Subframe Connector Kit 4017 64½-70 Ford Mustang



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IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ THE <u>ENTIRE</u> INSTRUCTION MANUAL BEFORE STARTING THIS INSTALLATION.

Note: This installation requires grinding and welding. You also may be required to re-route the fuel line that runs from the front frame rails to the rear frame rails. This kit should be installed by a professional with experience in this type of install.

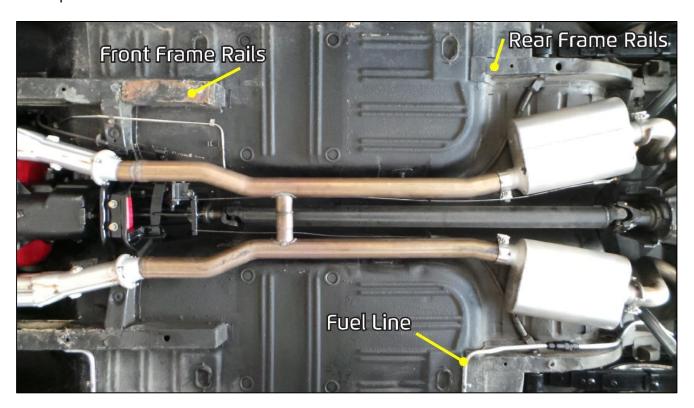
Chassis Prep:

1 Familiarize yourself with the Underbody

Drive the vehicle on an alignment rack or 4-post lift. You will need to raise the vehicle while the car's weight is on the wheels. This will insure the chassis is loaded in its normal state.



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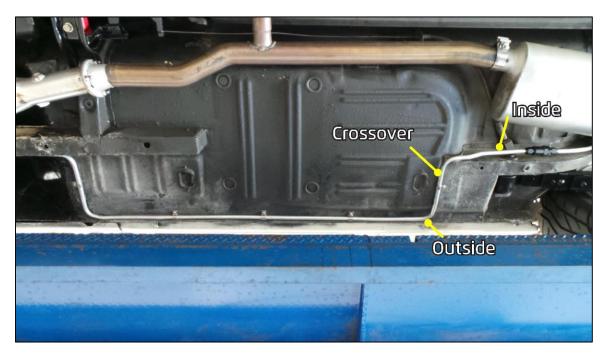


We have seen many different fuel line routing paths on various Mustang years and models, so there is a good chance you will need to modify or re-route the your fuel line to allow clearance for the Hotchkis subframe connectors.

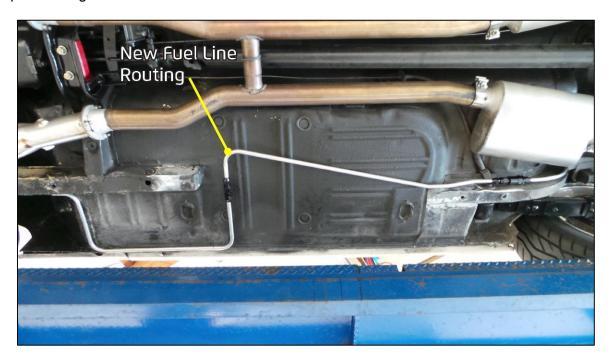


2 Re-route Fuel Line (If necessary)

If your fuel line crosses over from the outside of the frame rails to the inside of the frame rails <u>near the rear frame rails</u>, then you will need to re-route. (See picture below) The subframe connectors mount flush to the floor board & rear frame rails so the fuel line cannot be in this location.



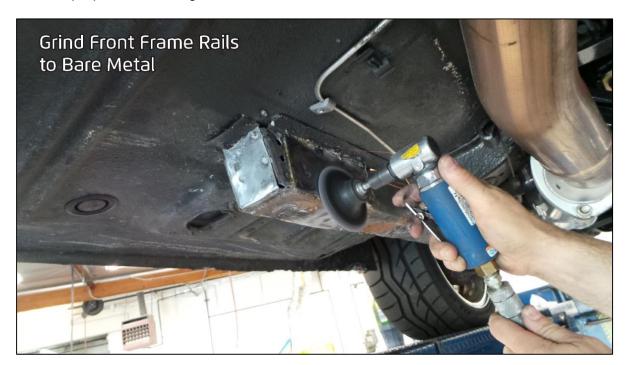
The cross over for the fuel line will need to be closer to the front frame rails. When the subframe connectors are installed, there is a gap between the connector and the floor boards to allow the fuel line to pass through.





3 Grind old paint/undercoat/rust from Frame Rails

Use an air grinder and remove all old paint/undercoat/rust from the front and rear frame rails. See pictures for the general area that needs grinding. It's a good idea to mock up the subframe connector to the car to see exactly where you need to grind. Once everything is ground to metal, clean the surface to prepare for welding.











Driver Front Frame Rail





Driver Rear Frame Rail

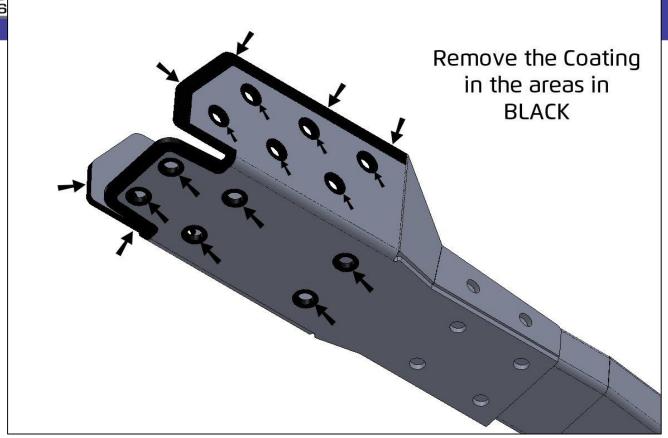
4 Grind & Clean Weld Area on Subframe Connector

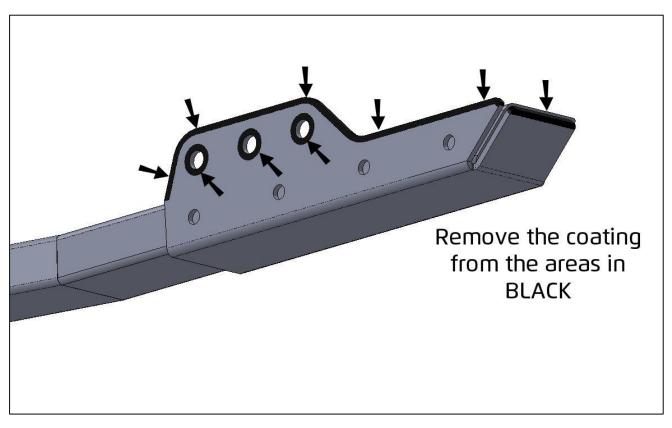
Use an air grinder to remove the powder coat on the select areas that will be welded. Inner surfaces of holes can be sanded with a round rat tail file or small barrel sander. Clean residue from sanded areas.



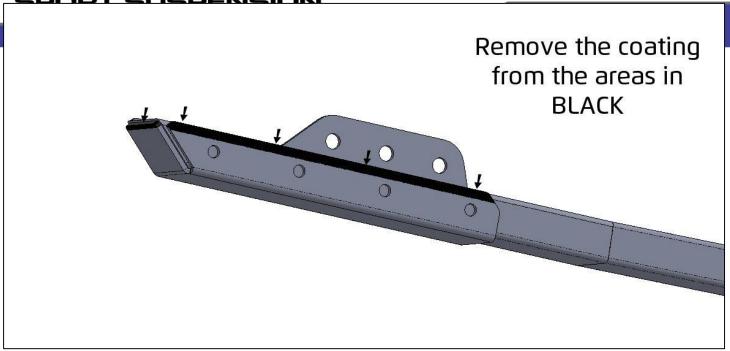
Passenger Side Shown











5 Weld Subframe Connectors

• Position the subframe connectors up to the car and support with a screw jack.

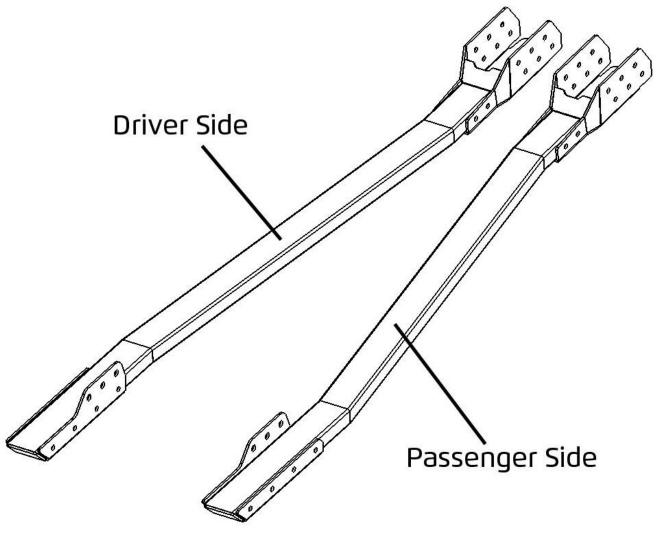




- Take precautions to protect the fuel line while welding to avoid a fire.
- The front mounting bracket should slide over the front frame rail and should stop when pushed up and forward. If your frame rails are deformed from prior damage, you may need to repair the warpage before the connector can mate to the rail.
- The rear mounting bracket should mate flush and parallel along the rear frame rail. The trailing edge should mount flush to the rail.

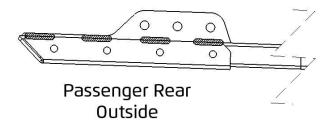


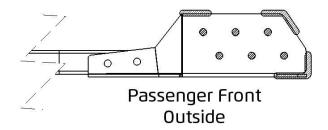


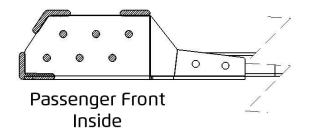


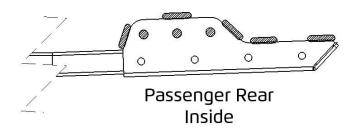


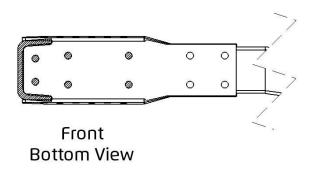
Weld Shaded area

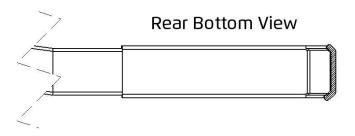












6 Paint the exposed Areas

Once all of the welding is complete. Clean the exposed area and paint with semi-gloss black. You are now finished with the Hotchkis subframe connector installation.



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