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Ford Super Duty HD Tie Rod

Installation Instructions

Applications:

2005+ Ford F250 4WD

2005+ Ford F350 4WD



TITLE:

**FORD SUPER DUTY HD TIE ROD
INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS**

SIZE

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Thank you for purchasing the best aftermarket products available for your vehicle. We strongly feel that the parts you are about to install should meet or exceed your expectations for performance. Proper assembly is critical to the performance of these components and the vehicle as a whole. Please take the time to carefully read these instructions and familiarize yourself with the installation procedure before working on your vehicle. If you have any questions PLEASE contact Synergy Manufacturing BEFORE beginning installation. Thanks again for supporting Synergy – enjoy the performance benefits of the best aftermarket products available for your vehicle!

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PARTS LIST

8602-11 FORD SUPER DUTY HD TIE ROD		
QTY	Part Number	Description
1	860211-W01	FORD SUPER DUTY TIE ROD
1	4150-L	FORD 1 1/4-12 LH SHANK TIE ROD END, THRU SHAFT
1	3622-12-12-PL	DOUBLE ADJUSTER SLEEVE
1	4151-L	FORD 1 1/4-12 LH SHANK TIE ROD END, SINGLE PLANE
2	N/A	1/2-20X1.75 HEX HEAD BOLT, GR8
2	N/A	1/2-20 TOP LOCK NUT

GENERAL NOTES

- These instructions are also available on our website; www.synergymfg.com. Check the website before you begin for any updated instructions and additional photos for your reference.
- After installation, it is crucial to check clearance between your new Synergy Tie Rod and the wheels and axle at full steering lock. To avoid any chance of contact, we recommend adjusting the Driver's side Tie Rod End to stick-out 1-3/4" inches as measured from the end of the tube to the zerk fitting on the Tie Rod End. See more detail in Install Item 6 and Figure 3.
- When greasing tie rod ends, typically only one pump of grease is required. DO NOT fill dust boots with grease.

TOOLS REQUIRED

- Basic Hand Tools – 22mm or 7/8", 21mm, 19mm or 3/4", 18mm wrenches or sockets
- Tape Measure
- Hammer
- Tie Rod Separator tool (optional)

ESTIMATED INSTALLATION TIME

1 Hour

INSTALLATION

1. Raise and securely support the front of the vehicle.
2. Remove the front wheels.
3. Loosen tie rod end nuts (21mm) at the knuckle. Back the nuts off until they only have one or two complete turns of engagement. This will prevent the tie rod from falling when the taper separates.
4. Separate the tie rod ends from the steering knuckles by striking the steering arms with a large hammer or by using a tie rod separator tool. If using a hammer, do not strike the tie rod end, see **Figure 1 and 2**. Completely remove the tie rod from the steering knuckles and remove it from under the vehicle.



Figure 1. Separating Passengers Side



Figure 2. Separating Drivers Side

5. Measure and note the length of the stock tie rod from center to center for use setting up your new Synergy Tie Rod
6. On the new Synergy Tie Rod, adjust the Driver's side tie rod end (i.e. the side without the double adjuster sleeve) to a MINIMUM OF 1-3/4 inches out if running stock 18" or 17" rims. This will keep the bar from contacting the wheel or axle at full steering lock. See **Figure 3**.
7. Adjust the Synergy Tie Rod length to match the stock tie rod length using the double adjuster sleeve (the silver hex adjuster). You will need to hold the tie rod end from spinning and only allow the adjuster sleeve to turn. The adjuster is right hand thread into the bar. Once the Synergy Tie Rod is the same length as the stock tie rod, proceed to the next step
 - Turning the Adj Sleeve CLOCKWISE into the bar will SHORTEN the overall length
 - Turning the Adj Sleeve COUNTER-CLOCKWISE out of the bar will LENGTHEN the bar.



Figure 3. Driver's Side Tie Rod Minimum Length is 1-3/4" for 17" or 18" Rims.

8. Install the Synergy Tie Rod. The double adjuster **MUST** be installed on the Passenger's side of the vehicle (right side). See **Figure 4**. Torque both castle nuts to 70 lb-ft and then further tighten to align the cotter pin holes. Never loosen castle nuts to align cotter pin holes. Install cotter pins.

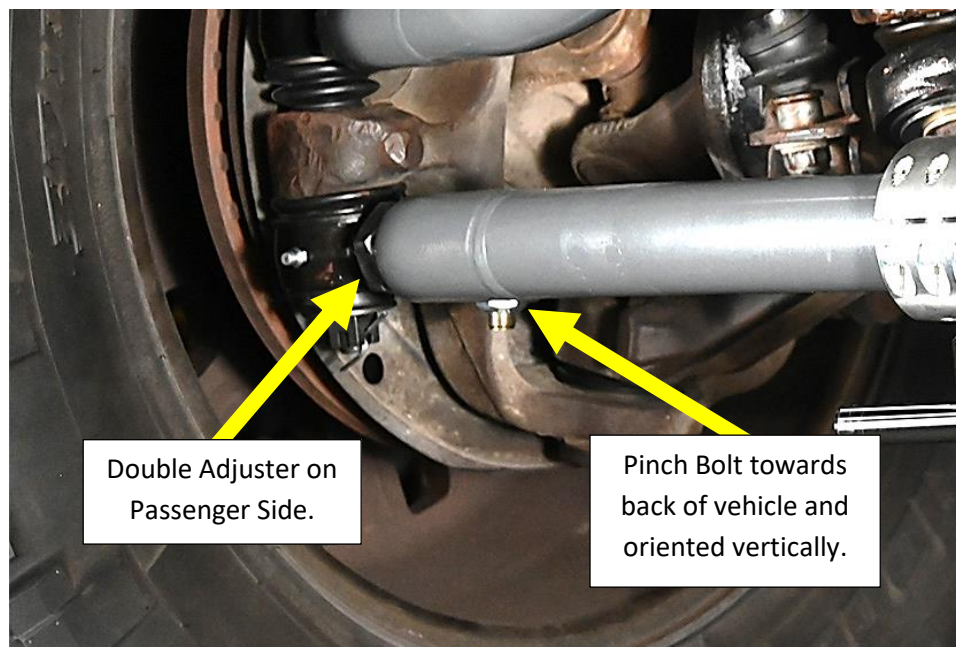


Figure 4. Passenger Tie Rod correct orientation.

9. The Synergy Tie Rod should be rotated to align the bends to push the bar away from the axle. The pinch bolts should be oriented vertically and on the back side of the bar (towards the back of the

truck). Tighten the Driver's side pinch bolt to 60 lb-ft. This should lock the alignment in place. Tighten further if needed. Do not exceed 90 lb-ft. See **Figure 5**.

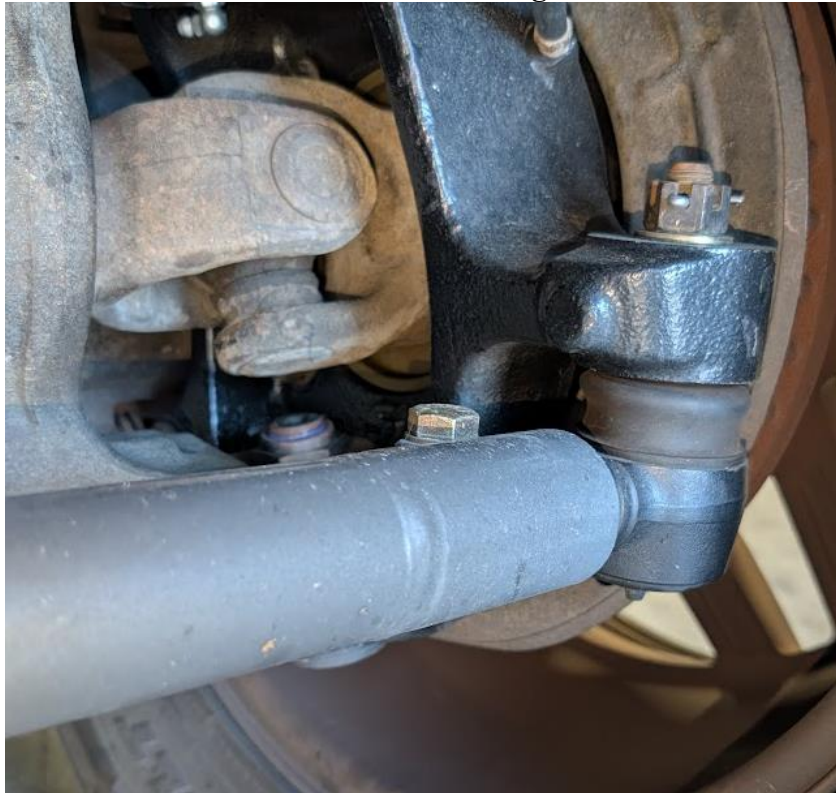


Figure 5. Driver's side tie rod correctly oriented, tighten pinch bolt to lock orientation of bar.

10. Adjust the toe by turning the double adjuster assembly (silver nut on passengers' side of tie rod) in or out of tie rod bar so that the toe setting is correct. Do not thread the tie rod end on the double adjuster side more than 2-5/8" out of bar. **Figure 6** shows the double adjuster side tie rod end adjusted out to maximum safe limit. The measurement is taken from the zerk fitting to the bar. If the bar must be adjusted longer, remove the tie rod end from the steering knuckle on the non-double adjuster side and thread that tie rod end out (it is left hand thread). Do not thread the tie rod end on the non-double adjuster side more than 2-3/4" out of bar. **Figure 7** shows the non-double adjuster side tie rod end adjusted out to maximum safe limit.

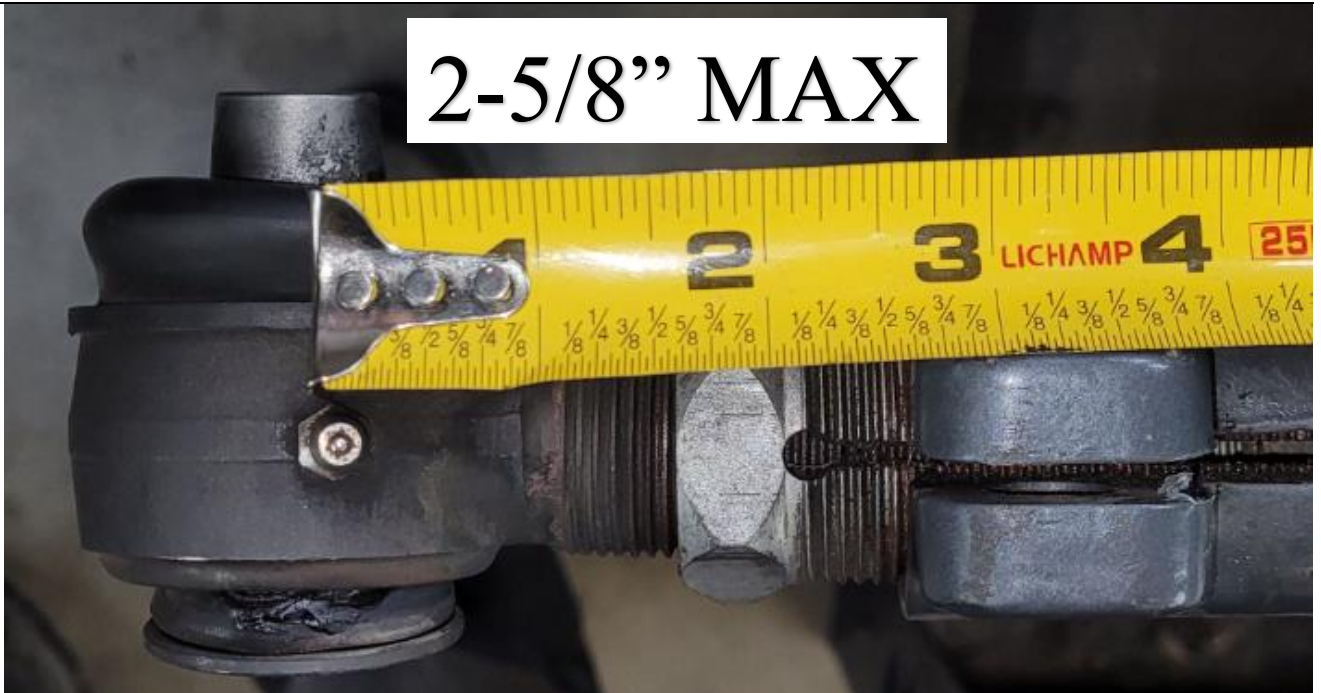


Figure 6. Passenger's Side - Double Adjuster Tie Rod End Maximum Extension.



Figure 7. Driver's Side - NON-Double Adjuster Tie Rod End Maximum Extension

11. Once alignment has been set, tighten the Passenger's side pinch bolt to 60 lb-ft. This should lock the double adjuster in place. Tighten further if needed. Do not exceed 90 lb-ft.
12. Reinstall the wheels, snug the lug nuts.
13. Turn the wheels to full lock passenger side and spin the front wheels. Verify that the pinch bolts and forgings do not interfere with the rim or rim weights. If there is interference remove the tie rod and adjust out the Driver's side tie rod end. Re-set the toe alignment and reperform the test. Perform the same test with the wheels turned full lock to the driver's side.
14. Set the truck on the ground and torque the lug nuts to the factory spec of 165 lb-ft or if the wheels are aftermarket, to the aftermarket specification.
15. Re-check all hardware after approximately 100 miles of driving. Re-check again after each off-road trip.

Installation is complete!

Table 1. Ford Super Tie Rod Bolt Torques

Bolted Joint Location	Wrench Size	Torque
Passenger Side Tie Rod End	22mm	70lb-ft.
Driver Side Tie Rod End	21mm	70lb-ft.
Adjuster Pinch Bolt	3/4"	60 to 90 lb-ft



Figure 8. Completed Tie Rod Installation – Note: Synergy Drag Link, Track Bar, and Single Steering Stabilizer Mount are also shown