

INSTALLATION MANUAL

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NISSAN INTERSTAR (1999-2010) X70, FWD

OPEL/ VAUXHALL MOVANO (1999-2010)
X70, SINGLE TIRES, FWD

**RENAULT MASTER (1998-2010) X70, FWD** 











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## 1 Foreword

This manual provides instructions for the installation of an auxiliary air suspension kit, developed specifically for the Nissan Interstar X70, FWD (1999-2010), Opel / Vauxhall Movano X70, single tires, FWD (1999-2010) and Renault Master X70 FWD (1998-2010).

To ensure correct installation of the kit, it is strongly recommended that these instructions are read thoroughly before commencing any installation work. Installation should only be carried out by a suitably qualified mechanic or specialist installation facility. DSC Nederland will not accept any responsibility for faults or defects arising from incorrect installation, which automatically renders the guarantee invalid.

### IMPORTANT: Manufacturer's Declaration Form

A manufacturer's declaration form is provided with your kit. Following installation of the kit please ensure that this form is completed, signed by a qualified fitter and a copy is returned to DSC Nederland by post, fax or e-mail. Our e-mail address is: info@dscsystems.nl

This kit is suitable for motorhomes and other vehicles with a **minimum** rear axle load of 1350kg (2975lbs) or provided with ABS.







## 2 Introduction

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING AN AUXILIARY AIR SUSPENSION KIT FROM THE RANGE OFFERED BY DSC NEDERLAND. AUXILIARY AIR SUSPENSION IS FITTED IN TANDEM WITH THE STANDARD STEEL SPRINGS OF THE VEHICLE SUSPENSION, AND PROVIDES ENHANCEMENTS IN TERMS OF BOTH THE STABILITY OF THE VEHICLE AND THE COMFORT OF THE PASSENGER.

#### **VEHICLE LEVELLING**

Simply by varying the air pressure in the springs, the vehicle can be levelled both front-to-rear and side-to-side. Keeping the vehicle level optimises stability, ensures correct headlamp beam distribution and reduces tyre wear arising from uneven distribution of weight.

#### STRAIGHT LINE STABILITY

Straight line stability is greatly increased at higher speeds, and when subjected to buffeting from cross-winds or large overtaking vehicles.

#### REDUCED BODY ROLL

Body roll when cornering or negotiating roundabouts is significantly reduced.

#### FATIGUE REDUCTION AND WEAR COMPENSATION

Suspension fatigue is reduced, so helping to prevent leaf springs from sagging under repeated or constant loading. Any sagging already present can be compensated-for. This is a particular benefit for motorhomes, which are always fully laden.

#### RIDE COMFORT

Air springs help to absorb shock loads from uneven road surfaces, therefore general ride quality is much improved.







## 3 Very important notes



#### **IMPORTANT: Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)**

Air assist kits are not in themselves designed to increase the gross vehicle weight (GVW) rating of a vehicle. They do not legally allow for carriage of a load greater than the carrying capacity stated on the data plate of the vehicle.



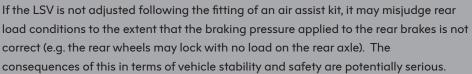
Do not exceed the maximum load specified by the vehicle manufacturer.

- to avoid compromising passenger safety
- to prevent possible damage to the vehicle
- for legal reasons



#### IMPORTANT: Load Sensing Valve (LSV) Adjustment

If your vehicle is not fitted with an antilock braking system (ABS) then it will have a load sensing valve (LSV) to automatically adjust braking force under varying load conditions. This valve **must** be adjusted immediately after the fitting of an air assist kit and before the vehicle is driven again on public roads.



#### **VEHICLE UPRATING**

Despite the above words of caution, it is possible to upgrade the weight rating of your vehicle. This must be carried-out by a specialist supplier that will:

- carry out any necessary modifications in addition to fitting the air assist kit
- complete documentation as necessary to inform the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (VOSA) – a mandatory requirement
- supply and fit a new weight plate to replace the original plate supplied with the vehicle

This process applies to United Kingdom registered vehicles. The process in other countries may be different.

#### SAFETY GUIDANCE NOTE

The following very useful guidance note is available for free download from the *Health and Safety Executive* (HSE):

PM85, July 2007 Safe recovery (and repair) of buses and coaches fitted with air suspension.

The uniform resource locator (URL) for this document is: http://www.hse.gov.uk/PUBNS/pm85.pdf

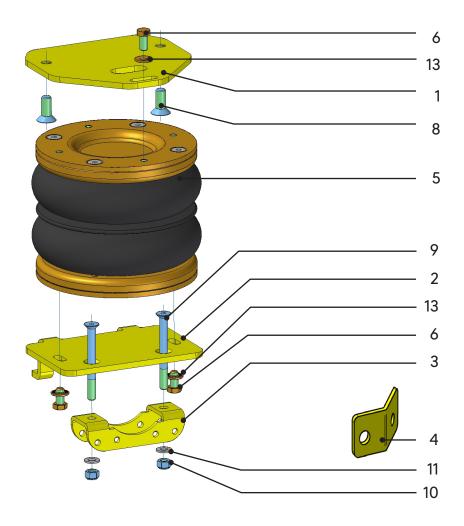






## 4 Overview

THE COMPLETE BELLOW AND BRACKET ASSEMBLY ARE SHOWN OF THE LEFT SIDE BY THE DIAGRAM BELOW.



NUMBER	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY
1	65.02.00.1.01	Top plate Left and Right	2
2	65.02.00.1.04.01	Lower bracket upper part L + R	2
3	65.02.00.1.04.02	Clamp bracket lower bracket	2
4	65.02.00.1.21.01	brake hose swift bracket	1
5	OP.LB.170-2.CPL	Air bellow 170/2	2
6	DIN 933-M8x16	Hexagon bolt DIN 933 8.8 VZ 8X16	6
7*	DIN 933-M8x20	Hexagon bolt DIN 933 8.8 VZ 8X20	1
8	DIN 7991-M10x25	Countersunk screw M10 x 25	4
9	DIN 7991-M8x80	Countersunk screw M8 x 80	4
10	DIN 985-M8	Self locking nut M8	4 + 1*
11	DIN 125A-M8	Washer M8	4 + 1*
12*	d8.5 x D25 x s1.5	Plain washer	1
13	M8	Disc spring washer	6

<sup>\*</sup> Left side not in the assembly drawing

## NOT IN THE ASSEMBLY DRAWING

- Tie wraps
- Black and blue hose
- An inflate option
- Declaration of conformity
- Installation manual







## 5 Instructions for installation







#### **IMPORTANT: Preparation and Precaution**

Before beginning installation, ensure that you have sufficient clearance between the axle and the chassis. **Use a jack if necessary**. Install at one side of the vehicle at a time.

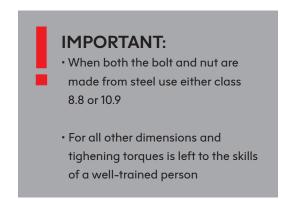
Pay attention to your safety at all times during installation – always use **axle** stands to support the vehicle!

The position of the axle stands should be **under the chassis** NOT under the axle!

#### **5.1 RECOMMENDED TIGHTENING TORQUE**

During fitting of the air suspension system, it is recommended that nuts and bolts are tightened in accordance with the following table...

TIGHTENING TORQUE IN Nm					
SIZE	CLASS 8.8	CLASS 10.9			
M6 x 1.0	11.3	16.5			
M8 x 1.25	27.3	40.1			
M10 x 1.5	54	79			
M12 x 1.75	93	137			
M16 x 2.0	230	338			



THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS MAKE REFERENCE TO THE DIAGRAMS ON PAGES 16 TO 18 INCLUSIVE.

#### **5.2 PREPARATION**

- Secure the front wheels, use wheel chocks on both sides of both front wheels.
- 2. Take the ground terminal from the battery when work to electricity is involved.
- 3. Lift the rear of the vehicle till there is working space of approximately 15 cm between bump stop and rear axle.







#### 5.3 PRELIMINARY STEP - LSV SPRING LENGTH MEASUREMENT

 Vehicles without an antilock braking system have a load sensing valve fitted. This has a spring linkage as shown by Figure 1. Before beginning installation, take care of your minimum axle weight as mentioned on page 3. Measure and record the length (X) of the linkage between the leveller of the LSV and the adjustment collar.

#### 5.4 BUMP STOP REMOVAL AND FITTING OF UPPER PLATE

- 1. Unscrew and remove the bump stop Figures 2 and 3. The two holes vacated by removal of the bump stop will be used for attachment of the upper plate.
- 2. Position the plate underneath the two holes in the chassis rail (left by removal of the bump stop) such that it protrudes towards the centre of the vehicle. Attach the plate using two countersunk screws Figures 4 and 5.

#### 5.5 REROUTING BRAKE LINE

- 1. Some elderly vehicles have a protection plate below the leaf spring. The brake line is connected to this plate. Replace it to the other hole in this plate Figure 6.
- 2. There is a small bracket Figure 7 and part 4 on page 7 to swift the position more to the rear where the brake hose switches to the brake line. This needs to be done to give the air bellow enough free space Figure 8. You need to disconnect the brake line from the brake hose.
- 3. After connecting it to each other again on the small bracket. It is needed to bleed the brake line. At your right and left rear side.

#### 5.6 FITTING OF LOWER BRACKET

- 1. Rest the lower bracket on the axle directly below the upper plate, with the two 'feet' placed beneath the leaf spring mounting block Figure 9
- 2. Insert the two M10 x 100mm countersunk bolts into the countersunk holes in the lower bracket, feed the lower bracket strap up from below the axle to mate with these bolts, and install the nuts and washers to secure the lower bracket and strap against the axle—Figures 9 and 10

#### 5.7 BELLOW INSTALLATION

- See Section 5.9 "Tube Connection and Disconnection, Cutting and Routing": Connect a tube to the
  bellow by pushing the tube into the air inlet port on the underside of the spring and then hand-rotating
  the tube by one screw turn. Use black tubing for the left-hand bellow and blue for the right-hand bellow.
  Feed the tube through the large exposed hole in the upper bracket Figure 11.
- 2. Place the bellow into position between the upper and lower brackets and attach the lower plate of the bellow to the lower bracket using two M8 x 16mm bolts and two washers Figures 11 and 12
- 3. Attach the top plate to the top plate of the bellow using a single M8 x 20mm bolt and a single M8 serrated washer Figures 13 and 14







#### **5.8 FITTING OF INFLATOR CONSOLE**

Your kit is supplied with one of these inflator options:

DUNLOP CASTION AS PRESSEET IN S. S. EAS. PAR. 7.9 MAS.	OPTION VALVES	Two valves and a small bracket
	OPTION MANO (WITHOUT CONSOLE)	Two valves and two independent 10-bar pressure gauges
© BUNLOP R General at regulation of School (1882)	OPTION 1	Two valves in a console with two independent 10-bar pressure gauges
DENKLOP &	OPTION 2	Two valves in a console with two independent 10-bar pressure gauges and a rocker on/off switch to operate the electric motor driven air compressor
DENLOP EN DENLO RELIGIO DE LA CONTROL DE LA	OPTION 3	Four valves (two for raising the vehicle ('UP') and two for lowering the vehicle ('DOWN')) in a console with two independent 10-bar pressure gauges. A pressure switch operates the electric motor driven air compressor to keep the air reservoir of 1.9 litre or 0.5 gallon at pressure







Mount the console in a position of your choice whereby it is firmly fixed, has some protection from the environment (particularly important for the console with gauges) and is easily accessible. Suggested possible locations include.

#### 'STANDARD' CONSOLE

- on the rear bumper
- at the rear beside the license plate
- on the chassis next to a rear wheel
- in a service shutter (motorhomes)
- beside the fuel cap

#### 'OPTION 1', 'OPTION 2' OR 'OPTION 3'

#### Console

- in the vehicle cabin, within reach and sight of the driver
- Beside, under the driver seat
- in the wall of a cupboard (motorhomes)
- in a service shutter (motorhomes)

#### 'COMFORT' PACKAGES

The 'OPTION 2' and 'OPTION 3' panels, as shown above, are each part of a Comfort Package that is supplied with a compressor (and also an air reservoir in the case of the 'OPTION 3' panel) for ease of spring inflation and ride height setting. For further information please ask your dealer. The photograph below shows all of the parts of Comfort Package 'OPTION 2' and 'OPTION 3'.





OPTION.2 OPTION.3







#### 5.9 TUBE CONNECTION AND DISCONNECTION, CUTTING AND ROUTING

#### CONNECTION AND DISCONNECTION

Tubes are connected as shown by the diagrams below:



- A. Slide a nut over the end of the tube
- B. Push the tube onto the connector as far as possible
- C. Feed the nut up to the connector, fully tighten by hand and finally tighten one additional turn using spanners

#### CUTTING

To achieve good sealing and air-tight fitting of tube ends to their connecting parts, it is very important to cut tubing cleanly and squarely. A dedicated guillotine action tubing cutter is recommended, or a craft knife if such a tool is not available. Do not use electrician's side cutters.



A dedicated tubing cutter **RECOMMENDED** 



Electrician's Side Cutters
NOT RECOMMENDED







#### ROUTING

Study the underside of the vehicle and decide how to route each branch of the air circuit.

- To minimise the risk of chafing, avoid running tubing over metal edges as much as possible
- Avoid close proximity to heat sources such as the exhaust assembly
- Choose a route that provides as much protection as possible from dirt, debris and any solid objects that may impact the underside of the vehicle

#### > It is recommended that tubes are guided alongside brake lines as much as possible.

Use cable ties ('tie wraps') to secure tubing to the chassis, taking care not to over-tighten them.

#### **5.10 BELLOW INFLATION**

Once installation of the air assist kit is complete, inflate the air bellow to achieve the desired ride height via the inflator console taking careful note of the following.

#### ONCE THE INSTALLATION OF THE AIR ASSIST KIT IS COMPLETE:

- Inflate the air bellows to achieve the desired ride height via the inflator console.
- To achieve a correct ride height, the rear of the vehicle is approximately 6 cm higher than
  the front of the vehicle. That will correspondent with a bellow height between 13 cm and
  15 cm
- The correct used pressure is up to the discretion of the installer, but is mostly between the 1.5 bar and the 4.5 bar.
- The pressure for driving your vehicle is depending on the weight of the vehicle and the condition of the original springs.
- Always keep in mind that you are using air assist suspension, that means helper springs, they are designed to help. Do not let them take over the original springs.
- Because our system is independent between the left and the right side, it is not a problem
  to inflate one side more to achieve the same height on the left and also on the right side.
- Once you know the pressure on your left and on your right side, make good notice of it, so you can check the pressure of your system every time you start driving.
- The note here below is for extreme situations.

# IMPORTANT: Maximum and Minimum Pressure MAXIMUM PRESSURE 7.0 BAR MINIMUM PRESSURE 0.5 BAR

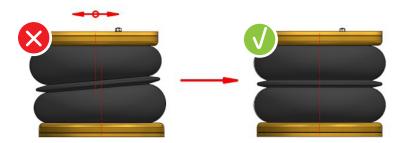
Do not exceed 7.0 bar (100 psi), which is the recommended maximum charge pressure for the air springs. The springs may be deflated if the vehicle is to be stored for a **lengthy** period without use, but a pressure of at least 0.5 bar (7 psi) should be maintained at all times in order to avoid possible compression damage to the springs.







#### **5.11 SPRING ALIGNMENT**



- With the vehicle standing at the desired ride height, ensure that the springs are correctly aligned as illustrated above and then tighten the bolts to secure the bellow to both the upper and the lower mounting brackets.
- 2. Always check if the air bellow won't touch any obstacle

#### 5.12 LOAD SENSING VALVE (LSV) ADJUSTMENT (ONLY IF THE VEHICLE HAS NO ABS)

- Once the auxiliary air suspension system is installed and the bellows are inflated to 13.5 cm which should achieve the desired vehicle ride height, the LSV must be adjusted Figure 16. Adjust the length of the spring linkage via the adjustment collar until the total length between the leveller of the LSV and the adjustment collar is exact the same as it was before beginning installation (see 'Preliminary Step', Section 5.3).
- 2. The adjustment collar has a screw that locks the outer part of the linkage to the inner part when tightened and enables the inner part to slide inside the outer part when loosened.

#### **5.13 MAINTENANCE**

Following installation, it is recommended that all metal parts are coated with a protective substance such as body wax.

The system does not require very much maintenance other than...

- 1. To maintain air pressure in the springs. Much like a tyre, the system may lose a little air over time.
- 2. To keep the air bellows clean. It is suggested that, when washing the vehicle, the bellows are inspected and cleaned as necessary (preferable by spraying). Look in particular for stones or grit trapped between convolutes, as this may damage the bellow.
- 3. Check before and after the winter period the wax coating. Re-wax when necessarily







#### 5.14 CHECK LIST

Before driving the vehicle following completion of installation of the auxiliary air suspension system, please check:
All bolts tightened to the recommended torque (Page 8)?
Air springs set in alignment (Section 5.11)?
Enough free space around the air springs to avoid wearing?
All metal parts wax coated (Section 5.13)?
Manufacturer's declaration form completed and a copy returned?
A wait of 24 hours is recommended in order to ensure

that the vehicle has maintained its stance and that there

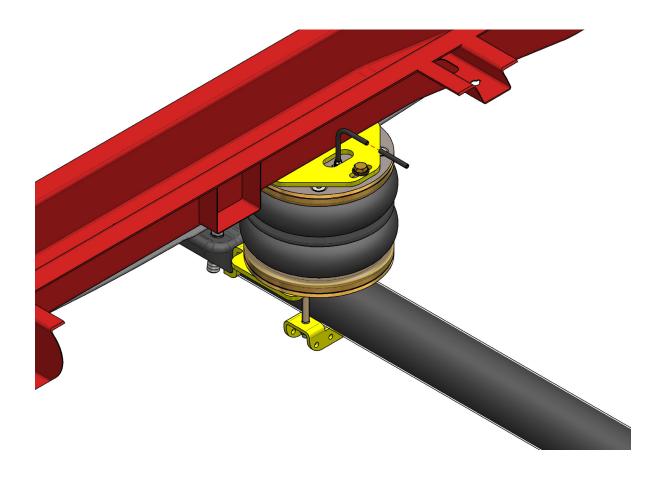
are no air leaks present.







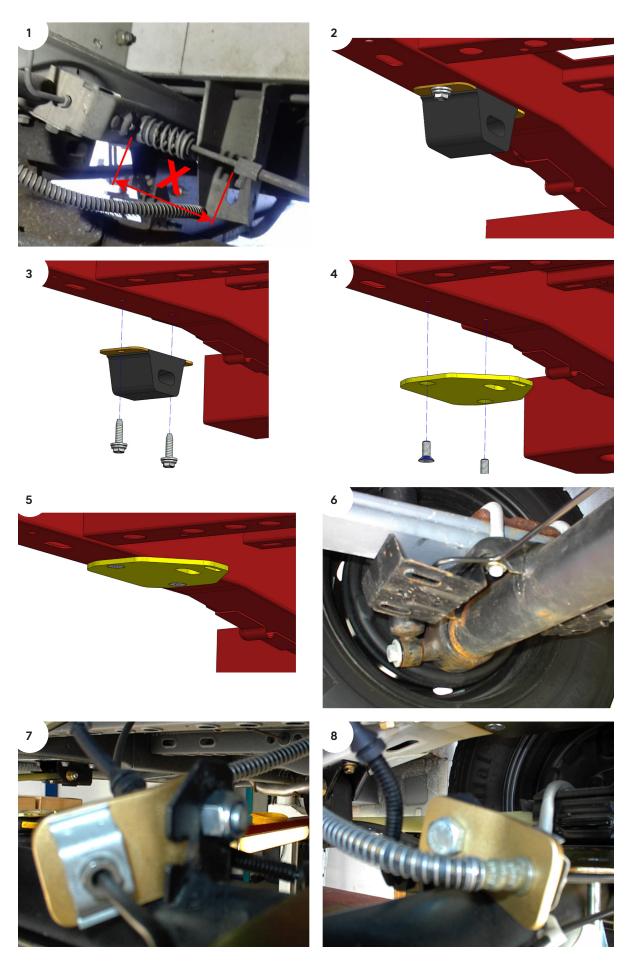
# **6 INSTALLATION PICTURES**







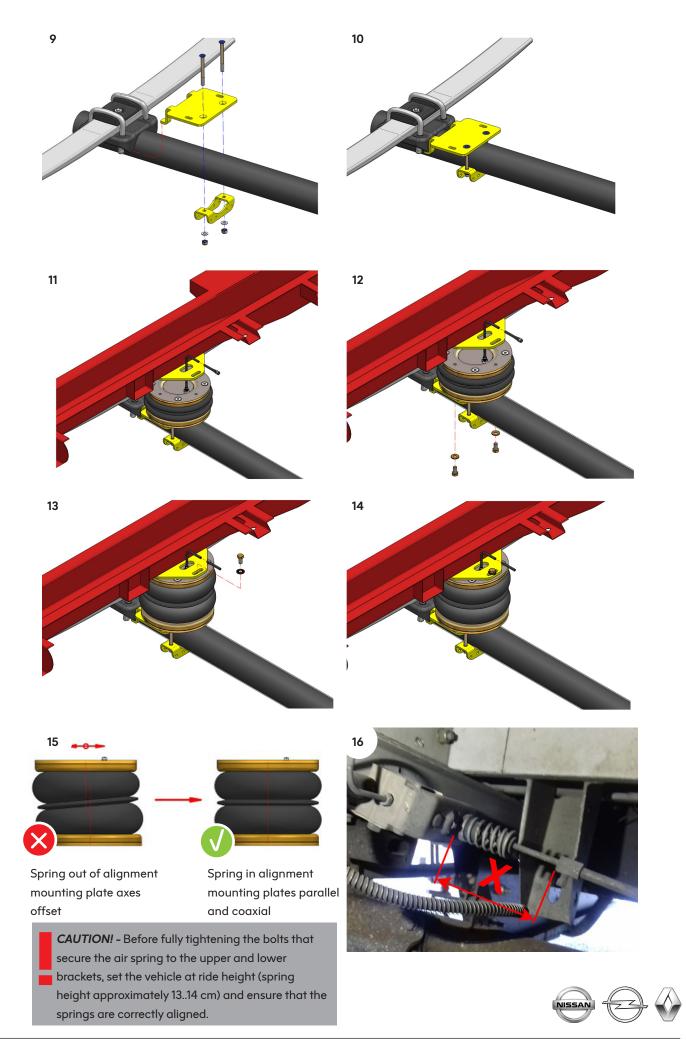












## **7 EPILOGUE**

DSC Nederland hopes that you enjoy the benefits that your DUNLOP air suspension system will provide for you. To ensure optimal performance, we advise that you have your system checked frequently by qualified personnel. As recommended in the fitting instructions, it is important to coat all the steel parts with a protective substance such as body wax.



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As a condition of your warranty, modifications to the system may only be carried out by personnel of DSC Nederland.

#### **ENQUIRIES**

For general enquiries please contact one of our dealers. You can find them on our website.

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