

Chevy/GMC® 99-06 Gas Tank Crossmember





REQUIRED TOOLS

Jack Stands or Lift
Mig Welder
Paint/Primer
Locking Pliers
Hand Grinder
Cutting Wheel or Torch
Welding Gloves
Welding Hood/Shield
Ear & Eye Protection
Sockets & Ratchet
Fire Extinguisher & Water

KIT CONTAINS

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QTY

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1) PREPARING YOUR VEHICLE

Begin by disconnecting your battery prior to starting your installation.

Inspect your vehicle for leaking fuel lines, fuel tank and engine components. If you have fuel leaks repair all leaks prior to starting your installation. If your fuel tank is near your welding area **remove** your tank prior to welding.

Remove all combustible items above the work area such as seats, carpets, padding, etc.

Keep all flammable materials away from the vehicle work area.

2) PREPARING YOUR WORKSTATION

Keep a fire extinguisher and water close by in the case of fire and make sure you always have a designated "Fire Watch" to assist during the cutting or welding phases.

Abide by all apprenticed welding safety standards and practices.

Always use appropriate welding eye protection, ear protection, and work and fire safety gloves during the installation and within the work area.



WARNING!

If you are unsure on how to perform the installation or how to operate any of the required tools listed above, it is **HIGHLY** advised that you enlist the work of a certified welder/installer.

Failure to follow proper safety precautions and instructions may result in serious injury. The user assumes all liability when installing the product.



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3) PREPARING FOR YOUR INSTALL

Remove your vehicle's bed. We show how to do this in a video over on our YouTube channel, www.YouTube.com/RustBusterFrameworks



With a 15mm socket, disconnect your shock from the crossmember.

4) **CUT**

Cut the crossmember out of the frame rail and any additional material, while retaining enough material to weld back on to. Clean the rails free of rust and debris, revealing bare metal.



(OPTIONAL) Paint the part and work area with a weldable primer to help prevent against rust. By either referencing the opposite side by taking critical measurements (distances from frame holes, slots, etc.), or by using a flat, weld-safe section such as a plate or tubing, line up and clamp the mount

into place, ensuring it is flush with the frame, and the body mount holes align.



Assemble the crossmember by inserting the pipe through the frame and its bounding plates. Ensure the rotation and placement of the tube and shock mount matches factory orientation.

5) WELD

Remove any potential fire hazards from the work area. Tac weld the part to the frame. Following proper welding procedures, begin welding the part.





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100% weld around all edges.



6) PAINT AND PROTECT

If you chose not to protect your part in (Step 4), coat the part and work area with a primer or other rust inhibitor to help prevent or reduce the risk of rust formation.

7) REINSTALL YOUR BED

Reinstall your shock, exhaust hanger, gas tank, and bed.