

# ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

FOR

## SUPERLITE 6 BIG BRAKE FRONT HAT KIT VENTED ROTOR TYPE

**1993-1997 CAMARO / FIREBIRD**

PART NUMBER GROUP

**140-6743**

### WARNING

INSTALLATION OF THIS KIT SHOULD **ONLY** BE PERFORMED BY PERSONS EXPERIENCED IN THE INSTALLATION AND PROPER OPERATION OF DISC BRAKE SYSTEMS. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PERSON INSTALLING ANY BRAKE COMPONENT OR KIT TO DETERMINE THE SUITABILITY OF THE COMPONENT OR KIT FOR THAT PARTICULAR APPLICATION.

RACING EQUIPMENT AND BRAKES MUST BE MAINTAINED AND SHOULD BE CHECKED REGULARLY FOR FATIGUE, DAMAGE AND WEAR.



### WARNING

#### **DO NOT OPERATE ANY VEHICLE ON UNTESTED BRAKES!**

BEFORE OPERATING VEHICLE, TEST THE BRAKES UNDER CONTROLLED CONDITIONS IN A SAFE AREA. TEST THE SYSTEM IN STATIC CONDITIONS FOR PROPER PEDAL HEIGHT AND THE ABILITY TO HOLD PRESSURE BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO MOVE THE VEHICLE. MAKE SEVERAL STOPS IN A SAFE AREA AT SLOW SPEEDS AND GRADUALLY WORK UP TO NORMAL OPERATING CONDITIONS. **ALWAYS** UTILIZE SAFETY RESTRAINT SYSTEMS AND ALL OTHER REQUIRED SAFETY EQUIPMENT WHILE OPERATING THE VEHICLE.

### IMPORTANT

READ THE DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTY INCLUDED IN THE KIT.

**WARNING:** Some cleaners may stain or remove the finish on brake system components. Test the cleaner on a hidden portion of the component before general use.

## Important Information - Read This First

Before any tear-down or disassembly begins, some modifications are required to the stock steering arm/spindle (Figure 2, page 3). This entails cutting the mounting ears and on some model years cutting away portions of the spindle support to facilitate the mounting of the Wilwood spindle bracket. It is recommended that these modifications be performed by a qualified machine shop. Also, please review the wheel clearance diagram (Figure 3, page 3) to verify that there is adequate clearance with the wheels you will be using with this installation.

## Exploded Assembly Diagram and Parts List

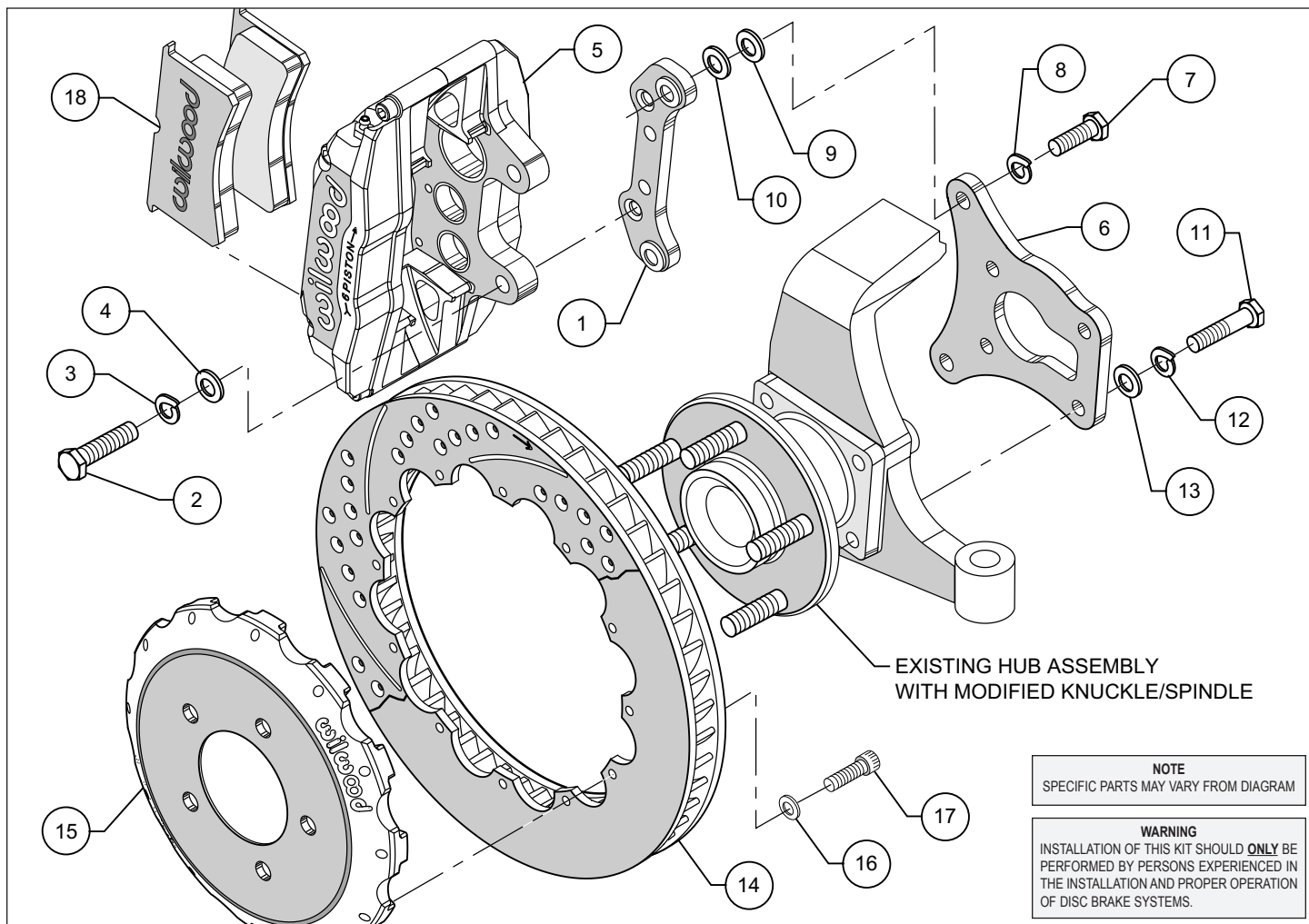


Figure 1. Typical Installation Configuration

ITEM NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	QTY
1	250-6839	Bracket, Caliper Mounting	2
2	230-6381	Bolt, 7/16-20 x 1.75 Long	4
3	240-0139	Washer, Lock, .438 x .769 O.D.	4
4	240-1848	Washer, Flat, .441 x 1.003 O.D.	4
5	120-7228/29-RS	Caliper, Billet Superlite 6, one each, right and left hand	2
6	250-6838	Bracket, Spindle Mounting	2
7	230-6321	Bolt, 7/16-20 x 1.25 Long	4
8	240-0139	Washer, Lock, .438 x .769 O.D.	4
9	240-1848	Washer, Flat, .441 x 1.003 O.D.	16
10	300-3686	Spacer, Caliper Bracket	4
11	230-6891	Bolt, M10-1.5 x 60mm	8
12	240-0778	Washer, M10 x 18mm x .095 inch	8
13	240-1934	Washer, Flat, .375 x .82 O.D.	16
14	160-6833/34	Rotor, LT-GT, 1.10" Thk x 12.90" Dia, 12 x 8.75" Bolt Circle, one each R/L	2
14A	160-6835/36	Rotor, LT-GT Drilled and Slotted, one each, right and left hand	2
15	170-6837	Hat	2
16	240-2509	Washer, .250 x .500 O.D. x .063 inch	24
17	230-6737	Bolt, 1/4-20 x 1.00 Long, 12 PT CS	24
18	150-8855K	Pad, BP-10 Compound, Axle Set	1
Optional	220-6746	Braided Stainless Steel Hose Kit (Not Included)	

NOTES: Part Number 230-4572 Rotor Bolt Kit, includes part numbers 230-6737 and 240-2509  
 Part Number 230-6840 Caliper Bracket Mounting Bolt Kit, includes P/N's 230-6321, 240-0139 and 240-1848  
 Part Number 230-6841 Spindle Bracket Mounting Bolt Kit, includes P/N's 230-6891, 240-0778 and 240-1934  
 Part Number 230-6884 Caliper Mounting Bolt Kit, includes P/N's 230-6381, 240-0139 and 240-1848  
 Item 14A is an optional item and is included in the (D) kits. Add "-D" to end of part number when ordering

## General Information and Assembly Instructions

Installation of this kit should **ONLY** be performed by persons experienced in the installation and proper operation of disc brake systems. Before installation begins, please read the complete procedure thoroughly to familiarize yourself with the process and double check the following items to ensure a trouble-free installation.

- Make sure this is the correct kit to match the exact make and model year of the vehicle's spindle (i.e., brackets for a 1990 Camaro spindle will not fit a 1997 Camaro spindle). On some models of disc brake spindles there are "ears" where the OEM calipers were mounted and these "ears" interfere with the assembly of the Wilwood disc brake kit. See Figure 2 for spindle modification instructions.

- Verify the hat stud pattern in this kit matches the stud pattern of the vehicle's wheels.

- Inspect the package contents against the parts list to ensure that all components and hardware are included.

### Disassembly / Spindle Modifications

- Disassemble the original equipment front brakes:

Raise the front wheels off the ground. Support the front of vehicle by placing jack stands under the frame rails. The vehicle's weight must be on jack stands and not supported by a car jack or hoist.

Remove the front wheels. Unbolt the existing OEM caliper and rotor but do not totally unhook the caliper at this time. Using wire, hang the caliper out of the way.

Disconnect sway bar from lower a-arm. Disconnect ABS sensor from rear of spindle. Place a hydraulic jack under a-arm and apply minimal tension for support. Remove cotter pin and loosen nuts on upper and lower knuckle ball joints. Using a ball joint separator (pickle fork), insert between ball joint and knuckle to pull apart ball joint from knuckle. Loosen hydraulic jack support under a-arm to remove knuckle from between upper and lower a-arm. Remove four bolts holding the hub to knuckle and remove hub from knuckle. Thoroughly clean the knuckles before machine work.

- The following knuckle modifications should be performed by a qualified machinist. Refer to Figure 2. Only one view of the steering arm/knuckle is shown, but the modifications need to be performed on both sides.

- With the knuckle positioned in its correct upright position you must remove the protrusion indicated by arrow "A". Also, cut off the OEM mounting ears indicated by arrow "B" and remove the bottom OEM caliper mounting ear shown with arrow "C". Remove all sharp corners and burrs with a file or grinder.

**Preinstall Verification** Before installation of modified knuckles on vehicle, preinstall the caliper spindle mounting brackets (6) to backside of knuckles to be sure bracket lays flat on mounting surface and clears machined away areas for clearance verifications. If bracket (6) do not fit properly, more machining maybe necessary. Then install knuckle back on vehicle in reverse order of disassembly.

**Assembly Instructions** (numbers in parenthesis refer to the part list/diagram on the preceding page): **CAUTION:** All mounting bolts must fully engage insert nuts. Be sure to check that all bolts are either flush or protruding through flanged side of insert nut after shimming.

- Mount bracket (6) to the backside of the spindle/hub assembly using bolts (11), lock washer (12) and flat washer (13).

- With the larger I.D. side of the rotor (14) facing away from the hat (15), bolt rotor (14) to hat (15) using washers (16) and bolts (17). Torque bolts (17) to 85 **in-lb**. Safety wire bolts (17) using standard 0.032 inch diameter stainless steel safety wire as shown in Figure 4. Please refer to Wilwood's data sheet DS-386 (available at [www.wilwood.org/ds386.pdf](http://www.wilwood.org/ds386.pdf)) for complete safety wire installation instructions. Slip the rotor (14) and hat (15) combination onto the wheel studs and hold in place with three lugs nuts.

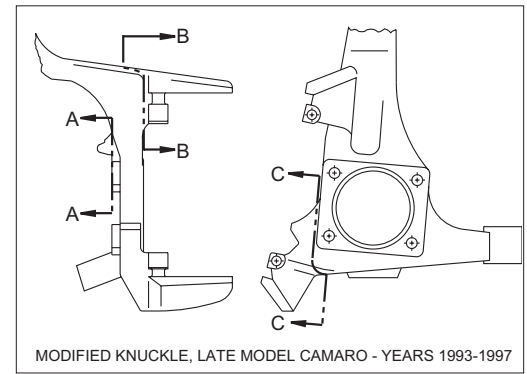


Figure 2. Knuckle Modifications

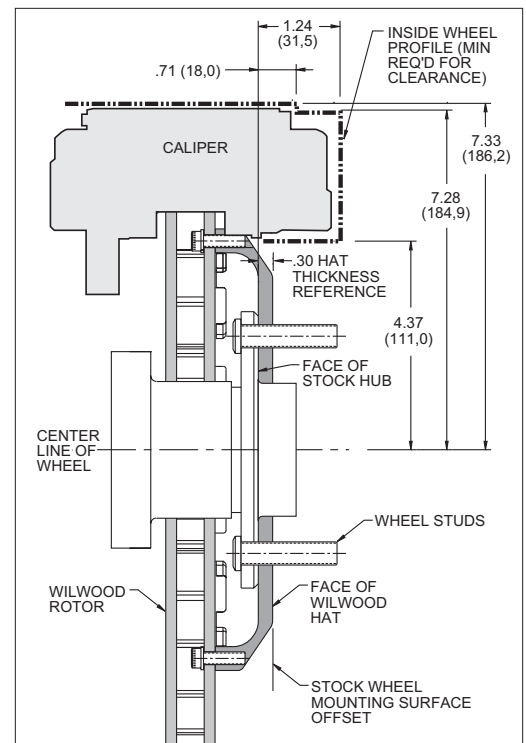


Figure 3. Wheel Clearance Diagram

## Assembly Instructions (Continued)

- Apply red *Loctite*® 271 to bolt threads (2) before mounting caliper to the caliper mounting bracket (1). **NOTE:** Be sure the heads of the 7/16-20 bracket (1) insert nuts are facing outward toward the wheel.

- NOTE:** Please reference the caution statement at the beginning of the assembly instructions. With the bleed screws pointing up, mount the caliper (5) to the caliper mounting bracket (1) using bolts (2), lockwasher (3) and flat washer (4). Torque bolts (2) to 47 ft-lb. Mount caliper bracket combination to the spindle bracket (6) using bolts (7) and lock washer (8) while placing a shim washer (9) and spacer (10) between the two brackets (1 and 6). Finger tighten only at this time.

- View the rotor (14) through the top opening of the caliper (5). The rotor (14) should be aligned in the center of the caliper (5). If not, adjust the caliper (5) by using 0.032 inch thick shims (9) placed between the caliper mounting bracket (1) and the spindle bracket (6). Finger tighten and recheck alignment. Apply red *Loctite*® 271 to bolt threads (11) and torque to 47 ft-lb. Safety wire caliper bolts (2), see Figure 4.

- Remove the bridge bolt from the caliper (5) and install the disc brake pads (17). Reinstall the caliper bridge bolt.

- Disconnect the OEM brake hoses from the brake line at the body & finish removing the OEM caliper.

- NOTE:** OEM rubber brake hoses will not adapt to Wilwood calipers and should not be used. The caliper inlet fitting is a 1/8-27 NPT. Use steel adapter fittings at the caliper, either straight, 45 or 90 degree and enough steel braided line to allow for full suspension travel and turning radius, lock to lock. **Carefully route lines to not allow contact with moving suspension, brake or wheel components.** Periodically check hose and components for irregular wear. Wilwood brake and hose kits are designed for use in many different vehicle applications and it is the installer's responsibility to properly route and ensure adequate clearance and retention for brake hose components. Wilwood offers a hose kit, P/N 220-6746 which includes hoses, fittings, etc. all in one package.

- Bleed the brake system. Reference the general information and recommendations on the last page for proper bleeding instructions.

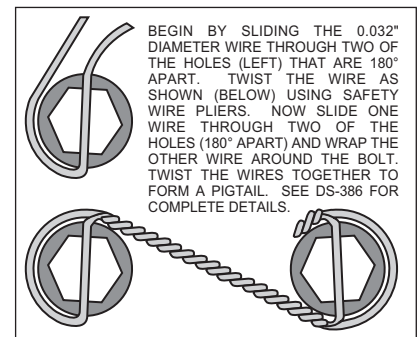


Figure 4. Safety Wire Diagram

## Additional Information and Recommendations

- Please read the following concerning balancing the brake bias on 4 wheel disc vehicles.

This brake kit can be operated using the stock OEM master cylinder. However, as with most suspension and tire modifications (from OEM specifications), changing the brakes may alter the front to rear brake bias. Rear brakes should not lock up before the front. Brake system evaluation and test should be performed by persons experienced in the installation and proper operation of brake systems. Evaluation and test should be performed under controlled conditions. Make several stops from low speeds and gradually work speeds up. Always utilize safety restraint systems while operating vehicle.

Use a Wilwood adjustable proportioning valve if necessary to achieve proper brake balance, or

Use a Wilwood brake pedal/balancebar assembly with dual master cylinders (requires custom mounting as used in fabricated chassis race cars). A balance bar brake system permits incremental front to rear brake pressure adjustments.

- For optimum performance, fill and bleed the new system with Wilwood Hi-Temp<sup>®</sup> 570 grade fluid or EXP 600 Plus. For severe braking or sustained high heat operation, use Wilwood EXP 600 Plus Racing Brake Fluid. Used fluid must be completely flushed from the system to prevent contamination. **NOTE:** Silicone DOT 5 brake fluid is **NOT** recommended.

- To properly bleed the brake system, begin with the caliper farthest from the master cylinder. Bleed the outboard bleed screw first, then the inboard. Repeat the procedure until all calipers in the system are bled, ending with the caliper closest to the master cylinder. **NOTE:** When using a new master cylinder, it is important to bench bleed the master cylinder first.

- If the master cylinder is mounted lower than the disc brake calipers, some fluid flowback to the master cylinder reservoir may occur, creating a vacuum effect that retracts the caliper pistons into the housing. This will cause the pedal to go to the floor on the first stroke until it has "pumped up" and moved all the pistons out against the pad again. A Wilwood in-line 2 lb Residual Pressure Valve, installed near the master cylinder will stop the fluid flowback and keep the pedal firm and responsive.

- Test the brake pedal. It should be firm, not spongy, and stop at least 1 inch from the floor under heavy load. If the brake pedal is spongy, bleed the system again.

If the brake pedal is initially firm, but then sinks to the floor, check the system for fluid leaks. Correct the leaks (if applicable) and then bleed the system again.

If the brake pedal goes to the floor and continued bleeding of the system does not correct the problem, a master cylinder with increased capacity (larger bore diameter) will be required. Wilwood offers various lightweight master cylinders with large fluid displacement capacities.

- **NOTE:** With the installation of after market disc brakes, the wheel track may change depending on the application. Check your wheel offset before final assembly.

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

- If after following the instructions, you still have difficulty in assembling or bleeding your Wilwood disc brakes, consult your local chassis builder, or retailer where the kit was purchased for further assistance.

### PAD BEDDING PROCEDURE:

- Pump brakes at low speed to assure proper operation. On the race track, or other safe location, make a series of hard stops until some brake fade is experienced. Allow brakes to cool while driving at moderate speed to avoid use of the brakes. This process will properly burnish the brake pads, offering maximum performance.

### Associated Components

PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
260-1874	Wilwood Residual Pressure Valve (2 lb for disc brakes)
260-1876	Wilwood Residual Pressure Valve (10 lb for drum brakes)
260-8419	Wilwood Proportioning Valve
290-0632	Wilwood Racing Brake Fluid (Hi-Temp <sup>®</sup> 570) (12 oz)
290-6209	Wilwood Racing Brake Fluid (EXP 600 Plus) (16.9 oz)
340-1285	Wilwood Floor Mount Brake Pedal (with balance bar)
340-1287	Wilwood Swing Mount Brake Pedal (with balance bar)
260-6764	Wilwood 3/4 inch High Volume Aluminum Master Cylinder
260-6765	Wilwood 7/8 inch High Volume Aluminum Master Cylinder
260-6766	Wilwood 1 inch High Volume Aluminum Master Cylinder
260-4893	1-1/16 inch Tandem Master Cylinder (aluminum housing)
250-2406	Mounting Bracket Kit (tandem master cylinder)
260-8555	Wilwood 1 inch Aluminum Tandem Chamber Master Cylinder
260-8556	Wilwood 1-1/8 inch Aluminum Tandem Chamber Master Cylinder
350-2038	1971 - 1973 Pinto Rack and Pinion (new, not rebuilt)
270-2016	Quick Release Steering Hub (3/4 inch shaft)
270-2017	Quick Release Steering Hub (5/8 inch shaft)
220-0149	Fitting, Straight (1/8-27 NPT to -4)
220-0842	Fitting, 90° Elbow (1/8-27 NPT to -4)

### Bolt Torque Specifications

BOLT SIZE	TORQUE
1/4-20	85 in-lb
1/4-28	103 in-lb
5/16-18	180 in-lb
5/16-24	198 in-lb
3/8-16	22 ft-lb
3/8-24	30 ft-lb
7/16-14	42 ft-lb
7/16-20	47 ft-lb
1/2-13	65 ft-lb
1/2-20	77 ft-lb
9/16-12	95 ft-lb
9/16-18	105 ft-lb
5/8-11	110 ft-lb
5/8-18	120 ft-lb

**NOTE:** This bolt torque specification list is for use with specific grades of bolts as supplied in the particular Wilwood kit and is not intended as a guide for any other application.