

# Air Lift 1000™



## Installation Guide



*Ford Maverick*



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## Kit 60859

For maximum effectiveness and safety, please read these instructions completely before proceeding with installation.

Failure to read these instructions can result in an incorrect installation.

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# Hardware and Tools

## HARDWARE LIST

Item	Part#	Description .....	Qty
A	46136	Air Spring .....	2
B	09112	Spacer.....	2
C	20937	Air line .....	15'
D	10466	Zip ties .....	6
E	10638	Air line clamp .....	6
F	18501	M8 flat washer.....	2
G	18411	Star washer .....	2
H	21230	Valve cap.....	2
I	21233	5/16" Hex nut.....	4
J	21234	5/16" Flat rubber washer .....	2
K	21236	Tee fitting.....	1
L	21455	Schrader valve .....	2
M	10555	Hose clamp .....	2
N	09484	Air line heat shield.....	1
O	10613	Exhaust heat shield.....	1

## TOOLS NEEDED

Description.....	Qty
Hoist or floor jack .....	1
Safety stands.....	2
Safety glasses .....	1
Tire spoon or blunt instrument .....	1
Air compressor or compressed air source .....	1
Spray bottle with dish soap/water solution.....	1



Missing or damaged parts? Call Air Lift customer service at (800) 248-0892 for a replacement part.

# Introduction

The purpose of this publication is to assist with the installation and maintenance of the Air Lift 1000 air spring kit.

Air Lift 1000 kits utilize a cylinder-style air bag that provides up to 1,000 pounds (454kg) of load-leveling support when installed into the vehicles coil springs. Each cylinder is rated at a maximum of 35 PSI (2.4BAR).

It is important to read and understand the entire installation guide before beginning installation or performing any maintenance, service or repair.

## NOTATION EXPLANATION

Hazard notations appear in various locations in this publication. Information which is highlighted by one of these notations must be observed to help minimize risk of personal injury or possible improper installation which may render the vehicle unsafe. Notes are used to help emphasize areas of procedural importance and provide helpful suggestions. The following definitions explain the use of these notations as they appear throughout this guide.



### **DANGER**

INDICATES IMMEDIATE HAZARDS WHICH WILL RESULT IN SEVERE PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH.



### **WARNING**

INDICATES HAZARDS OR UNSAFE PRACTICES WHICH COULD RESULT IN SEVERE PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH.



### **CAUTION**

INDICATES HAZARDS OR UNSAFE PRACTICES WHICH COULD RESULT IN DAMAGE TO THE VEHICLE OR MINOR PERSONAL INJURY.



### **NOTE**

*Used to help emphasize areas of procedural importance and provide helpful suggestions.*



3. Insert the flattened end of the air spring (A) into the top opening of the coil spring (with the stem at the bottom) (fig. 4). Push the air spring down into the coil spring by hand or with a blunt instrument such as a spoon-type tire iron.
4. When the air spring is completely in the coil, remove the cap and allow the air spring to assume it's "as molded" shape. Push the air spring up to the top of the coil spring.

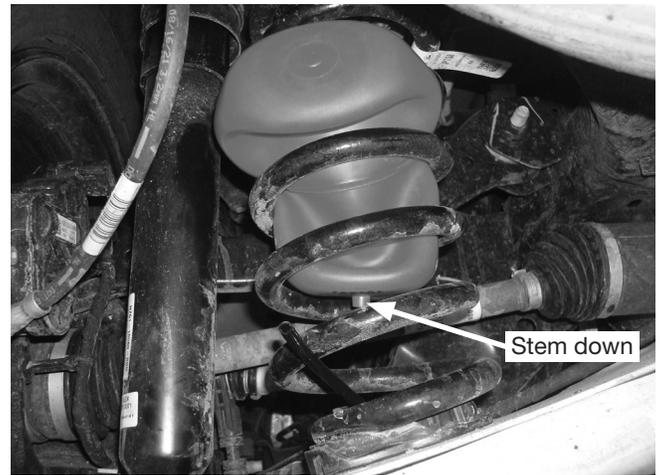


Fig. 4

5. Using a pair of pliers, slide an air line clamp (E) over the end of the air line. Route the air line coming out from the lower control arm through the spacer (B). Push the air line over the barbed stem of the air spring completely and slide the clamp over the barbed stem area (fig. 5). Once the air line is installed, push the air spring to the bottom of the coil spring. Repeat for the opposite side.

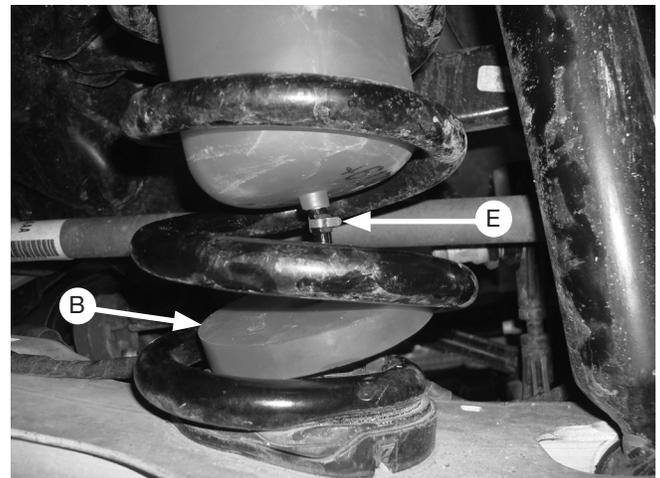


Fig. 5

6. On the passenger's (right) side, route the air line up, behind and to the center above the suspension crossmember (fig. 6). Secure with a zip tie (D). Leave sufficient slack for the suspension articulation.

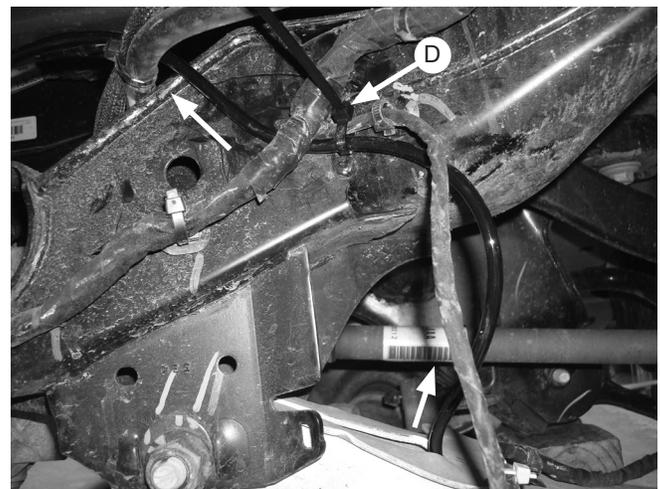


Fig. 6

7. For the driver's (left) side, slide the air line heat shield (N) over the air line and locate it where the air line exits the lower control arm (fig. 7). Attach the air line to the crossmember, leaving slack for the suspension articulation, using a zip tie as shown. Route the air line up over the top of the crossmember and to the center of the vehicle.

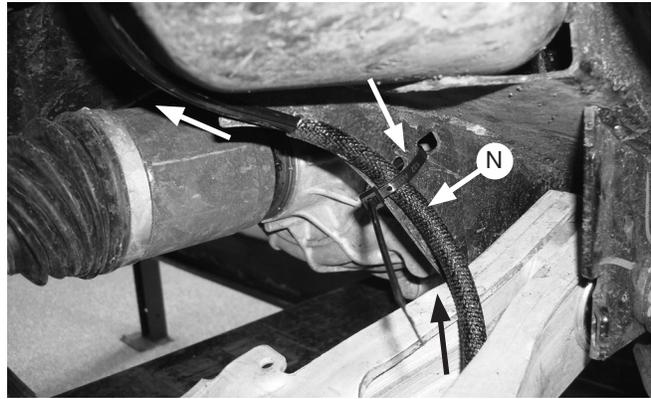


Fig. 7

8. With both air lines routed to the center above the crossmember, following the air line instructions in this installation guide and if running a single fill air line, install the tee (K) in the middle and attach to the crossmember with zip ties (fig. 8).

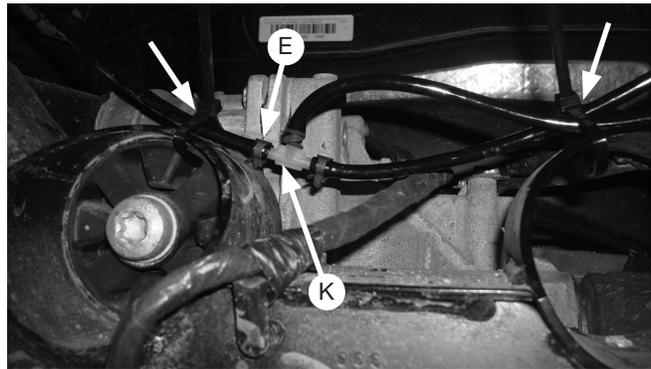


Fig. 8

9. Route the air line from the tee over to the passenger's (right) side of the crossmember, then back following the frame, to the chosen location for the inflation valve (figs. 9, 10 & 11). Secure using zip ties.



Fig. 9



Fig. 10

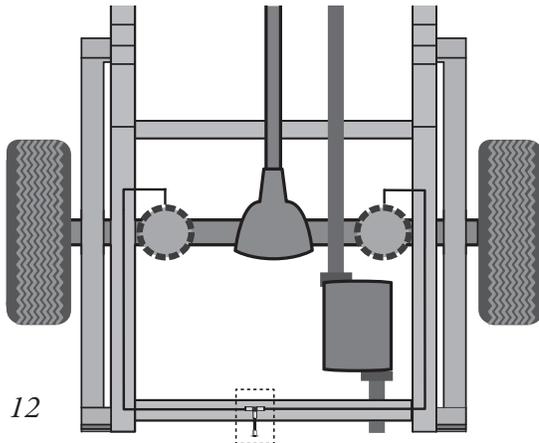


Fig. 11

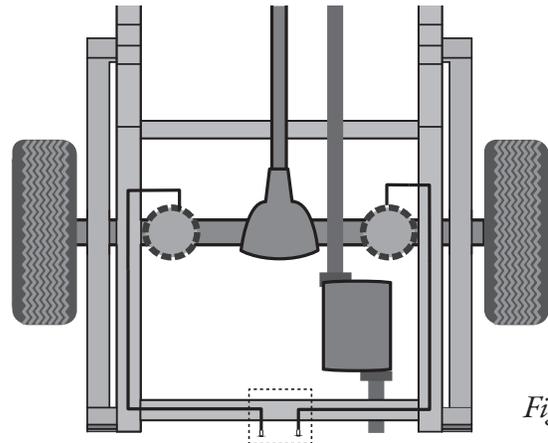
# Installing the Air Lines

1. A single-path air line installation is recommended for vehicles that typically have even weight distribution (Fig. 12). If weight in the vehicle varies from side to side and unequal pressures are needed to level the load, use a dual-path installation. For dual-path air line installations, eliminate the tee fitting (K) and route separate air lines for both air springs (Fig. 13).

**Single-Path Air Line Routing**

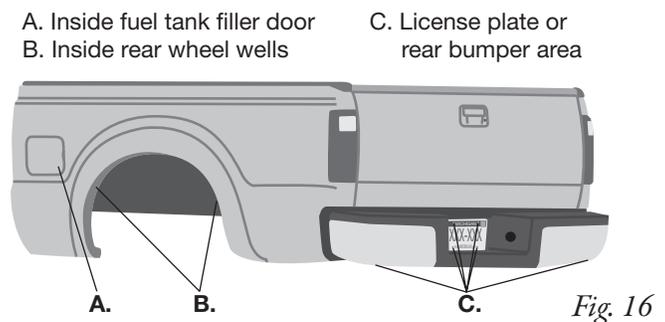
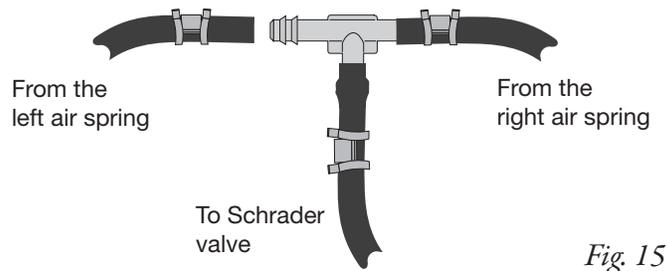
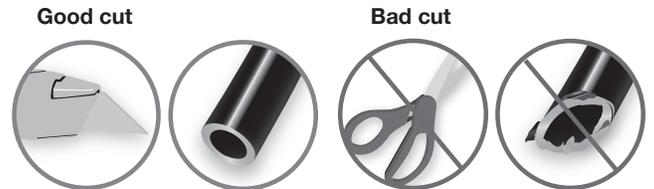


**Dual-Path Air Line Routing**



TO PREVENT THE AIR LINE FROM MELTING, MAINTAIN AT LEAST 6" (152MM) FROM THE EXHAUST SYSTEM TO THE AIR LINE.

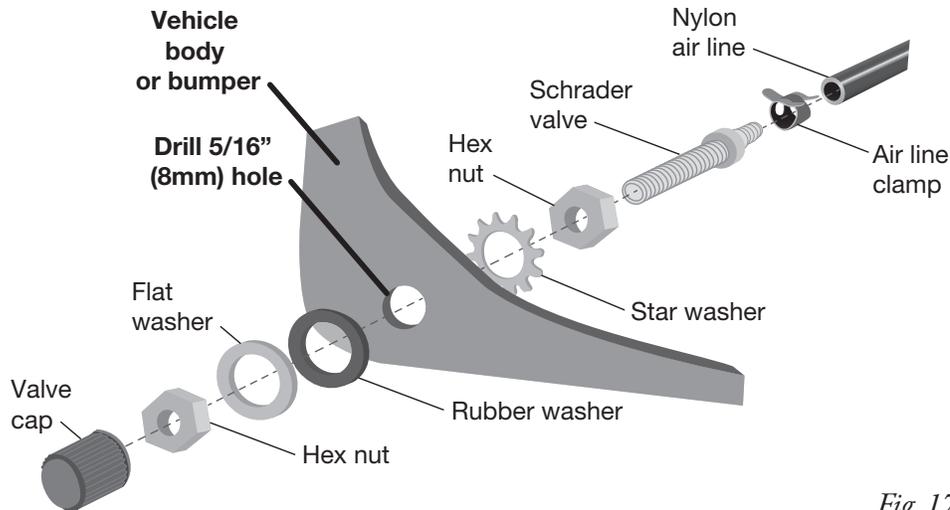
2. If installing a single-path air line, choose a location for the tee fitting on the wheel well or rear bumper. Determine and cut adequate length of air line (C) to reach to the tee from left and right side air springs. Make clean, square cuts with a razor blade or hose cutter (Fig. 14). Do not use scissors or wire cutters.
3. Leave sufficient air line slack to prevent any strain on the fitting during axle motions.
4. Use this procedure (Fig. 15) for all air line connections:
  - a. Slide the air line clamp (E) onto the air line.
  - b. Push the air line and air line clamp over the barbed stem so that the air line covers all the barbs.
  - c. Compress the ears on the air line clamp with pliers and slide it forward to fully cover the barbs.
5. Select a location for the Schrader valve (L), ensuring that the valve will be protected and accessible with an air hose (Fig. 16). Drill a 5/16" (8mm) hole, if necessary. Determine and cut adequate length of air line to reach from the tee to the Schrader valve or from the air springs to the valve if using a dual-path installation.



6. Drill a 5/16" (8mm) hole for the Schrader valve and mount as shown (Fig. 17). Install the air line on the Schrader valve first. The rubber washer (J) serves as an outside weather seal.



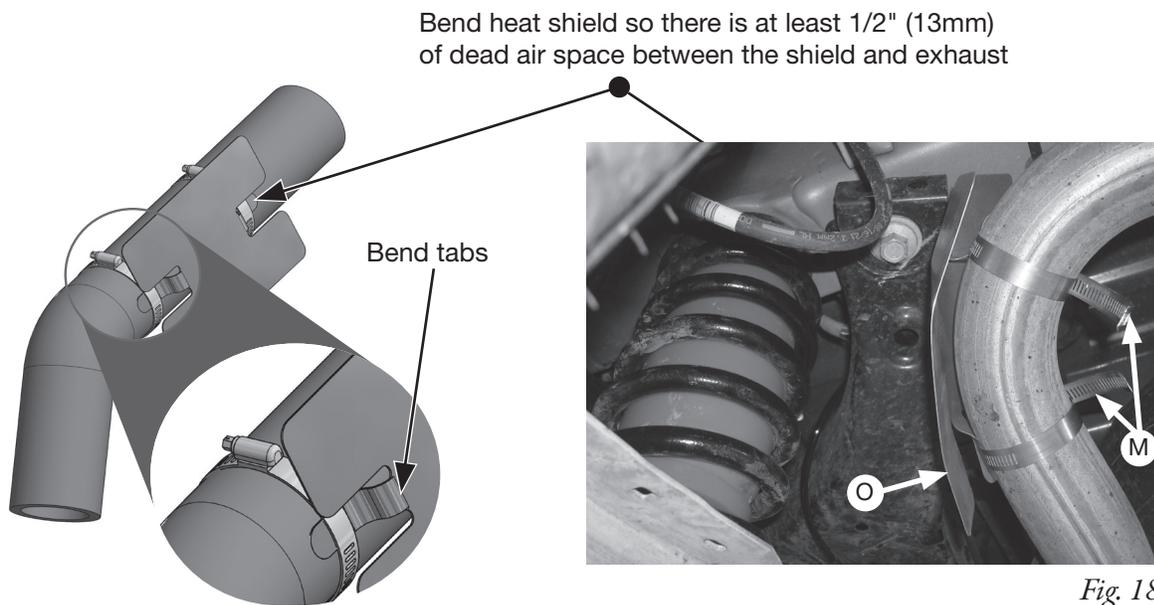
DO NOT INFLATE THE AIR SPRINGS BEFORE READING THE MAINTENANCE AND USE GUIDELINES IN THIS INSTALLATION GUIDE AS WELL AS THE USER GUIDE INCLUDED WITH THIS KIT.



*Fig. 17*

## INSTALL THE HEAT SHIELD

1. Attach the metal heat shield (O) to the exhaust using two hose clamps (M) where it is closest to the driver's (left) side air spring (Fig. 18).



*Fig. 18*

## COMPLETE THE INSTALLATION

2. Once the air lines have been installed, raise the suspension or lower the body completely and remove the safety stands. Inflate the air springs to 5 PSI (.34BAR).

## Finished Installation

The image show the finished installation of the passenger's (right) side.



## Congratulations!

You are now the proud owner of an industry leading Air Lift air suspension system. Enjoy!

# Before Operating

## INSTALLATION CHECKLIST

- Clearance test** — Inflate the air springs to 30 PSI (2BAR) and make sure there is at least 1/2" (13mm) clearance from anything that might rub against each air spring. Be sure to check the tire, brakes, frame, shock absorbers and brake cables.
- Leak test before road test** — Inflate the air springs to 30 PSI (2BAR) and check all connections for leaks. All leaks must be eliminated before the vehicle is road tested.
- Heat test** — Be sure there is sufficient clearance from heat sources, at least 6" (152mm) for air springs and air lines. If a heat shield was included in the kit, install it. If there is no heat shield, but one is required, call Air Lift customer service at (800) 248-0892.
- Fastener test** — After 500 miles (800km), recheck all bolts for proper torque.
- Road test** — The vehicle should be road tested after the preceding tests. Inflate the air springs to recommended driving pressures. Drive the vehicle 10 miles (16km) and recheck for clearance, loose fasteners and air leaks.
- Operating instructions** — If professionally installed, the installer should review the operating instructions with the owner. Be sure to provide the owner with all of the paperwork that came with the kit.

## MAINTENANCE AND USE GUIDELINES

1. Check air pressure weekly.
2. Always maintain normal ride height. Never inflate beyond 35 PSI (2.4BAR).
3. If the system develops an air leak, use a soapy water solution to check all air line connections and the inflation valve core before deflating and removing the air spring.
4. Upon successful completion of the installation, follow these pressure requirements for the air springs.



**Minimum Recommended  
Air Pressure**



**Maximum Air Pressure**



FOR SAFETY AND TO PREVENT POSSIBLE DAMAGE TO THE VEHICLE, DO NOT EXCEED MAXIMUM GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT RATING (GVWR) OR PAYLOAD RATING, AS INDICATED BY THE VEHICLE MANUFACTURER.

ALTHOUGH THE AIR SPRINGS ARE RATED AT A MAXIMUM INFLATION PRESSURE OF 35 PSI (2.4BAR), THE AIR PRESSURE ACTUALLY NEEDED IS DEPENDENT ON LOAD AND GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT RATING.

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# Notes



## Limited Warranty and Return Policy

Air Lift Company provides a limited lifetime warranty to the original purchaser of its load support products, that the products will be free from defects in workmanship and materials when used on cars and trucks as specified by Air Lift Company and under normal operating conditions, subject to the requirements and exclusions set forth in the full Limited Warranty and Return Policy that is available at [www.airliftcompany.com/warranty](http://www.airliftcompany.com/warranty).

For additional warranty information contact Air Lift Company customer service.





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