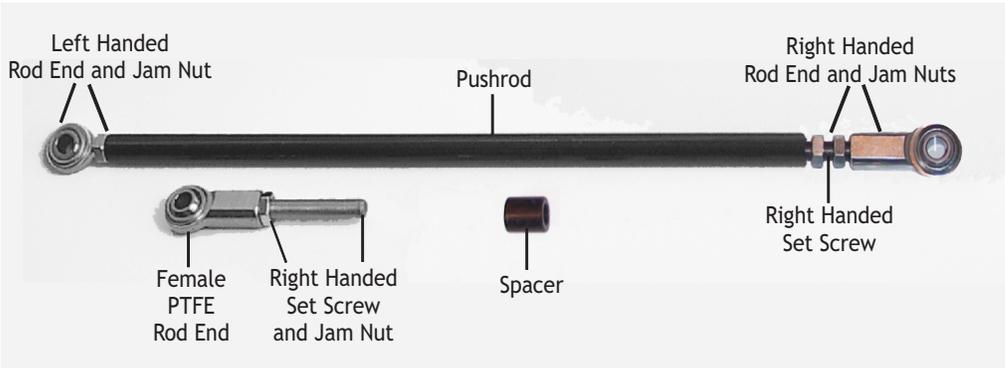


Rod Links™ Installation Instructions

Part Number(s): 7550-1

1973 - 1987 Chevy/GMC Truck: Body Lift



Verify Kit Contents

- 1 PUSHROD
(STEEL OR ALUMINUM)
- 3 SPHERICAL BEARING ROD ENDS
- 4 JAM NUTS
- 1 SPACER
- 2 RIGHT THREAD SET SCREWS
- 1 FASTENER KIT
(3 EA: BOLTS, NUTS, LOCK WASHERS, FLAT WASHERS)

One or more of the bearing ends are PTFE-lined, which require no lubrication. This can make them difficult to turn by hand. This tight fit keeps debris and dirt out of the bearing race and essentially makes them self-cleaning.

INSTALLATION:

1. Assemble the new kit as in the picture above. Note that some of the rod ends may have right handed threads, and some may have left handed threads. Be sure that the right and left handed threads on the rod ends match the ones in the pushrod to avoid damaging the threads inside the pushrod.
2. Remove the old linkage from the vehicle. Note the orientation of each component as it is removed, such as through which side of the clutch pedal the push rod was inserted, or to which side of the bellcrank (frame side or block side) the lower pushrod was attached.
3. Measure the lengths of the original assembly and match the new linkage by adjusting the assembly as needed.
4. Install the new linkage, duplicating the orientation of the old component. When installing the upper pushrod, note that one bearing turns more easily than the other. The more loose bearing must be installed at the clutch pedal. Install the spacer between the bellcrank and upper pushrod bearing, using the longer bolt to secure it.
5. The threaded rod on the lower pushrod recesses into the clutch fork, resting against the jam nut. If the lower pushrod requires a pivot to recess into the clutch fork (see picture at right), remove one nut and washer from the threaded rod and slide the stock pivot (not included) up against the remaining flat washer. The pivot recesses into the clutch fork. If there is room on the back side of the clutch fork, thread the remaining nut and washer to the back side of the clutch fork. If there are not enough threads protruding through, the extra nut and washer are not required. If a new pivot is needed, it can be ordered from a GM dealership, part number 3765322.
6. All straight pushrods have left hand/right hand threads making adjustments a simple task. Loosen the jam nuts and turn the pushrod. Tighten the jam nuts when finished.

