

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS
FOR
1989-1998 NISSAN 240SX / 1989-1994 NISSAN SKYLINE*
*For additional vehicle compatibility, visit www.wilwood.com

**AEROLITE 6R FRONT BRAKE KIT
WITH 14.00" DIAMETER VENTED ROTORS**

BASE PART NUMBER

140-18251

**DISC BRAKES SHOULD ONLY BE INSTALLED BY SOMEONE
EXPERIENCED AND COMPETENT IN THE INSTALLATION AND
MAINTENANCE OF DISC BRAKES
READ ALL WARNINGS**

WARNING

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WARNING

DO NOT OPERATE ANY VEHICLE ON UNTESTED BRAKES!
SEE MINIMUM TEST PROCEDURE WITHIN

ALWAYS UTILIZE SAFETY RESTRAINT SYSTEMS AND ALL OTHER AVAILABLE SAFETY EQUIPMENT WHILE OPERATING THE VEHICLE

IMPORTANT • READ THE DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTY INCLUDED IN THE KIT

NOTE: 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.



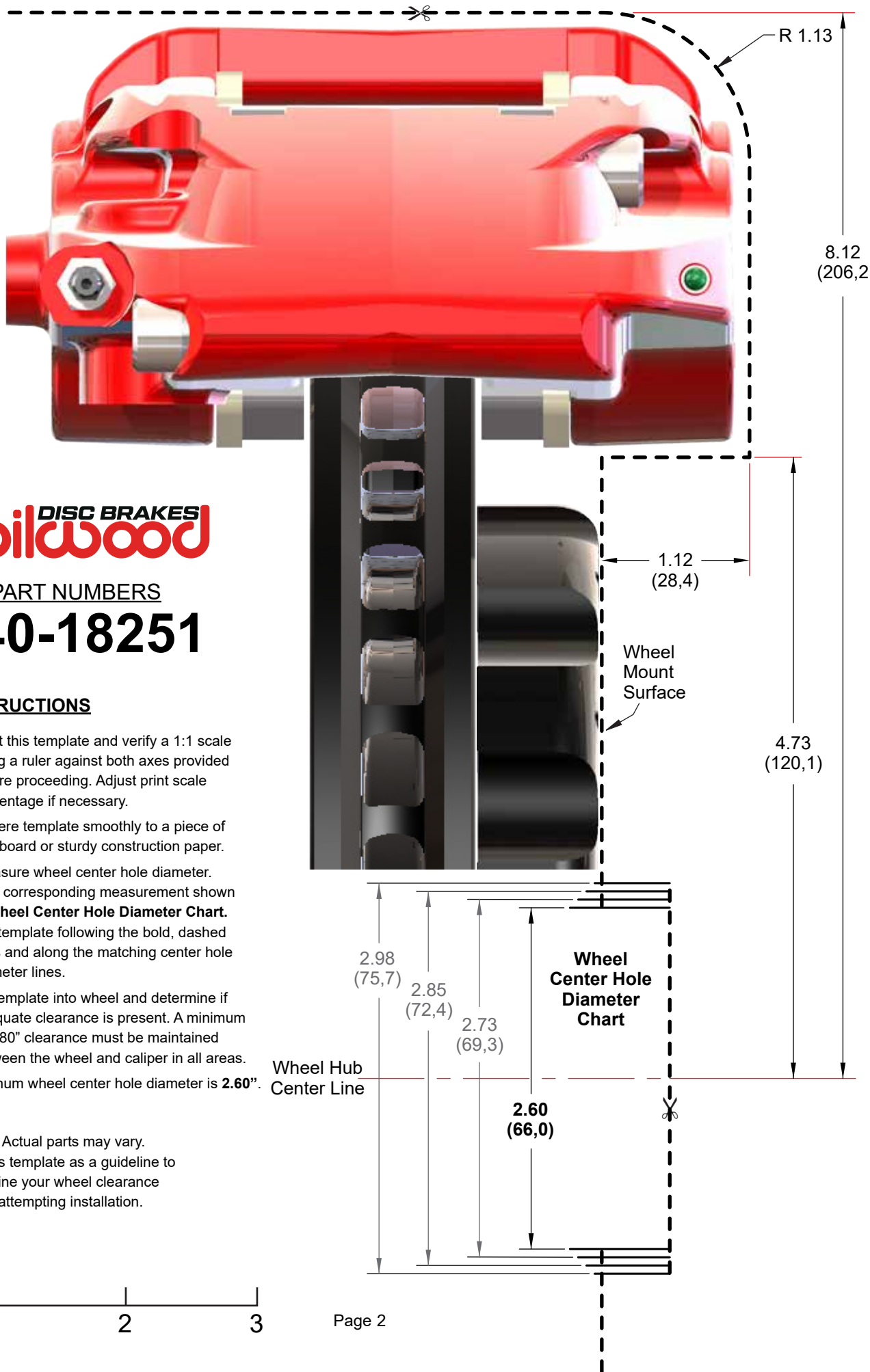
PART NUMBERS

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Print this template and verify a 1:1 scale using a ruler against both axes provided before proceeding. Adjust print scale percentage if necessary.
2. Adhere template smoothly to a piece of cardboard or sturdy construction paper.
3. Measure wheel center hole diameter. Find corresponding measurement shown in **Wheel Center Hole Diameter Chart**. Cut template following the bold, dashed lines and along the matching center hole diameter lines.
4. Fit template into wheel and determine if adequate clearance is present. A minimum of .080" clearance must be maintained between the wheel and caliper in all areas.
5. Minimum wheel center hole diameter is **2.60"**.

NOTE: Actual parts may vary. Use this template as a guideline to determine your wheel clearance before attempting installation.



Exploded Assembly Diagram

NOTE
SPECIFIC PARTS
MAY VARY FROM
DIAGRAM

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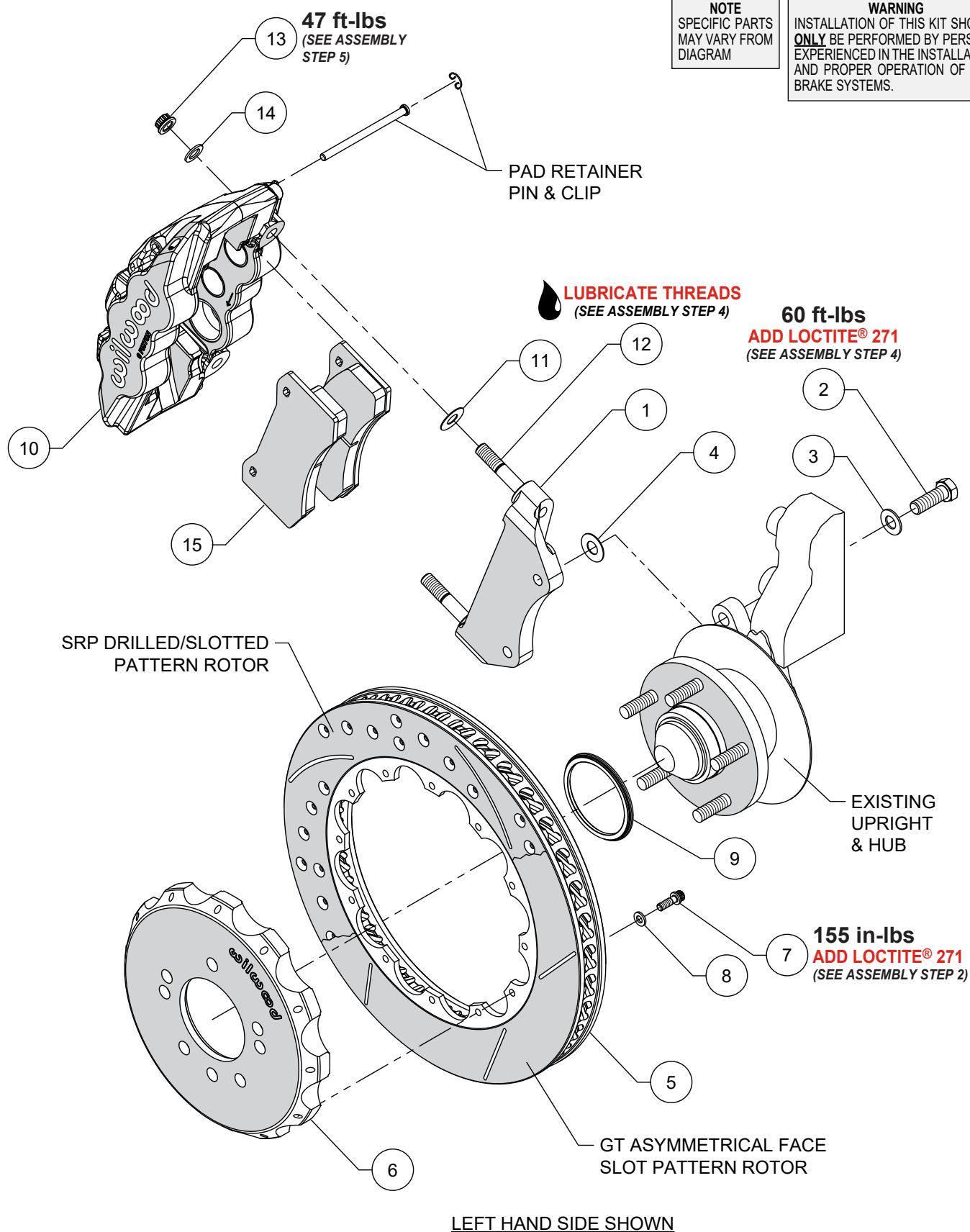


Figure 1. Typical Installation Configuration

Important Notice - Read This First

Before any tear-down or disassembly begins, review the following information:

- **Important:** Before assembling this kit, see "Modification Instructions" on page 5 for information on modifying the dust shield for proper rotor mounting.
- Review the Wheel Clearance Diagram (page 2) to verify that there is adequate clearance with the wheels you will be using with the installation.
- This brake kit does not include flex lines. OEM brake lines will not adapt to Wilwood calipers. Check the Assembly Instructions for brake line recommendations before assembly. In addition, Wilwood offers an extensive listing of brake lines and fittings on our web site: www.wilwood.com.
- Due to OEM production differences and other variations from vehicle to vehicle, the fastener hardware and other components in this kit may not be suitable for a specific application or vehicle.
- It is the responsibility of the purchaser and installer of this kit to verify suitability / fitment of all components and ensure all fasteners and hardware achieve complete and proper engagement. Improper or inadequate engagement can lead to component failure.

Photographic Tip

Important and highly recommended: Take photos of brake system before disassembly and during the disassembly process. In the event, trouble-shooting photos can be life savers. Many vehicles have undocumented variations, photos will make it much simpler for Wilwood to assist you if you have a problem.

Parts List

ITEM NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	QTY
1	250-18248	Bracket, Caliper Mounting	2
2	230-12720	Bolt, M12-1.75 x 35mm, Hex Head - to be used on 240sx only	4
2	230-13563	Bolt, M12-1.75 x 45mm, Hex Head - to be used on Skyline only	4
3	240-0476	Washer, .477" I.D. x .922" O.D. x .063" Thick	4
4	240-6320	Shim, .033" Thick	12
5	160-8398/99-GTB	Rotor, GT, 1.25" x 14.00" Dia, (one each, right and left)	2
5A	160-8396/97-BK	Rotor, SRP Drilled & Slotted (one each, right and left)	2
6	170-18077	Hat, 5 x 4.50 / 4 x 4.50", 12 x 8.75", .595" Offset	2
7	230-8037	Bolt, 1/4-20 x .75" Long, 12 Point	24
8	240-11240	Washer, .265" I.D. x .500" O.D. x .063" Thick	24
9	300-18236-2	Adapter, Registration Ring, 2.686" Dia., Black - to be used on 240sx only	1
9	300-18242-2	Adapter, Registration Ring, 2.684" Dia. - to be used on Skyline only	1
10	120-13289/90-BK	Caliper, AeroLite 6R, Black (one each, right and left)	2
10A	120-13289/90-RD	Caliper, AeroLite 6R, Red (one each, right and left)	2
11	240-1848	Shim, .030" Thick	12
12	230-13776	Stud, 7/16-14 x 7/16-20 x 2.875" long (pre installed in bracket)	4
13	230-9182	Nut, 7/16-20, Self-Locking, 12 Point	4
14	240-11101	Washer, .453" I.D. x .750" O.D. x .063" Thick	4
15	150-20-6617K	Pad, BP-20 Compound, Axle Set	1
15A	150-9488K	Pad, BP-10 Compound, Axle Set	1

NOTES:

Part Number 230-8008 Rotor Bolt Kit, includes p/ns 230-8037 and 240-11240

Part Number 230-12847 Bracket Mounting Bolt Kit, includes p/ns 230-12720, 240-0476, and 240-6320 (**use with 240sx**)

Part Number 230-18240 Bracket Mounting Bolt Kit, includes p/ns 230-13563, 240-0476, and 240-6320 (**use with Skyline**)

Part Number 250-18250 Caliper Mounting Bolt Kit, includes p/ns 230-9182, 230-13776, 240-1848, 240-11101 & 250-18248

Item 15A is included with the optional SRP drilled and slotted rotors.

Item 5A is an optional item included with the "D" drilled rotor kits. Add "D" to end of part number when ordering.

Item 10A is an optional item included with the "R" red caliper kits. Add "R" to end of part number when ordering.

General Information

•Installation of this kit should **ONLY** be performed by persons experienced in the installation and proper operation of disc brake systems. Before assembling this Wilwood disc brake kit, double check the following to ensure a trouble free installation:

Make sure this is the correct kit to fit the exact make and model year of your vehicle. This kit is designed for direct bolt-on installation to 1989-1998 Nissan 240sx and 1989-1994 Nissan Skyline model year axle hubs.

Verify that the factory axle hub center register diameter and lug pattern match those in the new registration ring and hat. **NOTE:** Axle hubs that have been modified with different size studs or lug patterns may require modifications to the new hat that must be performed by a qualified machinist.

Verify your wheel clearance using the Wheel Clearance Diagram shown on page 2.

Inspect the contents of this kit against the parts list to ensure that all components and hardware are included.

Disassembly Instructions

•Disassemble the original equipment front brakes:

Raise the front wheels off the ground and support the front suspension according to the vehicle manufacturer's instructions.

Remove the front wheels, calipers, rotors, and dust shields.

•Remove any nicks or burrs on the axle hub and upright that may interfere with the installation of the new brake components.

•Clean and de-grease the axle hub and upright.

Modification Instructions

•**NOTE:** The dust shield needs to be modified (cut), as shown by the white dotted line in Photo A, to clear the new Wilwood rotor. Remove the flanged area of dust shield outside of the dotted line, as shown in Photo B. Some additional trimming of dust shield

near the caliper mount bosses may be necessary depending on kit being installed, see arrow, Photo B. **NOTE:** It is recommended that the dust shield be removed before modification, and the modification be performed by a qualified machine shop.



Photo A
(Example shown from R33 Skyline)



Photo B
(Example shown from R33 Skyline)

Assembly Instructions

NOTE: Numbers in parenthesis refer to the parts list and Figure 1 on the preceding pages.

STEP 1 The caliper mount bracket (1) should initially be installed with clean, dry threads on the mounting bolts. Orient the bracket as shown in Figure 1 and Photo 1, and install using mounting bolts (2) and washers (3). **NOTE:** There are two different length bolts included in this kit. See below to determine which bolt to use.

•1989-1998 240sx: Use shorter bolt, p/n 230-12720

•1989-1994 Skyline: Use longer bolt, p/n 230-13563

Initially place one .033" thick shim (4) on each bolt (2) between the bracket and upright, Figure 1. Temporarily tighten the mounting bolts. **NOTE:** The bracket must fit squarely against the mount bosses on the upright. Inspect for interference from casting irregularities, machining ridges, burrs, etc. Later, after the caliper alignment has been checked, the mount bolts will be secured using red Loctite® 271.

STEP 2 Orient the rotor (5) and the hat (6) as shown in Figure 1 and Photo 2. Attach rotor to hat using bolts (7) and washers (8). Apply red Loctite® 271 to the bolt threads and torque to value shown in Figure 1 using a criss-cross pattern. For an added measure of security, the bolts may be safety wired using standard 0.032 inch diameter stainless steel safety wire as shown in Figure 2. Please refer to Wilwood's data sheet DS-386 (available at www.wilwood.com/Pdf/DataSheets/ds386.pdf) for complete safety wire installation instructions.

STEP 3 Install the rotor registration adapter (9) onto the register of the hub assembly with the smaller O.D. facing outward, Photo 3. **NOTE:** There are two different rotor registration adapters included in this kit. See below to determine which adapter to use.

•1989-1998 240sx: Use registration adapter, p/n 300-18236-2, Black

•1989-1994 Skyline: Use registration adapter, p/n 300-18242-2

Slide the hat/rotor assembly (5 and 6) onto the hub assembly. **NOTE:** The hat must fit flush against the hub flange or excessive rotor run out may result. Install three lug nuts (finger tight) to keep the hat/rotor assembly in place while continuing with the installation, Photo 4.

STEP 4 **NOTE:** This kit contains distinct right and left hand calipers that must be mounted in a specific direction, as described below. Lubricate the caliper mounting studs (12) with lightweight oil. Initially place one .030" thick shim (11) on each stud between the caliper and the bracket, as shown in Figure 1 and Photo 5. Mount the caliper (10) onto the bracket (1) using lock nuts (13) and washers (14), Figure 1. Temporarily tighten the lock nuts. Ensure that the caliper is mounted so the largest pistons are at the rotor exit end of the caliper, in relation to the forward rotation of the rotor. View the rotor through the top opening of the caliper. The rotor should be centered in the caliper, Photo 6. If not, adjust by adding or subtracting shims (4) between the bracket and the spindle. Always use the same amount of shims on each of the two mounting bolts. Once the caliper alignment is correct, remove the bracket mounting bolts (2) one at a time, apply red Loctite® 271 to the threads, and torque to value shown in Figure 1.



Photo 1



Photo 2

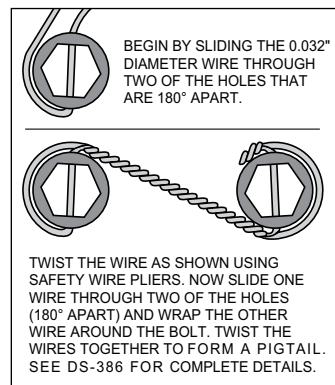


Figure 2
Safety Wire Diagram



Photo 3



Photo 4

Assembly Instructions (Continued)

STEP 5 Remove the caliper from the bracket, then remove the caliper pad retainer clips and pins. Insert the brake pads (15) into the caliper from the bottom side, with the friction material facing the rotor, as shown in Photo 7. Mount the caliper and check that the top of the brake pad is flush with the outside diameter of the rotor. If not, adjust by adding or subtracting shims (11) between the caliper and the bracket. After the caliper pad height is set, reinstall the pad retaining pins and clips, Photo 8. Torque the caliper lock nuts (13) to value shown in Figure 1.

STEP 6 Temporarily install the wheel and torque the lug nuts to the manufacturer's specification. Ensure that the wheel rotates freely without any interference. Remove wheel for next step.

STEP 7 Attach brake line to caliper. **NOTE:** OEM rubber brake hoses generally cannot be adapted to Wilwood calipers. Wilwood offers a brake flexline hose kit to fit this application (sold separately), order P/N 220-18241. Hose kit includes hoses, fittings, etc., all in one package for this application. The caliper inlet fitting is a 1/8-27 NPT (use PTFE tape on pipe threads of adapter fitting for proper sealing to caliper). **Ensure hoses are routed to prevent contact with moving suspension, brake or wheel components.**

•**NOTE:** Wilwood hose kits are designed for use in many different vehicle applications and it is the installer's responsibility to properly route and provide adequate clearance and retention for brake hose components.

•**NOTE:** Specified brake hose kits may not work with all Years, Makes and Models of vehicle that this brake kit is applicable to, due to possible OEM manufacturing changes during a production vehicle's life.

•**CAUTION:** In absence of specific instructions for brake line routing, the installer must use his best professional judgment on correct routing and retention of lines to ensure safe operation. It is the installer's responsibility to ensure that all fittings and hoses are the correct size and length, properly seal, and that they will not be subject to crimping, strain and abrasion from vibration or interference with suspension components, brake rotor or wheel.

STEP 8 Bleed the brake system, referring to the 'Additional Information and Recommendations' on page 8 for proper bleeding instructions. Check system for leaks after bleeding.

STEP 9 Install the wheel and torque the lug nuts to manufacturer's specifications.

•**CAUTION:** Test vehicle brake system per the 'Minimum Test Procedure' stated within this document before driving. After road testing, inspect for leaks and interference. Initially after install and testing, perform frequent checks of the vehicle brake system and lines before driving, to confirm that there is no undue wear or interference not apparent from the initial test. Afterwards, perform periodic inspections for function, leaks and wear in an interval relative to the usage of vehicle.

STEP 10 Bed-in the brake pads per the procedure on page 9.



Photo 5

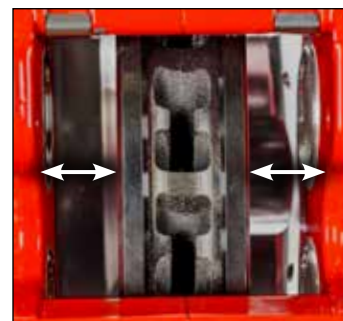


Photo 6



Photo 7



Photo 8



Completed Installation

Balancing the Brake Bias on 4 Wheel Disc Vehicles

•OE Style or Single Mount Race Pedal with Tandem Outlet Master Cylinder:

Front to rear caliper piston sizes, rotor diameters, and pad compounds must be initially configured to provide the correct range of vehicle bias when using a single bore / tandem outlet master cylinder. If excessive rear brake bias is experienced, an inline adjustable proportioning valve can be used to decrease the rear line pressure to help bring the vehicle into balance. If excessive front brake bias is experienced, first consideration should be given to increasing the rear brake bias to bring the vehicle into overall balance.

•Race Pedal with Dual Master Cylinders and Balance Bar:

Master cylinders must be sized to match the calipers and allow the pedal balance bar to operate near the center of its travel. If it is not possible to fine tune the bias within the adjustable range of the balance bar, then consideration must be given to changing a master cylinder bore size or some other aspect of the brake system to bring the car into balance. Larger bore master cylinders will generate less pressure while decreasing pedal travel. Smaller bores master cylinders will generate higher line pressures with an increase in pedal travel.

Additional Information and Recommendations

•Fill and bleed the new system with Wilwood Hi-Temp° 570 grade fluid or higher. 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 for racing or performance driving.*

•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 two pound 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.*

•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.

Brake Testing

WARNING • DO NOT DRIVE ON UNTESTED BRAKES BRAKES MUST BE TESTED AFTER INSTALLATION OR MAINTENANCE MINIMUM TEST PROCEDURE

- Make sure pedal is firm: Hold firm pressure on pedal for several minutes, it should remain in position without sinking. If pedal sinks toward floor, check system for fluid leaks. DO NOT drive vehicle if pedal does not stay firm or can be pushed to the floor with normal pressure.
- At very low speed (2-5 mph) apply brakes hard several times while turning steering from full left to full right, repeat several times. Remove the wheels and check that components are not touching, rubbing, or leaking.
- Carefully examine all brake components, brake lines, and fittings for leaks and interference.
- Make sure there is no interference with wheels or suspension components.
- Drive vehicle at low speed (15-20 mph) making moderate and hard stops. Brakes should feel normal and positive. Again check for leaks and interference.
- Always test vehicle in a safe place where there is no danger to (or from) other people or vehicles.
- Always wear seat belts and make use of all safety equipment.

Pad and Rotor Bedding

BEDDING STEPS FOR NEW PADS AND ROTORS – ALL COMPOUNDS

Once the brake system has been tested and determined safe to operate the vehicle, follow these steps for the bedding of all new pad materials and rotors. These procedures should only be performed on a race track, or other safe location where you can safely and legally obtain speeds up to 65 MPH, while also being able to rapidly decelerate.

- Begin with a series of light decelerations to gradually build some heat in the brakes. Use an on-and-off the pedal technique by applying the brakes for 3-5 seconds, and then allow them to fully release for a period roughly twice as long as the deceleration cycle. If you use a 5 count during the deceleration interval, use a 10 count during the release to allow the heat to sink into the pads and rotors.
- After several cycles of light stops to begin warming the brakes, proceed with a series of medium to firm deceleration stops to continue raising the temperature level in the brakes.
- Finish the bedding cycle with a series of 8-10 hard decelerations from 55-65 MPH down to 25 MPH while allowing a proportionate release and heat-sinking interval between each stop. The pads should now be providing positive and consistent response.
- If any amount of brake fade is observed during the bed-in cycle, immediately begin the cool down cycle.
- Drive at a moderate cruising speed, with the least amount of brake contact possible, until most of the heat has dissipated from the brakes. Avoid sitting stopped with the brake pedal depressed to hold the car in place during this time. Park the vehicle and allow the brakes to cool to ambient air temperature.

COMPETITION VEHICLES

- If your race car is equipped with brake cooling ducts, blocking them will allow the pads and rotors to warm up quicker and speed up the bedding process.
- Temperature indicating paint on the rotor and pad edges can provide valuable data regarding observed temperatures during the bedding process and subsequent on-track sessions. This information can be highly beneficial when evaluating pad compounds and cooling efficiencies.

POST-BEDDING INSPECTION – ALL VEHICLES

- After the bedding cycle, the rotors should exhibit a uniformly burnished finish across the entire contact face. Any surface irregularities that appear as smearing or splotching on the rotor faces can be an indication that the brakes were brought up to temperature too quickly during the bedding cycle. If the smear doesn't blend away after the next run-in cycle, or if chatter under braking results, sanding or resurfacing the rotors will be required to restore a uniform surface for pad contact.

Pad and Rotor Bedding (Continued)

PRE-RACE WARM UP

- Always make every effort to get heat into the brakes prior to each event. Use an on-and-off the pedal practice to warm the brakes during the trip to the staging zone, during parade laps before the flag drops, and every other opportunity in an effort to build heat in the pads and rotors. This will help to ensure best consistency, performance, and durability from your brakes.

DYNO BEDDED COMPETITION PADS AND ROTORS

- Getting track time for a proper pad and rotor bedding session can be difficult. Wilwood offers factory dyno-bedded pads and rotors on many of our popular competition pads and **Spec 37** GT series rotors. Dyno-bedded parts are ready to race on their first warm up cycle. This can save valuable time and effort when on-track time is either too valuable or not available at all, Dyno-bedding assures that your pads and rotors have been properly run-in and are ready to go. Contact your dealer or the factory for more information on Wilwood Dyno-Bedding services.

NOTE: NEVER allow the contact surfaces of the pads or rotors to be contaminated with brake fluid. Always use a catch bottle with a hose to prevent fluid spill during all brake bleeding procedures.

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