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## Primaax EX International Service Manual

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## HTECHNICAL PROCEDURE PRIMAAX ${ }^{\circledR}$ EX / PRIMAAX ${ }^{\circledR}$ Rear Air Suspension for International Truck Vehicles

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## SECTION 1 Introduction

This publication is intended to acquaint and assist maintenance personnel in the preventive maintenance, service, repair, and rebuild of PRIMAAX ${ }^{\circledR}$ EX / PRIMAAX ${ }^{\circledR}$ rear suspension systems as installed on applicable International Truck vehicles.

## NOTE


#### Abstract

Use only $\mathbb{H} H$ Hendrickson Genuine parts for servicing this suspension system. It is important to read and understand the entire Technical Procedure publication prior to performing any maintenance, service, repair, or rebuild of this product. The information in this publication contains parts lists, safety information, product specifications, features, proper maintenance, service, repair and rebuild instructions for PRIMAAX EX / PRIMAAX suspension systems. Hendrickson reserves the right to make changes and improvements to its products and publications at any time. Contact Hendrickson Tech Services for information on the latest version of this manual at 1-866-755-5968 (toll-free U.S. and Canada), 630-910-2800 (outside U.S. and Canada) or e-mail:techservices@hendrickson-intl.com.


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## SECTION 2 <br> Product Description


U.S. and foreign patents pending.

PRIMAAX EX — MAAXimize the performance of vocational and heavy-haul vehicles with a suspension engineered specifically for demanding on- and off- road conditions including, but not limited to: truck, tractor, dump, front and rear discharge mixer, crane, refuse, drilling rig, logging, platform, specialty and vehicles equipped with outriggers*. With more than 95 years of robust suspension design, Hendrickson delivers another premium suspension with PRIMAAX EX. Rugged, dependable and extensively tested in challenging applications, PRIMAAX EX paves a new road for suspension technology.

- Structural beams and cross beams - Advanced structural beams utilize premium materials for high durability and reliability. Structural beams include integrated end caps that form a solid connection with the square cross tube to form a rigid torsion system for improved stability and control.
- Unique suspension geometry - Optimized suspension geometry contributes to more than twice the roll stability of competitive air suspensions, helps improve handling and roll stiffness for expanded applications, and significantly controls suspension-induced driveline vibration.
- Large volume air springs - Reduce noise, vibration and harshness to cab, chassis and body equipment for reduced total vehicle maintenance. Also reduce air pressure required to lift and support loads.
- QUIK-ALIGN ${ }^{\circledR}$ - Hendrickson's proven QUIK-ALIGN axle alignment system helps save time and money - offers a fast method to ensure proper alignment to reduce maintenance time and help extend tire life.
- D-pin axle connection and clamp group - Reduces stress input into the axle housing by transferring the torsional loads to the integrated stabilizer system, which helps extend axle and joint service life.
- Heavy-duty shock absorbers - Positioned and tuned for optimum damping characteristics and also protect air springs from overextension.
- Premium heavy-duty torque rods and bushings - The three-rod configuration reduces axle stress, welding and complexity. Optimized configuration contributes to exceptional handling. Premium rubber bushings increase service life and resistance to bushing walkout.
* Some vehicle configurations, such as vehicles equipped with outriggers, may require alternate suspension air valving. Contact vehicle manufacturer or Hendrickson for more information.


## PRIMAAX ${ }^{\circledR}$ EX SPECIFICATIONS

|  | PAX 232 | PAX 232T | PAX 262 S | PAX 462 | PAX 462T | PAX 692 | PAX 692T |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rating | 23,000 lbs. | 23,000 lbs. | 26,000 lbs. | $46,000 \mathrm{lbs}$. | $46,000 \mathrm{lbs}$. | 69,000 lbs. | 69,000 lbs. |
| Installed Weight ${ }^{1}$ | 558 lbs . | 624 lbs. | 578 lbs . | 1,116 lbs. | 1,248 lbs. | 1,674 lbs. | 1,873 lbs. |
| Axle Configuration | Single | Single | Single | Tandem | Tandem | Tridem | Tridem |
| GCW Approval ${ }^{2}$ | 95,000 lbs. | 95,000 lbs. | 142,000 lbs. | 190,000 lbs. | 190,000 lbs. | * | * |
| Site Travel Rating ${ }^{3}$ | 30,000 lbs. | 30,000 lbs. | $33,000 \mathrm{lbs}$. | 60,000 lbs. | 60,000 lbs. | 90,000 lbs. | 90,000 lbs. |
| Axle Travel ${ }^{4}$ | 8" | 8" | 8" | 8" | 8" | 8" | 8" |
| Ground Clearance ${ }^{5}$ | $9.25{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | $9.25{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | $9.25{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | $9.25{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | $9.25{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | $9.25{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | $9.25{ }^{\prime \prime}$ |
| Lift Axles | Approved | Approved | Approved | Approved | Approved | Approved | Approved |
| Ride Heights ${ }^{6}$ | 9", 101/2" | 13" | $9{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 9", 101/2" | 13" | 9", 101/2" | 13" |
| Engine Torque Restrictions | None | None | None | None | None | None | None |
| Axle Spacing | N/A | N/A | N/A | 52"- 72.5 " | 52"- 72.5" | $52 "-60 "$ | $52 "-60 "$ |

* See vehicle manufacturer's recommendations.

1. Installed weight includes complete suspension, torque rods, axle and frame brackets and all hardware. Published weight is based on a standard PRIMAAX EX suspension compatible with drum brakes. Other configurations may vary.
2. Contact Hendrickson or vehicle manufacturer for applications that may exceed GVW / GCW approval ratings.
3. Site travel rating - operators using vehicles equipped with liftable pusher or tag axles must not exceed published ratings. Ratings are limited to no more than five percent of vehicle operation at a speed not to exceed five mph. Liftable pusher or tag axles should be raised (or unloaded) to improve vehicle maneuverability in off-road use or when vehicle is empty. Site travel ratings are consistent with specifications and must not be exceeded.
4. Axle travel may be limited by vehicle manufacturer; axle stop settings and shock absorber stroke may restrict suspension's articulation. Varying ride heights and configurations may restrict travel.
5. Ground clearance is based on a standard PRIMAAX EX suspension with 11 R22.5 tire size (19.6" SLR).
6. For different ride height options, please contact Hendrickson, your truck manufacturer or dealer for further information.

## SECTION 3 <br> Important Safety Notice

Proper maintenance, service and repair are important to the reliable operation of the suspension.The procedures recommended by Hendrickson and described in this technical publication are methods of performing such maintenance, service and repair.
The warnings and cautions should be read carefully to help prevent personal injury and to assure that proper methods are used. Improper maintenance, service or repair may damage the vehicle, cause personal injury, render the vehicle unsafe in operation, or void the manufacturer's warranty.
Failure to follow the safety precautions in this manual can result in personal injury and/or property damage. Carefully read and understand all safety related information within this publication, on all decals and in all such materials provided by the vehicle manufacturer before conducting any maintenance, service or repair.

## EXPLANATION OF SIGNAL WORDS

Hazard "Signal Words" (Danger • Warning • Caution) appear in various locations throughout this publication. Information accented by one of these signal words must be observed to help minimize the risk of personal injury to service personnel, or possibility of improper service methods which may damage the vehicle or render it unsafe.


This is the safety alert symbol. It is used to alert you to potential personal injury hazards. Obey all safety messages that follow this symbol to avoid possible injury or death.
Additional Notes or Service Hints are utilized to emphasize areas of procedural importance and provide suggestions for ease of repair. The following definitions indicate the use of these signal words as they appear throughout the publication.

## DANGER

## WARNING

## CAUTION

NOTE An operating procedure, practice condition, etc. which is essential to emphasize.

SERVICE HINT A helpful suggestion that will make the servicing being performed a little easier and/or faster.
Also note that particular service operations may require the use of special tools designed for specific purposes. These special tools can be found in the "Special Tools" Section of this publication.


The torque symbol alerts you to tighten fasteners to a specified torque value. Refer to Torque Specifications Section of this publication.

## - SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

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## FASTENERS

DISCARD USED FASTENERS. ALWAYS USE NEW FASTENERS TO COMPLETE A REPAIR. FAILURE TO DO SO COULD RESULT IN FAILURE OF THE PART, OR MATING COMPONENTS, LOSS OF VEHICLE CONTROL, PERSONAL INJURY, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.
LOOSE OR OVER TORQUED FASTENERS CAN CAUSE COMPONENT DAMAGE, LOSS OF VEHICLE CONTROL, PROPERTY DAMAGE, OR SEVERE PERSONAL INJURY. MAINTAIN CORRECT TORQUE VALUE AT ALL TIMES. CHECK TORQUE VALUES ON A REGULAR BASIS AS SPECIFIED, USING A TORQUE WRENCH THAT IS REGULARLY CALIBRATED. TORQUE VALUES SPECIFIED IN THIS TECHNICAL PUBLICATION ARE FOR HENDRICKSON SUPPLIED FASTENERS ONLY. IF NON HENDRICKSON FASTENERS ARE USED, FOLLOW TORQUE SPECIFICATION LISTED IN THE VEHICLE MANUFACTURER'S SERVICE MANUAL.

## QUIK-ALIGN FASTENERS

DISCARD USED QUIK-ALIGN FASTENERS. ALWAYS USE NEW QUIK-ALIGN FASTENERS TO COMPLETE A REPAIR. FAILURE TO DO SO COULD RESULT IN FAILURE OF THE PART, OR MATING COMPONENTS, LOSS OF VEHICLE CONTROL, PERSONAL INJURY, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

DO NOT ASSEMBLE QUIK-ALIGN JOINT WITHOUT THE PROPER FASTENERS. USE ONLY HENDRICKSON GENUINE FASTENERS WITH SPECIAL COATING (H-COAT) TO SUSTAIN PROPER CLAMP FORCE. FAILURE TO DO SO CAN CAUSE LOSS OF VEHICLE CONTROL, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY AND VOID WARRANTY. ENSURE THAT THE QUIK-ALIGN FASTENER'S TORQUE VALUES ARE SUSTAINED AS RECOMMENDED IN THE TORQUE SPECIFICATIONS SECTION OF THIS PUBLICATION. FAILURE TO DO SO CAN CAUSE LOSS OF VEHICLE CONTROL RESULTING IN PERSONAL INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

## WARNING

## LOAD CAPACITY

ADHERE TO THE PUBLISHED CAPACITY RATINGS FORTHE SUSPENSION.ADD-ON AXLE ATTACHMENTS AND OTHER LOAD TRANSFERRING DEVICES, SUCH AS LIFTABLE AXLES, CAN INCREASE THE SUSPENSION LOAD ABOVE ITS RATED AND APPROVED CAPACITIES, WHICH CAN RESULT IN COMPONENT DAMAGE AND LOSS OF VEHICLE CONTROL, POSSIBLY CAUSING PERSONAL INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

## MODIFYING COMPONENTS

DO NOT MODIFY OR REWORK PARTS WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION FROM HENDRICKSON. DO NOT SUBSTITUTE REPLACEMENT COMPONENTS NOT AUTHORIZED BY HENDRICKSON. USE OF MODIFIED, REWORKED, SUBSTITUTE OR REPLACEMENT PARTS NOT AUTHORIZED BY HENDRICKSON MAY NOT MEET HENDRICKSON'S SPECIFICATIONS, AND CAN RESULT IN FAILURE OF THE PART, LOSS OF VEHICLE CONTROL, POSSIBLE PERSONAL INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE, AND WILL VOID WARRANTY. USE ONLY HENDRICKSON AUTHORIZED REPLACEMENT PARTS.

## TORCH/WELDING

DO NOT USE A CUTTING TORCH TO REMOVE ANY FASTENERS. THE USE OF HEAT ON SUSPENSION COMPONENTS WILL ADVERSELY AFFECT THE STRENGTH OF THESE PARTS. A COMPONENT DAMAGED IN THIS MANNER CAN RESULT IN THE LOSS OF VEHICLE CONTROL AND POSSIBLE PERSONAL INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE. EXERCISE EXTREME CARE WHEN HANDLING OR PERFORMING MAINTENANCE IN THE AREA OF THE SUPPORT BEAM. DO NOT CONNECT ARC WELDING GROUND LINE TO THE SUPPORT BEAM. DO NOT STRIKE AN ARC WITH THE ELECTRODE ON THE SUPPORT BEAM. DO NOT USE HEAT NEAR THE U-BEAM ASSEMBLY. DO NOT NICK OR GOUGE THE SUPPORT BEAM. SUCH IMPROPER ACTIONS CAN DAMAGE THE U-BEAM ASSEMBLY AND CAUSE LOSS OF VEHICLE CONTROL AND POSSIBLE PERSONAL INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

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## SHOCK ABSORBERS

THE SHOCK ABSORBERS ARE THE REBOUND TRAVEL STOPS FOR THE SUSPENSION. ANYTIME THE AXLE ON A PRIMAAX EX / PRIMAAX SUSPENSION IS SUSPENDED IT IS MANDATORY THAT THE SHOCK ABSORBERS REMAIN CONNECTED. FAILURE TO DO SO CAN CAUSE THE AIR SPRINGS TO SEPARATE FROM THE PISTON AND RESULT IN PREMATURE AIR SPRING FAILURE. REPLACEMENT OF SHOCK ABSORBERS WITH NON-HENDRICKSON PARTS CAN ALTER THE REBOUND TRAVEL OF THE SUSPENSION.

## AIR SPRING INFLATION AND DEFLATION

PRIOR TO DISASSEMBLY OF THE SUSPENSION, AIR SPRING ASSEMBLIES MUST BE DEFLATED. UNRESTRICTED AIR SPRING ASSEMBLIES CAN VIOLENTLY SHIFT. DO NOT INFLATE AIR SPRING ASSEMBLIES WHEN THEY ARE UNRESTRICTED. AIR SPRING ASSEMBLIES MUST BE RESTRICTED BY SUSPENSION OR OTHER ADEQUATE STRUCTURE. DO NOT INFLATE BEYOND PRESSURES RECOMMENDED BY AIR SPRING MANUFACTURER, CONTACT HENDRICKSON TECHNICAL SERVICES FOR DETAILS. IMPROPER USE OR OVER INFLATION MAY CAUSE AIR SPRING ASSEMBLIES TO BURST, CAUSING PROPERTY DAMAGE AND/OR SEVERE PERSONAL INJURY.

PRIOR TO AND DURING DEFLATION AND INFLATION OF THE AIR SUSPENSION SYSTEM, ENSURE ALL PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT ARE CLEAR FROM UNDER THE VEHICLE AND AROUND THE SERVICE AREA, FAILURE TO DO SO CAN CAUSE SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

## AIR SPRING INFLATION

INFLATE THE SUSPENSION SLOWLY AND MAKE SURE THE RUBBER BLADDER OF THE AIR SPRING INFLATES UNIFORMLY AND IS NOT BINDING. FAILURE TO DO SO CAN CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE AIR SPRING AND/OR MOUNTING BRACKETS AND VOID WARRANTY.

## AIR SPRING LOWER MOUNTING STUDS

IF THE AIR SPRING IS BEING REMOVED, IT IS MANDATORY TO LUBRICATE THE LOWER AIR SPRING FASTENERS WITH PENETRATING OIL AND REMOVE WITH HAND TOOLS TO PREVENT DAMAGE TO THE LOWER AIR SPRING MOUNTING STUD. FAILURE TO DO SO CAN CAUSE COMPONENT DAMAGE AND VOID WARRANTY.

## AIR SPRING PRESSURE RETENTION

SOME VEHICLE APPLICATIONS, SUCH AS VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH OUTRIGGERS, RETAIN SOME AIR PRESSURE IN THE AIR SPRINGS AT ALL TIMES. PRIOR TO PERFORMING ANY MAINTENANCE, SERVICE, OR REPAIR OF THE SUSPENSION, VERIFY EACH AIR SPRING IS COMPLETELY DEFLATED. FAILURE TO DO SO COULD RESULT SERIOUS PROPERTY DAMAGE AND/OR SEVERE PERSONAL INJURY.

FAILURE TO PRESS THE AIR SPRING AGAINST THE UNDERSIDE OF THE FRAME WHILE TIGHTENING THE UPPER AIR SPRING BRACKET CAN RESULT IN COMPONENT DAMAGE AND PERSONAL INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

## PROCEDURES AND TOOLS

A TECHNICIAN USING A SERVICE PROCEDURE OR TOOL WHICH HAS NOT BEEN RECOMMENDED BY HENDRICKSON MUST FIRST SATISFY HIMSELF THAT NEITHER HIS SAFETY NOR THE VEHICLE'S SAFETY WILL BE JEOPARDIZED BY THE METHOD OR TOOL SELECTED. INDIVIDUALS DEVIATING IN ANY MANNER FROM THE INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED WILL ASSUME ALL RISKS OF CONSEQUENTIAL PERSONAL INJURY OR DAMAGE TO EQUIPMENT INVOLVED.

## TRANSVERSE RODS

PRIMAAX EX / PRIMAAX SUSPENSIONS INCORPORATE TRANSVERSE RODS FOR VEHICLE STABILITY. IF THESE COMPONENTS ARE DISCONNECTED OR ARE NON-FUNCTIONAL THE VEHICLE SHOULD NOT BE OPERATED. FAILURE TO DO SO CAN RESULT IN ADVERSE VEHICLE HANDLING AND POSSIBLE TIRE CONTACT WITH THE FRAME. OPERATING A VEHICLE WITH NON-FUNCTIONAL TRANSVERSE TORQUE RODS CAN RESULT IN LOSS OF VEHICLE CONTROL, SEVERE PERSONAL INJURY, AND PREMATURE COMPONENT DAMAGE.

## WARNING

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CROSS TUBE, SUPPORT BEAM AND U-BEAM ASSEMBLY

FIGURE 3-1
WHEN SEPARATING THE U-BEAM ASSEMBLY, PROTECT THE CROSS TUBE BY PLACING A PIECE OF PLYWOOD AGAINST OR CARDBOARD AROUND THE CROSS TUBE. CAREFULLY DISLODGE THE CROSS TUBE FROM THE SUPPORT BEAM WITH A LONG HANDLED SLEDGE HAMMER BY APPLYING BLUNT FORCE ON THE SUPPORT BEAM DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THE INBOARD TOP CORNER JOINT. ALL BLUNT FORCE MUST BE APPLIED FLUSH TO THE THICKEST PART OF THE SUPPORT BEAM. FAILURE TO STRIKE THE SUPPORT BEAM SQUARELY MAY RESULT IN COMPONENT DAMAGE, PREMATURE FAILURE AND VOID WARRANTY, SEE FIGURE 3-1.

## CROSS TUBE

IMPROPER JACKING METHODS CAN CAUSE STRUCTURAL DAMAGE (SEE SAFETY DECAL, FIGURE 3-2) AND RESULT IN LOSS OF VEHICLE CONTROL, SEVERE PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH AND WILL VOID HENDRICKSON'S WARRANTY.

FIGURE 3-2 Label number 60905-015


REPLACE ANY SAFETY DECALS THAT ARE FADED, TORN, MISSING, ILLEGIBLE, OR OTHERWISE DAMAGED. CONTACT HENDRICKSON TO ORDER REPLACEMENT LABELS.

- DO NOT USE THE SUSPENSION CROSS TUBE AS A JACKING POINT TO RAISE THE VEHICLE, SEE FIGURE 3-3.
- REFER TO VEHICLE MANUFACTURER FOR PROPER JACKING INSTRUCTIONS, SEE FIGURE 3-4.

FIGURE 3-3


FIGURE 3-4


## WARNING

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## PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

ALWAYS WEAR PROPER EYE PROTECTION AND OTHER REQUIRED PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT TO HELP PREVENT PERSONAL INJURY WHEN PERFORMING VEHICLE MAINTENANCE, REPAIR OR SERVICE.

## WORK SITE DUMPING

BEFORE THE TRUCK/TRAILER BODY/BOOM/AND OR ATTACHMENT IS LIFTED IT IS MANDATORY TO COMPLETELY EXHAUST THE AIR FROM THE REAR SUSPENSION SYSTEM AND AUXILIARY AXLE (IF EQUIPPED) TO HELP PROVIDE STABILITY. FAILURE TO DO SO CAN RESULT IN LOSS OF VEHICLE CONTROL, ROLL-OVER, OR VEHICLE INSTABILITY, POSSIBLY CAUSING SEVERE PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE, OR DEATH. FIRST RAISE ANY AUXILIARY AXLES AND THEN EXHAUST ALL PRESSURE FROM REAR TRACTOR /TRAILER OR TRUCK AIR SUSPENSION SYSTEMS PRIOR TO RAISING THE BODY / BOOM OR ATTACHMENTS. FOLLOW THE VEHICLE MANUFACTURER'S OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAINTAINING PROPER STABILITY.

## WARNING

## PARTS CLEANING

SOLVENT CLEANERS CAN BE FLAMMABLE, POISONOUS, AND CAUSE BURNS. TO HELP AVOID SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY, CAREFULLY FOLLOW THE MANUFACTURER'S PRODUCT INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDELINES AND THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES:

1. WEAR PROPER EYE PROTECTION.
2. WEAR CLOTHING THAT PROTECTS YOUR SKIN.
3. WORK IN A WELL-VENTILATED AREA.
4. DO NOT USE GASOLINE OR SOLVENTS THAT CONTAIN GASOLINE. GASOLINE CAN EXPLODE.
5. HOT SOLUTION TANKS OR ALKALINE SOLUTIONS MUST BE USED CORRECTLY. FOLLOW THE MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDED INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDELINES CAREFULLY TO HELP PREVENT PERSONAL ACCIDENT OR INJURY.

DO NOT USE HOT SOLUTION TANKS OR WATER AND ALKALINE SOLUTIONS TO CLEAN GROUND OR POLISHED PARTS. DOING SO WILL CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE PARTS AND VOID WARRANTY.

## SECTION 4 Parts Lists

## Technical Notes

The following information is intended to assist in determining which suspension is equipped on the vehicle on vehicle. As an example, in Figure 4-1, the end cap identifies if the suspension is a PRIMAAX EX or a PRIMAAX, Figure 4-2 identifies suspension capacity, and Figure 4-3 identifies the ride height.


## SUSPENSION RATING / CAPACITY



PRIMAAX EX 232T/462T/692T


PRIMAAX EX 262 S


RIDE HEIGHT
FIGURE 4-3


AND

## Axle Spacer



1012" Ride Height

PRIMAAX EX Frame Hanger


AND
No Axle Spacer


13" Ride Height

PRIMAAX EX Frame Hanger


AND
Axle Spacer


## Bottom Cap and Longitudinal Torque Rod Assembly and Torque Rod Spacer

| PRIMAAX EX 232/462/692• PRIMAAX 230/460/690 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BOTTOM CAP <br> ■ Ride Height 9", $101 / 22^{\prime \prime}, 13$ " <br> Locate the part number stamped on the bottom cap | PINION ANGLE | BOTTOM CAP PART NO. (2 per axle) | LONGITUDINAL TORQUE ROD ASSEMBLY PART NO. ( 2 per axle) | TORQUE ROD SPACER PART NO. (4 per axle) |
|  | **2.54 | 60556-035 | *67274-510 | ** |
|  | 3.61 |  |  | 67045-072 |
|  | 4.56 |  |  | 67045-071 |
|  | 5.72 |  |  | 67045-070 |
|  | 6.71 |  |  | 67045-069 |
|  | **6.62 | 60556-100 | *67274-540 | ** |
|  | 7.67 |  |  | 67045-072 |
|  | 8.62 |  |  | 67045-071 |
|  | 9.77 |  |  | 67045-070 |
|  | 10.75 |  |  | 67045-069 |
|  | **7.07 | 60556-105 | *67274-540 | ** |
|  | 8.12 |  |  | 67045-072 |
|  | 9.06 |  |  | 67045-071 |
|  | 10.22 |  |  | 67045-070 |
|  | 11.20 |  |  | 67045-069 |
| Torque rod bushings are non-serviceable, replacement requires complete torque rod assembly with bushings. <br> * Torque rod spacer not required. |  |  |  |  |

## U-beam Assembly Enhancement Aftermarket Service Kit

| PRIMAAX EX SERIES |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| U-beam Assembly Enhancement Aftermarket Service Kit No. 69565-001, Axle Set |  |  |  |
| PART NO. | DESCRIPTION | QTY. | COMMENTS |
| 69351-000 | Sikaflex 221 Polyurethane Sealant, 300 ml Tube | 1 | In the event any service to the suspension requiring disassembly of a U-beam assembly equipped with integrated end caps, the Loctite 277, tamper resistant caps and Sikaflex 221 polyurethane sealant must be properly installed to ensure components function to their highest efficiency. The enhancement components can be purchased individually or as an aftermarket service kit. |
| 69432-000 | Tamper Resistant Cap | 2 |  |
| 69570-000 | Loctite ${ }^{\text {® }}$ 277-10 ml Bottle | 1 |  |
| 50104-006 | 7/8-9 UNC 4.0" Hex Bolt | 2 |  |
| 22962-042 | 7/8" H-Coat Flat Washer | 2 |  |



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| KEY NO. PART NO. |  | DESCRIPTION *NO.REQ. | KEY NO. PART NO. |  | DESCRIPTION *NO.REQ. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 67706-000 | EX Frame Hanger 4 | 17 |  |  | 8 |
|  | 60632-020 | QUIK-ALIGN Pivot Bushing Service Kit, AXLE Set, Includes Key Nos. 2-6, 15 Replaces 60632-008 | a | 21867-036 | Length 5.0" |  |
|  |  |  | b | 21867-026 | Length 5.5" |  |
|  |  |  | C | 21867-043 | Length 4.75" |  |
|  | 60632-021 | QUIK-ALIGN Collar Service Kit, AxIe Set, Includes Key Nos. 2-6, Replaces 60632-012 | $\frac{18}{19}$ | 22962-001 | 3/4" Flat Washer | 16 |
|  |  |  |  | 30191-000 | 3/4"-16 UNF Locknut | 8 |
|  | 60632-019 | QUIK-ALIGN Collar Service Kit, One Wheel End, Includes Key Nos. 2-6, Replaces 60632-006 |  | 60961-664 | Single Air Spring Service Kit, Includes Key Nos. 20-23 |  |
|  | 60632-018 | QUIK-ALIGN Pivot Bolt Service Kit, One Wheel End, Includes Key Nos. 4-6 Replaces 60632-005 | 20 | 67234-002 | Air Spring Assembly, Includes Upper Frame Bracket and Fasteners | 4 |
|  |  |  | 21 | 60911-002 | Lower Air Spring Mounting Bracket | 4 |
| 2 | 64633-000 | QUIK-ALIGN Concentric Collar 4 | 22 | 22962-014 | 1/2" Flat Washer | 8 |
| 3 | 64632-000 | QUIK-ALIGN Eccentric Collar 4 | 23 | 17700-010 | ½"-13 UNC Locknut | 8 |
| 4 | 68217-000 | 1.0"-14 UNF-2A H-Coat 7.5" Hex Bolt 4 | 24 |  | Longitudinal Torque Rod Assembly, See table on page 11 | 1 |
| 5 | 68232-000 | 1.0" H-Coat Flat Washer, 8 |  |  |  |  |
| 6 | 68218-000 | 1.0"-14 UNF-2B H-Coat Locknut 4 | 25 | 49176-026 | Longitudinal Torque Rod Fastener Service Kit, One Torque Rod, Includes Key Nos. 25-30 |  |
| 7 | 65290-001 | Top Pad 4 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | U-bolt Service Kit, One Wheel End, |  | 32043-016 | 5/8"-1 1 UNC-2B 8.0" Bolt | 16 |
|  | 48718-108 | 10½" Ride Height, Includes Key Nos. 8a,9-10 | 26 | 22962-004 | 5/8" Flat Washer | 32 |
|  | 48718-125 | 9" Ride Height, Includes Key Nos. 8b, 9-10 | 27 | 47764-000 | 5/8"-11 UNC-2A Locknut | 16 |
| 8 | 59367-002 | $3 / 44^{\prime \prime}$ Square U-bolt 8 <br> $101 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ Ride Height, 8.825 " Length  |  | 58821-012 | Longitudinal Torque Rod Rear Bolt Service Kit, One Torque Rod, Includes Key Nos. 28-30 |  |
| b | 59367-004 | 9" Ride Height, 10.375" Length | 28 | 30418-009 | 7/8"-14 UNF-2A 5.5" Hex Bolt | 4 |
| 9 | 22962-001 | $3 / 4$ " Flat Washer 16 | $\underline{29}$ | 22962-034 | 7/8" H-Coat Flat Washer | 8 |
| 10 | 49685-000 | 3/4"-16 UNF U-bolt Locknut 16 | 30 | 29248-000 | 7/8"-14 UNF-2B Locknut | 4 |
| 11 |  | Bottom Cap - Front and Rear (Casting No. 60272-000), See table on page 11 | 31 | 49689-000 | Shim (As Required) |  |
|  |  | 32 | 67045- | Torque Rod Spacer, See table on page 11 |  |  |
| 12 | 65139-003 |  | Axle Spacer, 9" Ride Height 4 | 33 | 72000-XXXS | **ULTRA ROD ${ }^{\circledR}$ PLUS ${ }^{\text {mT }}$ Transverse Torque Rod Assembly, Includes Key No. 34, Specify length in mm | 2 |
| 13 |  | U-beam Assembly, Includes Key Nos. 15-16 <br> - Front |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 67249-004 | 34.0" Frame Width | 34 | 64400-002L | Bushing - Straddle Bar Pin (5/8" Holes) | 4 |  |
|  | 67249-012 | 34.3" Frame Width | 35 | 22186-000 | Transverse Torque Rod Frame Bracket | 2 |  |
|  | 67249-010 | 34.5" Frame Width | 36 | 60593-000 | Axle Stop, Frame Mounted | 4 |  |
|  | 67249-024 | 34.8" Frame Width | 37 | 60657-003 | Shock Absorber | 4 |  |
|  | 67249-018 | 35.0" Frame Width | 38 | 67463-002 | Upper Shock Frame Bracket | 4 |  |
|  |  | - Rear <br> 34.0" Frame Width |  | 50754-030 | Single Shock Fastener Service Kit, Includes Key Nos. 39-44 |  |  |
|  | 67249-003 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 67249-011 | 34.3" Frame Width | 39 | 50764-010 | 3/4"-10 UNC 4.25" Upper Shock Bolt | 4 |  |
|  | 67249-009 | 34.5" Frame Width | 40 | 22962-001 | 3/4" Flat Washer | 4 |  |
|  | 67249-023 | 34.8" Frame Width | 41 | 49842-000 | 3/4"-10 UNC Locknut | 4 |  |
|  | 67249-017 | 35.0" Frame Width | 42 | 32043-017 | 5/8"-11 UNC 6.0" Lower Shock Bolt | 4 |  |
| 14 | 69565-001 |  | 43 | 22962-004 | 5/8" Flat Washer | 8 |  |
|  |  |  | 44 | 47764-000 | 5/8"-11 UNC-2B Locknut | 4 |  |
| 15 | 58648-000 | Service Kit, See page 11 for contents QUIK-ALIGN Pivot Bushing | 45 | 64508-XXX | S-cam Support Bracket <br> See Part No. on component |  |  |
|  |  | Single D-Pin Bushing Service Kit, |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 34013-107 | Includes Key Nos. 16, 17a, 18-19 | 46 | 58035-004 | $3 / 8$ "-16 UNC 1.25" Hex Bolt |  |  |
|  | 34013-116 | Includes Key Nos. 16, 17b, 18-19 | 47 | 22962-015 | 3/8" Hardened Washer | 16 |  |
|  | 34013-117 | Includes Key Nos. 16, 17c, 18-19 | 48 | $\begin{aligned} & 17700-006 \\ & \hline 64202-000 \end{aligned}$ | 3/8"-16 UNC Locknut | 8 |  |
| 16 | 60383-000 | D-Pin Bushing 4 | 49 |  | 5/16" S-Cam U-bolt | 4 |  |
|  |  | D-Pin Fastener Service Kit, Axle Set, | 50 | 22962-029 | 5/16" Hardened Washer | 16 |  |
|  | 56659-009 | Includes Key Nos. 17a, 18-19 Includes Key Nos. 17b, 18-19 Includes Key Nos. 17c, 18-19 | 51 | 59016-000 | 5/16"-18 UNC Locknut | 8 |  |
|  | 56659-013 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 56659-012 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## NOTES

* Quantities specified are shown for tandem suspension. Adjust quantities for single or tridem suspensions. Quantities of service kit components may vary from amount shown in lists.
** Transverse Rods are mandatory for PRIMAAX EX • PRIMAAX suspensions regardless of axle spacing, see Literature No. 59310-004 for more information.


## ■ 13" Ride Height



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| KEY | PART NO. | DESCRIPTION *NO.REQ. |  | PART NO. | DESCRIPTION *N0 | REQ. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 |  | EX Frame Hanger 4 | 18 | 22962-001 | 3/4" Flat Washer | 16 |
| $\begin{array}{r} 67299-001 \\ 67299-002 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  | LH |  | 19 30191-000 | 3/4"-16 UNF Locknut | 8 |
|  |  | RH | 60961-666 |  | Single Air Spring Service Kit, |  |
| 60632-020 |  |  |  |  |  | Includes Key Nos. 20-26 |  |
|  |  | AXLE Set, Includes Key Nos. 2-6, 15 | 20 | 65031-001 | Upper Air Spring Bracket Assembly | 4 |
|  |  | 60632-021 QUIK-ALIGN Collar Service Kit, Axle Set, |  |  | 21 | 67923-002 | Air Spring Assembly, Includes Upper Frame |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Bracket and Fasteners |  |
|  |  | QUIK-ALIGN Collar Service Kit, AxIe Set, Includes Key Nos. 2-6, Replaces 60632-012 | 22 | 22962-014 |  | 1/2" Flat Washer | 12 |
|  | 60632-019 | QUIK-ALIGN Collar Service Kit, One Wheel End, Includes Key Nos. 2-6, Replaces 60632-006 | 23 | 17700-010 | 12"-13 UNC Locknut | 12 |
|  |  |  | 24 | 22962-001 | 3/4" Flat Washer | 4 |
|  | 60632-018 | QUIK-ALIGN Pivot Bolt Service Kit, | 25 | 17700-031 | 3/4"-16 UNF Locknut | 4 |
|  |  | One Wheel End, Includes Key Nos. 4-6 | 26 | 60911-002 | Lower Air Spring Mounting Bracket | 4 |
|  |  | Replaces 60632-005 | 27 |  | Longitudinal Torque Rod Assembly, Includes 2 |  |
| 2 | 64633-000 | Support Beam QUIK-ALIGN Concentric Collar 4 |  |  | Bushings. Measure length in mm | 2 |
| 3 | 64632-000 | Support Beam QUIK-ALIGN Eccentric Collar 4 | a | 62043-430N | Length 430 mm |  |
| 4 | 68217-000 | 1.0"-14 UNF-2A H-Coat 7.5" Hex Bolt 4 | a | 62039-440N | Length 440 mm |  |
| 5 | 68232-000 | 1.0" H-Coat Flat Washer 8 | a | 62040-475N | Length 475 mm |  |
| 6 | 68218-000 | 1.0"-14 UNF-2B H-Coat Locknut 4 | b | 67274-510 | Length 510 mm |  |
| 7 a | 65289-000 | Top Pad, Bar Pin Style 4 | b | 67274-540 | Length 540 mm |  |
|  | 65290-001 | Top Pad, Through Bolt Style 4 | 28 | 47691-000L | Torque Rod Bushing - Bar Pin | 8 |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 48718-130 \\ & 48718-125 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | U-bolt Service Kit, One Wheel End, Includes Key Nos. 8a,9-10 (Bar Pin Style) Includes Key Nos. 8b,9-10 (Through Bolt Style) | 49176-026 |  | Longitudinal Torque Rod Fastener Service Kit, One Torque Rod, Through Bolt Style, Includes Key Nos.29-34 |  |
| 8 a | 59367-014 | $3 / 4 "$ Square U-bolt (Bar Pin Style) 8 <br> $3 / 4 "$ Square U-bolt (Through Bolt Style) 8 | 49176-032 |  | Longitudinal Torque Rod Fastener Service Kit, Axle Set, Bar Pin Style, Includes Key Nos.29-31 |  |
| b | 59367-004 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9 | 22962-001 | $3 / 4$ " Flat Washer 16 | 29 | 32043-016 | 5/8"-11 UNC 8.0" Bolt | 16 |
| 10 | 49685-000 | 3/4"-16 UNF U-bolt Locknut 16 | 30 | 22962-004 | 5/8" Flat Washer | 32 |
| 11 | 60556- | Bottom Cap, See page 11 for stamped part number location | 31 | 47764-000 | 5/8"-11 UNC Locknut | 16 |
|  |  |  | 58821-012 |  | Longitudinal Torque Rod Rear Bolt Service Kit, One Torque Rod, Through Bolt Style, Includes Key Nos. 32-34 |  |
| 12 | 65139-003 | Axle Spacer (required) 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13 |  | U-beam Assembly, Includes Key Nos. 15-16 2 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | - Front | 32 | 30418-009 | 7/8"-14 UNF-2A 5.5" Hex Bolt | 4 |
|  | 67249-004 | 34.0" Frame Width | 33 | 22962-034 | 7/8" H-Coat Flat Washer | 8 |
|  | 67249-012 | 34.3" Frame Width | 34 | 29248-000 | 7/8"-14 UNF-2B Locknut | 4 |
|  | 67249-010 | 34.5" Frame Width | 35 | 67045- | Torque Rod Spacer, See table on page 11 |  |
|  | 67249-024 | 34.8" Frame Width | 36 | 49689-000 | Shim (As Required) |  |
|  | 67249-018 | 35.0" Frame Width <br> - Rear | 37 | 62011-XXXN | **Transverse Torque Rod Assembly, Includes Key No. 38, Specify length in mm | 2 |
|  | 67249-003 | 34.0" Frame Width | 38 | 47691-000L | Straddle Torque Rod Bushing | 4 |
|  | 67249-011 | 34.3" Frame Width | 39 | 22186-000 | Transverse Torque Rod Frame Bracket | 2 |
|  | 67249-009 | 34.5" Frame Width | 40 | 65510-001 | Axle Stop, Frame Mounted | 4 |
|  | 67249-023 | 34.8" Frame Width | 41 | 60665-011 | Shock Absorber | 4 |
|  | 67249-017 | 35.0" Frame Width | 42 | 59423-001 | Upper Shock Frame Bracket | 4 |
| 14 | 69565-001 | U-beam Assembly Enhancement Aftermarket Service Kit, See Page 11 for contents | 50754-030 |  | Single Shock Fastener Service Kit, Includes Key Nos. 43-48 |  |
| 15 | 58648-000 | QUIK-ALIGN Pivot Bushing 4 | 43 | 50764-010 | 3/4"-10 UNC 4.25" Upper Shock Bolt | 4 |
|  |  | Single D-Pin Bushing Service Kit, | 44 | 22962-001 | 3/4" Flat Washer | 8 |
|  | 34013-107 | Includes Key Nos. 16, 17a, 18-19 | 45 | 49842-000 | 3/4"-10 UNC Locknut | 4 |
|  | 34013-116 | Includes Key Nos. 16, 17b, 18-19 | 46 | 32043-017 | 5/8"-11 UNC 6.0" Lower Shock Bolt | 4 |
|  | 34013-117 | Includes Key Nos. 16, 17c, 18-19 | 47 | 22962-004 | 5/8" Flat Washer | 8 |
| 16 | 60383-000 | D-Pin Bushing 4 | 48 | 47764-000 | 5/8"-11 UNC Locknut | 4 |
|  |  | D-Pin Fastener Service Kit, Axle Set, Includes Key Nos. 17a, 18-19 | 49 | 64508-XXX | S-cam Support Bracket See Part No. on component |  |
|  | 56659-009 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 56659-013 | Includes Key Nos. 17b, 18-19 | 50 | 58035-004 | 3/8"-16 UNC 1.25" Hex Bolt | 8 |
|  | 56659-012 | Includes Key Nos. 17c, 18-19 | 51 | 22962-015 | 3/8" Hardened Washer | 16 |
| 17 |  | 3/4"-16 UNF Bolt 8 | 52 | 17700-006 | 3/8"-16 UNC Locknut | 8 |
| a | 21867-036 | Length 5.0" | 53 | 64202-000 | 5/16" S-Cam U-bolt | 4 |
| b | 21867-026 | Length 5.5" | 54 | 22962-029 | 5/16" Hardened Washer | 16 |
| c | 21867-043 | Length 4.75" | 55 | 59016-000 | 5/16"-18 UNC Locknut | 8 |

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## 9" Ride Height



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** Transverse Rods are mandatory for the PRIMAAX EX • PRIMAAX suspensions regardless of axle spacing, see Literature No. 59310-004 for more information.
*** No longer available for service, see replacement guide. For more information, refer to Hendrickson Technical Bulletin Literature No. SEU-0229 or contact Hendrickson Tech Services.

| Key No. 19,20 | SUPPORT BEAM AND CROSS TUBE REPLACEMENT GUIDE |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Discontinued |  |  |  |  | New |
| Frame Width* | Support Beam Assembly Part Number |  |  |  | Cross Tube Part Number | U-beam Assembly Service Kit Number |
|  | 60831-00X - 66435-00X |  |  |  | 60912-XXX | 60961-XXX |
|  | LEFT HAND |  | RIGHT HAND |  |  |  |
|  | Forward | Rear | Forward | Rear |  |  |
| 34.3 " | -003 | -001 | -004 | -002 | -003 | -261 (Forward), -262 (Rear) |
| 34.5" |  |  |  |  | -002 | -263 (Forward), -264 (Rear) |
| 34.8" |  |  |  |  | -009 | -243 (Forward), -244 (Rear) |
| * Contact vehicle manufacturer to verify frame width. |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Severe Service Kits



## SECTION 5 <br> Special Tools

These shop made tools are designed to install and remove pivot bushing and D-Pin bushing. Bushing tools are made from cold rolled steel or equivalent. Drawings are for reference only. Hendrickson does not supply these tools.

## QUIK-ALIGN TOOLS



Pivot Bushing Remover


Pivot Bushing Receiver


## D-PIN TOOLS



Receiver


## TORQUE ROD BUSHING

TORQUE ROD Bushing Receiver



## QUIK-ALIGN SOCKET TOOL

Hendrickson PRIMAAX EX / PRIMAAX QUIK-ALIGN Socket Tool is available from the Owatonna Tool Corporation (Owatonna Part No. 1767, website: www.otctools.com) or a shop made tool can be made from the drawing shown. Hendrickson does not supply QUII-ALIGN tooling. Material: Optional per customer discretion, Grade 80 or better case harden per SAE requirements.

## QUIK-ALIGN

Socket Tool


## PRIMAAX QUICK WRENCH

FIGURE 5-1
Owatonna Tool Company (OTC) manufactures a Hendrickson approved tool (OTC Part Number 1768) for use on PRIMAAX suspensions (not for use on PRIMAAX EX suspensions). Contact OTC for more information at 800-533-6127.

- Used to tighten to torque the cross tube end cap bolts and longitudinal torque
 rod top pad bolts.
- Reduces maintenance time by eliminating the need to remove the tires to gain access to the detachable end cap bolt.

Due to some vehicle configurations and/or tire sizes wheel removal may be required.

- Use the Quick Wrench tool with Hendrickson PRIMAAX suspensions detachable end cap (see Figure 5-2) and on the longitudinal torque rod to top pad configuration illustrated in Figure 5-3.
Any questions regarding the Quick Wrench tooling applications contact Tech Services
E-mail: techservices@hendrickson-intl.com
Telephone: 630-910-2800

FIGURE 5-2
Support Beam with Detachable End Cap


FIGURE 5-3


## SECTION 6

Preventive Maintenance
Following appropriate inspection procedures is important to help ensure the proper maintenance and operation of the suspension system and component parts function to their highest efficiency. Hendrickson recommends PRIMAAX EX / PRIMAAX heavy-duty rear suspensions be inspected at pre-delivery, the first 1,000 miles of service and at the regular preventive maintenance intervals. Off-highway and severe service operating conditions require more frequent inspections than on-highway service operation.

NOTE Torque values shown in this publication apply only if Hendrickson supplied fasteners are used. If non Hendrickson fasteners are used, follow the torque specification listed in the vehicle manufacturer's service manual.

## AREAS OF INSPECTION

The inspection must include the following components:

| >Air springs | - Frame hanger bracket | - Torque rods |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| - Air supply and fititings | -QUIIK-ALIGN connections | -Transverse |
| - All fasteners | - S-cam support tube bracket | - Longitudinal |
| >Clamp group | - Shock absorbers | -U-beam assembly |
| $>$ Top pad | - Suspension wear and damage | - Cross tube |
| $>$ U-bolt locknuts | - Tire wear | - Support beam |
|  |  | - End cap (if equipped) |

Signifies performance critical components.

## HENDRICKSON RECOMMENDED PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE INTERVALS

## PRE-DELIVERY INSPECTION - PRIMAAX EX

1. Visually inspect the suspension for proper assembly.
2. Verify the lateral alignment of the drive axles are within the vehicle manufacturer's tolerances, contact the vehicle manufacturer for the correct lateral alignment instructions.
3. Visually inspect the overall condition of the U-beam assembly (support beam assembly, cross tube, and integrated end cap) for any damage.
4. DO NOT RE-TORQUE the integrated end cap (vehicles built AFTER March 2009), see Figure 6-1.
5. Check all other fasteners for proper torque with special attention to the following suspension connections:

- QUIK-ALIGN fasteners, see Figure 6-2.
- Torque rod to top pad fasteners, see Figure 6-2.
- Clamp group fasteners (U-bolts), see Figure 6-3.

6. Verify the ride height is within specification. Ride height is measured from the bottom of the frame rail to the centerline of the axle.

FIGURE 6-1
Enhanced U-beam Assembly


Tamper Resistant Cap attached to integrated end cap bolts with SIKAFLEX 221 sealant applied around the cap.

FIGURE 6-2
QUIK-ALIGN Fasteners and


## INSPECTION AT 1,000 MILES - PRIMAAX EX

1. Visually inspect suspension components with special attention to air springs and U-beam assembly (support beam assembly, cross tube, and integrated end cap). Check for:

- Proper suspension function
- Any signs of unusual movement, loose or missing components
- Any signs of abrasive or adverse contact with other components
- Any damaged, bent or cracked parts

2. Check all fasteners for proper torque with special attention to the following suspension connections.

- QUIK-ALIGN fasteners, see Figure 6-2.
- Torque rod to top pad fasteners, see Figure 6-2.
- Clamp group fasteners (U-bolts), see Figure 6-3.

FIGURE 6-3


## PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE - PRIMAAX EX / PRIMAAX

- Off highway and severe service - Every 25,000 miles or six months, whichever comes first
- $100 \%$ On-highway - Every 50,000 miles or 12 months, whichever comes first

1. Visually inspect suspension components with special attention to air springs and U-beam Assembly (support beam assembly, cross tube, and integrated or detachable end cap). Check for:

- Proper suspension function
- Any signs of unusual movement, loose or missing components
- Any signs of abrasive or adverse contact with other components
- Any damaged, bent or cracked parts

2. PRIMAAX EX vehicles built AFTER March 2009 — DO NOT RE-TORQUE the integrated end cap, see Figure 6-1.
PRIMAAX vehicles built PRIOR TO March 2009 — Check for proper torque values on the detachable end cap connection fasteners, see Figure 6-4.

FIGURE 6-4

- QUIK-ALIGN fasteners, see Figure 6-2.

Vehicles built PRIOR to March 2009
 Tightening Torque $525-575 \mathrm{ft}$. Ibs
4. Verify that the lateral alignment of the drive axle is within the vehicle manufacturer's tolerances, contact the vehicle manufacturer for the correct lateral alignment instructions.

## COMPONENT INSPECTION

## IMPORTANT NOTE Replace all worn or damaged parts.

- Air spring - Visually inspect the outer surface of the air spring for chafing, uneven wear, cracks or any signs of component damage. Ensure that the upper bead plate is tight against the underside of the frame. Check for any lateral slippage at the lower air spring bracket. An $1 / 8$ " of slippage in either direction is acceptable. Verify all mounting hardware have the proper torque values maintained. See the Torque Specification Section of this publication for recommended torque requirements.
- Air supply (Pneumatic components) - The air supply to the system plays a large role in the air springs' performance. Inspect, clean and replace, if necessary, any support products to the air springs, valves, regulators and air lines. See Air Fitting Inspection in this section if an air leak is suspected.
- Clamp group - Visually inspect for any loose or damaged fasteners. Verify the U-bolt locknuts have the proper torque values maintained, see U-bolt Locknuts in this section.
- Cross tube - Visually inspect for cracks, damage, metal shavings, or looseness at the beam connection.
- End cap (if equipped) - Visually inspect the end cap connection for signs of movement or damage. Verify the support beam / cross tube connection bolts have the proper torque values maintained. See the Torque Specification Section of this publication for recommended torque requirements.
- Fasteners - Visually inspect for any loose or damaged fasteners on the entire suspension. Make sure all fasteners are tightened to a torque value within the specified torque range. See Torque Specification Section in this publication for recommended torque requirements. Use a calibrated torque wrench to check torque in a tightening direction. As soon as the fastener starts to move, record the torque and correct the torque if necessary.
- Frame hanger bracket - Visually inspect for any signs of loose fasteners, movement, or damage. Verify the frame attaching fasteners have the proper torque values maintained. See the vehicle manufacturer for proper torque specifications.
- Height control valve and Air lines - Check the suspension air system for air leaks. Check all air lines for proper routing. Check for chafing or pinched air lines. Check the height control valve linkage for damage or interference with peripheral components.
- QUIK-ALIGN connection - Visually inspect the connection for signs of looseness or movement. Visually inspect the bushing for wear. Verify the connections have the proper torque values maintained. See the Torque Specification Section of this publication for recommended torque requirements.
- S-Cam support tube bracket (If equipped) - Visually inspect the bracket for damage and check for any loose or damaged fasteners.
- Shock absorbers - Visually inspect for any signs of dents or leakage. Misting is not considered a leak, see Shock Absorber Inspection in this section.
- Tire wear - Visually inspect the tires for wear patterns that may indicate suspension damage or misalignment.
- Top pad/Longitudinal torque rod connection - Visually inspect the connection for signs of movement or damage. Use a lever check to help assess movement in this joint, see Longitudinal and Transverse Torque Rods in this section for proper inspection. Verify the Top Pad/Longitudinal Torque Rod connections have the proper torque values maintained. See the Torque Specifications Section of this publication for recommended torque requirements.
- Torque rods (longitudinal and transverse) - All torque rods must be inspected for looseness, torn or shredded rubber, and for proper fastener torque. If there is metal-to-metal contact in the bushing joint, this is a sign of excessive bushing wear and the torque rod needs to be serviced, see Longitudinal and Transverse Torque Rod inspection in this section.

Some torque rods assemblies equipped on PRIMAAX EX / PRIMAAX suspensions have curled end hubs and are not re-bushable. The entire torque rod assembly must be replaced. This feature provides superior bushing retention in the torque rod end hub.

- These torque rods can be identified by the part number 67428 -XXX or the suffix N affer any part number (i.e. 62000-615N).
- U-beam assembly - Visually inspect the overall condition of the support beam for dents, dings, or other damage on the outer edges of the beam flanges. Visually inspect the D-pin bushings for tearing or extreme bulging. Check for any metal-to-metal contact in the bushed joints.
- Wear and damage - Visually inspect all parts of the suspension for wear and damage. Look for bent or cracked parts.
See vehicle manufacturer's applicable publications for other preventive maintenance requirements.


## U-BOLT LOCKNUTS

## SERVICE HINT

Due to certain pinion angle configurations, the removal of the D-Pin bolts may be necessary to access the U-bolt locknuts, see Figure 6-5.
FIGURE 6-5

## 9", 10\%2", 13" Ride Height



1. U-bolt locknuts must be torqued to specification at preparation for delivery.
2. U-bolt locknuts must be re-torqued at 1,000 miles.
3. Thereafter, follow the inspection and re-torque intervals below:

- Off-highway and severe service - Every 25,000 miles or 6 months, whichever comes first
- $100 \%$ On-highway - Every 50,000 miles or 12 months, whichever comes first

Off-highway and severe service operating conditions require more frequent inspections than on-highway service operation.
NOTE
@ WARNING

U-bolt clamp group hardware for PRIMAAX EX / PRIMAAX suspensions are $3 / 4$ "-16 UNF Grade C locknuts and $3 / 4$ "-16 UNF Grade 8 U-bolts which are phosphate and oil coated.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE U-BOLT CLAMP GROUP CONNECTION BE PROPERLY ALIGNED AND HAVE THE PROPER TORQUE VALUES MAINTAINED. METAL SURFACES CAN WORK AND WEAR AGAINST OTHER RELATED CLAMP GROUP COMPONENTS IF NOT PROPERLY ALIGNED OR PROPERLY TIGHTENED TO MAINTAIN THE PROPER CLAMP FORCE. FAILURE TO DO SO CAN CAUSE PREMATURE COMPONENT WEAR, POSSIBLE SEPARATION OF THE CLAMP GROUP, CAUSING LOSS OF VEHICLE CONTROL, PROPERTY DAMAGE, OR PERSONAL INJURY.

FIGURE 6-6
4. Tighten the U-bolt locknuts evenly in 50 foot pounds increments to B 350-400 foot pounds torque in the proper pattern to achieve uniform bolt tension, see Figures 6-6.


## PIVOT BUSHING AND D-PIN BUSHING INSPECTION

WARNING
THE PIVOT BUSHING AND D-PIN BUSHING ARE CRITICAL COMPONENTS OF PRIMAAX EX / PRIMAAX SUSPENSIONS. IF ANY SUCH COMPONENTS APPEAR DAMAGED OR WORN THE COMPONENT MUST BE REPLACED. FAILURE TO REPLACE SUCH WORN OR DAMAGED COMPONENTS CAN RESULT IN THE DEFORMATION OF PARTS, LOSS OF CLAMP FORCE, BOLT FAILURE, LOSS OF THE AXLE'S ALIGNMENT, LOSS OF VEHICLE CONTROL, PROPERTY DAMAGE, OR PERSONAL INJURY.

There are two types of pivot bushing inspections for PRIMAAX EX • PRIMAAX suspension systems. The pivot bushing can be visually inspected by looking at the outer rubber flange(s) of the bushing. If the visual inspection warrants, a physical inspection can be conducted in which disassembly is required.

## PIVOT BUSHING VISUAL INSPECTION

To perform pivot bushing visual inspection, it is not necessary to disassemble the pivot bushing connection. If the pivot bushing rubber flange(s) are intact and there are no signs of metal to metal contact the bushing does not require replacement.

- The support beam is designed with the pivot bushing centered in the support beam end hub. If the pivot bushing is not centered in the end hub, it is an indication that the pivot bushing could be worn and a pivot bushing physical inspection is required.
- If the pivot bushing shows signs of torn, separated or disconnected rubber, see Figures 6-7 and 6-8, this could be a result of axle misalignment. If this condition is evident, a pivot bushing physical inspection is required.
- If the outer rubber flange(s) is missing, or there are shards of rubber visible, see Figure 6-9, this could be a result of axle misalignment. If this condition is evident, pivot bushing replacement is required.


PIVOT BUSHING PHYSICAL INSPECTION

1. Remove the U-beam assembly, refer to U-beam Assembly in the Component Replacement of this publication.
2. After removal, inspect the pivot bushing connection, examine the pivot bushing inner metal area.
3. No replacement is needed if the bushing exhibits a tight joint, see Figure 6-10. An imprinted two-line wear pattern on the bushing inner metal indicates the pivot bushing is securely clamped in the frame hanger.

FIGURE 6-10
GOOD JOINT - NO REPLACEMENT NEEDED

4. Inspect pivot bushing, replacement is necessary if any indications of the following are apparent, see Figure 6-11:

- Signs of rust, distorted, separated or torn rubber, elongated or damaged bore. This could be a result of axle misalignment or loose fasteners.
FIGURE 6-11


5. Inspect the inside of the frame hanger legs and the QUIK-ALIGN ${ }^{\circledR}$ collars. If any of the following are present, the pivot bushing and one or more of the mating components may require replacement:

- Evidence of wear marks on the inside of the frame hanger legs indicating metal to metal contact or movement.
- The snout of the QUIK-ALIGN concentric or eccentric collar is elongated or damaged.

6. Check the suspension alignment and adjust if necessary. Refer to Alignment \& Adjustments Section of this publication.

## D-PIN BUSHING VISUAL INSPECTION

It is not necessary to disassemble the D-Pin connection to perform a D-Pin visual inspection.
The D-Pin bushing is designed with a layer of rubber in the bushing, it is acceptable to see a bead of rubber protruding from the bushing, see Figure 6-12.
D-Pin bushing replacement is required only when:

- Metal to metal contact wear marks on the D-pin outer metal are evident, see Figure 6-13.
- D-pin outer metal is distorted, see Figure 6-13.

FIGURE 6-12
ACCEPTABLE D-PIN


FIGURE 6-13
UNACCEPTABLE D-PIN


## LONGITUDINAL AND TRANSVERSE TORQUE RODS

## WARNING

PRIMAAX EX / PRIMAAX SUSPENSIONS INCORPORATE TRANSVERSE RODS FOR VEHICLE STABILITY. IF THESE COMPONENTS ARE DISCONNECTED OR ARE NON-FUNCTIONAL THE VEHICLE SHOULD NOT BE OPERATED. FAILURE TO DO SO CAN RESULT IN ADVERSE VEHICLE HANDLING AND POSSIBLE TIRE CONTACT WITH THE FRAME. OPERATING A VEHICLE WITH NON-FUNCTIONAL TRANSVERSE TORQUE RODS CAN RESULT IN LOSS OF VEHICLE CONTROL, SEVERE PERSONAL INJURY, AND PREMATURE COMPONENT DAMAGE.

## NOTE

Hendrickson recommends the use of Grade 8 bolts and Grade C locknuts for all straddle mount torque rod attachments.

Visually inspect torque rod bushings for torn or shredded rubber, inspect for bent, cracked, or broken torque rods, and for end hubs with an elongated "oval" shape. Any of these conditions will require component replacement.
Torque rod looseness inspection is necessary per one of the following methods below.

- Method 1 - for tractor applications only with brakes applied, slowly rock the empty vehicle with power while a mechanic visually checks the action at both ends.
- Method 2 - with the vehicle shut down, a lever check can be made with a long pry bar placed under each rod end and pressure applied.


## TORQUE ROD LENGTH

Longitudinal torque rod length is determined by the truck manufacturer for optimum driveline angles. The longitudinal torque rods along with the bottom caps maintain these angles and control acceleration and brake forces, refer to the Pinion Angle Table in the Parts Lists Section of this publication.

Transverse rod length is also determined by the vehicle manufacturer to center the axles under the frame.

- If the lateral alignment of the axles is incorrect, it may be necessary to shim the transverse torque rod at the straddle mount end. Shims can be installed between the transverse torque rod and the transverse torque rod frame bracket or between the transverse torque rod and axle tower bracket. Refer to vehicle manufacturer for proper shim location; also see Lateral Alignment in the Alignment \& Adjustments Section of this publication.
- The transverse torque rods also control axle walk-out during cornering. The mounting brackets at the axle housing end of the torque rods are furnished and welded into position on the axle housings by the axle or vehicle manufacturer.
Transverse and longitudinal torque rods have attaching ends designated as "straddle mount," "tapered stud," or "through bolt" as shown in Figures 6-14 and 6-15. Most can be replaced by pressing out the worn torque rod bushing and installing a replacement bushing, others require complete torque rod assembly replacement.

FIGURE 6-14


FIGURE 6-15


NOTE

Some torque rods assemblies equipped on PRIMAAX EX / PRIMAAX suspensions have curled end hubs and are not re-bushable. The entire torque rod assembly must be replaced. This feature provides superior bushing retention in the torque rod end hub.

## WARNING

- These torque rods can be identified by the part number $67428-\mathrm{XXX}$ or the suffix N after any part number (i.e. 62000-615N).
A two-piece transverse torque rod is available to cut and weld to the desired length, see Hendrickson Literature No. 45745-148.


## SHOCK ABSORBER INSPECTION

FIGURE 6-16


Hendrickson uses a long service life, premium shock absorber on all PRIMAAX EX / PRIMAAX suspensions. If shock absorber replacement is necessary, Hendrickson recommends that the shock absorbers be replaced with original $\mathbb{H}$ Hendrickson Genuine parts for servicing. Failure to do so will affect the suspension performance, durability, and will void the warranty.
Inspection of the shock absorber can be performed by doing a heat test, and a visual inspection, also inspect the shock absorber mounting brackets and hardware for damage or wear, replace as necessary. See instructions on shock absorber replacement in the Component Replacement Section of this publication. It is not necessary to replace shock absorbers in pairs if one shock absorber requires replacement.

## HEAT TEST

1. Drive the vehicle at moderate speeds on rough road for minimum of fifteen minutes.

DO NOT GRAB THE SHOCK AS IT COULD POSSIBLY CAUSE PERSONAL INJURY.
2. Lightly touch the shock body carefully below the dust cover, see Figure 6-16.
3. Measure the shock absorber temperature using an Infrared Temp Gun or touch the frame to get an ambient reference. A warm shock absorber is acceptable; a cold shock absorber should be replaced.
4. To inspect for an internal failure, remove and shake the suspected shock. Listen for the sound of metal parts rattling inside. Rattling of metal parts can indicate that the shock has an internal failure.

## VISUAL INSPECTION

Look for these potential problems when doing a visual inspection as shown in Figure 6-17. Inspect the shock absorbers fully extended. Replace as necessary.

FIGURE 6-17


Damaged upper or lower mount


Damaged upper or lower bushing


Damaged dust cover and / or shock body


Bent or dented shock


Improper installation Example: washers (if equipped) installed backwards.

## LEAKING VS. MISTING SHOCK VISUAL INSPECTION

The inspection must not be conducted after driving in wet weather or a vehicle wash. Shocks need to be free from water. Many shocks are often mis-diagnosed as failures. Misting is the process whereby very small amounts of shock fluid evaporate at a high operating temperature through the upper seal of the shock. When the "mist" reaches the cooler outside air, it condenses and forms a film on the outside of the shock body. Misting is perfectly normal and necessary function of the shock. The fluid, which evaporates through the seal area helps to lubricate and prolong the life of the seal.

A shock that is truly leaking and needs to be replaced will show signs of fluid leaking in streams from the upper seal. These streams can easily be seen when the shock is fully extended, underneath the main body (dust cover) of the shock. Look for these potential problems when doing a visual inspection. Inspect the shock absorbers fully extended. Replace as necessary.

## NOTE

PRIMAAX EX / PRIMAAX suspensions are equipped with a premium seal on the shock, however this seal will allow for misting to appear on the shock body (misting is not a leak and is considered acceptable).
If the shock is damaged install new shock absorber
FIGURE 6-18
 and replace as detailed in the Component Replacement Section of this publication.

## AIR FITTING INSPECTION

1. If an air leak is suspected, begin by building up the air system to normal operating pressure.
2. Spray all nylon tube air fittings with a soapy water solution to detect the leak location.

## NOTE

Air lines and fittings may be inspected for leaks using a soapy water solution. The height control valve, however, cannot be inspected using this method. All height control valves have an allowable leakage rate. The only acceptable method for inspection of the height control valves is the height control valve test found in this section.
3. If an air leak is located, ensure the tubing end is clean and in good condition and the end is cut square. Check to see if the tubing is binding, bent or being pulled upon.
4. Visually inspect the air fitting's O -ring seal for signs of damage or contamination.

# SECTION 7 <br> Alignment \& Adjustments 

## RIDE HEIGHT

| NOTE | The height control valve is not supplied by Hendrickson, although it is a required component. <br> Hendrickson is not responsible for components supplied by the vehicle manufacturer. For <br> assistance with inspection, maintenance and rebuild instructions on these components, refer to <br> vehicle manufacturer's instructions. |
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## LATERAL ALIGNMENT

1. Use a work bay with a level surface.
2. Relax the suspension by slowly moving the vehicle back and forth several times in a straight line without using the brakes. This will slacken or loosen the suspension as the vehicle is positioned. End with all wheels positioned straight ahead.
3. DO NOT set the parking brake. Chock the front wheels of the vehicle.
4. Verify and maintain the air system at full operating pressure.
5. Verify the vehicle is at the correct ride height. Correct as necessary. Refer to vehicle manufacturer for proper ride height adjustment.
6. Verify all suspension components are in good condition. Repair or replace any worn or damaged suspension components before proceeding with the alignment process.
7. Ensure all drive axle tires are the same size and properly inflated.
8. Measure from the outside of the frame rail to the rim flange of the inner tire. Record the measurement.
9. Measure the same distance on the opposite side of the same axle. Record the measurement.
10. Subtract the two measurements to get a difference between the two. If the difference is greater than $1 / 8^{\prime \prime}(3 \mathrm{~mm})$, it will be necessary to correct the lateral alignment. Adding or removing shims that are located between the transverse torque rod and frame rail accomplishes this.

- A general rule of thumb is to use a shim with a thickness that is half of the difference between the two measurements.

| EXAMPLE | If the lateral alignment is out of specification by $1 / 4 "$ " ( 6 mm ), remove or install a $1 / 8 \mathrm{~s} \mathrm{\prime} \mathrm{\prime}(3 \mathrm{~mm})$ <br> shim between the transverse torque rod and frame rail as needed. Refer to Longitudinal and <br> Transverse Torque Rod Section in Preventive Maintenance Section of this publication. |
| :--- | :--- |
| NOTE | Hendrickson recommends the use of Grade 8 bolts and Grade C locknuts be used for all torque <br> rod attachments |

## DRIVE AXLE ALIGNMENT INSPECTION PROCEDURE

Proper alignment is essential for maximum ride quality, performance, and tire service life, the recommended alignment procedure is described below. This procedure should be performed if excessive or irregular tire wear is observed, or any time the QUIK-ALIGN connection is loosened or removed.

1. Use a work bay with a level surface.
2. Relax the suspension by slowly moving the vehicle back and forth several times in a straight line without using the brakes. This will slacken or loosen the suspension as the vehicle is positioned. End with all wheels positioned straight ahead.
3. DO NOT set the parking brake. Chock the front wheels of the vehicle.
4. Verify and maintain the air system at full operating pressure.
5. Verify the vehicle is at the correct ride height. Correct as necessary. Refer to vehicle manufacturer for proper ride height adjustment.
6. Verify all suspension components are in good condition. Repair or replace any worn or damaged suspension components before proceeding with the alignment process.

FIGURE 7-1
7. Ensure all drive axle tires are the same size.
8. If axle alignment equipment is not available, using "C" clamps, securely clamp a six-foot piece of STRAIGHT bar stock or angle iron across the lower frame flange as shown in Figure 7-1. Select a location for the angle iron as far forward of the drive axle as possible where components will not interfere.
9. Accurately square the straight edge to the frame using a carpenter's square.
10. Using a measuring tape, measure from the straight edge to the forward
 face of the front drive axle arms at the centerline on both sides of the vehicle as shown in Figure 7-1, $\mathbf{A}$ and $\mathbf{B}$.
11. Calculate the difference between measurements $\mathbf{A}$ and $\mathbf{B}$.
a. If the front drive axle is within vehicle manufacturer's specifications, proceed to check the rear drive axle (Step 12).
b. If alignment of the front drive axle IS NOT within the vehicle manufacturer's specifications, then the alignment of this axle MUST be corrected BEFORE measuring the rear drive axle alignment (Step 12). Correct the alignment of this axle by following the proper alignment instructions for PRIMAAX EX / PRIMAAX suspension model as determined by the ride height of the suspension.

NOTE
Since the remaining drive axle(s) will be aligned relative to the front drive axle, it is essential that the front drive axle is aligned within the vehicle manufacturer's specifications prior to the alignment of the remaining drive axle(s).
12. Using a trammel bar, measure the distance from the spindle center of the front drive axle to the spindle center of the rear drive axle on both sides of the vehicle, see Figure 7-1, C and D.
13. Calculate the difference between measurements $\mathbf{C}$ and $\mathbf{D}$.
a. If the measurements are within the vehicle manufacturer's specifications, then the rear drive axle alignment is acceptable. Proceed to check the pinion angles of the drive axles (Step 15).
b. If alignment of the rear drive axle IS NOT within the vehicle manufacturer's specifications, then the alignment of this axle MUST be corrected BEFORE checking the drive axle pinion angles. Correct the alignment of this axle by following the proper alignment instructions for PRIMAAX EX / PRIMAAX suspension model as determined by the ride height of the suspension.
14. Repeat Steps 12 and 13 for any remaining drive axle(s). Be sure all remaining drive axles are aligned relative to the front drive axle.
15. After all drive axles are aligned, check the pinion angle of each drive axle with a digital protractor. Refer to the vehicle manufacturer specifications for the required pinion angles, see Figure 7-5.
a. If all pinion angles are within the vehicle manufacturer's specifications then proceed to Step 16.
b. If any pinion angle is out of the vehicle manufacturer's specifications it must be corrected. Follow the correct Pinion Angle Adjustment procedure in this section.
16. Recheck measurements to confirm adjustments. Repeat Steps 10 through 15 until the correct alignment and pinion angles are achieved.
17. When all drive axle alignments and pinion angles are within the vehicle manufacturer's specifications then the alignment procedure is complete.

## ALIGNMENT ADJUSTMENT INSTRUCTIONS

| SERVICE HINT | The eccentric collars (with the square drive feature) are located on the outboard side of the <br> frame hangers with the concentric collars on the inboard side. The total range of fore/aft axle <br> adjustment is $1.0^{\prime \prime} \pm 1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$. |
| :--- | :--- |
| SERVICE HINT | A suspension equipped with eccentric QUIK-ALIGN collars on both sides of an axle can be <br> adjusted on both sides. A suspension equipped with an eccentric QUIK-ALIGN collar on only <br> one side of the axle can be adjusted only on the side that has the eccentric QUIK-ALIGN collar. <br> Contact the vehicle manufacturer for specifications. |

FIGURE 7-2


## WARNING

DISCARD USED QUIK-ALIGN FASTENERS. ALWAYS USE NEW QUIK-ALIGN FASTENERS TO COMPLETE A REPAIR. FAILURE TO DO SO COULD RESULT IN FAILURE OF THE PART, OR MATING COMPONENTS, LOSS OF VEHICLE CONTROL, PERSONAL INJURY, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.
DO NOT ASSEMBLE QUIK-ALIGN JOINT WITHOUT THE PROPER FASTENERS. USE ONLY HENDRICKSON GENUINE FASTENERS WITH SPECIAL COATING (H-COAT) TO SUSTAIN PROPER CLAMP FORCE. FAILURE TO DO SO CAN CAUSE LOSS OF VEHICLE CONTROL, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY AND VOID WARRANTY. ENSURE THAT THE QUIK-ALIGN FASTENER'S TORQUE VALUES ARE SUSTAINED AS RECOMMENDED IN THE TORQUE SPECIFICATIONS SECTION OF THIS PUBLICATION. FAILURE TO DO SO CAN CAUSE LOSS OF VEHICLE CONTROL RESULTING IN PERSONAL INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

1. Support the frame at ride height.

PRIOR TO AND DURING DEFLATION AND INFLATION OF THE AIR SUSPENSION SYSTEM, ENSURE THAT ALL PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT ARE CLEAR FROM UNDER THE VEHICLE AND AROUND THE SERVICE AREA, FAILURE TO DO SO CAN CAUSE SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.
2. See additional Air Spring Warnings and Instructions in the Important Safety Notice Section of this publication prior to deflating or inflating the suspension system.
3. Disconnect the height control linkage assembly from the height control valve arm. Lower the height control valve arm to exhaust the air in the air springs and deflate the rear suspension, see vehicle manufacturer's instructions.

WARNING
SOME VEHICLE APPLICATIONS, SUCH AS VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH OUTRIGGERS, RETAIN SOME AIR PRESSURE IN THE AIR SPRINGS AT ALL TIMES. PRIOR TO PERFORMING ANY MAINTENANCE, SERVICE, OR REPAIR OF THE SUSPENSION, VERIFY EACH AIR SPRING IS COMPLETELY DEFLATED. FAILURE TO DO SO COULD RESULT SERIOUS PROPERTY DAMAGE AND/OR SEVERE PERSONAL INJURY.
4. Using the measurements from the Drive Axle Alignment Inspection Procedure, Step 11, determine which QUIK-ALIGN collar will need adjusting to correct the axle alignment.

## SERVICE HINT

If the axle can be adjusted on both sides, begin the adjustment on the side that is furthest out of specification.

NOTE
Use a new QUIK-ALIGN pivot bolt kit (see the Parts List Section of this publication) for any axle alignment or disassembly of the QUIK-ALIGN connection. This will help ensure that the proper clamp load is applied to the connection and help prevent the joint to slip in service.
5. On the side being adjusted, remove the old QUIIK-ALIGN fastener and replace it with a new QUII-ALIGN fastener. Snug the new QUIK-ALIGN fastener to 50/100 foot pounds. This will hold the eccentric flanged collar in place against the frame hanger face, and within the adjustment guide, but loose enough to permit the QUII-ALIGN eccentric flanged collar to rotate freely.
6. See additional Air Spring Warnings and Instructions in the Important Safety Notice Section of this publication prior to deflating or inflating the suspension system.
7. Inflate the suspension by connecting the height control valve linkage to the height control valve arm. Verify the air springs inflate uniformly without binding.
8. Verify the ride height is within specification, refer to vehicle manufacturer for proper ride height adjustment.

## NOTE

When adjusting the alignment of an axle, the fasteners connecting the longitudinal torque rod to the frame hanger, above the QUIK-ALIGN collar being adjusted, must be loose at the frame hanger. This will allow the longitudinal torque rod to move freely with the axle while the alignment is adjusted. Failure to do so will result in bushing preload in all rubber connections on that side of the axle, shortening component life.
9. On the side of the axle being adjusted, loosen the fasteners connecting the longitudinal torque rod to the frame hanger. Remove any existing shims from this connection. Leave connection loose at this time.
10. Use a QUIK-ALIGN socket tool, Figure 7-3 (also see Tool Section of this publication) and impact gun, see Figure $7-4$, or a $1 / 2$ " square drive breaker bar to rotate the QUIK-ALIGN eccentric collar to align the axle.

FIGURE 7-3


FIGURE 7-4

11. Once the correct axle alignment is achieved, use a calibrated torque wrench to tighten the 1" QUIK-ALIGN locknuts to $\boldsymbol{B} 525-575$ foot pounds torque.
12. Fill any gap between the frame hanger and longitudinal torque rod with shims.
13. Tighten the longitudinal torque rod fasteners to the proper specification, see Torque Specification Section of this publication per model designation.
14. Re-check the ride height and the axle alignment to verify they are within the vehicle manufacturer's specifications. See Rear Axle Alignment Inspection in this Section.
15. Return to the Drive Axle Alignment Inspection Procedure, Step 12, for the remaining drive axles.

## AXLE PINION ANGLE

Drive axle pinion angles are established by the vehicle manufacturer. The suspension bottom cap called out in the Parts Lists Section of this publication, are machined to specific angles to meet the vehicle manufacturer specified requirements.

FIGURE 7-5
To check the pinion angle:

1. Verify the suspension is at the proper ride height. Refer to the vehicle manufacturer for proper ride height adjustment procedure.
2. Install a digital protractor (or equivalent) on the axle housing as shown in Figure 7-1.

3. Check the pinion angle is within the range as specified by the vehicle manufacturer.
4. If pinion angle is within the acceptable range, then no pinion angle adjustment is necessary.
5. If out of range, an adjustment is necessary, see Axle Pinion Angle Adjustment in this section.

## AXLE PINION ANGLE ADJUSTMENT

## ADJUSTMENT OF 1.5 DEGREES OR LESS

FIGURE 7-6

## NOTE

When correcting the pinion angle of an axle the correction must be in equal amounts on both sides of the axle. However, the total number of shims per side may differ due to axle alignment.

1. Loosen the fasteners connecting the longitudinal torque rods to the frame hangers.
2. Install or remove shims as required in equal amounts, to both sides of the axle, to achieve
 the proper pinion angle, see Figure 7-6. To increase the pinion angle install shims. To decrease the pinion angle remove shims.

## SERVICE HINT

A general rule of thumb is, $1 / 8$ " change in the shim pack thickness will increase or decrease the pinion angle by $1 / 2$ degree.
3. Tighten the Iongitudinal torque rod fasteners to the proper specification, see Torque Specification Section of this publication per model designation.
4. Re-check the pinion angle and verify it is within the vehicle manufacturer's specifications.

## ADJUSTMENT OF MORE THAN 1.5 DEGREES

If an adjustment of more than 1.5 degrees is required, it may be necessary to replace the bottom cap with a bottom cap that will achieve the desired pinion angle. Contact the vehicle manufacturer for acceptable bottom cap replacement to achieve the required pinion angle and refer to the Parts List Section of this publication.

## SECTION 8

## Component Replacement

## FASTENERS

When servicing a vehicle, Hendrickson recommends replacing all removed fasteners with new equivalent fasteners. Maintain correct torque values at all times. Check torque values as specified. See Hendrickson's Torque Specifications Section of this publication. If non-Hendrickson fasteners are used follow torque specifications listed in the vehicle manufacturer's service manual.

## HEIGHT CONTROL VALVE

The height control valve is not supplied by Hendrickson, although it is a required component. Hendrickson is not responsible for components supplied by the vehicle manufacturer. For assistance with inspection, adjustments, maintenance, replacement and rebuild instructions on these components, refer to vehicle manufacturer's instructions.

## AIR SPRING

- 9", 10½" Ride Height

DISASSEMBLY

1. Chock the wheels.
2. Support the frame.
3. Disconnect the height control valve arm(s) from the rubber grommet, refer to vehicle manufacturer's instructions.

## WARNING

## WARNING

## CAUTION

PRIOR TO AND DURING DEFLATION AND INFLATION OF THE AIR SUSPENSION SYSTEM, ENSURE THAT ALL PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT ARE CLEAR FROM UNDER THE VEHICLE AND AROUND THE SERVICE AREA, FAILURE TO DO SO CAN CAUSE SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.
4. See additional Air Spring Cautions and Warnings in the Important Safety Notice Section of this publication prior to deflating or inflating the air system.
5. Lower the height control valve arm(s) to exhaust the air in the air springs and deflate the rear suspension.

SOME VEHICLE APPLICATIONS, SUCH AS VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH OUTRIGGERS, RETAIN SOME AIR PRESSURE IN THE AIR SPRINGS AT ALL TIMES. PRIOR TO PERFORMING ANY MAINTENANCE, SERVICE, OR REPAIR OF THE SUSPENSION, VERIFY EACH AIR SPRING IS COMPLETELY DEFLATED. FAILURE TO DO SO COULD RESULT SERIOUS PROPERTY DAMAGE AND/OR SEVERE PERSONAL INJURY.
6. Remove the air line from the air spring.

IF THE AIR SPRING IS BEING REMOVED FOR AN ALTERNATE REPAIR, IT IS MANDATORY TO LUBRICATE THE LOWER AIR SPRING FASTENERS WITH PENETRATING OIL AND REMOVE WITH HAND TOOLS TO PREVENT DAMAGE TO THE LOWER AIR SPRING MOUNTING STUD. FAILURE TO DO SO CAN CAUSE COMPONENT DAMAGE AND VOID WARRANTY.
7. If the air spring is being removed for an alternate repair it will be necessary to lubricate the lower mounting fasteners with penetrating oil. This will help prevent the air spring mounting studs from breaking during the removal process.
8. Remove and discard the lower mounting fasteners from the air springs using HAND TOOLS only.
9. Remove the lower air spring mounting bracket from the cross tube.
10. Remove and discard the fasteners from the upper air spring mounting bracket.
11. Remove the air spring.

## ASSEMBLY

1. Inspect the mounting surfaces and lower air spring mounting bracket for any damage, replace if necessary.

## WARNING

FAILURE TO PRESS THE UPPER AIR SPRING BRACKET AGAINST THE UNDERSIDE OF THE FRAME FLANGE WHILE TIGHTENING THE UPPER AIR SPRING BRACKET CAN RESULT IN COMPONENT DAMAGE AND PERSONAL INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.
2. Hold the upper air spring bracket tight against the frame flange and tighten the upper air spring mounting fastener per the vehicle manufacturer's specifications.
3. Install the air spring between the frame and cross tube, see Figure 8-1.
a. PRIMAAX EX — Ensure the "air spring slot" located in the bottom of the air spring engages the "beam notch" on the top of the support beam.
b. PRIMAAX - Ensure the "V" notch in the end cap engages the "locator tab" on the air spring.

FIGURE 8-1

4. Install the lower air spring mounting bracket around the cross tube, engaging the mounting air spring studs, see Figure 8-1.
5. Using HAND TOOLS install the lower mounting fasteners and tighten to 20-30 foot pounds torque.
6. Reconnect the air line to the air spring.
7. See additional Air Spring Cautions and Warnings in the Important Safety Notice Section of this publication prior to deflating or inflating the air system.
8. Inflate the suspension slowly and verify that the air spring bladder inflates uniformly without binding.
9. Connect the height control valve linkage(s) to the height control valve arm(s) to inflate the suspension.
10. Remove the frame supports.
11. Verify the ride height is within specification, refer to vehicle manufacturer for proper ride height adjustment.
12. Remove the wheel chocks.

## AIR SPRING / UPPER AIR SPRING BRACKET

## ■ 13" Ride Height

## DISASSEMBLY

1. Chock the wheels.
2. Support the frame.
3. Disconnect the height control valve arm(s) from the rubber grommet, refer to vehicle manufacturer's instructions.

## WARNING

## WARNING

## CAUTION

PRIOR TO AND DURING DEFLATION AND INFLATION OF THE AIR SUSPENSION SYSTEM, ENSURE THAT ALL PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT ARE CLEAR FROM UNDER THE VEHICLE AND AROUND THE SERVICE AREA, FAILURE TO DO SO CAN CAUSE SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.
4. See additional Air Spring Cautions and Warnings in the Important Safety Notice Section of this publication prior to deflating or inflating the air system.
5. Lower the height control valve arm(s) to exhaust the air in the air springs and deflate the rear suspension.

SOME VEHICLE APPLICATIONS, SUCH AS VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH OUTRIGGERS, RETAIN SOME AIR PRESSURE IN THE AIR SPRINGS AT ALL TIMES. PRIOR TO PERFORMING ANY MAINTENANCE, SERVICE, OR REPAIR OF THE SUSPENSION, VERIFY EACH AIR SPRING IS COMPLETELY DEFLATED. FAILURE TO DO SO COULD RESULT SERIOUS PROPERTY DAMAGE AND/OR SEVERE PERSONAL INJURY.
6. Remove the air line from the air spring.

IF THE AIR SPRING IS BEING REMOVED FOR AN ALTERNATE REPAIR, IT IS MANDATORY TO LUBRICATE THE LOWER AIR SPRING FASTENERS WITH PENETRATING OIL AND REMOVE WITH HAND TOOLS TO PREVENT DAMAGE TO THE LOWER AIR SPRING MOUNTING STUD. FAILURE TO DO SO CAN CAUSE COMPONENT DAMAGE AND VOID WARRANTY.
7. If the air spring is being removed for an alternate repair it will be necessary to lubricate the lower mounting fasteners with penetrating oil. This will help prevent the air spring mounting studs from breaking during the removal process.
8. Remove and discard the lower mounting fasteners from the air springs using HAND TOOLS only.
9. Remove the lower air spring mounting bracket from the cross tube.
10. Remove and discard the fasteners from the upper air spring mounting bracket.
11. Remove the air spring.
12. Remove and discard the fasteners securing the upper air spring bracket assembly to the frame rail.
13. Inspect the upper air spring bracket assembly, air spring support bracket (if equipped), mounting surfaces and lower air spring mounting bracket for any damage. Replace as necessary.

## ASSEMBLY

1. Inspect the mounting surfaces and lower air spring mounting bracket for any damage, replace if necessary.
2. Loosely attach the upper air spring bracket assembly to the frame rail.

FAILURE TO PRESS THE UPPER AIR SPRING BRACKET ASSEMBLY AGAINST THE UNDERSIDE OF THE FRAME WHILE TIGHTENING THE UPPER AIR SPRING FASTENERS CAN RESULT IN COMPONENT DAMAGE AND PERSONAL INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.
3. Press the upper air spring bracket assembly against the underside of the frame and tighten the frame fasteners to the proper torque per the vehicle manufacturer's specifications.
4. Attach the air spring to the upper air spring bracket assembly and tighten the locknuts to proper torque specifications, see Torque Specification Section in this publication.
5. Install the air spring between the frame and cross tube, see Figure 8-2.
a. PRIMAAX EX — Ensure the "air spring slot" located in the bottom of the air spring engages the "beam notch" on the top of the support beam.
FIGURE 8-2

6. Install the lower air spring mounting bracket around the cross tube, engaging the mounting air spring studs, see Figure 8-2.
7. Using HAND TOOLS install the lower mounting fasteners and tighten to 20-30 foot pounds torque.
8. Install the air line fitting to the air spring using Teflon or equivalent thread seal.
9. Reconnect the air line to the air spring.
10. See additional Air Spring Cautions and Warnings in the Important Safety Notice Section of this publication prior to deflating or inflating the air system.
11. Inflate the suspension slowly and verify that the air spring bladder inflates uniformly without binding.
12. Connect the height control valve linkage(s) to the height control valve arm(s) to inflate the suspension.
13. Remove the frame supports.
14. Verify the ride height is within specification, refer to vehicle manufacturer for proper ride height adjustment.
15. Remove the wheel chocks.

## SHOCK ABSORBER

## WARNING

THE SHOCK ABSORBERS ARE THE REBOUND TRAVEL STOPS FOR THE SUSPENSION. ANYTIME THE AXLE ON A PRIMAAX EX / PRIMAAX SUSPENSION IS SUSPENDED IT IS MANDATORY THAT THE SHOCK ABSORBERS REMAIN CONNECTED. FAILURE TO DO SO CAN CAUSE THE AIR SPRINGS TO SEPARATE FROM THE PISTON AND RESULT IN PREMATURE AIR SPRING FAILURE. REPLACEMENT OF SHOCK ABSORBERS WITH NON-HENDRICKSON PARTS CAN ALTERTHE REBOUND TRAVEL OFTHE SUSPENSION.

## DISASSEMBLY

1. Chock the wheels of the vehicle.

NOTE
If removal of the height control valve linkage bracket is necessary for shock absorber replacement, mark the position of the linkage bracket to facilitate reinstallation.
2. Remove and discard the lower shock absorber mounting fasteners and, if necessary, the height control valve linkage bracket, see Figure 8-3.
3. Remove and discard the upper shock absorber mounting fasteners.
4. Slide the shock absorber out of the mounting brackets.
5. Inspect the shock absorber mounting brackets and hardware for damage or wear. Remove and replace as necessary.
FIGURE 8-3

## 9"-101⁄2" Ride Height



ASSEMBLY

1. Install the upper shock absorber mounting bracket (if removed).
2. Install the shock absorber into the upper mounting bracket.
3. Install the upper shock absorber mounting fasteners.

## CAUTION

THE UPPER SHOCK BOLT MUST BE INDEXED INTO THE RECESSED HEX BORE OF THE UPPER SHOCK MOUNTING BRACKET FOR PROPER FASTENER INSTALLATION. FAILURE TO DO SO CAN CAUSE THE SHOCK FASTENERS TO BECOME LOOSE AND CAUSE PREMATURE COMPONENT DAMAGE.
4. Slide the lower shock absorber mount into the bottom cap.
5. Install the lower shock absorber mounting fasteners and height control valve linkage bracket (if removed).
6. Tighten the upper shock absorber mounting locknut to 175-200 foot pounds torque, see Figure 8-3.
7. Tighten the lower shock absorber mounting locknut to $\boldsymbol{Z 2 0 0 - 2 2 5}$ foot pounds torque, see Figure 8-3.
8. If the height control valve linkage bracket was removed, verify the ride height is within specification, refer to vehicle manufacturer for proper ride height adjustment.
9. Remove the wheel chocks.

## TRANSVERSE TORQUE ROD

WARNING

PRIMAAX EX / PRIMAAX SUSPENSIONS INCORPORATE TRANSVERSE RODS FOR VEHICLE STABILITY. IF THESE COMPONENTS ARE DISCONNECTED OR ARE NON-FUNCTIONAL THE VEHICLE SHOULD NOT BE OPERATED. FAILURE TO DO SO CAN RESULT IN ADVERSE VEHICLE HANDLING AND POSSIBLE TIRE CONTACT WITH THE FRAME. OPERATING A VEHICLE WITH NON-FUNCTIONAL TRANSVERSE TORQUE RODS CAN RESULT IN LOSS OF VEHICLE CONTROL, SEVERE PERSONAL INJURY, AND PREMATURE COMPONENT DAMAGE.

NOTE
Some torque rods assemblies equipped PRIMAAX EX / PRIMAAX suspensions have curled end hubs and are not re-bushable. The entire torque rod assembly must be replaced. This feature provides superior bushing retention in the torque rod end hub.

- These torque rods can be identified by the part number $67428-\mathrm{XXX}$ or the suffix N affer any part number (i.e. 62000-615N).


## DISASSEMBLY

1. Chock the wheels of the vehicle.

## SERVICE HINT Note the quantity and location of shims removed to maintain the lateral alignment of the axle

 during assembly. See Alignment \& Adjustments Section of this publication.2. Remove and discard the transverse torque rod mounting fasteners.
3. Remove the transverse torque rod.
4. Inspect the mounting surfaces for any wear or damage. Repair or replace as necessary.

## ASSEMBLY

1. Install the transverse torque rod.
2. Install the mounting fasteners and any shims that were removed.

## NOTE

Hendrickson recommends the using Grade 8 bolts and Grade C locknuts for all torque rod attachments.
3. Prior to tightening, ensure that the vehicle is at the proper ride height. Refer to vehicle manufacturer for specifications.
4. Tighten all fasteners to the required torque specification. Refer to vehicle manufacturer for specifications.
5. Check the lateral alignment. If not within vehicle manufacturer's specified range, a lateral alignment is necessary. See Lateral Alignment in the Alignment \& Adjustments Section of this publication.
6. Remove the wheel chocks.

## LONGITUDINAL TORQUE ROD

NOTE \begin{tabular}{l}
Some torque rods assemblies equipped on PRIMAAX EX/PRIMAAX suspensions have curled end <br>
hubs and are not re-bushable. The entire torque rod assembly must be replaced. This feature <br>
provides superior bushing retention in the torque rod end hub. <br>
- These torque rods can be identified by the part number $67428-\mathrm{XXX}$ or the suffix N after any <br>
part number (i.e. $62000-615 \mathrm{~N}$ ). <br>
DISASSEMBLY <br>
1. Chock the wheels of the vehicle. <br>
\hline SERVICE HINT

 

Note the quantity of shims removed to maintain the correct pinion angle of the axle at assembly. <br>
See Alignment \& Adjustments Section of this publication.
\end{tabular}

2. Remove shims (if equipped) and remove and discard the torque rod mounting fasteners, see Figures 8-4 and 8-5.
3. Remove the longitudinal torque rod.
4. Inspect the mounting surfaces for any wear or damage, replace if necessary.

FIGURE 8-4
PRIMAAX EX 232/262S/462/692 9 ", $101 / 2$ " Ride Height

*NOTE: Top Pad/Longitudinal connection vary with different models, refer to Parts List Section.

FIGURE 8-5
PRIMAAX EX 232T/462T/692T 13" Ride Height


## ASSEMBLY

1. Install the longitudinal torque rod.
2. Install the mounting fasteners and any shims that were removed, see Figures 8-4 and 8-5.

NOTE
Hendrickson recommends the use of Grade 8 bolts and Grade C locknuts be used for all torque rod attachments.

NOTE
It is mandatory to have the vehicle at proper ride height prior to tightening the $3 / 4$ " straddle bushing and the $7 / 8$ " top pad through bolt locknuts to torque specifications.
3. Tighten all fasteners to the required specification, see the Torque Specifications Section of this publication.
4. When assembly is complete check the drive axle pinion angles, see the Alignment \& Adjustments Section of this publication.
5. Remove the wheel chocks.

## TORQUE ROD BUSHING

Some torque rods assemblies equipped on PRIMAAX EX / PRIMAAX suspensions have curled end hubs and are not re-bushable. The entire torque rod assembly must be replaced. This feature provides superior bushing retention in the torque rod end hub.

- These torque rods can be identified by the part number $67428-\mathrm{XXX}$ or the suffix N after any part number (i.e. 62000-615N).


## DISASSEMBLY

You will need:

- A vertical press with a capacity of at least 10 tons
- A receiving tool, see the Special Tools Section of this publication for shop made tool specifications.


## CAUTION

DO NOT USE HEAT OR USE A CUTTING TORCH TO REMOVE THE BUSHINGS FROM THE TORQUE ROD. THE USE OF HEAT WILL ADVERSELY AFFECT THE STRENGTH OF THE TORQUE ROD; HEAT CAN CHANGE THE MATERIAL PROPERTIES. A COMPONENT DAMAGED IN THIS MANNER CAN RESULT IN THE LOSS OF VEHICLE CONTROL, POSSIBLE PERSONAL INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE AND VOID WARRANTY.

1. Remove the torque rod as detailed in this section.

## SERVICE HINT

When servicing a straddle mount bar pin type bushing assembly, mark the clocking position of the straddle mount bar pin flats on the torque rod end hub before disassembly. This clocking mark will serve as a guide when installing the new bushing assembly so the original clocking position can be retained.
2. When replacing a straddle mount bar pin type bushing assembly, mark the clocking position of the bushing assembly's bar pin flats with a paint stick on the torque rod end hub prior to disassembly. Clocking varies for different model configurations, see Figure 8-6.

FIGURE 8-6

3. Install the torque rod in the press. Support the torque rod end on the receiving tool with the end of the torque rod centered on the tool. Be sure the torque rod is squarely supported on the press bed.
4. Push directly on the inner metal of the bushing assembly until the bushing assembly clears the torque rod end tube.
5. Clean and inspect the inner diameter of the torque rod ends.

## ASSEMBLY

1. Lubricate the inner diameter of the torque rod end hub and the new rubber bushing with light Naphthenic Base Oil, such as 60 SUS at $100^{\circ}$ F, see Figure 8-7.
2. Support the torque rod end tube on the receiving tool with the end tube of the torque rod centered on the receiving tool.

NOTE
The straddle mount bar pin bushings must have the mounting flats positioned perpendicular to axis of the torque rod.
3. Press directly on the straddle mount bar pin. The rubber bushings of the bar pin must be centered within the torque rod end hubs.
4. When pressing in the new bushings overshoot the desired final position by approximately $3 / 16^{\prime \prime}$, see Figure 8-8.
5. Press the straddle mount bar pin again from opposite side to center the bar pin within the torque rod end hub, see Figure 8-9.

FIGURE 8-7


FIGURE 8-8


FIGURE 8-9

6. Wipe off excess lubricant. Allow the lubricant four (4) hours to dissipate before operating vehicle.

## CAUTION

IF THE TORQUE ROD ASSEMBLY IS NOT ALLOWED THE ALLOTTED TIME FOR THE LUBRICANT TO DISSIPATE, THE BUSHING MAY SLIDE FROM THE TORQUE ROD END HUB. IF THIS OCCURS, THE BUSHING MAY BE DAMAGED AND WILL NEED TO BE REMOVED AND A NEW BUSHING RE-INSTALLED.
7. Install torque rod assembly as detailed in this section.

## SUPPORT BEAM ASSEMBLY AND CROSS TUBE

FIGURE 8-10
FORMER SUPPORT BEAM ASSEMBLY


FIGURE 8-11

## REPLACEMENT U-BEAM ASSEMBLY KIT



## NOTE

Effective May 2010, the support beam assembly part numbers 66435-00X or 60831-00X (Forging Part Nos. 59363-001, 65082-000, 65284-000), cross tube, and previous U-beam Assembly Part Numbers with the prefix 66659-XXX, for PRIMAAX suspension systems were discontinued, see Figure 8-10.
The U-beam Assembly with integrated end caps, see Figure 8-1 1, is now a required replacement for any PRIMAAX support beam or cross tube component. Refer to the Support Beam and Cross Tube Replacement Guide table in the Parts List Section of this publication.

## U-BEAM ASSEMBLY

IMPORTANT NOTICE As of September 2010, Hendrickson introduced the new enhanced U-beam assembly design for PRIMAAX EX suspensions equipped on new production vehicles and for the Aftermarket. The new U-beam assembly results in a maintenance-free integrated end cap connection. Refer to Figure $6-1$ in the Preventive Maintenance Section of this publication.

## DISASSEMBLY

1. Chock the front wheels.
2. Support the frame at ride height.
3. Raise and support the axle being serviced. Remove the wheels.
4. Disconnect the height control valve linkage assembly from the height control valve arm(s), see vehicle manufacturer's instructions.

## WARNING

## WARNING

PRIOR TO AND DURING DEFLATION AND INFLATION OF THE AIR SUSPENSION SYSTEM, ENSURE THAT ALL PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT ARE CLEAR FROM UNDER THE VEHICLE AND AROUNDTHE SERVICE AREA, FAILURE TO DO SO CAN CAUSE SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.
5. See additional Air Spring Cautions and Warnings in the Important Safety Notice Section of this publication prior to deflating or inflating the air system.

SOME VEHICLE APPLICATIONS, SUCH AS VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH OUTRIGGERS, RETAIN SOME PRESSURE IN THE AIR SPRINGS AT ALL TIMES. PRIOR TO PERFORMING ANY MAINTENANCE, SERVICE, OR REPAIR OF THE SUSPENSION, VERIFY EACH AIR SPRING IS COMPLETELY DEFLATED. FAILURE TO DO SO COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS PROPERTY DAMAGE AND/OR SEVERE PERSONAL INJURY.
6. Lower the linkage arm(s) to exhaust the air in the air springs and deflate the rear suspension.

## CAUTION

IF THE AIR SPRING IS BEING REMOVED FOR AN ALTERNATE REPAIR, IT IS MANDATORY TO LUBRICATE THE LOWER AIR SPRING FASTENERS WITH PENETRATING OIL AND REMOVE WITH HAND TOOLS TO PREVENT DAMAGE TO THE LOWER AIR SPRING MOUNTING STUD. FAILURE TO DO SO CAN CAUSE COMPONENT DAMAGE AND VOID WARRANTY.
7. Lubricate the lower mounting fasteners of the air springs with penetrating oil. This will help prevent the air spring mounting studs from breaking during the removal process.
8. Remove and discard the lower mounting fasteners from the air springs using HANDTOOLS only.
9. Remove both the lower air spring mounting brackets to disconnect both air springs from the cross tube, see Figure 8-12.

FIGURE 8-12


| . WARNING | IT IS MANDATORY TO USE A FLOOR JACK EQUIPPED WITH A FOUR INCH CONTACT PLATE TO SUPPORT THE U-BEAM ASSEMBLY AT THE CROSS TUBE TO FACILITATE SAFE LOWERING AND RAIIING OF THE U-BEAM ASSEMBLY. DO NOT USE A BOTTLE JACK. A BOTTLE JACK DOES NOT HAVE ENOUGH CONTACT AREA AND CAN BE UNSTABLE. FAILURE TO DO SO CAN CAUSE COMPONENT DAMAGE OR RESULT IN PERSONAL INJURY. <br> 10. Install a floor jack with a 4 " contact plate to support the U-beam assembly. |
| :---: | :---: |
| SERVICE HINT | Each frame hanger will have a pair of QUIK-ALIGN collars. Note which type of QUIK-ALIGN collar is removed from which frame hanger location to facilitate the assemble process. Any eccentric (with the square drive feature) QUIK-ALIGN collar should be mounted on the outboard side of the frame hanger. Axle thrust angles can only be corrected on frame hangers equipped with eccentric QUIK-ALIGN collars. |
|  | 11. Mark the position of the QUIK-ALIGN square drive in relationship to the frame hanger prior to loosening the QUIK-ALIGN connection. This will facilitate the axle alignment process after the repair is complete. <br> 12. Loosen both the QUIK-ALIGN fasteners, DO NOT remove at this time. <br> 13. Remove and discard D-pin fasteners on both sides of the suspension. |
| SERVICE HINT | It may be necessary to rotate the QUIK-ALIGN eccentric collars to allow the full disengagement of the D-pins into the bottom caps. |
| SERVICE HINT | It may be necessary to raise the front of the differential to allow the D-pins to disengage the bottom caps. |
|  | 14. Lower the floor jack and pivot the U-beam assembly down. |
| ¢ WARNING | THE WEIGHT OF THE U-BEAM ASSEMBLY IS APPROXIMATELY 225 POUNDS. CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN AT REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION TO PREVENT PERSONAL INJURY OR DAMAGE TO COMPONENTS. <br> 15. Remove and discard the QUIK-ALIGN fasteners. <br> 16. Remove QUIK-ALIGN eccentric and concentric collars. |
| NOTE | It may be necessary to use a pry bar to push the U-beam assembly out of the frame hangers. |
|  | 17. Remove the U-beam assembly from the hangers. |
|  | 18. Remove the U-beam assembly from the vehicle. |
|  | 19. Inspect the U-beam assembly for any damage or wear and replace as necessary. |

## ASSEMBLY

1. Clean the QUIK-ALIGN slots in the hangers and collars of any dirt and debris and inspect for any wear or damage. Replace as necessary.
2. Prior to installing the U -beam assembly, verify the clamp group is tightened to the proper torque.

## WARNING

## WARNING

the weight Of The u-beam assembly is approximately 225 POUNDS. CARE SHOULD be TAKEN at removal and installation to prevent personal injury or damage to components.
3. Install the U-beam assembly into the frame hangers.

DISCARD USED QUIK-ALIGN FASTENERS. ALWAYS USE NEW QUIK-ALIGN FASTENERS TO COMPLETE A REPAIR. FAILURE TO DO SO COULD RESULT IN FAILURE OF THE PART, OR MATING COMPONENTS, LOSS OF VEHICLE CONTROL, PERSONAL INJURY, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.
DO NOT ASSEMBLE QUIK-ALIGN JOINT WITHOUT THE PROPER FASTENERS. USE ONLY HENDRICKSON GENUINE FASTENERS WITH SPECIAL COATING (H-COAT) TO SUSTAIN PROPER CLAMP FORCE. FAILURE TO DO SO CAN CAUSE LOSS OF VEHICLE CONTROL, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY AND VOID WARRANTY. ENSURE THAT THE QUIK-ALIGN FASTENER'S TORQUE VALUES ARE SUSTAINED AS RECOMMENDED IN THE TORQUE SPECIFICATIONS SECTION OF THIS PUBLICATION. FAILURE TO DO SO CAN CAUSE LOSS OF VEHICLE CONTROL RESULTING IN PERSONAL INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

## NOTE

Use a new QUIK-ALIGN pivot bolt kit (see the Parts List Section of this publication) for any axle alignment or disassembly of the QUIK-ALIGN connection. This will help ensure that the proper clamp load is applied to the connection and help prevent the joint to slip in service.
4. Verify the correct QUIK-ALIGN collar (eccentric/concentric) is in the correct location as noted in the disassembly procedure.
5. Install QUIK-ALIGN connection with new Hendrickson fasteners and snug to about B 50 -100 foot pounds torque, DO NOT tighten at this time. The final torque must be done after the alignment is complete.
6. Position the U-beam assembly on a floor jack.
7. Raise the U-beam assembly until the D-pins engage in the bottom cap.

| SERVICE HINT | It may be necessary to rotate the QUIK-ALIGN eccentric collars to allow the full engagement of <br> the D-pins into the bottom caps. |
| :--- | :--- |
| SERVICE HINT | It may be necessary to raise or lower the front of the differential to allow the D-pins to engage in <br> the bottom cap. Use a drift pin if necessary to align the D-pins with the bottom cap. |

8. Install the D-pin fasteners from front to back, see Figure 8-13.
9. Remove floor jack supporting the U-beam assembly.
10. Tighten D-Pin locknuts to 275-325 foot pounds torque.

FIGURE 8-13

11. Install the air spring between the frame and cross tube, see Figure 8-12.
a. PRIMAAX EX - Ensure the "air spring slot" located in the bottom of the air spring engages the "beam notch" on the top of the support beam.
b. PRIMAAX - Ensure the " $V$ " notch in the end cap engages the "locator tab" on the air spring.
12. Install the lower air spring mounting bracket around the cross tube, engaging the mounting studs on the air spring, see Figure 8-12.
13. Using HAND TOOLS install the lower mounting fasteners and tighten to $\mathbf{3}$ 20-30 foot pounds torque.
14. Install the wheels and remove axle support.
15. See additional Air Spring Cautions and Warnings in the Important Safety Notice Section of this publication prior to deflating or inflating the air system.
16. Connect the height control valve linkage(s) to the height control valve arm(s) to inflate the suspension, see vehicle manufacturer's instructions.
17. Remove frame support(s).
18. Remove the wheel chocks.

## NOTE

Alignment and QUIK-ALIGN final torque is necessary anytime the U-beam assembly is removed.
19. Check the alignment and adjust if necessary. See Alignment \& Adjustments Section of this publication.
20. Once the correct axle alignment is achieved, use a calibrated torque wrench to tighten the 1" QUIK-ALIGN locknuts to - $\mathbf{B} 525-575$ foot pounds torque.

## D-PIN BUSHING

## You will need:

- A vertical shop press with a capacity of at least 10 tons.
- A D-Pin Removal Tool, Installation Tool, and Receiving Tool, see Special Tools Section of this publication.


## DISASSEMBLY

1. Remove the U-beam assembly. Follow U-beam Assembly removal procedure in this section.

## NOTE

On PRIMAAX EX models built after September 2010 or equipped with the enhanced U-beam Assembly, it will be necessary to remove the existing sealant and tamper resistant cap for the support beam/cross tube connection to proceed with the bolt removal. Carefully remove sealant with a hand scraper as to not damage the U-beam assembly.
2. Remove the support beam/cross tube connection bolt from the end of the beam.
3. Remove the end cap (if equipped).

## WARNING

WHEN SEPARATING THE U-BEAM ASSEMBLY, PROTECT THE CROSS TUBE BY PLACING A PIECE OF PLYWOOD AGAINST OR CARDBOARD AROUND THE CROSS TUBE. CAREFULLY DISLODGE THE CROSS TUBE FROM THE SUPPORT BEAM WITH A LONG HANDLED SLEDGE HAMMER BY APPLYING BLUNT FORCE ON THE SUPPORT BEAM DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THE INBOARD TOP CORNER JOINT. ALL BLUNT FORCE MUST BE APPLIED FLUSH TO THE THICKEST PART OF THE SUPPORT BEAM, SEE FIGURE 8-14. FAILURE TO STRIKE THE SUPPORT BEAM SQUARELY MAY RESULT IN COMPONENT DAMAGE, PREMATURE FAILURE AND VOID WARRANTY.
4. Place a piece of plywood or cardboard around the cross tube prior to applying blunt force to the support beam.
5. Dislodge the support beam from the cross tube by hitting the support beam directly in front of the inboard corner joint. The support beam and cross tube joint requires shock load on the support beam, at the joint, to dislodge the two components. All blunt force must be applied flush to the thickest part of the support beam at the inboard corner joint, see Figure 8-14. Continue striking the support beam until it is completely dislodged from the cross tube.

## FIGURE 8-14


6. Inspect all components for any damage or wear and replace as necessary.
7. Clean any loose debris or foreign material, and if applied remove all old sealant for inspection and reassembly.
8. Place the support beam in a shop press on top of a receiving tool with both ends of the support beam squarely supported on the press bed.
9. Mark the clocking position of the D-pin bushing on the support beam with a paint stick, see Figure 8-15.
10. Install the D-Pin Removal Tool centered on the D-Pin bushing, see Figure 8-16.

FIGURE 8-15


FIGURE 8-16

11. Push directly on the D-pin Removal Tool until the D-Pin bushing is pressed out of the support beam bore.
12. Clean the support beam bore with a wire wheel. Inspect the inner diameter of the D-Pin bore on the support beam, check for any damage to the support beam bore, replace as necessary.

## ASSEMBLY

1. Place the support beam in a shop press on the receiving tool with the beveled edge of the D-Pin bore facing up. Both ends of the support beam must be supported squarely on the press bed.
2. Lubricate the support beam D-Pin bore and the D-Pin bushing retaining sleeve with chassis grease, see Figure 8-17.
3. Line up the D-Pin bushing with the clocking line that was put on the support beam prior to the removal of the D-Pin bushing, see Figure 8-18.
4. Install the D-Pin bushing installation tool and press in the new D-Pin bushing until the outer metal sleeve is centered in the U-beam assembly, see Figures 8-19 and 8-20.

## NOTE <br> If the service also requires the replacement of the QUIK-ALIGN pivot bushing, refer to QUIK-ALIGN

 Pivot Bushing Disassembly in this section.FIGURE 8-17


FIGURE 8-18


FIGURE 8-19


FIGURE 8-20

5. Install the support beams into the frame hanger's one side at a time. Care should be taken to ensure the support beams are installed in the proper locations, for example: the left rear support beam is installed in the left rear frame hanger.

NOTE $\quad$ All the old sealant MUST be removed carefully with a hand scraper as to not damage the U-beam assembly and the sealant application areas should be cleaned.

## WARNING

DISCARD USED QUIK-ALIGN FASTENERS. ALWAYS USE NEW QUIK-ALIGN FASTENERS TO COMPLETE A REPAIR. FAILURE TO DO SO COULD RESULT IN FAILURE OF THE PART, OR MATING COMPONENTS, LOSS OF VEHICLE CONTROL, PERSONAL INJURY, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.
DO NOT ASSEMBLE QUIK-ALIGN JOINT WITHOUT THE PROPER FASTENERS. USE ONLY HENDRICKSON GENUINE FASTENERS WITH SPECIAL COATING (H-COAT) TO SUSTAIN PROPER CLAMP FORCE. FAILURE TO DO SO CAN CAUSE LOSS OF VEHICLE CONTROL, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY AND VOID WARRANTY. ENSURE THAT THE QUIK-ALIGN FASTENER'S TORQUE VALUES ARE SUSTAINED AS RECOMMENDED IN THE TORQUE SPECIFICATIONS SECTION OF THIS PUBLICATION. FAILURE TO DO SO CAN CAUSE LOSS OF VEHICLE CONTROL RESULTING IN PERSONAL INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

## NOTE <br> Use a new QUIK-ALIGN pivot bolt kit (see the Parts List Section of this publication) for any axle

 alignment or disassembly of the QUIK-ALIGN connection. This will help ensure that the proper clamp load is applied to the connection and help prevent the joint to slip in service.
## SERVICE HINT

Each frame hanger will have a pair of QUIK-ALIGN collars. Note which type of QUIK-ALIGN collar is removed from which frame hanger location to facilitate the assemble process. Any eccentric (with the square drive feature) QUIK-ALIGN collar should be mounted on the outboard side of the frame hanger. Axle thrust angles can only be corrected on frame hangers equipped with eccentric QUIK-ALIGN collars.
6. Verify the correct QUIK-ALIGN collar (eccentric/concentric) is in the correct location as noted in the disassembly procedure.
7. Install QUIK-ALIGN connection with new Hendrickson fasteners and snug to about B 50-100 foot pounds torque, DO NOT tighten at this time. The final torque must be done after the alignment is complete.
8. Spread the support beams to facilitate the installation of the cross tube.
9. Install the cross tube into the support beam one side at a time.
10. If equipped, install the end cap making sure the " $V$ " notch in the end cap is on the top.

FIGURE 8-21
11. Apply Loctite 277 to the $7 / 8$ " fastener and install in end hub. DO NOT tighten at this time, see Figure 8-21.

## WARNING

THE WEIGHT OF THE U-BEAM ASSEMBLY IS APPROXIMATELY 225 POUNDS. CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN AT REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION TO PREVENT PERSONAL INJURY OR DAMAGE TO COMPONENTS.
12. Position the U-beam assembly on a floor jack equipped with a 4 " contact plate.
13. Raise the U-beam assembly until the D-Pins engage in the bottom cap.

## SERVICE HINT

It may be necessary to rotate the QUIK-ALIGN
 eccentric collars to pull the axle forward to allow the full engagement of the D-Pins into the bottom caps.

SERVICE HINT It may be necessary to raise or lower the front of the differential to allow the D-Pins to engage in the bottom cap. Use a drift pin if necessary to align the D-Pins with the bottom cap.
14. Install the D-Pin fasteners, installing them from front to back, see Figure 8-22.

FIGURE 8-22

15. Tighten the $7 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ cross tube retaining bolt head to $\boldsymbol{B} 525-575$ foot pounds torque.
16. Tighten D-Pin locknuts to 275-325 foot pounds torque and remove the cross tube support.
17. Carefully clean the application area using a wire brush to remove loose paint and debris.
18. De-grease area with suitable de-greaser such as mineral spirits or brake cleaner. Ensure the area is dry when done.
19. Install tamper resistant cap over fully tightened end cap bolt.

## WARNING

IRRITANT, SENSITIZER. SIKAFLEX 221 CAUSES EYE IRRITATION. MAY CAUSE SKIN/RESPIRATORY IRRITATION. MAY CAUSE SKIN AND/OR RESPIRATORY SENSITIZATION AFTER PROLONGED CONTACT. MAY BE HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED. AVOID DIRECT CONTACT. WEAR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (CHEMICAL RESISTANT GOGGLES/GLOVES/CLOTHING) TO PREVENT DIRECT CONTACT WITH SKIN AND EYES. USE ONLY IN WELL VENTILATED AREAS. OPEN DOORS AND WINDOWS DURING USE. USE A PROPERLY FITTED NIOSH RESPIRATOR IF VENTILATION IS POOR. WASH THOROUGHLY WITH SOAP AND WATER AFTER USE. REMOVE CONTAMINATED CLOTHING AND LAUNDER BEFORE REUSE. STRICTLY FOLLOW ALL USAGE, HANDLING AND STORAGE INSTRUCTIONS AS PROVIDED BYTHE MANUFACTURER.

## NOTE

Apply Sikaflex 221 polyurethane sealant at room temperature, refer to sealant manufacturer's specifications.

FIGURE 8-23


FIGURE 8-24
Sealant applied around support

20. Use gloves when applying sealant; apply Sikaflex 221 polyurethane sealant 360 degrees over tamper resistant cap edges, ensure there are no voids or gaps in sealant after application, see Figure 8-23.
21. Use gloves when applying sealant; apply Sikaflex 221 polyurethane sealant 360 degrees around cross tube/support beam connection, ensure there are no voids or gaps in sealant after application, see Figure 8-24.
NOTE
DO NOT allow the sealant to interfere with air spring mounting.
22. Install the air spring between the frame and cross tube, see Figure 8-25.
a. PRIMAAX EX - Ensure the "air spring slot" located in the bottom of the air spring engages the "beam notch" on the top of the support beam.
b. PRIMAAX - Ensure the " V " notch in the end cap engages the "locator tab" on the air spring.
23. Install the lower air spring mounting bracket around the cross tube, engaging the mounting air spring studs, see Figure 8-25.
FIGURE 8-25

24. Using HAND TOOLS only, install the lower mounting fasteners and tighten to $\boldsymbol{B}$ 20-30 foot pounds torque.
25. Install the wheels and remove the axle support(s).
26. See additional Air Spring Cautions and Warnings in the Important Safety Notice Section of this publication prior to deflating or inflating the air system.
27. Connect the height control valve linkage assembly to the height control valve arm(s) to inflate the suspension.
28. Remove the frame support.
29. Remove the wheel chocks.
30. Verify the ride height is within specification, refer to vehicle manufacturer for proper ride height adjustment.

## NOTE

Alignment and QUIK-ALIGN final torque is necessary anytime the support beam is removed.
31. Check the alignment and adjust if necessary. See Alignment \& Adjustments Section of this publication.
32. Once the correct axle alignment is achieved, use a calibrated torque wrench to tighten the 1" QUIK-ALIGN locknuts to $\mathbf{B} 525-575$ foot pounds torque.

## QUIK-ALIGN PIVOT BUSHING

## DISASSEMBLY

## You will need:

- A vertical shop press with a capacity of at least 10 tons.
- A QUIK-ALIGN pivot bushing installer, remover and receiver tool. See Special Tools Section of this publication.

1. Remove the support beam assembly. Follow the D-pin Bushing Disassembly Step 1 through 8 in this section.
2. Center the push out tool on the inner sleeve and press out the old bushing, (these bushings are not cartridge type bushings, they do not have outer metals), see Figure 8-26 and 8-27.
3. Clean and inspect the I.D. of the support beam eye.


ASSEMBLY
DO NOT use petroleum or soap base lubricant, it can cause an adverse reaction with the bushing material, such as deterioration.

1. Lubricate the bushing and the inner diameter of the support beam eye with light Naphthenic Base Oil, such as 60 SUS at $100^{\circ}$, see Figure 8-28.
2. Position the support beam on the receiving tool with the beam eye centered on the tool. Be sure the support beam is squarely supported on the press bed.
3. Place the QUIK-ALIGN bushing installer tool (see Special Tools Section of this publication) on the QUIK-ALIGN bushing, see Figure 8-29.
4. Press in the new bushing. Bushings must be centered within the support beam eye. When pressing in the new bushings over-shoot desired final position by $3 / 6$ " and press again from the opposite side to center the bushing within the support beam eye bore, if necessary, see Figure 8-30.
5. Install the support beam assembly. Follow D-pin Bushing Assembly Instructions, Steps 5 through 32 in this section.

FIGURE 8-28


FIGURE 8-29


FIGURE 8-30


## TOP PAD

## DISASSEMBLY

1. Chock the front wheels.
2. Support the frame at ride height.
3. Disconnect the height control valve linkage assembly from the height control valve arm(s) from the rubber grommet, see vehicle manufacturer's instructions.

## WARNING

## WARNING

PRIOR TO AND DURING DEFLATION AND INFLATION OF THE AIR SUSPENSION SYSTEM, ENSURE THAT ALL PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT ARE CLEAR FROM UNDER THE VEHICLE AND AROUND THE SERVICE AREA, FAILURE TO DO SO CAN CAUSE SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.
4. See additional Air Spring Cautions and Warnings in the Important Safety Notice Section of this publication prior to deflating or inflating the air system.

SOME VEHICLE APPLICATIONS, SUCH AS VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH OUTRIGGERS, RETAIN SOME AIR PRESSURE IN THE AIR SPRINGS AT ALL TIMES. PRIOR TO PERFORMING ANY MAINTENANCE, SERVICE, OR REPAIR OF THE SUSPENSION, VERIFY EACH AIR SPRING IS COMPLETELY DEFLATED. FAILURE TO DO SO COULD RESULT SERIOUS PROPERTY DAMAGE AND/OR SEVERE PERSONAL INJURY.
5. Lower the height control valve arm(s) to exhaust the air in the air springs and deflate the rear suspension.

| SERVICE HINT | $\begin{array}{l}\text { Note the quantity of shims removed to maintain the correct pinion angle of the axle at assembly } \\ \\ \text { See Alignment \& Adjustments Section of this publication. }\end{array}$ |
| :--- | :--- | See Alignment \& Adjustments Section of this publication.

6. Remove the fasteners from the longitudinal torque rod to top pad joint and shims (if equipped), see Figure 8-31.

## NOTE

Due to certain pinion angle configurations, the removal of the D-Pin bolts may be necessary to access the U-bolt locknuts.
FIGURE 8-31
PRIMAAX EX 232/262S/462/692
$9 ", 1012,13^{\prime \prime}$ Ride Height


## WARNING

IT IS MANDATORY TO USE A FLOOR JACK EQUIPPED WITH A FOUR INCH CONTACT PLATE TO SUPPORT THE U-BEAM ASSEMBLY AT THE CROSS TUBE TO FACILITATE SAFE LOWERING AND RAISING OF THE U-BEAM ASSEMBLY. DO NOT USE A BOTTLE JACK. A BOTTLE JACK DOES NOT HAVE ENOUGH CONTACT AREA AND CAN BE UNSTABLE. FAILURE TO DO SO CAN CAUSE COMPONENT DAMAGE OR RESULT IN PERSONAL INJURY.

## WARNING



PRIMAAX EX 232T/462T/692T - 13" Ride Height PRIMAAX EX 262S - 9" Ride Height

THE WEIGHT OF THE U-BEAM ASSEMBLY IS APPROXIMATELY 225 POUNDS. CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN AT REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION TO PREVENT PERSONAL INJURY OR DAMAGE TO COMPONENTS.
7. Support the U-beam assembly at the cross tube with a floor jack or jackstand that is equipped with a 4" contact plate.
8. Remove and discard the U-bolt fasteners from the clamp group.
9. Remove the top pad.
10. Inspect the top pad and the axle housing for any cracks or damage. Replace if necessary.

## ASSEMBLY

1. Install the top pad on the top of the axle engaging the dowel pin. Care should be taken to ensure the taller ear of the top pad is mounted to the inboard side of the suspension. The top pad varies with different models and may appear different, see Figure 8-32.

FIGURE 8-32


PRIMAAX EX 232/462/692-9", 1012" Ride Height PRIMAAX 230/460/690-9" Ride Height PRIMAAX EX 232T/462T/692T - 13" Ride Height
2. Install the new U-bolts. Verify that the U-bolts are seated properly in the channels of the top pad, see Figure 8-31.
3. Install the new U-bolt fasteners.

U-bolt clamp group hardware for PRIMAAX EX / PRIMAAX suspensions are $3 / 4$ "-16 UNF Grade C locknuts and $3 / 4$ "-1 6 UNF Grade 8 U-bolts which are phosphate and oil coated.

FIGURE 8-33
4. Tighten the U-bolt locknuts evenly in 50 foot pounds increments in the proper pattern to achieve uniform bolt tension, see Figure 8-33.
5. Rap the top of the U-bolts with a dead blow mallet, and retighten to the proper torque. DO NOT exceed specified torque on U-bolt locknuts. Tighten the $3 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ locknuts to $350-400$ foot pounds torque.
6. Tighten the $3 / 4$ " D-Pin bolts to 275-325 foot pounds torque if loosened or removed during disassembly, see Figure 8-34.

FIGURE 8-34

7. Remove the support from the U-beam assembly.
8. Install the fasteners on the longitudinal torque rod, DO NOT tighten at this time.
9. See additional Air Spring Cautions and Warnings in the Important Safety Notice Section of this publication prior to deflating or inflating the air system.
10. Connect the height control valve linkage(s) to the height control valve arm(s) to inflate the suspension.
11. Remove the frame stands.

| NOTE | It is mandatory to have the vehicle at proper ride height prior to tightening the $7 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ top pad <br> through bolt locknut to torque specifications. |
| :--- | :--- |

12. Ensure the vehicle is at proper ride height.
13. Tighten the longitudinal torque rod fasteners to the required specification, see Torque Specifications Section of this publication.
14. Remove the wheel chocks.

## BOTTOM CAP AND AXLE SPACER (If equipped)

## NOTE

It is not necessary to loosen the QUIK-ALIGN connection to service the bottom cap and axle spacer, therefore alignment is preserved during service. If the QUIK-ALIGN connection is loosened during service, alignment is required after service is completed.

## DISASSEMBLY

1. Chock the wheels of the axle.
2. Raise the frame of the vehicle to remove the load from the suspension. Support the frame.
3. Raise and support the axle being serviced. Remove the tires.
4. Disconnect the height control linkage assembly from the height control valve arm by sliding the rubber grommet off the height control valve arm's stud.

## WARNING

PRIOR TO AND DURING DEFLATION AND INFLATION OF THE AIR SUSPENSION SYSTEM, ENSURE THAT ALL PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT ARE CLEAR FROM UNDERTHE VEHICLE AND AROUND THE SERVICE AREA, FAILURE TO DO SO CAN CAUSE SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.
5. See additional Air Spring Cautions and Warnings in the Important Safety Notice Section of this publication prior to deflating or inflating the air system.

## WARNING

SOME VEHICLE APPLICATIONS, SUCH AS VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH OUTRIGGERS, RETAIN SOME AIR PRESSURE IN THE AIR SPRINGS AT ALL TIMES. PRIOR TO PERFORMING ANY MAINTENANCE, SERVICE, OR REPAIR OF THE SUSPENSION, VERIFY EACH AIR SPRING IS COMPLETELY DEFLATED. FAILURE TO DO SO COULD RESULT SERIOUS PROPERTY DAMAGE AND/OR SEVERE PERSONAL INJURY.
6. Lower the height control valve linkage arm(s) to exhaust the air in the air springs and deflate the rear suspension.

## CAUTION

IF THE AIR SPRING IS BEING REMOVED FOR AN ALTERNATE REPAIR, IT IS MANDATORY TO LUBRICATE THE LOWER AIR SPRING FASTENERS WITH PENETRATING OIL AND REMOVE WITH HAND TOOLS TO PREVENT DAMAGE TO THE LOWER AIR SPRING MOUNTING STUD. FAILURE TO DO SO CAN CAUSE COMPONENT DAMAGE AND VOID WARRANTY.
7. Clean and lubricate the lower mounting fasteners of the air springs with penetrating oil. This will help prevent the air spring mounting studs from breaking during the removal process.
8. Remove and discard the lower mounting fasteners from the air springs using HAND TOOLS only, see Figure 8-35.

FIGURE 8-35


## WARNING

IT IS MANDATORY TO USE A FLOOR JACK EQUIPPED WITH A FOUR INCH CONTACT PLATE TO SUPPORT THE U-BEAM ASSEMBLY AT THE CROSS TUBE TO FACILITATE SAFE LOWERING AND RAISING OF THE U-BEAM ASSEMBLY. DO NOT USE A BOTTLE JACK. A BOTTLE JACK DOES NOT HAVE ENOUGH CONTACT AREA AND CAN BE UNSTABLE. FAILURE TO DO SO CAN CAUSE COMPONENT DAMAGE OR RESULT IN PERSONAL INJURY.

## WARNING

THE WEIGHT OF THE U-BEAM ASSEMBLY IS APPROXIMATELY 225 POUNDS. CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN AT REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION TO PREVENT PERSONAL INJURY OR DAMAGE TO COMPONENTS.
9. Support the U-beam assembly at the cross tube with a floor jack or jackstand that is equipped with a 4" contact plate.
10. Remove and discard the D-Pin $3 / 4$ fasteners from both sides of the support beam.
11. Raise the front of the differential to facilitate removal of the D-Pins from the bottom caps.
12. Lower the floor jack to pivot the U-beam assembly down from the bottom caps.
13. Remove and discard the lower shock absorber mounting fasteners.

FIGURE 8-36
14. Pivot the lower shock mount out of the bottom cap.
15. Remove and discard the S-cam support bracket fasteners and support bracket (if equipped), see Figure 8-36.
16. Remove and discard the U-bolt fasteners from the clamp group.
17. Remove the bottom cap and inspect for damage or wear. Replace as necessary.
 axle engaging the dowel pin. Care should be taken to ensure the taller ear of the top pad is mounted to the inboard side of the suspension, see Figure 8-37.
2. Install the bottom cap and axle spacer (if equipped) on the axle in the proper direction, with the lower shock mounting holes facing the rear of the vehicle.

FIGURE 8-37


PRIMAAX EX 232/462/692-9", 10½" Ride Height PRIMAAX 230/460/690-9" Ride Height PRIMAAX EX 232T/462T/692T - 13" Ride Height


PRIMAAX EX 232T/462T/692T-13" Ride Height PRIMAAX EX 262S - 9" Ride Height

SERVICE HINT It may be necessary to squeeze the U-bolts slightly to facilitate installation through the bottom axle cap.
3. Install the new U-bolts. Verify that the U-bolts are seated properly in the top pad channels and through the bottom cap, see Figure 8-34.

## NOTE

U-bolt clamp group hardware for PRIMAAX EX / PRIMAAX suspensions are 3/4"-16 UNF Grade C locknuts and $3 / 4$ "-16 UNF Grade 8 U-bolts which are phosphate and oil coated.
4. Install the U-bolt $3 / 4$ " fasteners and hand tighten, DO NOT tighten to torque at this time.

## CAUTION

PRIOR TO TIGHTENING THE U-BOLTS TO THE FINAL TORQUE, ENSURE THE U-BEAM AND THE BOTTOM CAP ASSEMBLY ARE CENTERED ON THE AXLE ( $\mathrm{A}=\mathrm{B} \pm 1 / \mathrm{s}^{\prime \prime}$ ), SEE FIGURE 8-38. FAILURE TO DO SO COULD CAUSE PREMATURE COMPONENT WEAR OR CAUSE UNEVEN LOAD DISTRIBUTION.
5. Center the U-beam assembly and the bottom cap on the axle ( $A=B \pm 1 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ ), see Figure 8-38.

FIGURE 8-38


## SERVICE HINT

It may be necessary to raise the front of the differential to allow the D-Pins to engage the bottom cap.
6. Raise the U-beam assembly until the D-Pins engage in the bottom cap.
7. Install the D-Pin fasteners with the bolt heads on the forward side of the bottom cap, see Figure 8-34.
8. Lower the front differential to allow the full engagement of the D-Pins into the bottom caps.
9. Prior to tightening the D-pin fasteners, verify the bottom cap is centered over the support beam.
10. Tighten the D-Pin $3 / 4$ " locknuts to $275-325$ foot pounds torque.
11. Tighten the U-bolt locknuts evenly in 50 foot pounds increments in the proper pattern to achieve uniform bolt tension, see Figure 8-39.

FIGURE 8-39

12. Rap the top of the U-bolts with a dead blow mallet, and retighten to the proper torque. DO NOT exceed the specified tightening torque specified on the U-bolt locknuts. Tighten the $3 / 4$ " locknuts to $\boldsymbol{3}$ 350-400 foot pounds torque, see Figure 8-34.
13. Pivot the shock back into the lower shock mount and install the lower shock absorber mounting fasteners. Tighten the $5 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ locknuts to 200-225 foot pounds torque.
14. Install the S-cam support bracket and fasteners (if equipped). Tighten the $3 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ locknuts to 2 30-40 foot pounds torque. Tighten the $5 / 16^{\prime \prime}$ locknuts to $>20-30$ foot pounds torque.
15. Install the air spring between the frame and the cross tube, see Figure 8-35.
a. PRIMAAX EX — Ensure the "air spring slot" located in the bottom of the air spring engages the "beam notch" on the top of the support beam.
b. PRIMAAX - Ensure the "V" notch in the end cap engages the "locator tab" on the air spring.
16. Install the lower air spring mounting bracket around the cross tube, engaging the mounting air spring studs, see Figure 8-35.
17. Using HAND TOOLS install the lower mounting fasteners and tighten to 20-30 foot pounds torque.
18. Install the wheels and remove axle support.
19. Remove the jack stands and lower the frame of vehicle.
20. See additional Air Spring Cautions and Warnings in the Important Safety Notice Section of this publication prior to deflating or inflating the air system.
21. Connect the height control valve linkage(s) to the height control valve arm(s) to inflate the suspension.
22. Alignment is necessary anytime the U-beam assembly is removed to complete the repair. See Alignment \& Adjustments Section of this publication.
23. Remove the wheel chocks.

## S-CAM SUPPORT BRACKET (If equipped)

## DISASSEMBLY

1. Chock the wheels.
2. Remove and discard the S-cam U-bolt fasteners, see Figure 8-40.

FIGURE 8-40
3. Remove and discard the S-cam U-bolt from the bracket and the S-cam housing.
4. Remove and discard the fasteners connecting the S-cam support bracket from the bottom cap.
5. Remove the bracket and inspect components for wear or damage. Replace as necessary.

## ASSEMBLY

1. Install the bracket on top of the bottom cap.

2. Install the S-cam $3 / 8$ " bolts, washers, and locknuts must be installed with the bolt heads on the underside of the bottom cap, see Figure 8-40. Tighten the locknuts to 30-40 foot pounds.

## SERVICE HINT

S-cam 3/8" bolts must be installed with the bolt heads on the underside of the bottom cap to prevent interference between the support beam and the bolt fasteners during articulation.
3. Install the U-bolt around the S-cam housing and through the S-cam support bracket.
4. Install the $5 / 16^{\prime \prime}$ washers and locknuts. Tighten the locknuts to 20-30 foot pounds.
5. Remove the wheel chocks.

## AXLE STOPS

## DISASSEMBLY

1. Chock the wheels.
2. Remove and discard the fasteners connecting the axle stop to the frame.
3. Remove the axle stop.
4. Inspect the frame rail mounting surfaces for any cracks or damage.

## ASSEMBLY

1. Install the axle stop on the frame.
2. Install new mounting fasteners.
3. Tighten axle stop fasteners to the vehicle manufacturer's torque specifications.
4. Install any items removed
5. Remove the wheel chocks.

## FRAME HANGER

## WARNING

THIS PROCEDURE TO REPLACE A FRAME HANGER, IS DONE WITH THE REMAINING FRAME HANGERS CONNECTED TO THE FRAME AND IT IS ALSO NECESSARY THAT THE SUPPORT BEAMS AND THE LONGITUDINAL TORQUE RODS ARE ATTACHED TO THE REMAINING FRAME HANGERS. FAILURE TO DO SO COULD CAUSE THE AXLE TO SHIFT RESULTING IN POSSIBLE DAMAGE TO COMPONENTS OR PERSONAL INJURY.
SERVICE HINT Increasing the pinion angle may facilitate the disassembly/assembly of the frame hanger. To increase the pinion angle place a floor jack under the axle pinion and raise slightly. This will increase the pinion angle slightly easing disassembly/assembly.

## DISASSEMBLY

1. Chock the front wheels.
2. Support the frame.
3. Disconnect the height control valve linkage assembly from the height control valve arm(s) from the rubber grommet, see vehicle manufacturer's instructions.

## WARNING

PRIOR TO AND DURING DEFLATION AND INFLATION OF THE AIR SUSPENSION SYSTEM, ENSURE THAT ALL PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT ARE CLEAR FROM UNDER THE VEHICLE AND AROUND THE SERVICE AREA, FAILURE TO DO SO CAN CAUSE SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.
4. See additional Air Spring Cautions and Warnings in the Important Safety Notice Section of this publication prior to deflating or inflating the air system.
5. Lower the linkage arm(s) to exhaust the air in the air springs and deflate the rear suspension.

## WARNING

SOME VEHICLE APPLICATIONS, SUCH AS VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH OUTRIGGERS, RETAIN SOME AIR PRESSURE IN THE AIR SPRINGS AT ALL TIMES. PRIOR TO PERFORMING ANY MAINTENANCE, SERVICE, OR REPAIR OF THE SUSPENSION, VERIFY EACH AIR SPRING IS COMPLETELY DEFLATED. FAILURE TO DO SO COULD RESULT SERIOUS PROPERTY DAMAGE AND/OR SEVERE PERSONAL INJURY.

## SERVICE HINT Each frame hanger will have a pair of QUIK-ALIGN collars. Any eccentric (with the square drive

 feature) QUIK-ALIGN collar should be mounted on the outboard side of the frame hanger.Axle thrust angles can only be corrected on frame hangers equipped with eccentric QUIK-ALIGN collars.
## SERVICE HINT Mark the position of the QUIK-ALIGN square drive in relationship to the frame hanger with a paint

 stick prior to loosening the QUII-ALIGN connection. This will facilitate the axle alignment process after the repair is complete.6. Remove and discard the QUIK-ALIGN fasteners and collars, see Figure 8-41. The collars may be reused if they are not damaged.

FIGURE 8-41


## SERVICE HINT

## WARNING

Note the quantity of shims removed to maintain the correct pinion angle of the axle at assembly. See Alignment \& Adjustments Section of this publication.
7. Remove the fasteners and shim (if equipped) that attach the longitudinal torque rod to the frame hanger.
8. Remove the fasteners that attach the frame hanger to the vehicle per vehicle manufacturer's specifications.
9. Remove the frame hanger.
10. Inspect mounting surface for any damage or wear, replace as necessary.
11. Inspect the QUIK-ALIGN pivot bushing and torque rod bushings for wear or damage, replace as necessary.

## ASSEMBLY

1. Slide the new frame hanger over the support beam QUIK-ALIGN bushing.
2. Install the new fasteners that attach the frame hanger to the vehicle and tighten per vehicle manufacturer's specifications.

DISCARD USED QUIK-ALIGN FASTENERS. ALWAYS USE NEW QUIK-ALIGN FASTENERS TO COMPLETE A REPAIR. FAILURE TO DO SO COULD RESULT IN FAILURE OF THE PART, OR MATING COMPONENTS, LOSS OF VEHICLE CONTROL, PERSONAL INJURY, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

DO NOT ASSEMBLE QUIK-ALIGN JOINT WITHOUT THE PROPER FASTENERS. USE ONLY HENDRICKSON GENUINE FASTENERS WITH SPECIAL COATING (H-COAT) TO SUSTAIN PROPER CLAMP FORCE. FAILURE TO DO SO CAN CAUSE LOSS OF VEHICLE CONTROL, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY AND VOID WARRANTY. ENSURE THAT THE QUIK-ALIGN FASTENER'S TORQUE VALUES ARE SUSTAINED AS RECOMMENDED IN THE TORQUE SPECIFICATIONS SECTION OF THIS PUBLICATION. FAILURE TO DO SO CAN CAUSE LOSS OF VEHICLE CONTROL RESULTING IN PERSONAL INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

NOTE
Use a new support beam QUIK-ALIGN Bolt Kit (see Parts Lists Section of this publication) for any axle alignment or disassembly of the QUIK-ALIGN connection. This ensures that the proper clamp load is applied to the connections, so that the joints will not slip in service.
3. Install the QUIK-ALIGN collars and the new mounting hardware that attach the support beam to the frame hanger, see Figure 8-41. Verify that the nose of each QUIK-ALIGN collar is installed correctly into pivot bushing sleeve, and the flanged side is flat against the frame hanger face within the alignment guides. Snug QUIK-ALIGN locknuts to $\mathbf{B} 5$ to 100 foot pounds torque, DO NOT tighten at this time.
4. Install the torque rod mounting fasteners and reinstall any shims that were removed during disassembly. Tighten the fasteners to the proper specification, see Torque Specification Section of this publication per model designation.
5. See additional Air Spring Cautions and Warnings in the Important Safety Notice Section of this publication prior to deflating or inflating the air system.
6. Connect the height control valve linkage(s) to the height control valve arm(s) to inflate the suspension.
7. Remove frame supports(s).
8. Verify that the axle is in proper alignment. See Alignment \& Adjustments Section of this publication.

NOTE
It is mandatory to have the vehicle at proper ride height prior to tightening the 1.0" QUIK-ALIGN locknuts to torque specifications.
9. After the correct alignment of the axle is verified tighten the 1.0" QUIK-ALIGN locknuts to B 525-575 foot pounds torque.
10. Verify the correct pinion angle on the axle per vehicle manufacturer's specifications. Adjust as necessary per the Alignment \& Adjustments Section of this publication.
11. Remove the wheel chocks.

## Torque Specifications

- PRIMAAX EX 232/462/692
$9 ", 101 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ Ride Height
HENDRICKSON RECOMMENDED TORQUE VALUES PROVIDED IN FOOT POUNDS


PRIMAAX EX 232/462/692
9", 10½" Ride Height

## HENDRICKSON RECOMMENDED TORQUE SPECIFICATIONS

| NO. | COMPONENT | *QUANTITY | SIZE | **TORQUE VALUE <br> (in foot pounds) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Frame fasteners are furnished and installed by the vehicle manufacturer. Vehicle manufacturer may use an equivalent HUCK fastener at frame mount. |  |  |  |
| 1 | Longitudinal Torque Rod to Frame Hanger | 4 | 5/8"-11 UNC | 190-230 |
| 2 | Longitudinal Torque Rod to Top Pad | 2 | 7/8"-14 UNF | 525-575 |
| 3 | U-beam Assembly to QUIK-ALIGN Bushing | 2 | 1 "-14 UNF | 525-575 |
| 4 | U-beam Assembly to Center D-Pin Bushing | 4 | $3 / 4$ "-16 UNF | 275-325 |
| 5 | U-bolt Locknuts | 8 | 3/4"-16 UNF | 350-400 |
| 6 | Upper Shock Absorber to Shock Bracket | 2 | 3/4"-10 UNC | 175-200 |
| 7 | Lower Shock Absorber to Bottom Cap | 2 | 5/8"-11 UNC | 200-225 |
| 8 | Air Spring Assembly to Upper Air Spring Bracket | 2 | 12"-13 UNC | 20-30 |
| 9 | Air Spring Assembly to Lower Air Spring Mounting Bracket | 4 | 1⁄2"-13 UNC | 20-30 |
| 10 | S-cam Support Bracket to Bottom Cap Mount | 4 | 3/8"-16 UNC | 30-40 |
| 11 | S-cam Support Bracket U-bolt Locknuts | 4 | 5/16"-18 UNC | 20-30 |
| NOTE: * Quantities shown are per axle. Double for Tandem, Triple for Tridem. <br> ** Torque values listed above apply only if Hendrickson supplied fasteners are used. If non Hendrickson fasteners are used, follow torque specification listed in vehicle manufacturer's service manual. |  |  |  |  |

- PRIMAAX EX 232/462/692 13" Ride Height

HENDRICKSON RECOMMENDED TORQUE VALUES PROVIDED IN FOOT POUNDS


PRIMAAX EX 232/462/692
13" Ride Height

## HENDRICKSON RECOMMENDED TORQUE SPECIFICATIONS

| NO. | COMPONENT | *QUANTITY | SIZE | **TORQUE VALUE <br> (in foot pounds) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Frame fasteners are furnished and installed by the vehicle manufacturer. Vehicle manufacturer may use an equivalent HUCK fastener at frame mount. |  |  |  |
| 1 | Longitudinal Torque Rod to Frame Hanger | 4 | 5/8-11 UNC | 190-230 |
| 2 a | Longitudinal Torque Rod to Top Pad | 4 | 5/8-11 UNC | 190-230 |
| 2 b | Longitudinal Torque Rod to Top Pad | 2 | 7/8"-14 UNF | 525-575 |
| 3 | U-beam Assembly to QUIK-ALIGN Bushing | 2 | 1"-14 UNF | 525-575 |
| 4 | U-beam Assembly to Center D-Pin Bushing | 4 | 3/4"-16 UNF | 275-325 |
| 5 | U-bolt Locknuts | 8 | 3/4"-16 UNF | 350-400 |
| 6 | Upper Shock Absorber to Shock Bracket | 2 | 3/4-10 UNC | 175-200 |
| 7 | Lower Shock Absorber to Bottom Cap | 2 | 5/8-11 UNC | 200-225 |
| 8 | Upper Air Spring Assembly | 2 | ½-13 UNC | 20-30 |
| 9 | Air Spring Assembly to Upper Frame Bracket | 2 | 3/4"-16 UNF | 30-40 |
| 10 | Air Spring Assembly to Lower Air Spring Mounting Bracket | 4 | 12"-13 UNC | 20-30 |
| 11 | S-cam Support Bracket to Bottom Cap Mount | 4 | 3/8"-16 UNC | 30-40 |
| 12 | S-cam Support Bracket U-bolt Locknuts | 4 | 5/16"-18 UNC | 20-30 |

NOTE: * Quantities shown are per axle. Double for Tandem, Triple for Tridem.
** Torque values listed above apply only if Hendrickson supplied fasteners are used. If non Hendrickson fasteners are used, follow torque specification listed in vehicle manufacturer's service manual.

- PRIMAAX 230/460/690 9" Ride Height

HENDRICKSON RECOMMENDED TORQUE VALUES PROVIDED IN FOOT POUNDS


PRIMAAX 230/460/690
9" Ride Height

## HENDRICKSON RECOMMENDED TORQUE SPECIFICATIONS

| NO. | COMPONENT | *QUANTITY | SIZE | **TORQUE VALUE <br> (in foot pounds) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Frame fasteners are furnished and installed by the vehicle manufacturer. Vehicle manufacturer may use an equivalent HUCK fastener at frame mount. |  |  |  |
| 1 | Longitudinal Torque Rod to Frame Hanger | 4 | 5/8"-11 UNC | 190-230 |
| 2 | Longitudinal Torque Rod to Top Pad | 2 | 7/8"-14 UNF | 525-575 |
| 3 | U-beam Assembly to QUIK-ALIGN Bushing | 2 | 1"-14 UNF | 525-575 |
| 4 | U-beam Assembly to Center D-Pin Bushing | 4 | 3/4"-16 UNF | 275-325 |
| 5 | U-beam Assembly to End Cap | 2 | 7/8"-9 UNC | 525-575 |
| 6 | U-bolt Locknuts | 8 | 3/4"-16 UNF | 350-400 |
| 7 | Upper Shock Absorber to Shock Bracket | 2 | 3/4"-10 UNC | 175-200 |
| 8 | Lower Shock Absorber to Bottom Cap | 2 | 5/8"-11 UNC | 200-225 |
| 9 | Air Spring Assembly to Lower Air Spring Mounting Bracket | 4 | 1/2"-13 UNC | 20-30 |
| 10 | S-cam Support Bracket to Bottom Cap Mount | 4 | 3/8"-16 UNC | 30-40 |
| 11 | S-cam Support Bracket U-bolt Locknuts | 4 | 5/16-18 UNC | 20-30 |

NOTE: * Quantities shown are per axle. Double for Tandem, Triple for Tridem.
** For torque requirements see the vehicle manufacturer. Torque values listed above apply only if Hendrickson supplied fasteners are used. If non Hendrickson fasteners are used, follow torque specification listed in vehicle manufacturer's service manual.

- PRIMAAX EX $262 S$ 9" Ride Height

HENDRICKSON RECOMMENDED TORQUE VALUES PROVIDED IN FOOT POUNDS


PRIMAAX EX 262S
9" Ride Height

## HENDRICKSON RECOMMENDED TORQUE SPECIFICATIONS

| NO. | COMPONENT | *QUANTITY | SIZE | **TORQUE VALUE <br> (in foot pounds) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Frame fasteners are furnished and installed by the vehicle manufacturer. Vehicle manufacturer may use an equivalent HUCK fastener at frame mount. |  |  |  |
| 1 | Longitudinal Torque Rod to Frame Hanger | 4 | 5/8"-11 UNC | 190-230 |
| 2 | Longitudinal Torque Rod to Top Pad | 4 | 5/8"-11 UNC | 190-230 |
| 3 | U-beam Assembly to QUIK-ALIGN Bushing | 2 | 1"-14 UNF | 525-575 |
| 4 | U-beam Assembly to Center D-Pin Bushing | 4 | $3 / 4$ "-16 UNF | 275-325 |
| 5 | U-bolt Locknuts | 8 | 3/4"-16 UNF | 350-400 |
| 6 | Upper Shock Absorber to Shock Bracket | 2 | 3/4"-10 UNC | 175-200 |
| 7 | Lower Shock Absorber to Bottom Cap | 2 | 5/8"-11 UNC | 200-225 |
| 8 | Air Spring Assembly to Upper Frame Bracket | 2 | $3 / 4$ "-16 UNF | 30-40 |
| 9 | Air Spring Assembly to Lower Air Spring Mounting Bracket | 4 | 12"-13 UNC | 20-30 |
| 10 | S-cam Support Bracket to Bottom Cap Mount | 4 | 3/8"-16 UNC | 30-40 |
| 11 | S-cam Support Bracket U-bolt Locknuts | 4 | 5/16-18 UNC | 20-30 |

NOTE: * Quantities shown are per axle. Double for Tandem, Triple for Tridem.
** Torque values listed above apply only if Hendrickson supplied fasteners are used. If non Hendrickson fasteners are used, follow torque specification listed in vehicle manufacturer's service manual.

## SECTION 10

## Troubleshooting Guide

PRIMAAX EX / PRIMAAX TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

| CONDITION | POSSIBLE CAUSE | CORRECTION |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Suspension has harsh or bumpy ride | Air spring not inflated to specification or damaged | Repair air system and check ride height. See Ride Height Adjustment in the Alignment \& Adjustments Section. |
|  | Ride height set incorrectly | Adjust ride height to proper setting. See Ride Height Adjustment in the Alignment \& Adjustments Section. |
|  | Suspension is overloaded | Redistribute load to correct weight. |
|  | Broken support beam | Replace broken support beam assembly. |
| Irregular tire wear | Incorrect tire inflation pressure | Correct tire pressure per vehicle manufacturer and tire manufacturer specifications. |
|  | Incorrect alignment | Correct the alignment. Refer to the Alignment \& Adjustments Section. |
|  | Worn QUIK-ALIGN bushing | Replace QUIK-ALIGN bushing. |
|  | Loose QUIK-ALIGN attachment | Replace QUIK-ALIGN connection, and check vehicle alignment. Adjust if necessary. Check frame hanger for wear around QUIK-ALIGN plates and replace if necessary. |
|  | Worn torque rod bushings | Replace torque rod bushings as necessary. |
| Excessive driveline vibration | Incorrect pinion angle(s) | Adjust pinion angle(s), refer to the vehicle manufacturer for specifications. |
|  | Loose QUIK-ALIGN attachment | Replace QUIK-ALIGN connection, and check vehicle alignment. Adjust if necessary. Check frame hanger for wear around QUIK-ALIGN plates and replace if necessary. |
|  | Ride height set incorrectly | Adjust ride height to proper setting. See Ride Height Adjustment in the Alignment \& Adjustments Section. |
|  | Broken support beam | Replace support beam assembly. |
| Suspension is noisy | Loose QUIK-ALIGN attachment | Replace QUIK-ALIGN connection, and check vehicle alignment. Adjust if necessary. Check frame hanger for wear around QUIK-ALIGN plates and replace if necessary. |
|  | Loose U-bolts | Tighten U-bolts to specifications, see Preventive Maintenance Section. |
|  | Loose end caps (if equipped) | Inspect end caps and the support beam to cross tube connection for damage. Repair as necessary, re-torque end cap to specification, see Torque Specifications Section. |
|  | Worn bushings | Replace bushings as necessary. |
| Vehicle bouncing excessively | Damaged or leaking shock absorber | Replace shock absorber. |
|  | Ride height set incorrectly | Adjust ride height to proper setting. See Ride Height Adjustment in the Alignment \& Adjustments Section. |

## PRIMAAX EX / PRIMAAX TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

| CONDITION | POSSIBLE CAUSE | CORRECTION |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vehicle leaning | Air spring not inflated to specification or damaged | Repair air system and check ride height. See Ride Height Adjustment in the Alignment \& Adjustments Section in this publication. |
|  | Load not centered | Redistribute the load. |
|  | Frame twisted | Straighten the frame per vehicle manufacturer's guidelines. |
|  | Broken support beam | Replace broken support beam assembly. |
|  | Axle housing bent or broken | Replace axle housing per vehicle manufacturer guidelines and align vehicle. |
|  | Loose U-bolts | Tighten U-bolts to specifications, see Preventive Maintenance Section. |
|  | Front suspension | Inspect and repair front suspension. |
| Suspension will not reach ride height | Suspension is overloaded | Redistribute load to correct weight. |
|  | Air Spring leaking or damaged | Replace air spring. |
|  | Leak in air system | Inspect air fittings, see Air Fitting Inspection in the Preventive Maintenance Section of this publication. If necessary, repair air system and check ride height. See Ride Height Adjustment in the Alignment \& Adjustments Section of this publication. |
|  | Air line obstructed or improperly connected | Repair air system and check ride height. See Ride Height Adjustment in the Alignment \& Adjustments Section. |
|  | HCV dump port activated | Check HCV dump port for proper connection and function |
| Air springs deflate when parked | Leak in air system | Inspect air fittings, see Air Fitting Inspection in the Preventive Maintenance Section of this publication. If necessary, repair air system and check ride height. See Ride Height Adjustment in the Alignment \& Adjustments Section of this publication. |
|  | Misfunctioning Height Control Valve | See test procedure in Preventive Maintenance Section, replace height control valve as necessary. |
| Excessive frame slope | Ride height set incorrectly | Adjust ride height to proper setting. See Ride Height Adjustment in the Alignment \& Adjustments Section. Contact Hendrickson Tech Services. |
|  | Suspension is overloaded | Redistribute load to correct weight |

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[^0]:    * Quantities specified are shown for tandem suspension. Adjust quantities for single or tridem suspensions. Quantities of service kit components may vary from amount shown in lists.
    ** Transverse Rods are mandatory for PRIMAAX EX • PRIMAAX suspensions regardless of axle spacing, see Literature No. 59310-004 for more information.

