



Description: Johnny O'Connell C7 Suspension Package  
Part Number: 530-401002-J  
Application: 2014-2019 Corvette C7

**Contents in the box:**

- (1) Front Sway bar with Decal
- (1) Rear Sway Bar with Decal
- (4) Bushings with (1) grease
- (2) Rear Mounting Brackets, (4 M10 x 1.5 Bolts)
- (1) End Link Hardware Kit
- (1) End Link Kit (4 Male 4 Female)

**Difficulty of Installation:** **Beginner** | -----x----- |  
**Advanced**

**Reason:** This product is a very straight forward to install and requires only basic tools.

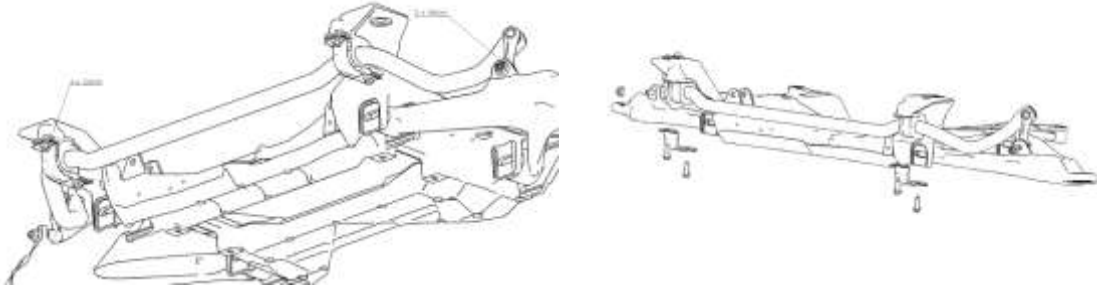
**Expected Installation Time:** 1 Hour and 40 Minutes

**Recommended Tools:**

- 18mm box end
- 6mm Allen
- 13mm socket and ratchet
- 18mm socket and ratchet
- 15mm box end
- $\frac{3}{4}$  box end wrench
- Torque Wrench

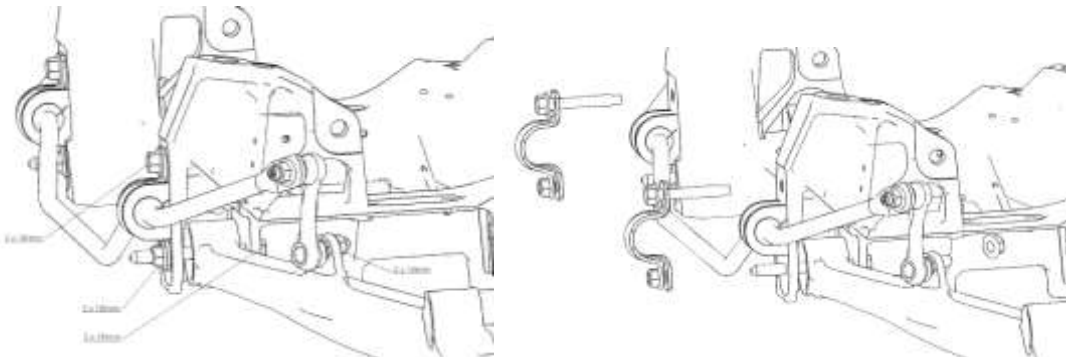
## OEM Sway Bar Removal

### Front



Remove the nuts attaching the end link to the lower control arm using an 18mm box end wrench and a 6mm Allen. Remove the four 18mm head, bolts attaching the sway bar bushing brackets to the subframe. Remove sway bar and end link assembly.

### Rear

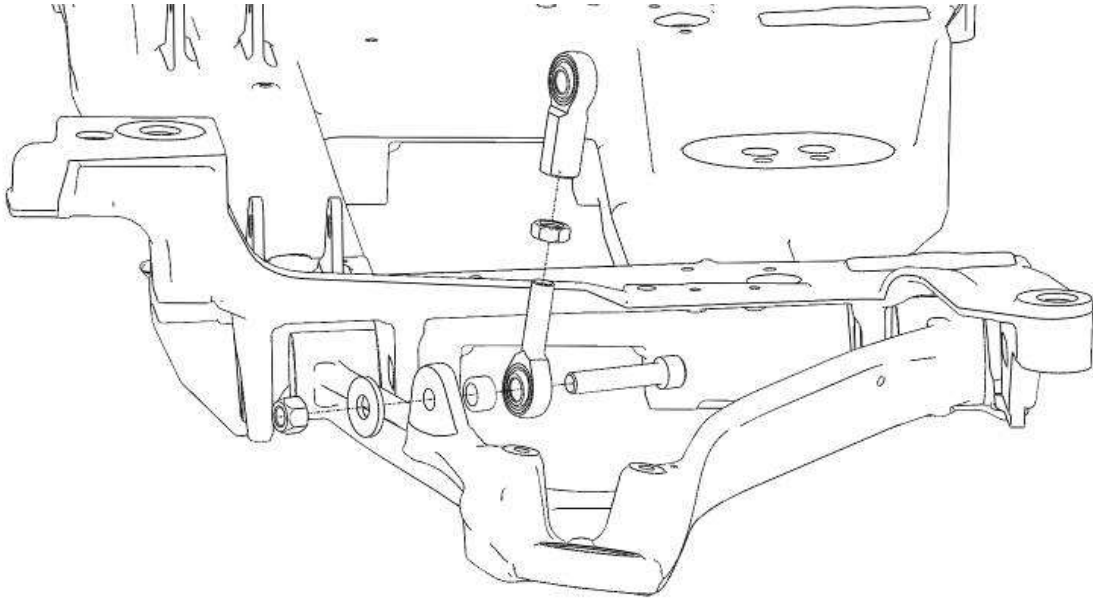


**Note:** Some C7 models did not come equipped with a rear sway bar, skip this step if you did not have a rear bar installed on your vehicle.

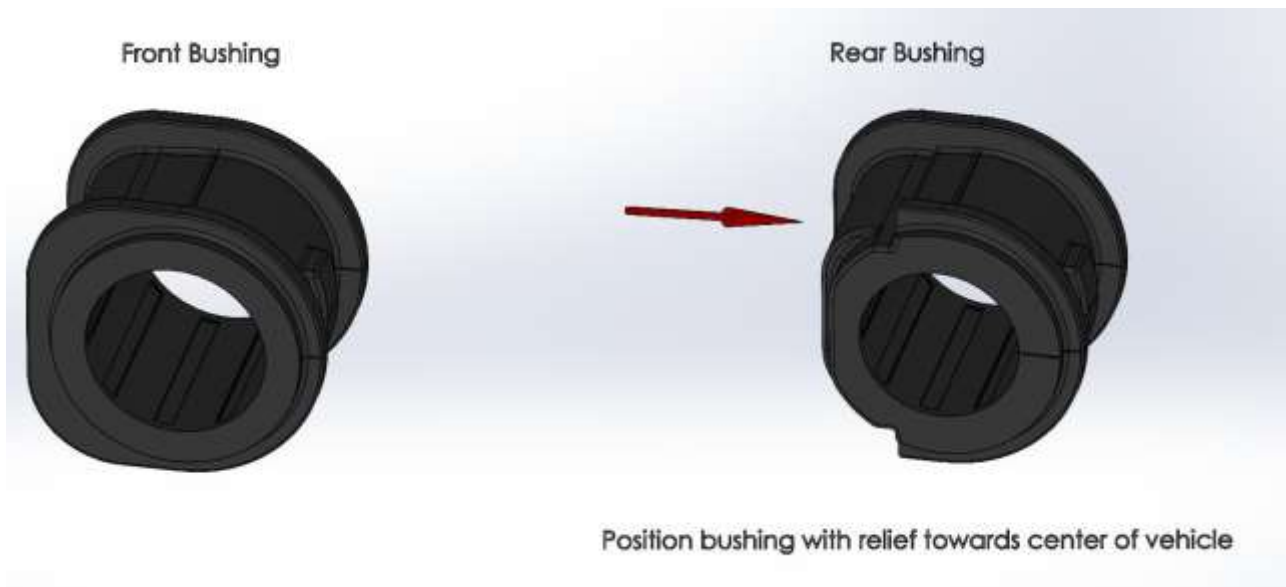
Remove the nuts attaching the end link to the lower control arm using an 18mm box end wrench and a 6mm Allen. Remove the two lower nuts and two upper bolts from the sway bar bushing bracket. Remove the sway bar and end link assembly.

## Front Sway Bar Installation

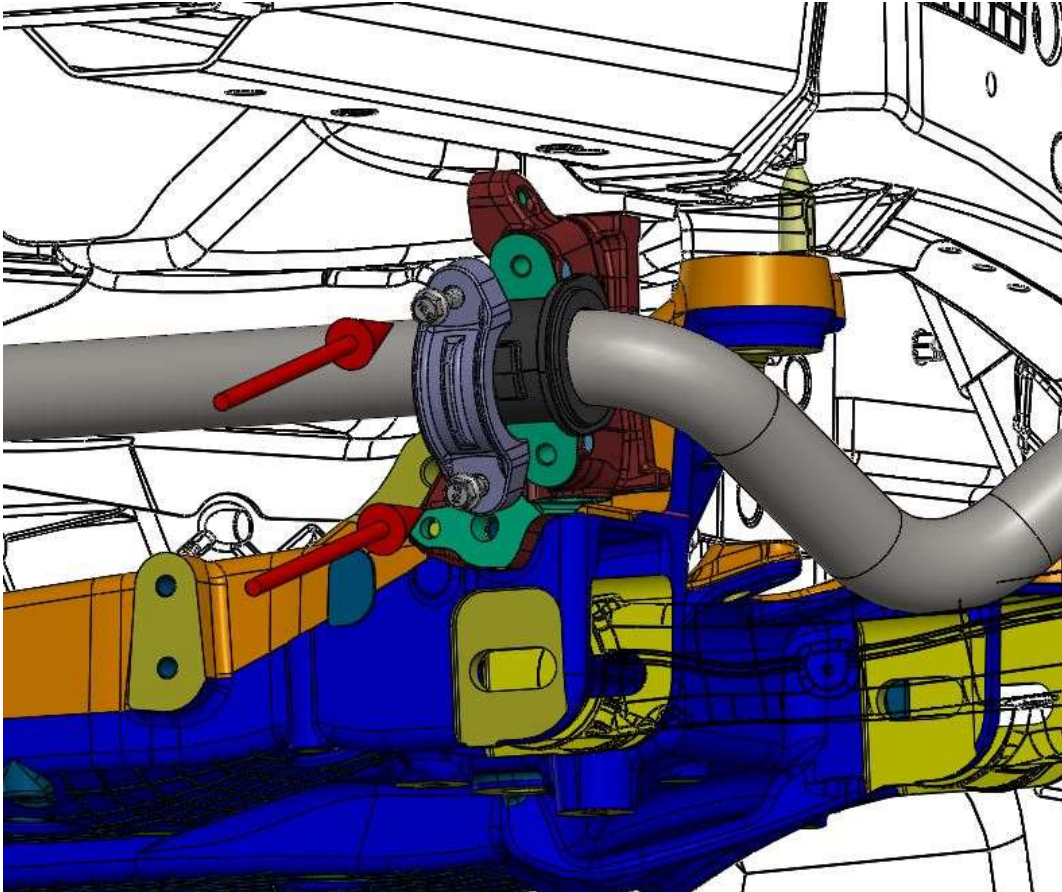
Front



Install the front end links to the front control arms as shown. It is not necessary to tighten the jam nuts on the end links at this point.  
(Note: Flange on locknut replaces washer in diagram)  
See **Initial Setup** for end link adjustment.



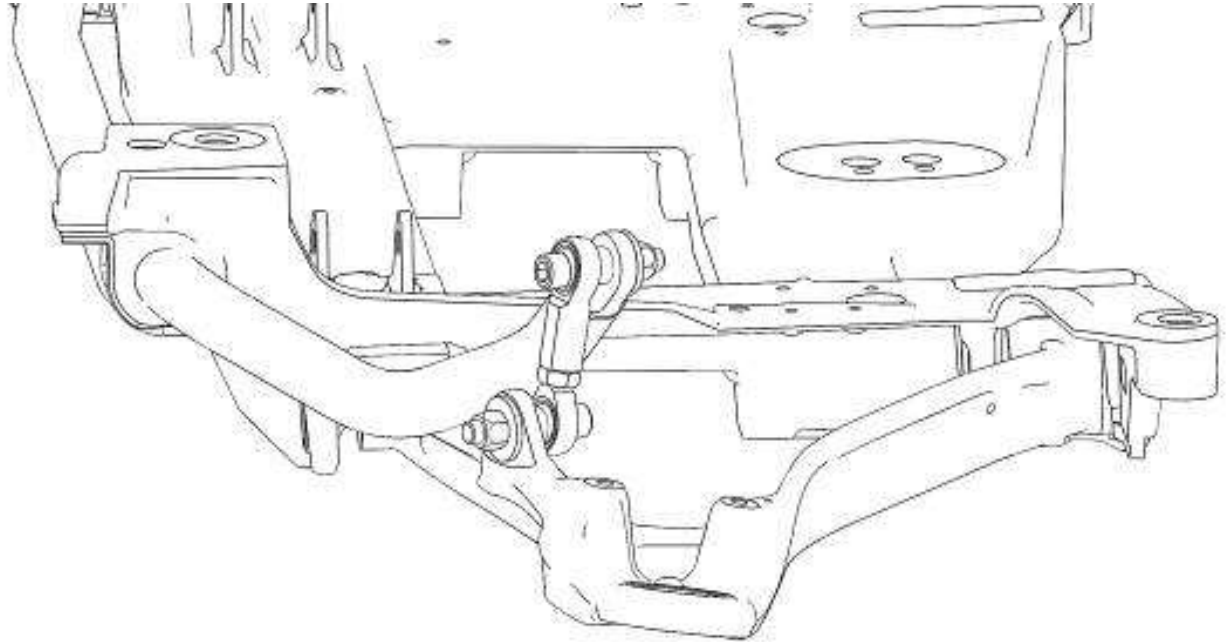
With the provided grease lubricate the inside of the front bushings and the outside of the bushings where they will rest against the centering ring. The front bushings will appear similar to the rear but can be identified by the lack of a “relief” in the edge of the bushing.



**Note:** Typical automotive grease is not recommended for use on the sway bar bushings. Special synthetic grease is supplied and available for purchase on [aFecontrol.com](http://aFecontrol.com).

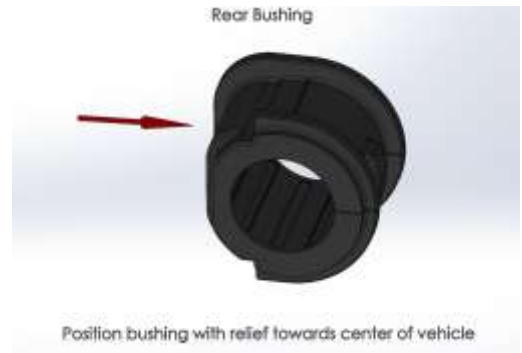
Using the factory bushing brackets and bolts, install the sway bar onto the subframe.

Attach the front end links to the sway bar as shown. It is not necessary to tighten the jam nuts on the end links at this point.  
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See **Initial Setup** for end link adjustment.

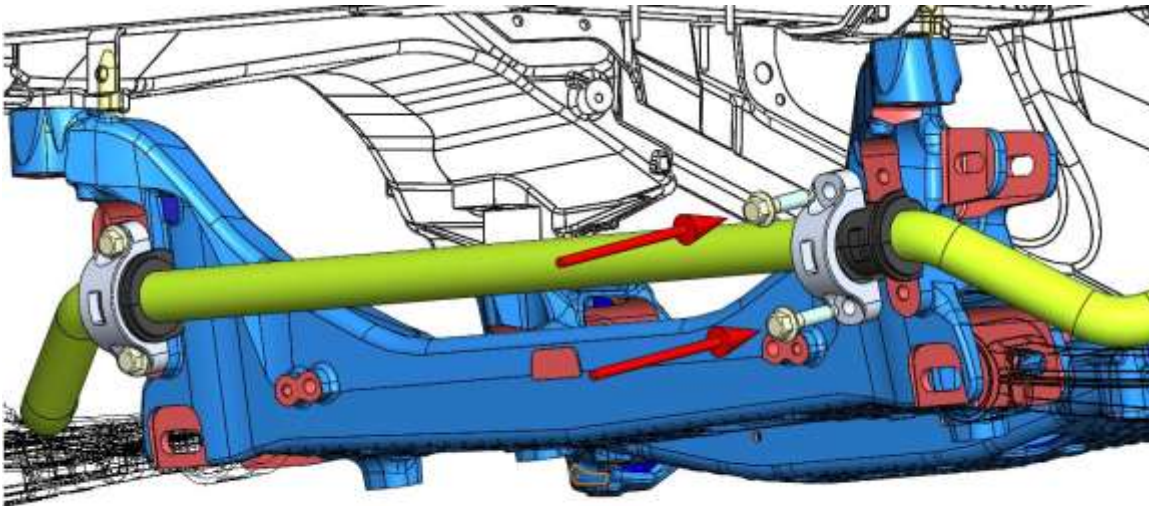


## Rear Sway Bar Installation Rear

With the provided grease lubricate the inside of the rear bushings and the outside of the bushings where they will rest against the centering ring. The rear bushings will appear similar to the front but can be identified by a "relief" in the edge of the bushing. The proper orientation would be to have the relief towards the center of the vehicle, this is done for clearance against the sub frame.



Using the supplied CNC machined aluminum brackets and M10x1.5 flange bolts, install the sway bar onto the subframe. Test the movement of the sway bar. You should be able to rotate the bar by hand with moderate force on the ends of the bar.





Install the end links to the rear control arms as shown. It is not necessary to tighten the jam nuts on the end links at this point.

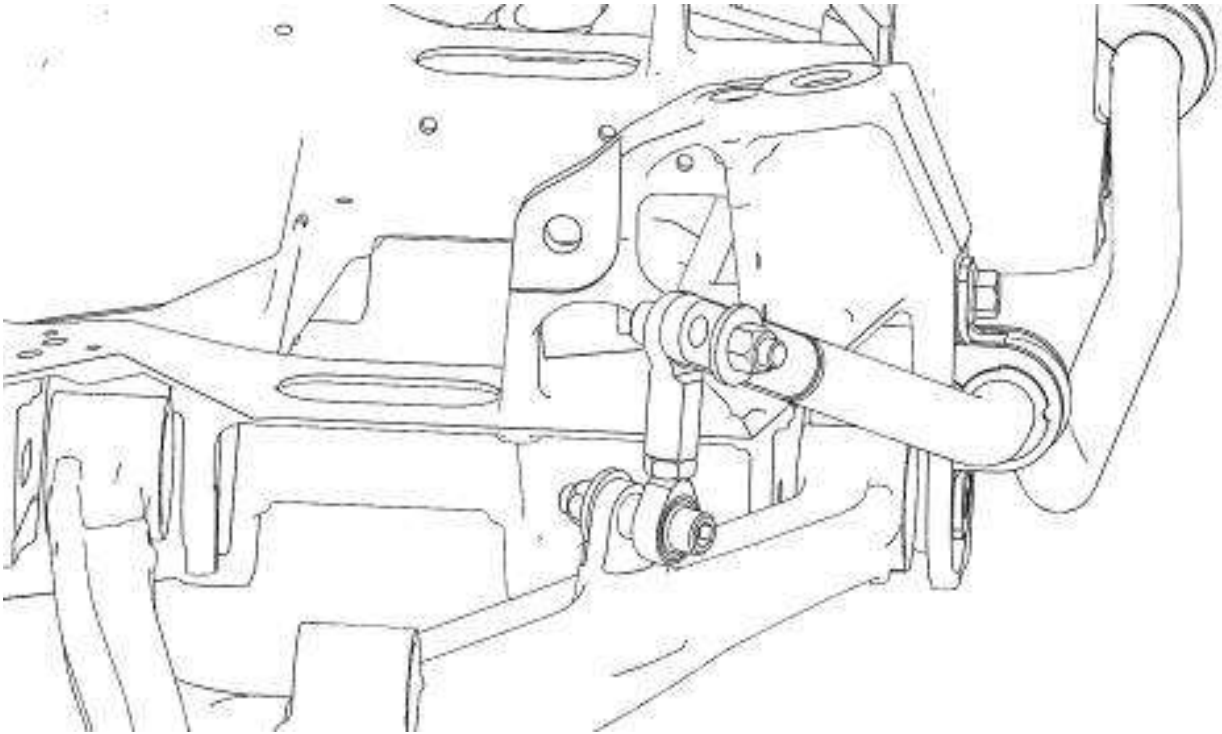
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See **Initial Setup** for end link adjustment.

Attach the end links to the rear sway bar as shown. It is not necessary to tighten the jam nuts on the end links at this point.

(Note: Flange on locknut replaces washer in diagram)

See **Initial Setup** for end link adjustment.





### **Initial setup**

For the initial setting of the sway bars we recommend the middle position on the rear sway bar. For most applications this will be a satisfactory setting and is a good starting point for all cars.

For best performance remove any pre-load in the sway bar while the suspension is loaded by adjusting the end link length. This is best done on a four post lift. It is also possible to set the car down on blocks or ramps so that the end links can be accessed while the suspension is loaded.

After the end link length is adjusted to remove any preload lock down the length by tightening the jam nuts.

### **Fastener Torque**

End Link Bolts and Nuts	68 N-m (50 ft-lbs)
Bushing Bracket Bolts, C7	46 N-m (34 ft-lbs)

Please contact aFe Control Customer Support with any questions!

## Sway Bar Tuning Guidelines

The sway bars are your largest tuning tool and are capable of affecting the balance of the car during each phase of a corner; corner-entry, mid-corner and corner-exit. However, the mid corner section is especially useful for sway bar tuning. Corner-entry and corner-exit are considered transition periods. During these transition periods the shocks are capable of modify the balance of the car. During mid-corner shock setting has no affect on the balance and adjustments are done with the sway bar. In other words, sway bars could correct a corner-entry or corner-exit balance problem but, shocks can not correct a mid-corner balance problem. This is the reason that sway bar tuning should ideally be done during mid-corner.

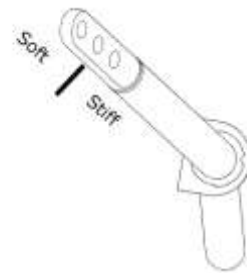
When tuning sway bars it is best to find a long constant radius turn at which you can incrementally increase speed until the limit of traction is found. There are three possible scenarios at the limit of traction.

1. The front tires exceed their limit of traction first. This condition is commonly called under-steer, push or tight.
2. The rear tires exceed their limit of traction first. This condition is commonly called over-steer, tail-happy or loose.
3. The front and rear tires exceed their limit of traction at the same moment. This condition is commonly called a four-wheel-drift or neutral balance.

After you have determined the behavior of the car it is possible to change this balance by changing the sway bar settings.

Let's take a look at case one for a moment. The front tires are being asked to carry a cornering load higher then they are capable of. However, the rear tires are not being asked to carry as high of a cornering load as they are capable of. By either moving the front sway bar to a softer setting or the rear sway bar to a stiffer setting you will remove some of the cornering responsibility from the front tires and add it to the rear tires.

The general rule of sway bar tuning is to soften the end that needs additional traction. It is also equally as effective to stiffen the end that needs less traction. Typically in the Corvette we generally tune with the rear sway bar because track adjustments on the rear sway bar are easier.





Description: aFe Control Johnny O'Connell Signature Series Shock Set

Part Number: 420-401002-J, 420-401002FJ, 420-401002RJ

Application: 2014-2016 Chevrolet Corvette (C7)

Note: Some models might be equipped with "Magnetic Ride" electric adjustable shocks. A delete kit is required for installation on these vehicles.

#### Tools Needed:

3/8" drive ratchet  
3/8" torque wrench  
13mm deep socket  
18mm deep socket  
19mm deep socket  
lug nut socket (stock 19mm)

1/4" combination wrench  
15mm combination wrench  
21mm combination wrench  
1/2" drive torque wrench  
floor jack  
jack stands

This procedure is best performed on a vehicle lift, however it is possible to install these shocks using a floor jack and jack stands.

If you have any questions, please see the SUPPORT area on our website [afepower.com](http://afepower.com) or email [info@afecontrol.com](mailto:info@afecontrol.com).

## Front Shock Removal & Installation

1. Using proper jacking points, lift and support the front of the car on jack stands.
2. Remove the front wheels.
3. Using a 18mm deep socket, remove the 2 bolts attaching the aluminum upper shock mount to the frame.
4. Remove the two bolts holding the lower shock mount to the lower control arm.
5. Remove the factory aluminum upper shock mount from the OEM shock, by using a 1/4" wrench to hold the shock shaft, and a 15mm wrench to remove the nut. Fig 1a.
6. Slide the supplied spacer onto the new shock. Re-install the factory aluminum upper shock mount onto the new shock and torque until tight. Fig. 2a
7. Install the shock assembly to the lower control arm by attaching the lower T-bar mount to the control arm using the factory shock bolts, and torque to torque to 21 lb-ft.
8. Attach the upper mount to the frame using the factory bolts. Torque to 48 lb-ft.
9. Repeat the above process on the other side.
10. Reinstall the front wheels, and properly torque lug nuts.
11. Using proper jacking points, lift and remove vehicle from jack stands.



## Rear Shock Removal & Installation

12. Using proper jacking points, lift and support the rear of the car on jack stands.
13. Remove the rear wheels.
14. Using an 18mm deep socket, remove the 2 bolts attaching the aluminum upper shock mount to the frame.
15. Remove the bolt holding the lower shock mount to the lower control arm.
16. Remove the factory aluminum upper shock mount from the OEM shock, by using a 1/4" wrench to hold the shock shaft, and a 15mm wrench to remove the nut. Fig. 1a
17. Slide the supplied spacer onto the new shock. Fig. 2a Re-install the factory aluminum upper shock mount onto the new shock and torque until tight. Fig. 2a
18. Install the shock assembly to the lower control arm using the supplied 14 mm bolt and nut. Position one spacer on each side of the shock between the control arm and shock, note spacer pilot orientation as pictured. Fig. 3a Torque to 81 lb-ft.
19. Attach the upper mount to the frame using the factory bolts. Torque to 48 lb-ft.
20. Repeat the above process on the other side.
21. Reinstall the rear wheels and properly torque lug nuts.
22. Using proper jacking points, lift and remove vehicle from jack stands.





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