

Steering link protection



The steering link is one of the few weak points of the Landrover Defender when driving under rough condition. It stands out heavily from the front axle and is originally not protected by the manufacturer. In addition, it is designed rather weak and deforms easily, even when only slightly touching ground.



As my Zebra is mostly driven in rough terrain, the risk of being damaged is accordingly high. However, a decision has to be made between steering link protection and anti-roll bar (stabilizer) as mounting both can lead to interference with the axle articulation (to be checked out).



As a broken or deformed steering link by stones, rocks or simply muddy terrain can be quite dangerous, a respective protection should be simply standard for Offroaders in my opinion. En route, it is almost impossible to fix a steering link. This is the reason why some people always carry a spare steering link with them. However, I do not, as this adds again weight to my already overloaded Zebra.



As usual, the market offers various qualities of steering link protections. Costs range from approximaely 60 to 90 Euros (ca 70 to 110 USD); i.e. <http://matzker.de>, <http://ex-tec.de/>, <http://trip-tec.de>. E-bay could also be an option. However, the part should be of high quality even if the car doe not look fancier. Security first (i.e. 4 mm high-grade steel panel, hot-zinc dipped).