



Please read the following key points before installing this kit.

1 – Before performing the subframe connector installation, the vehicle must be completely assembled with all body and component parts installed (e.g. fenders, hood, quarterpanels, trunk, full interior, engine, glass, etc.). Basically, the subframe connectors should be one of the last components installed on your vehicle. Reason being is you want the vehicle settled with all of it's own final weight. The car's body is always in constant tension, with forces pushing or pulling within the chassis & body. You want to make sure these forces don't change after you install the subframe connectors. For example, if you installed subframe connectors before installing the engine and body panels this may result in having misaligned fenders, door panels and/or hood later on. The car must be in its final state before the subframe connectors are installed.

2 – The subframe connectors must be installed on an alignment rack or floor ramps (all 4 wheels). The vehicle must be sitting on its wheels at ride height in order to install the subframe connectors. Do not use a two-post lift, as this will load the chassis/body in the wrong points causing the chassis to tweak.

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## *Subframe Connectors 70-73 Camaro / Firebird*

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### Subframe Connectors:

Your new subframe connectors will increase the overall rigidity of your chassis and improve handling and response. These engineered components connect the rear frame rails with the front subframe to simulate a complete full frame chassis.



### Notes:

The subframe connector is essentially a Weld-In component, effectively connecting itself to the front subframe and rear frame rails. However, you may choose to bolt-in the front connection to allow front subframe removal if need be. Hardware for the bolt-in procedure is included.

### Before You Start:

The installation of these subframe connectors will require you to grind and weld. It is recommended that a trained professional install this product. Always wear eye protection when grinding or welding. Please read the entire manual before starting. All images will depict the driver side installation.

### 1. Raise Vehicle

It is best to install the subframe connectors at ride height. To do this properly, please use a 4-Post lift or alignment rack. Disconnect the negative battery cable.

### 2. Prepare Subframe Pieces for Welding

Subframe pieces come fully powder coated so you will want to first prep them for the welding process. Sand the rear mounts of the subframe connector. Make sure you file inside the rosette weld holes also.



### 3. Remove Screws

Remove the screws that hold the brake/fuel lines against the body

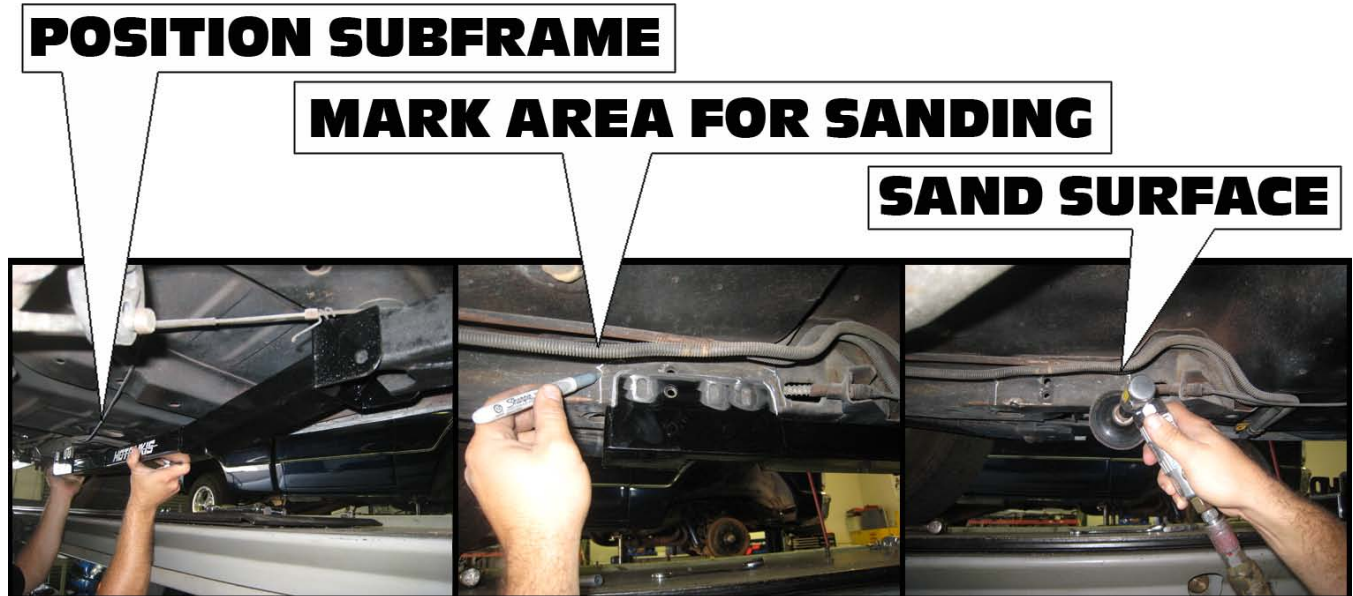
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**REMOVE SCREWS**



#### 4. Mark Area to Be Sanded

Position the subframe into place and mark the area in the rear that will need to be sanded down to prepare the surface for welding.



#### 5. Remove Old Bushings

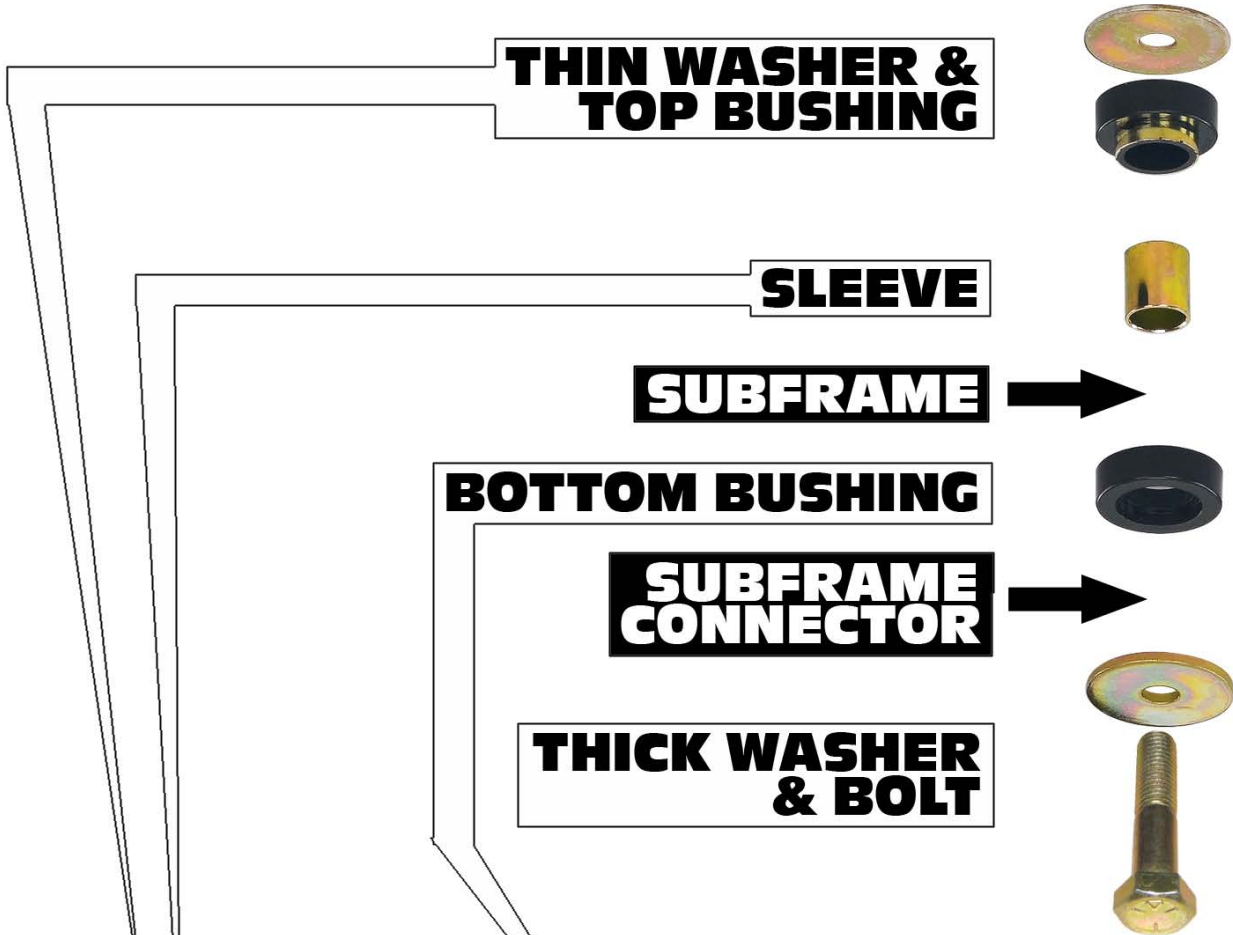
Unscrew and remove all old bushing pieces. You will not need these pieces any longer, so you are free to discard them if you wish.





### 6. Install New Bushings

Place the thin washer and top bushing on top of the frame and then slide the sleeve into place. Install the bottom bushing and thick washer next, then hold the subframe in place and slide the supplied bolt up and tighten.



### 7. Prepare for Welding

Use a screw jack to hold the subframe connector in place. Make sure you protect any lines that might possibly be in the line of fire of the welding process.



### 8. Weld Frame

Weld the subframe into place using the pre-drilled holes for rosette welds and also along the edges of the subframe that come in contact with the frame.





### 9. Paint and Replace Lines

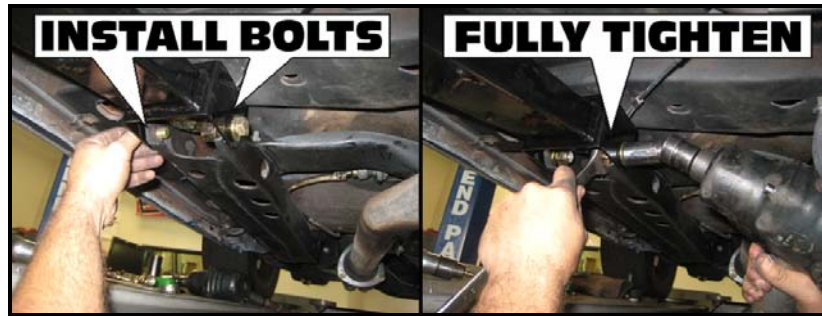
After welds have cooled down, spray paint any areas exposing raw metal to protect from rusting. Then put all lines back into place and tighten.



### 10. Drill Holes & Install Bolts

On the front end of the subframe connector, mark the center of each hole and drill a hole through the frame. Use a 1/2" drill bit to get the hole in the frame to the same size as the hole in the connector, big enough for the supplied bolts to fit. Install bolts and fully tighten.





**11. Repeat & Finished**

Repeat steps 1-10 to install the passenger side subframe and you're all set.





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### Return Policy

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- **Improperly serviced, misused, or modified, altered or subjected to abuse, negligence, accident or collision;**
- **Installed in any vehicle that has been modified;**
- **Installed on any vehicle that has carried loads in excess of automobile manufacturer suggested weight limits; or**
- **Installed on any vehicle that has been subject to abnormal or excessive use, including rallying, racing, or racing-type activities or off-road use.**

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- **Did you register the product at [www.hotchkis.net](http://www.hotchkis.net) or via the mail-in warranty card within 30 days of purchase?**
- **Is the product appropriate to your application?**
- **Did you carefully and thoroughly read the instructions provided along with the product?**
- **Do you have the original invoice or sales receipt?**
- **Is the return date within 36 months from the purchase date?**
- **Are you the original purchaser?**
- **Was the product properly installed by a qualified, licensed auto mechanic?**
- **Has the product been installed on the original vehicle on which it was installed at all times?**
- **Is the product unmodified and clean?**
- **Is the reason for return a legitimate product defect?**

If the answer to all these questions is YES, please contact our Customer Service Department at (562) 907-7757. You will be given a Returned Goods Authorization Number (RGA) valid for 60 days. You will also be asked to ship the product prepaid to our facility. All shipments MUST be (i) prepaid, (ii) include the original invoice or sales receipt, (iii) show the RGA on the outside of the package and (iv) include your name, address, make and model of the vehicle, and a brief description of the claimed defect, including the circumstances under which the defect occurred. If the warranty claim is deemed valid then Hotchkis will estimate shipping costs to return the repaired or replacement part and contact you for payment. Hotchkis's Limited warranty requires that any repaired or replaced product will be returned to the sender excluding the cost of freight. Warranty related inquires should be sent to the following address:

**HOTCHKIS PERFORMANCE, LLC  
C/O CUSTOMER SERVICE  
8633 Sorensen Avenue  
SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670**

Hotchkis Performance will not accept product returns without the RGA number, receipt and the information described above. C.O.D. or collect shipments will be refused. Once the returns are received at Hotchkis

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