Installation Manual '03-'09 Double "X" Ladder Bars P/N DXL-0309



2003-2009 DODGE CUMMINS



GDP Double "X" Ladder Bars

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PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE BEGINNING INSTALLATION Safety Guidelines!

WARNING! Always secure the vehicle from rolling.

WARNING! Always disconnect vehicle batteries before working on electrical components.

WARNING! Always wear safety glasses when operating power tools such as drills and

grinders or using punches and chisels.

WARNING! Always properly secure fuel lines and wiring to prevent chaffing.

WARNING! Always have a fire extinguisher available when working with fuel systems.

WORK SAFELY!

Ladder Bar Kit Contents



One complete ladder bar assembly is shown. Please double all quantities pictured above. Shown with bushing and inserts installed.

Qty	Item Description
2	GDP Double "X" Bars
2	Sled Puller HD Rear Axle Mounts
2	Front Frame Pivot Mounts
2	Pivot Dog Bones
16	Poly Bushing Halves
8	Metal Bushing Inserts
8	1/2" x 4-1/2" Gr-8 NF Bolts (zinc)
8	1/2" NF Nyloc Nuts (zinc)
16	1/2" Heavy Washers (zinc)
4	2-3/4" Square U-Bolts
4	4" Round U-Bolts
16	Thick U-Bolt Nuts
16	Heavy U-Bolt Washers

Please check your parts inventory against the above parts list before beginning your installation.

Double "X" Ladder Bar Installation

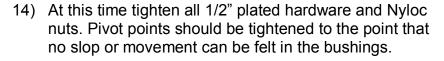
- 1) Secure vehicle from rolling.
- 2) Insert two poly bushing halves in each bar eyelet and in the ends of the dog bone assemblies. We highly recommend lubricating each bushing half with heavy grease or you favorite moly lube before assembly. Water proof extreme pressure marine grease is recommended if you don't have moly lube.
- 3) Insert one metal bushing in each set of poly bushings. This will help retain the bushing halves in the bar and dog bone ends. Again, we recommend lubricating each metal insert (inside and out) with your favorite grease or moly lube.
- 4) Pre-assemble one bar and rear mount using the supplied 1/2" hardware for the driver side of the vehicle. Use one heavy plated washer under the head and nut on all bushing connections. This will protect the powder coat from marring during bolt tightening. Leave the bolts loose at this time.
- 5) Place the driver side bar under the vehicle. Place the rear mount over the rear axle and centered under the rubber bump stop. Loosely install the two 4" round u-bolts using the supplied black washers and heavy nuts.

6) Move to the passenger side. Place the other axle mount over the rear axle and loosely install using the supplied 4" round u-bolts and hardware. Snug the u-bolts enough to hold the bracket in position.

- 7) Loosen the emergency brake cable retainer bracket on the axle enough for the alignment tab to clear the hole and allow the cable to be rotated down slightly.
- 8) Install the ladder bar to the passenger side bracket with the e-brake cable between the bar legs using the supplied 1/2" plated hardware. (Old style bracket shown.)
- 9) Locate the front frame brackets in the mounting kit. The front frame brackets are installed with the alignment plate on the outside of the vehicle frame.
- 10) Install the frame brackets to the frame directly above the front connection point of the ladder bars using the supplied 2-3/4" square u-bolts and hardware. Do not tighten at this time.

Note: The driver side u-bolt must pass between the frame and fuel tank. Depending on the year of your vehicle there may be fuel lines or wiring that appears to be in the way. These items can be flexed out of the way to allow u-bolt installation.

- 11) Loosely connect one dog bone to each front frame bracket using the supplied 1/2" plated hardware provided.
- 12) Swing the bars ends up to meet the dog bones and make the connection using the remaining 1/2 plated hardware. Your bar connections should appear as shown.
- 13) Slide the frame bracket forward or rearward to align the dog bone straight up and down as shown. Snug the u-bolts to maintain alignment of the dog bone.





- 15) Tighten the front frame mount u-bolts to 50 ft-lbs or until a very slight upward flex can be seen in the plate resting against the bottom of the frame. Due to variances in torque wrenches you must keep an eye on the upward flex induced in the plate.
- 16) Tighten the rear axle u-bolts to 75 ft-lbs. For extreme hard launch applications this spec can be increased to 90 lbs if movement is seen in the rear bracket. 75 ft-lbs will cover 99.9% of the applications. Please mark the U-bolt in relation to the axle tube and check for slippage <u>before</u> increasing the torque spec.
- 17) On the passenger side of the rear axle rotate the e-brake cable retainer forward until the cable no longer makes contact with the bar assemblies. The cable retainer has a small alignment tab that must be removed or flattened. Re-tighten the cable retainer.
- 18) Double check all connection to make sure that no hardware has been missed.
- 19) Test drive the vehicle.
- 20) Recheck all mounting hardware upon your return and at 500 miles.

Enjoy the improved ride, handling and traction provided by the GDP Double "X" Ladder Bars! If you have any problem or questions please contact Glacier Diesel Power at 509-993-4923. Thank you for your business and I look forward to helping you with your future accessory needs.

Sincerely,

Richard Martin GDP

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