



## INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

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**5548**  
**REAR ANTI-SWAY BAR**  
**2004 > FORD F-150**

**This bar is designed for stock height to 2" lowered vehicles.  
If your vehicle has been lowered with Belltech flip kit No.6440  
Please use swaybar kit No. 5551**

**Congratulations! You were selective enough to choose a BELLTECH PRODUCT. We have spent many hours developing our line of products so that you will receive maximum performance with minimum difficulty during installation.**

- 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 values specified.
- 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.

### **RECOMMENDED TOOLS:**

- Properly rated floor jack, support stands, and wheel chocks
- 17/32" drill bit and power drill
- Electric or pneumatic grinder
- Combination wrench:
- Ratcheting socket wrench and sockets:
- Safety Glasses

*NOTE: For 2009 and newer MY vehicles please refer to the gray text boxes throughout the instructions for additional installation notes.*

### **KIT INSTALLATION**

1. Open the hardware kit and remove all of the contents. Refer to the part list (Page 5) to verify that all parts are present.
2. Park the vehicle on a smooth, level concrete or seasoned asphalt surface and activate the parking brake. Block the **FRONT** wheels of the vehicle with appropriate wheel chocks; making sure the vehicle's transmission is in 1<sup>st</sup> gear (manual) or "Park" (automatic).

3. Using a properly rated floor jack, lift the **REAR** wheels of the vehicle off the ground. Place support stands, rated for the vehicle's weight, and in the factory specified locations. Refer to the vehicle Owner's Manual. Prior to lowering the vehicle onto the stands, make sure the supports will securely contact the chassis.

It is very important that the vehicle is properly supported during this installation to prevent personal injury and chassis damage! Make sure that the supports stands are properly placed prior to performing the following procedures. We **DO NOT RECOMMEND** using wheel ramps while performing this installation.

4. Slowly lower the vehicle onto the stands and, before placing the vehicle's entire weight on them, again check that they properly and securely contact the chassis as described above. Check for possible interference with any lines, wires, cables, or other easily damaged components.
5. Thoroughly lubricate the **inside** of the new polyurethane bushings using the grease provided. Locate the bushings on the ends of the Belltech Anti-Sway Bar (ASB). Once located, rotate the bushings slightly to evenly spread the lubricant.
6. Remove the top shock mount bolt. (Photo 1)

*NOTE: For 2009 and newer MY vehicles ignore step 7 through 9.*

7. Remove any debris from the outside of the OEM. shock mount. (Photo 2)
8. Gently, with a rubber mallet, tap the new ASB bracket onto the existing mount. Make sure the mount is flat against the lower portion of the mount and that the holes line up. Place the original shock mount bolt in along with the shock to ensure alignment. (Photo 3, 4)
9. Insert the supplied **7/16" -20 X 1.25"-1.5 HHCS bolt and 7/16" flat washer** from the bottom, secure the bracket with a **7/16" flat washer and 7/16" -20 Nyloc nut** on the other side. (Photo 5) Tighten to **80 ft•lb** of torque.

*NOTE: For 2009 and newer MY vehicles follow the instructions below.*

1. Grind off the excess tab material painted in yellow (Photo 13)
2. Place the end-link brackets in place, butted up against the inside flange and centered on the cross beam. Mark the hole location to be drilled. (Photo 14)
3. Using a 17/32-inch drill bit and power drill, drill a hole in the marked location.
4. Bolt up the end-link bracket with the supplied **1/2" x 20 x 1 1/4" hhcs bolt, 1/2" x 20 stover lock nut, and two 1/2" flat washers**. These pieces are found in the 2009+ MY hardware bag.
5. Tighten the bracket to the cross beam up to **80 ft•lb** of torque. Be sure the bracket is parallel to the frame rails.

10. Tighten top shock mount bolt using the supplied **12MM-1.25 X 80MM HHCS bolt, 12MM-1.25 Nyloc nut, and 1/2" USS flat washers** at this time as well.

11. Attach the end-link dogbone to the mounting bracket and secure hand tight with the supplied **3/8"-16 X 2 3/4" HHCS bolt, 3/8" – 16 Nyloc nut and 3/8" USS flat washer** on each side of the bracket. (Photo 6)

*NOTE: For 2009 and newer MY vehicles, use the shorter dog bone end-link supplied with the 2009+ hardware bag.*

12. Locate the hydraulic brake hardline on the driver side of the rear axle. Unclips the line from the locator clip. (Photo 7)
13. Insert the bar from under the vehicle positioning it over the axle with the bar ends pointed forward and angled up (Photo 8). Once in position, start from one side and place one U-bolt, saddle, and bushing support plate around the axle. **IMPORTANT: U-bolt is to be placed under the existing brake line.** While holding the U-bolt with one hand, attach the Anti-Sway Bar bushing clamp with the other and loosely thread the hardware into place using the supplied **3/8" – 16 Nyloc Nut and 3/8" USS flat washer**. Do the same to the other side (Photo 9). Do not tighten the U-bolts, as they will be securely fastened after all the other components have been put on.  
  
**WD-40™** is recommended to help remove excess lubricant. Re-greasing the pivot bushings should be performed at regular intervals. Climate and driving conditions will govern the time between services. Remember to check all hardware while performing bushing maintenance.
14. Attach bottom of each dogbone end-link onto the Belltech anti-sway bar. The end-links should be outboard of the ASB using the **3/8"-16 X 3" HHCS bolt, 3/8" – 16 Nyloc nut, and 3/8" USS flat washers** (Photo 10). Sandwich the **large dogbone bushing washer** between the 3/8 washer and the exposed bushing side of the dogbone end-link. See Photo 17 and 18 for reference.
15. Once end-link hardware is on make sure the Anti-Sway Bar is centered from side to side. The Anti-Sway Bar bushing clamp and hardware should be rotated slightly forward on the topside of the axle so that the end links are perpendicular to the bottom surface of the shock mount (Photo 11, 12).
16. Tighten and torque the u-bolt bracket hardware to **19 ft•lbs** (Photo 12).
17. All hardware being fastened to the vehicle's original fastening points should be the hardware torqued to the proper specifications. To prevent chassis damage, never over-torque.
18. Check that all components and fasteners have been properly installed, tightened and torqued.
19. Check brake hoses, and other components for any possible interference.
20. Lift vehicle and remove support stands. Carefully lower vehicle to ground.
21. Immediately test-drive the vehicle in a remote location so that you can become accustomed to the revised driving characteristics and handling. Be aware that the vehicle will handle substantially different now that it has been modified.
22. Installation is complete. Check all of the hardware and re-torque at intervals for the first 10, 100, 1000 miles.



photo 1



photo 2



photo 3



photo 4



photo 5



photo 6



photo 7



photo 8



photo 9



photo 10



photo 11



photo 12

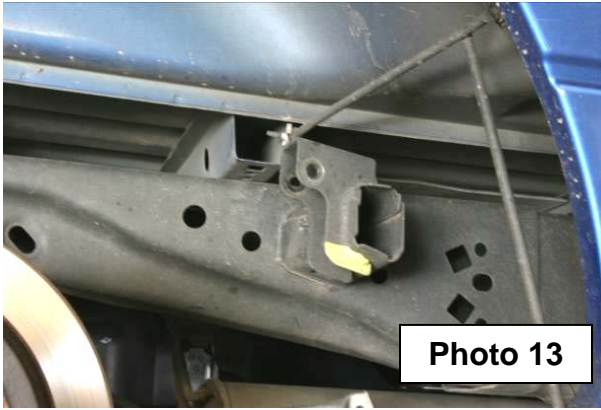


Photo 13



Photo 14



Photo 15



Photo 16

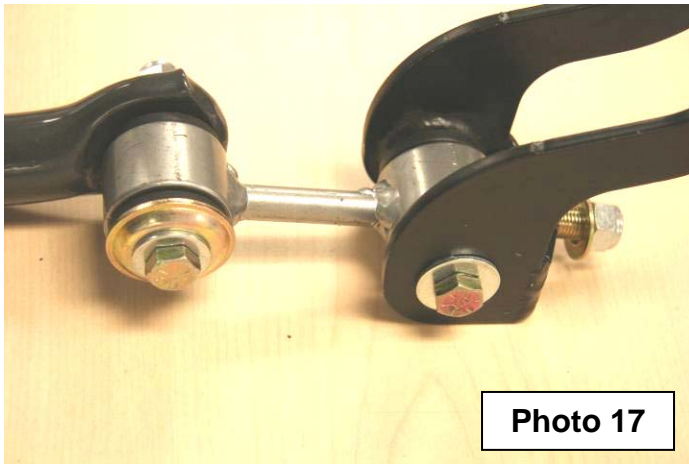


Photo 17

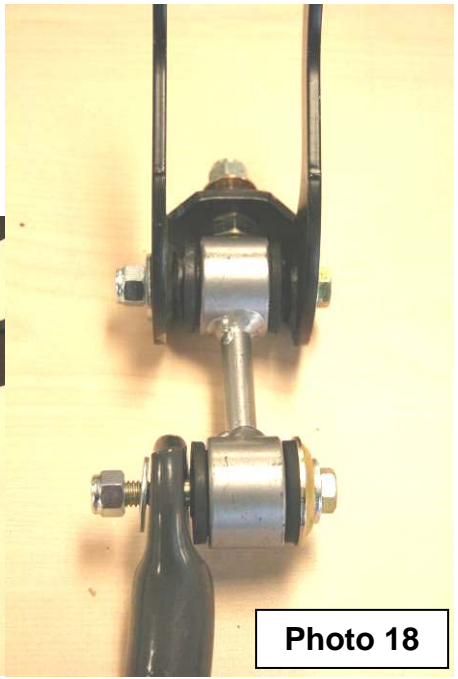
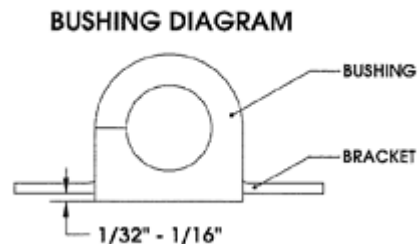


Photo 18

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### **LUBRICATION**

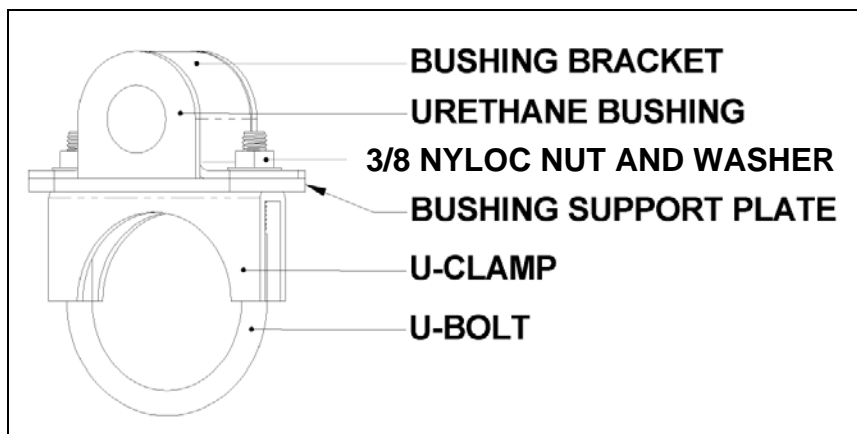
Pre-lubricating the inside of the bushing before it's installed is important because the lubrication will greatly reduce noise and it will increase bushing life. Belltech recommends you use Molybdenum disulfide. This will help protect the inside surface of the bushing and will last longer than most types of grease. Thoroughly lubricate the inside of the bushing with this grease.



### **BUSHING INSTALLATION**

Make sure an amount of 1/32" to 1/16" of the bushing is showing when you install it onto the bracket. See the diagram above. If the bushing is showing more than 1/16" then use a sander or a sheet of coarse grit sand paper to shave it down to the proper height. In most applications when installing the new bushings on your Belltech Anti-Sway Bar you may refer to your original equipment Anti-Sway Bar to locate the proper location.

### **AXLE CLAMP DIAGRAM**



**PART LIST FOR 5548  
ANTI-SWAY BAR KIT**

<b>PART#</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>QTY</b>
5548-300	REAR ANTI-SWAY BAR	1
113075	PIVOT BUSHING	2
115002	BUSHING BRACKET	2
115003	UNDER SUPPORT PLATE	2
112260	3 ¼" U-CLAMP	2
110255	3/8" – 16 NYLOC NUT	8
112112	3/8" -16 X 3" HHCS	2
112055	12MM-1.25 X 80MM HHCS	2
112290	12MM-1.25 NYLOC NUT	2
110645	7/16" FLAT WASHER	8
112026	7/16" -20 X 1.25"-1.5 HHCS BOLT	2
112288	7/16" -20 NYLOC NUT	2
112110	3/8"-16 X 2 ¾" HHCS	2
112518	3/8" USS FLAT WASHER	12
112538	½" USS FLAT WASHER	4
55000-10	GREASE PACK	1
7000-896	DOG BONE BUSHING LARGE WASHER	2
5548-050	DOG BONE FRAME MOUNT	2
114051	DOG BONE END LINK (LONG)	2
<b>2009+MY HARDWARE PACK (5548-778)</b>		
5551-004	END LINK BRACKET	2
110408	½" x 20 x 1 ¼" HHCS BOLT	2
110402	½" x 20 STOVER LOCK NUT	2
110660	½" FLAT WASHER	2
114054	DOG BONE END LINK (SHORT)	2