INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS:
66-77 Bronco Stage 1 Original Shock Hoops

PART #5201

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1. 3/8" Washer
1. 3/8" x 3/4" Self Tapping Screw

Please read completely before beginning.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Jack up Bronco and support with jack stands under the front axle. Remove tires.

2. Detach original shocks and cut off shock mounting tower. Grind and clean the frame for a smooth surface.

3. On the driver side, unbolt the rear bolt of the clutch bell crank-to-frame bracket, if so equipped. Attach the hoop to the coil tower through the coil spring strap bolt. Leave the bolt loosely in place while you fit the hoop over the frame rails. Slide it under the clutch bell crank-to-frame bracket.

4. At the front of the hoop, drill a 1/2" diameter hole in the frame using the hole in the top of the hoop frame bracket for a guide. Disconnect the steering shaft from the steering box and slide it back to make room to drill. On Broncos with power steering, it is necessary to remove the three bolts which hold the box to the frame and slide the box to the side. Next, drill a hole in the bottom of the frame at the front of the hoop using the hole in the bottom of the hoop frame bracket for a guide. If you have a steering stabilizer you will need to detach it to make room to drill. Bolt through the frame using the 1/2" x 6" bolt and a Nyloc nut. Excess bolt should come out the bottom and should be trimmed with a hack saw. Reattach the steering shaft, steering box and steering stabilizer and tighten to specification.

5. At the rear of the hoop, reattach the clutch bell crank-to-frame bracket with the original bolt, bolting through the hoop. If equipped with an automatic transmission bolt into threaded hole in frame using the 3/8" x 1" bolt and washer provided. On the bottom side, drill a 5/16" diameter hole using the hole in the hoop frame bracket for a guide, and bolt in place with the self tapping bolt. Tighten the coil spring strap bolt.

6. On the passenger side, attach the hoop loosely to the coil tower and slide it over the frame rails. Drill a hole through the frame at the front, using the holes in the hoop frame bracket as guides. At the rear, it is necessary to drill all the way through the frame from the bottom. Bolt through with a 1/2" x 6" bolt and Nyloc nut. Tighten the coil spring strap bolt. It is recommended that the hoop frame brackets be welded to the frame on both sides of the vehicle.

7. For both sides, attach the shocks for the rear position to the original lower mounts and bolt them to the hoop at the top using the 1/2" x 3" NC bolts. Measure the length of the shaft showing on the shock and make note of it.

8. Attach the shocks for the front position at the top using 1/2" x 3" bolts. Stretch shock so that it matches the length measurement you already took. Bolt the lower tab mount to the bottom of the shock using the 1/2" x 3" NC bolt and align it with the "C" bushing end cap ridge. Clamp it in position, then insure there is ample clearance for the steering linkage at full turn in both directions. Rotate the tie rod adjusting sleeve bolts to point away from the mounts. Adjust lower bracket.
position if there isn’t enough clearance. (If your Bronco was equipped with part #5101 double shock mounts, bolt in place through your original double shock mounts upper hole using the 1/2 x 5" bolts. It may be necessary to enlarge the hole in the original bracket slightly for alignment. Bolt shock directly to your lower mount.)

9. Tack weld the lower shock mount in position, taking care to minimize as much as possible the heat transfer in to the “C” bushings. Unless you have a wire feed welder, it is recommended that you unbolt the “C” bushing end cap and complete the welding off of the vehicle. After area is cooled, spray paint it, as well as where you removed the shock towers, to prevent rust.

10. Reattach bottom of shock using two 1/2" washers between the shock and the lower mount, and 1 washer between the shock bushing and the nut. Excess bolt should point inboard. Do not overtighten these lower bolts. The bushing should bulge only slightly from the pressure. On ’76-’77 Broncos or on vehicles with a tracking bar drop bracket, it is necessary to mount the shock on the driver’s side to the outboard side of the tab. On all others, mount the shock to the inboard side of the tab.

11. Retighten all bolts after the first 50 miles and each off road excursion.

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