



491 W. Garfield Ave., Coldwater, MI 49036

Phone: 517-279-2135

Web/live chat: www.bds-suspension.com

E-mail: tech@bds-suspension.com

Part#: **Add-A-Leaf**

Product: **Add-A-Leaf**

READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS PRIOR TO INSTALLATION OF SYSTEM AND OPERATION OF VEHICLE.

SAFETY WARNING BDS Suspension Co. recommends this system be installed by a professional technician. In addition to these instructions, professional knowledge of disassembly/ reassembly procedures and post installation checks must be known.

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Raise rear of vehicle and support with jack stands under frame.
 2. Remove tires and wheels.
 3. Raise the rear axle with a floor jack and support axle with jack stands. Remove shocks.
 4. With axle firmly supported by jack stands remove the axle vent hose from the axle housing. Remove the axle u-bolts and spring plates.
 5. Lower axle to allow for spring removal.
- ⚠ Caution: Be careful not to over extend brake lines, etc. Remove spring eye bolt and shackles bolts. Remove springs from the vehicle.**
6. Using c-clamps or large bench vise, clamp the spring assembly securely together.
 7. If applicable, remove any leaf spring alignment clips. Using vise-grips to hold the head of the center bolt, loosen and remove it. If the center bolt is rusted, a hammer and drift punch may be necessary for removal.
 8. Carefully remove c-clamps or loosen bench vise.
 9. With a small amount of grease applied to both ends of the add-a-leaf, reassemble leaf pack with new add-a-leaf in place. The leaf pack should be assembled as a pyramid with the longest leaf on top to the shortest leaf on the bottom.
 10. Use the c-clamp to compress the pack back together, making sure to align the center pin holes in each leaf. Secure with the supplied center pin nut. **Do not use the center pin to tighten the pack.** Use the c-clamps to compress the pack and then tighten the center pin. Cut off any extra pin above the nut. Install the supplied leaf alignment clamps.
 11. Install the springs back in to the vehicle. Reinstall the spring eye bolts and/or shackles according to OE instructions, but **do not tighten at this time.** Use the hydraulic jack to raise or lower the axle to the springs (depending on the vehicle) making sure to align the center pin head in the axle seat. Install the new u-bolts and OE spring plates according to OE instructions and torque u-bolt nuts to factory specs.
 12. Reconnect the axle vent hose and install replacement BDS shock absorbers.
- ⓘ Note: Original shocks will probably be too short.**
13. Lower vehicle to the ground. Bounce on the vehicle several times to allow the shackles to swing out to the proper position, then tighten the spring frame mounting bolts and the shackle bolts to OE specification. Inspect for proper clearance. Test drive.

You must tighten the u-bolts again after 100 miles.

Check all fasteners after 500 miles.