



3068 – 2015-PRESENT, MERCEDES SPRINTER 3500, REAR DIFFERENTIAL GUARD

Version 1.0

General Notes

- For the most up to date and current instructions, please visit our website at www.vancompass.com
- Please read all instructions thoroughly before starting installing Van Compass products.
- This is a bolt on differential guard which can be installed with simple hand tools.
- This differential guard requires no modification to the rear differential housing and can easily be removed for service or to return the vehicle back to stock configuration.
- The differential drain plug can be accessed with this guard still in place for easy serviceability.

Parts List

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- (1) 306801 MERCEDES SPRINTER 3500 REAR DIFFERENTIAL GUARD
- (1) UB-8C-4188-0500 U-BOLT, 4.188" DIAMETER X 5.00" LONG, ½-13 UNC
- (2) 306802 REAR DIFFERENTIAL GUARD, AXLE TUBE STRAP
- (2) NNC-8 ½-13 UNC NYLOCK NUT
- (2) WF8-8 ½" GR8 FLAT WASHER
- (4) NNC-6 3/8-16 UNC NYLOCK NUT
- (4) WF8-6 3/8" GR8 FLAT WASHER
- (4) HC8-6-10 3/8-16 UNC X 1.0" LONG HEX HEAD BOLT

Tools Needed

- Floor Jack
- Simple hand tools:
 - Basic wrench and socket set:SAE sizes: 9/16", ¾"
- Torque wrench
- Rubber mallet / dead blow

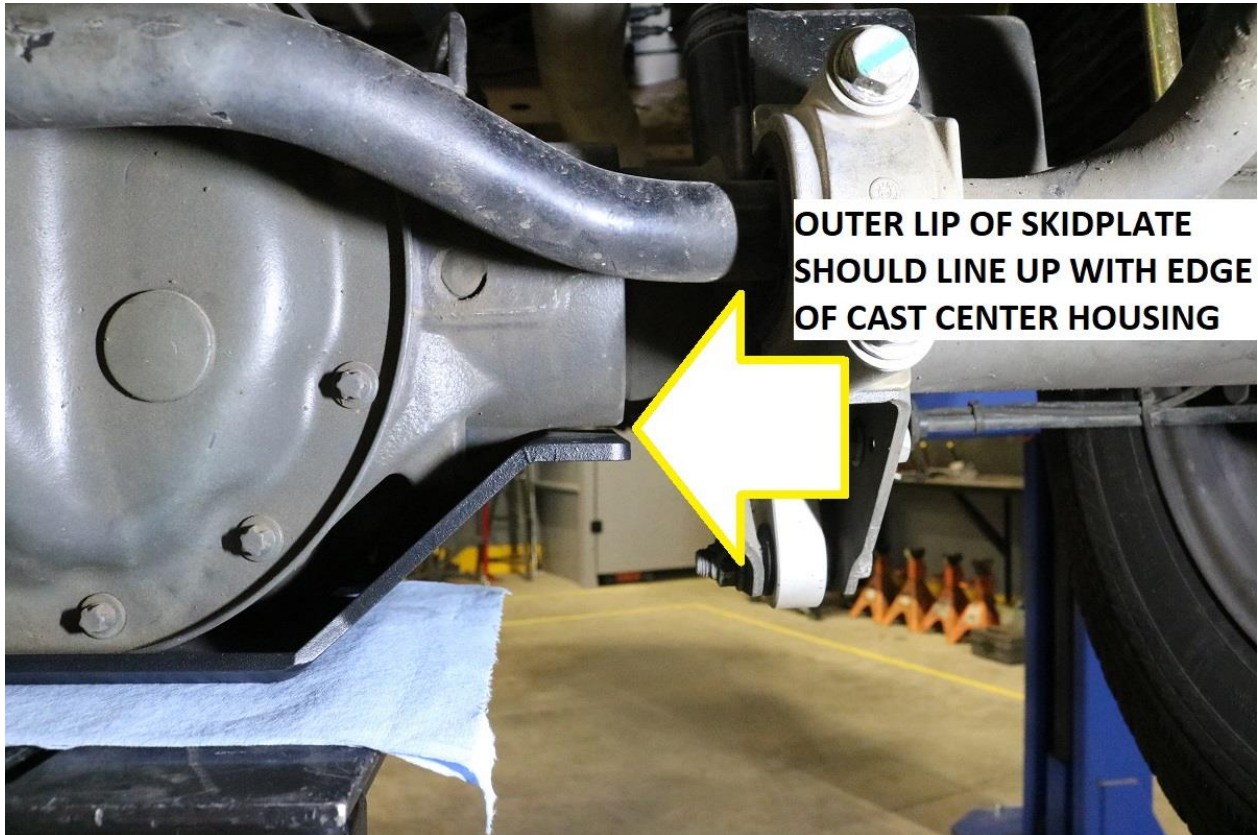
Approximate Installation Time

- Professional shop: 30min - 1 hour
- Driveway install: 30min - 1 hour

Installation

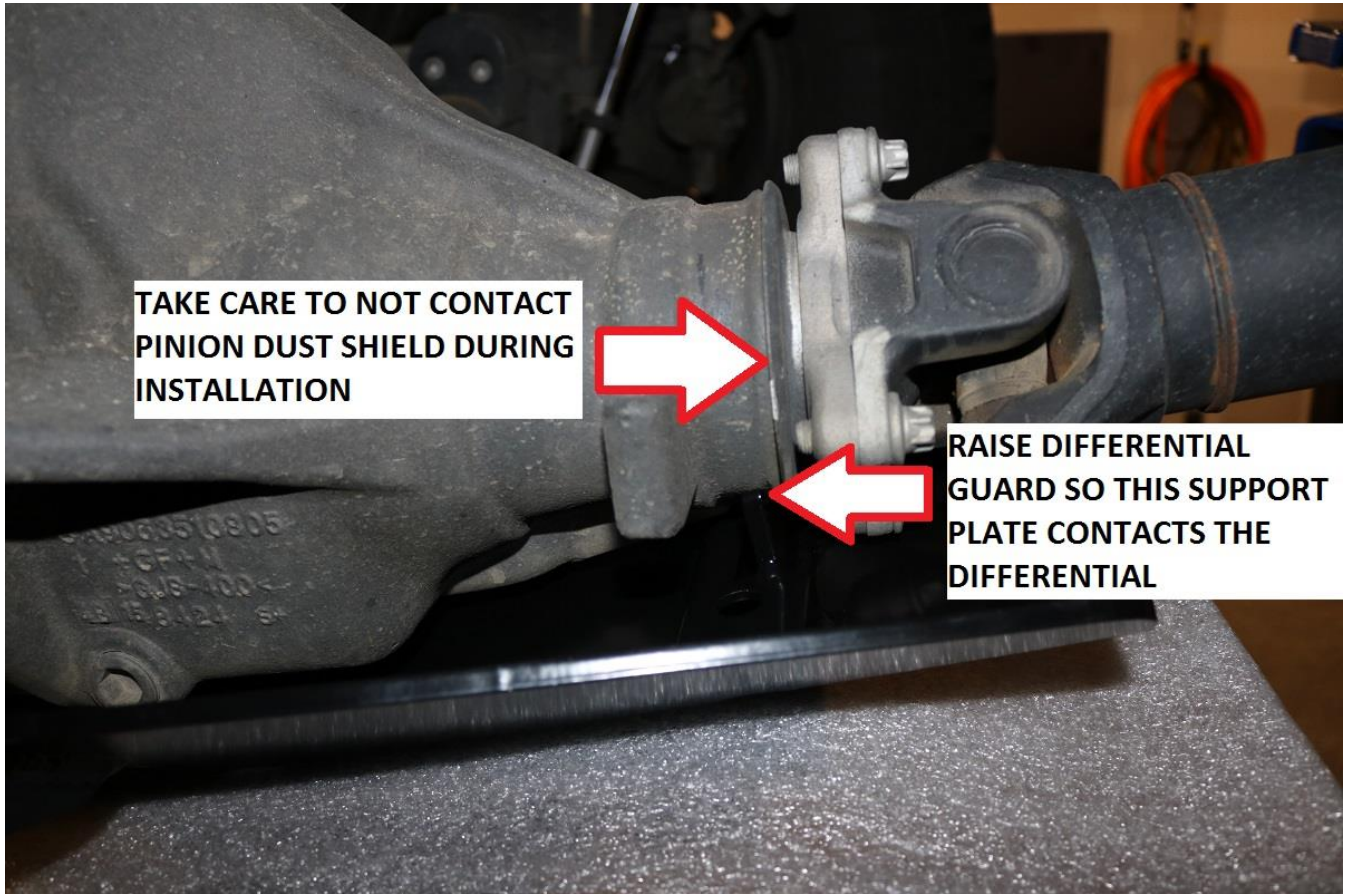
- 1) Installation of the rear differential guard can be done on the ground with the vehicle sitting under its own weight.
- 2) Use a floor jack to raise the differential guard into position as shown in the images below.
 - a. Note – use a towel or some cardboard on the floor jack saddle to not mar the powder coat finish of the differential guard.
 - b. The differential guard should sit evenly left to right on the cast center section of the differential housing.





**OUTER LIP OF SKIDPLATE
SHOULD LINE UP WITH EDGE
OF CAST CENTER HOUSING**

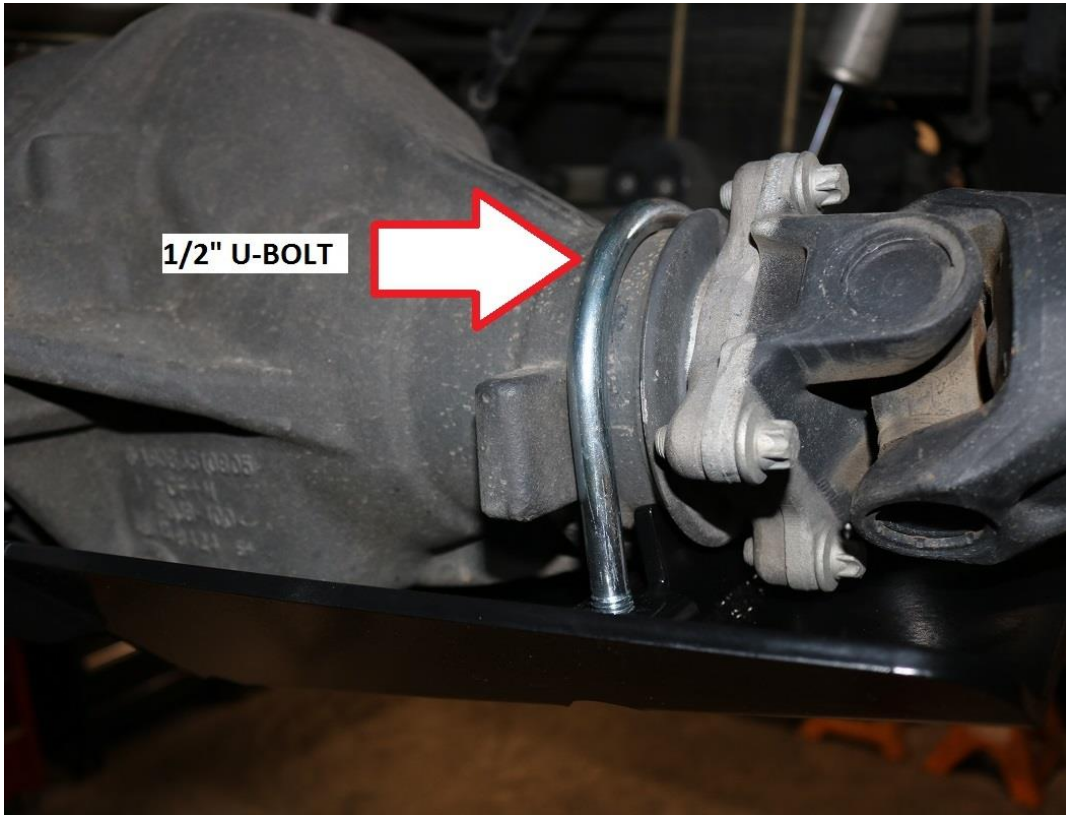
3) Take care when raising the differential guard into position that the front contact point does not contact or damage the pinion dust shield during installation.



**TAKE CARE TO NOT CONTACT
PINION DUST SHIELD DURING
INSTALLATION**

**RAISE DIFFERENTIAL
GUARD SO THIS SUPPORT
PLATE CONTACTS THE
DIFFERENTIAL**

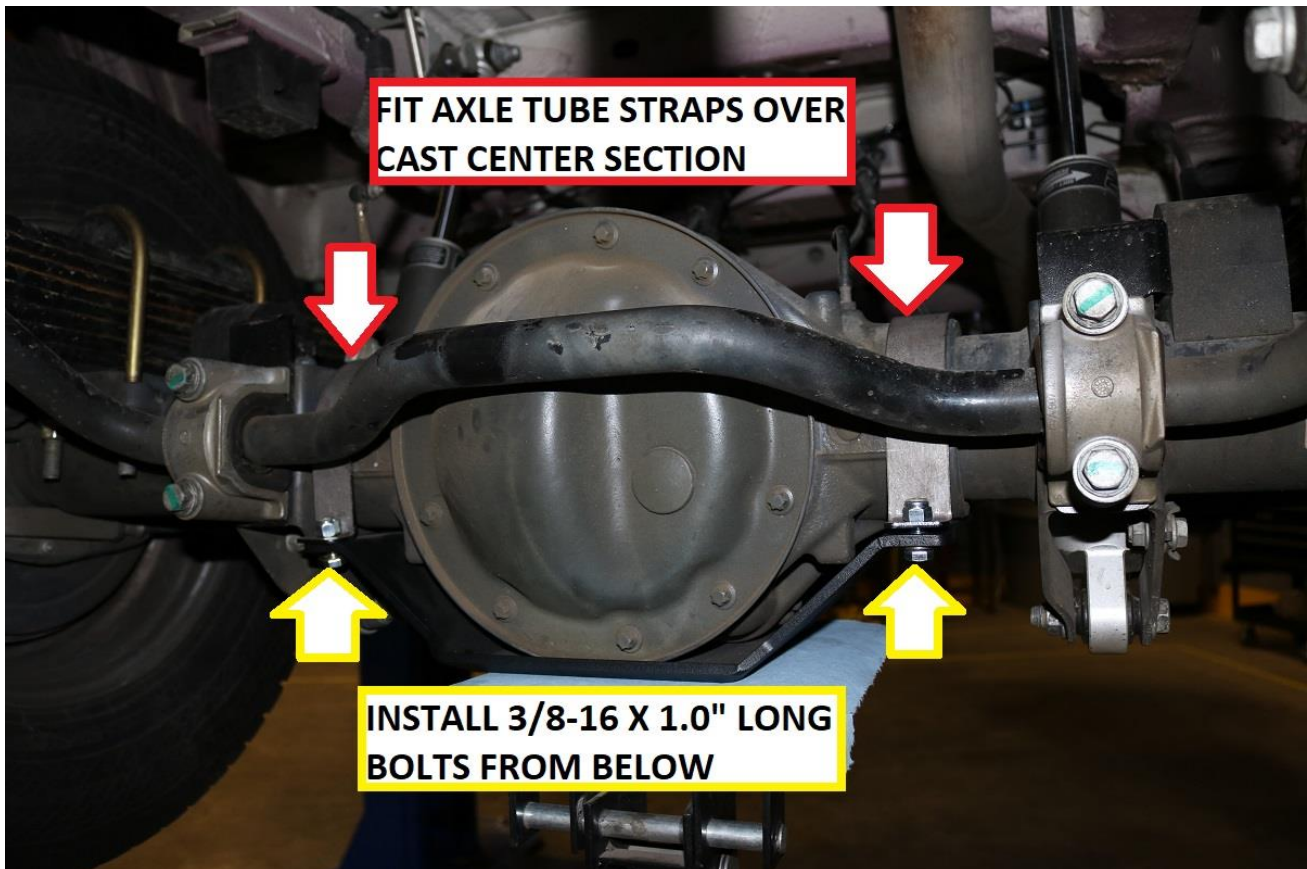
- 4) Adjust the differential guard placement as needed until satisfied with fitment. Use the floor jack to apply upward pressure to the differential guard so it sits in place and is contacting the differential.
- 5) Fit the $\frac{1}{2}$ " (4.188" inside diameter) U-bolt over the front portion of the differential and through the differential guard.



- 6) Install the included washers and nylock nuts on the front U-bolt. Thread them on just to the point before the nylock portion engages. Use a $\frac{3}{4}$ " socket if needed.



- 7) Fit the axle tube straps over the cast center section.
 - a. Note they will rotate in-place under the sway bar.
 - b. Once fitted in place, install the included 3/8-16 x 1.0" long bolts up from below as shown in the following image. Be sure to use a washer under the bolt head.
 - c. Start a nylock nut on each bolt. No washer is used under this nut.



- 8) Note it is normal for there to be a gap between the axle tube straps and the diff guard prior to the bolts being tightened. A deadblow or rubber mallet may be needed to slightly shift the differential guard into position so all holes line up for the axle tube straps.
- 9) Once all the bolts / nuts are in place, snug the axle strap bolts using a 9/16" socket / wrench.
- 10) Torque the 1/2" front U-bolt to 30 ft-lbs (40 N.m)
- 11) Torque the 3/8" bolts for the axle straps to 20 ft-lbs (27 N.m)
- 12) Remove the floor jack.
- 13) Re-check torque specs after 100 miles of driving.

Installation is Complete

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