

# INSTALLATION OF R-290 HYDRAULIC KIT STD CONTROLS W/ UNDER HOOD PUMP 2007-2014 SUBURBAN/2017-PRESENT SUBURBAN HD/2011-2019 GM HD PICKUPS

### INSTALLATION SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

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- Failure to heed to any of the following warnings could result in severe bodily injury and/or equipment damage.
- Read and understand this manual completely before attempting installation or operation of the equipment.
- Installation/Operation instructions provided below only address the Rafna railgear equipment. Applicable railway company procedures and policies must be adhered to.
- Before performing any work under the vehicle or railgear, ensure the engine is turned off and the parking brake is set.
- When routing hydraulic hoses, ensure that the hoses do not contact any sharp edges or hot surfaces.
- When routing electrical wires, ensure that the wires do not contact any sharp edges or hot surfaces.
- All wire connections are to be soldered and heat shrink sealed to prevent future corrosion related problems.
- All wires must be covered with protective cable loom.
- Railway company rules governing rail travel must always be observed.
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  manifold directional valve manual over-rides may cause the railgear to drop
  suddenly causing personal injury. Ensure all body parts are clear of the railgear
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- Ensure the hydraulic pump has been de-energized before starting road or rail travel.



# INSTALLATION OF HYDRAULIC KIT

The following procedure details the installation of the hydraulic kit. The hardware required for this installation is listed in Table 1.

Table 1: Hydraulic Kit Installation Parts

Part Number	Description	Qty		
R-048B	Hydraulic Pump and Manifold	1		
CO-106	Dash Switch	1		
R-1577	In-Line Fuse Connector	1		
R-1577-1	In-Line 5 Amp Fuse	1		
R-2965D	Pump Shim Plate	1		
CO-130G	"Railgear Pump" Decal	1		
CO-130N	"Front Gear Up" Decal	1		
CO-1300	"Rear Gear Up" Decal	1		
CO-130P	"Front Gear Down" Decal	1		
CO-130Q	"Rear Gear Down" Decal	1		
R-2868	Locking Cable Holding Collar	1		
S-001030	Railgear Operation Decal	2		
	1/4" Male O-Ring Boss to 1/4" Male JIC 90°	4		
	3/8" Male O-Ring Boss to 1/4" Male JIC 90°	1		
	1/4" Male O-Ring Boss to 1/4" Male JIC	4		
H-990KIT-018	Hose 80" Long	2		
	Hose 33" Long	2		
	Hose 360" Long	2		
	1/4" Female JIC Straight Coupler (On Hoses)	12		
	1/4" UNC Gr. 8 Bolt x 0.75" Long	4		
D 0001/1T 44F	1/4" SAE Washer	4		
	1/4" Lock Washer	4		
R-990KIT-115	5/16" UNC Gr. 8 Bolt x 1" Long	4		
	5/16" SAE Washer	4		
	5/16" Lock Washer	4		
Not Supplied	2 & 14 Gauge Wire, Terminals, Loom, Etc.	-		
R-10536	Adapter Plate Assembly	1		
R-990KIT-115	5/16"-18 Gr. 8 Hex Bolt x 1.00" long	4		
	5/16" SAE Washer	4		
	5/16"-18 Gr. 8 Nylock Nut	4		
R-10537	Pump Mounting Bracket	1		
R-10539	Support Bracket	2		
R-990KIT-115	5/16"-18 Gr. 8 Bolt x 1.00" Long	2		
	5/16"-18 Gr. 8 Nylock Nut	2		
	5/16" SAE Washer	4		
↓ (2015-2019 GM SUPPLEMENTAL HARDWARE KIT) ↓				
D 0001/1T 202	5/16" UNC Gr.5 Bolt x 1.25" Lg, Hex, Serrated Flange	4		
R-990KIT-382 (FOR 2015-2019 GM ONLY)	5/16" UNC Gr.5 Nylock Nut, Hex Flange	4		
	5/16" Gr.8 Washer, Flat	4		
	5/16" UNC Gr.8 Nylock Nut	4		
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- 1. The pump is shipped with a manifold, a hand pump handle, a solenoid, and a rubber terminal boot.
- 2. Locate and install the solenoid in a convenient location under the hood near the vehicle's battery using installer supplied hardware. Ensure that the solenoid's body is electrically grounded.
- 3. Install all hydraulic fittings and adapters as shown on hydraulic schematic.
- 4. The hydraulic pump is to be mounted in the spare battery tray compartment (gas only).
- 5. There are four directional valve manual over-rides on the top face of the manifold. The decal plates can be installed on the top face of the manifold as shown. Stick the decal plates next to the respective over-rides such that they are properly oriented while standing in front of the vehicle.
- 6. Connect one 80" long hydraulic hose between the C1 port on the manifold and the "Rod" end port on the front railgear cylinder.
- 7. Connect one 80" long hydraulic hose between the C2 port on the manifold and the "Blind" end port on the front railgear cylinder.
- 8. Connect one 33" long hydraulic hose between the P port on the manifold and the P port on the pump.
- 9. Connect one 33" long hydraulic hose between the T port on the manifold and the T port on the pump.
- 10. Connect one 360" long hydraulic hose to the C3 port on the manifold and mark the other end of this hose as "Rod".
- 11. Connect one 360" long hydraulic hose to the C4 port on the manifold and mark the other end of this hose as "Blind".
- 12. Route the two 360" long hydraulic hoses to the rear of the vehicle through the left side of the frame and secure in place with tie-wraps. Where necessary, fasten the hose to the frame with installer supplied hose clips and hardware.
- 13. Connect the end of the 360" long hydraulic hose marked "Blind" to the blind end port on the rear railgear cylinder.
- 14. Connect the end of the 360" long hydraulic hose marked "Rod" to the rod end port on the rear railgear cylinder.
- 15. Ensure that none of the hoses contact any sharp edges or hot surfaces. Tie-wrap all hoses securely leaving enough slack for the railgear to function.
- 16. Install the dash switch and "Railgear Pump" decal in a convenient location on the dash.



- 17. The pump manifold has two wire harnesses and two wires connected to it:
  - a) One 4' wire harness for the front railgear with a control box on the end.
  - b) One 36' wire harness for the rear railgear with a control box on the end.
  - c) One white and one black wire each with ring terminals on the ends.
- 18. Using suitable 14-gauge wire, cable loom, connectors, solder and heat shrink tubing:
  - a) Lengthen the white wire if required and connect it from the manifold to the switching terminal on the railgear pump solenoid previously mounted under the hood.
  - b) Lengthen the black wire if required and connect it from the manifold through the firewall to the load terminal on the dash switch.
  - c) Connect another length of black wire from the power terminal on the dash switch through the firewall to the in-line fuse.
  - d) Connect another length of black wire from the in-line fuse to the power terminal on the solenoid.
  - e) Connect another wire from the ground terminal on the dash switch to a suitable ground location on the vehicle.
  - f) Ensure the manifold is properly grounded to the vehicle chassis by connecting a wire from the manifold to a suitable ground location on the vehicle. The railgear may not be properly grounded due to paint on the mounting plates or tar on the frame.
- 19. Using suitable 2 gauge wire, cable loom, connectors, solder and heat shrink tubing:
  - a) Connect one wire from the vehicle's battery to the power terminal on the railgear pump solenoid.
  - b) Connect another wire from the load terminal on the solenoid to the power terminal on the pump motor. Use the supplied rubber boot to protect the pump power terminal from shorting out.
  - c) Ensure the pump motor base is properly grounded to the vehicle chassis by connecting a wire from the pump motor base to a suitable ground location on the vehicle. The railgear may not be properly grounded due to paint on the mounting plates or tar on the frame.
- 20. Route the 36' wire harness from the pump through the frame to the rear of the vehicle and secure in place with tie-wraps. If necessary, the control box can be removed from and reinstalled on the wire harness to facilitate routing. Fabricate a bracket and mount the rear railgear control box with installer-supplied hardware in a protected vertical position in a suitable location. Ensure the control box is within reach of the railgear locking cable handle.
- 21. Route the 4' wire harness from the pump to the front of the vehicle and secure in place with tie-wraps. If necessary, the control box can be removed from and reinstalled on the wire harness to facilitate routing. Fabricate a bracket and mount the front railgear control box with installer-supplied hardware in a protected vertical position in a suitable location. Ensure the control box is within reach of the railgear locking cable handle.
- 22. Ensure that the control boxes are mounted vertically so that the controls do not fill with water and freeze. They should also be mounted in a location protected from road spray etc.
- 23. Affix the supplied railgear operation decals in a suitable location adjacent to the front and rear control boxes.
- 24. Ensure all wires and terminals are soldered, heat shrink sealed, enclosed in protective cable loom and secured with tie-wraps.



- 25. Ensure all holes in the firewall are sealed and protected with a grommet.
- 26. Fill the hydraulic system and bleed the air out:
  - a) Fill the pump tank with **DEXRON III** (or equivalent) hydraulic fluid.
  - b) Operate the front railgear up and down briefly to circulate the fluid and bleed the system of air (refer to the Railgear Kit and Hydraulic Kit Operation, Service, and Parts manuals for operation instructions).
  - c) Refill the pump tank and repeat the above step until all air is removed from the front hydraulic system.
  - d) Operate the rear railgear up and down briefly to circulate the fluid and bleed the system of air (refer to the Railgear Kit and Hydraulic Kit Operation, Service, and Parts manuals for operation instructions).
  - e) Refill the pump tank and repeat the above step until all air is removed from the rear hydraulic system.
  - f) With both front and rear railgear locked in the road position, fill the pump tank to the full line.
- 27. Follow the Hydraulic System Relief Valve Setting procedure detailed in the Hydraulic Kit Service section of this manual.
- 28. Test the fit of the locking cable holding collar in both the front and rear locking cables. Ensure that the locking cable holding collar keeps the railgear locking pin fully disengaged. Grind the locking cable holding collar or adjust the locking cable handle on the cable to fit if necessary.
- 29. Test the operation of the controls and directional valve manual over-rides. Refer to the operation procedure in the Railgear Kit and Hydraulic Kit Operation section of this manual.
- 30. Locate and store the hand pump handle and the locking cable holding collar in a secure location in the vehicle cab.

\*Ensure that the thermal overload wires are properly spliced/connected as shown\*

\*It is recommended that a 200 amp fuse be installed to isolate the hydraulic pump from the vehicle electrical system as shown\*



## PUMP/MANIFOLD INSTALL/MODIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Remove spare battery tray from vehicle. The spare battery tray is located at the front corner of the engine compartment on the driver's side.
  - a) Trim battery tray mounting flange as shown. (Figure 1 (for 2015-2019 GM only))
- 2. Place the battery tray adapter plate into spare battery tray and mark hole locations from the adapter plate onto the battery tray. (Figure 2 (Figure 2a for 2015-2019))
- 3. Drill (4) 11/32" diameter holes, thru the spare battery tray, that were marked in the previous step. (Figure 2 (Figure 2a for 2015-2019))
- 4. From the back side of the battery tray, weld (4) 5/16"-18 x 1" long hex bolts to the battery tray as shown. (Figure 3)

## 2015-2019 Model Year !!DO NOT WELD SPARE BATTERY TRAY - IT IS ALUMINUM!!

- 5. Install (4) Serrated Flange Hex Bolts and (4) Flanged Nylon Insert Lock Nuts on to battery tray as shown. (Figure 3A for 2015-2019 GM)
- 6. Re-install battery tray into vehicle, then install the battery tray adapter plate onto spare battery and secure with (4) 5/16" flat washers and (4) 5/16"-18 Nylock nuts. (Figure 4)
- 7. Bench assemble hydraulic pump, manifold and pump bracket as shown. (Figure 5)
- 8. Assemble hydraulic pump/manifold/bracket assembly onto modified battery tray assembly as shown, locate and adjust as required using (2) 5/16"-18 x1" lg. Hex bolts, (4) 5/16" flat washers and (2) 5/16"-18 Nylock nuts. (Figure 6)
- 9. Be sure to check for any interference with surrounding vehicle components. Be sure to locate the pump as to allow for free movement of the emergency hand pump and handle when the handle is installed and actuated. (Figure 7)





Figure 1 (2015-2019 MODEL YEAR)



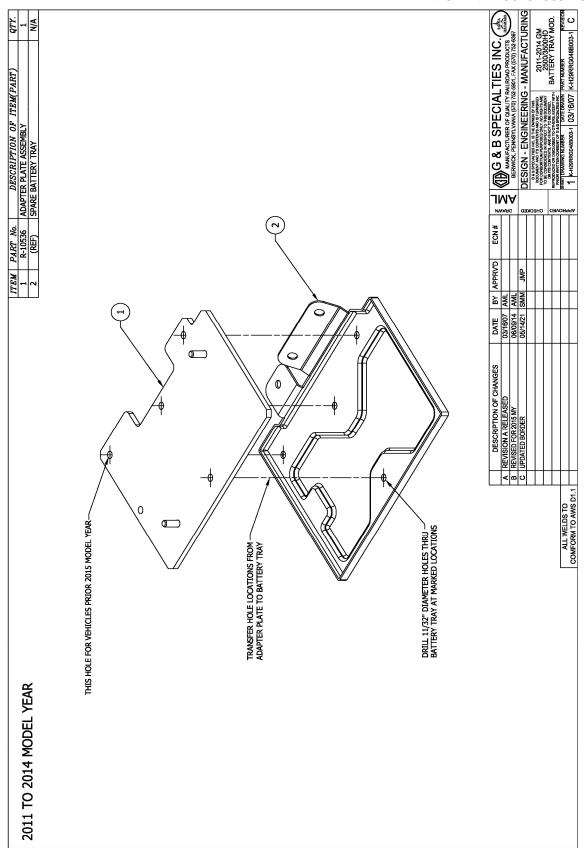


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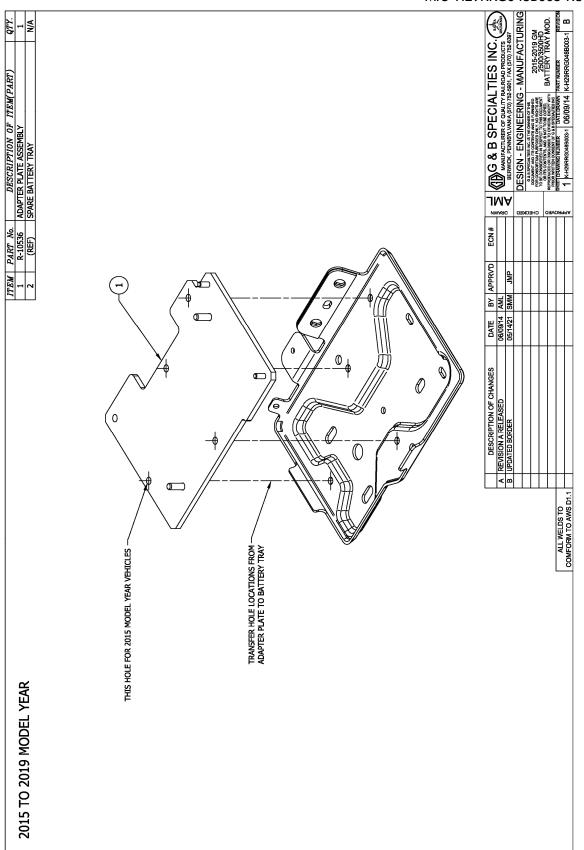


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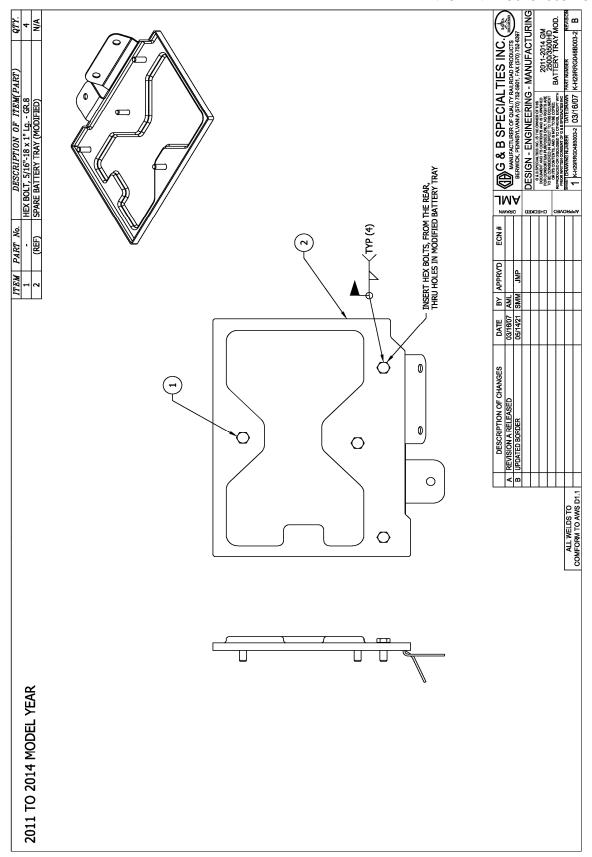


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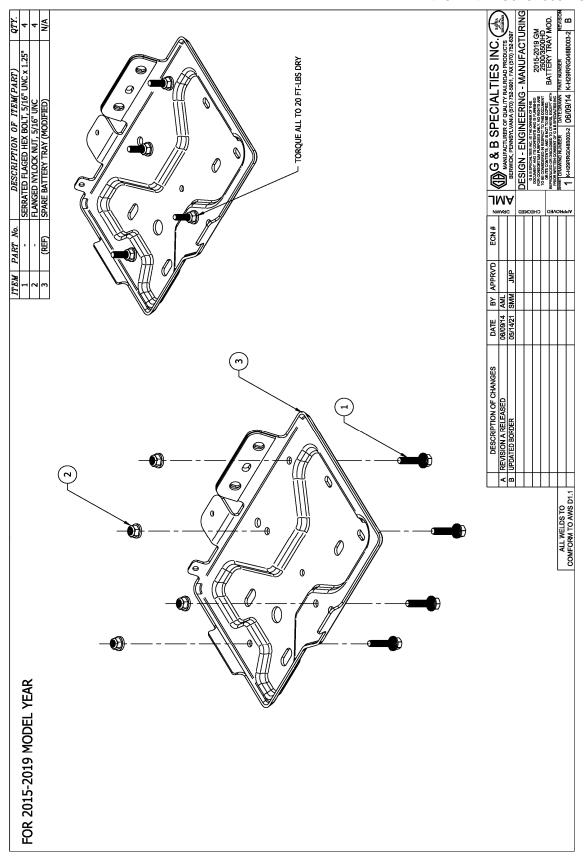


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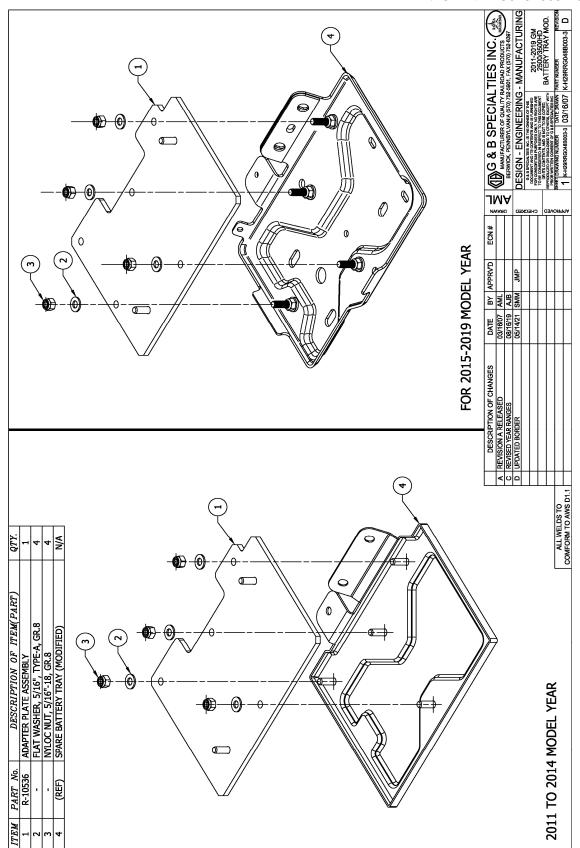


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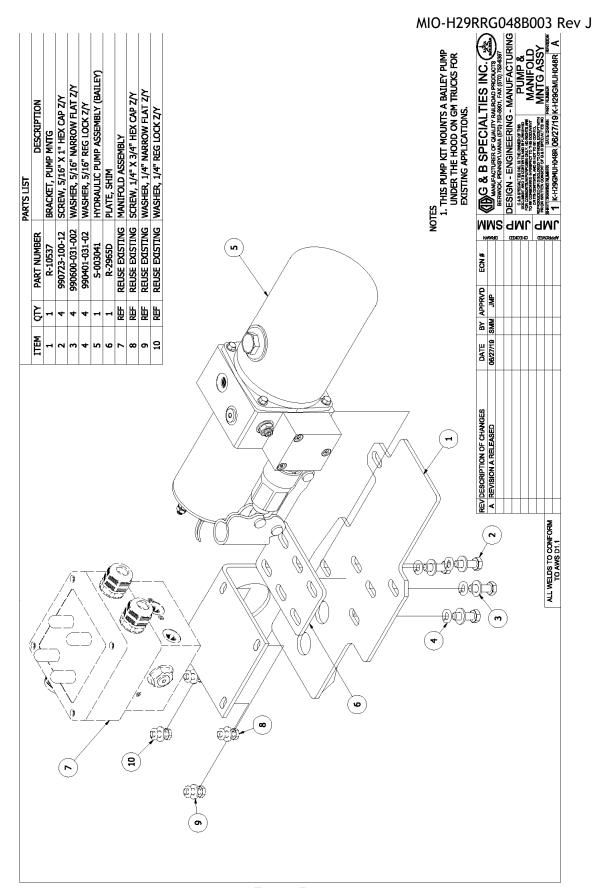


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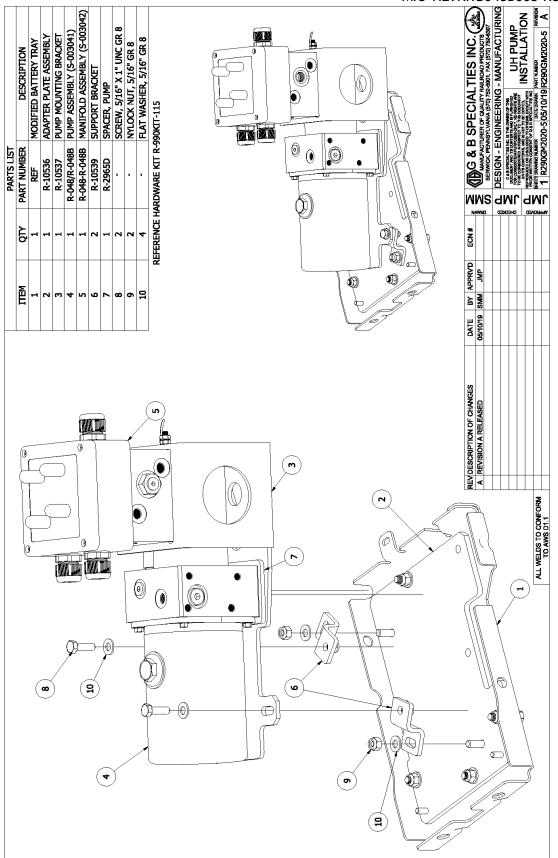
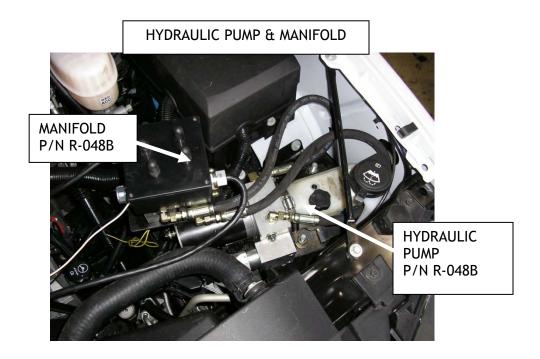
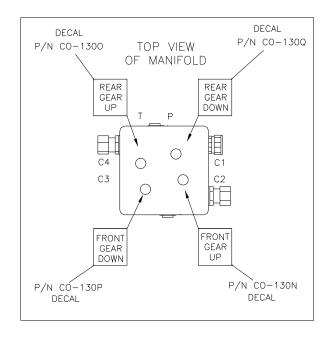


Figure 6







HYDRAULIC PUMP & MANIFOLD ARE MOUNTED UNDER THE HOOD IN TO THE SPARE BATTERY BOX USING SUPPLIED BRACKETS.

Figure 7



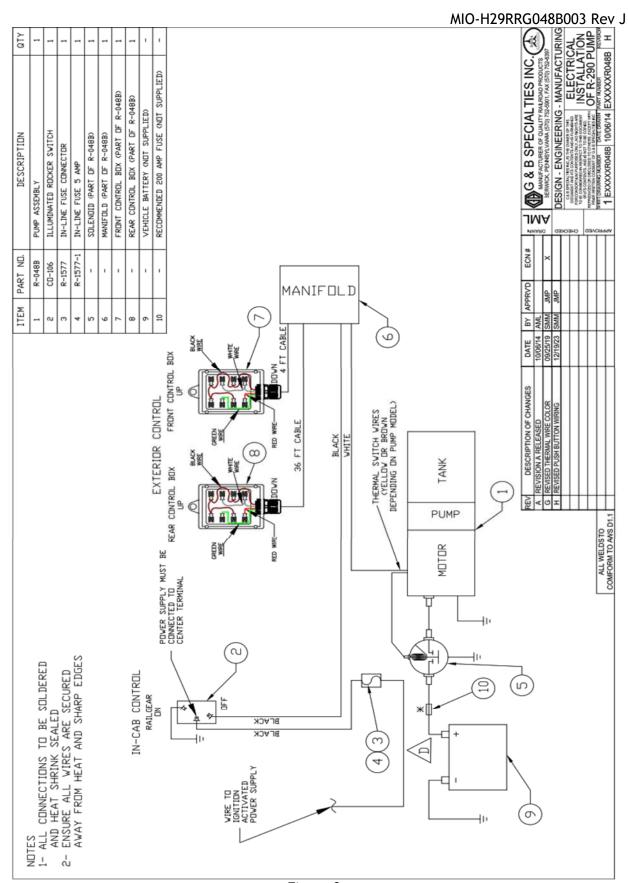


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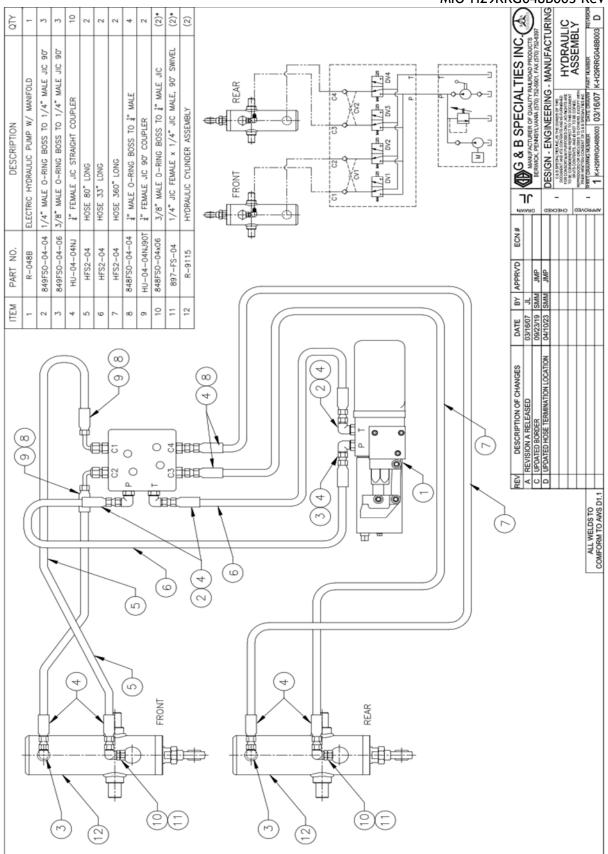


Figure 9



# OPERATION AND SERVICE OF R-290 HYDRAULIC KIT STD CONTROLS W/ UNDER HOOD PUMP 2007-2014 SUBURBAN/2017-PRESENT SUBURBAN HD/2011-2019 GM HD PICKUPS

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- Ensure the hydraulic pump has been de-energized before starting road or rail travel.



## **OPERATION OF HYDRAULIC KIT**

With the hydraulic kit installed on this vehicle, it may be operated as normal.

Never operate the vehicle if the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR), Gross Axle Weight Rating Front or Rear (GAWR), or the wheel or tire load ratings are exceeded.

Refer to the Railgear Kit Operation, Service and Parts manual for information on the mechanical operation, service and parts of the railgear.

### LOCATION AND OPERATION OF THE STND RAILGEAR HYDRAULIC SYSTEM CONTROLS

The railgear hydraulic system consists of a hydraulic pump and manifold, a front control box and a rear control box.

- 1. The railgear hydraulic pump must be energized prior to use by turning on the respective dash switch. At this point the dash switch light should come on but the pump should not run and the railgear should not move until a control button is depressed.
- 2. The direction of the front or rear railgear movement is selected by pushing the "Up" or "Down" button on the respective control box located near the railgear. At this point the pump should start and the railgear should move in the selected direction.
- 3. To stop the movement of the railgear, release the depressed button.
- 4. The pump must be de-energized after use by turning off the respective dash switch. At this point the pump should not be able to run and the control buttons should be in-active.

### LOCATION AND OPERATION OF THE HYDRAULIC PUMP EMERGENCY HAND PUMP

If the railgear hydraulic system should fail such that the railgear does not respond to depressing the buttons on the front and / or rear control boxes, then the emergency hand pump system may be used to place the vehicle on rail or remove the vehicle from rail. Follow the standard operation procedure (as detailed in the Railgear Kit Operation, Service and Parts Manual) except substitute the following steps when the procedure requires raising or lowering of the railgear.

- 1. Remove the hand pump handle from storage and insert the handle into the hand pump located on the body of the hydraulic pump.
- 2. There are four manifold directional valves, one for each railgear function: "Front Gear Up", "Front Gear Down", "Rear Gear Up", and "Rear Gear Down". The manual over-rides for these valves are located on the manifold under rubber boots. Only open one manifold directional valve over-ride, remove the rubber boot, push in and twist the knob allowing the knob to extend. To manually close a manifold directional valve over-ride, push the knob in, twist the knob to lock it in place and replace the rubber boot.



- 3. Select and open the manual over-ride for the respective railgear and desired direction of movement.
- 4. Remove the locking cable holding collar from storage. It can be slipped in between the locking cable handle and the locking cable bulkhead fitting to hold the locking cable in the disengaged position.
- 5. Pump the emergency hand pump handle to move the railgear. It will require approximately 100 full strokes to fully raise or lower each railgear.
- 6. Close the manual over-ride. Ensure all manifold directional valve manual over-rides are closed and locked in position. Replace all the rubber boots.
- 7. Remove and store the locking cable holding collar and the hand pump handle.
- 8. Ensure the railgear lock pins are fully engaged as required by the procedure.

## SERVICE OF HYDRAULIC KIT

The hydraulic kit must be serviced regularly to avoid damage to the equipment.

The recommended oil for the railgear hydraulic system is **DEXRON III** or equivalent. In extremely cold weather areas/seasons, Tellus S4 VX32 or equivalent may be used.

Table 1: Recommended Service Schedule

Service Required	Initial 100 km (62 Miles) of road and/or rail use	Daily	Weekly	Monthly
Inspect hydraulic kit fasteners (re-torque if required)		✓	✓	✓
Inspect all hydraulic fittings and hoses for leaks and wear.		✓	✓	✓
Check oil in hydraulic reservoir. (fill with railgear raised if req'd)				<b>✓</b>
Check emergency hand pump and manifold over-ride operation				✓



## HYDRAULIC SYSTEM RELIEF VALVE SETTING

This system is equipped with one relief valve located on the railgear pump body next to the emergency hand pump. This relief valve protects the entire hydraulic system from over pressurization. The relief valve will require adjustment at installation and if ever there appears to be inadequate hydraulic pressure to operate the railgear.

- 1. Disconnect the hydraulic hose from the "P" port of the pump.
- 2. Install a hydraulic pressure gauge (up to 3000 PSI) between the disconnected hydraulic hose and the pump port. The pressure gauge will indicate the relief valve setting when the pump is loaded.
- 3. Following the procedure in the Railgear Kit Operation, Service and Parts manual, raise the front railgear completely and continue to raise the railgear so that the hydraulic cylinder creates a load on the pump by trying to "dead-head". The pressure reading on the pressure gauge should climb to 1800 PSI.
- 4. If the pressure is not correct, release the railgear controls and adjust the relief valve on the pump accordingly. Loosen the lock nut and turn the setscrew in to increase the pressure or out to decrease the pressure. Re-check the pressure.
- 5. Once the correct pressure on the pump relief valve is obtained, ensure the lock nut on the relief valve is tightened. Release the pressure in the system and remove the pressure gauge. Re-connect all hydraulic hoses.
- 6. Ensure the railgear is properly raised as per the Railgear Kit Operation, Service and Parts manual.



## ELECTRICAL SYSTEM TROUBLESHOOTING

The following basic test can be performed to check the integrity of the railgear electrical system.

Should the railgear pump fail to operate, first check the fuse or the circuit breaker and all wiring for shorts. Then the following test can be performed to verify the integrity of the pump motor and pump solenoid.

### 1. Pump motor test:

- a) Connect one end of a 2 gauge shunt wire to the pump motor power terminal and touch the other end to the battery positive terminal.
- b) The pump motor should run upon touching the shunt wire.
- c) If the pump does not run, the pump is not properly grounded or the pump motor is defective.
- d) If the pump motor runs, test for a defective solenoid.

#### 2. Solenoid test:

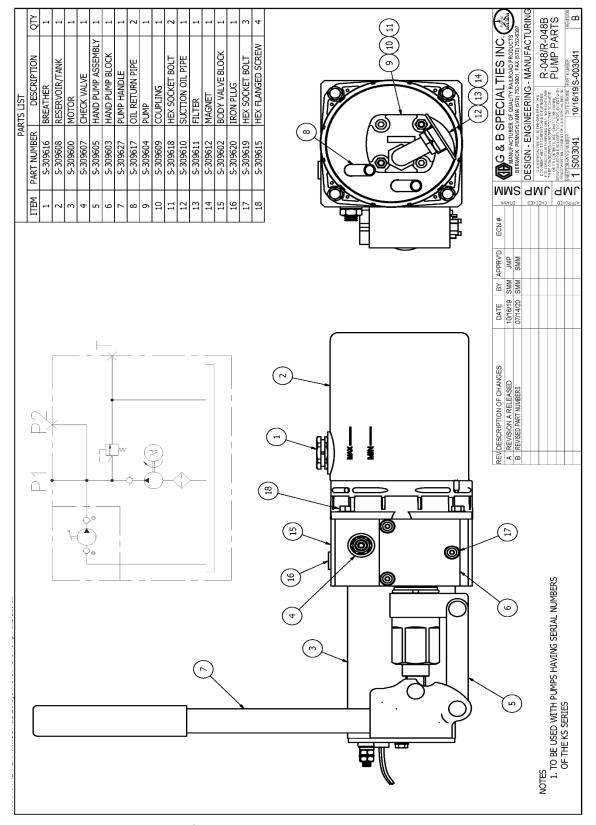
a) Connect one end of a 14 gauge shunt wire to the switching terminal on the solenoid and touch the other end to the battery positive terminal. If the pump does not operate the solenoid is not properly grounded or it is defective. If the pump operates, the problem lies with the fuse/circuit breaker, wiring and/or switches.

Should the pump start running immediately following turning on the respective dash switch, the following tests can be performed to help locate the problem.

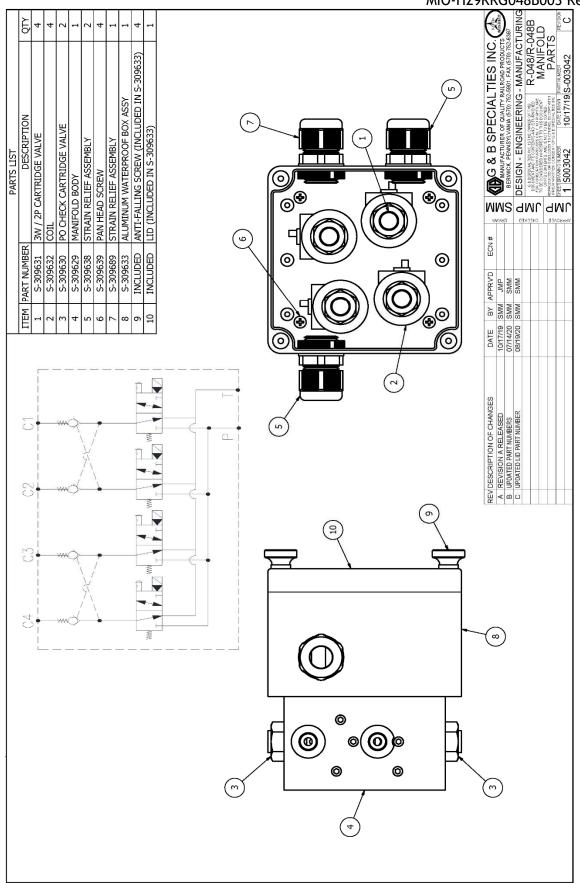
- 1. Disconnect the wire from the switching terminal on the solenoid. If the pump continues to run, then the solenoid is defective.
- 2. Check all wiring and switches for shorts and / or loose terminals.



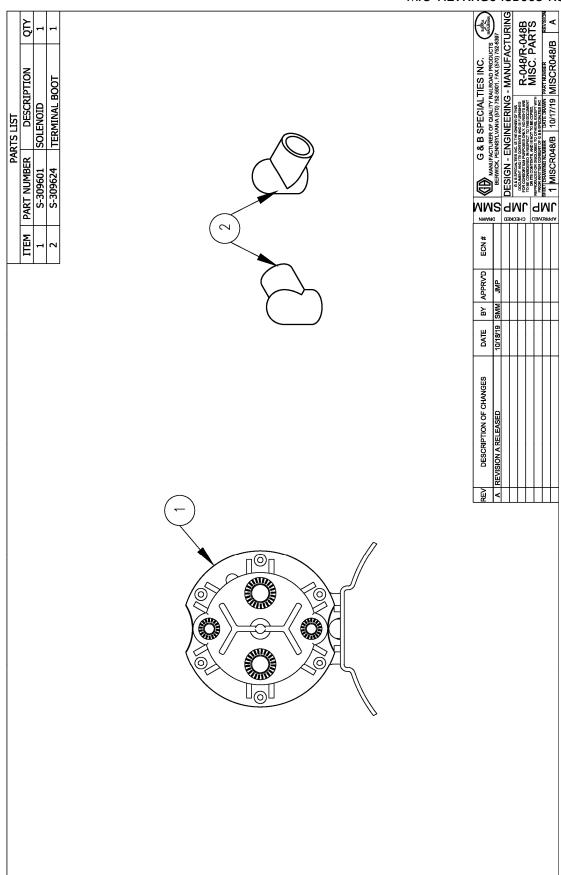
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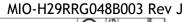


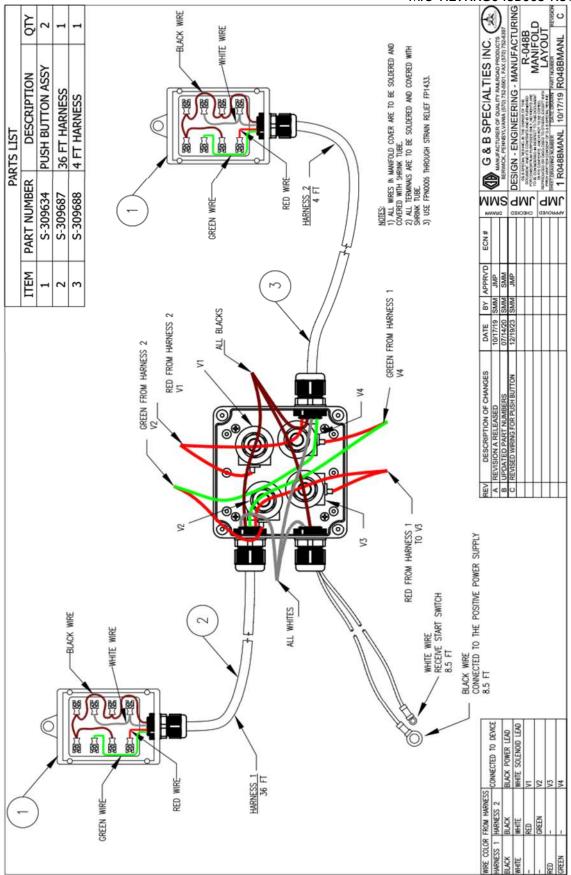












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