



Solution To Dodge Ram Steering Problem



Dodge Rams made from 1994 to 2002 have a steering problem that causes the truck to wander. If not corrected it will develop into what is known as a death wobble. The problem is caused by a loose tracking bar, and replacing the tracking bar will only temporarily solve the problem.

Luke's Link has been solving Dodge and Ford steering problems for 26 years and has a rebuild kit that converts your track bar to a fully adjustable ball joint end. It is easy to install, and is guaranteed for the life of the truck. Luke's Link also has bushing kits for 2003 to 2007 1/2 track bars. No need for a new bar. Luke's Link will work on all 1 5/8-in. dia. bars. It will not work on 2 1/8-in. dia. bars but the company offers a lifetime adjustable track bar for these bars.

Luke's Link has been safely repairing the front suspension on Dodge and Ford trucks for 27 years.

One kit sells for \$69; 4 or more kits are \$58 each. Poly bushings axle end - \$14 each. Dodge 03-07 track bar bushing kit - \$36.

Note: This kit will only work on joints 1 5/8-in. and 1 3/4-in. Some after-market Tracbars have a joint diameter of 2-in., for



Bushing kit for 2003-2007 Dodge tracbar kit.

which we offer a lifetime adjustable bar.

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How to check for the tracking problem: With the wheels on the ground and pointed straight ahead, unlock steering wheel (do not start engine) and have someone jerk the steering wheel left and right while you observe the upper end of the tracking bar for up and down movement. Also check the bushing on the axle end of the track bar. (New bushings are available.) Then check the 4 tie rod ends, this kit will rebuild them (one kit per joint).

Big Watering Tank Never Freezes

For nearly 20 years, Wade Berlier hasn't had to worry about his water troughs freezing up. The 20,000-gal. tank that fed his water troughs created its own microclimate and kept the water open in a 30-ft. trough at its base.

"It was an old oil tank, and the cost to haul it was more than the \$400 I paid for the tank," recalls Berlier, who installed it on his Garden City, Kan. ranch in the early 1990's. "At that time we were running a cow herd of 500 to 700 head through the winter and needed good water. Since water needs are less in the winter, the 30-ft. trough was enough."

Berlier installed the tank as part of an intensive grazing system with the tank at the center of a set of nine 320-acre paddocks. Other grazing areas have other types of water systems, including submersible pumps and traditional round water tanks. The big tank is his preferred system.

"I wanted something that would have plenty of capacity in the summer and wouldn't freeze in the winter," says Berlier. "We excavated the hillside, installed the tank and then backfilled."

He then laid concrete for a pad and installed a trough that ran the length of the tank. The reservoir tank was fed by a submersible pump that ran off a float inside the big tank. A second smaller tank buried next to the reservoir held a float mechanism that fed the trough.

"It was 10 ft. underground, so it never froze up," says Berlier. "I could access it through a manhole, so I didn't have to worry about snakes and such."

As his operation grew, he added more and more cattle, eventually reaching 2,000 head of yearlings in the nine paddocks each summer. As the numbers increased, Berlier recognized he needed more trough space. He added two, 30-ft. steel troughs, feeding them off the big tank and using 6-in. pipes to ensure they didn't run dry.

"We set them level with the first trough, so they could use the same float system," says Berlier. "That gave us 150 ft. of head space and was enough for the larger herd."



Berlier recently sold the ranch, but says he has never seen anything like his watering system before or since. "That 20,000 gal. created a huge heat sink," he says. "With it insulated on three sides and open to the South, weather was never much of a problem."

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