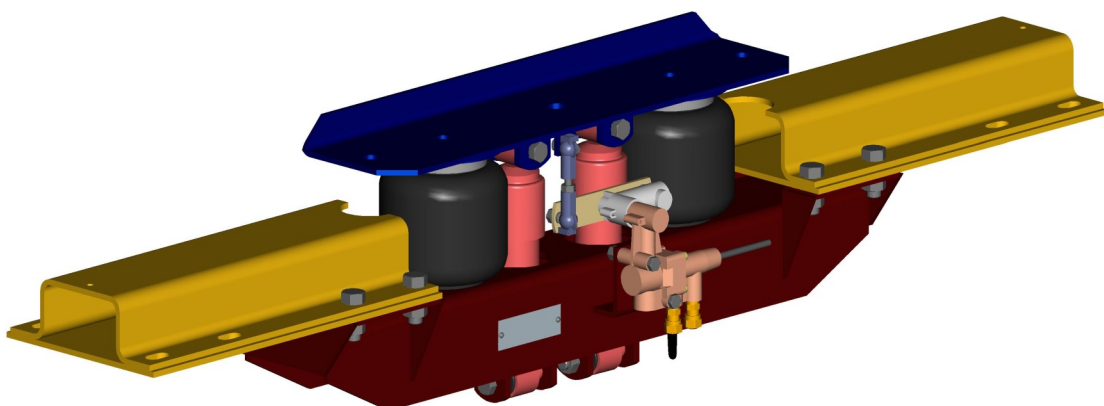


INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

KWA900 (2515A000)



The **CABMATE MODEL KWA900** fits most 1982 and earlier Kenworth conventional tractors with A-Model cabs. It replaces the original rear cab support and crossmember, Kenworth Part No.'s K197-C-2132 and K105-C-180 (Aluminum) or K105-C-208 (Steel).

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UNIT WEIGHT: 53.8 LB.

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CABMATE MODEL KWA900

Review the Parts List on page 3 to become familiar with the different components of the CABMATE.

IMPORTANT: Due to many chassis variables caused by installation of special equipment or options, the fit of the KWA900 CABMATE may be affected and should be evaluated before beginning installation.

IMPORTANT: Installation of the CABMATE system will allow the cab to move freely. Before starting installation, check clearances between the cab and any objects the cab may contact when it moves (1 1/2 inches of clearance should be sufficient). The clearance of components that are affected by cab movement, such as exhaust and radiator systems, must also be evaluated.

- A. Remove the three mount bolts from the top of the stock mount. Securely prop up the cab and remove the original crossmember.

NOTE: SAVE ALL stock mount bolts that are removed for later use (Fig. 1).

- A. Loosely bolt the Mount Channels to the crossmember support brackets using the eight original mount bolts (Fig. 2).

- B. The design of the KWA900 requires that the Mount Brackets rest on the frame. Elongation of the mount holes in the crossmember support brackets may be necessary (Fig. 2).

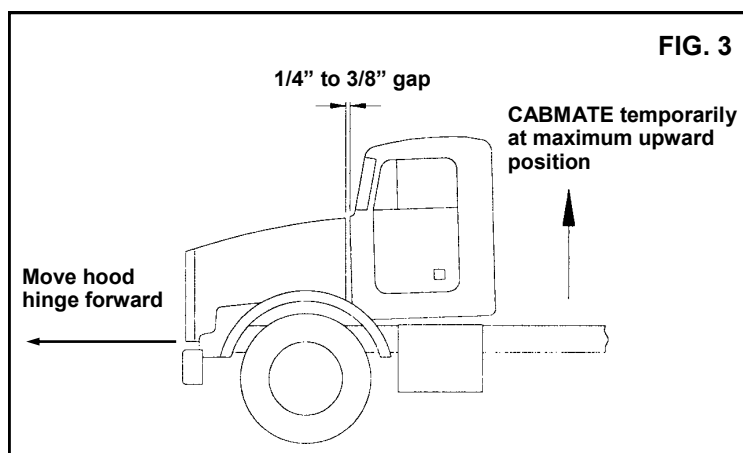
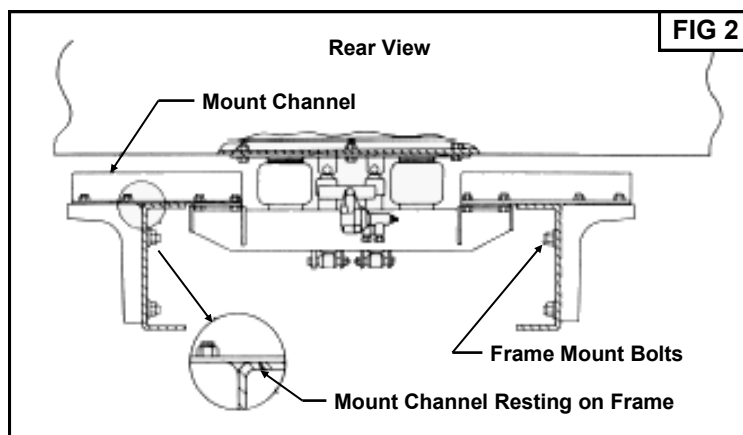
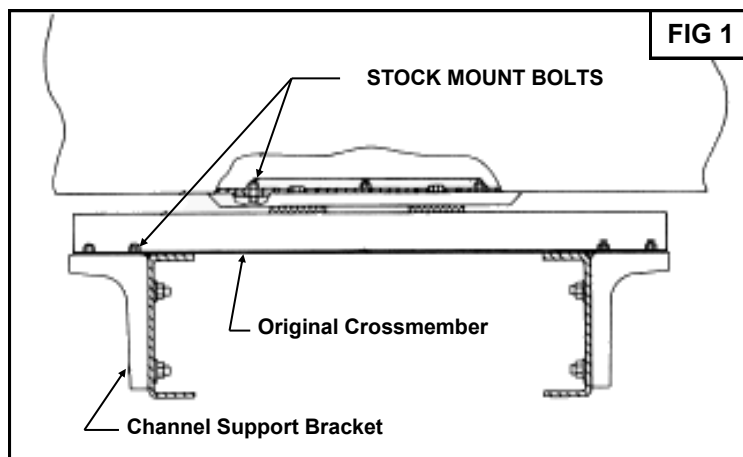
- C. Securely fasten the Unit Bottom to the Mount Channels, using the eight 1/2 x 1 1/4 bolts supplied with the CABMATE (Item Nos. 8 and 13 from parts list). (Fig. 2)

- D. Slowly lower the cab until it touches the top of the CABMATE. Securely fasten the Unit Top to the cab frame using the three stock mount bolts.

- E. Align the Unit Bottom directly below the Unit Top. **SECURELY TIGHTEN ALL FASTENERS.** Lower the cab completely.

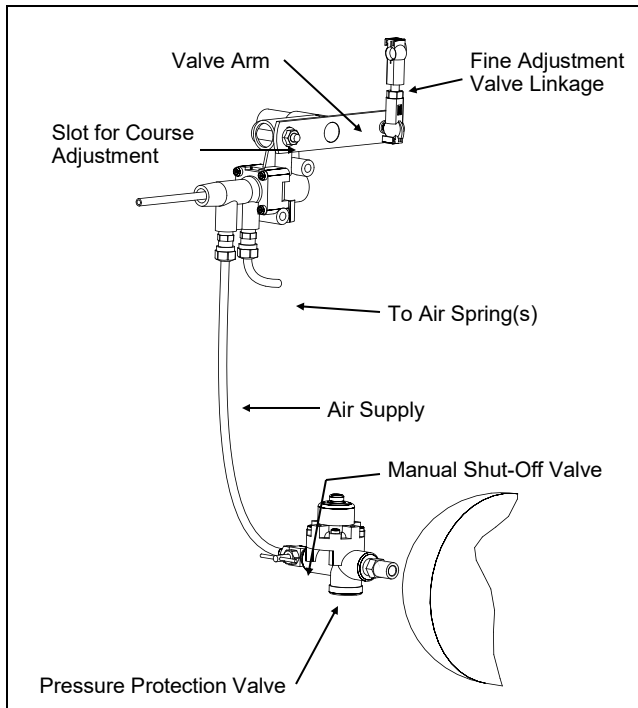
- F. See page 2 for plumbing instructions and height adjustments.

- G. **IMPORTANT:** After plumbing and height control adjustments are completed, temporarily adjust the CABMATE to its maximum upward position. There must be a 1/4" to 3/8" gap between the cab and the hood. Adjust the hood hinge forward as necessary (Fig. 3).



PLUMBING INSTRUCTIONS

WARNING: FOR SAFTY PURPOSES THE CABMATE MUST BE SUPPLIED FROM A PRESSURE PROTECTED CIRCUIT. IN THE EVENT OF AN AIR LEAK IN THE CAB SUSPENSION, FAILURE TO PROVIDE A PRESSURE PROTECTED CIRCUIT MAY CAUSE LOSS OF AIR PRESSURE TO VITAL SYSTEMS ON THE VEHICLE.



WARNING: LOSS OR APPLICATION OF AIR PRESSURE TO BUNKMATE WILL CAUSE SUDDEN MOVEMENT OF THE CAB. PRIOR TO INSTALLING OR PERFORMING MAINTENANCE, BLOCK UP THE CABMATE TO PREVENT THE POSSIBILITY OF INJURY.

WARNING: CONNECT THE CABMATE DIRECTLY TO THE MAIN AIR TANK. YOU WILL NEED AN AIR PRESSURE PROTECTION VALVE IN THE LINE. (INCLUDED IN THE PRESSUREPROTECTION KIT. LINK MFG. PART NO. 1350-0000). DO NOT USE AN AIR PRESSURE REGULATOR!

A. With the tank at 0 p.s.i., remove the existing plug or fitting from the desired port.

B. Apply joint compound to the fittings and install the pressure protection kit. DO NOT USE TEFLON TAPE. Be sure that the arrows on the valve are pointing in the direction of air flow and the vent hole is pointed down. NOTE: Additional fittings/reducers may be required to attach the hex nipple to the main air tank.

C. Run the 1/4" airline from the shut-off valve to the CABMATE. Be sure that the airline has enough clearance so that there are no pinch points that may restrict or cut the airline. Secure the airline using the cable ties supplied by Link Mfg.

D. Tighten all plumbing fittings. Then, with the system at operating pressure (90 to 110 p.s.i.), open the Manual Shut-off Valve to supply air to the CABMATE. Check the system for air leaks.

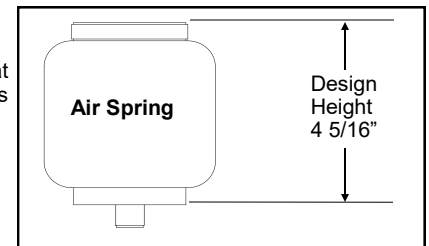
E. Check for proper operation of the height control valve. Disconnect the valve linkage from the lever. Push the lever down 45°, air should flow into the air spring (s). Return the lever to the neutral position. Push the lever up 45°, air should exhaust from the air spring(s). Return the lever to the neutral position; no air should flow. Reconnect the valve linkage to the lever.

HEIGHT ADJUSTMENTS

Measure the design height of the air spring(s). The height should be 4 5/16 inches ± 1/16. To change the height, disconnect one end of the valve linkage and adjust accordingly. Tighten the lock nuts on the valve linkage. The valve arm has a slot which will allow for course adjustment also. (See diagram above.)

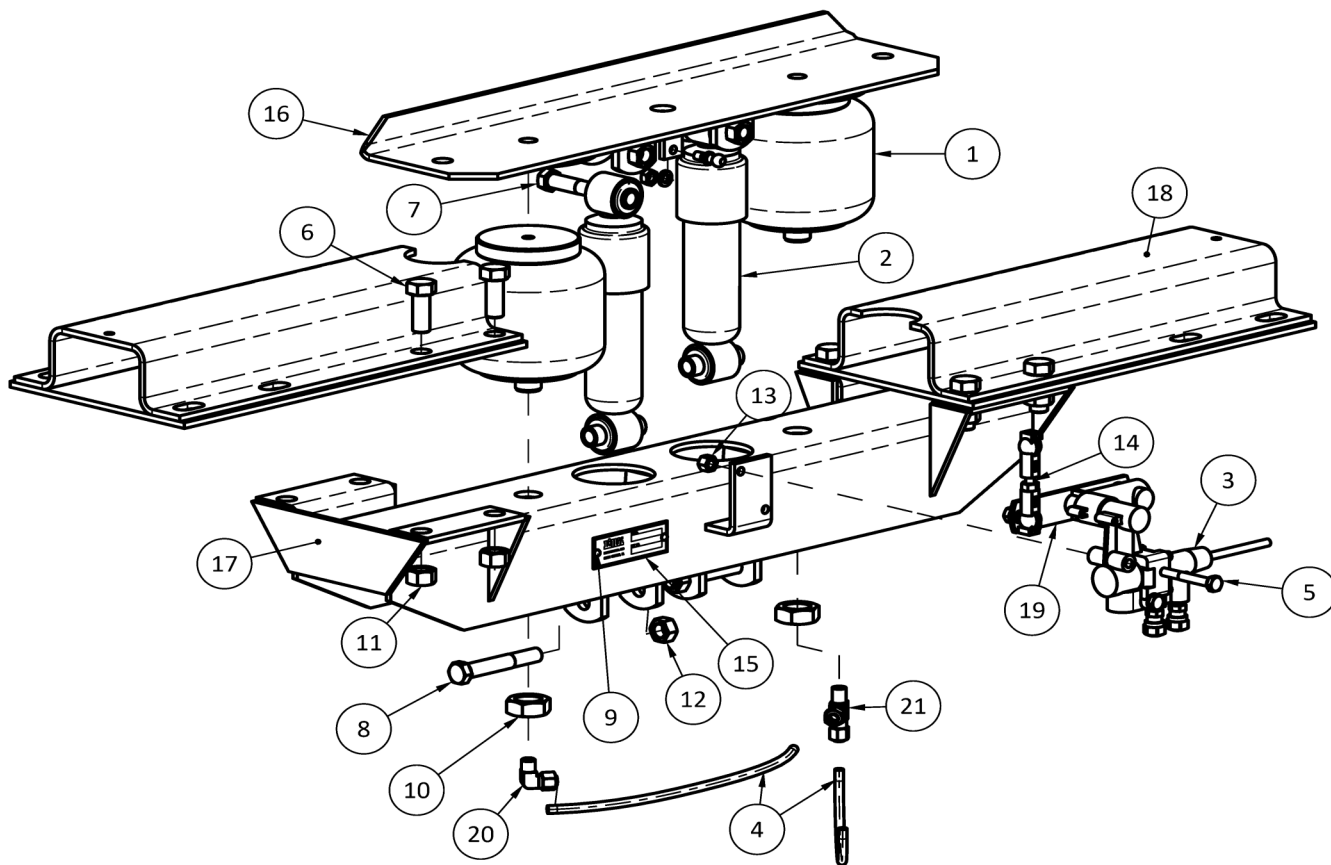
MAINTENANCE

BUNKMATES need no lubrication and little maintenance. The following components should be checked at the time the truck is being serviced. However, immediate corrective action should be taken if a serious malfunction occurs.



COMPONENT	POSSIBLE PROBLEM	CORRECTIVE ACTION	TORQUE
Airlines	Air leaks	Replace airline	Compression Nut Hand Tight + 1 Turn
Fittings	Air leaks	Remove fitting and apply fresh joint compound. Reinstall fitting, but Do Not Overtighten. Do not use teflon tape.	Threaded into: Metal 15 Ft. Lbs. Plastic Hand Tight + 1 Turn
Air Springs	A. Improper height B. Air leakage	A. Adjust valve linkage to maintain proper air spring height. B. Replace air spring.	Size Metal Plastic 3/8 25 Ft. Lbs. 04 Ft. Lbs 1/2 28 Ft. Lbs. 10 Ft. Lbs 3/4 30 Ft. Lbs. 10 Ft. Lbs
Height Control Valve	Air spring(s) will not inflate when wheight is added to the cab; OR Air spring(s) will not deflate when wheight is removed from the cab.	A. Inspect valve to insure drive bearing notch is located on "SUSP" port side of valve. If not, loosen lever screw (but do not remove completely) and pull lever loose from drive bearing, rotate drive bearing until the bearing notch is in the correct position and resecure lever by tightening lever screw. B. Replace Valve	1/4 Mount Fasteners 10 Ft. Lbs. Bearing Screw 40-50 InLbs.
Shock Absorber	Insufficient dampening effect	Replace shocks	45 Ft. Lbs.
Lateral Control Rod	A. Loose nuts on lateral control rod bolts B. Worn bushings.	A. Tighten securely to clamp the inner sleeve. B. Replace lateral control rod.	40 Ft. Lbs.

IMPORTANT: Periodically check the tightness of all fasteners.



CABMATE® MODEL KWA900 PARTS LIST

ITEM	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	QTY	ITEM	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	QTY
1	11020023	SPRING-AIR	2	12	14771400	7/16 UNF HEX CTR LOCK NUT (GR B)	4
2	12010012	SHOCK ABSORBER	2	13	14780800	1/4 UNC HEX NYLOCK NUT	2
3	13010011	VALVE-CONTROL, HEIGHT	1	14	15000233	LINKAGE-VALVE, HEIGHT CONTROL (2.38)	1
4	13020090	AIRLINE-NYLON, .250 O.D., BULK (FEET)	1.6	15	15001305	TAG-SERIAL, CABMATE	1
-	13500000	KIT-PROTECTION, PRESSURE	1	16	25151000	UNIT TOP	1
5	14010816	1/4 X 2 UNC HEX CAP SCR (GR 5)	2	17	25152000	UNIT BOTTOM	1
6	14011610	1/2 X 1 1/4 UNC HEX CAP SCR (GR 5)	8	18	25153000	MOUNT CHANNEL	2
7	14031418	7/16 X 2 1/4 UNF HEX CAP SCR (GR 5)	2	19	29900700	ASSEMBLY-ARM, VALVE	1
8	14031424	7/16 X 3 UNF HEX CAP SCR (GR 5)	2	-	35151000	KIT-DOCUMENT, KWA900	1
9	14550404	#4 X 1/4 DRIVE SCREW	2	20	H13980	ELBOW, 1/4 TB 1/8 M-NPT	1
10	14752400	3/4 UNF HEX JAM NUT	2	21	H14901	RUN TEE, 1/4 TB 1/8 M-NPT	1
11	14761600	1/2 UNC HEX CTR LOCK NUT (GR B)	8				



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