

# **DURAMAX POWER STEERING LINES**

01-10 6.6L DURAMAX DIESEL 2500 / 3500 TRUCKS



# **INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS**







# INSPECT CONTENTS OF THIS KIT THOROUGHLY BEFORE STARTING THE INSTALLATION PROCESS!

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hank You for purchasing the Driven Diesel High Pressure Power Steering Line kit for the 2001-2010 GM Duramax Diesel Pickups. Please thoroughly read and familiarize yourself with this guide before proceeding with the installation of the kit. It is your responsibility to always work safely. Make sure that there is plenty of light and you are using properly sized jacks and jack stands to lift and support your truck. After reading this installation manual, if you feel that the job is beyond your capability, please have this work performed by a qualified mechanic.

Below you will find a general list of tools to complete this job. This list is based on the tools we use in our shop. Since we understand that not every home mechanic will have the same tools as our shop, we will try to offer alternatives for the less common tools in the step-by-step instructions.

# **REQUIRED TOOL / ITEM LIST**

5/16" Nut Driver or Similar
11mm Deep Socket
13mm & 15mm Shallow Sockets
16mm, 18mm & 19mm Open End Wrenches
Trim Panel Removal Tool or Similar
One Quart of Power Steering Fluid
Cleaning Supplies (brake clean or similar, rags, etc)

# COMPONENT IDENTIFICATION

(see image on front cover of this document)

# COMPONENTS BELOW ARE **DISASSEMBLED** IN THE FRONT COVER IMAGE

Steering Gear Tube Assembly (lower right – longest tube)
Outer Hydroboost Tube Assembly (middle right)
Steering Gear to Hydroboost Hose (upper left – longest hose)

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Power Steering Pump Tube Assembly (upper right – "S" shaped tube) Inner Hydroboost Tube Assembly (lower left – tube with rubber damper) Power Steering Pump to Hydroboost Hose (middle – shortest hose)

# **IMPORTANT FIRST STEPS**

Completing this job is going to require working both inside the driver side front inner fender and on top of the engine through the hood. Start by setting the parking brake and then jacking up the front of the truck and removing both front tires. Using appropriately sized jack stands, lower the truck to a level that will allow you to work in both areas safely while **keeping the truck level** (front to back).

# For safety reasons, we do NOT recommend leaving the truck supported only by a hydraulic floor jack.

# STEP-BY-STEP INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Place a drain pan under the steering gear box and power steering pump. Both will leak when you start disconnecting the old lines.
- 2. Using a trim panel removal tool, locate and remove all of the plastic retainer clips that hold the driver side front inner fender in place (see Figure 1). Note: MOST of these clips have a separate center pin, pry the center pin up first, then pry under the large head to remove the clip. If you do not have a trim panel removal tool, you can use a flat blade screwdriver to get them started and a long handled pair of wire cutters or needle nose pliers to pull them the rest of the way out.
- 3. Once all of the retainer clips have been removed, pull the inner fender down SLIGHTLY to expose the top surface. You will find one or two wiring harnesses that are attached to the top of the inner fender, use the trim panel removal tool or similar to release them (see Figure 2).
- 4. Finish removing the inner fender to expose the areas where you will be working to change out the power steering lines (see Figure 3).
- 5. Using the 5/16" nut driver (or similar), loosen the hose clamp at the base of the intake resonator and remove the resonator from the engine (see Figure 4).
- 6. If this truck is equipped with an aftermarket tuner that plugs in to the engine ECM connectors (ie. Edge, Banks, etc), you will need to disconnect the aftermarket harness and pull it out of the way to make removing the intercooler tube easier. See Figure 4 for the location of these connectors.
- 7. Locate the upper intercooler tube coupler and its clamps (see Figure 4). Using an 11mm socket, loosen one of the clamps. We generally loosen the clamp on the engine side because the coupler generally comes off the intake easier than the tube.
- 8. Locate the lower intercooler tube coupler and its clamp (see Figure 5). Using an 11mm socket, loosen the clamps and remove the tube from the coupler. You may need to run an angled pick or similar type tool around between the coupler and the tube as they are frequently stuck to each other.
- 9. Lift the intercooler tube out of the truck from the top (see Figure 6).
- 10. Using a 15mm socket, remove the bolt and captured nut from the center of the steering shaft assembly (see Figure 7). Once removed, push the upper shaft up to free the lower shaft to fall out of the way.
- 11. Using Figure 8, locate the retainer clamp on the stock steering gear to hydroboost power steering line. **NOTE OF THE ORIENTATION OF THE CLAMP!** Remove the bolt using a 13mm socket.

WE ARE NOW READY TO START REMOVING THE STOCK HIGH PRESSURE POWER STEERING HOSES. WE WILL BE STARTING WITH THE LOWER CONNECTIONS AND GIVING THEM A CHANCE TO DRAIN BEFORE REMOVING THE UPPER CONNECTIONS...IT'S LESS MESSY THIS WAY.

- 12. Working through the inner fender, locate the two lines at the top of the power steering gear box (see Figure 9). Loosen the outer line first, we are not replacing this hose but it needs to be out of the way to work on the other one. Lift the outer line off the gearbox and set aside. Next, loosen inner line and lift it off the gearbox. Both of these lines will be leaking fluid, make sure the drain pan is positioned to catch the fluid.
- 13. Locate the lower rear fitting on the power steering pump (see Figure 10). Note the routing of the wiring harness through the tubes at the back of the pump. Loosen the lower rear fitting and remove the factory tube from the power steering pump. This will also leak, verify that your drain pan is positioned to catch the fluid.
- 14. Wait a few minutes until the disconnected hoses stop leaking fluid before proceeding.

- 15. Using Figures 11 & 12, locate the engine and fender side power steering pressure hoses at the hydroboost unit. Loosen and disconnect both hoses.
- 16. Remove both factory power steering hose assemblies from the truck. Closely look at the ends of both assemblies and verify that the o-rings came out with the hoses. If any o-rings are missing, locate and remove them from the hydroboost, steering gear or power steering pump before continuing to the next step!
- 17. Some trucks will have an exhaust manifold gasket with a squared off top / front corner (see circled area in Figure 13). This corner of the gasket gets in the way of easily starting the new power steering tube, gently push it back toward the engine to make it easier.
- 18. Transfer the retainer clamp from the factory steering gear tube to the new Driven Diesel steering gear tube (longest tube of the set).

# \*\*\*\*\* EXTREMELY IMPORTANT - see Figure 14 for correct clamp orientation! \*\*\*\*\*

- 19. Install the new steering gear tube. The nut end attaches to the INNER port on the steering gear, turn the nut in "finger tight" for now. You can now reinstall the OUTER hose connection on the steering gear and turn the nut in "finger tight".
- 20. Install the 13mm bolt in the retainer clamp and tighten, tube should be above the bolt on frame.
- 21. Locate and install the OUTER (fender side) tube onto the hydroboost. Turn the nut in "finger tight" for now.
- 22. Locate the longer of the two Driven Diesel hydraulic hoses and loosely connect it to the two tube assemblies installed in the previous steps. Hydraulic hoses have a "natural bend", try to take advantage of this when routing the hose.
- 23. Locate and loosely install the Driven Diesel power steering pump tube assembly. See Figure 15 for correct orientation of the tube and the wiring harness.
- 24. Locate the remaining Driven Diesel tube and hose assemblies. Loosely attach one end of the hose to the tube.
- 25. Loosely attach the other end of the hose to the power steering pump tube assembly.
- 26. Install the remaining tube onto the INNER (engine side) of the hydroboost. Turn the nut in "finger tight" for now.

AT THIS POINT YOU SHOULD HAVE ALL OF THE TUBING ASSEMBLIES INSTALLED AND CONNECTED TO THE HYDRAULIC HOSES. ONE HOSE ASSEMBLY SHOULD BE CONNECTING THE INNER PORT OF THE STEERING GEAR TO THE OUTER PORT OF THE HYDROBOOST. THE OTHER HOSE ASSEMBLY SHOULD BE CONNECTING THE LOWER REAR PORT OF THE POWER STEERING PUMP TO THE INNER PORT OF THE HYDROBOOST. IF THIS IS NOT HOW YOUR HOSES ARE ROUTED, PLEASE GO BACK THROUGH THE INSTRUCTIONS AND CORRECT THE INSTALLATION BEFORE PROCEEDING!

- 27. Using your open end metric wrenches, go over every TUBING NUT and tighten them. Don't forget to tighten the outer hose on the steering gear (the one we didn't replace). These connections are sealed with an o-ring, do not over tighten them!
- 28. Next, tighten all of the hose to tube connections. It is extremely important that you use a backup wrench to hold the tube ends while tightening the hose. Failure to hold the tubing ends while tightening the hose ends may result in damage to the tube.
- 29. Using brake clean (or similar), clean the areas where power steering fluid leaked (such as the top of the steering gear). This will make it easier to verify a leak free installation.
- 30. If necessary, reconnect the engine ECM connectors.
- 31. Reconnect the upper and lower steering shafts. Before installing the bolt and captured nut, check the orientation of the steering wheel to make sure it's pointing in the right direction.

## IMPORTANT! DURAMAX POWER STEERING SYSTEM BLEED PROCEDURE!

The following procedure was developed in our shop specifically to address issues with properly purging the Duramax Power Steering system of air. This procedure can be used after installing our Driven Diesel line kit, replacing the Hydroboost unit, replacing the Steering Gear or replacing the Power Steering Pump. Please keep in mind that, the higher the mileage on the power steering pump, the more it is likely to be sensitive to air in the power steering system.

We do NOT recommend attempting to bleed the power steering system using vacuum, or by simply turning the wheels back and forth with the engine off, etc. It is important that you follow our procedure for bleeding the system exactly.

- A. This procedure assumes that the front of the truck is still jacked up and on jack stands, and is sitting as close to LEVEL as possible.
- B. Fill the power steering reservoir, it should be at the FULL line on the dipstick.
- C. WITH THE ENGINE **OFF**, slowly turn the steering wheel to the RIGHT until it stops. This puts the steering gear at the end of its travel and makes it easier to bleed air from the system.
- D. Check the fluid level in the reservoir as turning the wheel to the right can either cause fluid to spit out the top, or be drawn down into the system. Top off if needed, before proceeding.
- E. While holding the steering wheel just slightly off the far right lock position, start the engine and let it run for 2-3 seconds. Do NOT move the steering wheel while the engine is running.
- F. Check and top off the fluid level if needed.
- G. Repeat steps E & F five to seven more times.
- H. At this point, you should see small, "foam like" bubbles in your power steering reservoir. Stop the bleeding procedure and **walk away from the truck for 10 minutes**. This step allows these small air bubbles time to rise and dissipate, an important step in the process.
- I. Start the engine, slowly turn the steering wheel to the LEFT while PUMPING THE BRAKE PEDAL SEVERAL TIMES, then turn the engine off.
- J. Check the fluid reservoir, if "foam like" bubbles are present again, walk away from the truck for 10 minutes.
- K. Check and top off the fluid level if needed.
- L. Start the engine, slowly turn the steering wheel to the right until it stops. Then, slowly turn it back to the left until it stops. Turn the engine off.
- M. Check and top off the fluid level if needed.
- N. Repeat steps L & M several times, until the fluid level stops dropping.
- O. Inspect all of the power steering line connections for leaks at this time. If any leaks are found, correct the problem, clean the area and repeat steps L&M again.
- P. If the fluid is still "foam like" or the pump is still making noise at this point, return to step C and repeat the bleeding procedure again.

Power Steering Pump noise is generally an indication of either air the system or a failing pump. The introduction of air into the system can finish off an already tired pump, which is why our bleeding procedure was developed. If, after completing the above bleeding procedure, your power steering pump continues to remain noisy, it is very likely that a replacement pump will be the only cure.

The Driven Diesel power steering line kit, when properly installed and bled of air, will not "cause" any noise unless the hoses are tightened in a position where they are vibrating against another underhood component.

- 32. Before any further reassembly, we want to be sure there are no leaks. Start the truck and inspect ALL of the tube and hose connections one more time for signs of leakage.
- 33. If any of the tubing or hoses ends are leaking, shut the truck off and resolve the issue. Do not proceed to the next steps if you have a leaking hose or tube connection.
- 34. Reinstall the intercooler tube. If you had to reconnect the engine ECM connectors to bleed the system, you will probably need to disconnect them again to complete this step.
- 35. Reinstall the intake resonator and tighten the hose clamp.
- 36. Reinstall the inner fender and all retaining clips. Don't forget to clip the wiring harnesses to the top side of the inner fender.
- 37. Reinstall the front tires and tighten lug nuts properly.
- 38. Remove the jack stands and set the truck back on the ground.
- 39. Road test to check for proper functionality and check one last time for leaks.

# CONGRATULATIONS! YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE INSTALLATION OF THE DRIVEN DIESEL GM HIGH PRESSURE POWER STEERING HOSE KIT!



FIGURE 1 – REMOVING INNER FENDER RETAINER CLIPS



FIGURE 2 – RELEASING WIRING HARNESS BEFORE REMOVING INNER FENDER



FIGURE 3 – INNER FENDER REMOVED

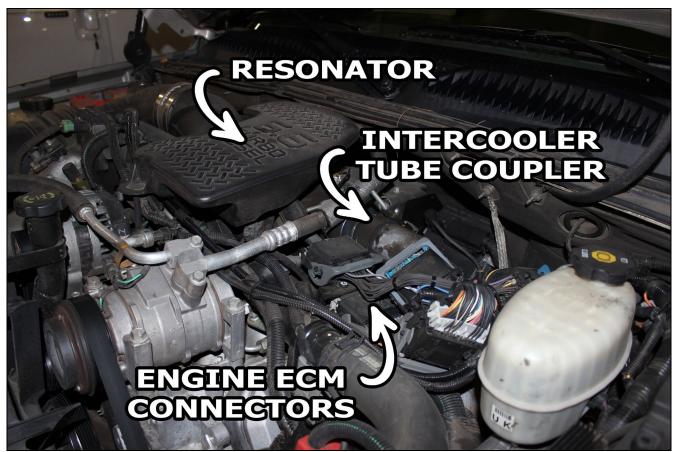


FIGURE 4 – ENGINE BAY COMPONENT LOCATIONS

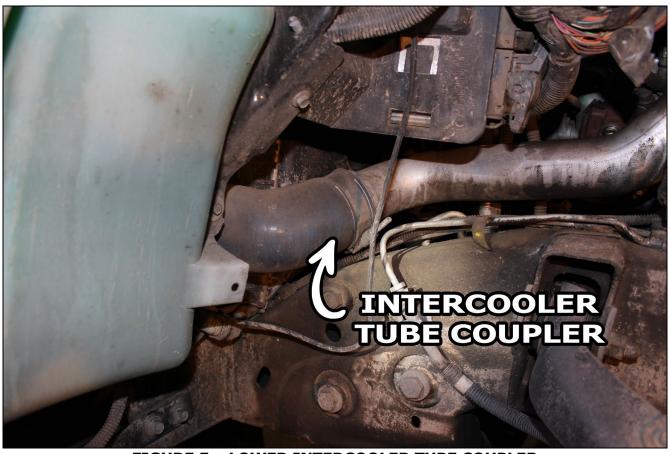


FIGURE 5 – LOWER INTERCOOLER TUBE COUPLER



FIGURE 6 – REMOVING THE DRIVER SIDE INTERCOOLER TUBE

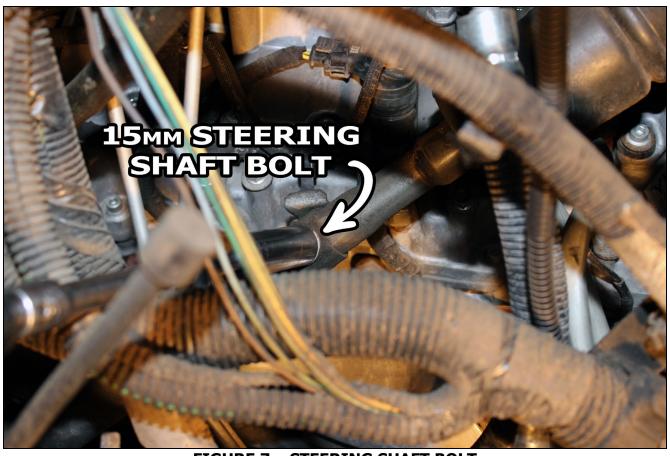


FIGURE 7 - STEERING SHAFT BOLT

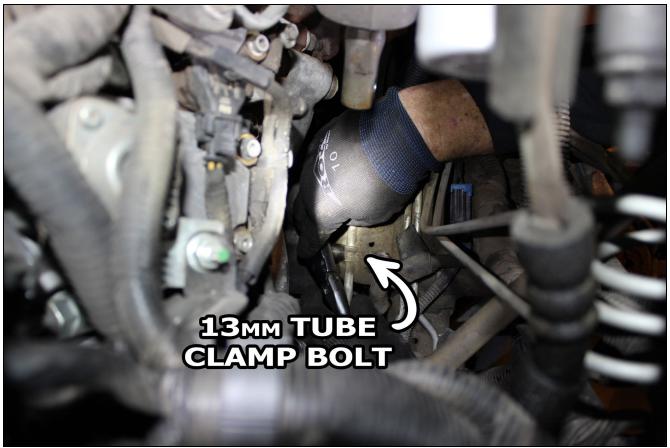


FIGURE 8 – STEERING GEAR TO HYDROBOOST TUBE CLAMP AND BOLT

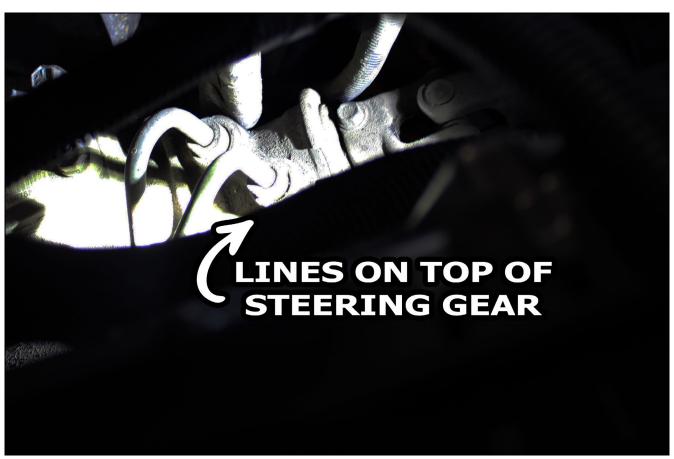


FIGURE 9 - POWER STEERING LINES AT THE STEERING GEAR

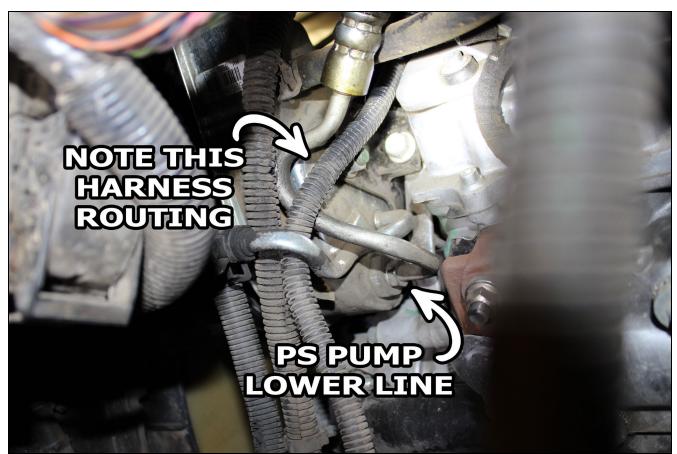


FIGURE 10 - POWER STEERING PUMP LINE AND WIRING HARNESS ROUTING



FIGURE 11 - ENGINE SIDE HYDROBOOST HOSE/TUBE CONNECTION



FIGURE 12 – FENDER SIDE HYDROBOOST HOSE/TUBE CONNECTION

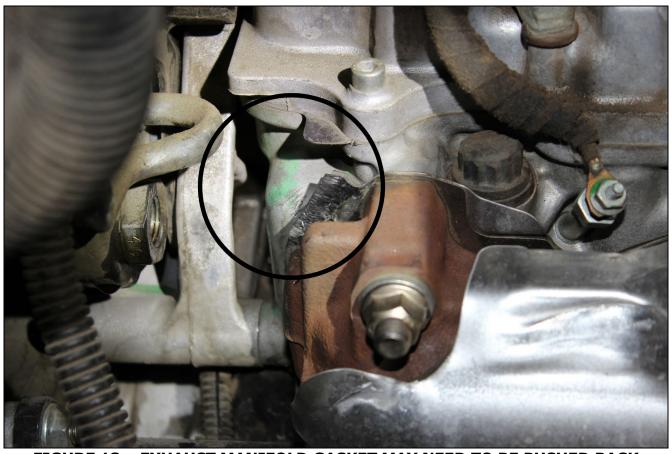


FIGURE 13 – EXHAUST MANIFOLD GASKET MAY NEED TO BE PUSHED BACK

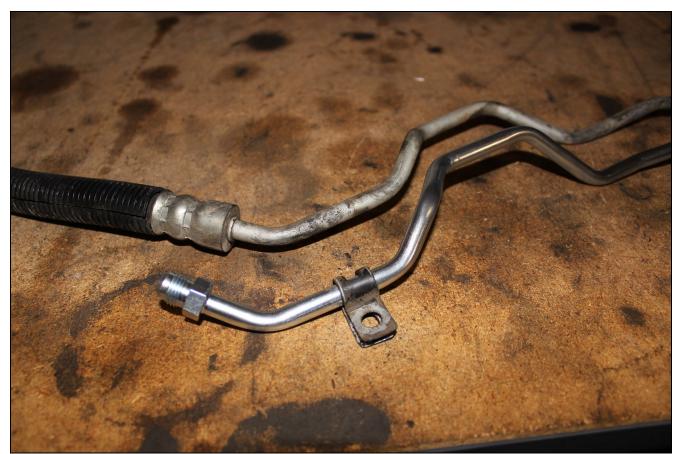


FIGURE 14 – <u>CORRECT</u> ORIENTATION OF TRANSFERRED TUBE CLAMP – <u>IMPORTANT!</u>

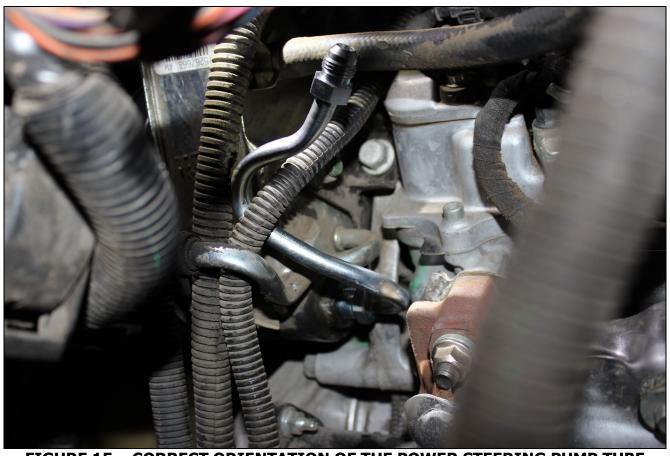


FIGURE 15 - CORRECT ORIENTATION OF THE POWER STEERING PUMP TUBE

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