

# Installation Guide



## Spring Steer Suspensions

Welded Steer Brackets

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# Overview

See the manuals included with your kit for complete scale installation, calibration and operation instructions. You will need to have your QuickLoad or LoadMaxx display installed or a deflection sensor test box to complete this installation.

See the User Guide to calibrate your scale after installation!

## Tools Required

- Grinder
- Chalk or permanent marker
- MIG or ARC welder
- Torque wrench
- 22mm socket
- Enamel spray paint, any color
- Tape measure

## Optional Tools

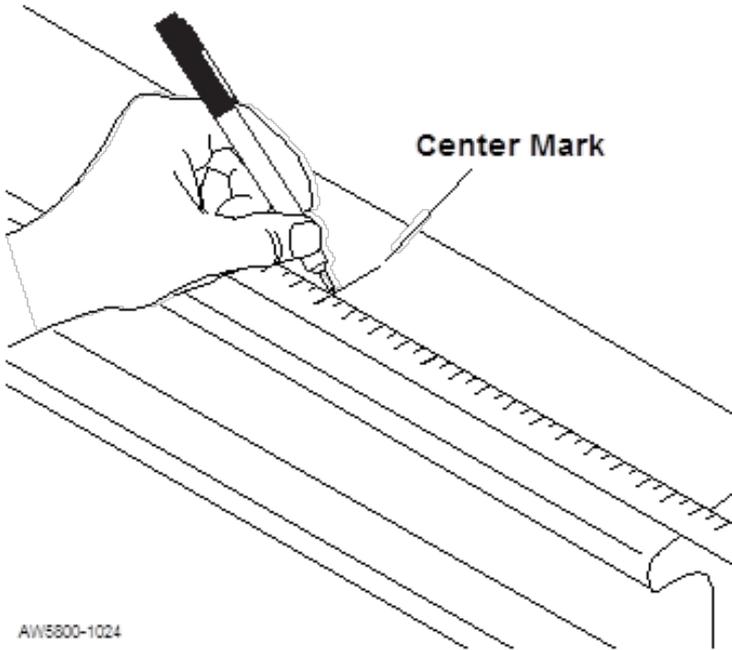
- Deflection sensor test box, p/n 1001

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# Installing the Steer Axle Sensor Bracket

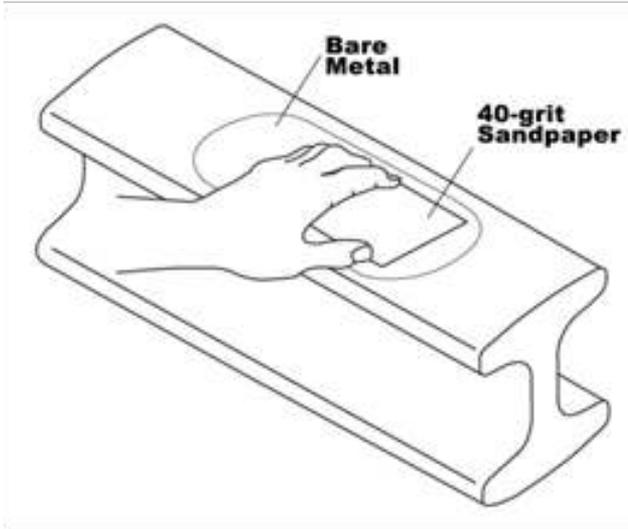
## Preparing the Steer Axle Sensor Brackets

1. Locate and mark the center of the steer axle.



**Marking the Center of the Steer Axle**

2. Using chalk or a permanent marker, mark the top of the steer axle 3" on either side of the center mark (6" in total). Clean this area. If the axle is heavily caked with dirt or grease, use degreaser, such as Brakleen, to remove the worst.
3. Using 40-grit medium sandpaper (or equivalent) or a pneumatic grinder, sand the 6" area until nothing remains but bare metal. We recommend that you partially sand down the mold line as well.



### **Sanding the Steer Axle**

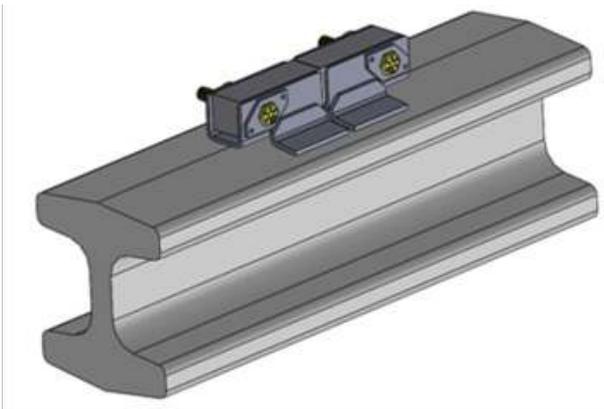
4. Re-mark the center of the steer axle.
5. Verify that the bracket contact pads fit into the sanded area and that no axle paint is left under the pad. If there is any paint at all that will be touching the brackets, sand until it has been removed.
6. Once you have prepared the axle, place the bracket assembly onto the axle to ensure that it fits properly. All four bracket mounting pads should sit firmly on the axle without rocking in any direction. If the bracket rocks, sand or grind off any excess axle material until the bracket fits properly.

**Note: Make sure that the main body of the bracket does not touch the axle. Only the feet of the bracket should touch the axle.**

# Welding the Bracket

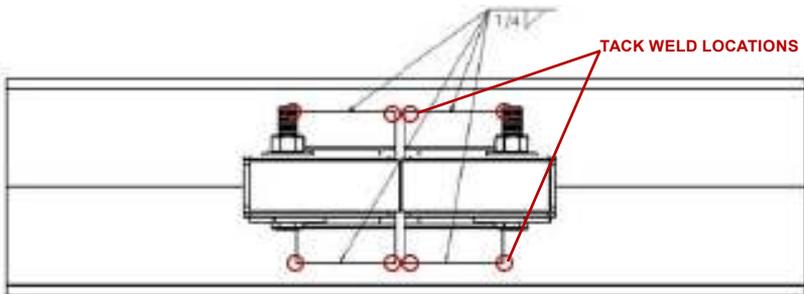
**Note:** Air-Weigh takes no responsibility for damage or failure of the steer axle due to improper welding.

1. Place the new bracket assembly at the center of the axle. Use C-clamps(NOT PICTURED) to hold the bracket in place. Make sure you leave the alignment tool in the bracket assembly while welding.



**Bracket Assembly Centered on Axle**

2. Tack weld all 8 corners of the base.



**Bracket Assembly Centered on Axle**

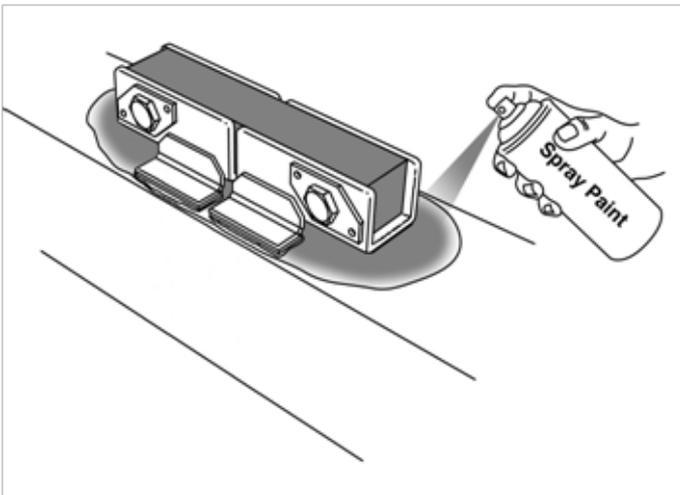
**Note:** Do not operate the vehicle while the alignment tool is still in place.

3. Fillet weld a full bead on the front and back edges of each bracket piece, as per ANSI/AWS 2.4-79, AWS A5.4, AWS A5.9 and AWS A5.22 standards. Do NOT weld the sides of the bracket, only the edges indicated below. Air-Weigh recommends that you use equipment similar to Miller Shopmaster 300 AC/DC; AMP/VOLT setting of 22; wire speed of 3.5; and a welding argon gas mixture of 75/25. MIG welding should use 309 stainless wire. MIG welding will use the same settings as the Miller Shopmaster noted above.

## Adding a Protective Spray Paint Coating

To prevent steer axle corrosion, we recommend you spray paint around the base of the bracket.

1. Using any enamel-based spray paint, paint around the base of the bracket and over the welded section. Paint all bare metal around the bracket completely.
2. Once the paint is dry, we recommend that you paint all exposed metal a second time.

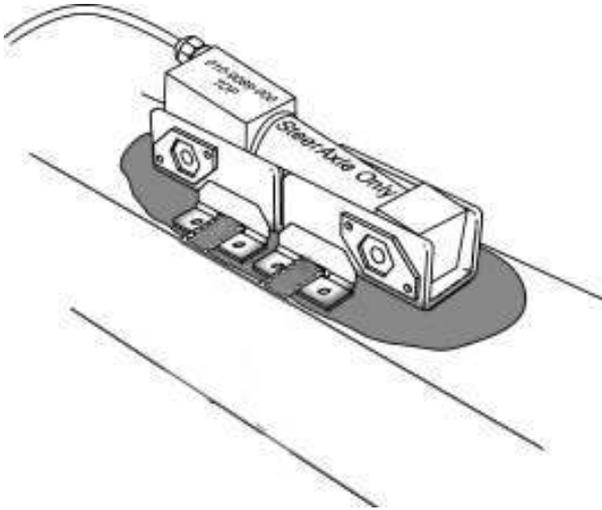


**Spray Paint Coating**

# Installing and Adjusting the Steer Axle Sensor

## Installing the Deflection Sensor

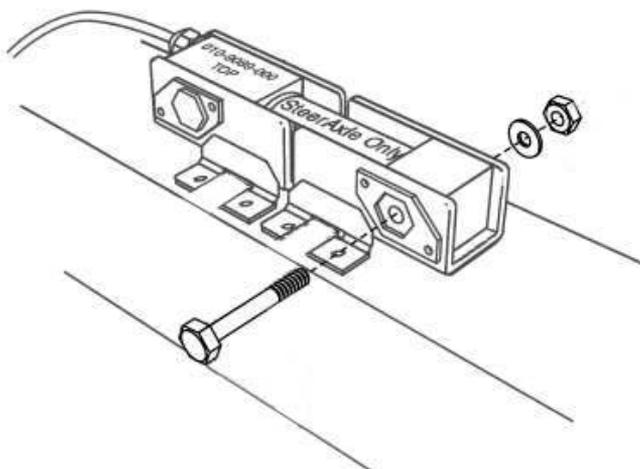
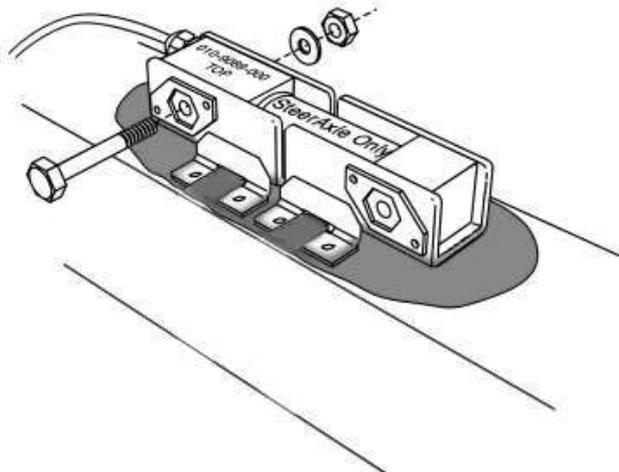
1. Remove the alignment tool from the brackets. Retain the nuts and bolts.
2. Insert the steer axle sensor with its cable extending toward the side of the vehicle where the sensor extension cable has been routed to the firewall. Make sure the engraved lettering faces up.



**Inserting the Sensor Into the Bracket**

3. Align the steer axle sensor with the holes in the steer axle bracket assembly.
4. Insert one bolt through the bracket hole on the sensor end with the engraved lettering on it so that the bolthead is secured in the manufactured bolthead holder. Place a washer and a nut at the end of the bolt and hand-tighten the nut. Add Loctite, or equivalent, to the bolts to prevent loosening and corrosion.

5. Insert the second bolt through the second bracket hole so that the bolthead is secured in the manufactured bolthead holder.. Hand-tighten the nut. Add Loctite, or equivalent, to the bolts to prevent loosening and corrosion.



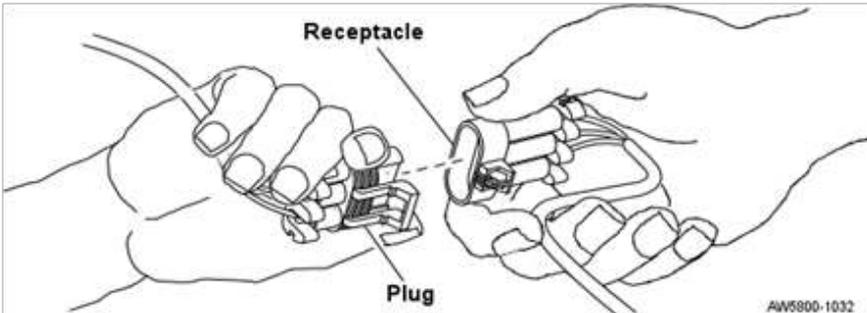
### Attaching the Sensor to the Bracket

## Setting the A/D Values

At this point, you have installed all of the system components. You will next adjust the steer axle deflection sensor to read weight correctly by setting the A/D values. A/D refers to the analog-to-digital conversion of the sensor reading.

This step will require the use of either the in-dash display or the Deflection Sensor Test box (P/N 1001). If using the in-dash display, the scale must be installed and powered, and the Deflection Sensor Extension Cable must be installed.

1. To assemble the connectors, insert the deflection sensor connector plug into the sensor extension cable connector OR connect to the deflection sensor test box. Ensure the locking tabs on the connector plug engage completely.



**Assembling the Electrical Connector**

2. Tighten both nuts and use a torque wrench to torque to 60 ft-lbs.

**Note:** When tightening the bolts, **ALWAYS** torque the nut, **NOT** the bolt head. The bolt head should be in the bolt head holder, which is built into the bracket.

3. Verify the A/D reading using the display in the cab (start the ignition to power on the display), or the deflection sensor test box. If the reading is within range (750-1250), continue to instructions for the **Final Sensor Torque**. If the reading is not within range, follow the instructions to adjust the A/D readings below.

## Adjusting the A/D Reading

If the A/D reading is above 1250, follow these instructions:

1. Loosen the nuts on both ends of the sensor
2. At the plastic nut where the cable enters the sensor, exert **DOWNWARD** pressure with your fingers until the A/D reading is between 750 and 1250. Continue to apply pressure to maintain the desired A/D reading during the torque procedures in step 3.
3. Tighten the nut on the cable end of the sensor and torque to 60 ft/lbs. **Continue to apply pressure with your finger to the plastic nut during torquing in order to maintain the desired A/D reading.** If the A/D readings are still within the 750 to 1250 range after the nuts on both sides of the sensor have been torque to 60 ft/lbs, continue to instructions for the **Final Sensor Torque**.



If the A/D reading is below 750, or there is no A/D reading at all, follow the steps below:

1. Loosen the nuts on both ends of the sensor
2. At the plastic nut where the cable enters the sensor, exert **UPWARD** pressure with your fingers until the A/D reading is between 750 and 1250. Continue to apply pressure to maintain the desired A/D reading during the torque procedures in step 3.
3. Tighten the nut on the cable end of the sensor and torqued to 60 ft/lbs. **Continue to apply pressure with your finger to the plastic nut during torquing in order to maintain the desired A/D reading.** If the A/D readings are still within the 750 to 1250 range after the nuts on both sides of the sensor have been torqued to 60 ft/lbs, continue to instructions for the **Final Sensor Torque.**

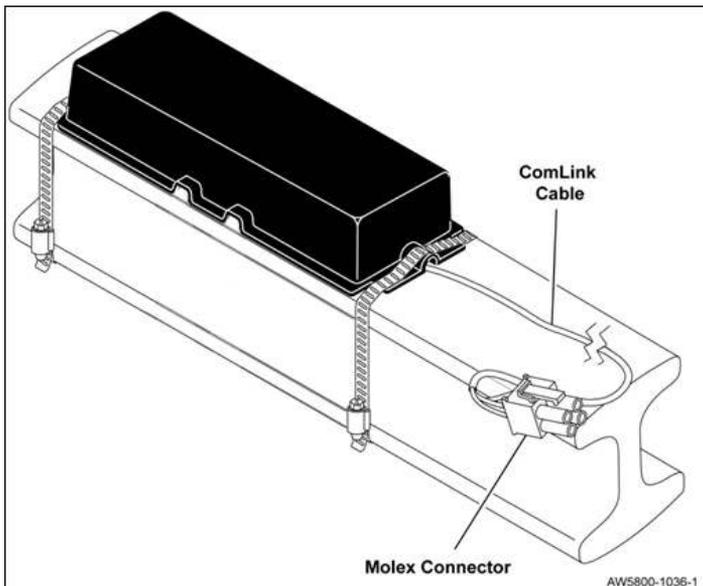


## Final Sensor Torque

1. Torque both nuts to **120 ft/lbs.**
2. Perform a final check to A/D values using the readings from the in-cab display, not from the A/D Box. If A/D readings are not within range, repeat the **Adjusting the A/D reading steps.**

# Steer Axle Cover Installation

1. Mount the cover over the sensor and the brackets so that the sensor cable is completely under the cover. The sensor extension cable should emerge from the cover's end port on whichever side you choose to route the cable. Ensure that the cable has free play and is not pinched by the sensor cover.
2. Very loosely install band clamps around the steer axle on both ends of the deflection sensor cover. Ensure that the band clamp on each side circles both the steer axle and the cover flange.
3. Secure the sensor cable to the axle using zip ties. Run the sensor extension cable along the rear of the axle toward either side of the truck, securing with a band clamp. Use additional 24" zip ties as required to secure the cable to the steer axle.



**Cover with Sensor Extension Cable**

# Limited Warranty

For product failures due to material or manufacturing defects, Air-Weigh will replace or repair all components for up to 3 years from shipment date to the end-user Air-Weigh customer. These three-year components include: Displays, ComLinks, Sensors, Power Cables, Sensor Assemblies, Sensor Harnesses, and all other associated external components. Air-Weigh assumes no responsibility for administering warranty claims directly with any third party end users.

The responsibility of Air-Weigh under this warranty is limited to the repair, replacement, or credit of the defective part or assembly.

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In the event Air-Weigh requests to examine the product prior to disposition OR for repair or replacement, Air-Weigh requires a Return Material Authorization (RMA) number be issued before the item is returned. Customer Support will issue the RMA number. Please reference this RMA number in all correspondence.

Claimed items shall be shipped freight pre-paid to:

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Customer Support Department  
1730 Willow Creek Circle, Suite 100  
Eugene, Oregon 97402, USA

The Air-Weigh RMA number must appear on the outside of the return packaging. Air-Weigh shall examine returned material within 30 days after receipt, or sooner if mutually agreed upon. If Air-Weigh determines that the part or assembly was defective in material or workmanship and within the warranty period, Air-Weigh will repair or replace the part or assembly and return freight pre-paid. In the event Air-Weigh determines that the part or assembly cannot be repaired or replaced and is within the warranty period, a credit not to exceed the purchase price will be issued to the Air-Weigh customer.

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