

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

FOR

BIG FORD NEW STYLE, 2.50" OFFSET*

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**XRS4R REAR PARKING
BRAKE KIT WITH 12.88"
DIAMETER VENTED
ROTORS**

BASE PART NUMBER

140-18293

OR

**XRS4R REAR PARKING
BRAKE KIT WITH 14.00"
DIAMETER VENTED
ROTORS**

BASE PART NUMBER

140-18294

**DISC BRAKES SHOULD ONLY BE INSTALLED BY SOMEONE
EXPERIENCED AND COMPETENT IN THE INSTALLATION AND
MAINTENANCE OF DISC BRAKES
READ ALL WARNINGS**

WARNING

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PERSON INSTALLING ANY BRAKE COMPONENT OR KIT TO DETERMINE THE SUITABILITY OF THE COMPONENT OR KIT FOR THAT PARTICULAR APPLICATION. IF YOU ARE NOT SURE HOW TO SAFELY USE THIS BRAKE COMPONENT OR KIT, YOU SHOULD NOT INSTALL OR USE IT. DO NOT ASSUME ANYTHING. IMPROPERLY INSTALLED OR MAINTAINED BRAKES ARE DANGEROUS. IF YOU ARE NOT SURE, GET HELP OR RETURN THE PRODUCT. YOU MAY OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT BY CALLING WILWOOD AT (805) 388-1188, OR VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT WWW.WILWOOD.COM. USE OF WILWOOD TECHNICAL SUPPORT DOES NOT GUARANTEE PROPER INSTALLATION. **YOU**, OR THE PERSON WHO DOES THE INSTALLATION MUST KNOW HOW TO PROPERLY USE THIS PRODUCT. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE OVER THE PHONE TO UNDERSTAND OR FORESEE ALL THE ISSUES THAT MIGHT ARISE IN YOUR INSTALLATION.

RACING EQUIPMENT AND BRAKES MUST BE MAINTAINED AND SHOULD BE CHECKED REGULARLY FOR FATIGUE, DAMAGE, AND WEAR.



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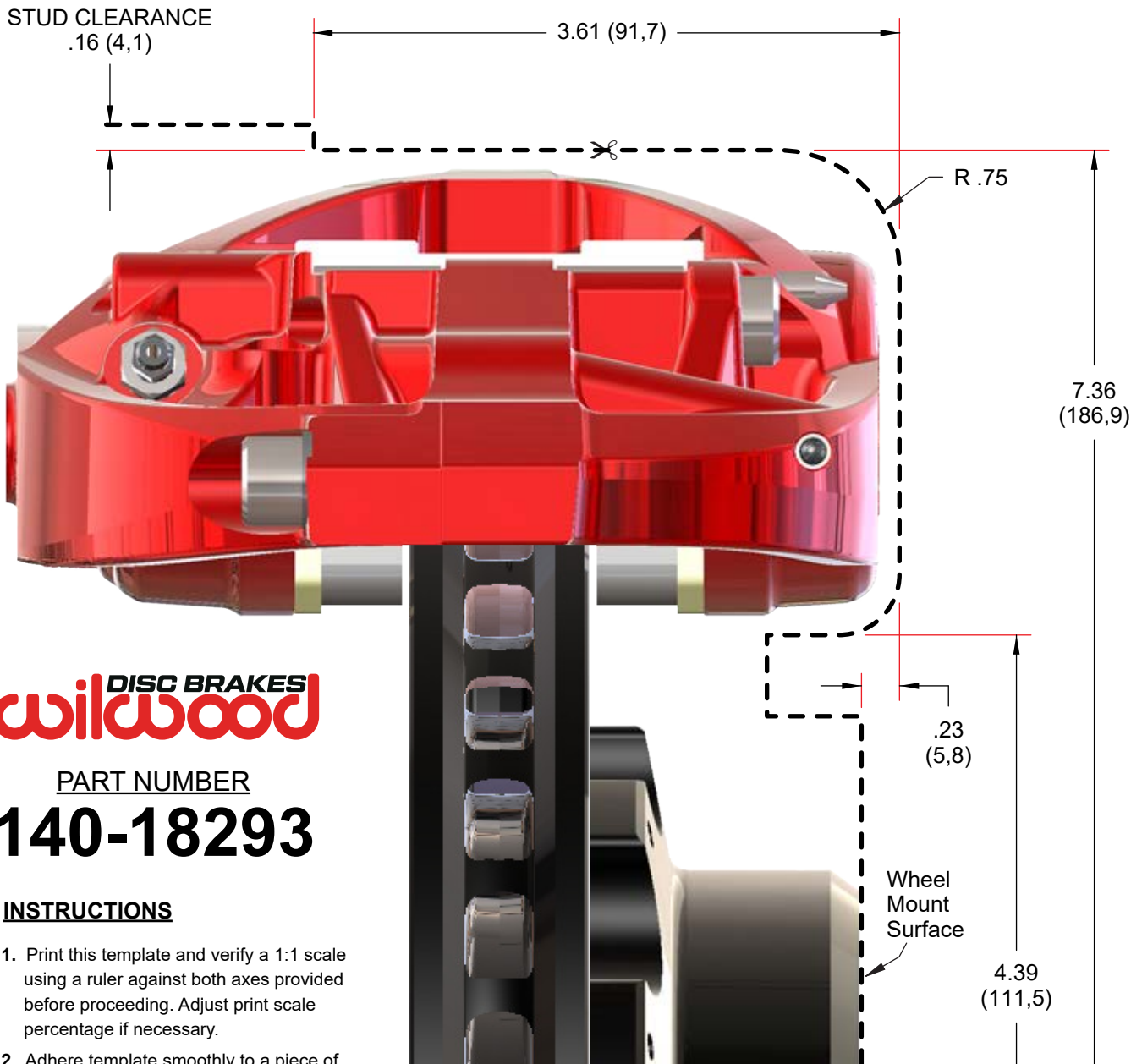
WARNING

**DO NOT OPERATE ANY VEHICLE ON UNTESTED BRAKES!
SEE MINIMUM TEST PROCEDURE WITHIN**

ALWAYS UTILIZE SAFETY RESTRAINT SYSTEMS AND ALL OTHER AVAILABLE SAFETY EQUIPMENT WHILE OPERATING THE VEHICLE

IMPORTANT • READ THE DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTY INCLUDED IN THE KIT

NOTE: Some cleaners may stain or remove the finish on brake system components. Test the cleaner on a hidden portion of the component before general use.



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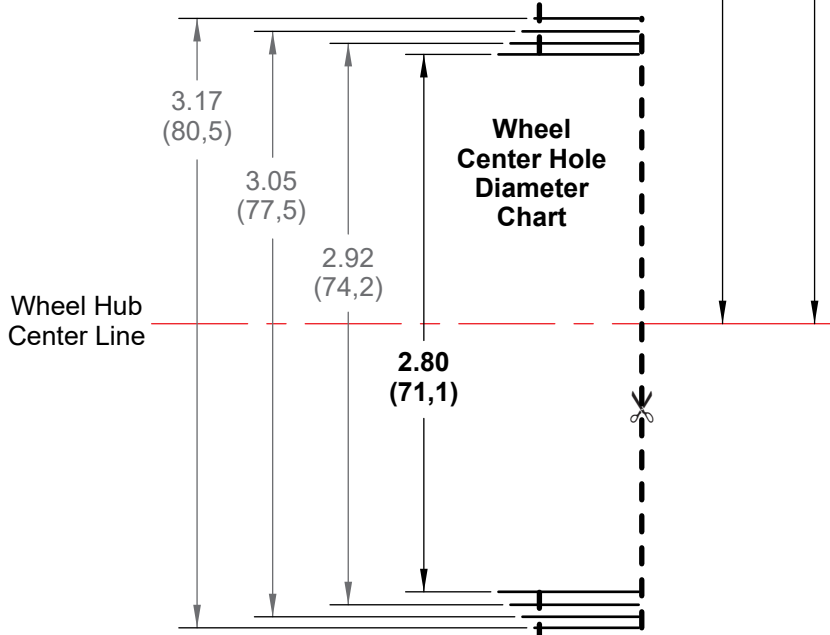
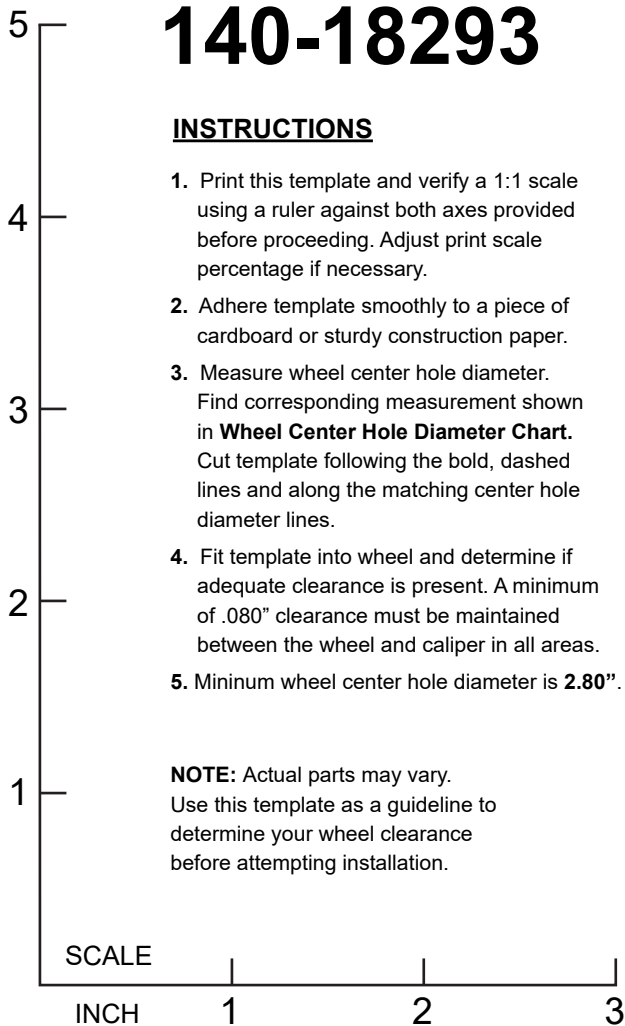
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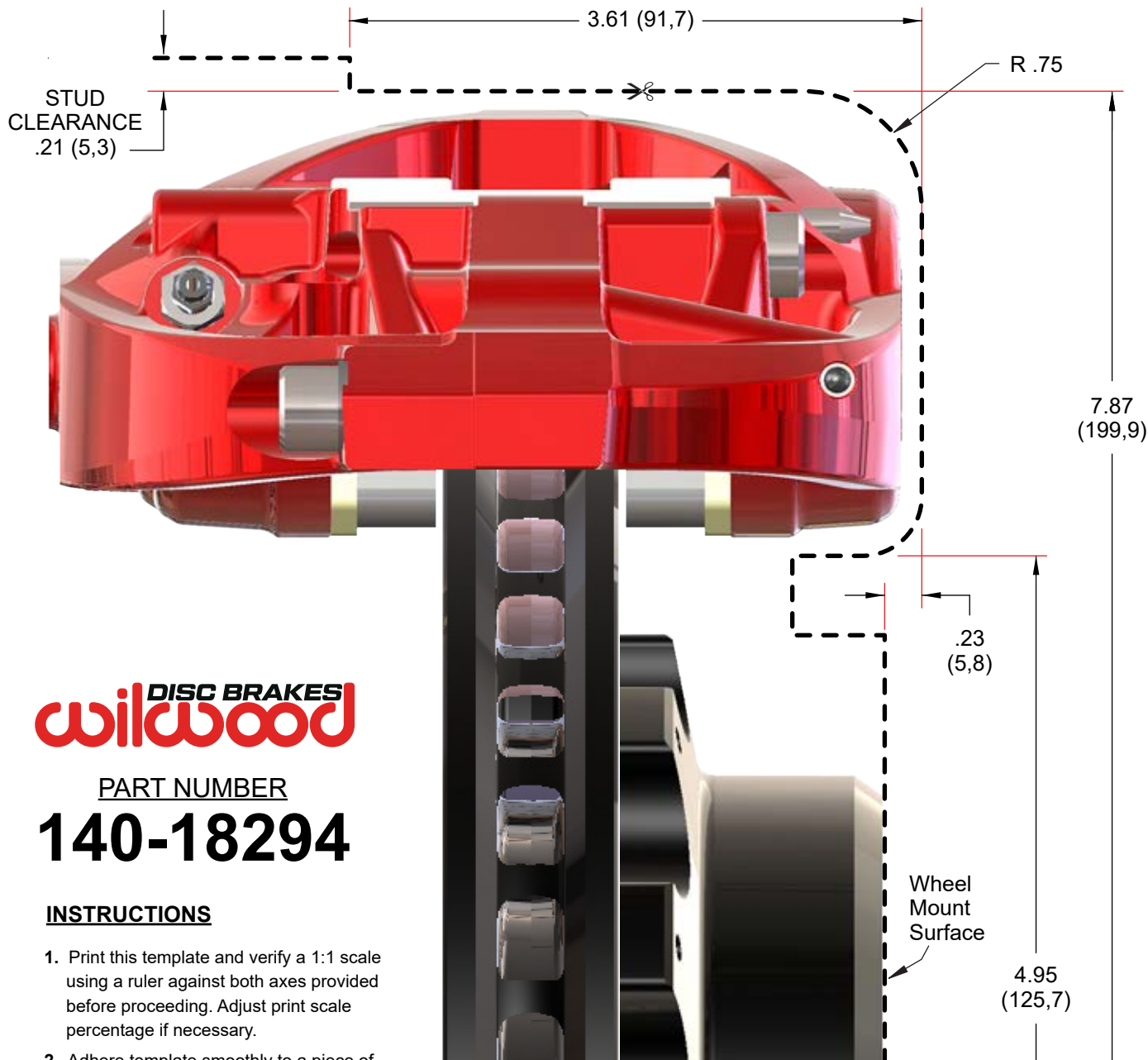
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4. Fit template into wheel and determine if adequate clearance is present. A minimum of .080" clearance must be maintained between the wheel and caliper in all areas.
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NOTE: Actual parts may vary. Use this template as a guideline to determine your wheel clearance before attempting installation.





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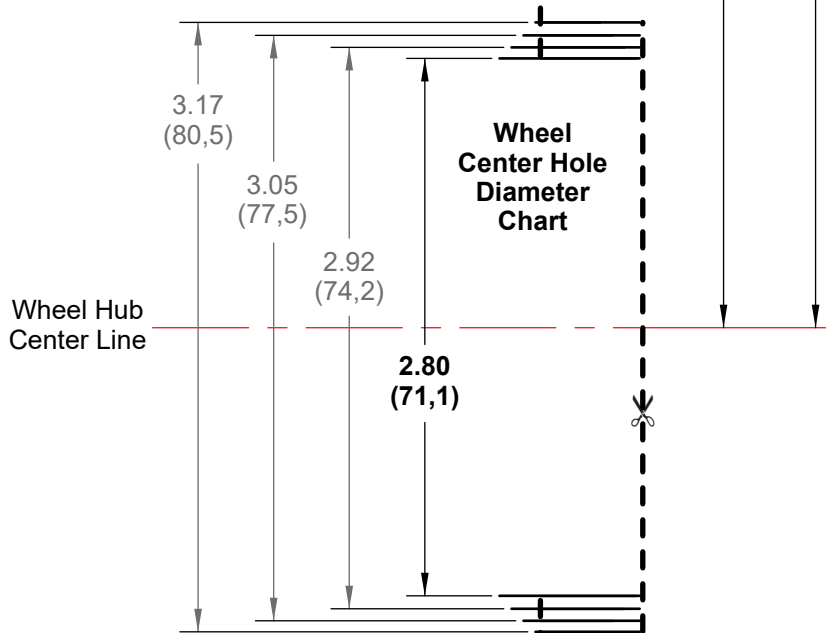
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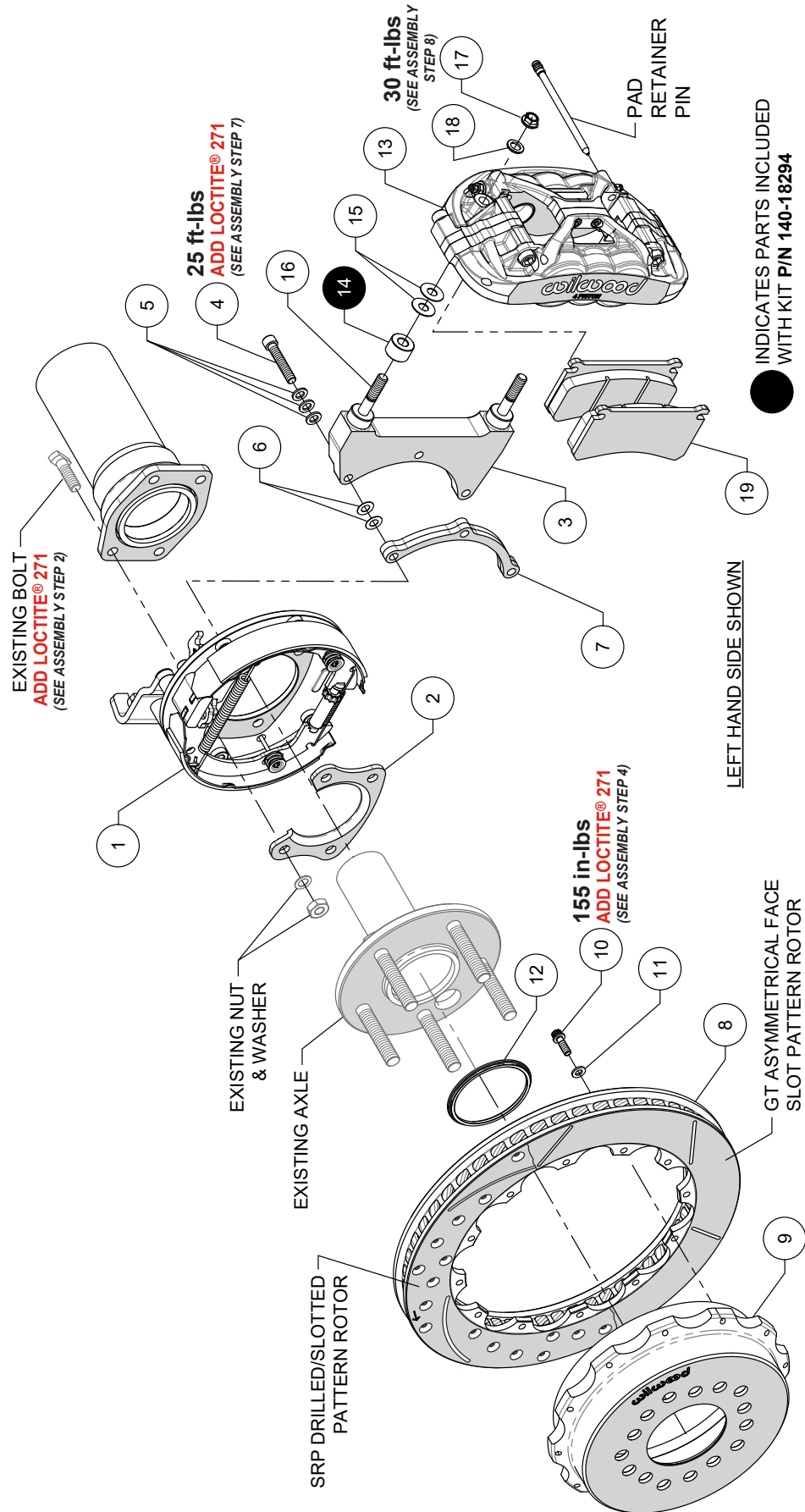
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Exploded Assembly Diagram



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AND PROPER OPERATION OF DISC
BRAKE SYSTEMS.

NOTE
SPECIFIC PARTS
MAY VARY FROM
DIAGRAM

Figure 1. Typical Installation Configuration

Important Notice - Read This First

Before any tear-down or disassembly begins, review the following information:

- Review the Wheel Clearance Diagrams on page 2 or 3 to verify that there is adequate clearance with the wheels you will be using with the installation.
- Verify the rear axle housing flange pattern, axle offset, and other critical measurements as outlined on page 6.
- This brake kit is not supplied with parking brake cables hardware or adapters. Please see the note in the assembly instructions for vendor recommendations to purchase these parts.
- This brake kit does not include flex lines. OEM brake lines will not adapt to Wilwood calipers. Check the Assembly Instructions for brake line recommendations before assembly. In addition, Wilwood offers an extensive listing of brake lines and fittings on our web site: www.wilwood.com.
- Due to OEM production differences and other variations from vehicle to vehicle, the fastener hardware and other components in this kit may not be suitable for a specific application or vehicle.
- It is the responsibility of the purchaser and installer of this kit to verify suitability / fitment of all components and ensure all fasteners and hardware achieve complete and proper engagement. Improper or inadequate engagement can lead to component failure.

Photographic Tip

Important and highly recommended: Take photos of brake system before disassembly and during the disassembly process. In the event, trouble-shooting photos can be life savers. Many vehicles have undocumented variations, photos will make it much simpler for Wilwood to assist you if you have a problem.

Parts List

ITEM NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	QTY
1	249-7463/64	Parking Brake Assembly (one each, right and left)	2
2	250-11223	Retainer, Axle	2
3	249-9495/96	Bracket, Caliper Mounting (one each, right and left)	2
4	230-13565	Bolt, 5/16-24 x 1.75" Long, Socket Head	6
5	240-10191	Washer, .328" I.D. x .562" O.D. x .063" Thick	18
6	240-9609	Shim, Bracket, .015" Thick	12
7	300-9503	Spacer, .482" Long	2
8	160-12961/62-GTB	Rotor, GT, 12.88" Dia. x 1.10" Thick (one each, right & left) - incl. with p/n 140-18293	2
8A	160-13543/44-BK	Rotor, SRP, Drilled and Slotted (one each, right & left) - option for p/n 140-18293	2
8	160-8402/03-GTB	Rotor, GT, 14.00" Dia. x 1.10" Thick (one each, right & left) - incl. with p/n 140-18294	2
8A	160-8400/01-BK	Rotor, SRP, Drilled and Slotted (one each, right & left) - option for p/n 140-18294	2
9	170-13539	Hat, 12 x 8.75" Bolt Circle, 5 x 4.50"/4.75"/5.00" Lug Pattern	2
10	230-8037	Bolt, 1/4-20 x .75" Long, 12 Point, Lock Wire Drilled	24
11	240-11240	Washer, .265" I.D. x .500" O.D. x .063" Thick	24
12	300-11337	Adapter, Rotor Registration Ring	2
13	120-17201-BK	Caliper, XRS4R, Black	2
13A	120-17201-RD	Caliper, XRS4R, Red	2
14	300-7932	Spacer, .573" Long - incl. with p/n 140-18294	4
15	240-1159	Shim, .035" Thick	16
16	230-9078	Stud, 3/8-16, 3/8-24 x 2.50" Long (pre-installed into bracket) - incl. with p/n 140-18293	4
16	230-9079	Stud, 3/8-16, 3/8-24 x 3.15" Long (pre-installed into bracket) - incl. with p/n 140-18294	4
17	230-16550	Nut, 3/8-24, Self-Locking, 6 Point	4
18	240-10190	Washer, .391" I.D. x .625" O.D. x .063" Thick	4
19	150-16866K	Pad, BP-10 Compound, Axle Set	1

NOTES:

P/N 230-8008 Rotor/Hat Bolt Kit, includes p/ns 230-8037 and 240-11240

P/N 300-9738 Bracket Mounting Bolt Kit, includes p/ns 230-13565, 240-10191, 240-9609, and 300-9503

P/N 249-9632L/R Caliper Bracket Kit, (**incl. with p/n 140-18293**) includes p/ns 230-9078, 230-16550, 240-1159, 240-10190, and 249-9495/96

P/N 249-9633L/R Caliper Bracket Kit (**incl. with p/n 140-18294**), includes p/ns 230-9079, 230-16550, 240-1159, 240-10190, 249-9495/96, and 300-7392

Item 8A is an optional item included in the "-D" drilled rotor kits. Add "-D" to end of part number when ordering.

Item 13A is an optional item included in the "-R" red caliper kits. Add "-R" to end of part number when ordering.

General Information

- Installation of this kit should **ONLY** be performed by persons experienced in the installation and proper operation of disc brake systems. Before assembling this Wilwood disc brake kit, double check the following to ensure a trouble free installation.
- Inspect the contents of this kit against the parts list to ensure that all components and hardware are included.

- Make sure this is the correct kit to fit the axle housing flange. This kit is designed to fit Big Ford New Style axle flange.
- Verify your wheel clearance using the Wheel Clearance Diagram on page 2 or 3.

Verify the Following Measurements Before Assembly

- Bearing outside diameter, 3.15.
- Axle housing flange mounting pattern to pattern in bracket.
- Stud pattern on axle flange to stud pattern in hat.
- Axle center register diameter is 2.80", Figure 2. This kit uses Wilwood's removable center register adapters. Rotors can either be centered on the axle register, i.e. *register-centric* or centered on the wheel studs, i.e. *stud-centric*. Due to variations in wheel stud final diameters, *register-centric* centering can be a more accurate method of centering the rotor to the axle. Wilwood offers various diameter adapters for purchase in addition to the ones supplied in this kit, see Table 1.

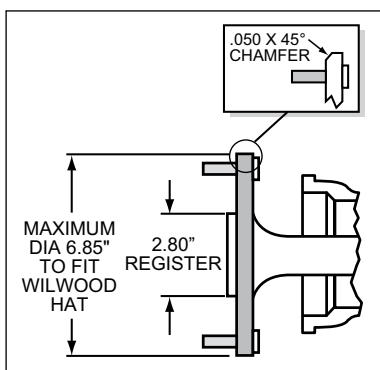


Figure 2. Axle Flange Maximum Dimension

This kit includes a 3.06" center I.D. hat or rotor assembly and a 2.80" hub register adapter ring to accommodate the installation of this kit on axles of either dimension. For axles with different center register diameters, please consult the table below for optional adapter ring sizes.

PART NO.	REGISTER I.D.	NOTE
NO ADAPTER USED	3.06"	ROTOR CENTER HOLE I.D.
300-13328	2.88"	OPTIONAL
300-11732	2.86"	OPTIONAL
300-11962	2.84"	OPTIONAL
300-11338	2.82"	OPTIONAL
300-11337	2.80"	SUPPLIED WITH KIT
300-13506	2.79"	OPTIONAL
300-11532	2.78"	OPTIONAL
300-16434	2.75"	OPTIONAL
300-11803	2.52"	OPTIONAL
300-11901	2.50"	OPTIONAL
300-12761	2.44"	OPTIONAL
300-11653	2.18"	OPTIONAL
300-11339	2.00"	OPTIONAL (Machine to fit I.D.)

Table 1. Center Register Adapters

- Dimension from wheel side of axle flange to wheel side of axle housing flange (see Figure 5, lower right hand corner). This dimension is critical to ensure proper alignment of the rotor to the caliper, and should match offset given in the kit description.
- The Wilwood hat utilized in this kit is drilled for 1/2" diameter wheel studs. **NOTE:** Some OEM axles have 7/16" (0.44") wheel axle studs. It is recommended that you upgrade to 1/2" studs. Dependent on the type of axle, this may be a simple stud change, or may require the services of a machine shop to perform.
- Maximum axle flange diameter must be no larger than 6.85" w/.050" x 45° chamfer, Figure 2.

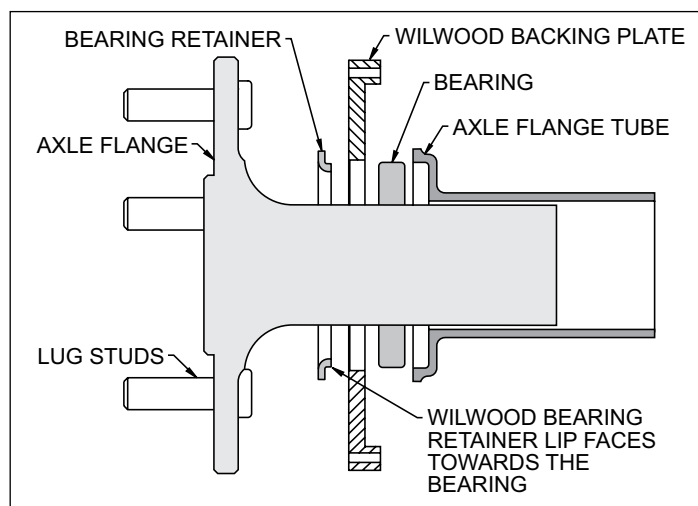


Figure 3. Retainer / Axle Diagram

Disassembly Instructions

- Disassemble the original equipment rear brakes:

Raise the rear wheels off the ground and support the rear suspension according to the vehicle manufacturer's instructions.

Remove the rear wheels and disassemble the drum brake assembly down to the bare axle.

Remove the stock bearing retainers from the axles.

Save the mounting bolt and nut for use during assembly

- Remove any nicks or burrs on the axle housing flange, as well as the axle flange, that may interfere with the installation of the new brake components.
- Clean and de-grease the axle, the axle housing flange, and saved hardware.

Assembly Instructions

IMPORTANT:

- To ensure maximum performance from your parking brake system, the cables must be routed as straight as possible. Bends in the cable can significantly reduce efficiency and thus reduce pull force at the brake. Tight bends must be avoided with a minimum recommended bend radius of 6" to 8".
- Cables should be properly restrained to prevent "straightening" of bends when tension is applied. Restrain movement of cable by affixing the cable sheath to body or chassis by fitting cable clamps at various points over the length of cable or by using original equipment cable attachments points. The clamping method chosen will require that cable sheath be held tightly without movement, crushing or causing interference to the internal cable.
- Cables must be initially pre-stretched by multiple applications of the brake handle, then re-adjusted to correct tension.

NOTE: Numbers in parenthesis refer to the parts list and Figure 1 on the preceding pages.

STEP 1 Orient the parking brake assembly (1), as shown in Figure 1 and Photo 1 and slide it onto the axle housing flange. **NOTE:** The brake shoe adjuster star wheel should be at the bottom of the assembly when mounted (see arrow, Photo 1). Ensure that the backing plate of the parking brake assembly fits flush against the axle housing flange. Reinstall the axle into the axle housing.

STEP 2 Install the bearing retainer (2) with the opening pointing upward and the lip facing inward (toward the bearing), as shown in Figures 1 and 3. Secure retainer and backing plate to the axle housing flange using the existing bolts and nuts, Figure 1. Apply red *Loctite*® 271 to the bolt threads and torque to OEM specifications.

STEP 3 The radial mount caliper bracket (3) should initially be installed with clean, dry threads on the mounting bolts. Orient the bracket, as shown in Figure 1 and Photo 2, and install using bolts (4) and three washers (5). Initially place two .015" thick shims (6) and spacer (7) on each bolt between the bracket and the backing plate of the parking brake assembly (1), Figure 1, Photo 2. Temporarily tighten the mounting bolts. **NOTE:** The bracket must fit squarely against the mount bosses on the backing plate. The ends of the bolts should not exceed inside face of insert. Inspect for interference from casting irregularities, machining ridges, burrs, etc. Later, after the caliper alignment has been checked, the mount bolts will be secured using red *Loctite*® 271.

STEP 4 Orient the rotor (8) and the hat (9) as shown in Figure 1 and Photo 3. Attach rotor to hat using bolts (10) and washers (11). Apply red *Loctite*® 271 to the bolt threads and torque to value shown in Figure 1 using a criss-cross pattern. For an added measure of security, the bolts may be safety wired using standard 0.032 inch diameter stainless steel safety wire as shown in Figure 4. Refer to Wilwood's data sheet DS-386 (available at www.wilwood.com/Pdf/DataSheets/ds386.pdf) for complete safety wire installation instructions.

STEP 5 Slide the rotor registration adapter (12) onto the axle register on the axle flange with the smaller O.D. facing toward the rotor/hat (8/9), Photo 4. Align the hole pattern in the rotor/hat (8/9) with the stud pattern on the axle flange and slide into place, Figure 1. **NOTE:** The rotor/hat must fit flush against the axle flange or excessive rotor run out may result. Install three lug nuts (finger

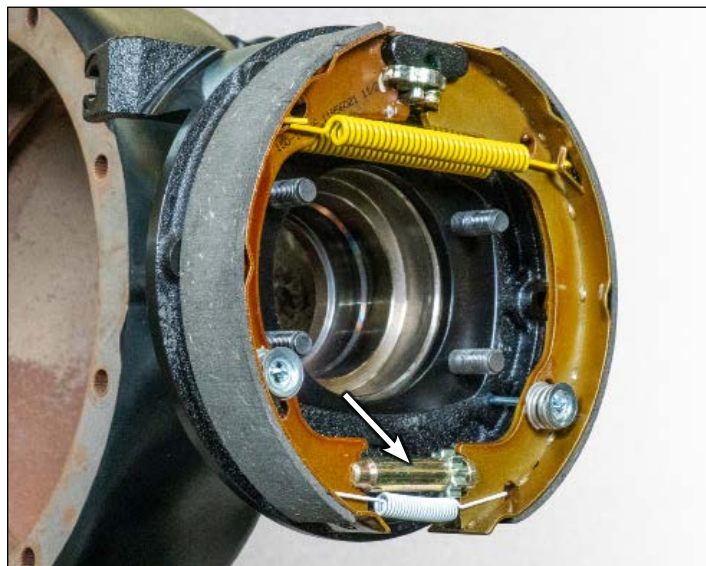


Photo 1
(Generic example shown)



Photo 2

Assembly Instructions (Continued)

tight) to keep the rotor/hat assembly in place while continuing with the installation.

STEP 6 NOTE: Based on which kit is being installed, perform one of the following procedures:

- **For kit p/n 140-18293:** Initially place two .035" thick shims (15) on each stud (16) between the caliper and the bracket, Photo 5a.
- **For kit p/n 140-18294:** Place one spacer (14) and initially two .035" thick shims (15) on each stud (16) between the caliper and the bracket, Photo 5b.

STEP 7 Mount the caliper (13) onto the radial mount caliper bracket (3) using lock nuts (17) and washers (18), Figure 1. Temporarily tighten the lock nuts and view the rotor through the top opening of the caliper. The rotor should be centered in the caliper, Photo 6. If not, adjust by adding or subtracting .015" shims (6) as necessary between the radial mount caliper bracket (3) and the backing plate of the parking brake assembly (1). Once the caliper alignment is correct, remove the radial mount caliper bracket bolts (4) one at a time, apply red *Loctite*® 271 to the threads, and torque to value shown in Figure 1.

STEP 8 Remove the caliper, then remove the two pad retaining pins from the caliper (13), Figure 1. Insert the brake pads (19) into the caliper from the bottom, with the friction material facing the rotor, as shown in Photo 7. Secure the brake pads in place with the pad retaining pins, Figure 1. **CAUTION:** Ensure pad retaining pins are completely engaged into caliper. It is recommended to use a small flat punch and hammer to tap the pins in until they are fully seated. Check that the top of the brake pad is flush with the outside diameter of the rotor. If not, adjust by adding or subtracting shims (15) between the caliper and the bracket. After the caliper pad height is set, torque the caliper lock nuts (17) to value shown in Figure 1.

STEP 9 Temporarily install the wheel and torque lug nuts to manufacturer's specification. Ensure that the wheel rotates freely without any interference. Remove wheel for next step.

• **NOTE:** Clevis and cable kits which attach to the parking brake assembly are not included in the Wilwood parking brake kit. Wilwood offers a generic style parking brake cable kit, P/N 330-9371 for this application which can be ordered separately from your local Wilwood dealer or by calling Wilwood customer service at (805) 388-1188.

STEP 10 Install three lug nuts to hold the rotor/hat (8/9) securely in place, remove the rubber grommet in the backing plate (1) and adjust the parking brake shoes outward (using a drum shoe adjustment tool available at your local auto parts store) while spinning the rotor/hat (8/9) until a slight drag is felt against the hat/drum. Replace the rubber grommet when finished.

STEP 11 Attach brake line to caliper. **NOTE:** OEM rubber brake hoses generally cannot be adapted to Wilwood calipers. The caliper inlet fitting is a 1/8-27 NPT. The preferred method is to use steel adapter fittings at the caliper, either straight, 45 or 90 degree (use PTFE tape on pipe threads of adapter fitting for



Photo 3

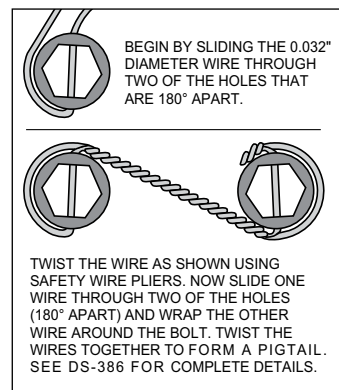


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Safety Wire Diagram

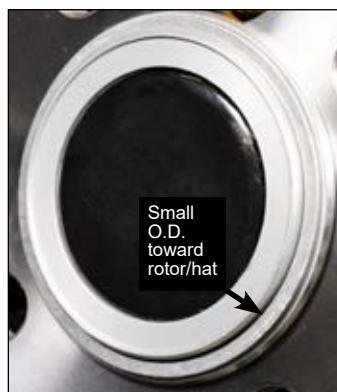


Photo 4



Photo 5a
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Photo 5b
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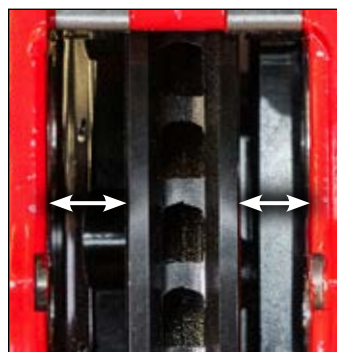


Photo 6
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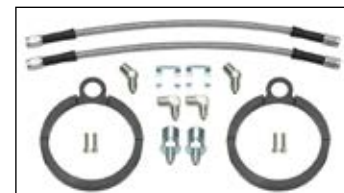


Photo 7

P/N 220-17288: 12 inch length domestic, 3/8-24 IF, with weld on tabs for juncture between hard line and flexline



P/N 220-17289: 12 inch length domestic, 3/8-24 IF, with bolt on bracket for juncture between hard line and flexline (for 3.00" axle tube diameter only)



Assembly Instructions (Continued)

proper sealing to caliper). **Ensure hoses are routed to prevent contact with moving suspension, brake or wheel components.** Wilwood offers universal brake flex line hose kits, **P/N 220-17288 and P/N 220-17289** (both sold separately), for domestic (3/8-24 IF) chassis fittings (shown at bottom right on previous page). Hose kits include hoses, fitting, etc., all in one package for this application.

•**NOTE:** Wilwood hose kits are designed for use in many different vehicle applications and it is the installer's responsibility to properly route and provide adequate clearance and retention for brake hose components.

•**NOTE:** Specified brake hose kits may not work with all Years, Makes and Models of vehicle that this brake kit is applicable to, due to possible OEM manufacturing changes during a production vehicle's life.

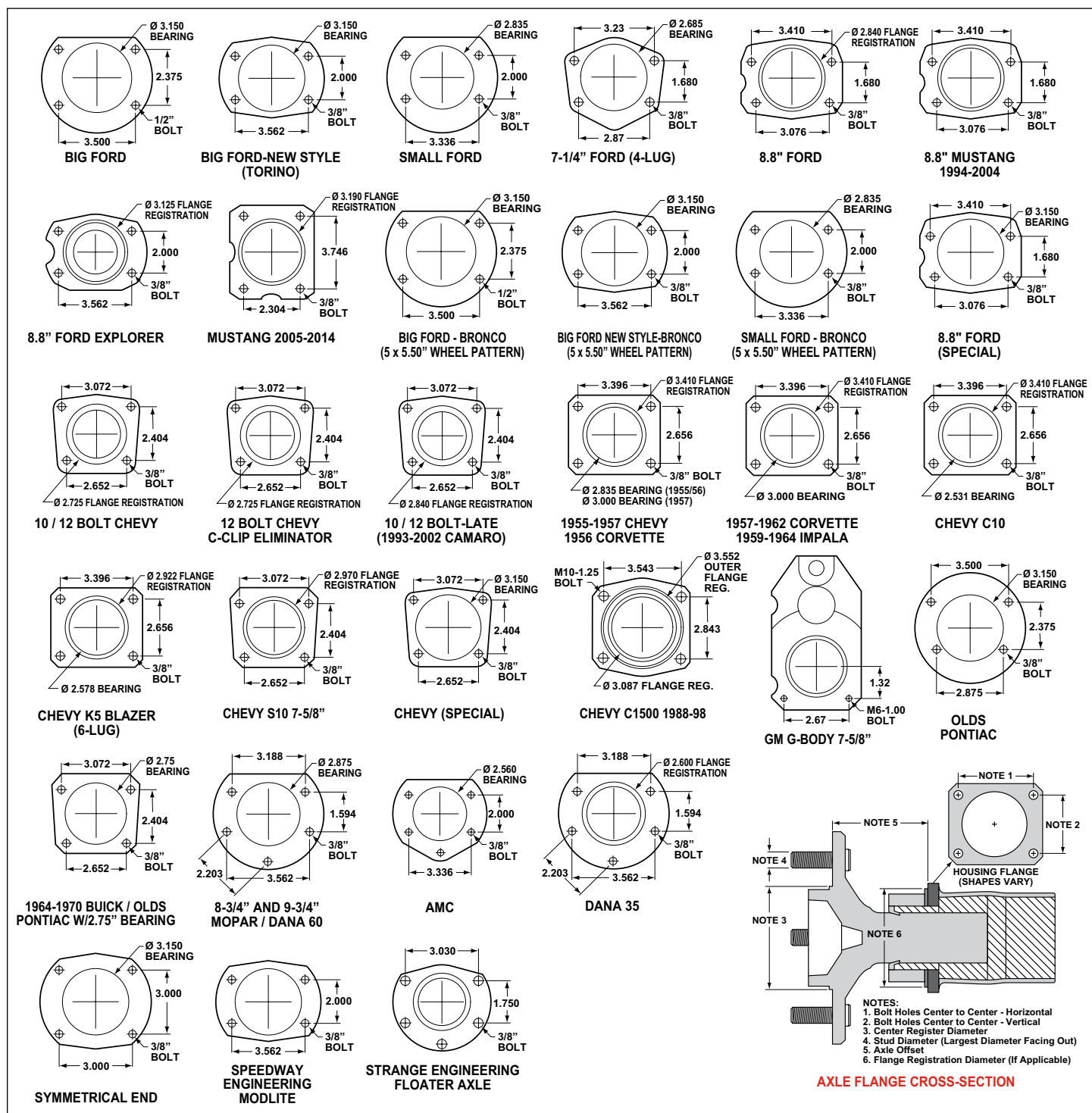


Figure 5. Rear Housing Flange Chart and Axle Flange / Offset Cross-Section

Assembly Instructions (Continued)

•**CAUTION:** *In absence of specific instructions for brake line routing, the installer must use his best professional judgment on correct routing and retention of lines to ensure safe operation.* It is the installer's responsibility to ensure that all fittings and hoses are the correct size and length, properly seal, and that they will not be subject to crimping, strain and abrasion from vibration or interference with suspension components, brake rotor or wheel.

STEP 12 Bleed the brake system, referring to the '**Additional Information and Recommendations**' below for proper bleeding instructions. Check system for leaks after bleeding.

STEP 13 Install the wheel and torque the lug nuts to manufacturer's specifications.

•**CAUTION:** *Test vehicle brake system per the '**Minimum Test Procedure**' stated within this document before driving.* After road testing, inspect for leaks and interference. Initially after install and testing, perform frequent checks of the vehicle brake system and lines before driving, to confirm that there is no undue wear or interference not apparent from the initial test. Afterwards, perform periodic inspections for function, leaks and wear in an interval relative to the usage of vehicle.

STEP 14 Bed-in the brake pads per the procedure on page 11.

Balancing the Brake Bias on 4 Wheel Disc Vehicles

•OE Style or Single Mount Race Pedal with Tandem Outlet Master Cylinder:

Front to rear caliper piston sizes, rotor diameters, and pad compounds must be initially configured to provide the correct range of vehicle bias when using a single bore / tandem outlet master cylinder. If excessive rear brake bias is experienced, an inline adjustable proportioning valve can be used to decrease the rear line pressure to help bring the vehicle into balance. If excessive front brake bias is experienced, first consideration should be given to increasing the rear brake bias to bring the vehicle into overall balance.

•Race Pedal with Dual Master Cylinders and Balance Bar:

Master cylinders must be sized to match the calipers and allow the pedal balance bar to operate near the center of its travel. If it is not possible to fine tune the bias within the adjustable range of the balance bar, then consideration must be given to changing a master cylinder bore size or some other aspect of the brake system to bring the car into balance. Larger bore master cylinders will generate less pressure while decreasing pedal travel. Smaller bores master cylinders will generate higher line pressures with an increase in pedal travel.

Additional Information and Recommendations

•Fill and bleed the new system with Wilwood Hi-Temp° 570 grade fluid or higher. For severe braking or sustained high heat operation, use Wilwood EXP 600 Plus Racing Brake Fluid. Used fluid must be completely flushed from the system to prevent contamination. **NOTE:** *Silicone DOT 5 brake fluid is **NOT** recommended for racing or performance driving.*

•To properly bleed the brake system, begin with the caliper farthest from the master cylinder. Bleed the outboard bleed screw first, then the inboard. Repeat the procedure until all calipers in the system are bled, ending with the caliper closest to the master cylinder. **NOTE:** *When using a new master cylinder, it is important to bench bleed the master cylinder first.*

•If the master cylinder is mounted lower than the disc brake calipers, some fluid flowback to the master cylinder reservoir may occur, creating a vacuum effect that retracts the caliper pistons into the housing. This will cause the pedal to go to the floor on the first stroke until it has "pumped up" and moved all the pistons out against the pad again. A Wilwood in-line two pound residual pressure valve, installed near the master cylinder will stop the fluid flowback and keep the pedal firm and responsive.

•Test the brake pedal. It should be firm, not spongy and stop at least 1 inch from the floor under heavy load.

If the brake pedal is spongy, bleed the system again.

If the brake pedal is initially firm, but then sinks to the floor, check the system for fluid leaks. Correct the leaks (if applicable) and then bleed the system again.

If the brake pedal goes to the floor and continued bleeding of the system does not correct the problem, a master cylinder with increased capacity (larger bore diameter) will be required. Wilwood offers various lightweight master cylinders with large fluid displacement capacities.

•**NOTE:** *With the installation of after market disc brakes, the wheel track may change depending on the application. Check your wheel offset before final assembly.*

•If after following the instructions, you still have difficulty in assembling or bleeding your Wilwood disc brakes, consult your local chassis builder, or retailer where the kit was purchased for further assistance.

WARNING • DO NOT DRIVE ON UNTESTED BRAKES
BRAKES MUST BE TESTED AFTER INSTALLATION OR MAINTENANCE
MINIMUM TEST PROCEDURE

- Make sure pedal is firm: Hold firm pressure on pedal for several minutes, it should remain in position without sinking. If pedal sinks toward floor, check system for fluid leaks. DO NOT drive vehicle if pedal does not stay firm or can be pushed to the floor with normal pressure.
- At very low speed (2-5 mph) apply brakes hard several times while turning steering from full left to full right, repeat several times. Remove the wheels and check that components are not touching, rubbing, or leaking.
- Carefully examine all brake components, brake lines, and fittings for leaks and interference.
- Make sure there is no interference with wheels or suspension components.
- Drive vehicle at low speed (15-20 mph) making moderate and hard stops. Brakes should feel normal and positive. Again check for leaks and interference.
- Always test vehicle in a safe place where there is no danger to (or from) other people or vehicles.
- Always wear seat belts and make use of all safety equipment.

Pad and Rotor Bedding

BEDDING STEPS FOR NEW PADS AND ROTORS – ALL COMPOUNDS

Once the brake system has been tested and determined safe to operate the vehicle, follow these steps for the bedding of all new pad materials and rotors. These procedures should only be performed on a race track, or other safe location where you can safely and legally obtain speeds up to 65 MPH, while also being able to rapidly decelerate.

- Begin with a series of light decelerations to gradually build some heat in the brakes. Use an on-and-off the pedal technique by applying the brakes for 3-5 seconds, and then allow them to fully release for a period roughly twice as long as the deceleration cycle. If you use a 5 count during the deceleration interval, use a 10 count during the release to allow the heat to sink into the pads and rotors.
- After several cycles of light stops to begin warming the brakes, proceed with a series of medium to firm deceleration stops to continue raising the temperature level in the brakes.
- Finish the bedding cycle with a series of 8-10 hard decelerations from 55-65 MPH down to 25 MPH while allowing a proportionate release and heat-sinking interval between each stop. The pads should now be providing positive and consistent response.
- If any amount of brake fade is observed during the bed-in cycle, immediately begin the cool down cycle.
- Drive at a moderate cruising speed, with the least amount of brake contact possible, until most of the heat has dissipated from the brakes. Avoid sitting stopped with the brake pedal depressed to hold the car in place during this time. Park the vehicle and allow the brakes to cool to ambient air temperature.

COMPETITION VEHICLES

- If your race car is equipped with brake cooling ducts, blocking them will allow the pads and rotors to warm up quicker and speed up the bedding process.
- Temperature indicating paint on the rotor and pad edges can provide valuable data regarding observed temperatures during the bedding process and subsequent on-track sessions. This information can be highly beneficial when evaluating pad compounds and cooling efficiencies.

POST-BEDDING INSPECTION – ALL VEHICLES

- After the bedding cycle, the rotors should exhibit a uniformly burnished finish across the entire contact face. Any surface irregularities that appear as smearing or splotching on the rotor faces can be an indication that the brakes were brought up to temperature too quickly during the bedding cycle. If the smear doesn't blend away after the next run-in cycle, or if chatter under braking results, sanding or resurfacing the rotors will be required to restore a uniform surface for pad contact.

Pad and Rotor Bedding (Continued)

PRE-RACE WARM UP

- Always make every effort to get heat into the brakes prior to each event. Use an on-and-off the pedal practice to warm the brakes during the trip to the staging zone, during parade laps before the flag drops, and every other opportunity in an effort to build heat in the pads and rotors. This will help to ensure best consistency, performance, and durability from your brakes.

DYNO BEDDED COMPETITION PADS AND ROTORS

- Getting track time for a proper pad and rotor bedding session can be difficult. Wilwood offers factory dyno-bedded pads and rotors on many of our popular competition pads and **Spec 37** GT series rotors. Dyno-bedded parts are ready to race on their first warm up cycle. This can save valuable time and effort when on-track time is either too valuable or not available at all. Dyno-bedding assures that your pads and rotors have been properly run-in and are ready to go. Contact your dealer or the factory for more information on Wilwood Dyno-Bedding services.

NOTE: NEVER allow the contact surfaces of the pads or rotors to be contaminated with brake fluid. Always use a catch bottle with a hose to prevent fluid spill during all brake bleeding procedures.

Parking Brake

WARNING • PARKING BRAKE

- Parking brake must be properly adjusted before use and must be manually readjusted for wear if parking brake handle or foot lever travel becomes excessive.
 - The holding ability of the brake should be tested by stopping on a sloping surface and applying the parking brake while holding car with the hydraulic foot brake. This should be accomplished both facing up and down hill.
 - Do not rely exclusively on the parking brake to hold the car; Curb wheels as recommended by the applicable diagram and put gear selector in park, or shift into first gear or reverse with a manual transmission.
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- Diagram A - When parking facing downhill, turn front wheels towards the curb or right shoulder. This will keep from rolling into traffic if the brakes become disengaged.
 - Diagram B - Turn the steering wheel to the left so the wheels are turned towards the road if you are facing uphill with a curb. The tires will catch the curb if the car rolls backward.
 - Diagram C - When facing uphill without a curb, turn the wheels sharply to the right. If the vehicle rolls, it will go off the road rather than into traffic.
 - When parking on a hill, always set the parking brake and move the gear selector into park, or shift into first or reverse gear if your vehicle has a manual transmission.

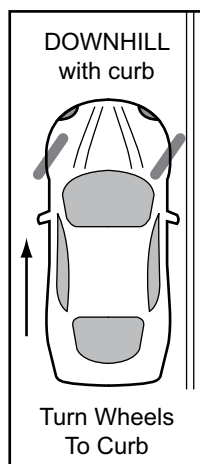


Diagram A

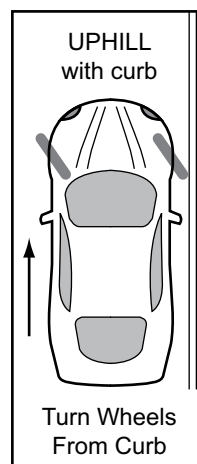


Diagram B

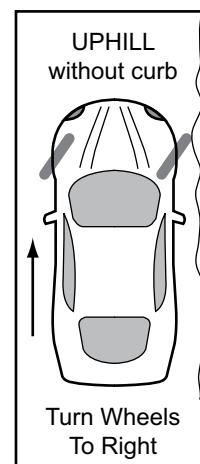


Diagram C

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