

**Air Lift**<sup>TM</sup>  
**PERFORMANCE**

**Kit 75577**  
**Audi A6**  
**C6 Platform**  
**front application**



**INSTALLATION GUIDE**

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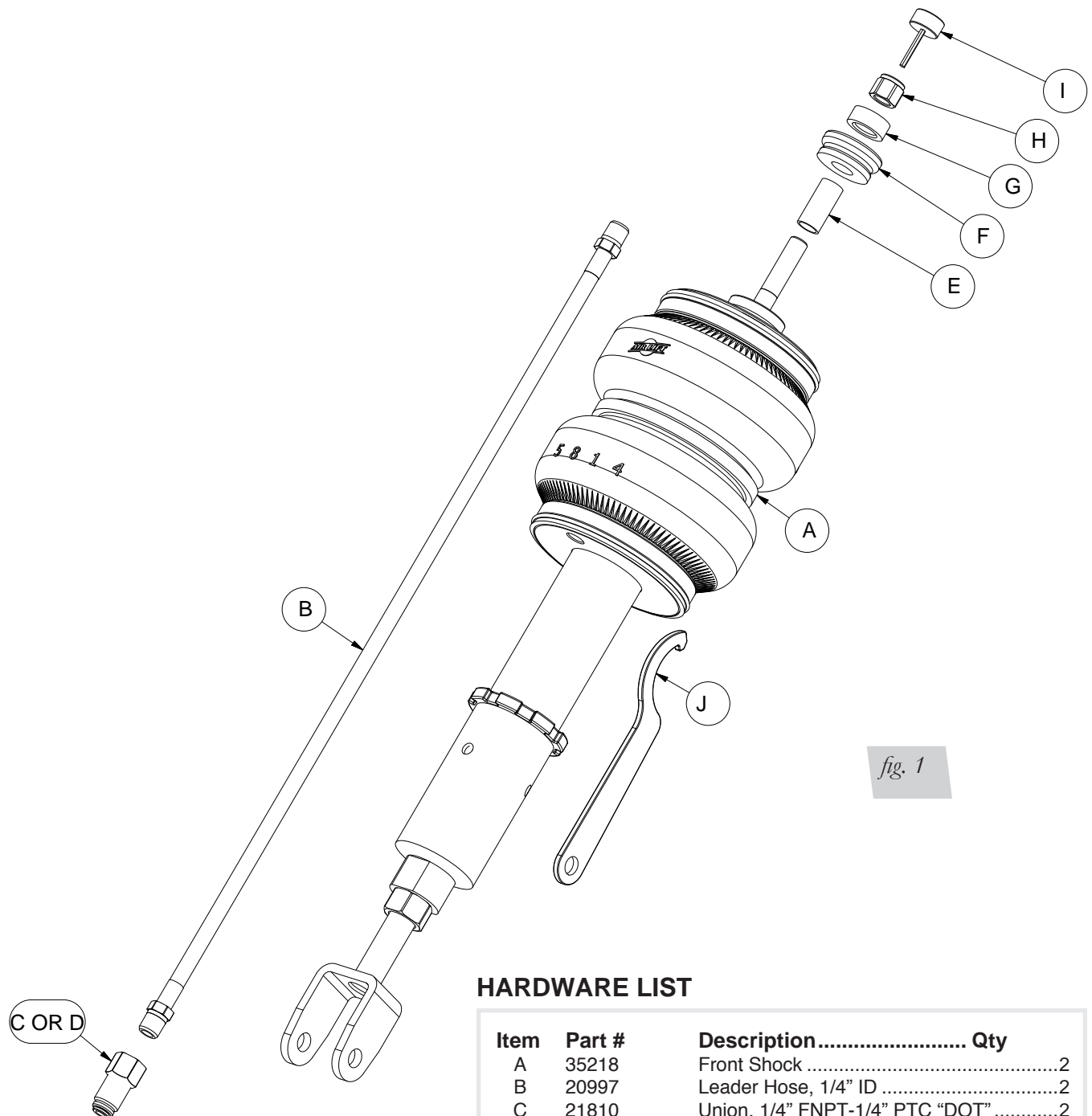
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# Installation Diagram



*fig. 1*

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A	35218	Front Shock .....	2
B	20997	Leader Hose, 1/4" ID .....	2
C	21810	Union, 1/4" FNPT-1/4" PTC "DOT" .....	2
D	21987	Union, 1/4" FNPT X 3/8" Fitting "DOT" .....	2
E	26966-007	Shock Rod Spacer .....	2
F	26966-006	Shock Isolator .....	2
G	26930-010	Shock Centering Spacer .....	2
H	26966-008	M12 X 1.25 Nyloc Nut .....	2
I	26966-009	Shock Adjuster .....	2
J	26966-011	Collar Wrench .....	1

**STOP!**

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# Installing the Air Suspension

## PREPARING THE VEHICLE

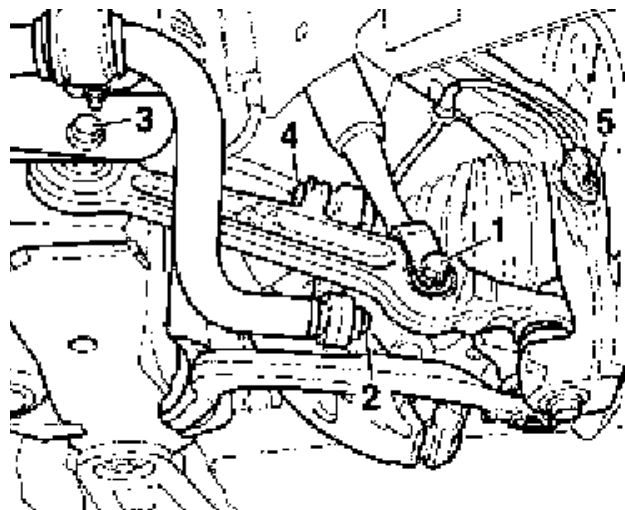
1. Support vehicle with jack stands or a hoist at approved lifting points.
2. Remove the front wheels

## STOCK SHOCK REMOVAL

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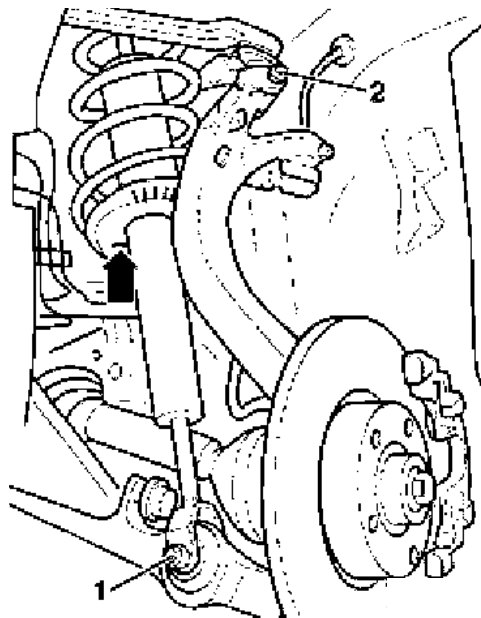
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1. Support the hub assembly to prevent over extension of suspension components
2. Remove lower shock bolt from track control link (bolt 1 in fig 2).
3. Disconnect the stabilizer bar (bolt 2 or 4 in fig 2).
4. Unbolt the track control link from the chassis (bolt 3 in figure 2).



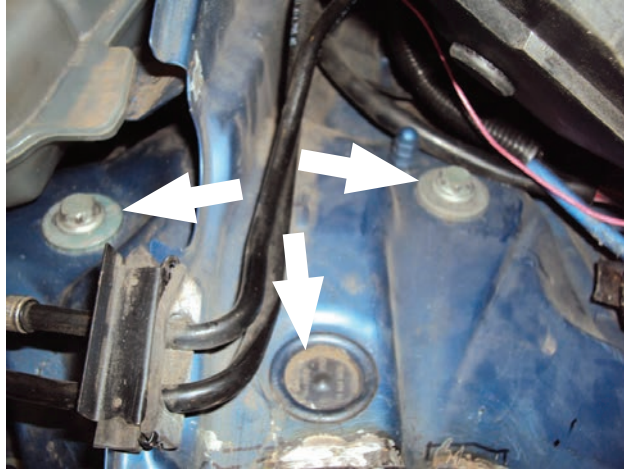
*fig. 2*

5. Remove the bolt from the upper control arms to adjoining steering knuckle (bolt 2 in fig 3). Remove the upper control arm ball joints from the steering knuckle.



*fig. 3*

6. Unbolt the three bolts holding the stock upper bracket to the chassis (fig 4).



*fig. 4*

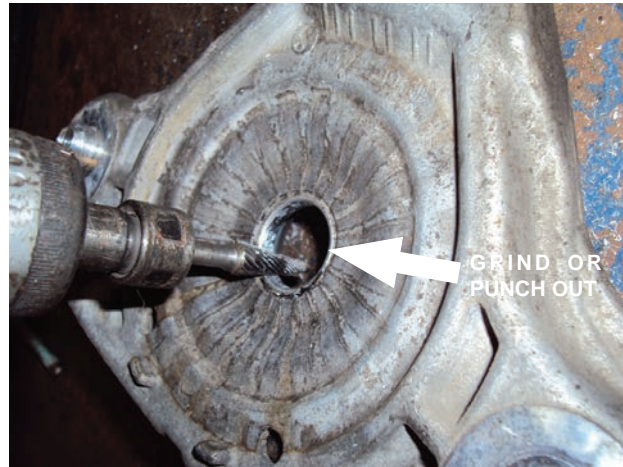
7. Remove the shock assembly from the vehicle.
8. Securely mount the shock assembly in a coil spring compressor, compress the spring and remove the nut from the top of the shock rod. Safely release the assembly. Retain the upper bracket and rubber isolator.
9. **If the upper control arm bolt heads face toward the outside of the bracket remove the bolts and flip them so the head of the bolt will face the air spring (fig 5). This is done to gain air spring clearance and prevent wear of the air spring. Failure to do this may result in a premature failure of the air spring and will not be covered under warranty. Tighten the bolts down just enough that the bushing can still rotate around the bolt.**



*fig. 5*

## MODIFICATIONS FOR AIR SUSPENSION

1. Remove the jounce bumper cup from the upper bracket (fig 6 and 7). Do not remove extra material from the upper bracket. Remove the plastic guide spacer from the new shock assembly and insert into the upper bracket hole (fig 8). This fitment should be a mild press fit (fig 9). Light grinding may be required to accomplish the desired fitment.



*fig. 6*



*fig. 7*



*fig. 8*





*fig. 9*

2. Center punch and drill a 3/8" hole through the center of the suspension shock dome. This hole will be used as an access port for damping adjustments (fig 10 and 11).



*fig. 10*



*fig. 11*

## INSTALLING THE AIR SUSPENSION

1. Begin by installing the leader line into the air spring. Wrap the threads of the leader hose with Teflon tape or thread sealant. Tighten the appropriate fitting to the airline 1 ¾ turns beyond hand tight. Tighten the leader line into the air spring 1 ¾ turns beyond hand tight (fig 12).

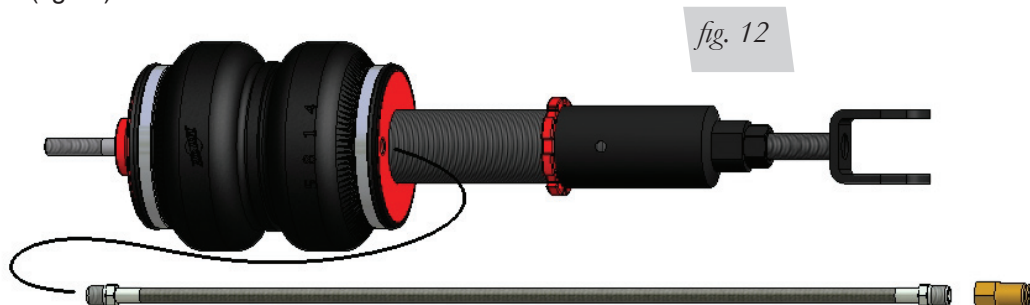


fig. 12

2. Apply the supplied rubber isolator from the shock with the large convolute slipping over the previously installed metal sleeve spacer to the bottom side of the upper bracket as shown (fig 13).



fig. 13

3. Insert shock rod through the upper bracket (fig 14). Apply the stock isolator over the rod and thread lock nut on top (fig 15 and 16). Rotate the shock assembly until the leader hose is toward the back of the bracket (fig 18). **Tighten the nut onto the rod using hand tools.** (fig 16 and 17) An impact wrench may not fully seat the nut before the rod starts to spin. **If the nut is not tight, there will be a rattle noise.** If an impact wrench is used, damage will occur to the shock. Tighten the nyloc nut on the shock rod to 27Nm (20 ft-lbs).



fig. 14



*fig. 15*



*fig. 16*



*fig. 17*



*fig. 18*



4. Insert the new assembly and attach the upper bracket in place with the three bolts previously removed (fig. 4). Make sure the shims are correctly seated to the chassis and not hung up on the upper bracket bosses.
5. Loosely install the clevis bolt into the lower control arm (figs. 2 and 3). Also, loosely reinstall the track link to chassis bolt (fig 2 and 3). Loosely reattach the sway bar (fig. 2).  
**Do not tighten these at this time.**
6. Reattach the upper control arm ball joints to the steering knuckle (fig. 3). Make sure the joints are fully seated as the bolt is slid through.
7. At this time, it is best practice to compress the suspension fully using a jack. With the suspension compressed, review the best routing for the leader hose that is clear of all suspension components and axle. Routing should also allow for the suspension to extend without kinking the line or rubbing on other components. Also check other clearances to all components especially the steering knuckle to any wires while at full drop.
8. With the suspension fully compressed, take a measurement from the fender to some reference point, typically the center of the axle. Record this as Max Compression (MC). Cycle the suspension to Max Extension (ME) and record the measurement from the same reference points. Take the difference between the two numbers and divide by two. Add that value to the Max Compression number and then set the suspension to that point (fig. 19). This position gives 50% stroke in either direction and is a great starting point for ride height. At this position torque the lower clevis bolt, upper and lower control arm bolts to manufacturer's specifications (Table 1).

Formula for calculating ride height:

$$\begin{array}{lcl}
 \text{Step 1:} & \text{Step 2:} & \\
 \frac{\text{ME} - \text{MC}}{X} & \frac{X}{2} = Y & \text{fig. 19} \\
 \text{Step 3:} & \text{Answer:} & \\
 \frac{Y + \text{MC}}{Z} & Z = \text{DESIGN HEIGHT} & 
 \end{array}$$

9. Reinstall wheels; retake the Max Compression and Extension measurements from the fender to lower wheel lip. Recalculate the ride height at 50% stroke and set the vehicle to that height. Enjoy the new look and handling! Now go get an alignment at the preferred drive height.

Torque Specifications		
Location	Nm	ft. lbs.
Shock Rod Nut	50	37
Upper bracket to chassis	50Nm + 90°	37 ft./lbs. + 90°
Upper control arms to bracket	50Nm + 90°	37 ft./lbs. + 90°
Upper control arms to steering knuckle	45	30
Lower control arm to shock clevis	90	66
Lower control arm to subframe	70Nm + 180°	52 ft./lbs. + 180°
Guide link to subframe	70Nm + 180°	52 ft./lbs. + 180°
End link to track control link	40Nm + 90°	30 ft./lbs. + 90°
End link to sway bar	40Nm + 90°	30 ft./lbs. + 90°
Wheels	120	89

Table 1

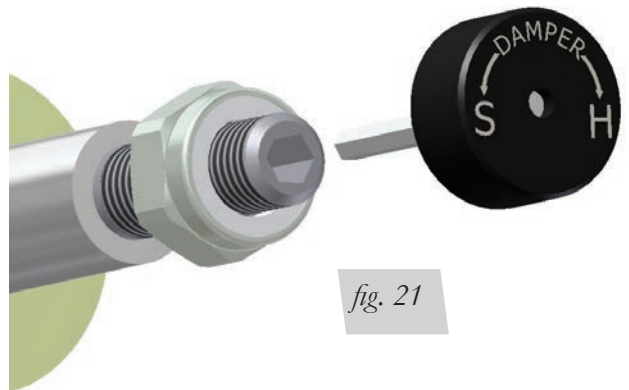


## DAMPING ADJUSTMENT

The shocks in this kit have 30 settings or “clicks” of adjustable compression and rebound damping characteristics. Damping is changed through the shock rod using the supplied adjuster or a 3mm Allen wrench. Turn the adjuster clockwise and the damping settings are hardened. Turn the adjuster counterclockwise and the damping is softened. Each front shock is preset to “-12 clicks”. This means that the shock is adjusted 12 clicks away from full stiff. Counting down from full stiff is the preferred method of keeping track/setting of damping. This setting was developed on a 2007 A6 4.2L V8 Quattro and may need to be adjusted to the different vehicles and driving characteristics.



*fig. 20*



*fig. 21*

## ALIGNING THE VEHICLE

1. Using the control system, set the vehicle height to the new custom ride height.
2. If the custom ride height is lower than stock, we recommend loosening all pivot points (bolts, nuts) on any control arm, strut arm or radius rod that contains bushings (fig. 3). Once they have been loosened, re-torque to stock specifications (Table 1).

### NOTE

*It may be necessary to cycle the suspension to loosen the bushing up from its mount. This will help re-orient the bushing at its new position based on the custom ride height.*

## Before Operating



### CAUTION

MAKE SURE THE FRONT WHEELS ARE STRAIGHT WHEN DEFLATING AND REINFLATING AIR BAGS.

1. Inflate and deflate the system (do not exceed 125 PSI) to check for clearance or binding issues. With the air springs deflated, check clearances on everything so as not to pinch brake lines, vent tubes, etc. Clear lines if necessary.
2. Inflate the air springs to 75PSI - 90PSI and check all connections for leaks.
3. Air Lift part #27669 or #27671, AutoPilot V2 Air Management System, is highly recommended for this product.
4. Please continue by reading the Product Use, Maintenance and Servicing section.

## INSTALLATION CHECKLIST

- ☐ Clearance test — Inflate the air springs to 75-90 PSI and make sure there is at least ½" clearance from anything that might rub against each sleeve. Be sure to check the tire, brake drum, frame, shock absorbers and brake cables.
- ☐ Leak test before road test — Inflate the air springs to 75PSI - 90PSI 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" 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 — Recheck all bolts for proper torque.
- ☐ Road test — The vehicle should be road tested after the preceding tests. Inflate the springs to recommended driving pressures. Drive the vehicle 10 miles 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.

**Technician's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

## POST-INSTALLATION CHECKLIST

- ☐ Overnight leak down test — Recheck air pressure after the vehicle has been used for 24 hours. If the pressure has dropped more than 5 PSI, then there is a leak that must be fixed. Either fix the leak yourself or return to the installer for service.
- ☐ Air pressure requirements — I understand the air pressure requirements of my air spring system. Regardless of load, the air pressure should always be adjusted to maintain adequate ride height at all times while driving.
- ☐ Thirty day or 500 mile test — I understand that I must recheck the air spring system after 30 days or 500 miles, whichever comes first. If any part shows signs of rubbing or abrasion, the source should be identified and moved, if possible. If it is not possible to relocate the cause of the abrasion, the air spring may need to be remounted. If professionally installed, the installer should be consulted. Check all fasteners for tightness.

# Product Use, Maintenance and Servicing

Suggested Driving Air Pressure	Maximum Air Pressure
75 PSI	125 PSI
FAILURE TO MAINTAIN ADEQUATE MINIMUM PRESSURE (OR PRESSURE PROPORTIONAL TO LOAD) WILL RESULT IN BOTTOMING OUT, OVER-EXTENSION OR RUBBING AGAINST ANOTHER COMPONENT AND WILL <b>VOID THE WARRANTY</b> .	

## MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES

### NOTE

*By following these steps, vehicle owners will obtain the longest life and best results from their air spring.*

1. Check the air pressure before driving.
2. Never inflate beyond 125 PSI.
3. If you develop an air leak in the system, use a soapy water solution to check all air line connections, before deflating and removing the spring.
4. When increasing load, always adjust the air pressure to maintain normal ride height. Increase or decrease pressure from the system as necessary to attain normal ride height for optimal ride and handling. Remember that loads carried behind the axle (including tongue loads) require more leveling force (pressure) than those carried directly over the axle.

### CAUTION

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5. Always add air to the springs in small quantities, checking the pressure frequently. Sleeves require less air volume than a tire and inflate quickly.
6. Should it become necessary to raise the vehicle by the frame, make sure the control system is turned off before lifting.

## TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

1. Leak test the air line connections, the threaded connection into the air spring, and all fittings in the control system.
2. Inspect the air lines to be sure none are pinched. Tie straps may be too tight. Loosen or replace the strap and replace leaking components.
3. Inspect the air line for holes and cracks. Replace as needed.
4. Look for a kink or fold in the air line. Reroute as needed.

If the preceding steps do not solve the problem, it is possibly caused by a failed air spring — either a factory defect or an operating problem. Please call Air Lift at (800) 248-0892 for assistance.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Q. Will installing air springs increase the weight ratings of a vehicle?

No. Adding air springs will not change the weight ratings (GAWR, GCWR and/or GVWR) of a vehicle. Exceeding the GVWR is dangerous and voids the Air Lift warranty.

### Q. How long should air springs last?

If the air springs are properly installed and maintained they can last indefinitely.

**Q. Will raising the vehicle on a hoist for service work damage the air springs?**

No. The vehicle can be lifted on a hoist for short-term service work such as tire rotation or oil changes. However, if the vehicle will be on the hoist for a prolonged period of time, support the axle with jack stands in order to take the tension off of the air springs.

**TUNING THE AIR PRESSURE**

Pressure determination comes down to three things — level vehicle, ride comfort, and stability.

**1. Level vehicle**

If the vehicle's headlights are shining into the trees or the vehicle is leaning to one side, then it is not level. Raise the air pressure to correct either of these problems and level the vehicle.

**2. Ride comfort**

If the vehicle has a rough or harsh ride it may be due to either too much pressure or not enough. Try different pressures to determine the best ride comfort. See Air Lift suggested driving air pressure.

**3. Stability**

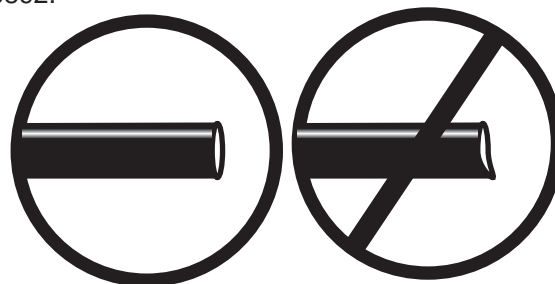
Stability translates into safety and should be the priority, meaning the driver may need to sacrifice a perfectly level and comfortable ride. Stability issues include roll control, bounce, dive during braking and sponginess. Tuning out these problems usually requires additional air pressure, strut damping, or both.

**CHECKING FOR LEAKS**

1. Inflate the air spring to 80 PSI.
2. Spray all connections and the inflation valves with a solution of 1/5 liquid dish soap and 4/5 water. Spot leaks easily by looking for bubbles in the soapy water.
3. After the test, deflate the springs to the minimum pressure required to restore the system to normal ride height.
4. Check the air pressure again after 24 hours. A 2 - 4 PSI loss after initial installation is normal. Retest for leaks if the loss is more than 5 lbs.

**FIXING LEAKS**

1. If there is a problem with a swivel fitting:
  - a. Check the air line connection by deflating the spring and removing the line by pulling the collar against the fitting and pulling firmly on the air line. Trim 1" off the end of the air line. Be sure the cut is clean and square (see fig. 22). Reinsert the air line into the push-to-connect fitting.
  - b. Check the threaded connection by tightening the swivel fitting another ½ turn. If it still leaks, deflate the air spring, remove the fitting, and re-coat the threads with thread sealant. Reinstall by hand tightening as much as possible and then use a wrench for an additional two turns.
2. If the preceding steps have not resolved the problem, call Air Lift customer service at (800) 248-0892.



*fig. 22*

# Warranty and Returns Policy

Air Lift Company warrants its performance products for one year to the original purchaser against manufacturing defects one year from the date of purchase when used on cars and trucks as specified under normal operating conditions. The warranty does not apply to products that have been improperly applied, improperly installed, or which have not been maintained in accordance with installation instructions furnished with all products. The consumer will be responsible for removing (labor charges) the defective product from the vehicle and returning it, transportation costs prepaid, to the dealer from which it was purchased or to Air Lift Company for verification.

Air Lift will repair or replace, at its option, defective products or components. A minimum \$10.00 shipping and handling charge will apply to all warranty claims. Before returning any defective product, you must call Air Lift at (800) 248-0892 in the U.S. and Canada (elsewhere, (517) 322-2144) for a Returned Materials Authorization (RMA) number. Returns to Air Lift can be sent to: Air Lift Company • 2727 Snow Road • Lansing, MI • 48917.

Product failures resulting from abnormal use or misuse are excluded from this warranty. The loss of use of the product, loss of time, inconvenience, commercial loss or consequential damages is not covered. The consumer is responsible for installation/reinstallation (labor charges) of the product. Air Lift Company reserves the right to change the design of any product without assuming any obligation to modify any product previously manufactured.

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- Broken or defective parts in the kit.
- Wrong parts in the kit.
- Have a warranty claim or question.

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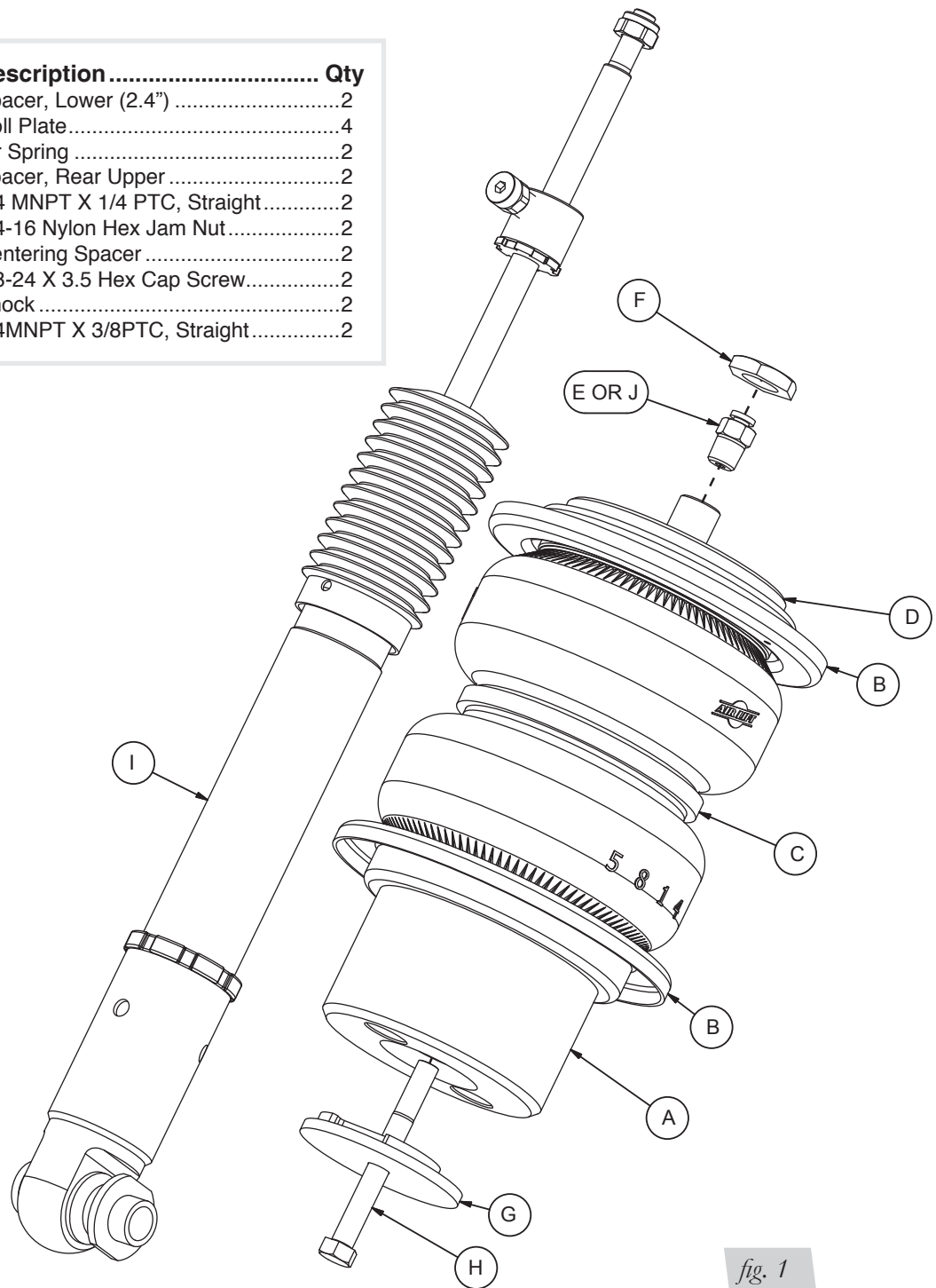
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B	11801	Roll Plate.....	4
C	58526	Air Spring .....	2
D	13308	Spacer, Rear Upper .....	2
E	21745	1/4 MNPT X 1/4 PTC, Straight.....	2
F	18454	3/4-16 Nylon Hex Jam Nut.....	2
G	13983	Centering Spacer .....	2
H	17461	3/8-24 X 3.5 Hex Cap Screw.....	2
I	26967	Shock .....	2
J	21853	1/4MNPT X 3/8PTC, Straight.....	2



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

# Installing the Air Suspension

## NOTE

The following instructions for factory suspension removal are based on a vehicle with coil spring suspension. If your vehicle is equipped with factory air suspension, please reference the factory service manual for the proper removal procedure.

## PREPARING THE VEHICLE

1. Support the vehicle with jack stands or a hoist at approved lifting points.
2. Remove the rear wheels.

## NOTE

If equipped with a headlight alignment system, disconnect the range control linkage first (fig. 2).

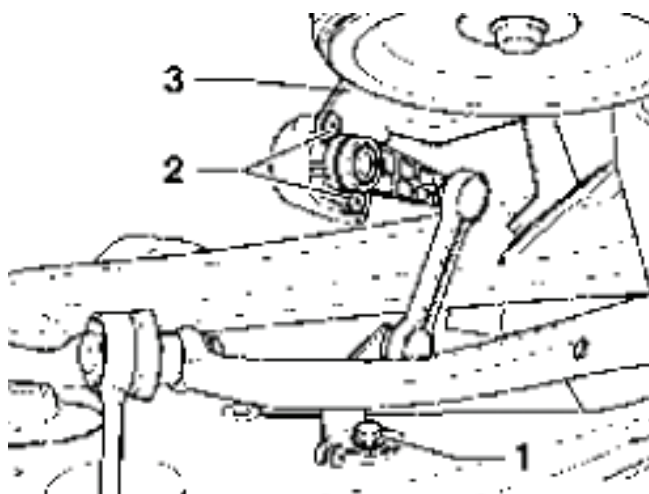


fig. 2

## STOCK SUSPENSION REMOVAL

1. Support the hub assembly before beginning work.
2. Remove the inner fender liners from both sides (fig. 3).



fig. 3



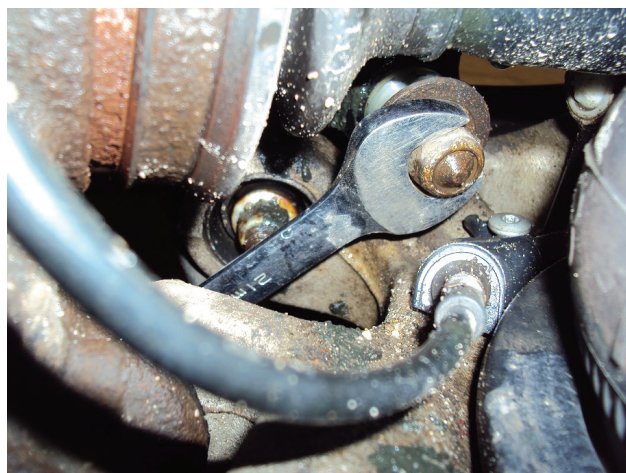
3. Unbolt the upper and lower shock mounts and remove from vehicle (figs. 4-6).



*fig. 4*

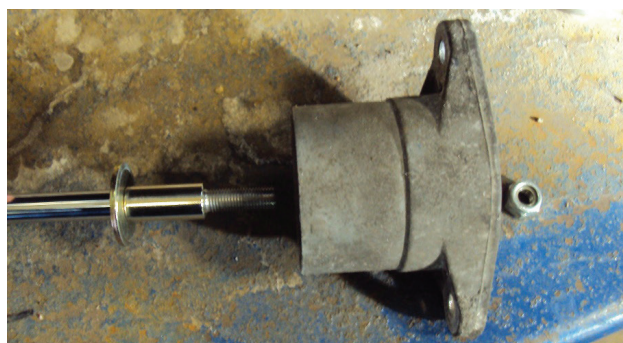


*fig. 5*



*fig. 6*

4. Remove the nut from the top of the shock rod. Retain the upper mounting bracket for later use (fig. 7).



*fig. 7*

5. Remove swaybar link to lower control arm bolts (fig. 8). Then remove rear coil springs and upper and lower rubber isolators (figs. 9 & 10).



*fig. 8*



*fig. 9*



*fig. 10*

6. Directly above the upper coil spring perch, remove the rubber plug (figs. 11-12).



*fig. 11*

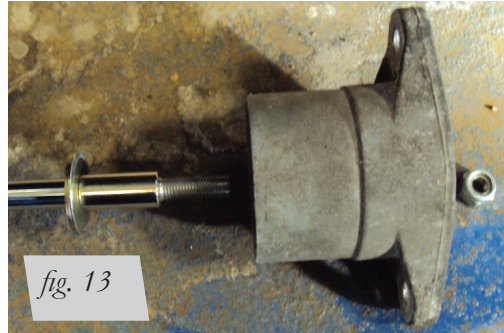


*fig. 12*



## AIR SUSPENSION INSTALLATION

1. Remove the nyloc nut from the top of the supplied shock rod. Leave the washer and spacer on the shock rod as received and cap with the OEM upper mount. Thread the nyloc nut on the shock rod (figs. 13 & 14). **DO NOT USE AN IMPACT WRENCH. If an impact wrench is used, damage will occur to the shock.** Tighten the nyloc nut on the shock rod to 27Nm (20 ft-lbs).



2. Attach the shock to the vehicle chassis and torque upper bracket bolts to 35Nm (26ft. /lbs). Attach but do not tighten the lower shock mount at this time.
3. Collapse the air spring and install into lower coil spring pocket with the threaded boss going through the vehicles upper coil spring perch (figs. 16-17). With the air spring assembly fully seated at the upper spring seat, check the clearance around the roll plate.



4. Carefully slide the plastic nut through the hole above the upper coil spring perch and thread onto the threaded boss (fig. 18). A flathead screwdriver can be used to lock the nut in place while the air spring is spun until tightened against the upper spring perch (fig. 19).



- Thread the supplied centering spacer, washer and bolt and thread into the air spring assembly through the lower control arm (fig. 20). Torque to 20Nm (15ft lbs).



fig. 20

- If using 3/8 PTC fittings, install now by wrapping fitting threads with Teflon tape or thread sealant and torque 1 and 3/4 turns beyond hand tight. **Some enlarging of the hole may assist in the installation of the 3/8" fittings.**
- Insert air line through hole into the air spring fitting. At this point, securely route the air line away from heat sources and suspension components (fig. 21). Best practice is to route the air line behind the fender liner paying close attention to shock travel. Failure to protect the line from the shock may result in kinky hose.

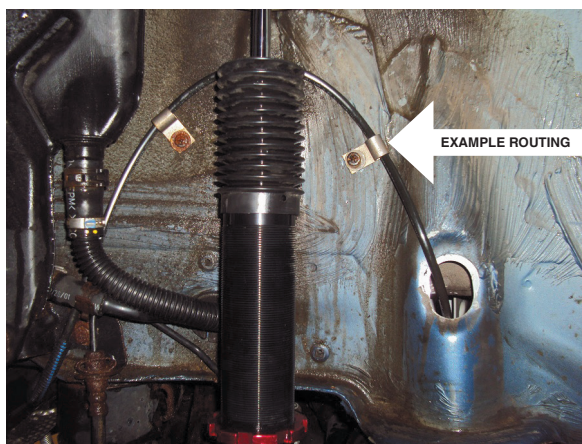


fig. 21

- Compress the suspension fully and check clearance around the air spring and air line.
- Reattach the inner fender liners and wheels.
- This is the time to develop a preferred ride height. With the suspension fully compressed, take a measurement from the fender to the lower wheel lip. Record this as Max Compression (MC). Cycle the suspension to Max Extension (ME) and record the measurement from the same reference points. Take the difference between the two numbers and divide by two. Add that value to the Max Compression number and then set the suspension to that point (fig. 22). This position gives 50% stroke in either position and is a great starting point for ride height. At this position loosen all pivot points and bounce the vehicle several times. This will "reset" the bushings to the new lowered height. At the desired ride height re-torque the pivot points to the manufacturers specifications.

Formula for calculating ride height:

Step 1:	Step 2:	Step 3:	Answer:	fig. 22
$\frac{\text{ME} - \text{MC}}{X}$	$\frac{X}{2} = Y$	$\frac{Y + \text{MC}}{Z}$	$Z = \text{DESIGN HEIGHT}$	

## DAMPING ADJUSTMENT

The shocks in this kit have 30 settings or “clicks” of adjustable compression and rebound damping characteristics. Damping is changed through the shock rod using the supplied adjuster or a 3mm Allen wrench. Turn the adjuster clockwise and the damping settings are hardened. Turn the adjuster counterclockwise and the damping is softened. Each rear shock is preset to “-13 clicks”. This means that the shock is adjusted 13 clicks away from full stiff. Counting down from full stiff is the preferred method of keeping track/setting of damping. This setting was developed on a 2006 Audi A6 Quattro sedan and may need to be adjusted to the different vehicles and driving characteristics.



fig. 23

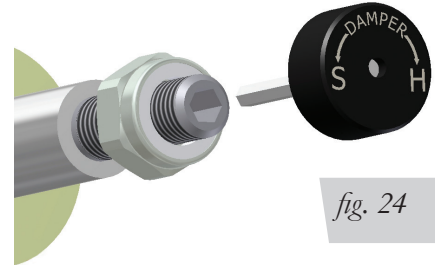


fig. 24

## ALIGNING THE VEHICLE

1. Using the control system, set the vehicle height to the new custom ride height.
2. If the custom ride height is lower than stock, we recommend loosening all pivot points (bolts, nuts) on any control arm, strut arm or radius rod that contains bushings (fig. 7). Once they have been loosened, re-torque to stock specifications.

### NOTE

*It may be necessary to cycle the suspension to loosen the bushing up from its mount. This will help re-orient the bushing at its new position based on the custom ride height.*

# Before Operating

## CAUTION

MAKE SURE THE FRONT WHEELS ARE STRAIGHT WHEN DEFLATING AND REINFLATING AIR BAGS.

1. Inflate and deflate the system (do not exceed 125 PSI) to check for clearance or binding issues. With the air springs deflated, check clearances on everything so as not to pinch brake lines, vent tubes, etc. Clear lines if necessary.
2. Inflate the air springs to 75PSI - 90PSI and check all connections for leaks.
3. Air Lift part #27669 or #27671, AutoPilot V2 Air Management System, is highly recommended for this product.
4. Please continue by reading the Product Use, Maintenance and Servicing section.

## INSTALLATION CHECKLIST

- ☐ Clearance test — Inflate the air springs to 75-90 PSI and make sure there is at least ½" clearance from anything that might rub against each sleeve. Be sure to check the tire, brake drum, frame, shock absorbers and brake cables.
- ☐ Leak test before road test — Inflate the air springs to 75PSI - 90PSI 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" 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 — Recheck all bolts for proper torque.
- ☐ Road test — The vehicle should be road tested after the preceding tests. Inflate the springs to recommended driving pressures. Drive the vehicle 10 miles 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.

**Technician's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

## POST-INSTALLATION CHECKLIST

- ☐ Overnight leak down test — Recheck air pressure after the vehicle has been used for 24 hours. If the pressure has dropped more than 5 PSI, then there is a leak that must be fixed. Either fix the leak yourself or return to the installer for service.
- ☐ Air pressure requirements — I understand the air pressure requirements of my air spring system. Regardless of load, the air pressure should always be adjusted to maintain adequate ride height at all times while driving.
- ☐ Thirty day or 500 mile test — I understand that I must recheck the air spring system after 30 days or 500 miles, whichever comes first. If any part shows signs of rubbing or abrasion, the source should be identified and moved, if possible. If it is not possible to relocate the cause of the abrasion, the air spring may need to be remounted. If professionally installed, the installer should be consulted. Check all fasteners for tightness.



# Product Use, Maintenance and Servicing

Suggested Driving Air Pressure	Maximum Air Pressure
60 PSI	125 PSI
FAILURE TO MAINTAIN ADEQUATE MINIMUM PRESSURE (OR PRESSURE PROPORTIONAL TO LOAD) WILL RESULT IN BOTTOMING OUT, OVER-EXTENSION OR RUBBING AGAINST ANOTHER COMPONENT AND WILL <b>VOID THE WARRANTY</b> .	

## MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES

### NOTE

*By following these steps, vehicle owners will obtain the longest life and best results from their air spring.*

1. Check the air pressure before driving.
2. Never inflate beyond 125 PSI.
3. If you develop an air leak in the system, use a soapy water solution to check all air line connections, before deflating and removing the spring.
4. When increasing load, always adjust the air pressure to maintain normal ride height. Increase or decrease pressure from the system as necessary to attain normal ride height for optimal ride and handling. Remember that loads carried behind the axle (including tongue loads) require more leveling force (pressure) than those carried directly over the axle.



### CAUTION

FOR YOUR SAFETY AND TO PREVENT DAMAGE TO YOUR VEHICLE, DO NOT EXCEED MAXIMUM GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT RATING (GVWR), AS INDICATED BY THE VEHICLE MANUFACTURER. ALTHOUGH YOUR AIR SPRINGS ARE RATED AT A MAXIMUM INFLATION PRESSURE OF 125 PSI, THE AIR PRESSURE ACTUALLY NEEDED IS DEPENDENT ON YOUR LOAD.

5. Always add air to the springs in small quantities, checking the pressure frequently. Sleeves require less air volume than a tire and inflate quickly.
6. Should it become necessary to raise the vehicle by the frame, make sure the control system is turned off before lifting.

## TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

1. Leak test the air line connections, the threaded connection into the air spring, and all fittings in the control system.
2. Inspect the air lines to be sure none are pinched. Tie straps may be too tight. Loosen or replace the strap and replace leaking components.
3. Inspect the air line for holes and cracks. Replace as needed.
4. Look for a kink or fold in the air line. Reroute as needed.

If the preceding steps do not solve the problem, it is possibly caused by a failed air spring — either a factory defect or an operating problem. Please call Air Lift at (800) 248-0892 for assistance.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Q. Will installing air springs increase the weight ratings of a vehicle?

No. Adding air springs will not change the weight ratings (GAWR, GCWR and/or GVWR) of a vehicle. Exceeding the GVWR is dangerous and voids the Air Lift warranty.

### Q. How long should air springs last?

If the air springs are properly installed and maintained they can last indefinitely.

**Q. Will raising the vehicle on a hoist for service work damage the air springs?**

No. The vehicle can be lifted on a hoist for short-term service work such as tire rotation or oil changes. However, if the vehicle will be on the hoist for a prolonged period of time, support the axle with jack stands in order to take the tension off of the air springs.

**TUNING THE AIR PRESSURE**

Pressure determination comes down to three things — level vehicle, ride comfort, and stability.

**1. Level vehicle**

If the vehicle's headlights are shining into the trees or the vehicle is leaning to one side, then it is not level. Raise the air pressure to correct either of these problems and level the vehicle.

**2. Ride comfort**

If the vehicle has a rough or harsh ride it may be due to either too much pressure or not enough. Try different pressures to determine the best ride comfort. See Air Lift suggested driving air pressure.

**3. Stability**

Stability translates into safety and should be the priority, meaning the driver may need to sacrifice a perfectly level and comfortable ride. Stability issues include roll control, bounce, dive during braking and sponginess. Tuning out these problems usually requires additional air pressure, strut damping, or both.

**CHECKING FOR LEAKS**

1. Inflate the air spring to 80 PSI.
2. Spray all connections and the inflation valves with a solution of 1/5 liquid dish soap and 4/5 water. Spot leaks easily by looking for bubbles in the soapy water.
3. After the test, deflate the springs to the minimum pressure required to restore the system to normal ride height.
4. Check the air pressure again after 24 hours. A 2 - 4 PSI loss after initial installation is normal. Retest for leaks if the loss is more than 5 lbs.

**FIXING LEAKS**

1. If there is a problem with a swivel fitting:
  - a. Check the air line connection by deflating the spring and removing the line by pulling the collar against the fitting and pulling firmly on the air line. Trim 1" off the end of the air line. Be sure the cut is clean and square (see fig. 25). Reinsert the air line into the push-to-connect fitting.
  - b. Check the threaded connection by tightening the swivel fitting another ½ turn. If it still leaks, deflate the air spring, remove the fitting, and re-coat the threads with thread sealant. Reinstall by hand tightening as much as possible and then use a wrench for an additional two turns.
2. If the preceding steps have not resolved the problem, call Air Lift customer service at (800) 248-0892.

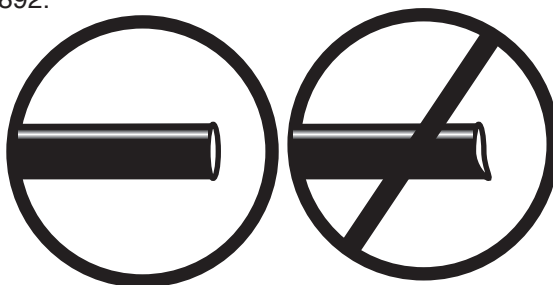


fig. 25

# Warranty and Returns Policy

Air Lift Company warrants its performance products for one year to the original purchaser against manufacturing defects one year from the date of purchase when used on cars and trucks as specified under normal operating conditions. The warranty does not apply to products that have been improperly applied, improperly installed, or which have not been maintained in accordance with installation instructions furnished with all products. The consumer will be responsible for removing (labor charges) the defective product from the vehicle and returning it, transportation costs prepaid, to the dealer from which it was purchased or to Air Lift Company for verification.

Air Lift will repair or replace, at its option, defective products or components. A minimum \$10.00 shipping and handling charge will apply to all warranty claims. Before returning any defective product, you must call Air Lift at (800) 248-0892 in the U.S. and Canada (elsewhere, (517) 322-2144) for a Returned Materials Authorization (RMA) number. Returns to Air Lift can be sent to: Air Lift Company • 2727 Snow Road • Lansing, MI • 48917.

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## Replacement Information

If you need replacement parts, contact the local dealer or call Air Lift customer service at (800) 248-0892. Most parts are immediately available and can be shipped the same day.

**Contact Air Lift Company customer service at (800) 248-0892 first if:**

- Parts are missing from the kit.
- Need technical assistance on installation or operation.
- Broken or defective parts in the kit.
- Wrong parts in the kit.
- Have a warranty claim or question.

**Contact the retailer where the kit was purchased:**

- If it is necessary to return or exchange the kit for any reason.
- If there is a problem with shipping if shipped from the retailer.
- If there is a problem with the price.

## Contact Information

If you have any questions, comments or need technical assistance contact our customer service department by calling (800) 248-0892, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time. For calls from outside the USA or Canada, our local number is (517) 322-2144. You may also contact customer service anytime by e-mail at [techsupport@airliftperformance.com](mailto:techsupport@airliftperformance.com).

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# Kit Details

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### HARDWARE LIST

Part #	Description	Qty	Part #	Description	Qty
72605	4pt Fast Air Manifold - 1/4" .....	1	21846	3/8" MNPT X 1/4" Tube Elbow "DOT" ..	1
27042	Gen 3 Display .....	1	21779	DOT Swivel Elbow 1/4"Pipe - 1/4 PTC	1
26498-002	Electrical Harness - FastAir .....	1	21737	3/8" Pipe Plug .....	1
24672	Fuse, spade 3amp .....	1	21633	Push Lock Valve .....	1
24547	Fuse, spade, 30amp .....	1	21585	1/4" Pipe Plug .....	1
24500	ATC Fuse holder w/ cap.....	2	20946	DOT 1/4" Air Line .....	60ft
24645	16GA Butt Connector.....	1	17263	1/4-14 x 1 Self Tapping Screw .....	3
24752	12-10GA Butt Connector.....	3	18444	3/8" Flat Washer .....	8
24748	12GA Ring Terminal 3/8".....	2	17188	3/8-16 x 1.25 Hex Cap Screw .....	4
24524	Female Spade Terminal .....	1	18435	3/8-16 Nyloc Nut .....	4
24595	12GA Female Spade Terminal .....	1	16380	VIAIR 380C Compressor (200 psi) .....	1
24561	Adaptor, Mini Fuse .....	1	11955	4 Gallon Aluminum Air Tank.....	1
24542	ATC/ATO Fuse Adaptor.....	1	10466	8" Zip Tie.....	10
23586	Thread Sealant .....	1	10530	Air Line Cutter .....	1



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## **INSTALLATION GUIDE**

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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# Introduction

The purpose of this publication is to assist with the installation, maintenance and troubleshooting of the AutoPilot V2 kit.

It is important to read and understand the entire installation guide before beginning installation or performing any maintenance, service or repair. The information includes step-by-step installation information, installation templates and a troubleshooting guide.

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## 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 MACHINE OR MINOR PERSONAL INJURY.

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## NOTE

*Indicates a procedure, practice or hint which is important to highlight.*

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# Installing the AutoPilot V2 Kit

## INSTALL COMPONENTS

### NOTE

*For a complete schematic, please see fig. 15. (pages 10-11)*



### CAUTION

BEST PRACTICE IS TO LOCATE THE MANIFOLD UNIT INSIDE THE VEHICLE. IF EXTERNAL MOUNTING IS DESIRED, THE MANIFOLD MUST BE LOCATED IN AN AREA SHIELDED FROM DIRECT WATER SPRAY FROM TIRES OR CAR WASHES. THE MANIFOLD SHOULD BE CONSIDERED “WATER RESISTANT” NOT “WATERPROOF”.

### Layout

1. Plan component location first. Ideally, the manifold should be located above the compressor and tank if possible to avoid compressor ingested water from gathering in the manifold. This is most important for vehicles operated in below freezing climates.
2. Prior to mounting components, check to make sure:
  - the electrical harness connections will reach the manifold and compressor.
  - the compressor leader hose will reach the tank.
  - the air lines will route cleanly through the vehicle without kinking or bending.

### NOTE

*Be sure to install all components as far as possible from any heat sources. Plan and prepare harness and air line routing thru the vehicle. Eliminate all sharp edges that could chafe. Use grommets when passing through compartment walls.*

### Prepare and install the compressor

1. Prepare the compressor intake. If inside vehicle, attach filter to port on end of compressor (fig. 15). If compressor is located outside the vehicle, snorkel inlet filter to dry location inside vehicle using components supplied with compressor.
2. Center punch and drill four holes using the template on page 19.
3. Attach using the hardware supplied with the compressor.

### NOTE

*If the harness must be lengthened, use properly sized butt connectors and wire. If extending the power/ground wires, use 8AWG wire minimum or contact Air Lift for more information.*

*The supplied harness is only capable of powering a single compressor. If installing dual compressors, a second dedicated power wire is required. Consult the Electrical Schematic section for proper wiring, and contact Air Lift for an optional second compressor harness (part number: 27679).*

### Manifold

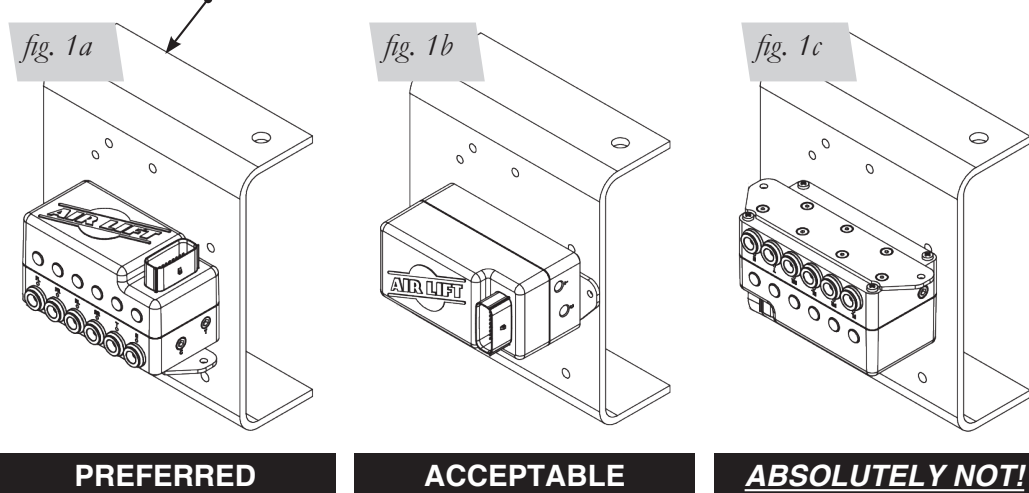
1. Position the manifold in a desired location. Make sure the manifold mount surface is flat.

### NOTE

*Mount the manifold to the frame either horizontally (fig. 1a) or vertically with the ports facing toward the ground (fig. 1b). Do not mount the manifold upside down (fig. 1c). Proper manifold mounting will help prevent water from settling in areas sensitive to freezing.*

2. Fasten the manifold using the two self-tapping screws. **If the mounting surface is not flat, add washers to space the manifold up over surface irregularities.**
3. If needed, a manifold mounting template can be found on page 17.

This represents the top of the vehicle frame or any custom setup (and is the same for figures 1b and 1c).



## NOTE

*Air compressors ingest moisture and will deposit water in the tank. Tanks must be regularly purged to eliminate the possibility of water freezing inside the system or causing corrosion. Be sure to provide easy access to drain/fill valve (preferably outside the vehicle). The AutoPilot V2 system does not include moisture separators or water traps, and does require periodic tank moisture drain. If using an engine driven compressor, proper oil and water filtration must be added as these compressors will contaminate the air suspension system. Water traps are available and sold separately through Air Lift Performance, part numbers: 21011 (1/4"), 21012 (3/8"), 21013 (1/2").*

### **Tank pre-assembly** (see fig. 15)

1. Determine tank location and orientation prior to installing fittings.
2. Apply thread sealant as necessary to all fittings.
3. Install the drain/fill PTC fitting in the lower most tank threaded port.
4. Choose a tank threaded port for the compressor fitting.
5. Choose the highest tank threaded port for manifold air line routing.
6. Plug any remaining tank ports with hex plugs.

### **Tank install** (see fig. 15)

1. Using the tank feet as a template, drill holes for hardware assembly.
2. Attach the tank using the supplied hardware.
3. Cut an appropriate length of hose from the manifold port T, to the PTC fitting on the tank.
4. Route the drain/fill air line with a schrader valve (preferably outside the vehicle).

## NOTE

*When cutting plastic air line, only use a standard hose cutter like (Air Lift part number 10530) or razorblade. Cut all hose ends square and as smoothly as possible. See hose cutting tips on page 6.*

## INSTALL HARNESS

1. Disconnect the battery ground while installing the system.
2. Compressor / manifold connections (see fig. 15)
  - Attach the manifold connector, it will "click" into place once fully seated.
  - Mount the compressor relay in a preferred location using a self-tapping screw.
  - Cut off the spade and eyelet from the compressor power and ground wires.
  - Strip 1/4" of wire casing from the compressor wires.
  - Strip 1/4" of wire casing from the black and pink harness wires.
  - NOTE: Use an appropriate terminal crimp tool to ensure a good connection.
  - Using a butt connector attach the RED compressor wire to the PINK harness wire.
  - Using a butt connector attach the BLACK compressor wire to the BLACK harness wire.
  - Carefully apply heat (preferably with a heat gun) to seal these connections.

3. Battery / ignition connections (see fig. 15)
  - Identify the power, ground, + ignition leg of the harness.
  - Ground: 10AWG black wire; Power: 10AWG red wire; Ignition: 18AWG pink wire.
  - Route power and ground leg of the harness free from any heat source to the battery.
  - Using a butt connector attach the red wire to a fuse holder.
  - Attach an 3/8" eyelet to the other end of the fuse holder and attach to the positive battery (+) terminal.
  - Attach an 3/8" eyelet to the black wire and attach to the battery ground.
  - Route the 18AWG pink wire to a key switched IGNITION source that remains on during cranking. Examples include: ECU, fuel pump.

**NOTE**

*Do not select an accessory source. If the AutoPilot V2 display shuts off while starting the vehicle, this is not a true ignition source.*

- Using a butt connector attach the pink ignition wire to a fuse holder.
  - Select ignition source and attach the fused ignition wire.
  - Use fuse adaptors as necessary.
4. Display
    - Route the display cable as desired to the preferred operating location.
    - Attach the display cable to the main harness cable (small white 3 cavity connector).
  5. Reconnect the battery.

**INSTALL AIR LINES****NOTE**

*Use a standard hose cutter (Air Lift part number 10530) or razorblade. Cut all hose ends square and as smoothly as possible.*

1. Route and attach the air lines to the air springs.
  - Route air lines free from abrasive edges and heat sources.
2. Attach manifold port **FL** to the front, drivers side left spring.
3. Attach manifold port **FR** to the front, passengers side right spring.
4. Attach manifold port **RL** to the rear, drivers side left spring.
5. Attach manifold port **RR** to the rear, passengers side right spring.
6. Attach manifold port **T** to the PTC fitting previously installed on the tank.
7. Manifold port **E** is the exhaust port.
  - Port E can be left open, or routed to a preferred exhaust location.

**NOTE**

*Air lines should be pushed in firmly, with a slight back and forth rotational twist – check the connection by pulling on each line to verify a robust connection.*

*Release the air line from the fitting by releasing air, pushing on the line, depressing the ring towards the fitting, and then pulling the hose out of the fitting.*

**NPT ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Inspect the port and fitting ensuring both are free of contaminants and excessive burrs and nicks.
2. Apply a stripe of liquid pipe sealant around the male threads leaving the first two threads uncovered.
3. Screw finger tight into the port.
4. Wrench tighten the fitting to the correct turns past finger tight position (see table 1 located on page 6).

**CAUTION**

NEVER BACK OFF AN INSTALLED PIPE FITTING TO ACHIEVE PROPER ALIGNMENT. LOOSENING INSTALLED PIPE FITTINGS WILL CORRUPT THE SEAL AND CONTRIBUTE TO LEAKAGE AND FAILURE.

Torque Specifications		
Fitting Size	Turns Past Finger Tight	Torque lb/ft
1/8" NPT	1.5 - 3.0	12
1/4" NPT	1.5 - 3.0	25
3/8" NPT	1.5 - 3.0	40
1/2" NPT	1.5 - 3.0	54
3/4" NPT	1.5 - 3.0	78
1" NPT	1 - 2.5	112
1 1/4" NPT	1 - 2.5	154
1 1/2" NPT	1 - 2.5	211

Table 1

## HELPFUL TIPS: AIR LINE AND FITTINGS

- Minimum hose bend radius
  - 3/8" hose = 1.5" hose bend radius.
  - 1/4" hose = 1" hose bend radius.
- Hose to fitting
  - No side loading on fitting from hose.
  - Hose straight for 1" before bending.
- Hose cutting
  - Cut hose perpendicular to hose length.
  - Inspect hose for scratches that run lengthwise on hose prior to insertion.
  - Use proper hose cutter, cigar cutter, or razor on flat surface.
- DOT/SAEJ844 air brake hose data
  - Maximum working pressure of 175 PSI.
  - Not to be used for frame (body) to un-sprung mass connection, use a braided leader hose for this moving connection.

Compressor Tank Pressure		
Viair	Air Lift P/N	Max. Tank Pressure
380C	16380	175
400C	16400	150
444C	16444	175
450C	16450	150
480C	16480	175

Table 2

## Setup and Calibration

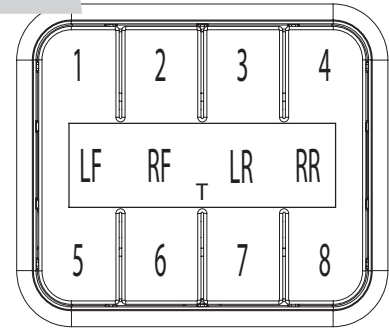
AutoPilot V2 is an advanced pressure-based air suspension control system, that uses state-of-the-art software algorithms to calibrate or map the control system to your vehicle. Once the system is calibrated, the algorithm predicts required "valve open time" to move the air suspension to achieve preset target pressures. AutoPilot V2 has 8 programmable presets, allowing the user to input 8 different combinations of the 4 corner air spring pressures.

After installing AutoPilot V2 in your vehicle, please follow the steps below to properly setup your new system. If changes are made after installing and calibrating the system such as changes to air springs, lines, tank, compressor, or other vehicle modifications, the system must be recalibrated to maintain accuracy.

## SYSTEM CALIBRATION AND SETTINGS

1. Key-on/power up, and compressor should come on to fill the tank. Check to make sure system is triggered by IGNITION source. While starting the engine, the system should be ON. If not, please refer back to the "Install Harness" section.
2. Press buttons 1 and 5 simultaneously (1+5) and hold for 5-10 seconds until settings and diagnostics mode main page appears (fig. 3).

fig. 2



Button Definition

### Tank Adjust (Maximum System PSI)

Press button 1 (TANK ADJUST). Set tank pressure preference by pressing MAX up/down buttons simultaneously (fig. 4). The MAX value sets compressor cut-off pressure. Press buttons (1+5) simultaneously to exit to settings and diagnostics mode.

#### NOTE

*MIN tank pressure will follow MAX within 15 PSI to provide further accuracy.*

*If tank MAX settings are changed, a system recalibration is necessary for optimal performance. Max tank pressures for various compressors can be found in table 2.*

fig. 3

1. TANK ADJUST  
2. CALIBRATE  
3. BACKLIGHT  
4. PRESET MAIN ▽

fig. 4

△  
TANK MAX=175  
▽

### Calibrate to your vehicle

Press button 2 to enter CALIBRATE (fig. 3). Press button 1 SYSTEM CAL (fig. 5), follow instructions to calibrate AutoPilot V2 system to your vehicle. Once calibration is complete, Press buttons (1+5) simultaneously to exit to settings and diagnostics mode.

fig. 5

CALIBRATION MENU  
1. SYSTEM CAL  
2. ADJUST SYSTEM



#### CAUTION

DURING CALIBRATION THE SYSTEM WILL AUTOMATICALLY DEFLATE TO 0 PSI AND RAISE TO 100 PSI ON EACH AXLE AUTOMATICALLY. IF WHEELS EXTEND BEYOND FENDERS, VEHICLE DAMAGE MAY RESULT. CALIBRATION ON NARROW WHEELS THAT TUCK INSIDE THE FENDERS IS RECOMMENDED. ALSO, MAKE SURE VEHICLE BODYWORK WILL NOT BE HARMED IF ONE END IS RAISED TO 100 PSI AND THE OTHER IS AT ZERO. IF DAMAGE IS POSSIBLE, IT MAY BE BEST TO CALIBRATE BY SETTING VEHICLE ON BLOCKS OF WOOD (SAME HEIGHT) TO GIVE THE BODYWORK MORE CLEARANCE.

### Backlight Setting

Press button 3 to enter BACKLIGHT (fig. 3). Set display backlight to your preference by pressing the + and – simultaneously on R (Red), G (Green), B (Blue) (fig. 6). Press buttons (1+5) simultaneously to exit to settings and diagnostics mode.

fig. 6

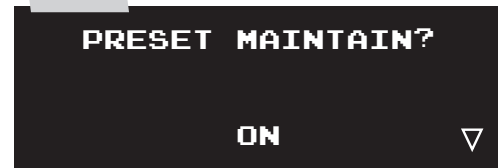
+ + +  
BACKLIGHT  
R G B  
- - -



### Automatic Preset Maintenance

Press button 4 (fig. 3) to enter PRESET MAINTAIN. Press button 8 to turn ON or OFF (fig. 7). When ON, this function actively monitors air spring pressure and fills to maintain active preset pressure when average pressure drops below a threshold due to a system leak.

fig. 7



#### NOTE

*This function will not exhaust pressure. If air spring pressure is higher than preset target, only the operator pressing the preset button again will activate the system to exhaust air spring pressure (for safety). Press buttons (1+5) simultaneously to exit.*

*PRESET MAINTAIN should be off for performance/track driving or if operating in extremely hilly areas.*

### Compressor Test / Run Time

Press button 5 to run a compressor test (fig. 8). This function will exhaust the tank to the specified MIN tank pressure, then turn ON the compressor and measure its inflate time to achieve MAX pressure (fig. 9). AutoPilot V2 will record this fill time, allowing the operator to compare future fill times to determine compressor performance. Press buttons (1+5) simultaneously to exit. Press button 6 (fig. 8) to view the number of hours the compressor has been running.

fig. 8

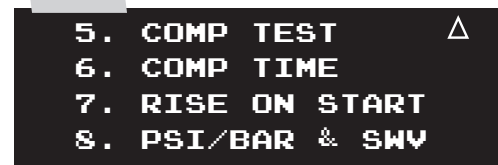


fig. 9

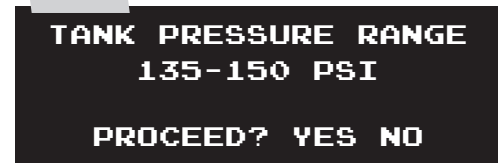
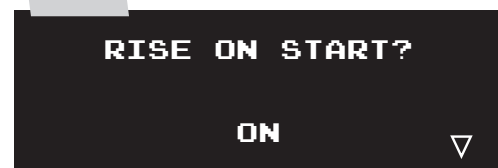


fig. 10



#### Rise on Start

Press button 7 (fig. 8) to enter RISE ON START (fig. 10). This function will automatically activate valves to achieve preset 1 target pressures when the vehicle is keyed-on. This function allows the operator to drive away seconds after vehicle is started. Press buttons (1+5) simultaneously to exit.

#### NOTE

*This function only operates when the start-up pressures are BELOW the Preset 1 target pressures. The system will not deflate to achieve Preset 1 target*

### Set Units (PSI / BAR)

1. Press button 8 to toggle between PSI and BAR pressure units and check software version. Press buttons (1+5) simultaneously to exit.
2. Press buttons (1+5) simultaneously to exit settings and diagnostics – you are now ready to create presets!

#### NOTE

*BAR stands for DeciBar values.*

# Program Presets

## Program Preset 1

### NOTE

*Preset 1 should always be entered as the desired ride pressure for the RISE ON START function.*

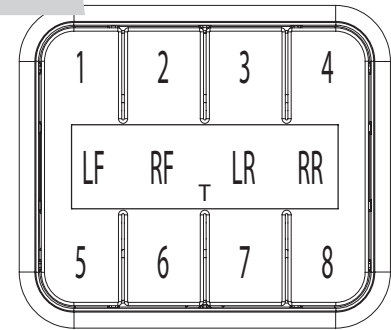
Determine desired ride pressures: press buttons (1+5) simultaneously to toggle display to MANUAL mode. Manually activate each corner (see MANUAL mode section page 13) to achieve desired “normal driving” ride pressure (fig. 11). Program preset 1: press buttons (1+5) to toggle display to PRESET mode (fig. 12). Press and hold button 1 for 3 seconds to set preset 1. Release button and actual air spring pressures will appear (fig. 12). Fine-tune the pressures by pressing up/down buttons. Press and hold to scroll. Press buttons (1+5) simultaneously to save and exit.

## Program Presets 2-8

You are now free to program the additional 7 presets to desired pressures. Typical presets can be:

- “Low”: set pressures to the lowest possible pressures for extreme low driving stance.
- “Front up”: for speed bump or driveway clearance.
- “Rear up”: for added load of passengers, equipment.
- “Play”: for those that want to enjoy their air suspension freedom, AutoPilot V2 has a special function that recognizes side-to-side presets. When left side pressures are equal, and right side pressures are equal but >25PSI different than left, the algorithm will activate side to side instead of front to back. It will also equalize all air spring pressures when exiting the “play” preset, conserving air by using the high pressure side to inflate the low pressure side. Pairing two “play” presets together allows side-to-side activation that consumes far less air than manual mode activation would consume.

fig. 2



Button Definition

fig. 11



fig. 12

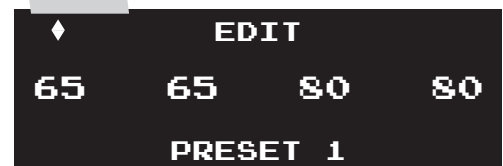
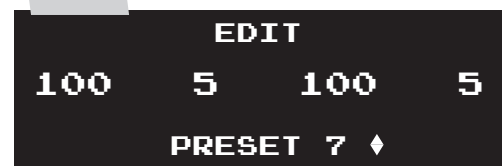


fig. 13



fig. 14



Sample Pressure Layouts  
for Play Mode (figs. 13 & 14)

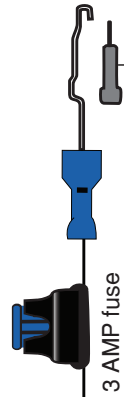
fig. 15

## Connect direct to battery

### Preferred

NOTE: If not run to battery, voltage drop may reduce system performance and durability.

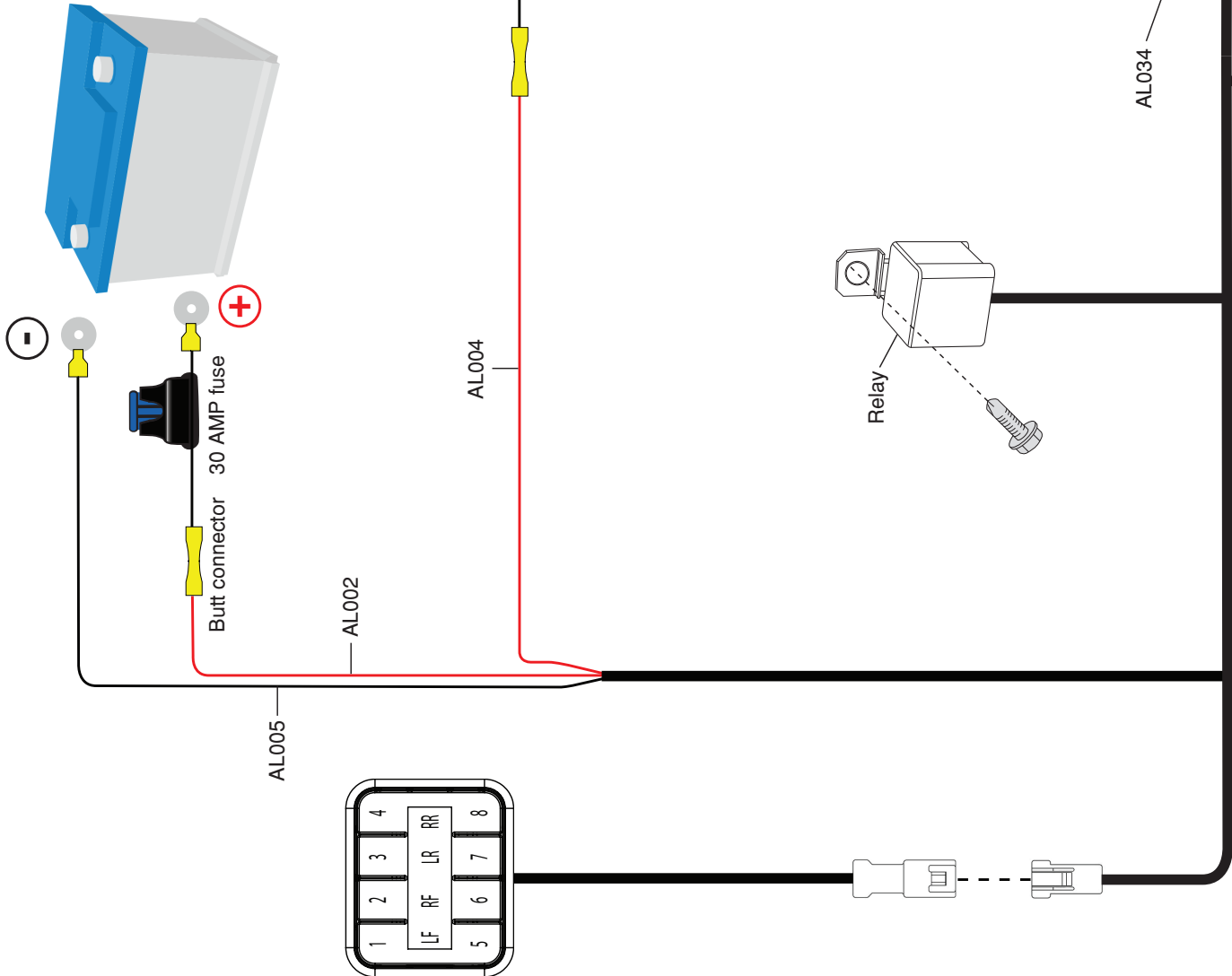
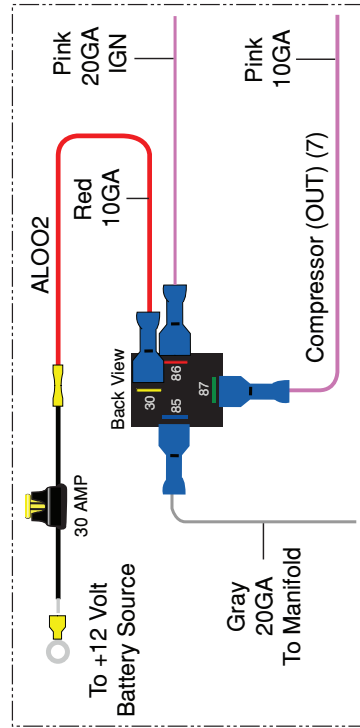
## Ignition Source (on while cranking)

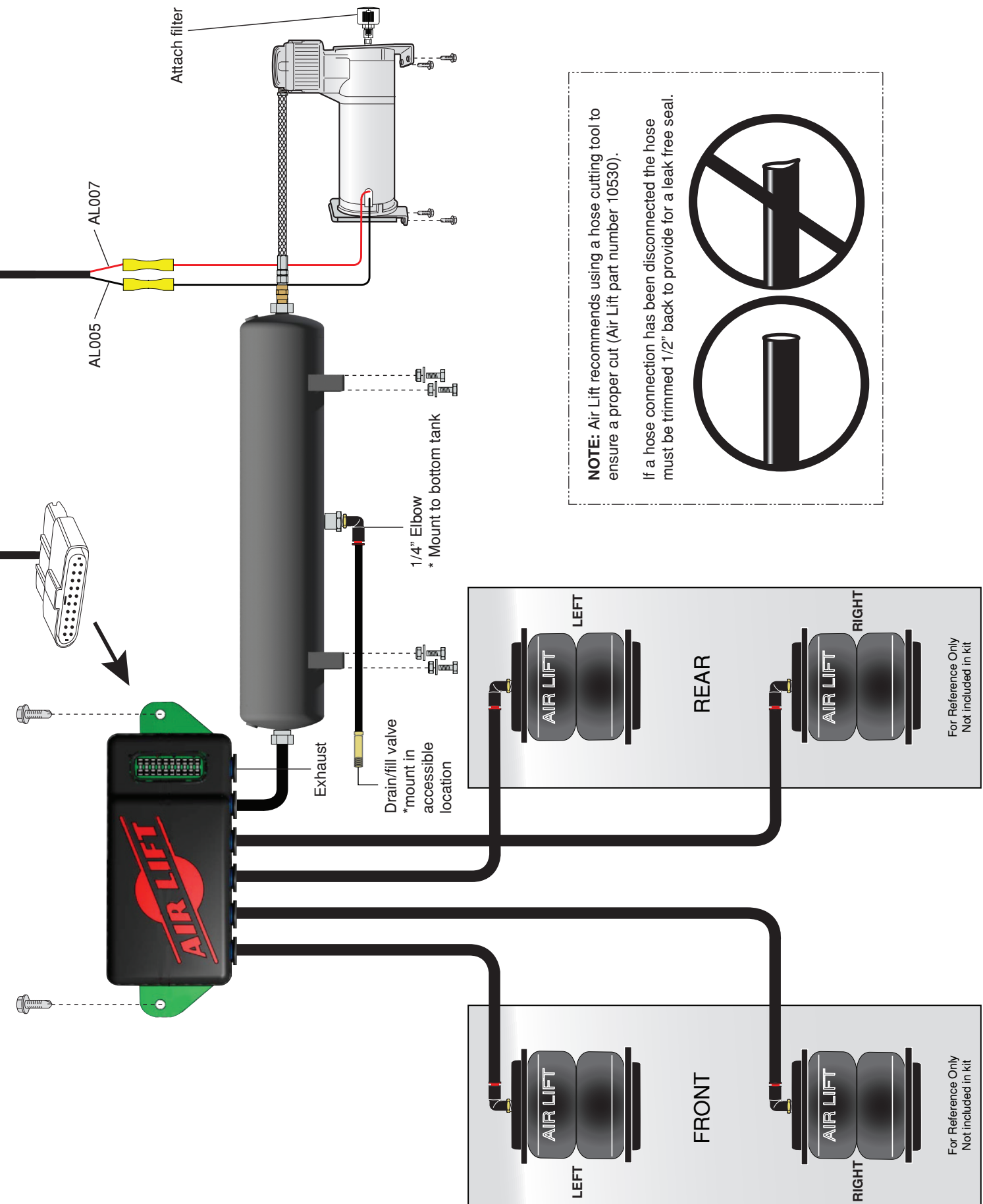


Examples:

- ECU • Fuel pump • etc.

## Relay schematic reference





# Operating the System

Now that your system is set up, it's time to use it. If changes are made after installing and calibrating the system such as changes to air springs, lines, tank, or compressor, the system must be recalibrated to maintain system accuracy.

There are two operational modes: PRESET and MANUAL. Pressing buttons (1+5) simultaneously will toggle between modes. After 10 seconds of non-use, the display enters standby where the LCD dims. Any button hit will "wake-up" the display and allow users to activate the system. See mode operation below for more details.

## PRESET Mode

1. If display is sleeping, press any button once to "wake up" the display. If display is illuminated, go to the next step. Press of any button will display the programmed preset pressures for that button. Users can quickly view each preset prior to activating to make sure they are selecting the desired preset.
2. A 2<sup>nd</sup> button press of the same preset button within 2 seconds will activate it. The system will iterate up to 6 times to achieve the preset target pressures by +/- 3 PSI. The display shows PLEASE WAIT as it iterates, then will flash SUCCESSFUL when achieved or UNSUCCESSFUL if not able to achieve the target pressure window.
3. Micro adjust to  $\pm 1$  PSI: If more accuracy is desired, double press the same preset and the system will refine pressures closer to target. This is often necessary when target preset pressures are LOWER than current pressure. Accuracy can be improved by rolling the vehicle while activating the preset.

## NOTE

If the system indicates UNSUCCESSFUL, refer to troubleshooting guide on page 13.

## PRESET Mode: Improve Accuracy

If system reads SUCCESSFUL but pressures are consistently lower or higher than target, you can improve first attempt accuracy by going to Calibration Menu (fig. 5) and pressing button 2. Adjust the ADJ value to a higher number if first attempt pressures are lower than target. Adjust the value to a lower number if first attempt pressures are higher than target.

## CAUTION

WHEN A PRESET IS ACTIVATED THAT LOWERS THE VEHICLE SIGNIFICANTLY BELOW DRIVING HEIGHT, BE SURE TO HAVE THE FRONT WHEELS STEERED STRAIGHT AHEAD TO AVOID FENDER TO TIRE DAMAGE!

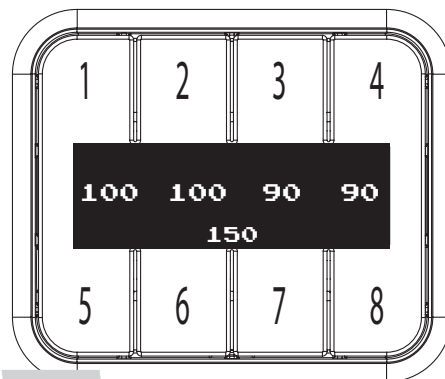


fig. 16

PRESET Mode

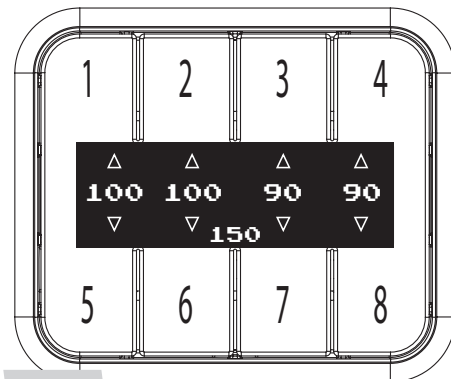


fig. 17

MANUAL Mode



**MANUAL Mode**

1. MANUAL mode allows the user to fill or exhaust each spring independently. The display will show arrows above and below the pressures to indicate manual control mode (fig. 17). The arrow will be solid when the spring is filling/exhausting, and outlined when not active.
2. The system detects button press time. For a very short (<0.1sec) duration press, the system will open the valves for a defined “burst”, changing pressure minimally so users can fine-tune their pressures. For a longer than 0.1 sec duration press, the valves open as long as you hold the button down. If a button is held active, the fill/exhaust will time out after 10 seconds.
  - Fill springs: buttons 1 - 4, Exhaust springs: buttons 5 - 8

## Troubleshooting Guide

For further technical assistance please contact our customer service department by calling (800) 248-0892, Monday through Friday. For calls from outside the USA or Canada, our local number is (517) 322-2144.

PROBLEM	CAUSE	SOLUTION
<i>Compressor doesn't run</i>	There is a blown fuse or relay, bad ground, or poor electrical connections.	Replace the fuse, check the ground wire, or check the compressor connector
<i>Compressor runs all the time.</i>	The compressor relay is defective or there is a leak.	Replace the relay or locate the leak and repair.
<i>Air spring or tank leak.</i>	Fitting seal or air line is compromised.	Check to make sure air lines are seated in connectors. Inspect fittings with soapy water. Trim hose or re-seal fitting.
<i>Nothing happens when the vehicle is key-on ignition active</i>	There is a blown fuse or a poor connection.	Replace the fuses and check the electrical connections.
<i>The display does not light up.</i>	There is a blown fuse or a poor connection.	Replace the fuses and check the electrical connections.
<i>Compressors runs all the time but doesn't fill the tank.</i>	Compressor inline check valve fitting has been overtightened.	Loosen fitting and check again. Replace if needed.
<i>Display shows UNSUCCESSFUL.</i>	“Double Click” for Preset not completed within 2 second window.	If display is in sleep mode, click once to “Wake Up”, then “Double Click” desired preset within 2 seconds of each press.
	Calibration may need to be adjusted or system may need to be recalibrated.	
	Tank pressure settings changed.	Adjust ADJ value or recalibrate system to reduce number of iterations.
	Vehicle load changed significantly.	
	Air springs/air lines/tank changed.	
<i>Display shows PRESSURE SENSOR FAILURE.</i>	ECU has detected a pressure sensor operating incorrectly.	Attempt recalibration.
		Only manual mode can be used to operate suspension. Contact customer service immediately to resolve the problem.

## Leak Testing and Detection

**Leak detection**

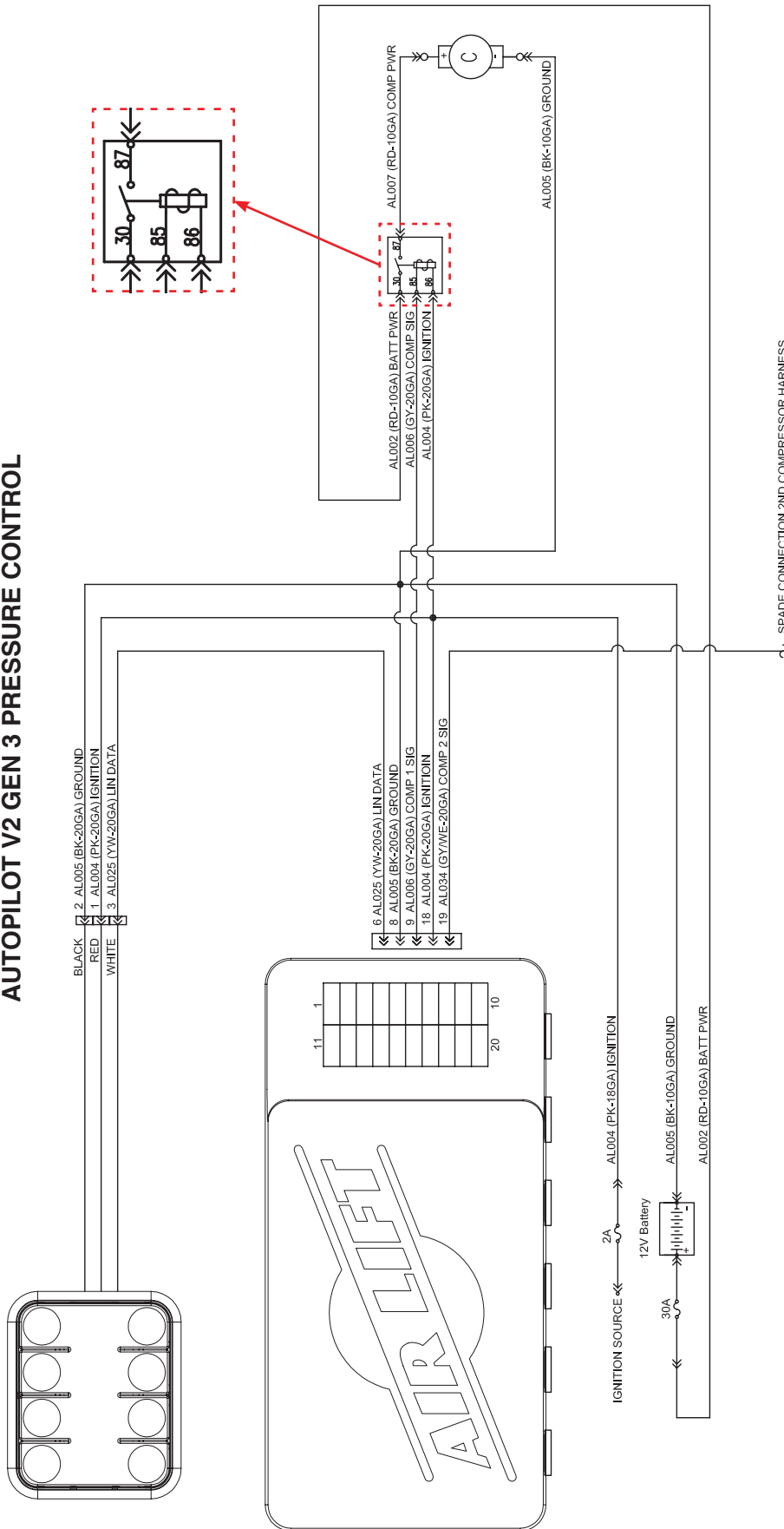
1. A leak can be defined as a loss of pressure of more than 5 psi over an 8 hour period. Be aware that ambient temperature change has an effect on pressure that may seem like a leak. For example: a change of 10deg Fahrenheit up or down from your baseline will have an approximate gain or loss of indicated pressure of 2 psi. If a leak is suspected after including any temperature change, then proceed to #2.
2. Spray soapy water (1/5 Dawn brand dish soap to 4/5 water) on suspect fittings and hose connections and look for any bubbling caused by air leakage.
3. Fix leaking connection (review pg. 6 for help on NPT fittings and air line connections).
4. Wipe down sprayed connections with rag to remove any residual soapy water.

**NOTE**

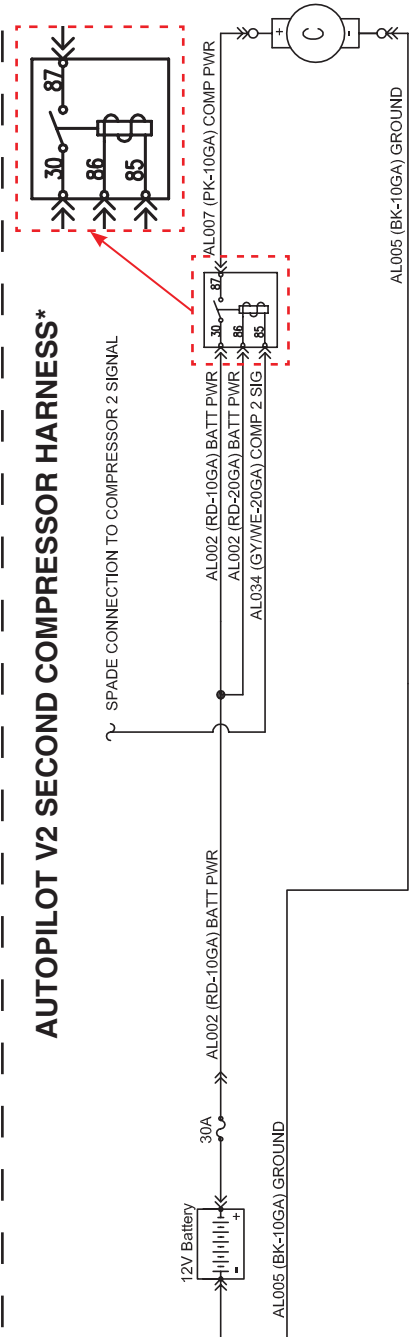
*Dawn brand dish soap will not corrode the metals (aluminum, brass, steel) with which it comes into contact.*

# Electrical Schematic

## AUTOPILOT V2 GEN 3 PRESSURE CONTROL



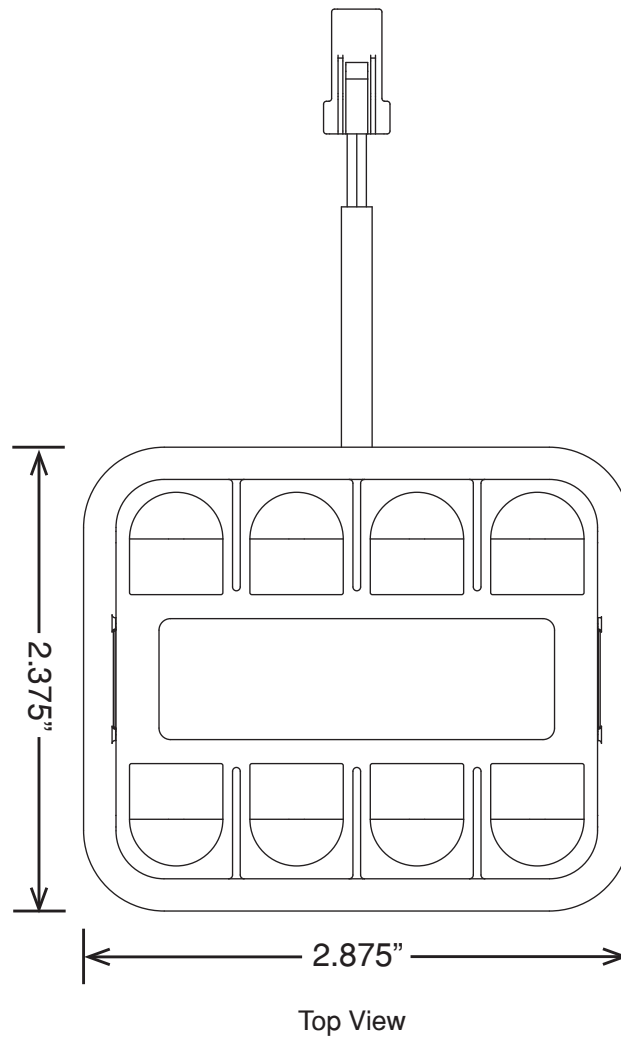
## AUTOPILOT V2 SECOND COMPRESSOR HARNESS\*



\* Sold separately  
Air Lift Part Number 27679

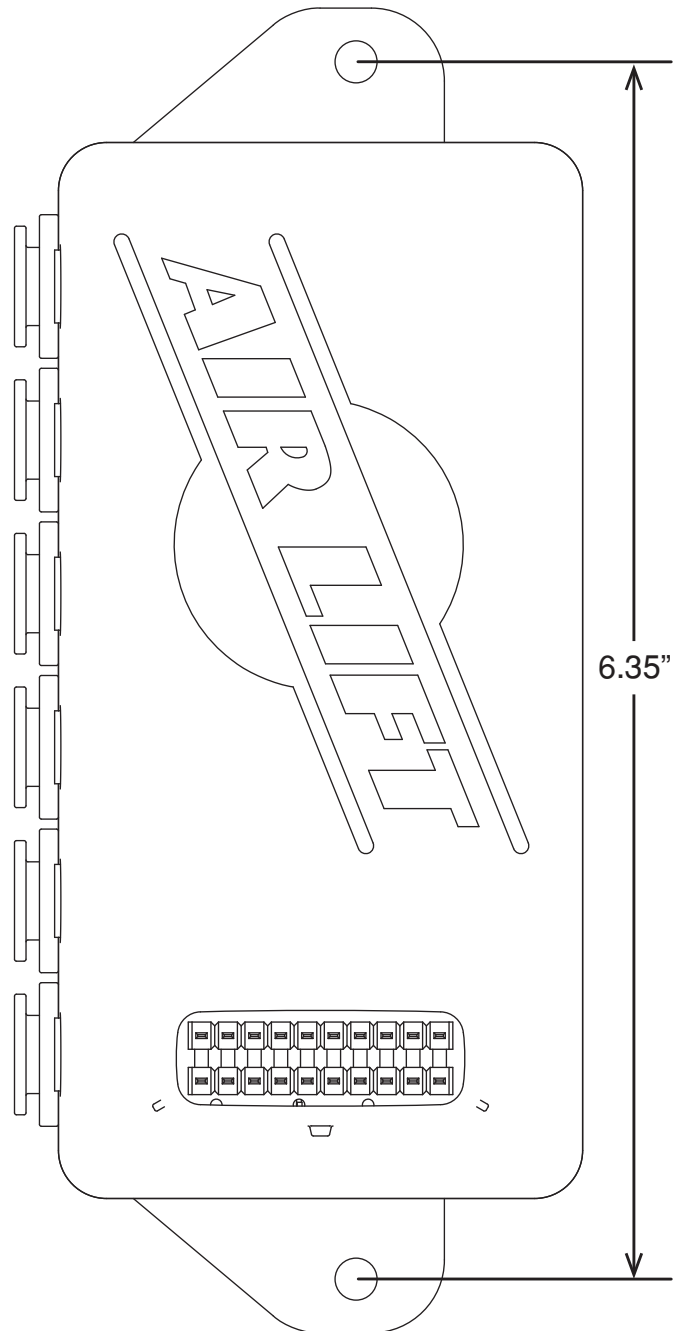
fig. 18

# AutoPilot V2 Remote Control Unit Dimensions



# Notes

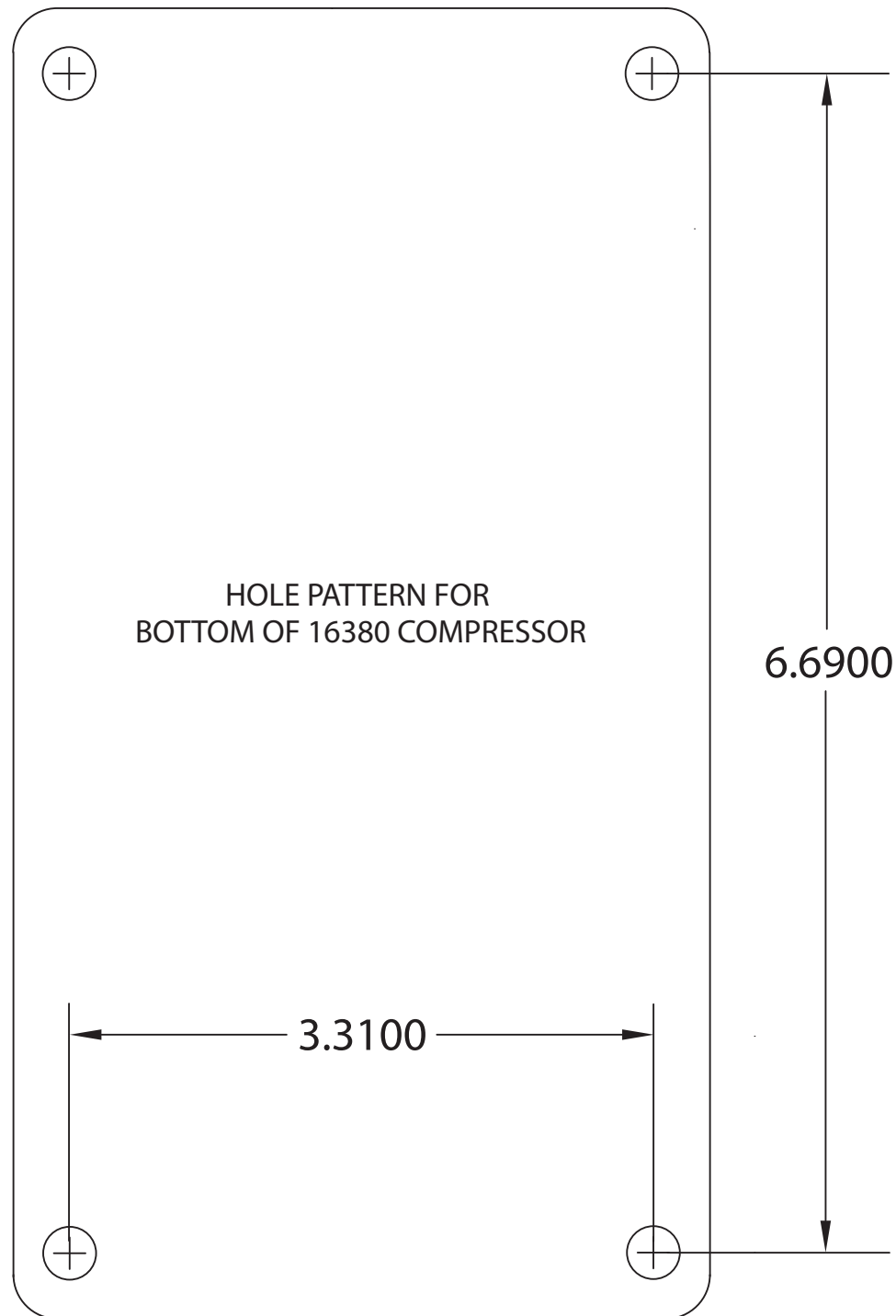
# Manifold Template





# Notes

# 16380 Compressor Template



# Notes

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