INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS:
Leaf Spring Shim Kit

PART#5542, 5544, 5546

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1 pr. Degreed Shims
1 pr. 3/8”-24 x 4” Replacement Center Bolts & Nuts

Note: We have included the center bolts for our and most 11-leaf spring packs. If you have older packs with 5/16” pins, you can either drill out your packs for the heavy duty pins or source 3 1/2” long pins.

Please read completely before beginning. Before disassembly, verify that your U-Bolts will be long enough to account for the additional thickness of the shims.

1. Place blocks under front wheels to keep vehicle from rolling.
2. Raise the rear of vehicle (place jack under the center of the axle) until the tires are off the ground. Place jack stands under the vehicle’s frame.
3. Remove the back tires and wheels.
4. Remove the u-bolts on both sides that hold the leaf springs to the axle.
5. Slowly lower the rear axle until the axle is free of the leaf springs. Secure axle on jack stands. CAUTION: be careful not to overextend the driveshaft.
6. Use a C-clamp to hold the leaf springs together near the center pin. Remove the center bolt.
7. Install shim on bottom of the leaf pack (with thick end to the rear of the vehicle.) Insert new center bolt from the bottom. Tighten bolt, making sure the shim stays lined up with the spring pack.
8. Lower the frame back down until the center pin lines up and goes into the hole in the spring perch. You may have to move the axle around a bit to get them to line up.
9. Reinstall the spring plate and u-bolts. Inspect the u-bolts for damaged threads or stretching, if either is present, you should replace them. Also, depending on the length of your u-bolts, you may need to replace them to allow the additional thickness of the shims. Torque to 55-80 ft lbs.
10. Reinstall tires and wheels. Lower vehicle to the ground.
11. Test drive vehicle, go slowly, listening for any problems. After test driving make sure to double check all bolts for tightness and then again after 200 miles of travel.

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