

A different take on the rear suspension. I am the second owner of my 08NaviQ CL and the original owner ordered Firestone Ride-Rite airbags for the rear. I removed them since they weren't holding air and replaced them with the Sumo Springs HD suspension kit. I also swapped out the original OEM sway bar for a Helwig 7254 one, and went to Fox 2.0 shocks... After a couple of trips this year thru west Texas, where the rig transporters have trashed the highways, I realized that I had over done the rear suspension, and was effectively driving a board down the road.. so I stepped back and reevaluated the setup.

I removed the Sumos and reinstalled the airbags correctly this time, meaning the addition of the AirLift compressor system to adjust them on the fly as necessary, from 10psi (no additional support) to 90psi (1500lb additional support). I maintain them at 30psi for a comfortable ride now. I retained the Helwig swaybar and the Fox shocks, but added in a SuperSteer SS701 Rear Trac Bar to mediate the "tail wagging syndrome" that I found occurring when a rig transporter would pass me at 75+ mph (quite often). That install was complicated by the Airbags, requiring me to make shims and drill/modify the Rear Trac Bar, but worth it.

Though I have not driven thru west Texas yet, I have run a couple of hundred miles on I-40, which is a trucker's alley in the winter months, and have felt a big difference in the handling, and internal noise level, of my rig. A couple of photos of the current setup are posted here.



Leftside Firestone Ride-Rite Airbag



SuperSteer SS701 Rear Trac Bar



Fox 2.0 shocks (no boot)



AirLift Compressor under hood



AirLift control panel below steering wheel