

Squaremax NP261XHD OEM Shifter Kit

'73-'86 GM K Series & '87-'91 GM V Series

Revision 01 (10/16/20)

Package Contents

- (1) NP261XHD Floor Shift Lever
- (1) Upper Reinforcement Bracket
- (1) Lower Reinforcement Bracket
- (4) M8x1.0x25mm Flange Hex Head Bolt
- (1) NP261XHD Floor Shift Bezel
- (3) #8 Torx Pan Head Sheetmetal Screw
- (1) Shift Knob
- (1) Floor Shift Adjustable Linkage

Tools Required

- 1. Tape Measure or Scale
- 2. Masking Tape
- 3. Double Stick Tape
- 4. Black and/or Silver Sharpie
- 5. Corded or Cordless Drill
- 6. Drill Bit Assortment
- 7. Sheetmetal Step Drill Bit
- 8. ¼" Die Grinder

9. Corded or Cordless Reciprocating Saw

10. ¼" Ratchet

11. 10mm 6 or 12-Point Socket

12. #10 Torx Driver

Transmission Tunnel Modification

- 1. Remove any all flooring (I.E. Carpet, Rubber Mat and insulation) from transmission tunnel. This is a good time to vacuum and wash down the floor.
- 2. Adjust the Adjustable Floor Shift Linkage to the center of the adjustment and snug bolt. Final adjustment will be made after installation is completed.
- *3. Shift transfer case to 2WD position.*
- 4. Temporarily install the Adjustable Linkage to the shift lever on the transfer case.
- 5. Swing Adjustable Floor Shift Linkage parallel to frame rail and vehicle centerline.
- 6. Using the Sharpie, mark the centerline of the socket position on the Adjustable Floor Shift Linkage on the underside of the transmission tunnel.
- 7. Measure 1.500" forward from the centerline mark you made on the underside of the transmission tunnel and mark with Sharpie.
- 8. Loosely assemble the Upper and Lower Reinforcement Brackets together using (2) two of the M8x1.0x25mm Flanged Hex Bolts.
- 9. Place the assembled Reinforcement Bracket on the underside of the transmission tunnel. Make sure the Reinforcement Bracket is touching the D/S of the tunnel and the top of the tunnel.
- 10. Align the forward inner front edge of the Reinforcement Bracket with the mark you made using the 1.500" measurement.
- 11. Using the Sharpie, mark the upper and lower hole centers of the Reinforcement Bracket and set aside.
- 12. Drill a 1/8" pilot hole on the hole center marks you just made.
- 13. Using the Sheetmetal Step Bit, open the 1/8" diameter holes to 1/4".
- 14. Fasten the assembled Reinforcement Bracket to the transmission tunnel. You will only be using the (2) two ¼" holes you just drilled using (2) two of the M8x1.0x25mm Flanged Head Bolts.
- 15. Using the Sharpie, mark the inside profile of the Reinforcement Bracket.
- 16. Remove the assembled Reinforcement Bracket from the transmission tunnel and set aside.
- 17. Using the ¹/₄" Die Grinder, cut the straight sections of the inside profile you previously marked on the underside of the transmission tunnel.
- 18. Once completed, you may use the Reciprocating Saw to cut the profiles and radius corners.
- 19. Deburr all sharp edges to prevent injury.
- 20. Disassemble the Reinforcement Bracket.

- 21. Loosely bolt the upper half of the Reinforcement Bracket to the underside of the transmission tunnel using (1) one of the M8x1.0x25mm Flanged Headed Bolts in the upper ¹/₄" hole.
- 22. Overlay the lower half of the Reinforcement Bracket over the upper half of the Reinforcement Bracket and loosely install (1) one of the M8x1.0x25mm Flanged Headed Bolts in the lower ¼" hole.
- 23. Once the Reinforcement Bracket is in place and aligned properly hand tighten.
- 24. Using the Sharpie, mark the two remaining hole centers in the Reinforcement Bracket.
- 25. Drill a 1/8" pilot hole on the hole center marks you just made.
- 26. Using the Sheetmetal Step Bit, open the 1/8" diameter holes to $\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- 27. Paint or treat all bare metal surfaces to prevent rust.
- 28. Reinstall any and all flooring (I.E. insulation, rubber mat or carpet).
- 29. Using the Sharpie, mark the floor shifter cutout on the back side of the insulation, rubber mat or carpet.
- 30. Remove any and all flooring and cut shifter cutout profile.
- 31. Reinstall any and all flooring.
- 32. Place Insulated Double Stick Tape to the upper and lower halves of the Reinforcement Bracket.
- *33. Carefully align and stick upper half to underside of transmission tunnel. Apply pressure to ensure adhesion.*
- 34. Overlay lower half of Reinforcement Bracket over upper half and apply pressure to ensure adhesion.
- 35. Place Floor Shift Lever through cutout and fasten using the (4) four M8x1.0x25mm Flanged Hex Head Bolts.
- 36. Torque hardware using proper torque specifications from the Torque Tension Chart.
- 37. Install Floor Shift Bezel using the (3) #8 Torx Pan Head Sheetmetal Screws. Please note the holes in the Floor Shift Lever are not pre-tapped. Make sure the screws are perpendicular to the mounting tab surface before turning. Keep constant pressure and double check the screw is perpendicular to the mounting tab surfaces.
- 38. Install Shift Knob.
- 39. Place Floor Shift Lever in the 2WD position.
- 40. Confirm the transfer case is in the 2WD position.
- 41. Loosen the Floor Shift Adjustable Linkage bolt.
- 42. Adjust the Floor Shift Adjustable Linkage to fit.
- 43. Snap the socket on the Floor Shift Adjustable Linkage onto the ball on the Floor Shift Lever.
- 44. Torque hardware using proper torque specifications from the Torque Tension Chart.
- 45. Shift transfer case shift lever through all positions.
- 46. Make any adjustment if necessary.
- 47. Enjoy the presentation of your new Squaremax NP261XHD OEM Shifter Kit!