

# ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

FOR

## 1988-1998 GM C1500 5-LUG\*

\*For additional vehicle compatibility, visit [www.wilwood.com](http://www.wilwood.com)

### SUPERLITE 4R/EPB (ELECTRONIC PARKING BRAKE) REAR PARKING BRAKE KIT WITH 14.00" DIAMETER VENTED ROTOR (3.25" OFFSET)

BASE PART NUMBER

# 140-18045

**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](http://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.

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# wilwood **DISC BRAKES**

#### 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.

# Exploded Assembly Diagram

**WARNING**  
 INSTALLATION OF THIS KIT SHOULD ONLY BE PERFORMED BY PERSONS EXPERIENCED IN THE INSTALLATION AND PROPER OPERATION OF DISC BRAKE SYSTEMS.

**NOTE**  
 SPECIFIC PARTS MAY VARY FROM DIAGRAM

**NOTE:**  
 THE POSITION OF THE CALIPERS AND BRACKETS SHOWN IN THIS DIAGRAM ARE FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY. THE ACTUAL POSITIONS TO FIT A SPECIFIC APPLICATION WILL NEED TO BE DETERMINED BY THE INSTALLER OF THIS KIT.

- 28 SWITCH, EPB, WITH PIGTAIL (NOT SHOWN)
- 29 WIRING HARNESS, EPB, UNIVERSAL (NOT SHOWN)
- 30 CONTROL UNIT, EPB (NOT SHOWN)

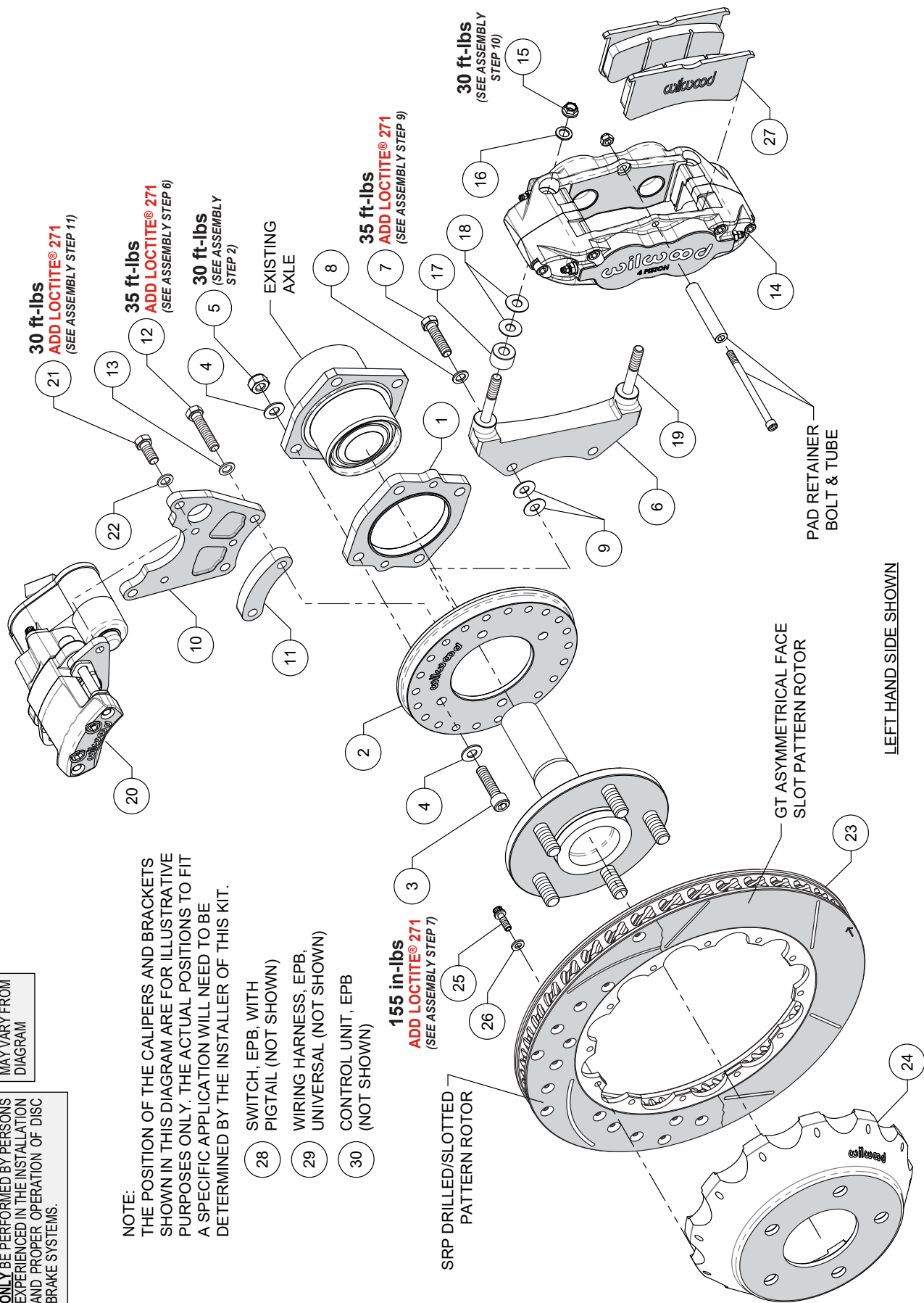


Figure 1. Typical Installation Configuration

## Important Notice - Read This First

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

- **Warning:** *This electronic parking brake system is intended to function as a parking brake and not as an emergency stop brake. However, it is possible to actuate the EPB at any time and speed. Actuating the EPB while the vehicle is moving may cause the rear wheels to lock up and skid which may lead to a reduction in vehicle control.*
- Review the Wheel Clearance Diagram (Figure 2, page 4) to verify that there is adequate clearance with the wheels you will be using with the installation.
- For the Electronic Parking Brake wiring instructions, see DS-1353 included with this kit, or download at [www.wilwood.com/PDF/DataSheet/ds1353.pdf](http://www.wilwood.com/PDF/DataSheet/ds1353.pdf)
- This brake kit is not supplied with hydraulic lines or fittings and may require the purchase of additional lines or fittings to complete the installation. Wilwood offers an extensive listing of brake lines and fittings on our web site: [www.wilwood.com](http://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.

## Parts List

<u>ITEM NO.</u>	<u>PART NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>QTY</u>
1	300-18047	Spacer, Backing Plate	2
2	250-17983	Backing Plate	2
3	230-16427	Bolt, M10-1.25, 40mm Long, Cap Screw	8
4	240-17663	Washer, M10, 18mm O.D. x 1.6mm Thick	16
5	230-17664	Nut, M10-1.25, Center Lock	8
6	250-15853	Bracket, Caliper Mount	2
7	230-10022	Bolt, 3/8-16 x 1.50" Long	4
8	240-10190	Washer, .391" I.D. x .625" O.D. x .063" Thick	4
9	240-1159	Shim, .035" Thick	16
10	250-15852	Bracket, EPB Caliper Mount	2
11	300-16065	Spacer, EPB Bracket	2
12	230-10331	Bolt, 3/8-16 x 1.75" Long	4
13	240-10190	Washer, .391" I.D. x .625" O.D. x .063" Thick	4
14	120-11782-BK	Caliper, SuperLite, Black	2
14A	120-11782-RD	Caliper, SuperLite, Red	2
15	230-16550	Nut, 3/8-24, Self Locking	4
16	240-10190	Washer, .391" I.D. x .625" O.D. x .063" Thick	4
17	300-7392	Spacer, .573" Thick	4
18	240-1159	Shim, .035" Thick	16
19	230-9079	Stud, 3/8-16, 3/8-24 x 3.15" Long	4
20	120-15702/03-BK	Caliper, EPB, Black (one each, right & left)	2
20A	120-15702/03-RD	Caliper, EPB, Red (one each, right & left)	2
21	230-15836	Bolt, 3/8-24 x 0.875" Long	4
22	240-10190	Washer, .391" I.D. x .625" O.D. x .063" Thick	4
23	160-8402/03-GTB	Rotor, 1.10" Thick x 14.00" Dia., 12 x 8.75 Bolt Circle	2
23A	160-8400/01-BK	Rotor, SRP Drilled and Slotted (one each, right & left)	2
24	170-18015	Hat, 12 x 8.75" Bolt Circle, 5 x 5.00" Lug Pattern	2
25	230-8037	Bolt, 1/4-20 x 0.75" Long	24
26	240-11240	Washer, .265" I.D. x .500" O.D. x .063" Thick	24
27	150-8855K	Pad, BP-10, Axle Set	1
28	300-15936	Switch, EPB, with Pigtail (not shown)	1
29	610-15588	EPB Wiring Harness, Universal (not shown)	1
30	620-15487	EPB Control Unit (not shown)	1

### NOTES:

P/N 230-8008 Bolt Kit, rotor and hat, includes part numbers 230-8037 & 240-11240

P/N 230-10312 Bolt Kit, caliper bracket mounting, includes part numbers 230-10022, 240-1159, 240-10190 & 240-10306 (unused)

P/N 230-15861 Bolt Kit, EPB caliper mounting, includes part numbers 230-15836 & 240-10190

P/N 230-15862 Bolt Kit, EPB bracket mounting includes part number 230-10331, 240-10190 & 300-16065

P/N 230-17539 Bolt Kit, backing plate mounting, includes part numbers 230-16427, 230-17664 & 240-17663

P/N 250-15855 Bolt Kit, caliper mounting, includes part numbers 230-9079, 230-16550, 240-1159, 240-10190, 250-15853 & 300-7392

Item 14A and 20A are optional items included in the "-R" red caliper kits. Add "-R" to end of part number when ordering.

Item 23A is an optional item included in the "-D" drilled rotor kits. Add "-D" to end of part number when ordering.

## 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.

## 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 exact make and model year of your vehicle. This kit is designed for bolt-on installation to 1988-1998 model year GM C-1500 Series, 5-lug axle flange.

- Verify your wheel clearance using Figure 2.
- Verify that the factory axle flange center register diameter and lug pattern match those in the new rotor.

### Verify The Following Measurements Before Assembly

- Bearing outside diameter.
- Axle housing flange mounting pattern to pattern in bracket.
- Stud pattern on axle flange to stud pattern in hat.
- Axle center register diameter is 3.09", Figure 3.

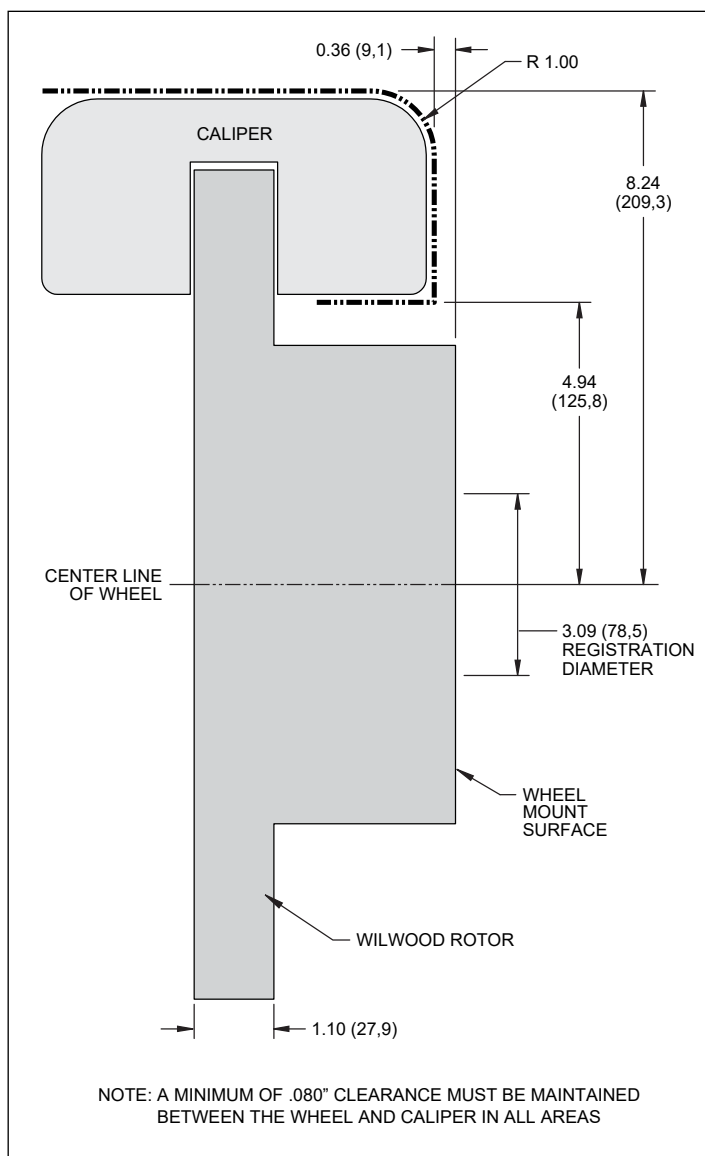


Figure 2. Wheel Clearance Diagram

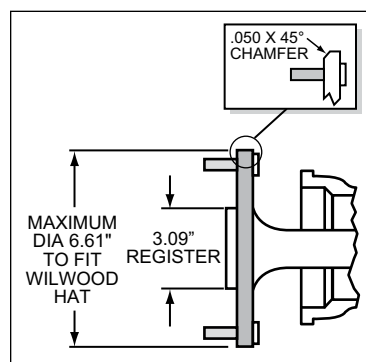


Figure 3. Axle Flange Maximum Dimension

•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.

•Maximum axle flange diameter must be no larger than 6.61" w/.050" x 45° chamfer, Figure 3.

## 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 axle shaft.

- 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 flange and axle housing flange.

## Assembly Instructions

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

**STEP 1** Slide the backing plate spacer (1) onto the axle housing as shown in Figure 1 and Photo 1. **NOTE:** Ensure the spacer fits flush against the axle flange.

**STEP 2** Orient the backing plate (2) as shown in Figure 1 and Photo 2 and mount it to the axle housing flange using bolts (3), washers (4), and lock nuts (5). Ensure the backing plate fits flush against the spacer (1). Torque lock nuts (5) to value shown in Figure 1. Reinstall the axle into the axle housing.



Photo 1



Photo 2

### Determining Caliper Mounting Locations

This brake kit allows the service caliper and EPB caliper to be mounted in dozens of position combinations around the axle to best suit each individual application. **NOTE:** The position of the calipers and brackets in these photos are for illustrative purposes only. The actual positions to fit a specific application will need to be determined by the installer of this kit.

**•NOTE:** It is the installers responsibility to ensure the calipers have sufficient clearance to all surrounding components through the full range of suspension travel. Examples of components that may interfere with the calipers include shocks, springs, frame rails, traction bars, sway bars, etc.

Initial test fitting to determine caliper locations should be done with clean, dry threads on the bracket and caliper mounting bolts. Later, after the location and alignment of the calipers has been checked, the mount bolts will be secured using red Loctite® 271.

**STEP 3** Start by determining the best location for the service caliper (14). This caliper is usually mounted in the 3:00 or 9:00 o'clock position, but may be rotated up or down approximately 45 degrees and still allow for proper bleeding, Photo 3. Orient the service caliper bracket (6) as shown in Figure 1 and Photo 4. Install bracket (6) to the backing plate (2) in the desired location using bolts (7), washers (8), and two .035" shims (9) placed between the bracket and backing plate, Figure 1. Temporarily tighten bolts. Next, mount the service caliper to the bracket (6) using lock nuts (15) and washers (16). Temporarily tighten bolts. Check that the caliper (including inlet fitting and hose) has sufficient clearance to all surrounding components through the full suspension travel. Relocate the caliper/bracket on the backing plate as needed to ensure proper clearance is achieved.

**STEP 4** Determine the best location for the EPB caliper (20). **NOTE:** The EPB caliper motor extends farther inboard than the service caliper and therefore needs additional consideration when determining a mounting location with sufficient clearance. In the example application shown in Photo 5, the EPB caliper has sufficient inboard clearance to the leaf spring. However, if the EPB caliper were mounted closer to the 12:00 o'clock position, the inner body of the vehicle would hit the caliper during full compression of the suspension.

**STEP 5** Orient the EPB caliper bracket (10) as shown in Figure 1. Install to the backing plate (2) in the desired location using bolts

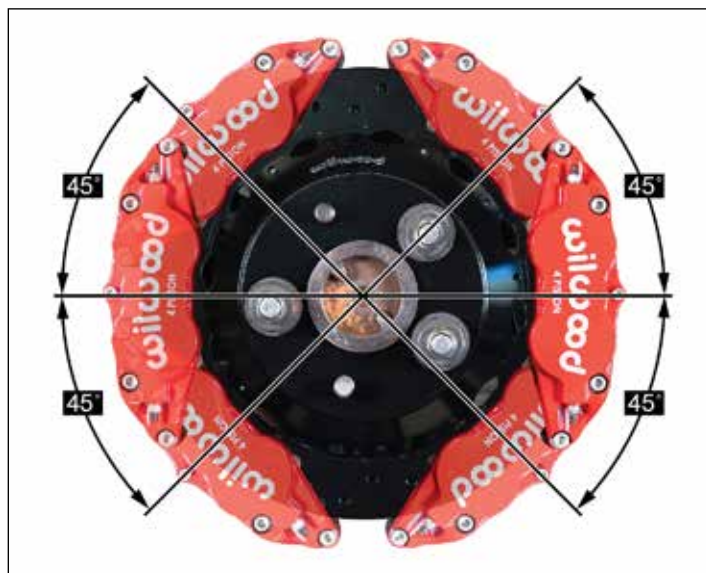


Photo 3



Photo 4

## Assembly Instructions (Continued)



**Photo 5**  
(Example Application Shown)

(12), washers (13), and spacer (11), Figure 1 and Photos 6 and 7. Temporarily tighten bolts. **NOTE:** The EPB bracket is reversible. In one direction the bracket will position the EPB caliper closer to the service caliper, and vice versa if reversing the bracket. Next, mount the EPB caliper (20) to the bracket (10) using bolts (21) and washers (22). Temporarily tighten bolts. **NOTE:** EPB calipers are left and right handed, however they can be used on either side of the vehicle to best suit your specific application. Check that the EPB caliper (including wiring harness connector) has sufficient clearance to all surrounding components through the full suspension travel. Relocate the EPB caliper/bracket on the backing plate (2) as needed to ensure proper clearance is achieved.

### Assembly Instructions Continued

**STEP 6** Once the caliper positions have been determined, remove both the service (14) and EPB (20) calipers, leaving both brackets in place on the backing plate. Remove the EPB bracket bolts (12) one at a time, apply red *Loctite*® 271 to the threads, and torque to value shown in Figure 1.

**STEP 7** Orient the rotor (23) and the hat (24) as shown in Figure 1 and Photo 8. Attach rotor to hat using bolts (25) and washers (26). 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](http://www.wilwood.com/Pdf/DataSheets/ds386.pdf)) for complete safety wire installation instructions.

**STEP 8** Slide the assembled rotor/hat (23/24) onto the axle flange. **NOTE:** The rotor/hat must fit flush against the axle flange or excessive rotor run out may result. Install three lug nuts (finger tight) to keep the rotor/hat assembly in place while continuing with the installation.



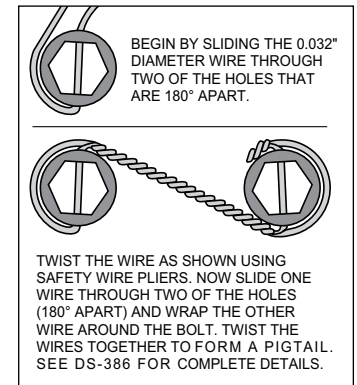
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**Photo 7**



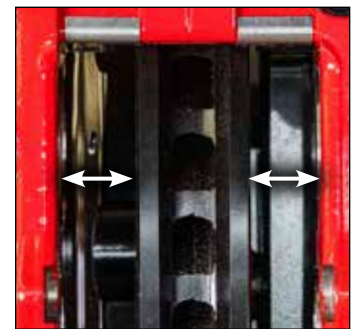
**Photo 8**



**Figure 4**  
Safety Wire Diagram



**Photo 9**



**Photo 10**

**STEP 9** Initially place one spacer (17) two .035" thick shims (18) on each stud (19) between the caliper and the radial mount caliper bracket, as shown in Figure 1 and Photo 9. Remount the service caliper (14) onto the caliper mounting bracket (6) using lock nuts (15) and washers (16), as shown in 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 10. If not, adjust by adding or subtracting shims (9) as necessary between the radial mount caliper bracket (6) and the backing plate (2). Always use the same amount of shims on each of the mounting bolts. Once the caliper alignment is correct, remove the radial mount caliper bracket bolts (7) one at a time, apply red *Loctite*® 271 to the threads, and torque to value shown in Figure 1.

## Assembly Instructions (Continued)

**STEP 10** Remove the caliper pad retainer bolt, nut, and tube from the caliper, Figure 1. Insert the brake pads (27) into the caliper, with the friction material facing the rotor, as shown in Photo 11. Check that the top of the brake pad is flush with the outside diameter of the rotor, Photo 12. If not, adjust by adding or subtracting shims (18) between the caliper and the spacer (17). After the caliper pad height is set, torque the caliper lock nuts (15) to value shown in Figure 1. Secure the brake pads in place with the pad retainer tube, bolt, and lock nut. The lock nut should be snug without play in the bolt or tube. Be cautious not to over tighten.

**STEP 11** Mount the EPB caliper (20) onto the caliper mounting bracket (10) using bolts (21) and washers (22), Photo 13. Apply red *Loctite*® 271 to bolt threads, and torque to value shown in Figure 1.

**STEP 12** Temporarily install wheel and torque lug nuts to manufacturer's specification. Ensure that the wheel rotates freely without any interference. Remove wheel for next step.

**STEP 13** Attach brake line to caliper. **NOTE:** OEM rubber brake hoses generally cannot be adapted to Wilwood calipers. The service caliper (14) 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 proper sealing to caliper) and enough steel braided line to allow for full suspension travel and turning radius, lock to lock. **Ensure hoses are routed to prevent contact with moving suspension, brake or wheel components.** Wilwood offers universal brake flex line hose kits (sold separately). For domestic (3/8-24 IF) chassis fittings, order:

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

**P/N 220-17289** for the 12 inch length domestic, 3/8-24 IF, with bolt on bracket for juncture between hard line and flexline



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.

•**CAUTION:** In absence of specific instructions for brake line routing, the installer must use his best professional judgment



Photo 11



Photo 12

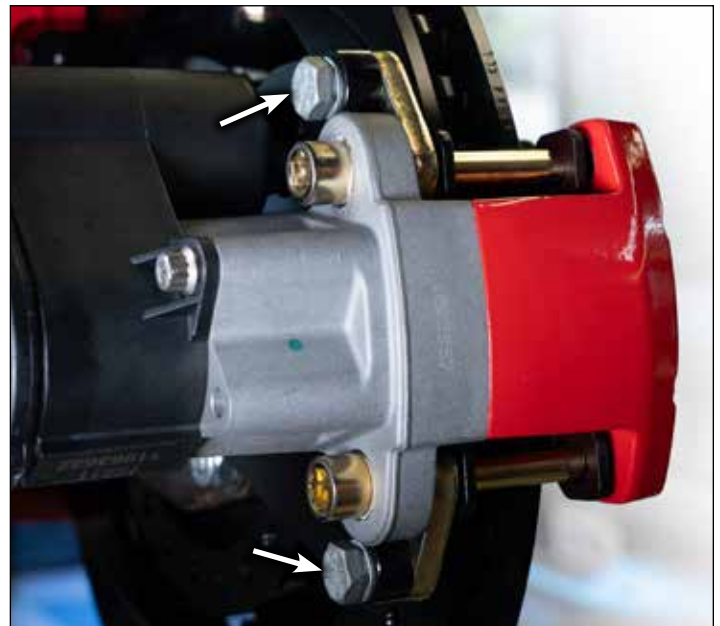


Photo 13

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 14** Bleed the brake system, referring to the 'Additional Information and Recommendations' on page 9 for proper bleeding instructions. Check system for leaks after bleeding.

**STEP 15** Proceed with the wiring portion of the EPB components (28, 29, 30) using instruction sheet DS-1353, included with this brake kit or download at [www.wilwood.com/PDF/DataSheet/ds1353.pdf](http://www.wilwood.com/PDF/DataSheet/ds1353.pdf).

**STEP 16** Once the EPB component installation is complete, install the wheel and torque the lug nuts to the manufacturer's specification.

# Assembly Instructions (Continued)

•**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 17** Bed-in the brake pads per the procedure on page 10.

•**CAUTION:** After bleeding and bedding the brakes per the brake kit installation instructions, carefully test the holding power of the parking brakes. Test parking brake in a safe area, first on a flat surface by pushing on the vehicle, then on a slight incline followed by a steeper incline. Refer to 'Warning • Electric Parking Brake' information on page 11 of this document.

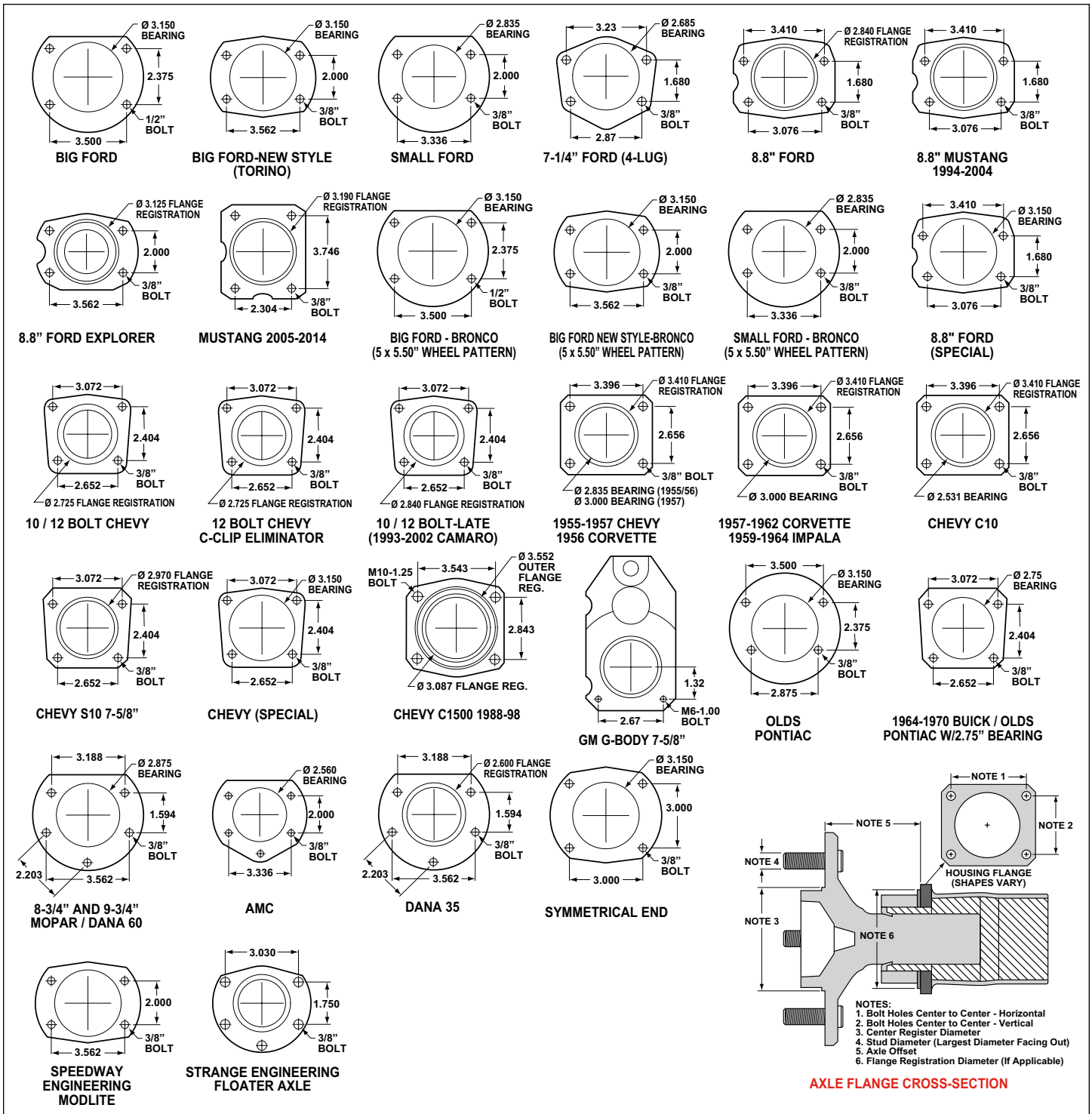


Figure 5. Rear Housing Flange Chart and Axle Flange / Offset Cross-Section



## 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<sup>o</sup> 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.*

•On some models of disc brake spindles there are “ears” where the OEM calipers were mounted and these “ears” interfere with the assembly of the Wilwood disc brake kit. If it becomes necessary to remove these “ears”, remove as little as possible being careful not to cut away any of the mounting holes that may be required to bolt on the caliper mounting bracket.

•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.

## Brake Testing

### **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.

## Pad and Rotor Bedding (Continued)

### 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.

### 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.

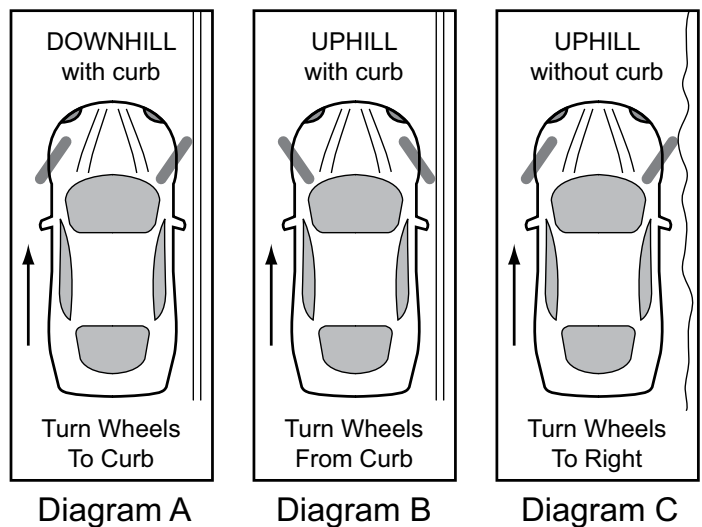
**NOTE:** NEVER allow the contact surfaces of the pads or rotors to be contaminated with brake fluid. Always use a catch bottle with a hose to prevent fluid spill during all brake bleeding procedures.

## Parking Brake

### WARNING • ELECTRIC PARKING BRAKE

- 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.

- 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.




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## Associated Components

<u>PART NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
<a href="#">260-13706</a>	Wilwood Residual Pressure Valve (2 lb for disc brakes)
<a href="#">260-13707</a>	Wilwood Residual Pressure Valve (10 lb for drum brakes)
<a href="#">260-8419</a>	Wilwood Proportioning Valve, Knob Style
<a href="#">260-8420</a>	Wilwood Proportioning Valve, Lever Style
<a href="#">260-11179</a>	Wilwood Combination Proportioning Valve with Brake Light Switch
<a href="#">290-0632</a>	Wilwood Racing Brake Fluid (Hi-Temp° 570) (12 oz)
<a href="#">290-6209</a>	Wilwood Racing Brake Fluid (EXP 600 Plus) (16.9 oz)
<a href="#">340-13831</a>	Wilwood Floor Mount Brake Pedal (with balance bar)
<a href="#">340-13832</a>	Wilwood Swing Mount Brake Pedal (with balance bar)
<a href="#">260-6764</a>	Wilwood 3/4 inch High Volume Aluminum Master Cylinder
<a href="#">260-6765</a>	Wilwood 7/8 inch High Volume Aluminum Master Cylinder
<a href="#">260-6766</a>	Wilwood 1 inch High Volume Aluminum Master Cylinder
<a href="#">260-4893</a>	1-1/16 inch Tandem Master Cylinder (aluminum housing)
<a href="#">260-8555</a>	Wilwood 1 inch Aluminum Tandem Chamber Master Cylinder
<a href="#">260-8556</a>	Wilwood 1-1/8 inch Aluminum Tandem Chamber Master Cylinder
<a href="#">220-7056</a>	Stainless Steel Braided Flexline Kit, Universal, 14 Inch, Domestic, 3/8-24 IF
<a href="#">220-7699</a>	Stainless Steel Braided Flexline Kit, Universal, 16 Inch, Domestic, 3/8-24 IF
<a href="#">220-8307</a>	Stainless Steel Braided Flexline Kit, Universal, 18 Inch, Domestic, 3/8-24 IF
<a href="#">220-8338</a>	Stainless Steel Braided Flexline Kit, Universal, 14 Inch, Metric 10mm x 1.0
<a href="#">220-6856</a>	Stainless Steel Braided Flexline Kit, Universal, 18 Inch, Metric 10mm x 1.0