



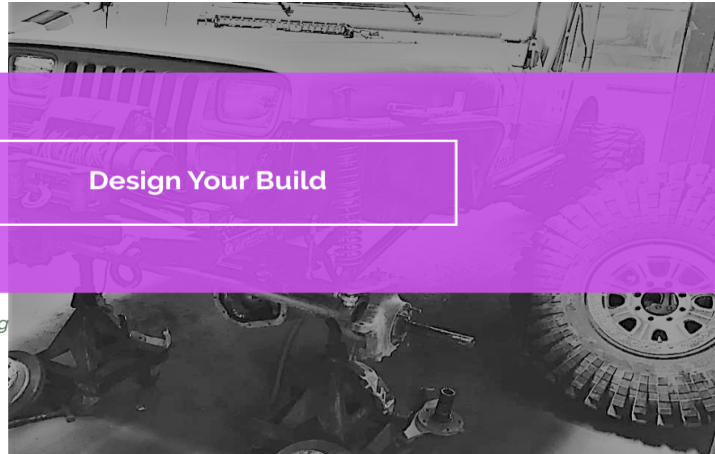
Design Your Jeep Build

Part One Know Your Jeeps Spec's



You must know where you are now,
right now today,
at the beginning before you work forward.

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*Start from the very beginning
and go step by step to have
your build sheet for your
Jeep!*

When we start talking builds, there is so much about a build to understand;
your current Jeep Specs,
where you want your build to end up when finished,
laying your build out,
and then all the pieces that go along with the build itself.

There are so many different pieces out there. Then there are so many different thoughts and ideas and opinions. So sometimes that can make it hard to know what direction to go, how to go and how to lay out your build. Then there is reasoning behind why people go different directions based on their build and what their opinions are. What we are going to do is start at the very, very beginning as we are talking about your Jeep Build.

We are going to go step by step through this process to help lay this out together.

I want to start with the first and the VERY MOST IMPORTANT aspect of your Jeep build. Not knowing what your end goal is going to be for your Jeep build. That can be so hard, especially at the beginning if you just got a jeep and you might think,

"oh, I really don't want to do a lot of off-road driving or trail riding. I'm going to spend most of my time having it as my daily driver."

Which is great. But sometimes all of a sudden you go on a trail ride, get into it, and you get the bug. Then you run out and not rush, but kind of run out to go ahead and start a build. Usually, that means lift/ tires and you just kind of jump all the way in. The biggest mistake that I see is people think, okay, well I'm going to go ahead and do a 33 or 35 inch tire build because I am never going to want anything bigger.

Then a little while down the road you're like,

"oh, well now I want to go to 37's or maybe I want something bigger."

The hard truth is that it can be hard at the very beginning to figure out EXACTLY what your ultimate goal is going to be. **I want to share my best advice, as we are start and talk today.**

If you think that you could possibly want to go bigger, think through that. Right now maybe you're thinking "I would never want to do a build and having a 37 inch tire, I'm always going to stay at a 35."

Just know as you are thinking through this, take the time to think about what you want your ultimate build to be and if there are any chances you think that you might ever want to go bigger. You are better to go ahead and lay out your build and design it so that you have the ability to go to a 37 even if you're going to build on a 35 thinking that there is a possibility you are really enjoying driving it off road. The changes in the upgrades that you make are just adjusting to go with a little different part that you will already be replacing on a 35" build platform.

Do not worry we get into all the breakdown of what you have to upgrade and change based on your tire size platform in detail in this Design Your Jeep Build Program so you have a solid understanding of what each build looks like.

Jeep Spec's

This is going to be a pretty long training series just because there is so much information and so many different aspects and pieces. So, for that reason this first part is your very basic start and beginning overview on starting a build. As we go through this entire Design Your Jeep Build Program you will understand when you need to make decisions as you start the details of your Jeep build.

I am going to start by sharing this worksheet with you.

The "My Jeep Spec's" Worksheet is a one page overview and it's the very first piece in designing your jeep build.

First you need to get clear on where your jeep is today.

That is the very first piece and step as your foundation for designing your Jeep build.

It is where you are right now.

The "My Jeep Spec's" worksheet is on the next page and you also have access to download the worksheet to print and fill in the full page in the Design Your Jeep Build Course on LadyJeepers.com Training Site as well.

Or for free access to the download sheet go to <https://ladyjeepers.world/my-jeep-specs-2/>

You are going to use this "My Jeep Spec's" Worksheet that is on the next page for what we are covering together in this section.

My Jeep



Design Your Jeep Build

First you need to get clear on where your jeep is today.

Year: _____ Make/Model: _____

Current Jeep Specs:

Front Axle: _____ Rear Axle: _____

Trussed: Yes No Trussed: Yes No

Differential: _____ Gears: _____

Wheel/Rim Size: _____ Tire Size: _____

Bumpers: _____ Fenders: _____

Lift and/or type of suspension: _____

Current Mods/Add on's: _____

Get Clear:

Spend the time in the beginning to decide what your long term goals for your jeep will be. Your ultimate goal is to spend the time upfront and take your time to build your jeep once.

My Focus and Use for my Jeep Short Term: _____

My Focus and Use for my Jeep Long Term: _____

Are Financial's and Budget A Major Part of this Overall Build? _____

You can still have an end result Big Build on a Budget. It is how you get there and layout the build that then changes some. You don't need to sacrifice your dream build it just means you will need to build smart.

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These are going to be the important things that you need to know. I recommend taking the time to fill out your worksheet. That way you have all of your current information written out in one place. If you need to talk to a shop or company about parts you have all the specs already together. No more, "I am not sure" we are alleviating that right now.

What is this worksheet going to do to help?

It is going to be your starting piece number one as we are talking about your build.

You need to understand and know your jeep's current specs and details right now. This is important as you start to go ahead so you know what parts you need to upgrade, modify and what you do not. This is especially important with axle, gears and differentials in the decisions on your build.

Lets take a minute and fill this My Jeep Spec's Worksheet out together.

Starting at the top of the worksheet you are going to start by filling in the year, make and model .
This next one is an important part that plays a big part in your build, what front axle do you have?
What rear axle do you have?

The next thing to think about as you are filling out this Worksheet is if your Jeep already has any modifications or upgrades done to it.

Did you buy it new or from a dealership or a second party?
That will also be a factor into knowing your spec's if they are factory or upgraded right now. If you have a brand new jeep that you ordered or you bought from a dealer, what you can do is you can go to jeep.com and put in your vin number. The factory or stock build sheet on your Jeep will be available to you there. It will have all the specifications for these questions.

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If you bought your jeep from somebody else and there are some after market things done to it, then this is going to take a little more homework from you. Hopefully you were told upfront when you bought your Jeep, what had been modified and what it had been modified too.

Another option is to take your Jeep to a "Jeep shop" that specializes in Jeeps and have a mechanic look at it to let you know some of these answers.

The next axle question is are your axles trussed? (We get into this in the program in our training details as well) Trussing an axle is an after market upgrade to add strength and stability to your axle. If you look at your axle you would see what looks like extra material (a truss) on the top of the axle.

Mark on your worksheet, are your axles trussed Yes or No?

Since trussed axles are an after market add on if you have a new Jeep that you just got as completely stock, then your answer's going to be no. But you do want to look up on your build sheet so that you know what front axle and rear axle you have in your jeep and what kinds of differential you have.

Knowing your current GEARS THAT YOU HAVE ARE A CRUCIAL PIECE IN ALL AND EVERY JEEP BUILD!

Gears are a HUGE piece that we will go into in depth.

The next questions are about your differential themselves.

Does your Jeep have lockers or a limited slip Differential?

Again, this would be on your build sheet if you just got your Jeep and it is not modified. A good way to know if you have lockers is to look inside the interior of your Jeep. Do you have a button that says lock or axle lock?

Depending on the age of your Jeep will determine the location and look of the button.

Jeep Spec's



TJ BUTTONS



2007 - 2011 Buttons



2012-2017



2018 JL

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This is your homework. It is the first step in really starting to design your jeep build. You need to know where your jeep is right now currently before you start the build.

Do you have stock bumpers or an aftermarket bumper?

Do you have a full bumper or do you have a stubby bumper?

Then as far as Fenders go. Are you running your stock Fenders right now?

Do you have aftermarket fenders? If so, what kind?

Is there any type of lift on your jeep right now and what kind of suspension do you have?

Some of the older jeeps are going to be leaf springs.

This is where knowing your Jeep's going to be really important.

Lastly, do you have any current mod and add ons already done to your jeep?

Take a moment to get clear.

You need to really sit and think on this. Spend the time right now, in the beginning, to think about what your long term goals for your Jeep will be.

This can change over time and this can change as you're doing more and you're out there more with your jeep. But take a minute to really think about what is your ultimate goal as we start talking about doing your build.

Right now, what is your short term goal for the focus of your jeep?

For me, my short term goal is my jeep is my daily driver right now.

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I want functionality.

I want it to handle and perform good on the road.

I want to be comfortable getting out in and out, going to places.

Then, what is your long term focus and goal for the use of your Jeep?

It could be that you want to be able to go and do some trails.

You want to be able to go and drive it off road, but it will significantly still be your daily driver.

It might be you want to build it so it's really capable off road, but you can still daily drive it.

Or, your focus can be long term that you want to make it extremely capable on the trail and the road handling ability is not as important.

Those are the things that you need to take a little bit of time to think through as you're thinking about your goals. The answers to these questions are going to directly affect your build.

And then there is the last question, but an important one.

What is your financials and budget?

This is a major part of the overall build plan. For a lot of people they answer yes and money is a focus on staying on a conservative budget. That is OKAY because you don't have to sacrifice a big build because of a budget.

It is just going to be slower. As you lay it out, you are going to do it a little bit slower.

You are going to go piece by piece and it might take you a little bit longer, but you can still get to your dream build and you don't have to sacrifice it.

It just means that you are going to do your build in a little different way.

You will have a solid designed plan and you will build a little bit smarter as far as what pieces you are going to do when.

If you know you are going to draw your build out over a long period of time, you do the important things that you need to do upfront so that you don't break.

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That is a big piece too! You know you want to make sure you are putting the right pieces on at the right times so that the parts that you have on there are going to last as long as possible.

Also, making sure that you are not putting anything in a bind.

We are going to go over piece by piece, all of the different things that go into that. As well as build your understanding that if you change this piece, then you're going to have to change this piece too.

If you do this mod, then you're going to have to adjust by doing this. We are going to be getting into all the technical pieces over the next sections together.

But for this first section, I wanted to start at the very beginning.

A reminder again.....you need to know your jeep and your vehicle right now and how it is today before we start your build together.



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