# **DIY Rear Trac Bar** Copyright - Dale K. Olson - Elgin, TX Last Date Reviewed - March 28,2009

# Heim joints, bar & jam nuts

Source - Motorsports of Kansas City - 913-334-0477

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Parts - RH Poly Heim - 02088RH - \$13.99 LH Poly Heim - 02088LH - \$13.99 RH Jam Nut - 18260 -.99 LH Jam Nut - 18261 .99 Bar - 421703C - \$13.99 Nuts/Bolts/Washers - Local - \$10.00 Red Loctite - Local Hardware - \$ 3.00 Silicone - Local Auto parts - \$ 2.00 Steel - A friends scrap pile - \$ 0.00

### **Notes:**

1) The bar can be ordered by the inch.

2) The one listed is 17" plus about 3" for the 2 Heim joints makes the "eye" to "eye" about 20".

3) The bar should be mounted level and the coach should not be on the jacks when adjusting the Trac Bar length.

4) Add a washer to either side of the Heim joint for support.

# Nuts/Bolts/Washers - Grade 8 or Better

If you use 3/8" steel you will need to replace all the nuts and bolts you take off, as they will be to short.

WARNING - Be sure to check to see that you are replacing bolts with like kind. METRIC or SAE

Rear End bolts - (3) 1/2"x13 - 2 1/2" long Frame Bolts - (4) 1/2"x13 - 2 1/2" long Trac Bar Ends - (2) 1/2 x13 - 1 3/4" long

Nuts - (6) 1/2x13 Locking nuts. They can either be a crush nut or a plastic insert type.

Washers - (?) 1/2" You may need them to shim the Trac Bar ends depending on how accurate you are at lining

up everything and where you locate the Trac Bar mounting hole. Be aware that the jam nut is wider

than the Heim joint and needs to be tightened.

### Misc

Red Loctite thread locker.

Silicone sealer for the 3 rear end bolts (just a dab).

### Steel

You will need either a piece of 3/8" mild steel to make the brackets.

## **Tools**

Hand tools to remove and install various nuts and bolts.

Torque wrench to re-torque the rear end bolts.

Access to a cutting torch or a plasma cutter to cut the steel plate.

Bench grinder and hand grinder to clean steel and smooth things up.

Access to a drill press and 1/2" bit or larger. I used a smaller bit to drill a pilot hole.

Access to an arc welder

Impach wrench - Makes removing the Rear End Bolts easier.

The patterns are setup for a passengers side rear end mount and a drivers side frame mount. I chose this setup because I didn't have to move any wiring, cables or hoses to move...









