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Posted by lihntning on 02-22-2002 11:21 AM:

spring and shackle install help

I'm about to try tackling the installation of my new front springs and my 2" belltech drop shackles. Anybody have the steps I should take, or any other tips I need to know. I've never tried this before and that's why I'm asking. Thanks for any help.

2000 Canadian Lightning

Red #1154

3.73 gears

2" belltech shackles

eibach front springs

bilstein shocks

PSP chip

PSP 3# pulley

90mm MAF filter kit

flowmasters

FRPP throttle body

nitto 305/45/18 drag radials

billet accessories

many appearance mods

"Speed Kills.....Better Drive an Import"

Posted by nikslightning on 02-22-2002 11:58 AM:

I second that notion.....I purchased the 3/4 bell tech kit from this site and will try to install it today. Will I need any special tools? How long will this job take? Can it be done with just a 3 ton floor jack and some jack stands? Will I need the camber kit from napa? If so what part number is it? Any tips or tricks is appreciated....

Thanks

Nick

Posted by SLVRLTNG on 02-22-2002 12:12 PM:

here's some tips and tricks, read Don's Bolt posts.....there are a few pics and suggestions from others as well. hope this helps....JR🤔

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- '00 Lightning, Silver (#2735/4966 05/05/00)
mods(in alphabetical order) by:
BigD
Speedin Bob
Walker887
Truck-Traks traction bars
Boost By-pass Mod
170 deg. thermostat
Snug Top Hard Tonneau
'01 Tail lights
Clear corners
2" Belltech drop shackles
Wet Okoles
351 RWHP...436 RWTQ (03/02/02)
2.074 60' 13.326 @ 103.18 (04/07/02)



- '95 FLSTN Nostalgia Heritage Soft Tail
- '49 Panhead
- '92 Ford Bronco XLT

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Posted by lightningbolt on 02-22-2002 02:30 PM:

Silver-Bolt did my drop kit and I watched.

Floor jack and a couple jackstands and a ratchet, I think that was it. Floor jack the rear differential and block the front wheels.

Posted by Ebbsnflows on 02-22-2002 06:00 PM:

SLVRLTNG-

Thanks for posting that link...it was very helpful. I'm doing mine in a few days, that'll come in very handy.

Paul

00' Lightning: Chip | Filter | 2lb pulley | FRPP 2/1 kit | FMS Breather

00' Camaro SS: GTP Stage II Heads/TR Cam | LS6 Intake | FLP Long-Tubes....blah-blah-blah

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Posted by nikslightning on 02-22-2002 06:13 PM:

Ditto on the thanks! They will be very helpful...Now if I could just find some pictures like that for the back I would be set. Anyone have any pictures on a rear drop?

Thanks
Nick

Posted by clonetek on 02-22-2002 07:33 PM:

to install the shackles:

jack up back of truck and place jackstands on **axle tube**
block front wheels.

using a floor jack, raise the body till there is no weight on the suspension.
i put the jack under the trailer hitch and jacked up there.

now you can remove the leaf spring/shackle bolts without them springing up and putting a dent in the bed. (and your hands) 🤔

it's been a long time since i did this.. maybe someone will chime in if i am wrong.

brooks
'00 silver "L"



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Posted by Frank S on 02-22-2002 09:58 PM:

Clonetek: Don't you mean put jack stands under the frame? If you put them under the axle tube, the leafs will go through the bed...OUCH! I just jacked it up from the hitch until the tires were 1/4" off the ground. Put jackstands under the frame in case the truck falls, it wont fall on you.

2001 White Lightning

"Forgive your enemies, nothing annoys them more."

Posted by SLVRLTNG on 02-22-2002 10:17 PM:

quote:

Originally posted by clonetek

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clonetek is right...stands under the axle tubes, jack up body to take weight off springs....it's a fairly easy install.....JR

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