceed the towing capacity of the tow vehicle.

**Center Bolt Kit 32059 (sold separately) must be used when towing with a 26K hitch, Goose Neck, or Maneuvering System.**

Base Rails Not Included

**Tools Required**

3/4" Socket & Wrench

15/16" Socket & Wrench

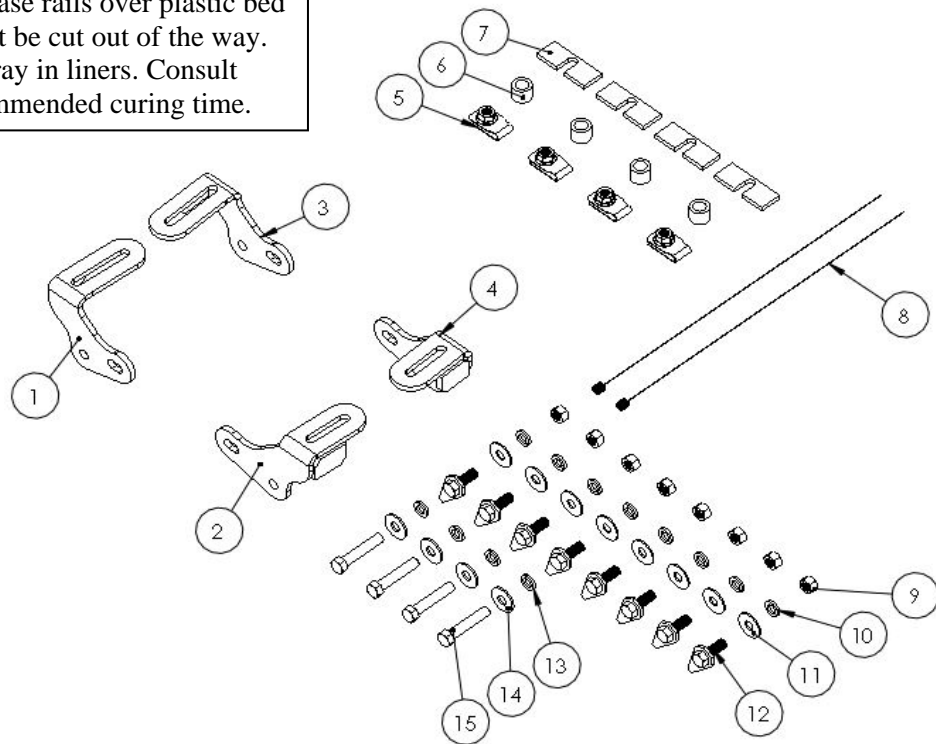
5/8" Drill Bit

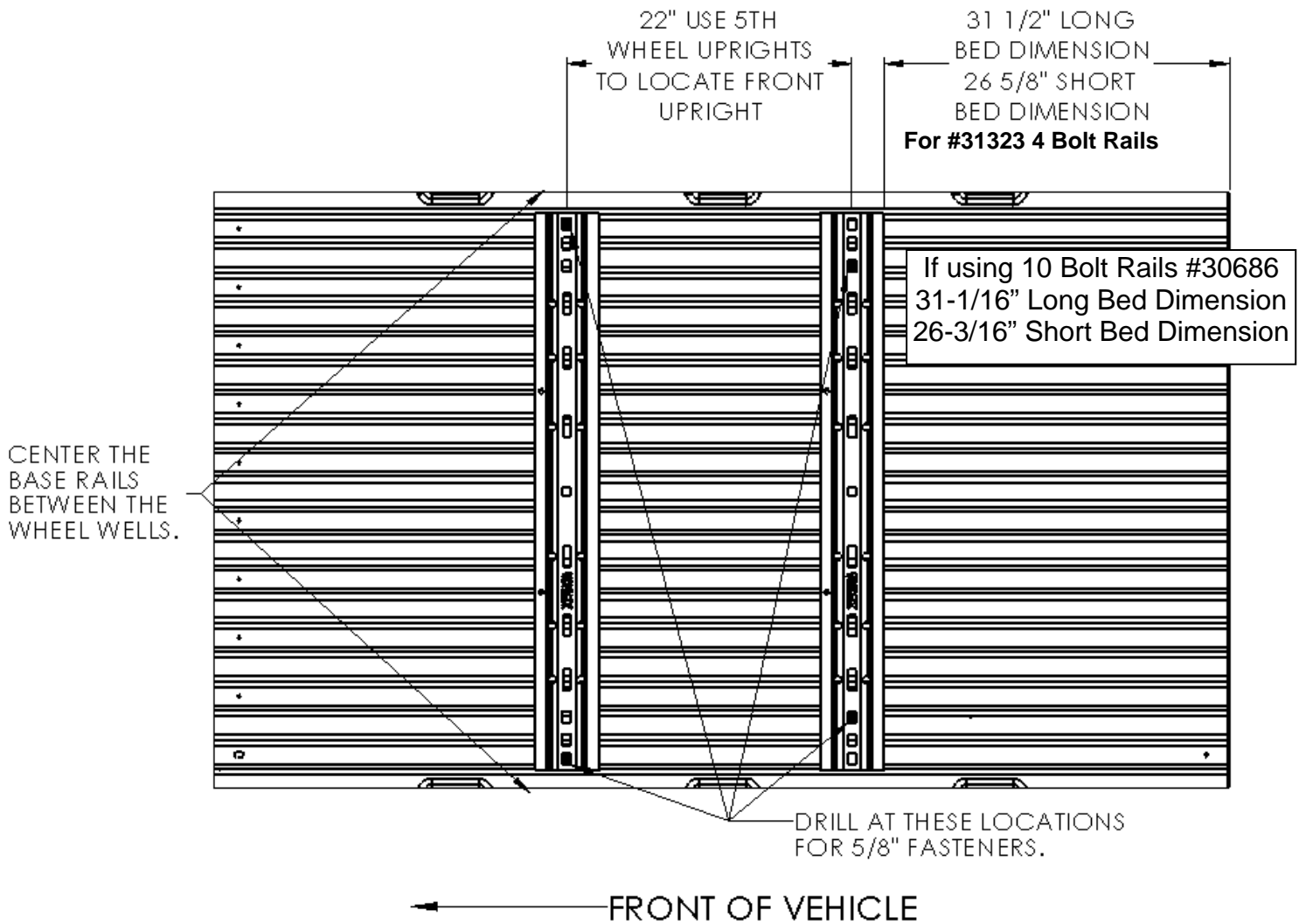
11/16" Drill Bit

Torque Wrench

Safety Glasses

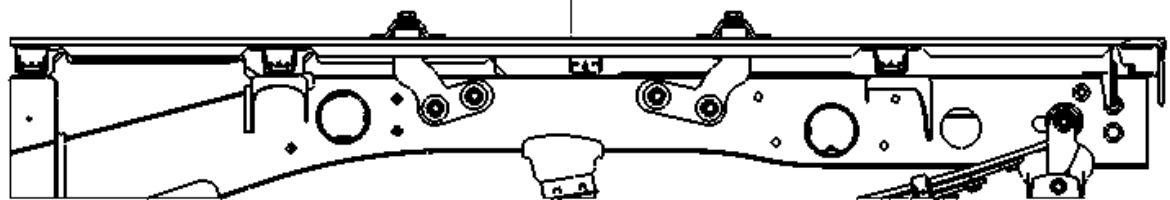
**CAUTION:** Do not install base rails over plastic bed liners. Plastic bed liners must be cut out of the way. Rails may be installed on spray in liners. Consult spray liner installer for recommended curing time.





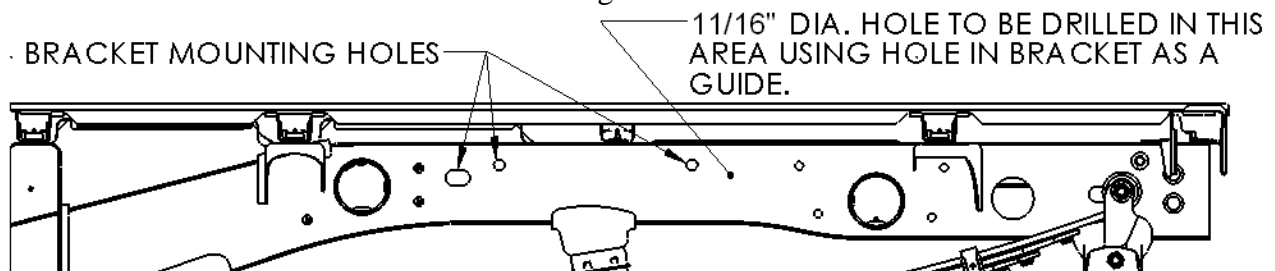
GM 2500 FRAME IS SHOWN, GM 3500 FRAME HAS OVER LOAD SPRINGS AND BRACKETS THAT ARE NOT SHOWN.

HITCH CENTERLINE TO BE 0" TO 1" IN FRONT OF REAR AXLE.

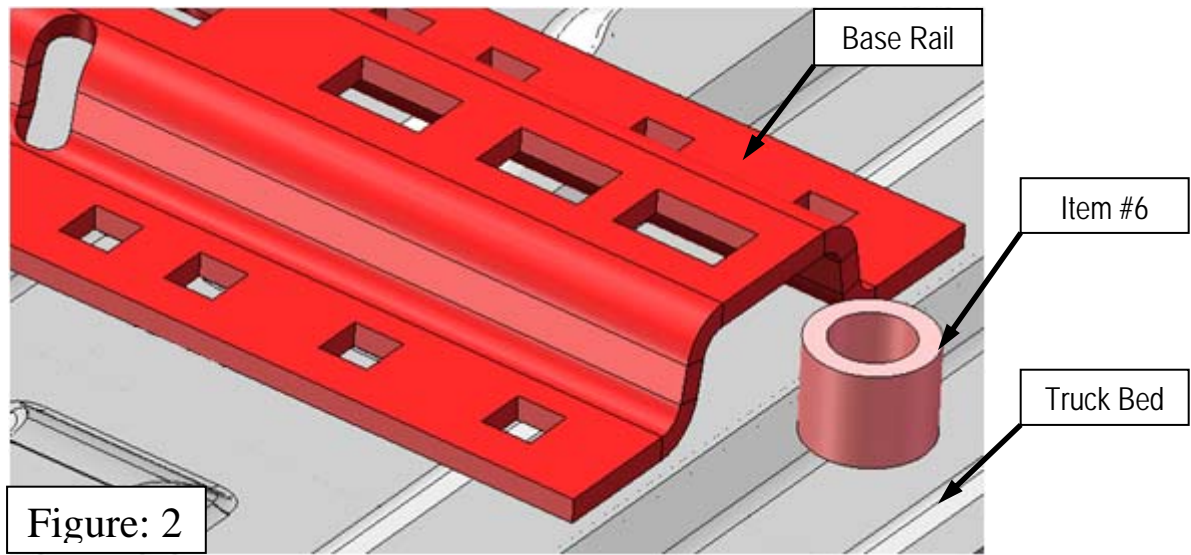


NOTE: Check cab clearance requirements before installing the hitch. The distance from the cab to the hitch centerline is approximately 56" for 8' long beds and 43" for 6.5' long beds.

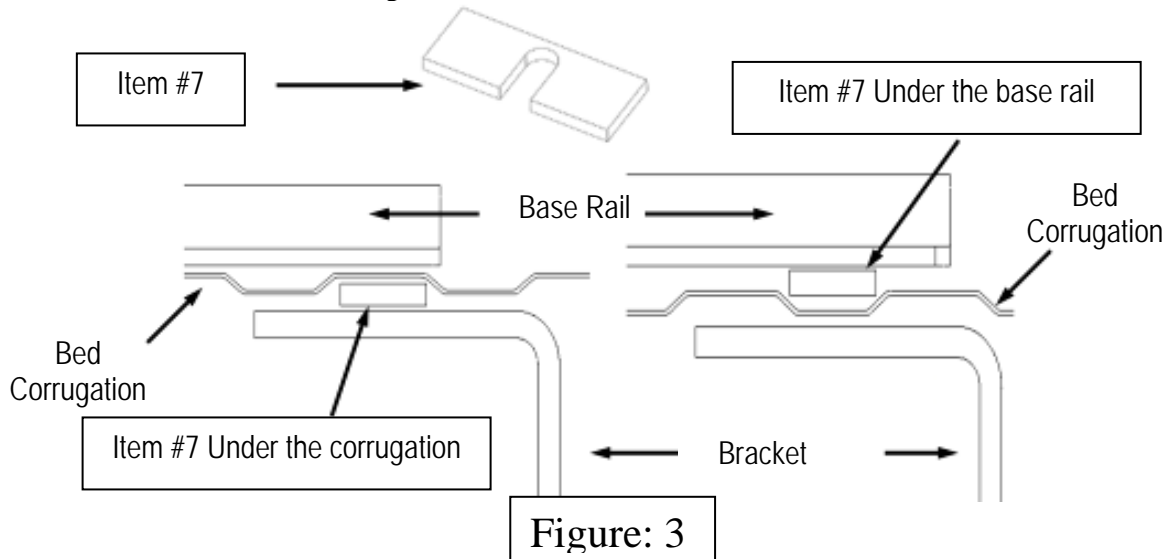
Figure 1



1. Place the two bed rails across the truck bed between the wheel wells. Position the 5<sup>th</sup> wheel uprights between the bed rails so that the tabs in the base of each upright will fit into the slots in the ends of the bed rails. Secure the uprights in place with the rail hitch pins and hair pins supplied with the 5<sup>th</sup> wheel installation kit. Securely attach 5<sup>th</sup> wheel cross member to uprights.
2. Position the bed rail assembly in truck bed as shown in Figure 2. When hitch is correctly positioned in the bed and the bed rails are parallel, mark four attachment points on the truck bed using the 5/8" square holes indicated on the layout in Figure 2. Check below the bed before drilling holes to see that all wiring, brake lines or other obstructions are moved out of the way and will not be contacted by the drill. Move the hitch assembly out of the way and drill four 5/8" diameter attachment holes down through the bed at the previously marked points.
3. Reposition the bed rails in the bed so that the square 5/8" hole in the end of each rail is lined up over the drilled holes. Place item #6 (1" spacer tube) under ends of each bed rail, in line with the drilled holes as shown on Figure 3.



4. If the bed corrugation above the frame is UP, leaving a space above the frame bracket, place item #7 (spacer plate) in the bed, under the base rail as shown on Figure 4.



5. If wheel well is lined with a plastic liner that covers the frame, then cut out enough of the liner to expose the frame for bracket installation.
6. Place item #13 (lock washer) and item #14 (flat washer) onto item #15 (5/8" hex bolt) and then insert into 4 drilled holes through the base rails.

- Position item #1 (DS Front "L" Bracket) and item #2 (DS Rear "L" Bracket) up against the outer surface of the truck frame with the long slotted part of the bracket positioned over the frame and under the bed and guide the 5/8" hex bolts that were installed in step 6 through the long slots in the brackets. Brackets are marked with a DSF for driver side front or DSR for driver side rear to ensure brackets are placed in the correct position of the frame. Thread item #5 (Clip Nut 5/8-11) onto end of item #15 (5/8-11 Hex Head Bolt) until all the long slotted portion of the brackets come in contact with the underside of the bed floor. See Figure 4 & 4.1.

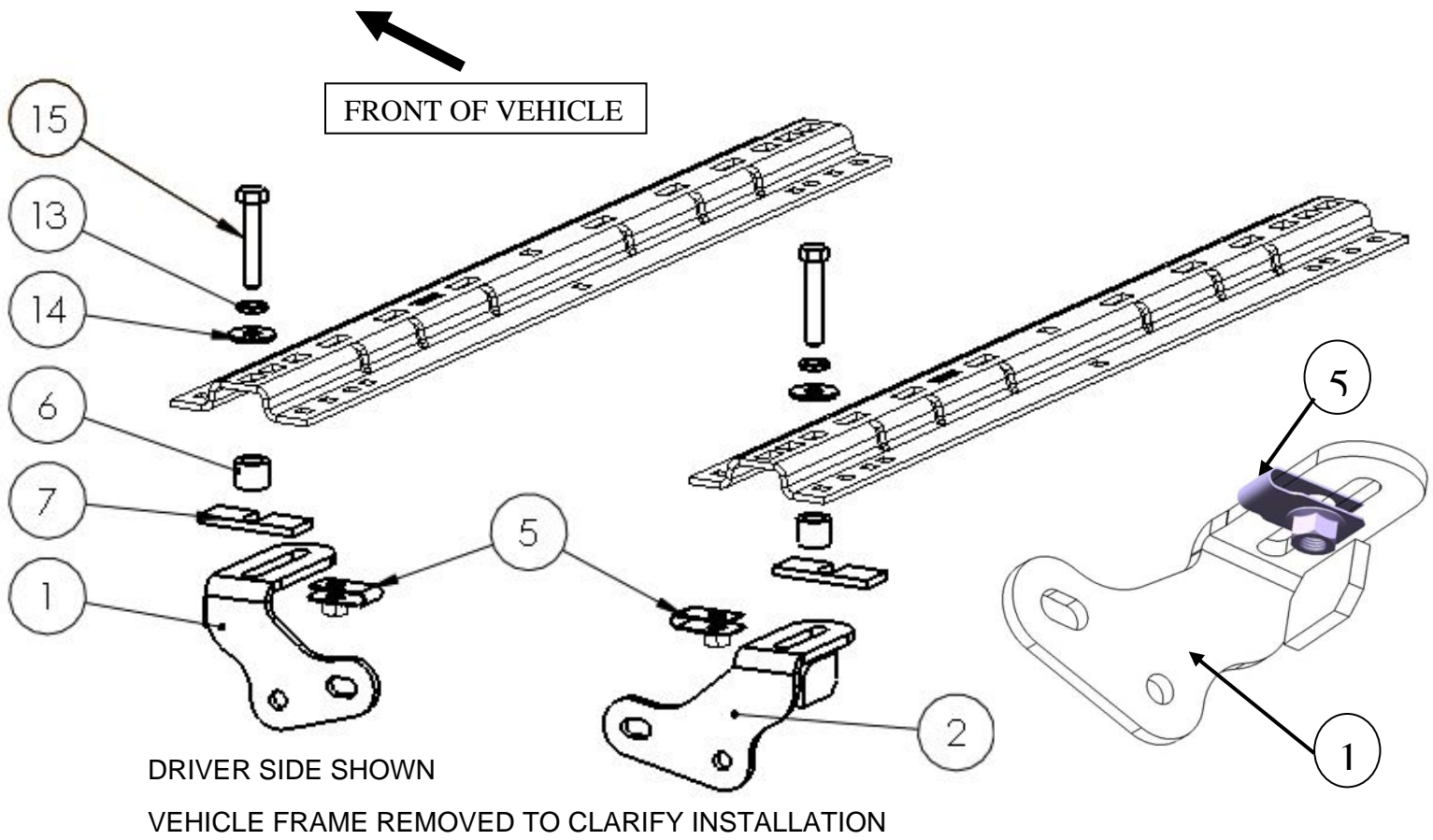
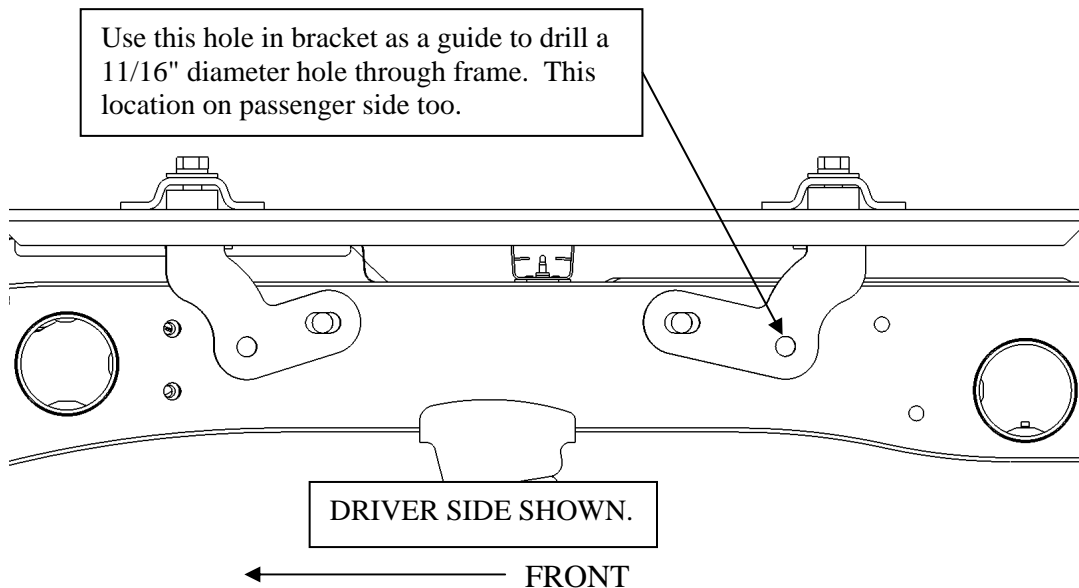


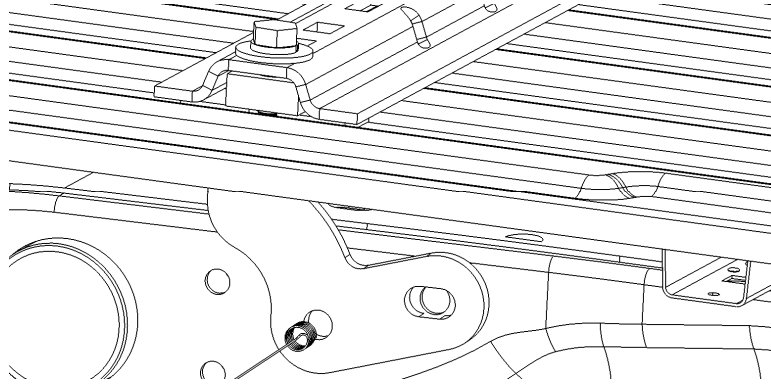
FIGURE 4

FIGURE 4.1

- Press the frame brackets up against the truck frame until they come in contact and stop. Look through the holes in the frame brackets and make sure the holes in the frame are in line, you may have to loosen the 5/8" hex bolts some.



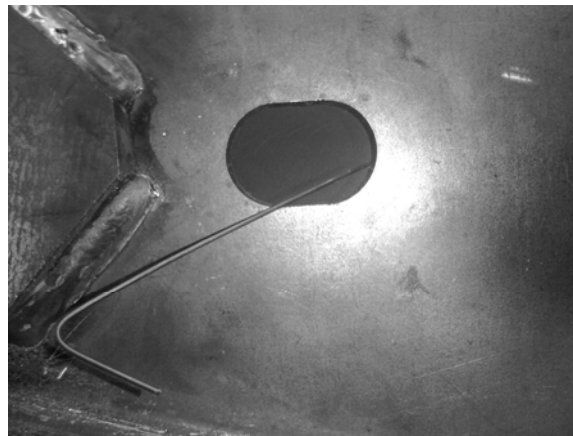
9. Install item #12 (5/8 bolt and anti-rotation plate), item #11 (5/8 flat washer), item #10 (lock washer), item #9 (5/8 hex nut) as follows:



Insert pull wire through hole in bracket.

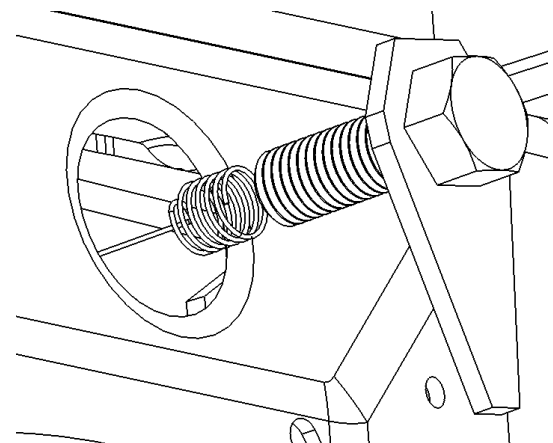


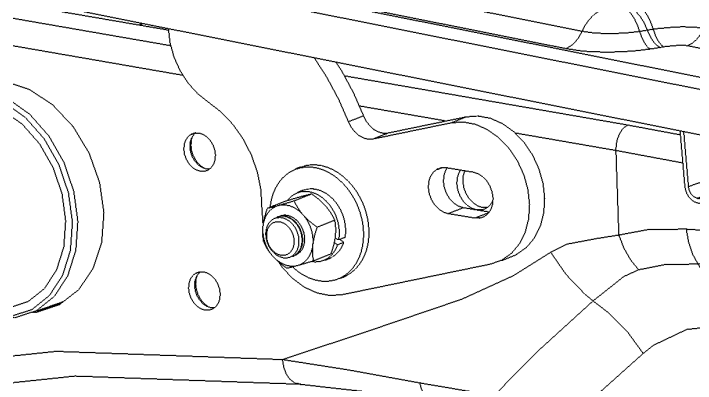
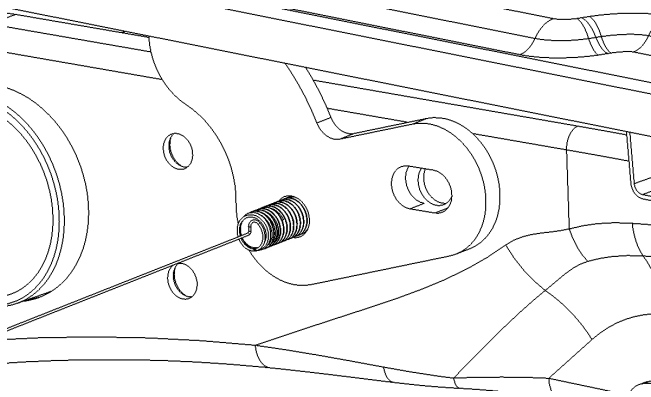
Guide pull wire coils through hole on inside of frame.



Bend end of pull wire to prevent from going through slot in bracket and hole in frame.

Thread item #12 (bolt and anti-rotation plate) in to item #8 (pull wire). Then pull other end of pull wire gently while guiding Bolt and anti-rotation plate through the hole on inside of frame.





Continue to retrieve pull wire until bolt appears through slot in bracket, carefully un-thread pull wire from bolt and place item #11 (flat washer), item #10 (lock washer) and item #9 (5/8 hex nut) on bolt and finger tighten only at this time.

10. Repeat step 9 for the remaining slot in the driver side bracket, driver side rear bracket, passenger side front and rear brackets.
11. Tighten each 5/8" bed rail attachment bolt to 150 ft-lbs. torque. Failure to tighten bolts as described may result in fastener loss or failure. DO NOT apply torque to the nut portion of the clip nuts (#5). You will DAMAGE it.
12. Check each rail hitch pin for freedom of movement in the bed rail connection before tightening the 5/8" bolts and nuts. Adjust uprights, if necessary, by placing shim 31582 or 30243 between the upright and the cross member to obtain free pin movement. See Figure 5. Shims 31582 & 30243 sold separately.

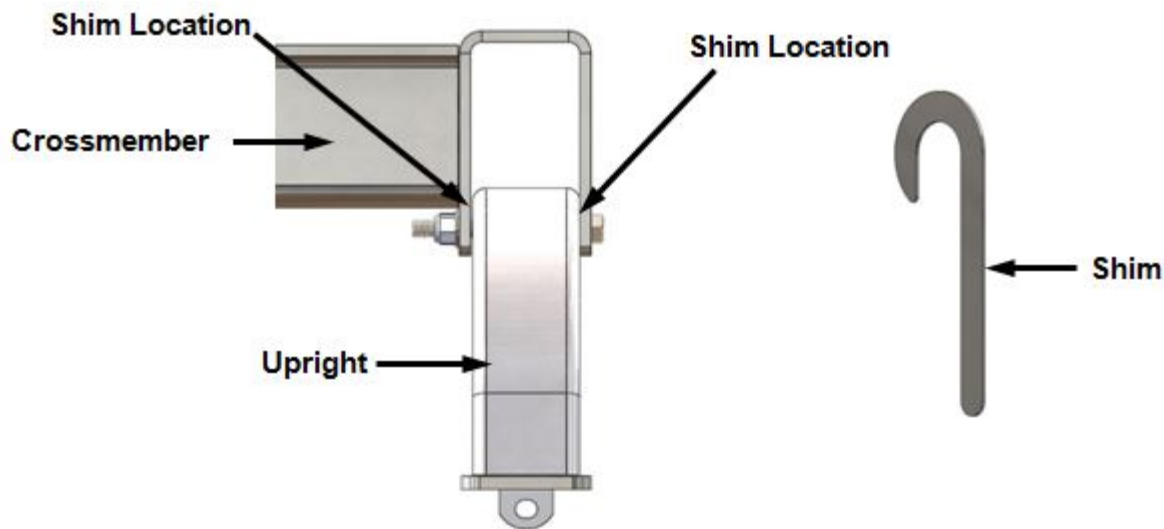


Figure 5

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**CUSTOM BRACKET KIT,  
2011 CHEVY/GMC 2500 & 3500**



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