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ART-167 2007-2014 SILVERADO/SIERRA 1500 REAR FRAME SECTION

IMPORTANT: Read and understand the General Instructions Before Installing SafeTCap® Frame Repair Kits

Installation Instructions

- 1) Jack up the rear of the vehicle and support the frame on properly rated jack stands.
- 2] Remove the rear tires, spare tire, rear bumper. Unscrew the rear 2 bed bolts.
- 3) Measure the distance from the leaf spring hangers to the end of the frame and take note, this measurement will be needed.
- 4) You should support your rear axle with a hydraulic jack under the differential before disconnecting the rear leaf springs, use the jack to hold the weight of the differential so the rear suspension is not hanging.
- **5)**Cut the heads off the 4 rivets holding the leaf spring hangers.
- **6]**Slide the ART-167 over the frame. Line up the holes for the leaf spring hanger and up to the end of the frame. Make a mark with a sharpie.
- 7) Grind the frame to clean, bare metal.

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- 8] Tack weld the ART-167. Check the kits position using measurements taken earlier.
- **9)** After ensuring the kit is in proper position, weld the entire inner and outer edge.
- **10)** Allow the welds to cool, then, re-attach the leaf spring hanger to the frame by lining up the holes in the frame and the ART-167, using measurements taken earlier check that the spring hangar is aligned correct. Leaf spring hangar position should be identical on both driver and passenger sides.
- 11) You can tack weld the spring hangars to the frame in addition to the hardware provided. Install the $7/16'' 14 \times 1''$ gr.8 HCS with washer and flanged nut to secure the hangar to the frame. Torque each bolt to approximately 63ft/lbs.
- **12** Coat the repair areas with a rust preventative primer or an undercoat.