

2006 Chevrolet Equinox LT

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SPECIFICATIONS

FASTENER TIGHTENING SPECIFICATIONS

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Application	Specification	
	Metric	English
Drive Module Bracket to Drive Module Bolts	125 N.m	92 lb ft
Drive Module Bracket to Support Assembly Bolts	125 N.m	92 lb ft
Jounce Bumper to Lower Control Arm Nut	63 N.m	46 lb ft
Knuckle to Lower Control Arm Bolt	160 N.m	118 lb ft
Knuckle to Toe Link Bolt	160 N.m	118 lb ft
Knuckle to Trailing Arm Bolt	110 N.m	81 lb ft
Knuckle to Upper Control Arm Bolt	160 N.m	118 lb ft
Lower Control Arm to Support Assembly Bolt	110 N.m	81 lb ft
Lower Shock Bolt	110 N.m	81 lb ft
Park Brake Cable Clip	25 N.m	18 lb ft
Stabilizer Link to Lower Control Arm Nut	15 N.m	11 lb ft
Stabilizer Link to Stabilizer Shaft Nut	57 N.m	42 lb ft
Stabilizer Shaft Clamp Bolt	70 N.m	52 lb ft
Support to Body Bolts	170 N.m	125 lb ft
Toe Link to Support Bolts	160 N.m	118 lb ft
Trailing Arm Bracket to Body Bolts	110 N.m	81 lb ft
Trailing Arm Bushing to Bracket Bolt	160 N.m	118 lb ft
Upper Control Arm to Support Assembly Bolts	160 N.m	118 lb ft
Upper Shock Bolts	110 N.m	81 lb ft
Wheel Bearing/Hub Mounting Bolts - Rear	84 N.m	62 lb ft
Wheel Bearing/Hub to Steering Knuckle Bolts	130 N.m	96 lb ft
Wheel Drive Shaft Spindle Nut	125 N.m	92 lb ft

REPAIR INSTRUCTIONS

WHEEL BEARING/HUB REPLACEMENT - REAR

Removal Procedure

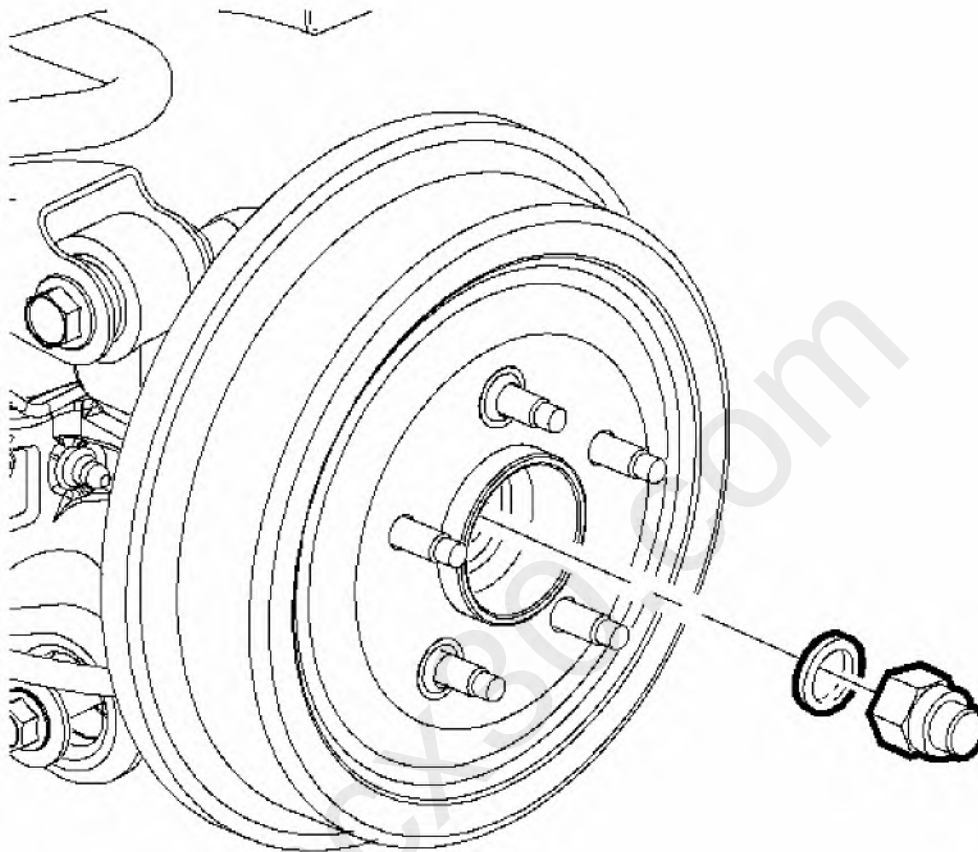


Fig. 1: View Of Rear Wheel Drive Shaft
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1. Remove the rear brake drum. Refer to **Brake Drum Replacement** in Drum Brakes.
2. On vehicles with all-wheel drive, remove the wheel drive shaft spindle nut.

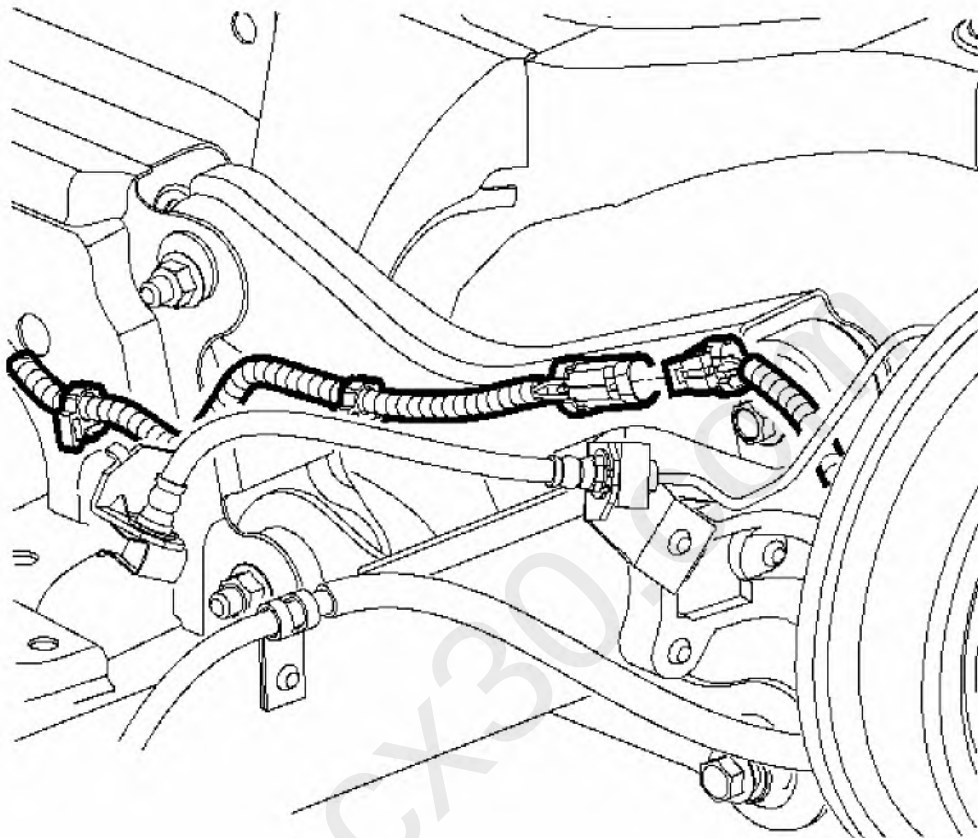


Fig. 2: Disconnecting/Connecting Wheel Speed Sensor Electrical Connector
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3. Disconnect the wheel speed sensor electrical connector, if equipped.

IMPORTANT: Do not damage the wheel drive shaft joint seal.

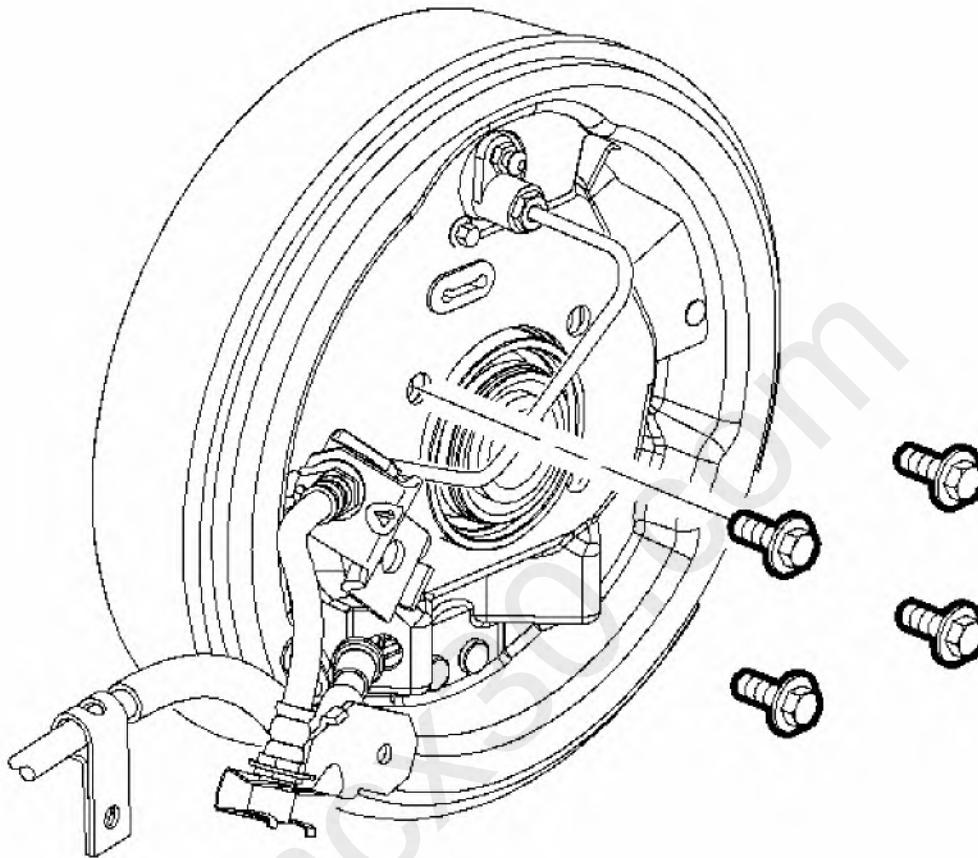


Fig. 3: Wheel Bearing/Hub & Mounting Bolts
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4. Support the wheel drive shaft with heavy mechanic's wire, or equivalent.
5. Remove the wheel bearing/hub mounting bolts.
6. Remove the wheel bearing/hub assembly from the suspension knuckle.

Installation Procedure

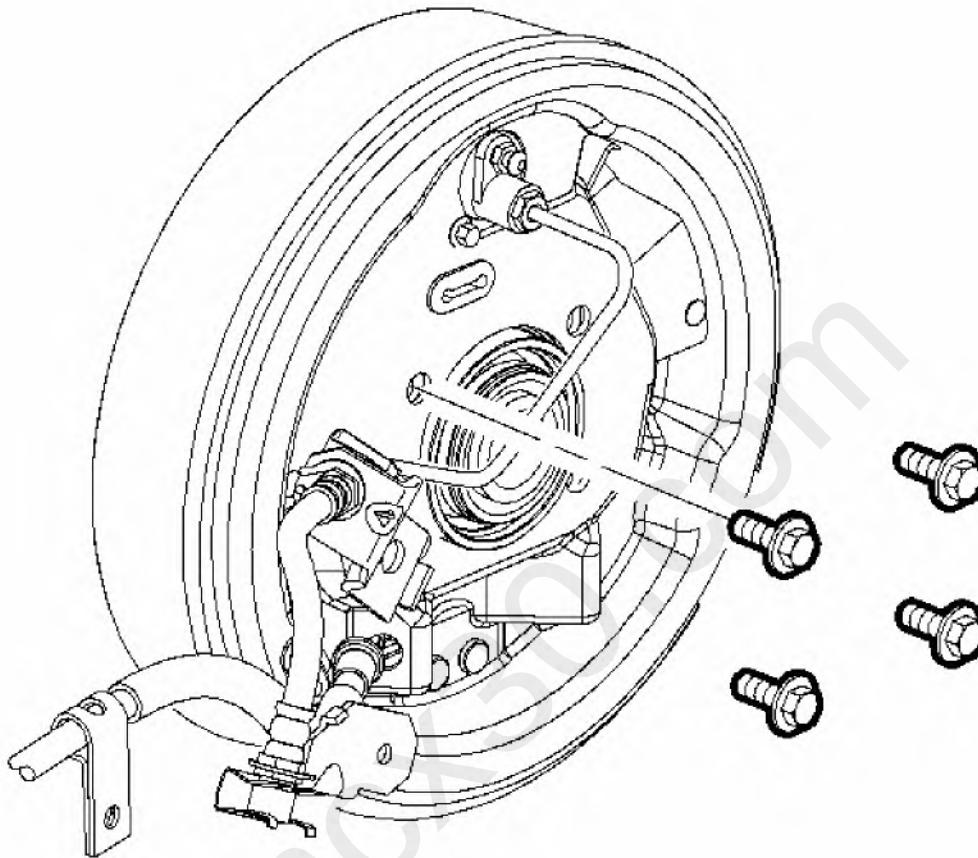


Fig. 4: Wheel Bearing/Hub & Mounting Bolts
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1. Install the wheel bearing/hub assembly to the steering knuckle.

NOTE: Refer to Fastener Notice in Cautions and Notices.

2. Install the wheel bearing/hub mounting bolts.

Tighten: Tighten the bolts to 84 N.m (62 lb ft).

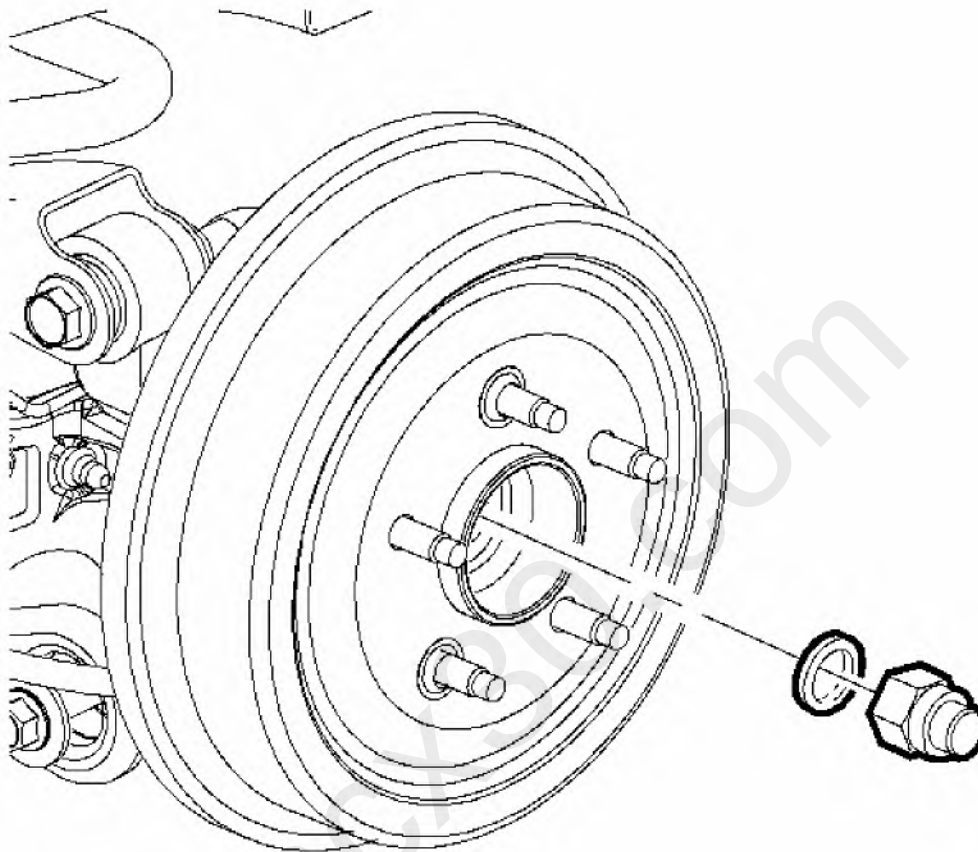


Fig. 5: View Of Rear Wheel Drive Shaft
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3. On all-wheel drive vehicles, install the wheel drive shaft spindle nut.

Tighten: Tighten the nut to 125 N.m (92 lb ft).

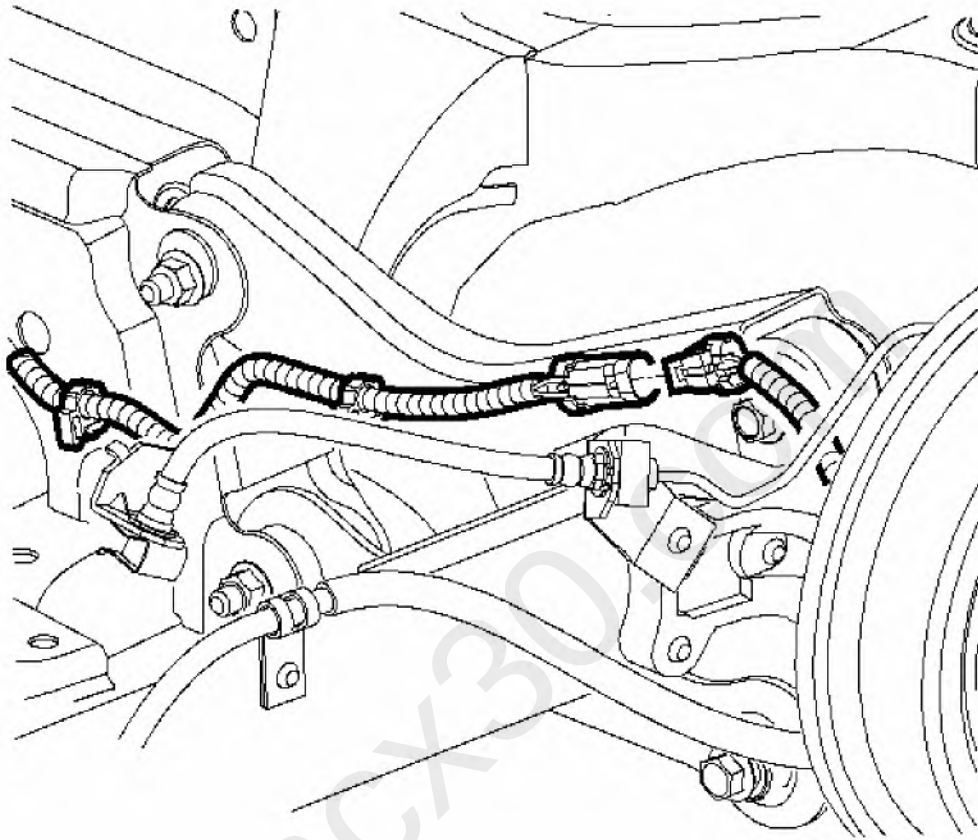


Fig. 6: Disconnecting/Connecting Wheel Speed Sensor Electrical Connector
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4. If equipped, route the wheel speed sensor electrical harness through the backing plate and seat the grommet.
5. Connect the wheel speed sensor electrical connector.
6. Install the rear brake drum. Refer to **Brake Drum Replacement** in Drum Brakes.

SUPPORT REPLACEMENT

Removal Procedure

1. Raise and support the vehicle. Refer to **Lifting and Jacking the Vehicle** in General Information.
2. Remove the tires and wheels. Refer to **Tire and Wheel Removal and Installation** in

Tires and Wheels.

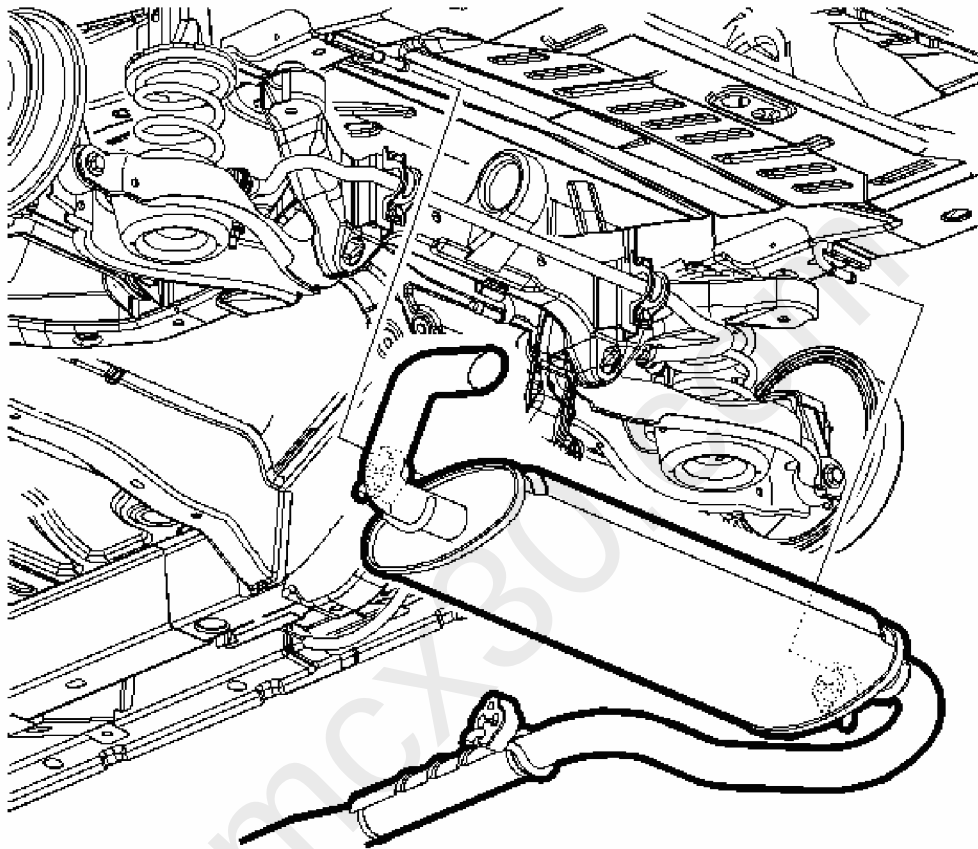


Fig. 7: Removing/Installing Intermediate Pipe & Muffler Assembly
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3. Remove the exhaust muffler and resonator assembly. Refer to **Exhaust System Replacement** in Engine Exhaust.
4. If equipped with all wheel drive, remove the rear drive axle. Refer to **Differential Replacement** in Rear Drive Axle.
5. Remove the stabilizer shaft. Refer to **Stabilizer Shaft Replacement**.
6. Remove the lower control arm from the support assembly. Refer to **Rear Axle Lower Control Arm Bushing Replacement**.
7. Disconnect the upper control arm from the support assembly. Refer to **Rear Axle Upper Control Arm Replacement**.

8. Disconnect the toe link from the support assembly. Refer to **Toe Link Replacement**.

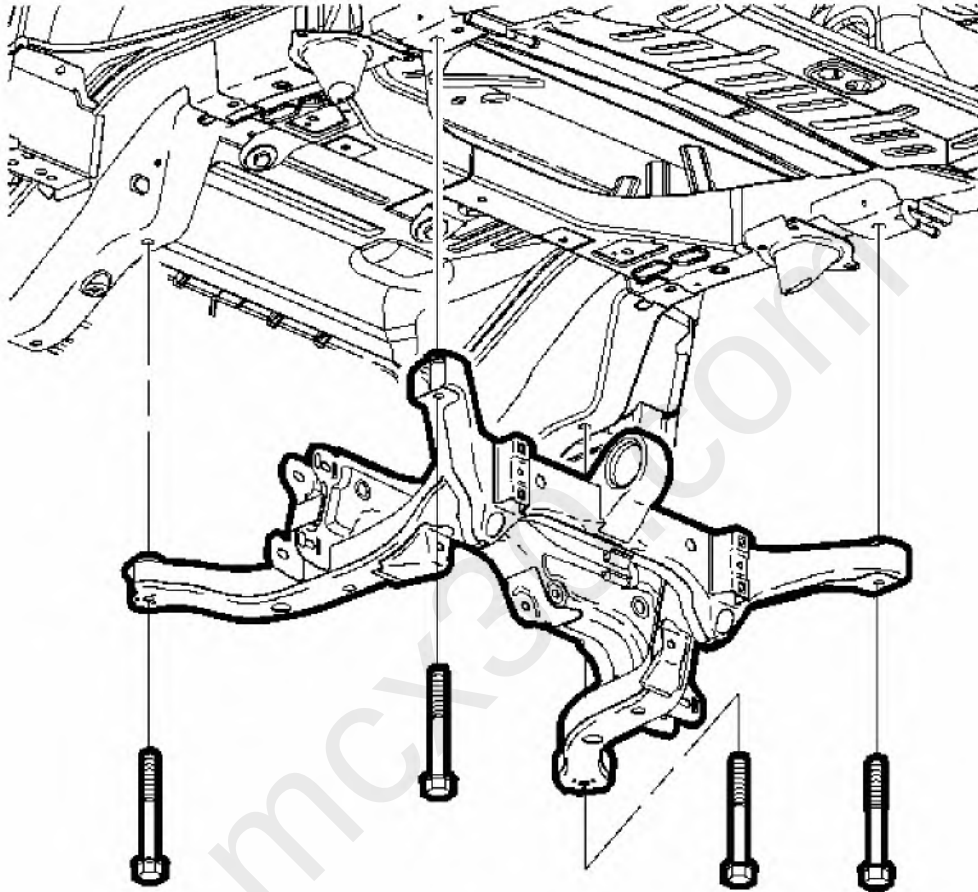


Fig. 8: Body Bolts & Support Assembly
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9. Remove the support to body bolts and remove the support assembly from the vehicle.

Installation Procedure

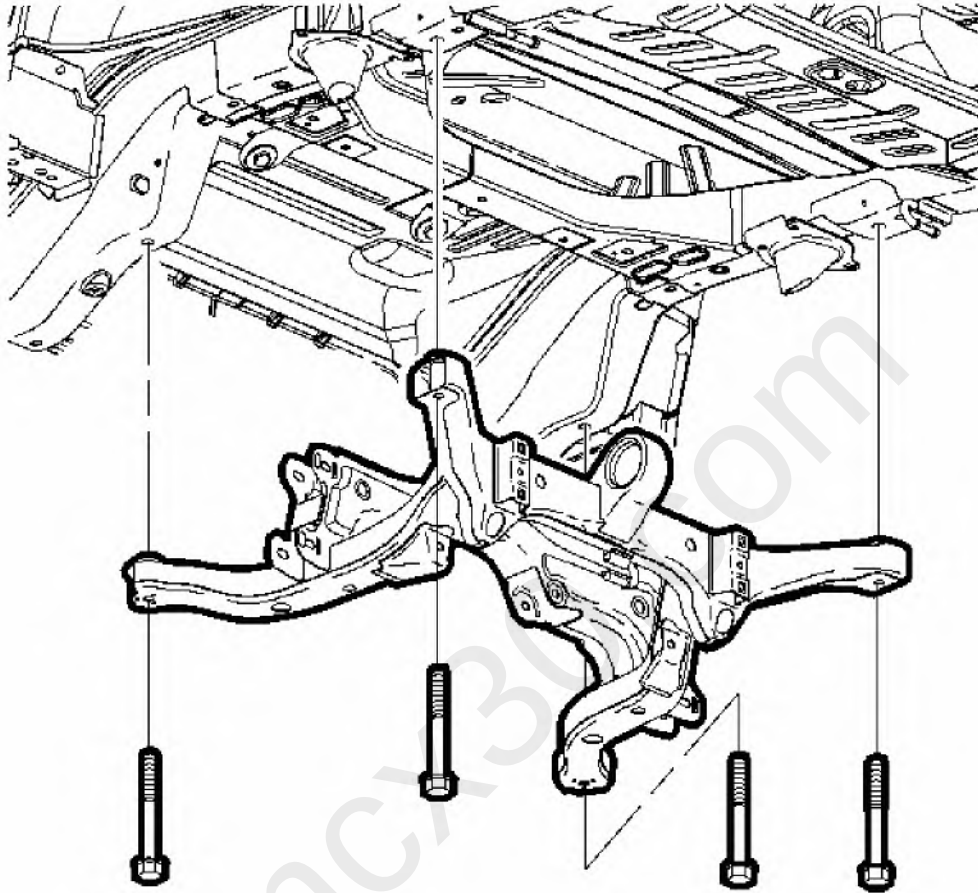


Fig. 9: Body Bolts & Support Assembly
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1. Position the support assembly to the vehicle.

NOTE: Refer to Fastener Notice in Cautions and Notices.

2. Install the support to body bolts.

Tighten: Tighten the support to body bolts to 170 N.m (125 lb ft).

3. Connect the toe link to the support assembly. Refer to Toe Link Replacement.
4. Connect the upper control arm to the support assembly. Refer to Rear Axle Upper Control Arm Replacement.

5. Install the lower control arm to the support assembly. Refer to **Rear Axle Lower Control Arm Bushing Replacement**.
6. Install the stabilizer shaft. Refer to **Stabilizer Shaft Replacement**.
7. If equipped with all wheel drive, install the rear drive axle. Refer to **Differential Replacement** in Rear Drive Axle.

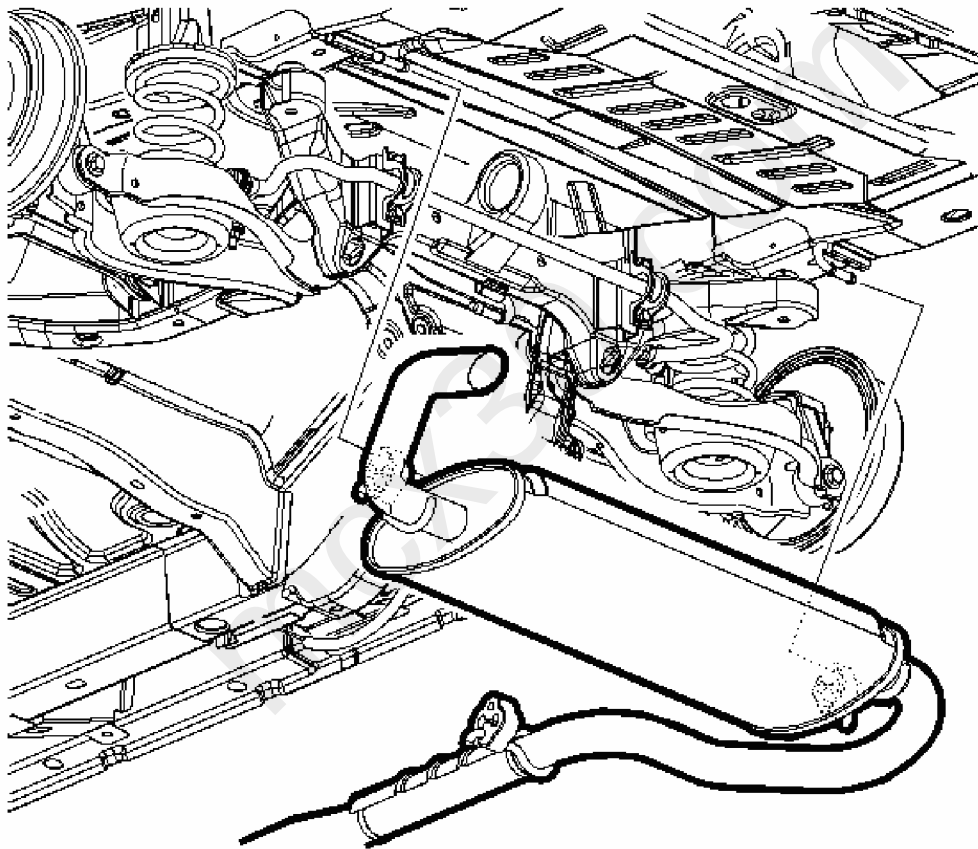


Fig. 10: Removing/Installing Intermediate Pipe & Muffler Assembly
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8. Install the exhaust muffler and resonator assembly. Refer to **Exhaust System Replacement** in Engine Exhaust.
9. Install the tires and wheels. Refer to **Tire and Wheel Removal and Installation** in Tires and Wheels.
10. Lower the vehicle.

11. Check the rear alignment. Refer to **Measuring Wheel Alignment** in Wheel Alignment.

SUPPORT REAR DRIVE MODULE MOUNTING BUSHING REPLACEMENT

Tools Required

J 44866 Support Bushing Remover and Installer

Removal Procedure

1. Raise and support the vehicle. Refer to **Lifting and Jacking the Vehicle** in General Information.
2. Remove the production muffler and resonator as an assembly. Refer to **Exhaust System Replacement** in Engine Exhaust.
3. Remove the rear stabilizer shaft. Refer to **Stabilizer Shaft Replacement**.

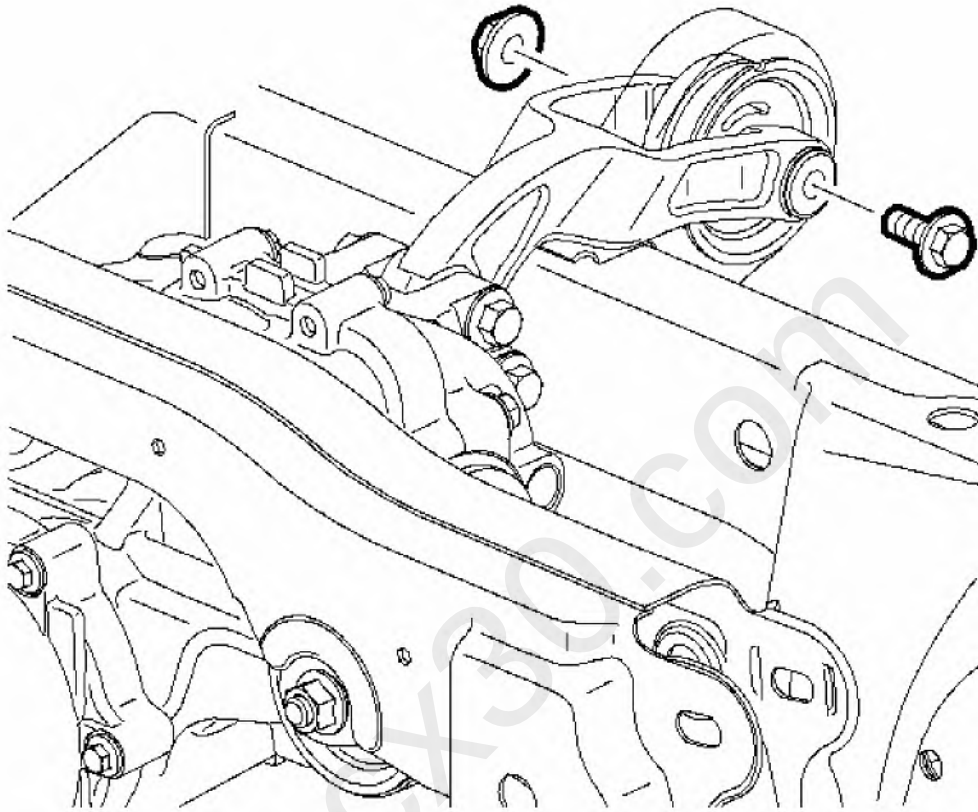


Fig. 11: Removing/Installing RDM Rear Mounting Bracket
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4. Remove the rear drive module bracket to support bolt and nut. Discard the nut.
5. Remove the rear drive module to rear drive module bolts and nuts. Discard the nuts.
6. Remove the rear drive module bracket from the vehicle.

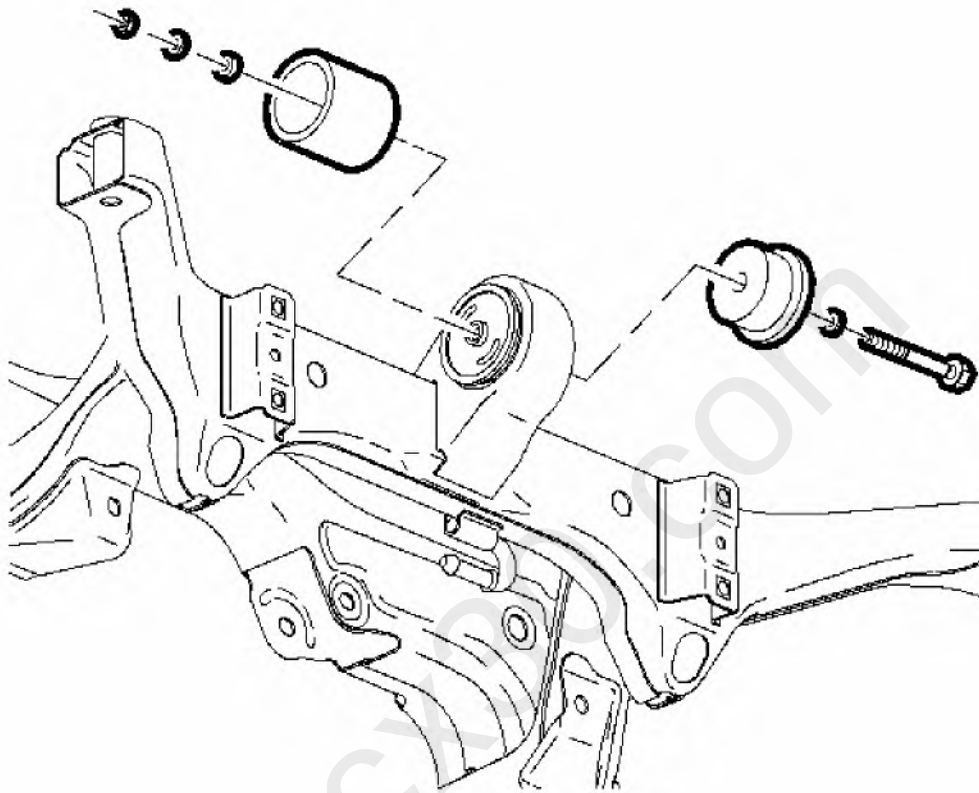


Fig. 12: Installing Bolt & Washer Through The Driver, Bushing, & Receiver
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

7. Install the **J 44866** to the support assembly in the following procedure.
 1. Position the large part of the tool over the bushing flange and against the frame.
 2. Install the bolt and washer.
 3. Install the small part of the tool against the bushing.
 4. Lube the threads of the **J 44866** with extreme pressure (EP) lube.

IMPORTANT: Ensure the small end of the tool is aligned with the bushing.

5. Install the bearing, washer and nut.

6. Tighten the **J 44866** in order to remove the bushing from the support assembly.

Installation Procedure

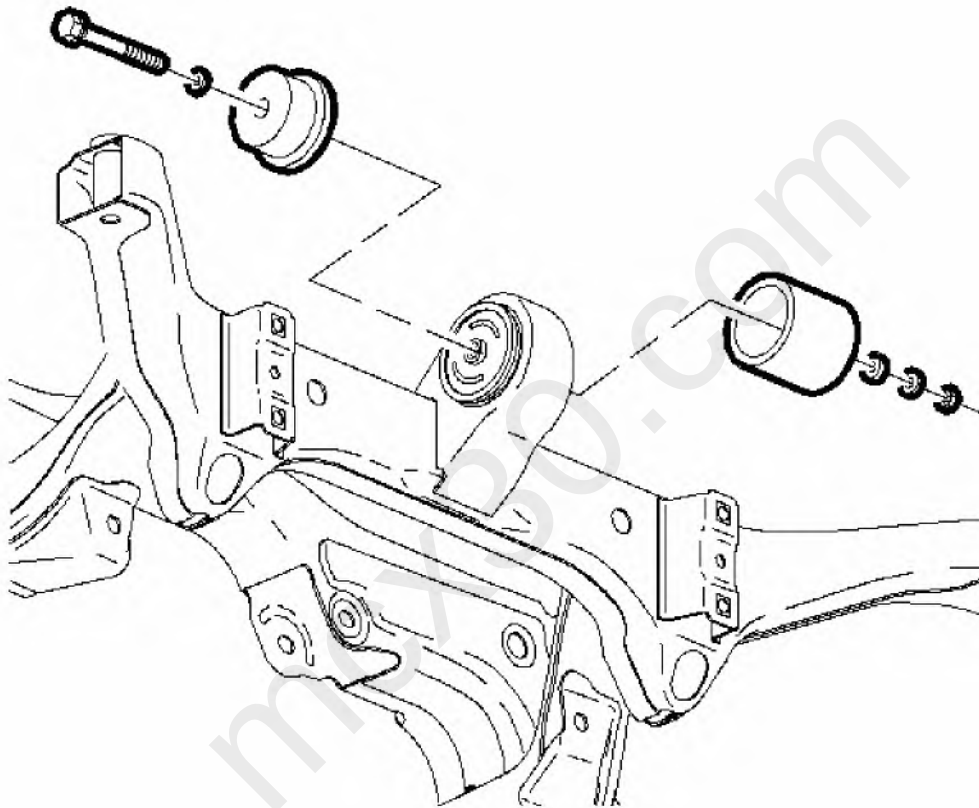


Fig. 13: Positioning RDM Support Bushing On The Vehicle Frame
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1. Install the **J 44866** to the support assembly in the following procedure.
 1. Place the bolt washer and large portion of the **J 44866** against the frame.
 2. Position the bushing against the support assembly. Align the bushing with the slots in the rubber portion straight up and down.
 3. Position the small part of the **J 44866** against the bushing flange area.
 4. Lube the threads of the **J 44866** with EP lube.
 5. Install the bearing, washer and nut.

IMPORTANT: The bushing must be fully seated.

6. Tighten the **J 44866** in order to install the bushing into the support assembly.

NOTE: Refer to Fastener Notice in Cautions and Notices.

2. Install the rear drive module bracket to the rear drive module, using new nuts.

Tighten: Tighten the drive module bracket to drive module bolts and nuts to 125 N.m (92 lb ft).

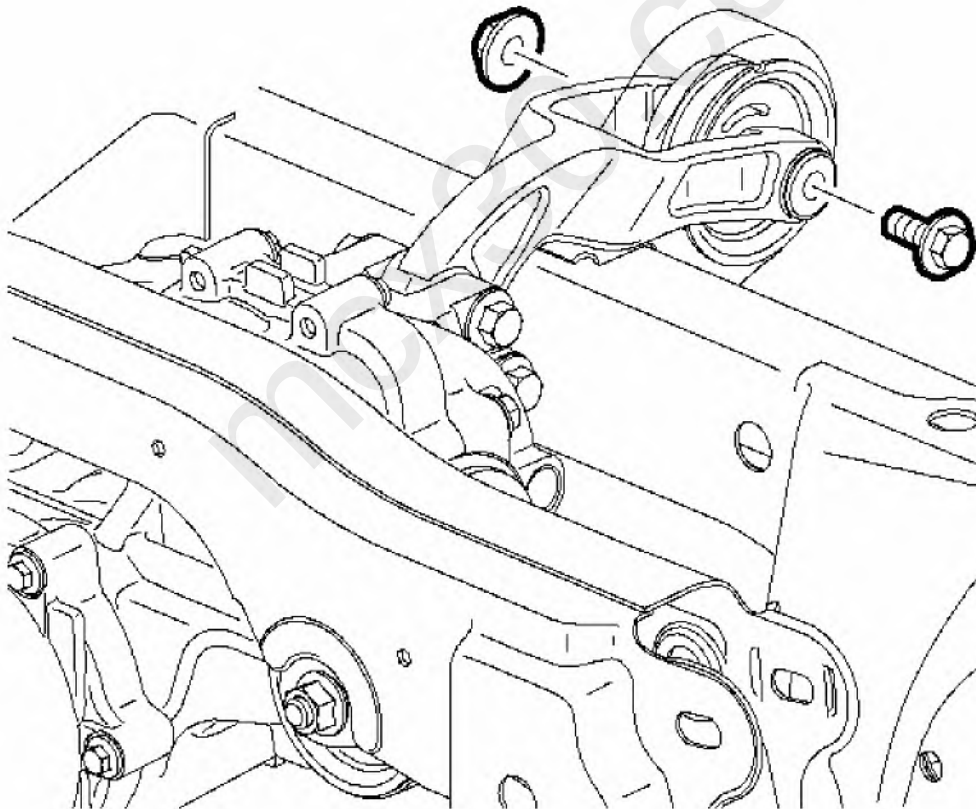


Fig. 14: Removing/Installing RDM Rear Mounting Bracket
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3. Install the rear bracket to support bolt, using a new nut.

Tighten: Tighten the drive module bracket to support assembly bolt and nut to 125 N.m (92 lb ft).

4. Install the rear stabilizer shaft. Refer to **Stabilizer Shaft Replacement**.
5. install the production muffler and resonator as an assembly. Refer to **Exhaust System Replacement** in Engine Exhaust.
6. Lower the vehicle.

KNUCKLE REPLACEMENT

Removal Procedure

1. Raise and support the vehicle. Refer to **Lifting and Jacking the Vehicle** in General Information.
2. Remove the tire and wheel. Refer to **Tire and Wheel Removal and Installation** in Tires and Wheels.
3. Remove the wheel bearing/hub assembly. Refer to **Wheel Bearing/Hub Replacement - Rear**.

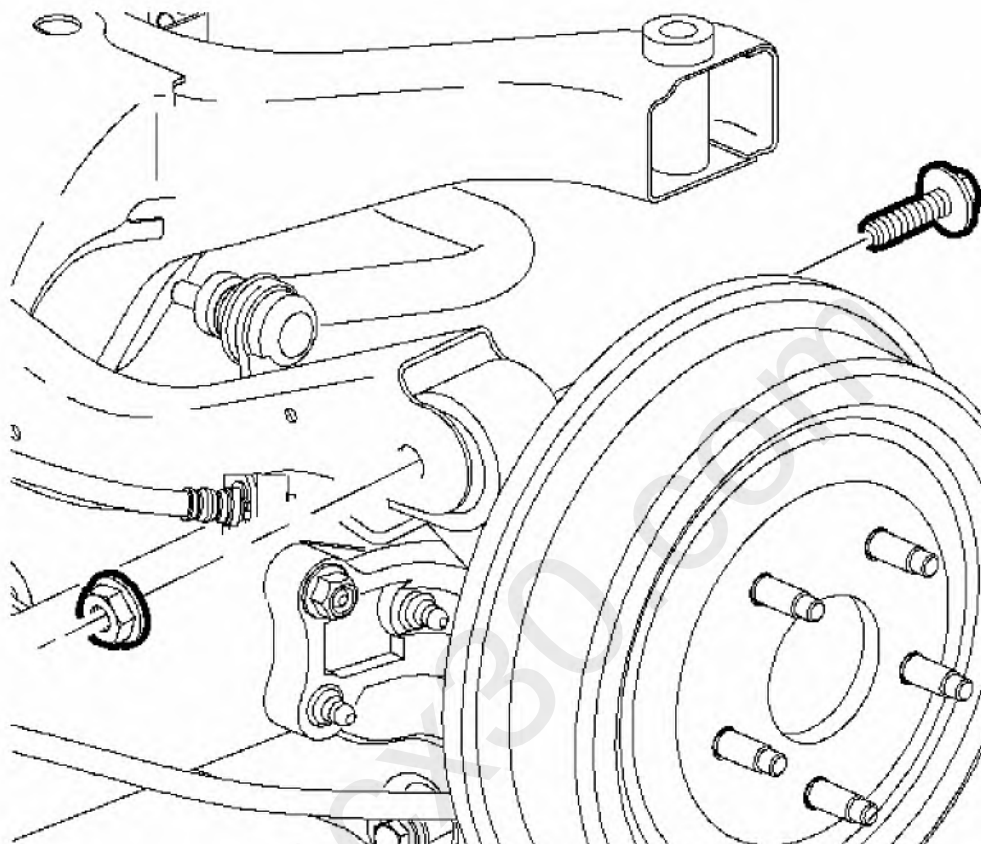


Fig. 15: Upper Control Arm, Knuckle Bolt & Nut
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4. Remove the upper control arm to knuckle bolt and nut.

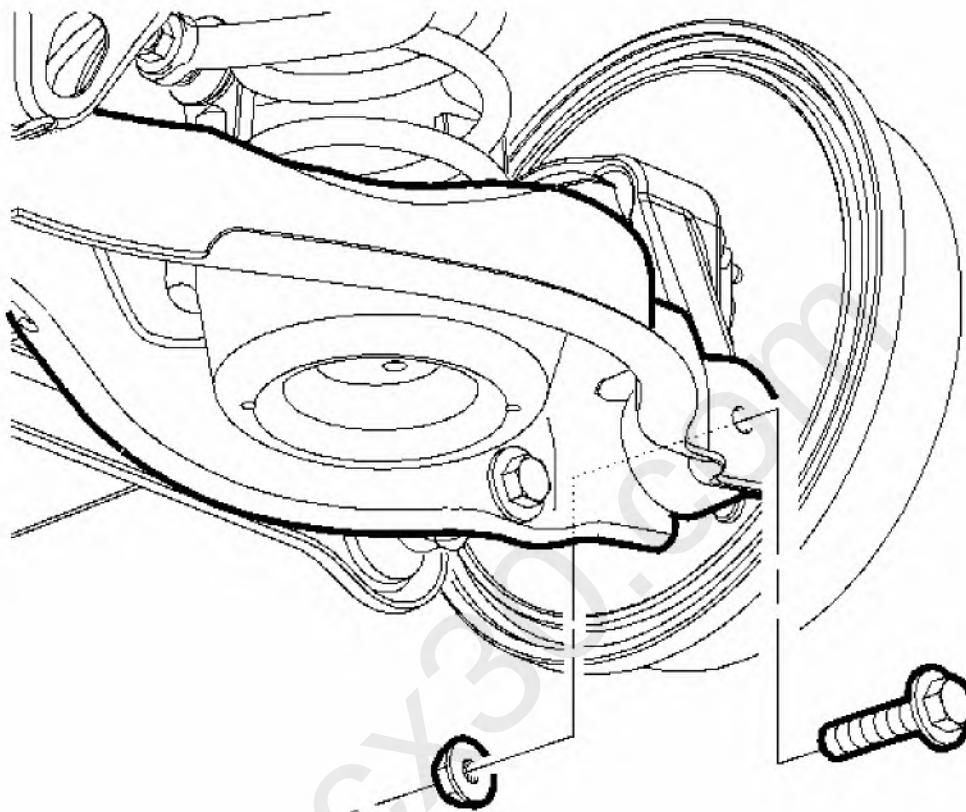


Fig. 16: Lower Control Arm, Knuckle Bolt & Nut
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5. Remove the lower control arm to knuckle bolt and nut.

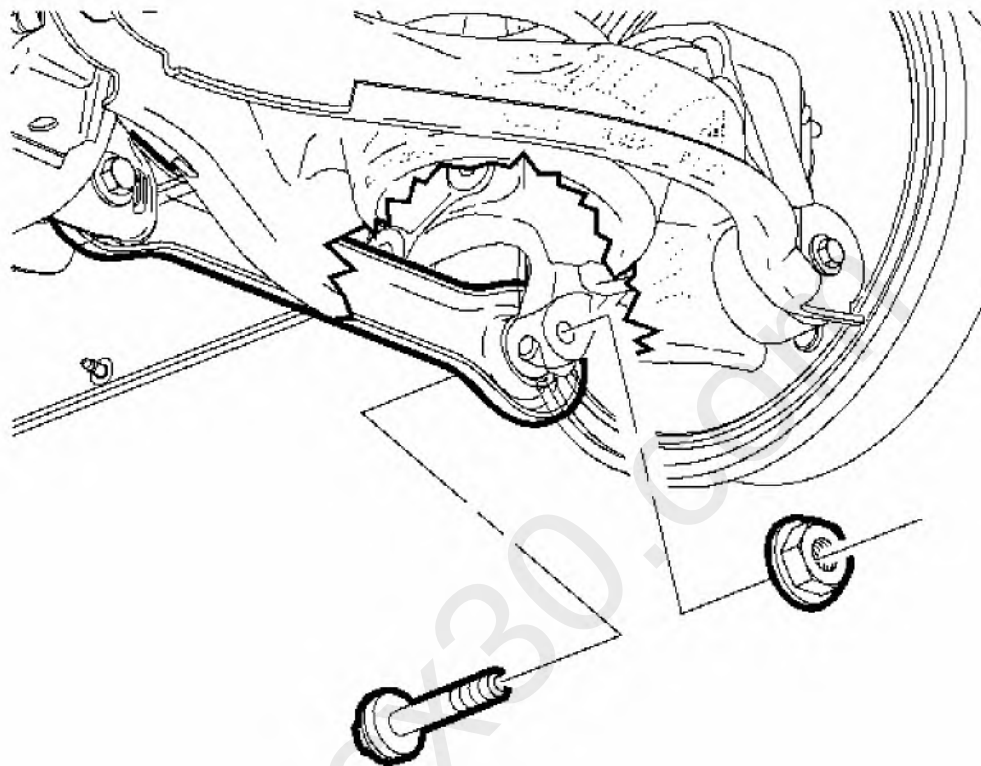


Fig. 17: Removing/Installing Washer, Bolt & Nut On The Suspension Knuckle
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6. Remove the toe link to knuckle bolt and nut.

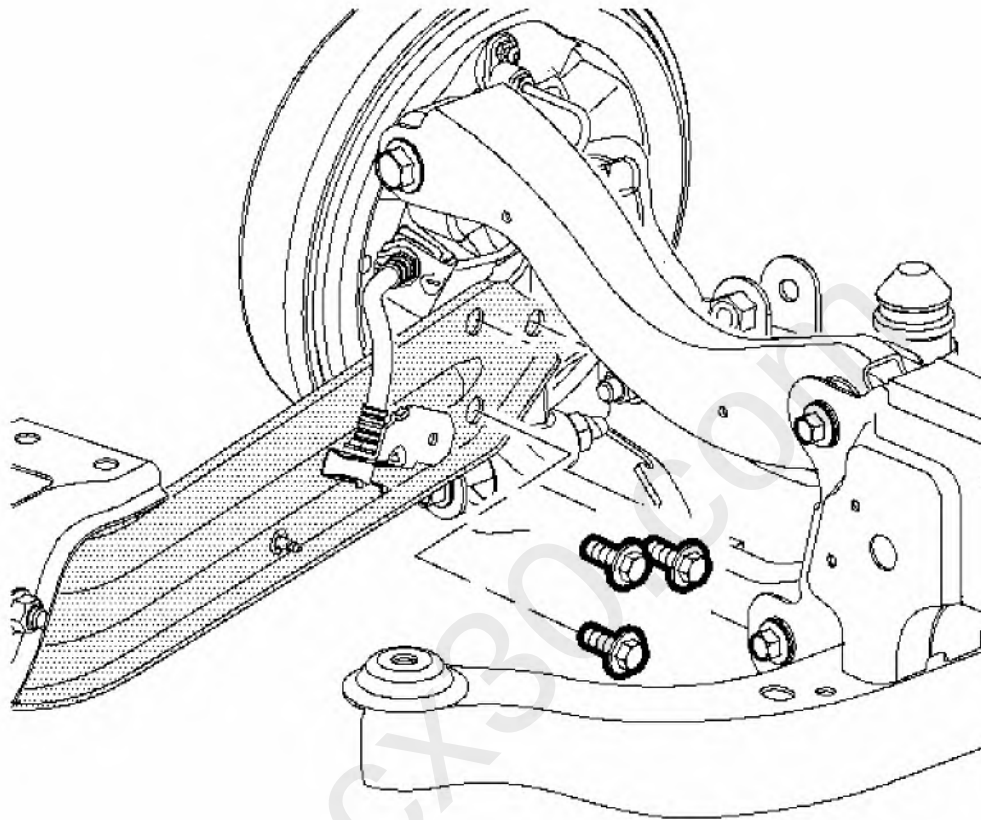


Fig. 18: Trailing Blade & Knuckle Bolts
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7. Remove the trailing blade to knuckle bolts.
8. Remove the knuckle from the vehicle.

Installation Procedure

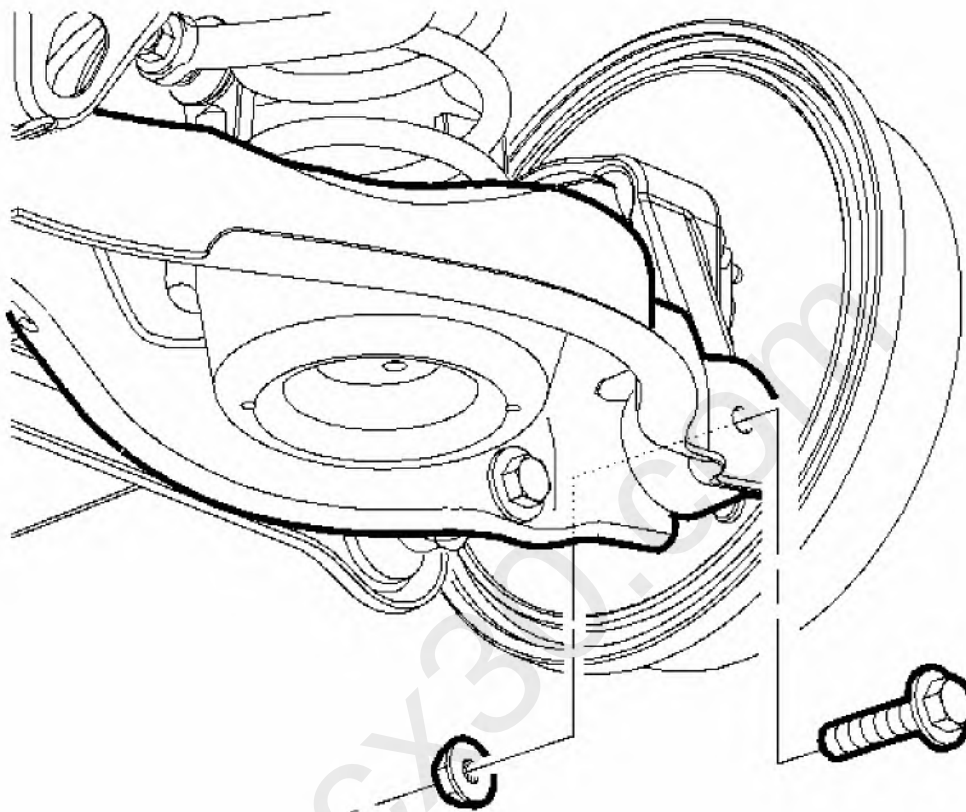


Fig. 19: Lower Control Arm, Knuckle Bolt & Nut
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1. Install the knuckle to the lower control arm. Loosely install the bolt and nut.

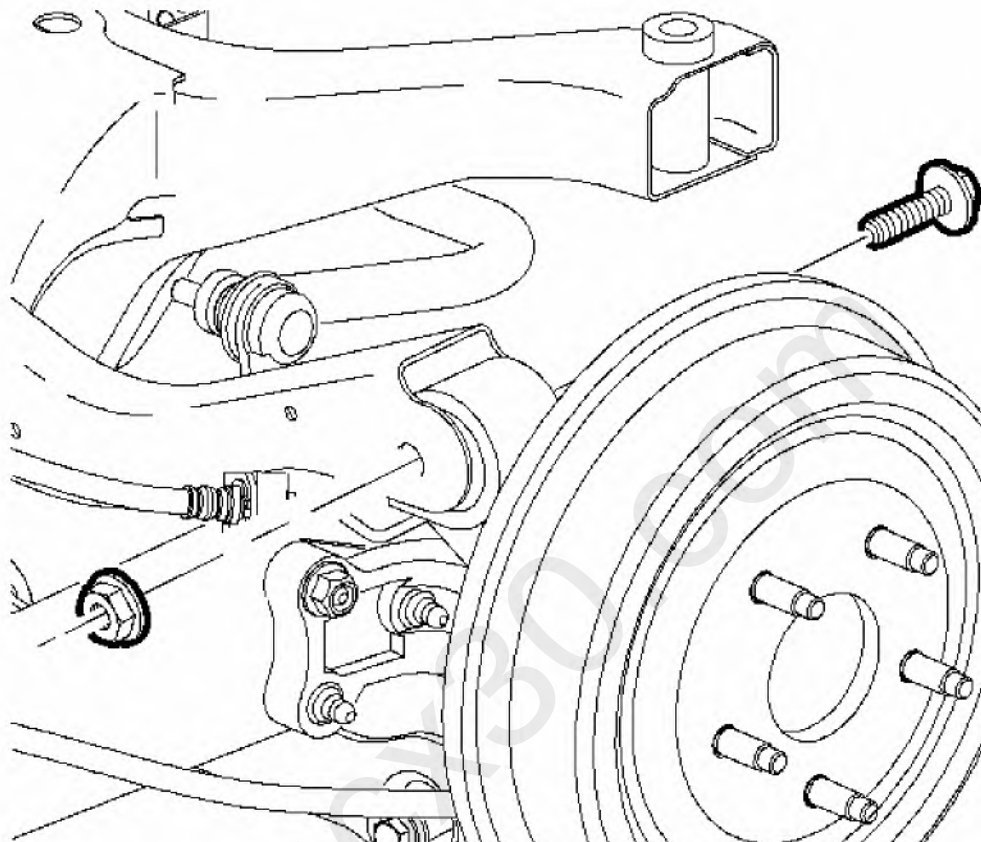


Fig. 20: Upper Control Arm, Knuckle Bolt & Nut
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2. Install the knuckle to the upper control arm. Loosely install the bolt and nut.

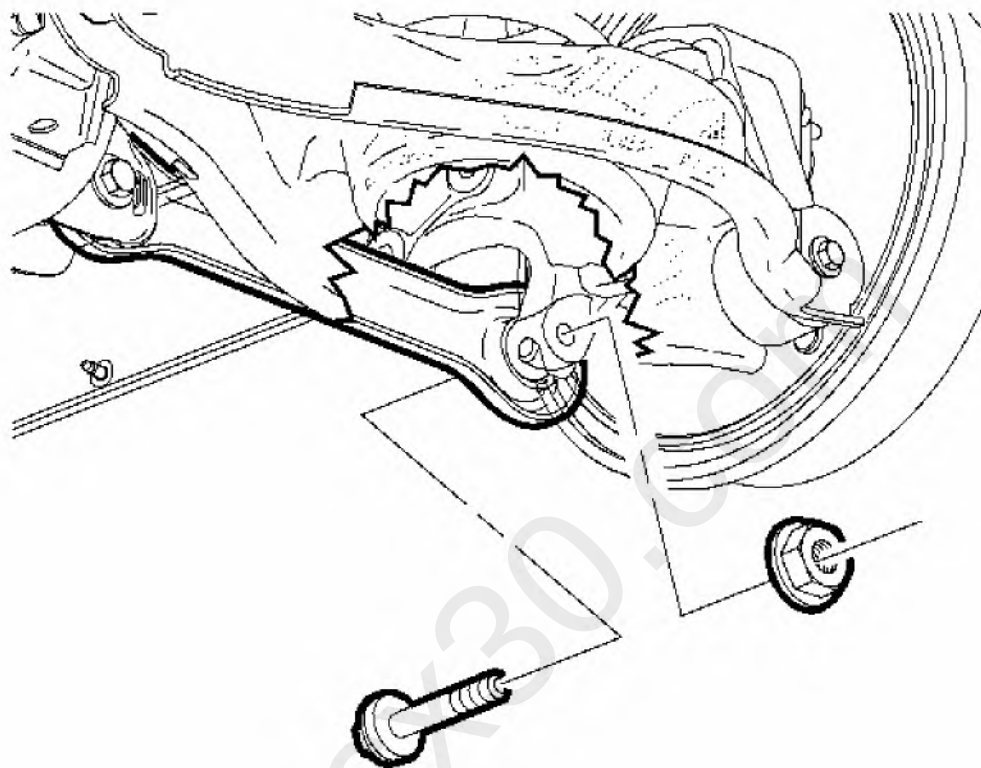


Fig. 21: Removing/Installing Washer, Bolt & Nut On The Suspension Knuckle
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3. Install the knuckle to the toe link. Loosely install the bolt and nut.

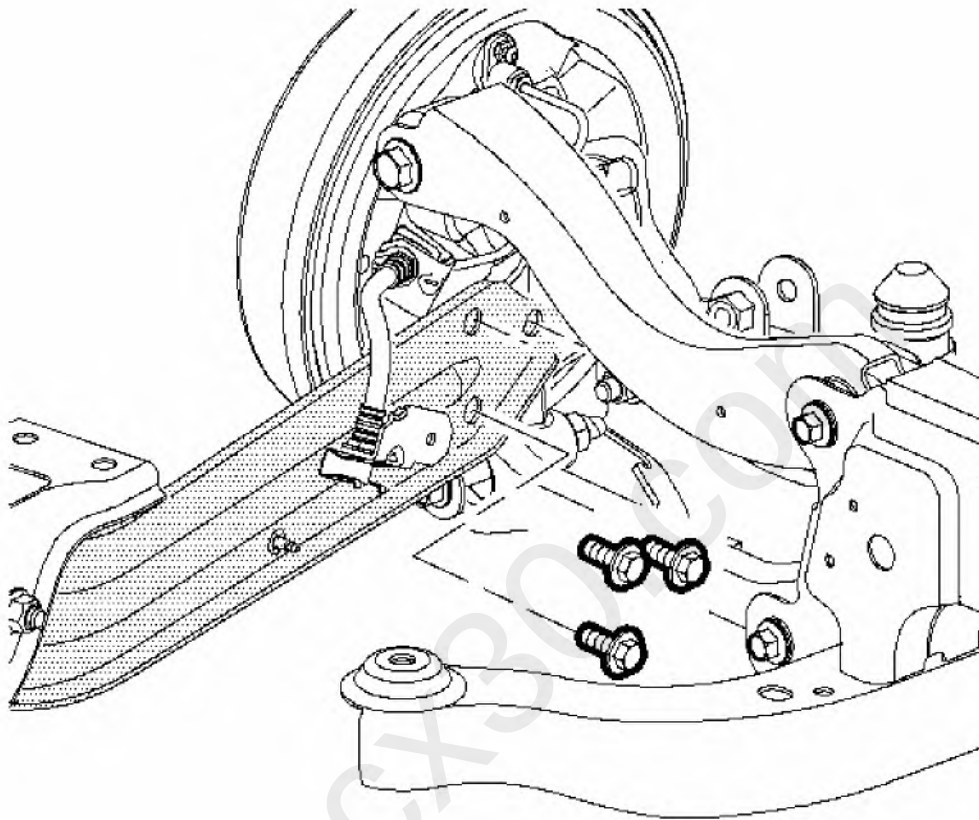


Fig. 22: Trailing Blade & Knuckle Bolts
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4. Install the knuckle to trailing blade. Loosely install the bolt and nut.

NOTE: Refer to Fastener Notice in **Cautions and Notices**.

5. Tighten the bolts and nuts in the following sequence:

Tighten:

1. Tighten the knuckle to lower control arm bolt and nut to 160 N.m (118 lb ft).
2. Tighten the knuckle to upper control arm bolt and nut to 160 N.m (118 lb ft).
3. Tighten the knuckle to toe link bolt and nut to 160 N.m (118 lb ft).
4. Tighten the knuckle to trailing blade bolts to 110 N.m (81 lb ft).

6. Install the wheel bearing/hub assembly. Refer to **Wheel Bearing/Hub Replacement - Rear**.
7. Install the tire and wheel. Refer to **Tire and Wheel Removal and Installation** in Tires and Wheels.
8. Lower the vehicle.
9. Perform a vehicle wheel alignment. Refer to **Measuring Wheel Alignment** in Wheel Alignment.

REAR AXLE UPPER CONTROL ARM REPLACEMENT

Removal Procedure

1. Raise and support the vehicle. Refer to **Lifting and Jacking the Vehicle** in General Information.

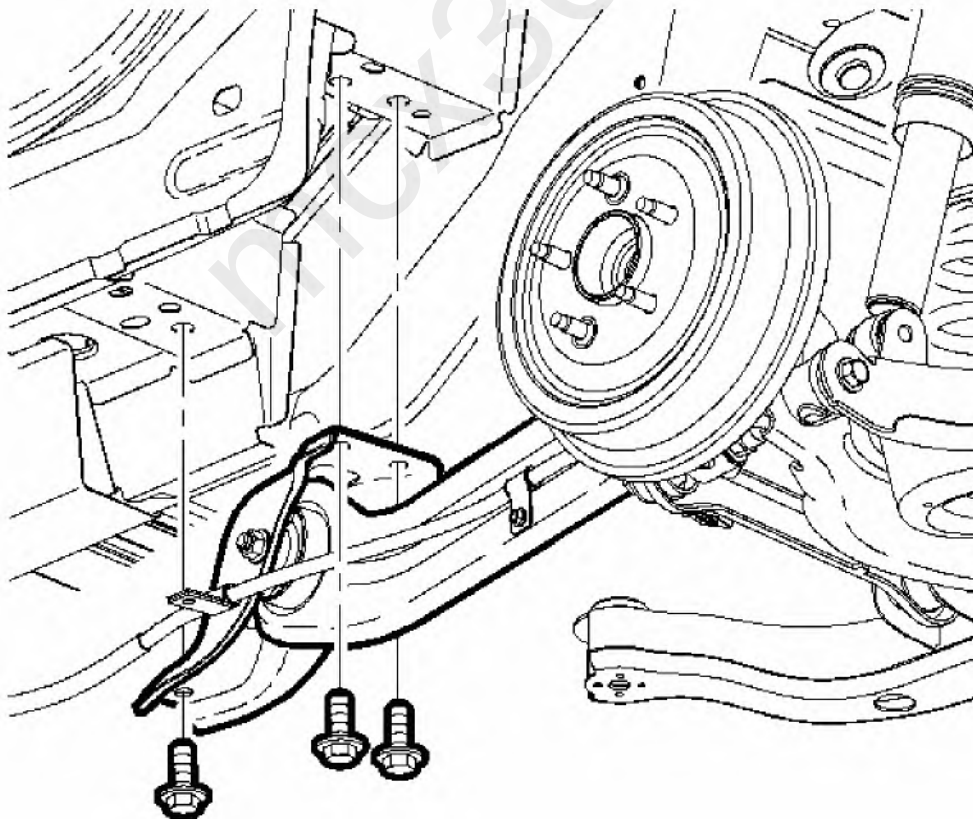


Fig. 23: View Of Trailing Arm Bracket To Body Bolts
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2. Remove the trailing arm bracket to body bolts.

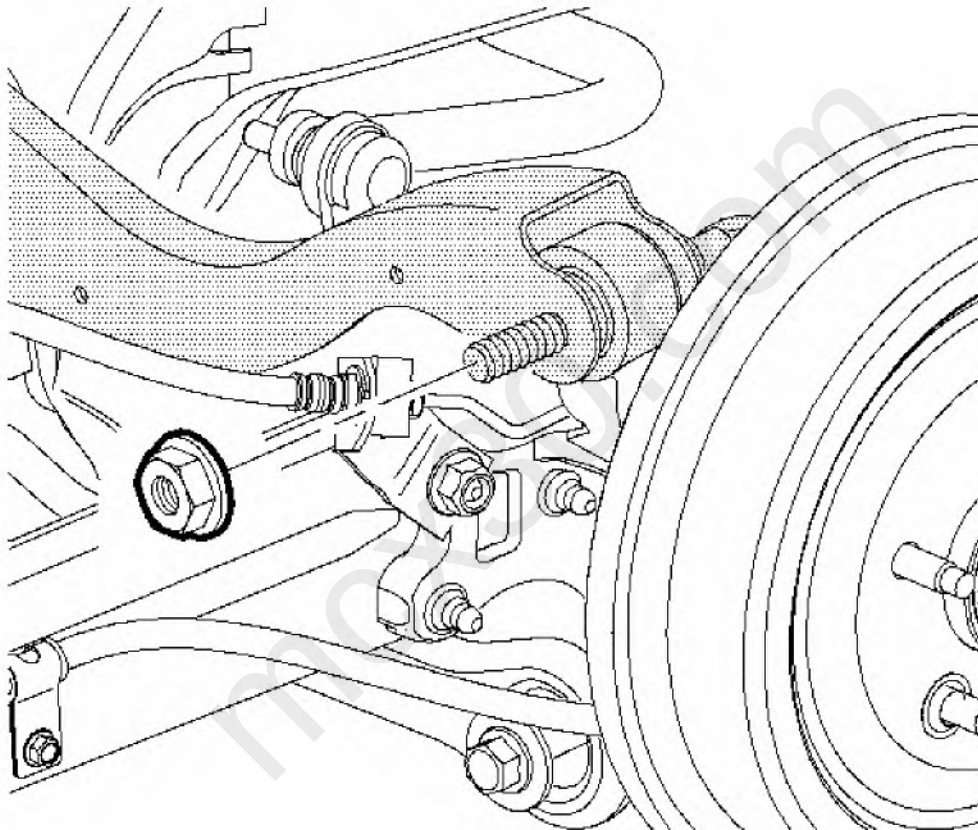


Fig. 24: Tightening Upper Control Arm On The Suspension Knuckle Bolt & Nut
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3. If applicable, remove the antilock brake system (ABS) brake harness from the upper control arm.
4. Remove the upper control arm to knuckle nut and bolt.

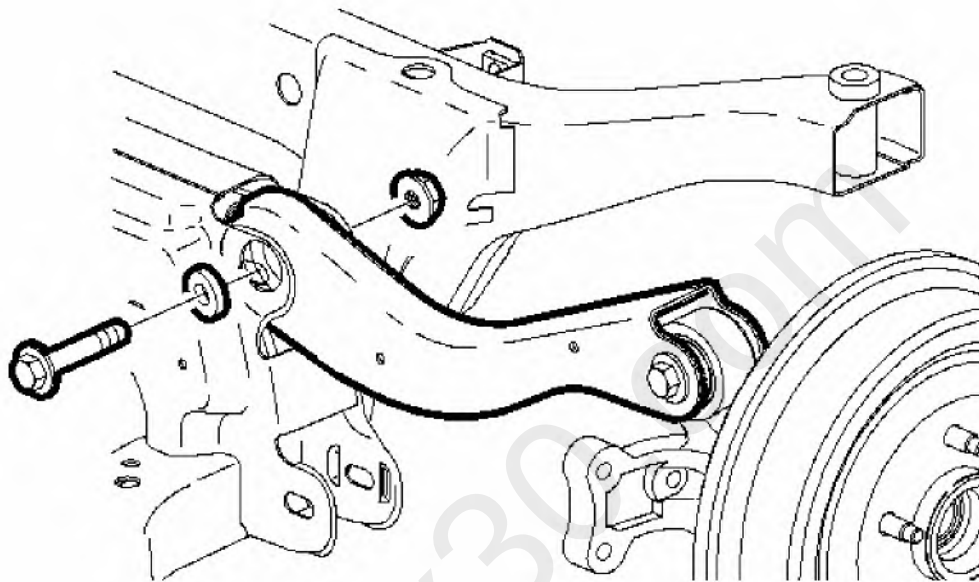


Fig. 25: Rear Axle Upper Control Arm, Support Nut & Bolt
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5. Remove the upper control to support nut and bolt.
6. Remove the upper control arm.

Installation Procedure

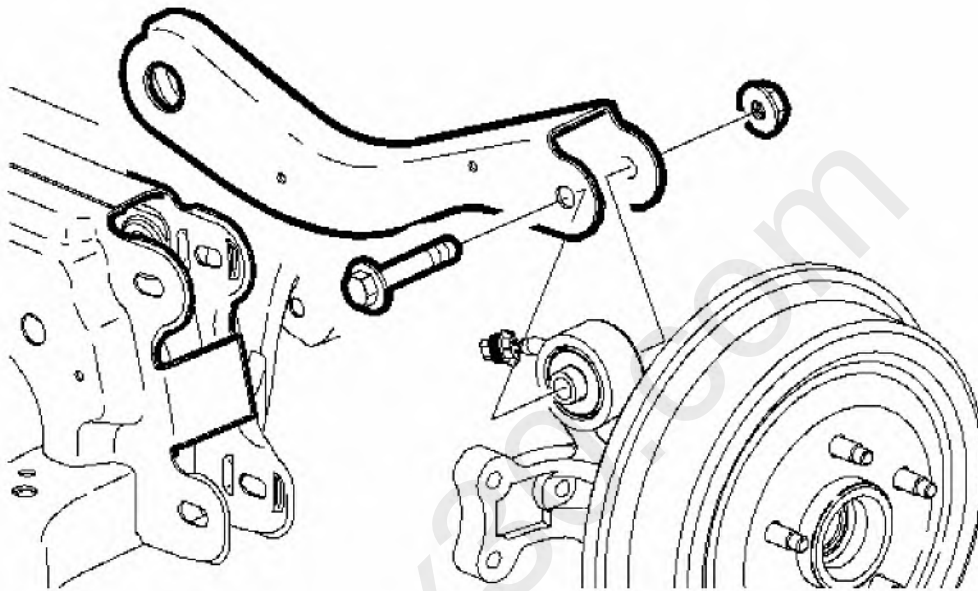


Fig. 26: Rear Axle Upper Control Arm, Knuckle Nut & Bolt
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1. Install the upper control arm to the knuckle.
2. Loosely install the upper control arm to knuckle nut and bolt.

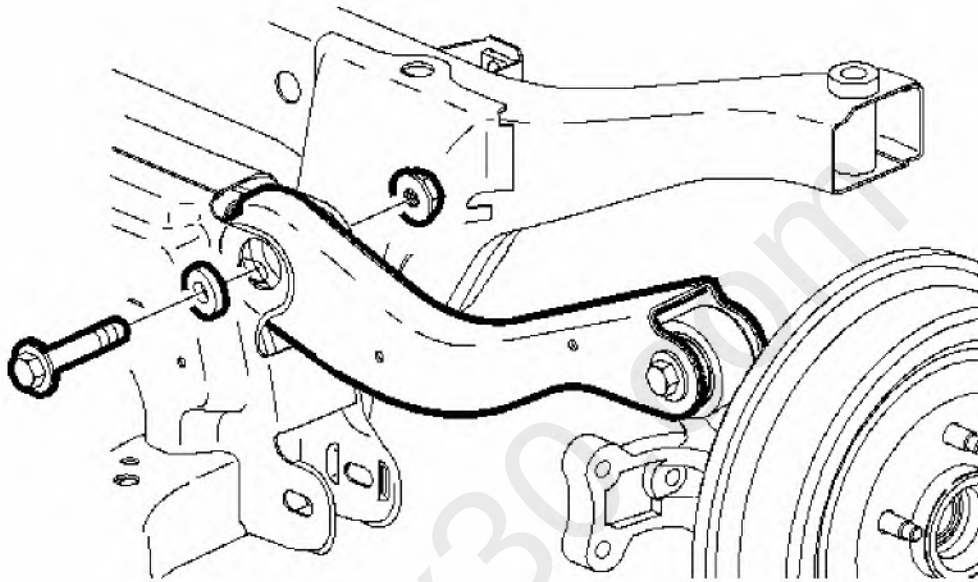


Fig. 27: Rear Axle Upper Control Arm, Support Nut & Bolt
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3. Install the upper control to support bolt and cam nut.

NOTE: Refer to Fastener Notice in Cautions and Notices.

4. Tighten the upper control arm to knuckle nut and bolt.

Tighten: Tighten the nut and bolt to 160 N.m (118 lb ft).

5. Tighten the upper control arm to support bolt.

Tighten: Tighten the upper control arm to support bolt to 160 N.m (118 lb ft).

6. If applicable, install the ABS harness to the upper control arm.

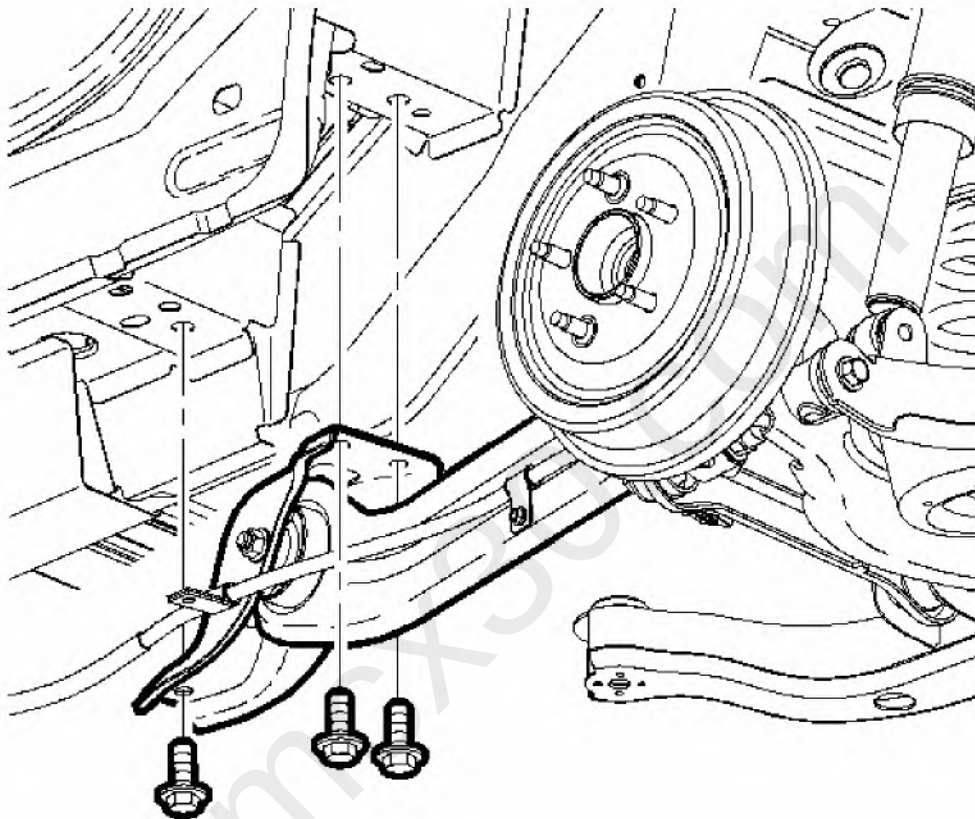


Fig. 28: View Of Trailing Arm Bracket To Body Bolts
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7. Push upward on the trailing arm and loosely install the front bolt.
8. Use a drift to align the remaining bolts.

Tighten: Tighten the trailing arm bracket to body bolts to 110 N.m (81 lb ft).

9. Lower the vehicle.
10. Check the rear alignment. Refer to **Measuring Wheel Alignment** in Wheel Alignment.

Removal Procedure

1. Raise and support the vehicle. Refer to **Lifting and Jacking the Vehicle** in General Information.
2. Remove the tire and wheel. Refer to **Tire and Wheel Removal and Installation** in Tires and Wheels.

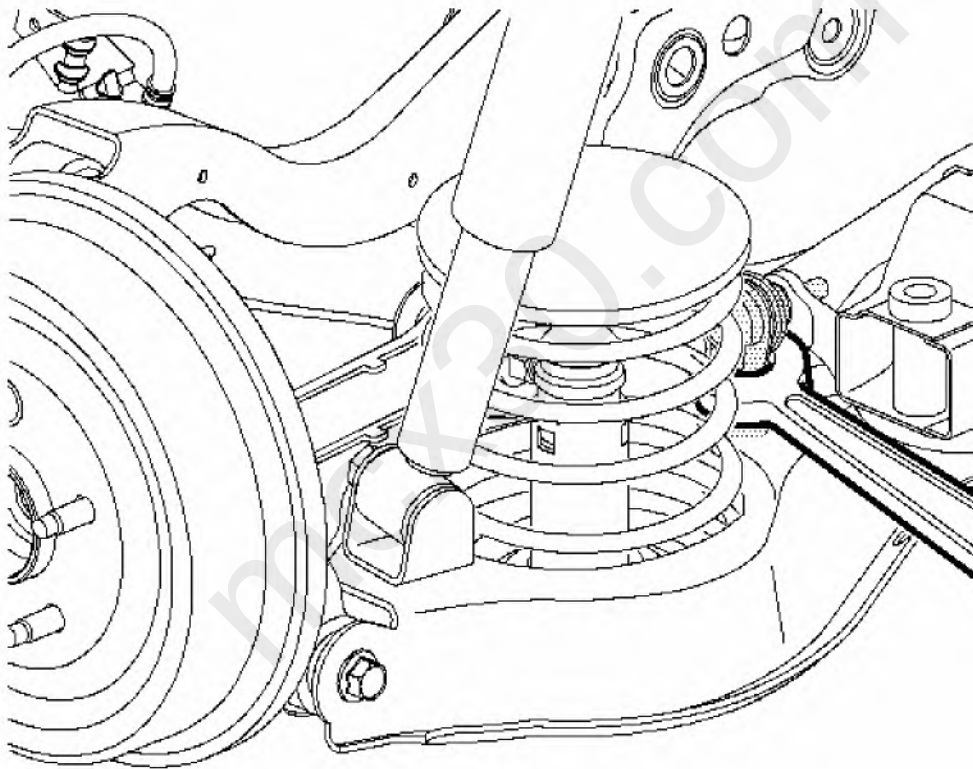


Fig. 29: View Of Stabilizer Link At Lower Control Arm Nut
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IMPORTANT: Hold the link with a wrench during nut removal.

3. Remove the stabilizer link to lower control arm nut.

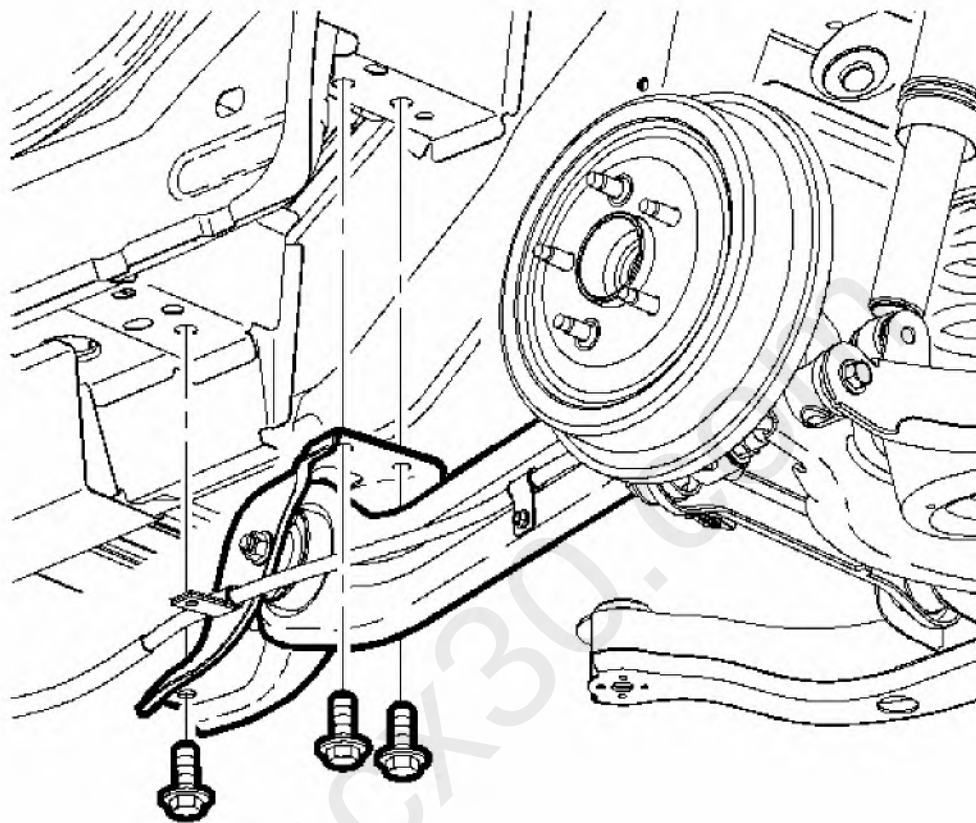


Fig. 30: View Of Trailing Arm Bracket To Body Bolts
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4. Remove the trailing arm bracket to underbody bolts.

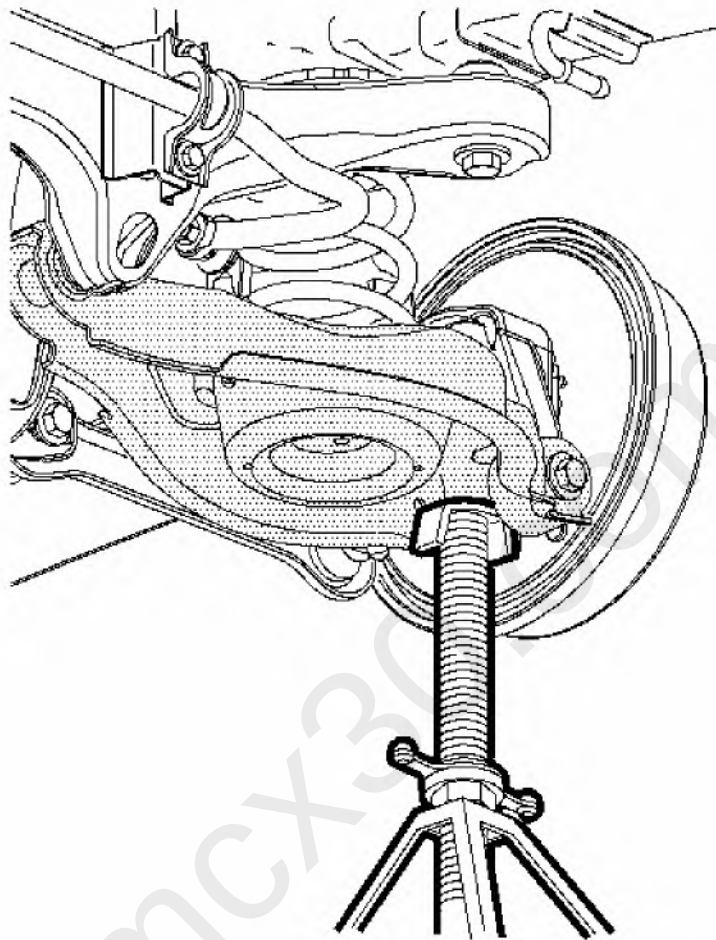


Fig. 31: Positioning Support Stand Under The Lower Control Arm
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5. Place a screw type jack stand under the lower control arm.
6. Using the jackstand, compress the coil spring.

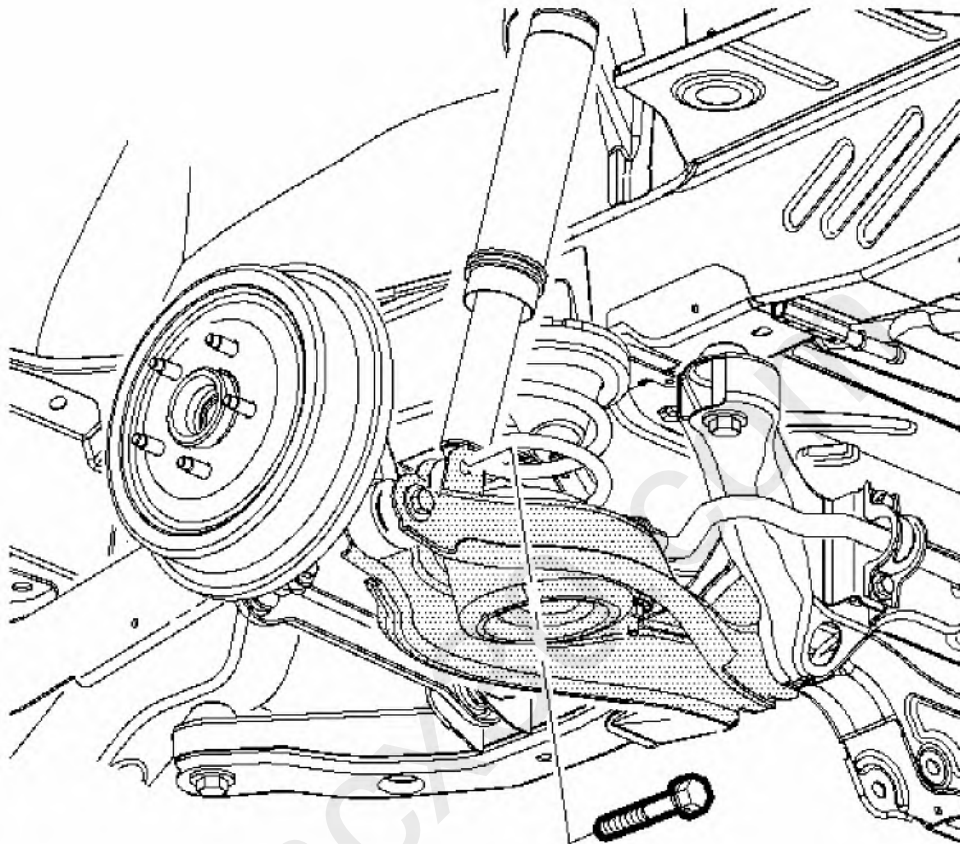


Fig. 32: Removing/Installing Lower Shock Absorber Mounting Bolt & Nut
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7. Remove the lower shock bolt.

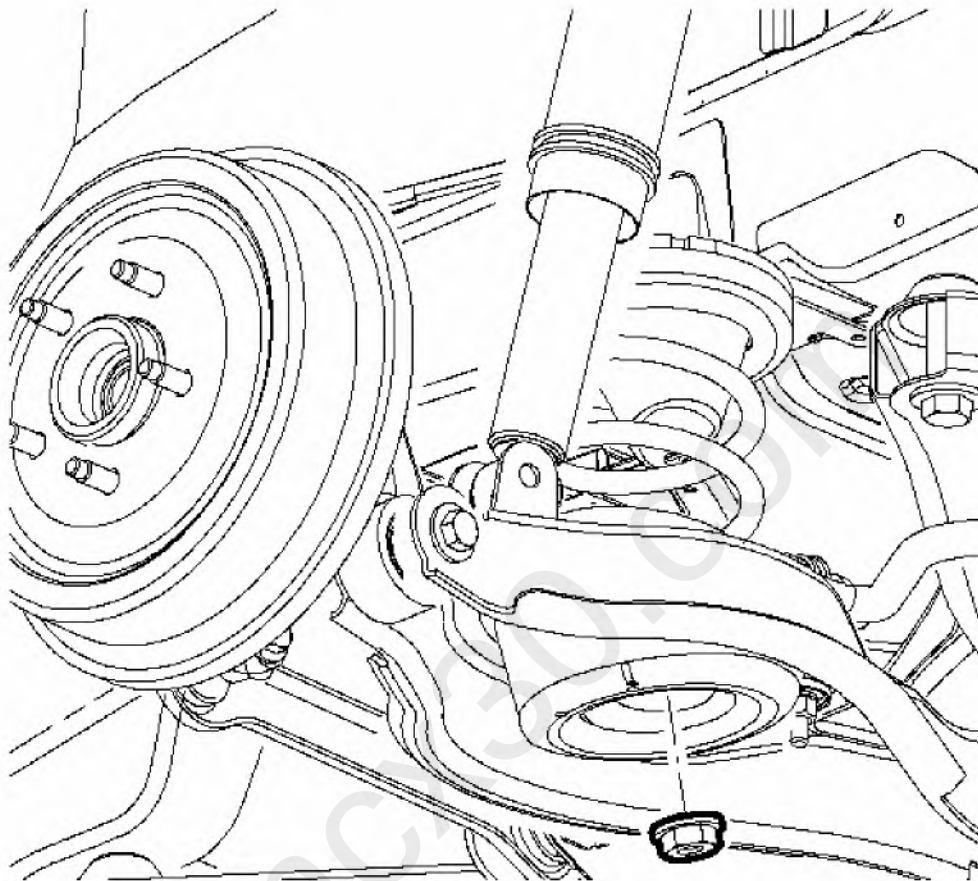


Fig. 33: View Of Lower Suspension Jounce Bumper Nut
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8. Remove the jounce bumper nut at the lower control arm.

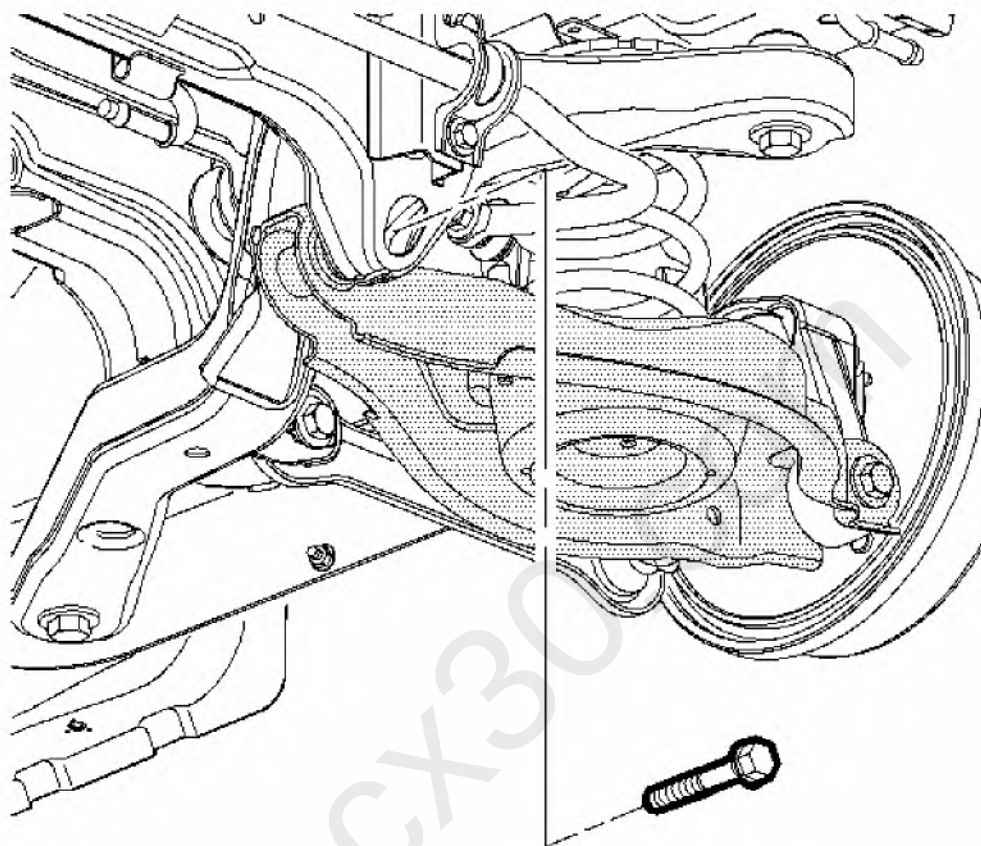


Fig. 34: Lower Control Arm & Frame Bolt
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9. Loosen the lower control arm to support the frame bolt.

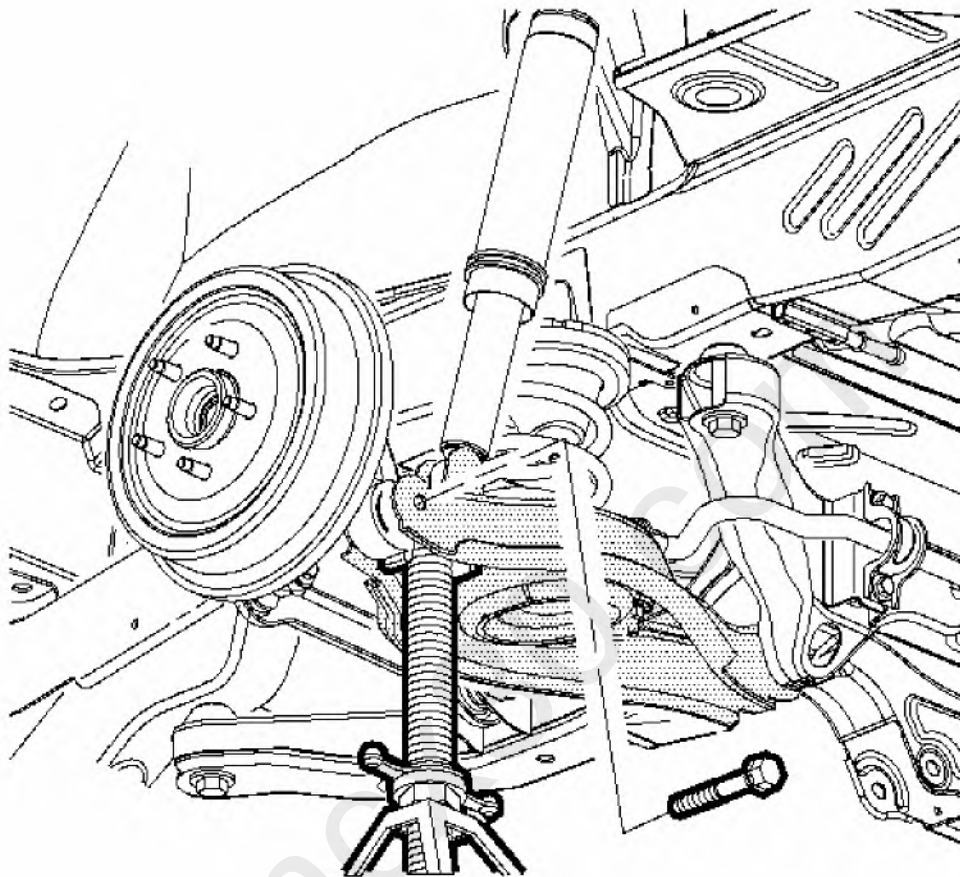


Fig. 35: Removing/Installing Lower Control Arm On The Suspension Knuckle Bolt & Nut
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10. Remove the lower control arm to knuckle nut and bolt.

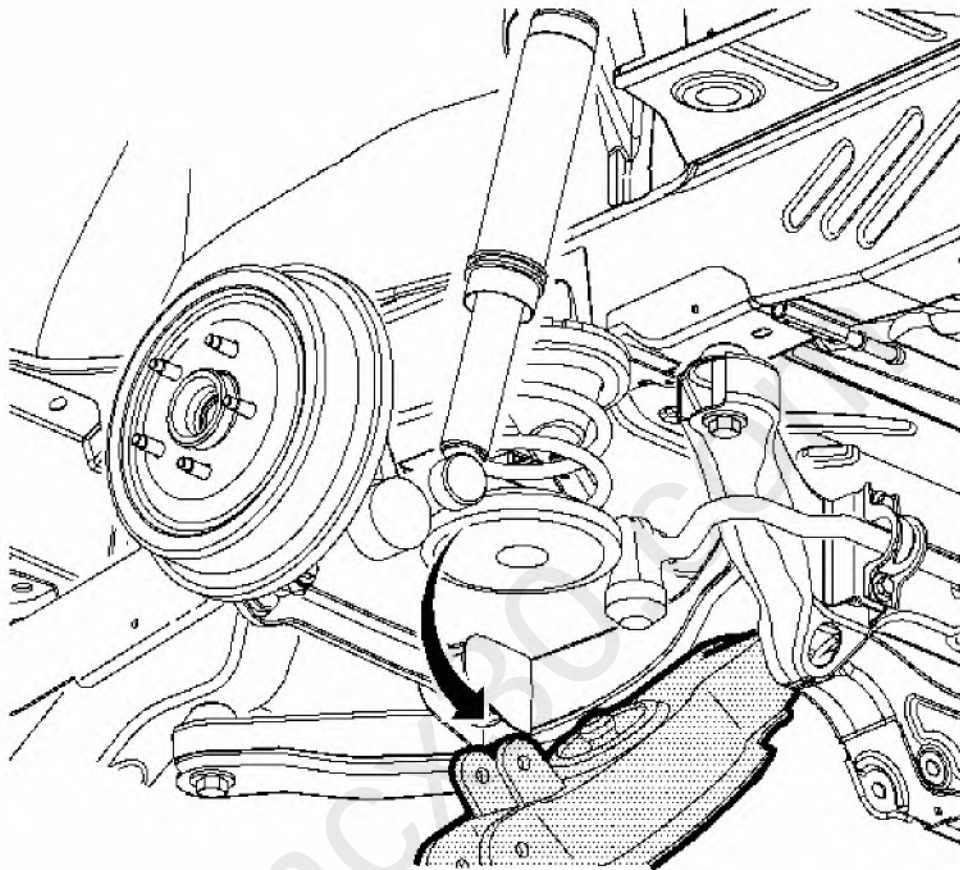


Fig. 36: Lowering Support Stand Slowly Until Coil Spring Tension Relieved
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11. Lower the control arm in order to unload the coil spring.
12. Remove the coil spring.
13. Remove the jounce bumper.
14. Remove the control arm support nut and bolt.
15. Remove the lower control arm.

Installation Procedure

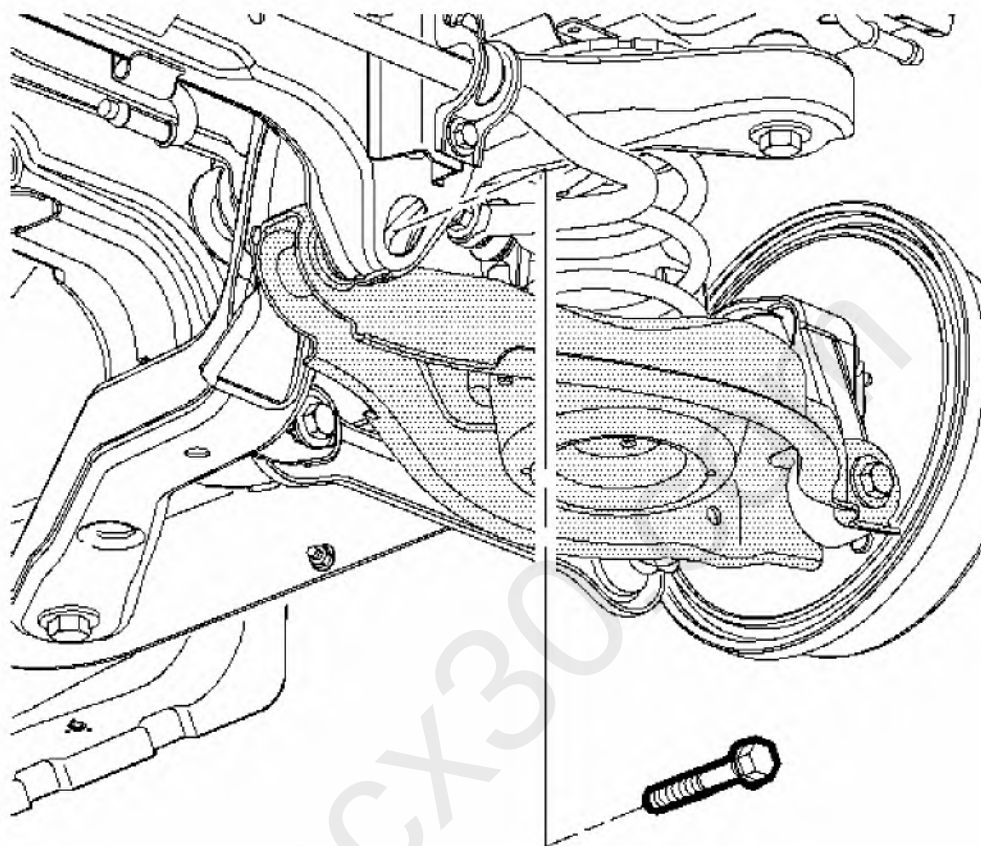


Fig. 37: Lower Control Arm & Frame Bolt
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1. Position the lower control to the support and hand tighten the bolt and nut.

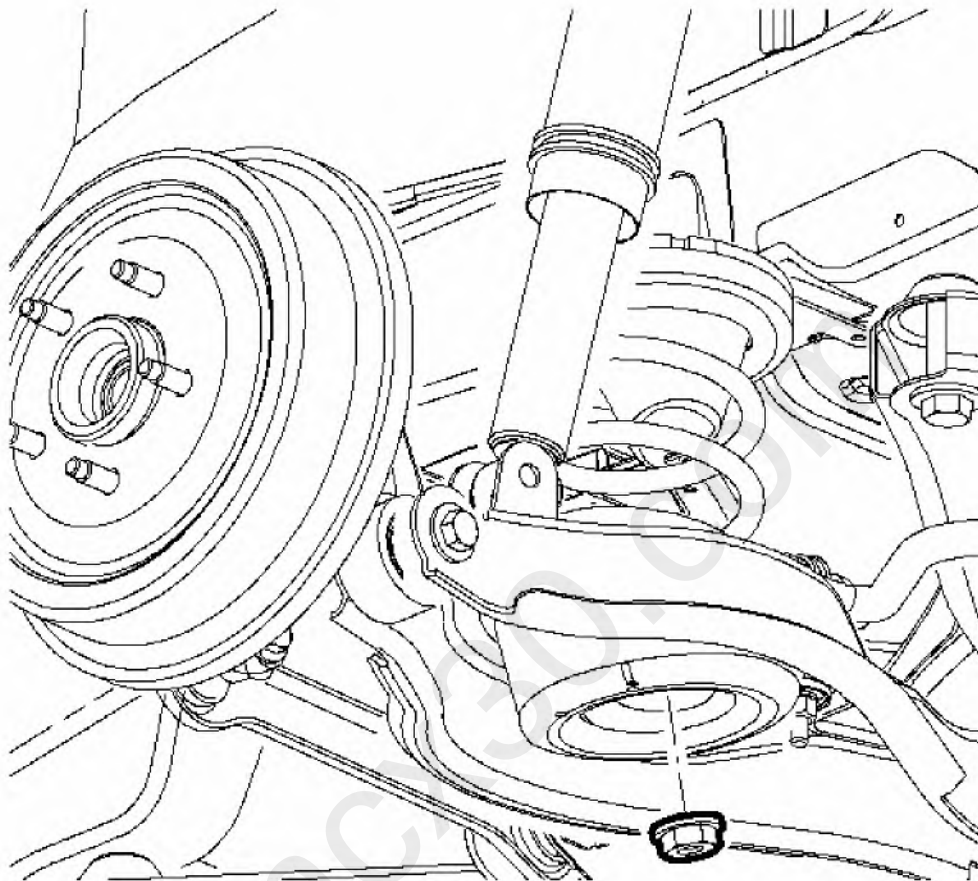


Fig. 38: View Of Lower Suspension Jounce Bumper Nut
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2. Install the spring and jounce bumper to the lower control arm; then hand tighten the jounce bumper nut.

IMPORTANT:

- Spray silicon lubricant on the insulators to aid in installation.
- Ensure the spring is properly seated.

3. Position the spring with the rubber insulators into the vehicle.
4. Use a screw type jack stand to compress the spring.

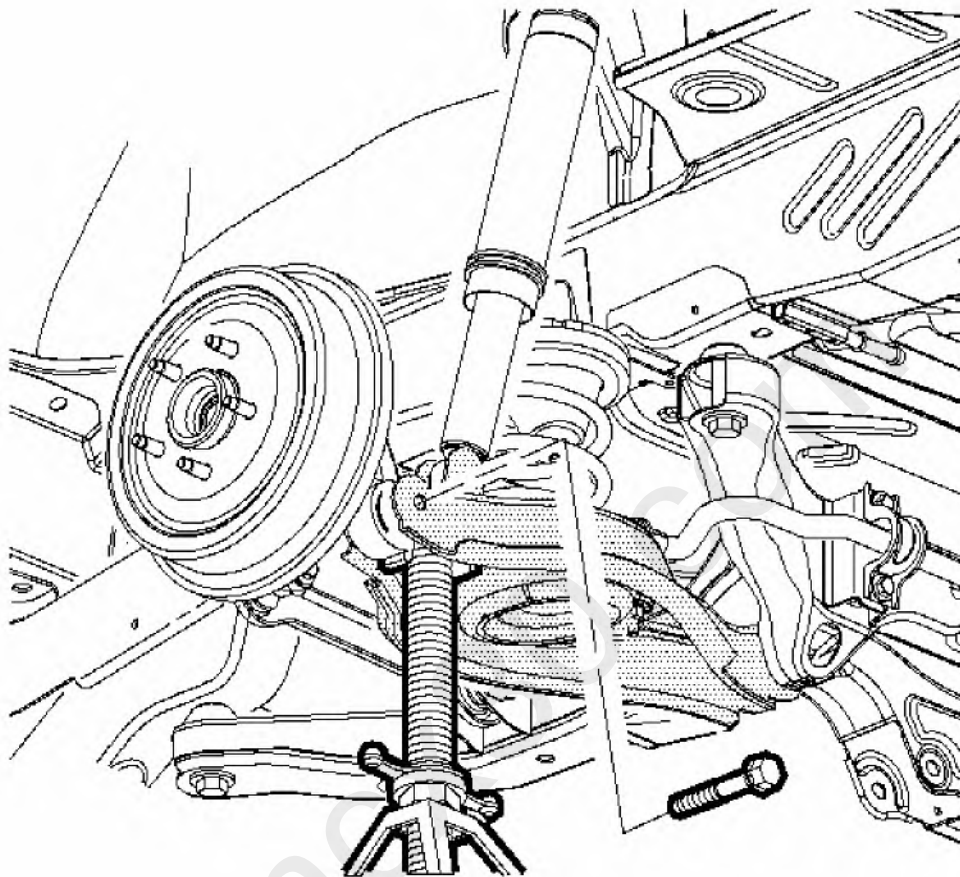


Fig. 39: Removing/Installing Lower Control Arm On The Suspension Knuckle Bolt & Nut

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NOTE: Refer to Fastener Notice in Cautions and Notices.

5. Install the knuckle to the lower control arm.

Tighten: Tighten the lower control arm to knuckle nut and bolt to 160 N.m (118 lb ft).

6. Tighten the lower control arm to support nut and bolt.

Tighten: Tighten the nut and bolt to 110 N.m (81 lb ft).

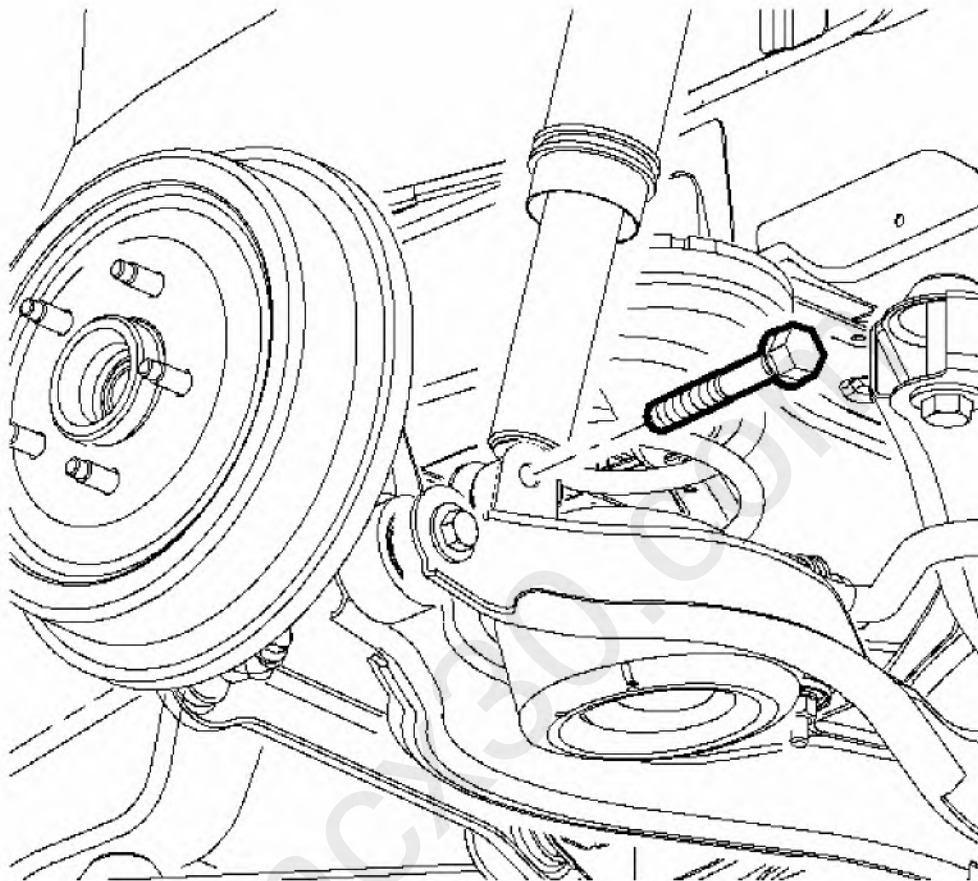


Fig. 40: Shock & Lower Control Arm
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7. Install the shock to the lower control arm.

Tighten: Tighten the lower shock bolt to 110 N.m (81 lb ft).

8. Remove the jack stand.

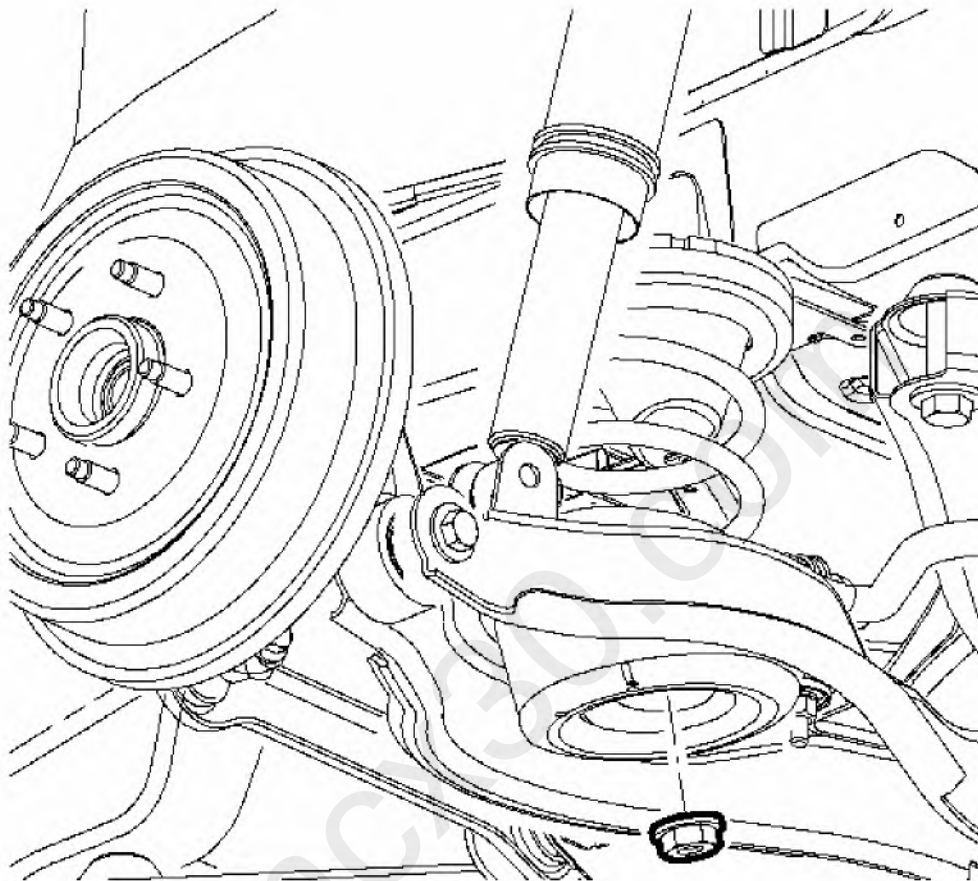


Fig. 41: View Of Lower Suspension Jounce Bumper Nut
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9. Tighten the jounce bumper to the lower control arm nut.

Tighten: Tighten the nut to 63 N.m (46 lb ft).

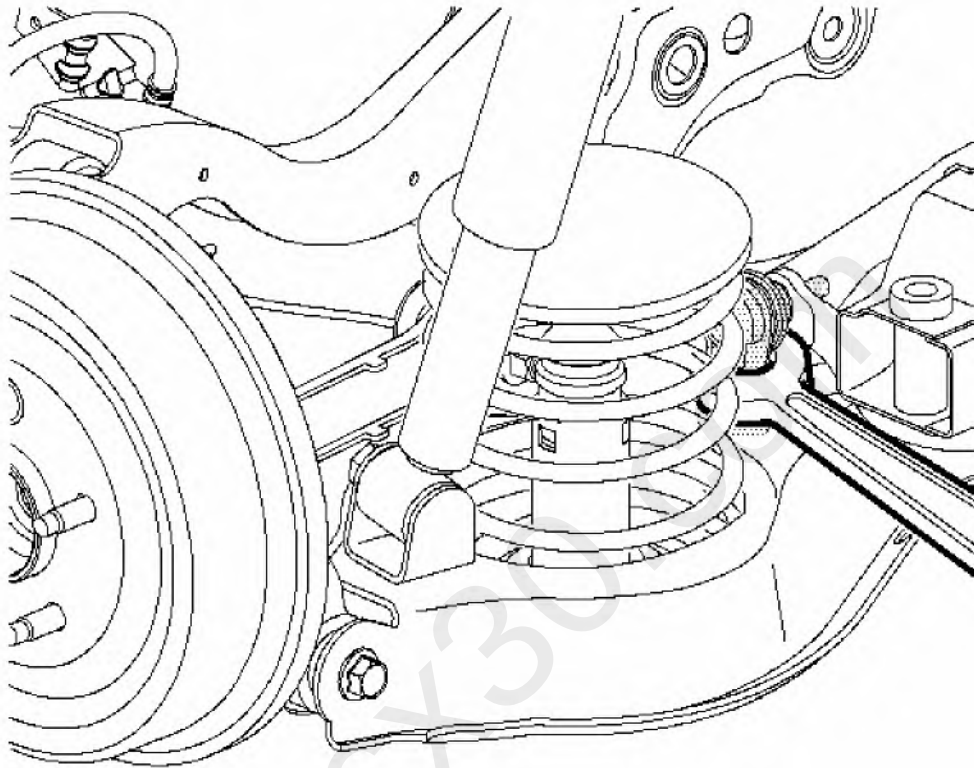


Fig. 42: View Of Stabilizer Link At Lower Control Arm Nut
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: Hold the link with a wrench during nut installation.

10. Install the stabilizer link to the lower control arm.

Tighten: Tighten the nut to 15 N.m (11 lb ft).

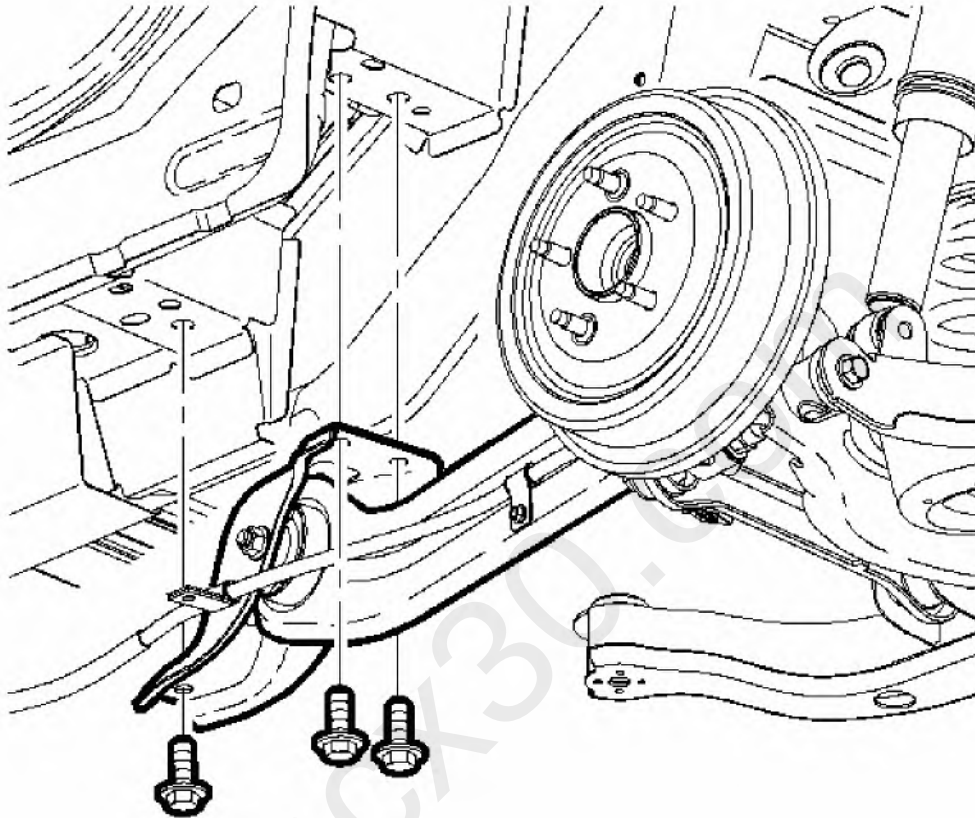


Fig. 43: View Of Trailing Arm Bracket To Body Bolts
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

11. Push the trailing arm upward to align the front bracket to the body bolt.
12. Use a drift to aid in bracket alignment and install the remaining bolts.

Tighten: Tighten the bracket to body bolts to 110 N.m (81 lb ft).

13. Install the tire and wheel. Refer to **Tire and Wheel Removal and Installation** in Tires and Wheels.
14. Lower the vehicle.
15. Check the rear alignment. Refer to **Measuring Wheel Alignment** in Wheel Alignment.

Tools Required

J 45097 Rear Control Arm Bushing Remover. See **Special Tools**.

Removal Procedure

1. Remove the lower control arm. Refer to **Rear Axle Lower Control Arm Replacement**.

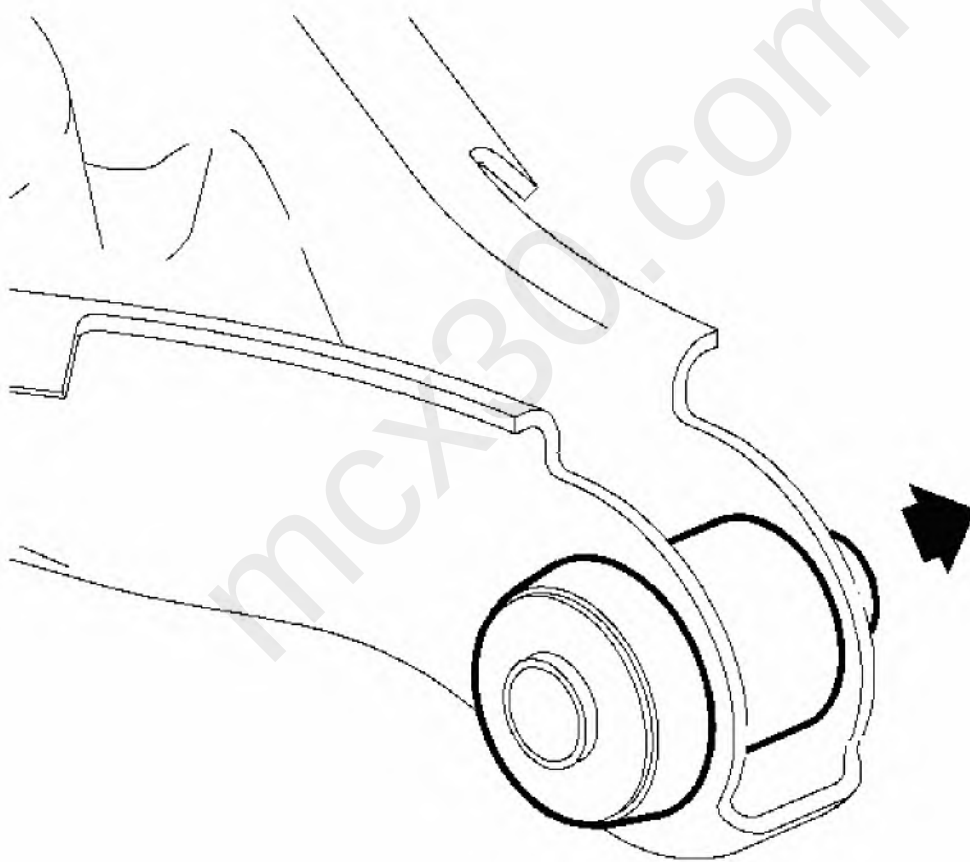


Fig. 44: Bushing & J 45097
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

2. Using the **J 45097**, remove the bushing in the direction of the arrow. See **Special Tools**.

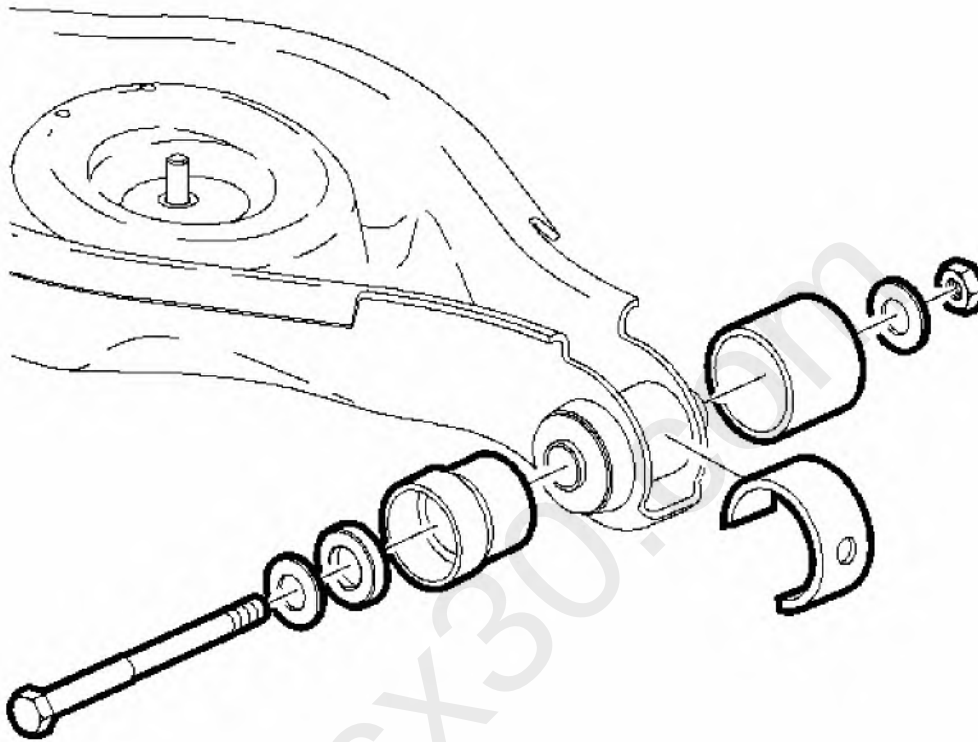


Fig. 45: Push Out Socket & Control Arm
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

3. Install the push out socket against the bushing from the flanged side of the control arm.
4. Install the through bolt with the washer and bearing against the push out socket.
5. Install a backing socket against the control arm, opposite of the flange.
6. Install the stabilizer between the control arm ears.
7. Install flat washer and nut.

IMPORTANT: Apply high pressure lube to the threads of the tool.

8. Tighten the nut until the bushing is removed.

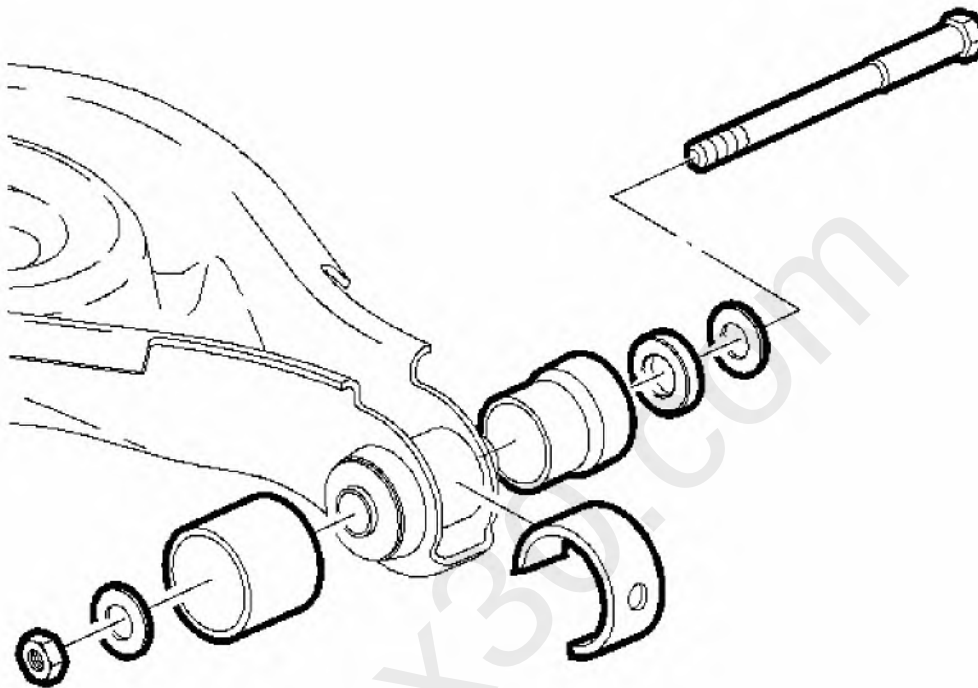


Fig. 46: Bushing, Lower Control Arm, Nut & J 45097
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: Apply high pressure lube to the threads of the tool.

1. Install a new bushing from the opposite direction.
2. Using the **J 45097** , reverse the tool layout from the removal procedure. See **Special Tools**.
3. Tighten the nut until the bushing is fully installed.
4. Install the lower control arm. Refer to **Rear Axle Lower Control Arm Replacement**.

STABILIZER SHAFT REPLACEMENT

Removal Procedure

1. Raise and support the vehicle. Refer to **Lifting and Jacking the Vehicle** in General Information.

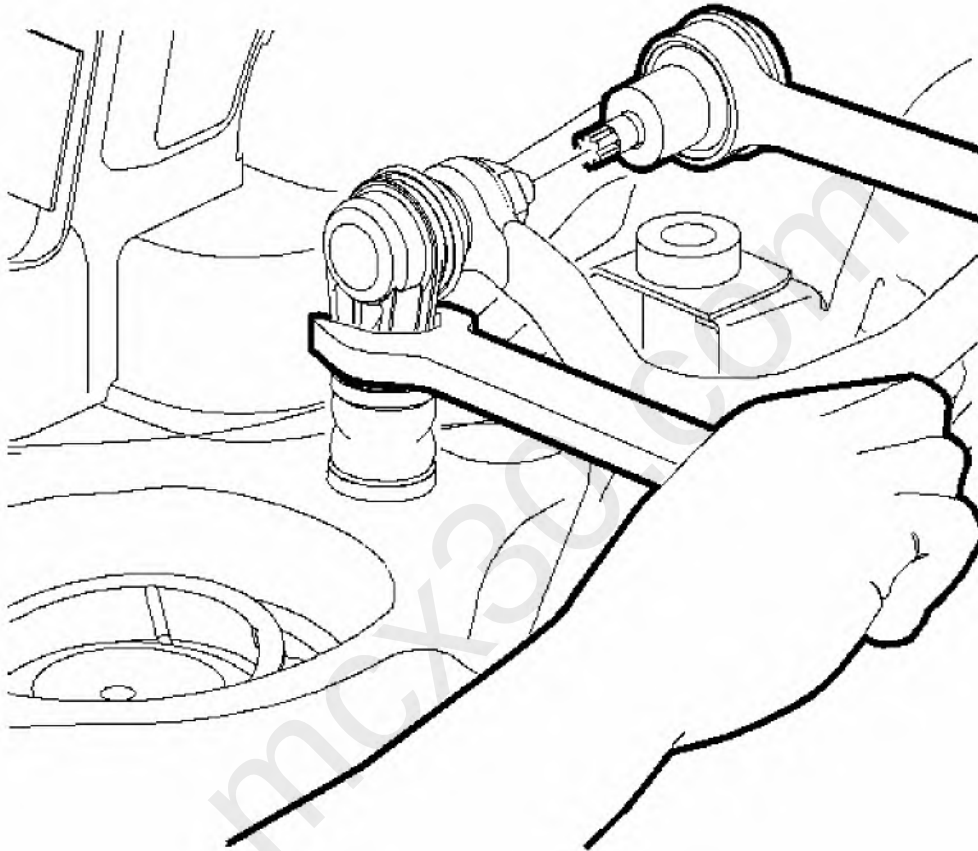


Fig. 47: Stabilizer Link & Stabilizer Bar Nut
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: Hold the ball shaft secure with a TORX® bit, when removing the nut.

2. Remove the stabilizer link to stabilizer bar nut.

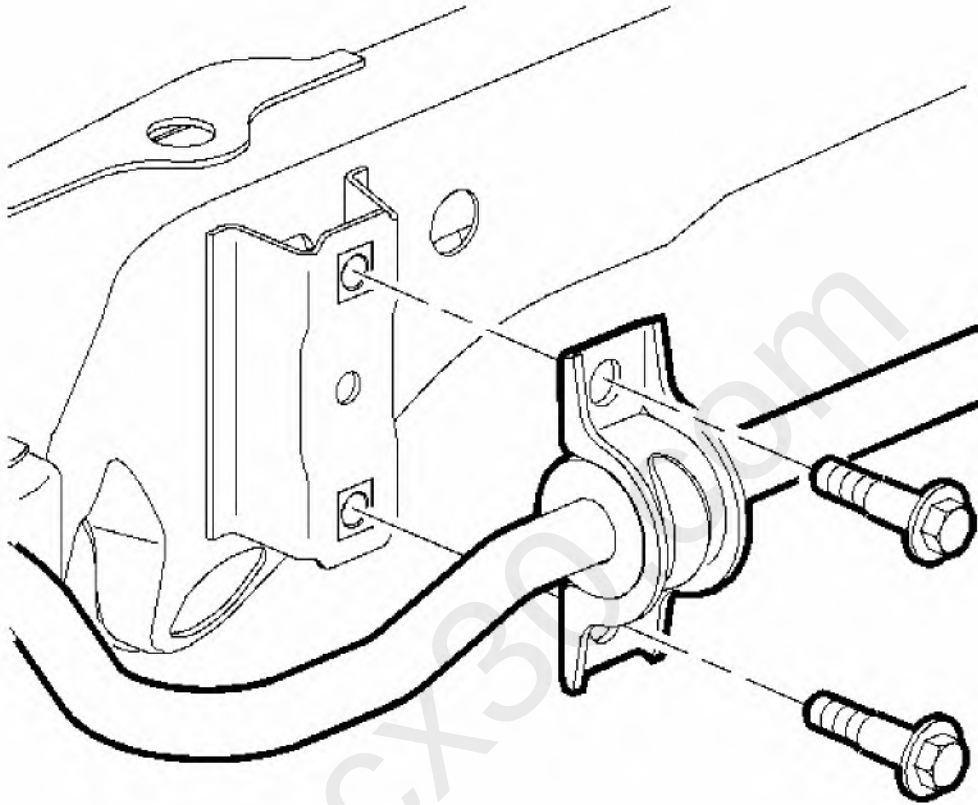


Fig. 48: View Of Stabilizer Bar Clamp & Bolts
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

3. Remove the stabilizer bar clamp bolts.
4. Disengage the stabilizer bar from the stabilizer link ball studs, while removing the stabilizer bar from the vehicle.

Installation Procedure

1. Position the stabilizer in the vehicle, while positioning the links to the stabilizer bar.

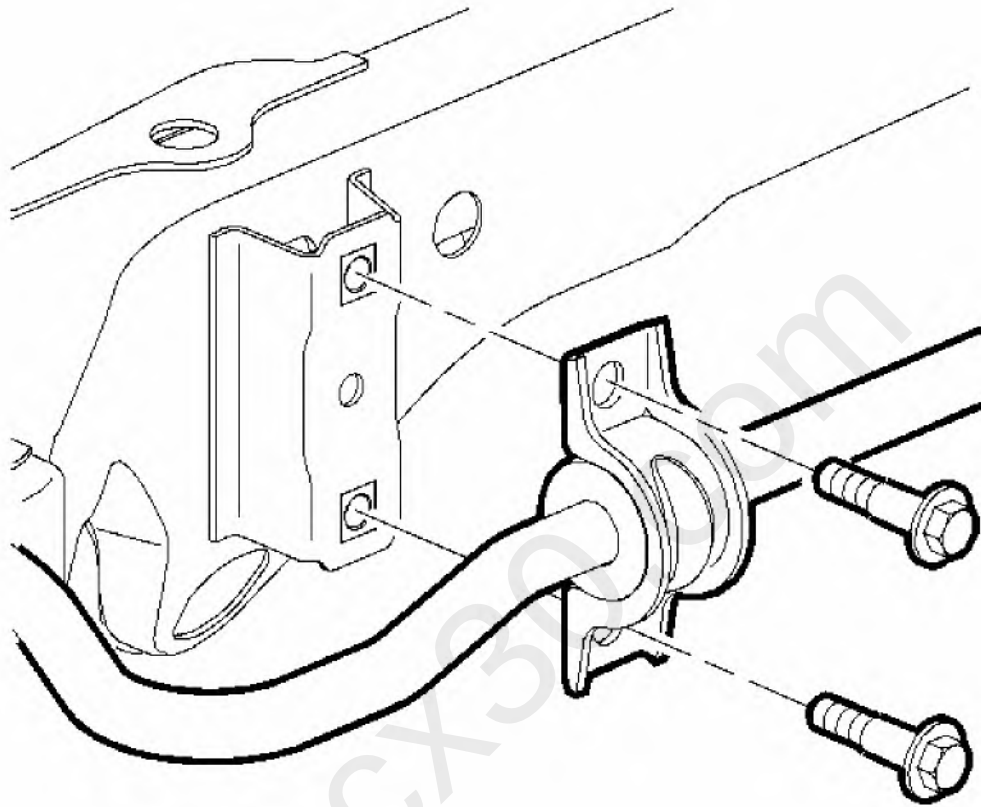


Fig. 49: View Of Stabilizer Bar Clamp & Bolts
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

NOTE: Refer to Fastener Notice in Cautions and Notices.

2. Install the stabilizer bar clamp bolts.

Tighten: Tighten the bolts to 70 N.m (52 lb ft).

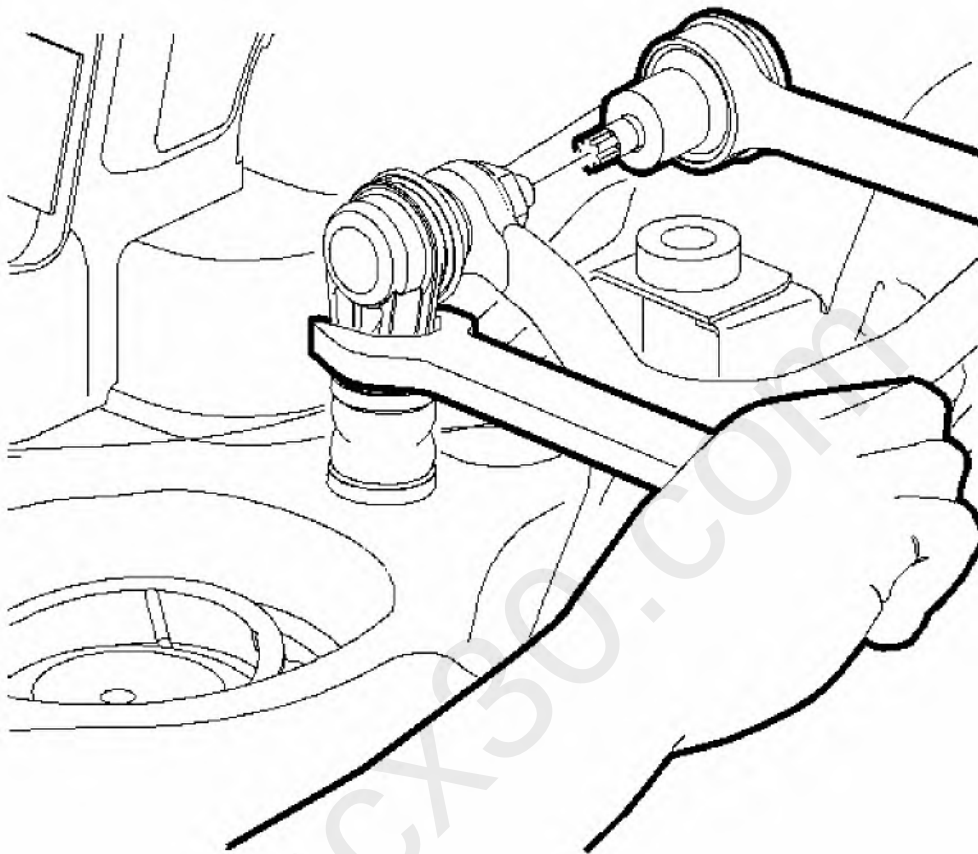


Fig. 50: Stabilizer Link & Stabilizer Bar Nut
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: Hold the ball shaft secure with a TORX® bit, when installing the nut.

3. Install the stabilizer link to stabilizer bar nut.

Tighten: Tighten the nut to 57 N.m (42 lb ft).

4. Lower the vehicle.

STABILIZER SHAFT INSULATOR REPLACEMENT

Removal Procedure

1. Raise and support the vehicle. Refer to **Lifting and Jacking the Vehicle** in General Information.

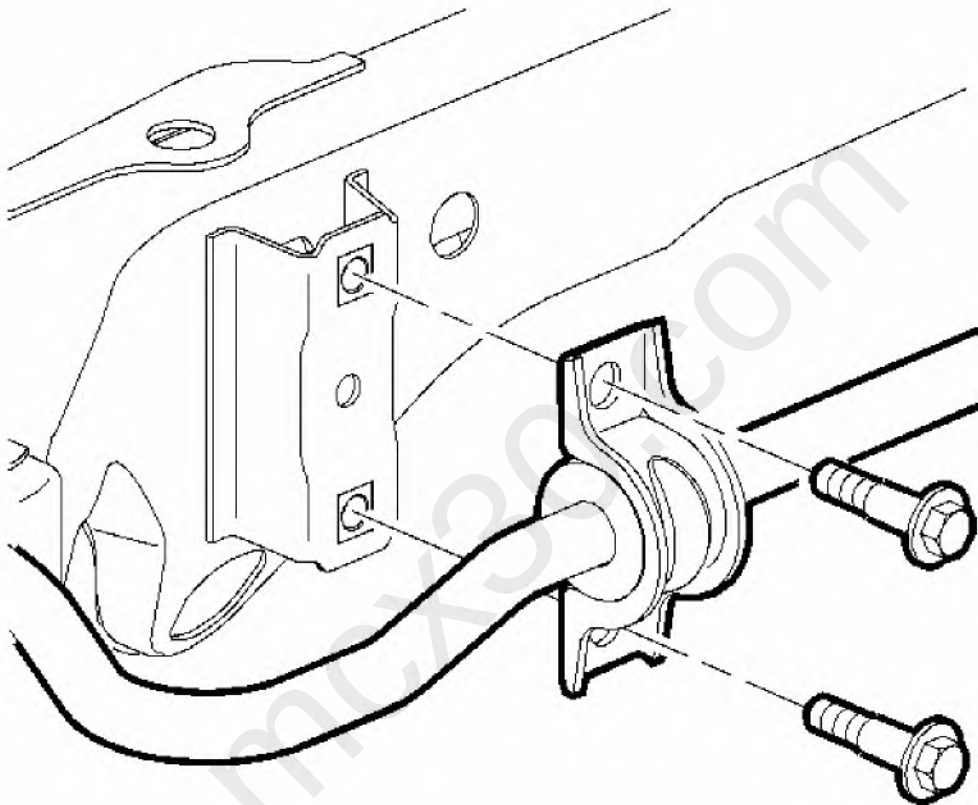


Fig. 51: View Of Stabilizer Bar Clamp & Bolts
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

2. Remove the stabilizer bar clamp bolts.
3. Remove the insulators from the stabilizer bar.

Installation Procedure

1. Install the insulators the stabilizer bar.

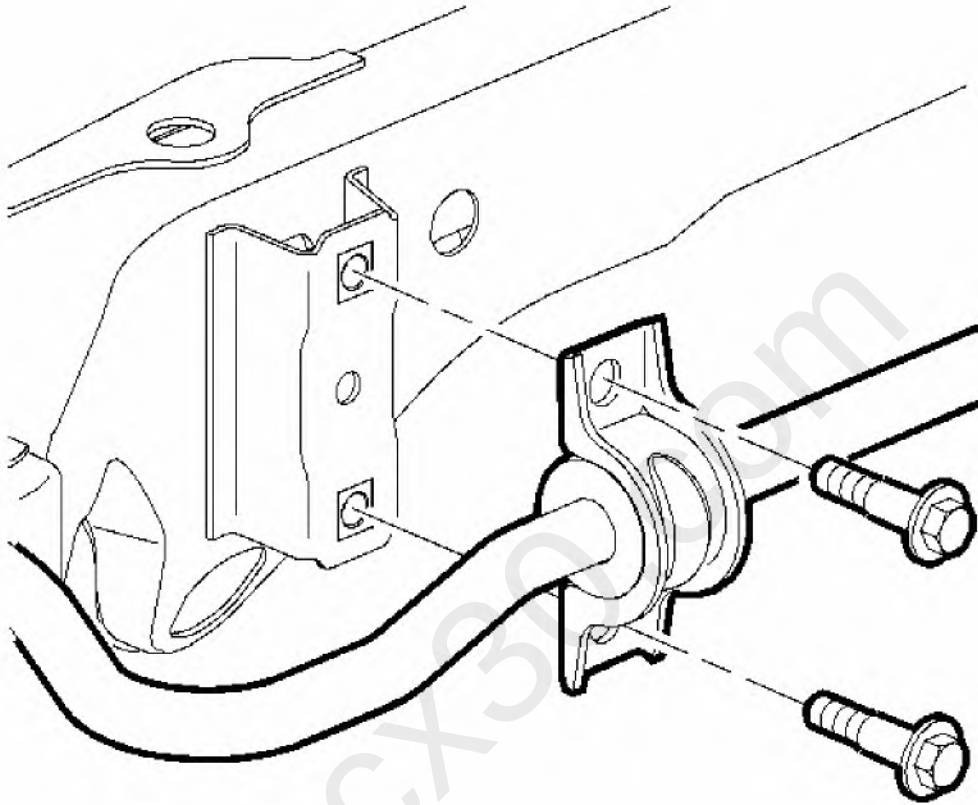


Fig. 52: View Of Stabilizer Bar Clamp & Bolts
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

NOTE: Refer to Fastener Notice in Cautions and Notices.

2. Install the stabilizer bar clamp bolts.

Tighten: Tighten the bolts to 70 N.m (52 lb ft).

3. Lower the vehicle. Refer to Lifting and Jacking the Vehicle in General Information.

STABILIZER SHAFT LINK REPLACEMENT

Removal Procedure

1. Raise and support the vehicle. Refer to **Lifting and Jacking the Vehicle** in General Information.

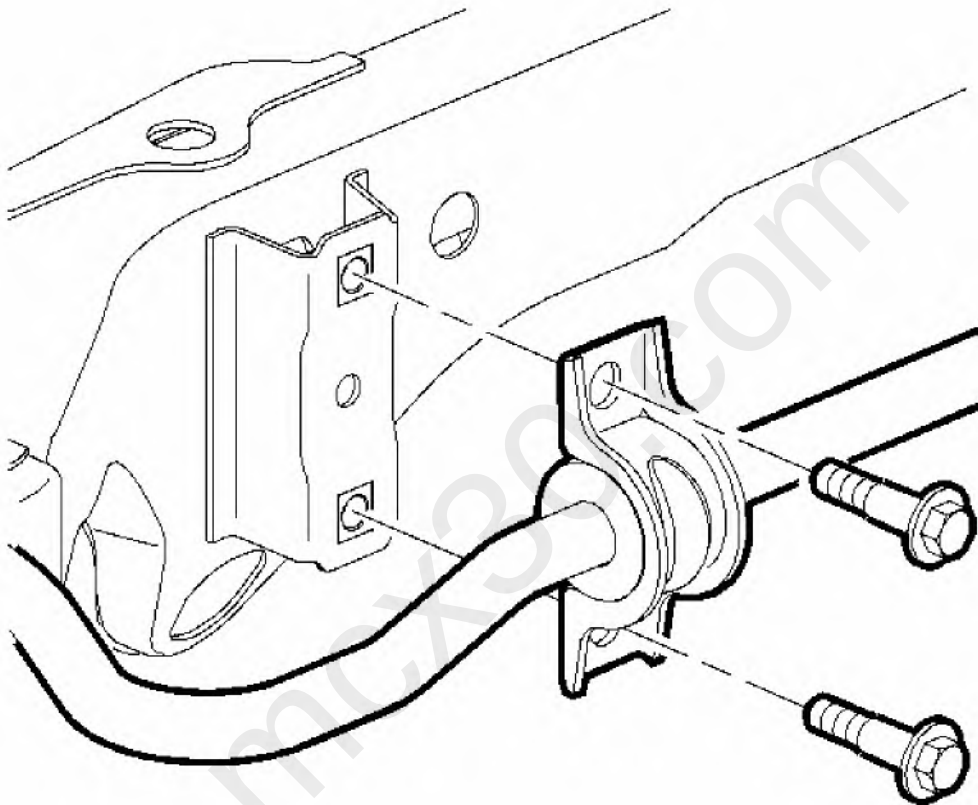


Fig. 53: View Of Stabilizer Bar Clamp & Bolts
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

2. Loosen the stabilizer bar clamp bolts.

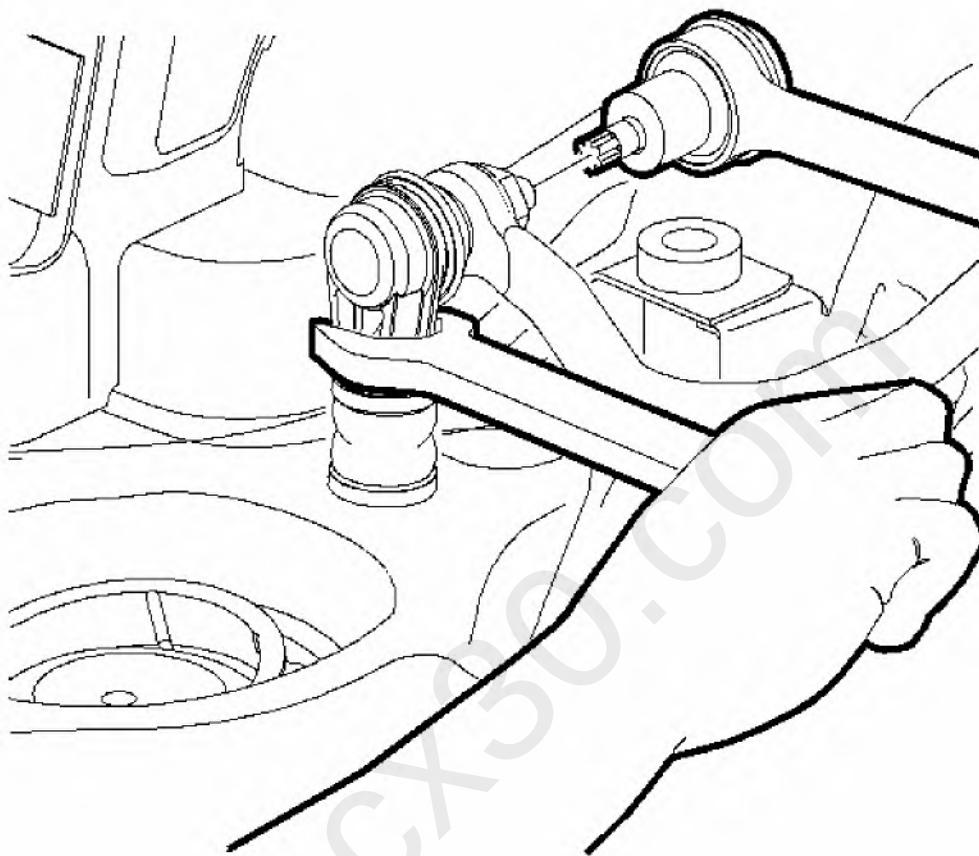


Fig. 54: Stabilizer Link & Stabilizer Bar Nut
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: Hold the ball shaft secure with a TORX® bit, when removing the nut.

3. Remove the stabilizer link to stabilizer bar nut.

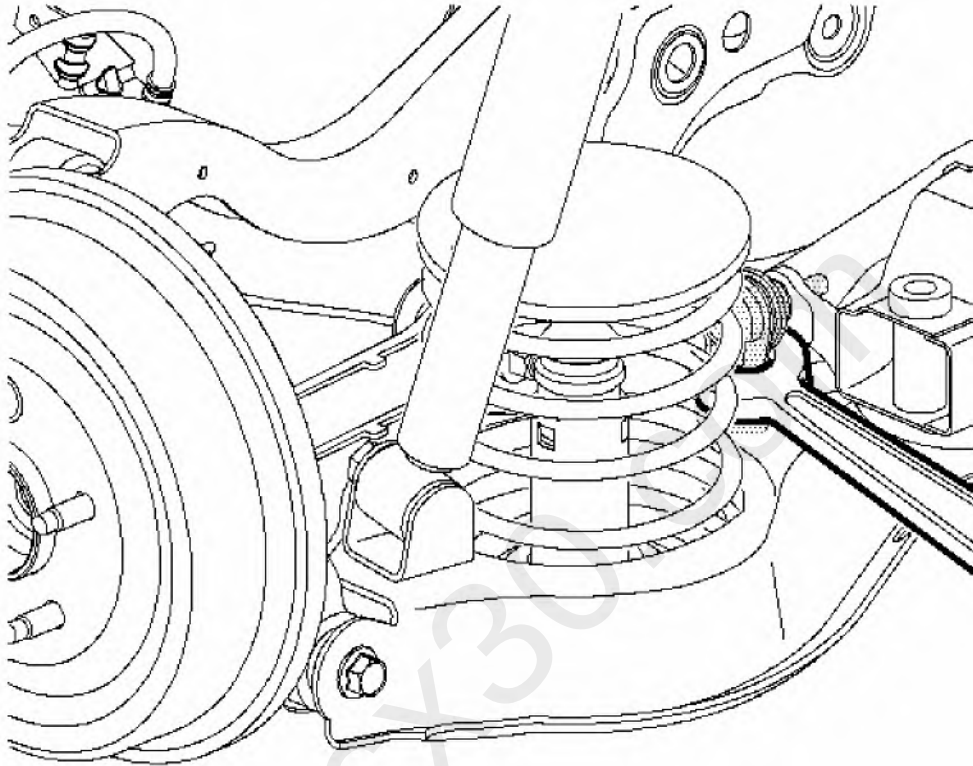


Fig. 55: View Of Stabilizer Link At Lower Control Arm Nut
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: When disconnecting the stabilizer link, hold the link with a wrench to prevent turning.

4. Remove the stabilizer link to control arm nut.
5. Remove the stabilizer link from the vehicle.

Installation Procedure

1. Position the stabilizer link through the control arm.

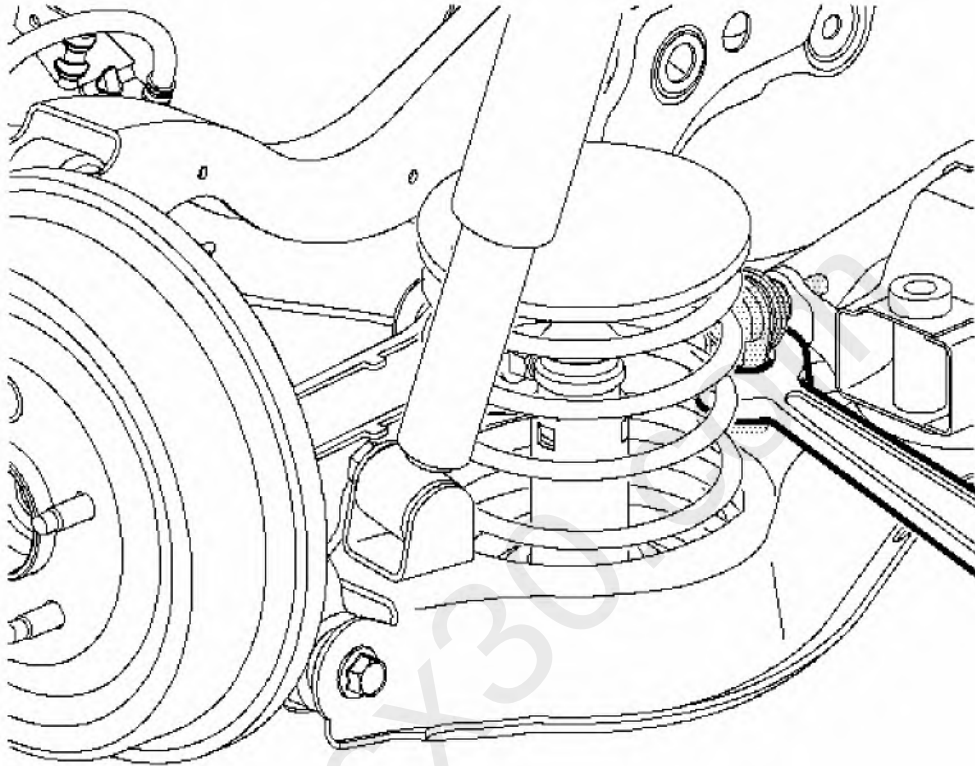


Fig. 56: View Of Stabilizer Link At Lower Control Arm Nut
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

NOTE: Refer to Fastener Notice in Cautions and Notices.

IMPORTANT: When connecting the stabilizer link, hold the link with a wrench to prevent turning.

2. Install the stabilizer link to control arm nut.

Tighten: Tighten the nut to 15 N.m (11 lb ft).

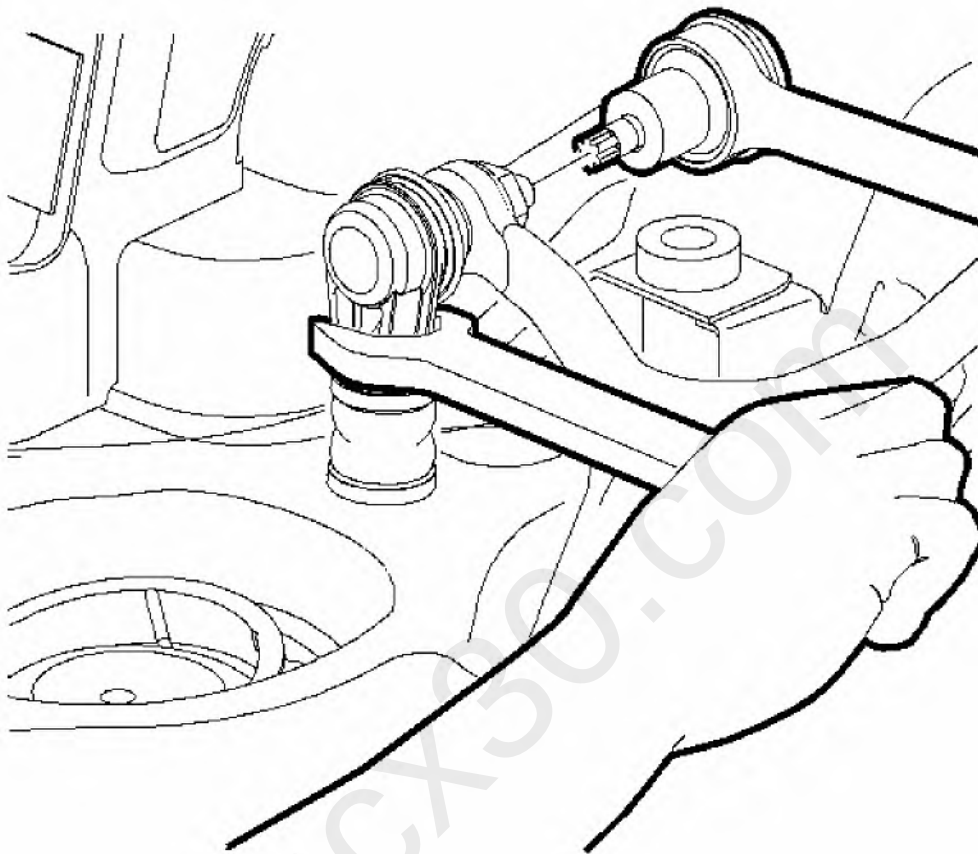


Fig. 57: Stabilizer Link & Stabilizer Bar Nut
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: Hold the ball shaft secure with a TORX® bit, when installing the nut.

3. Install the stabilizer link to stabilizer bar nut.

Tighten: Tighten the nut to 57 N.m (42 lb ft).

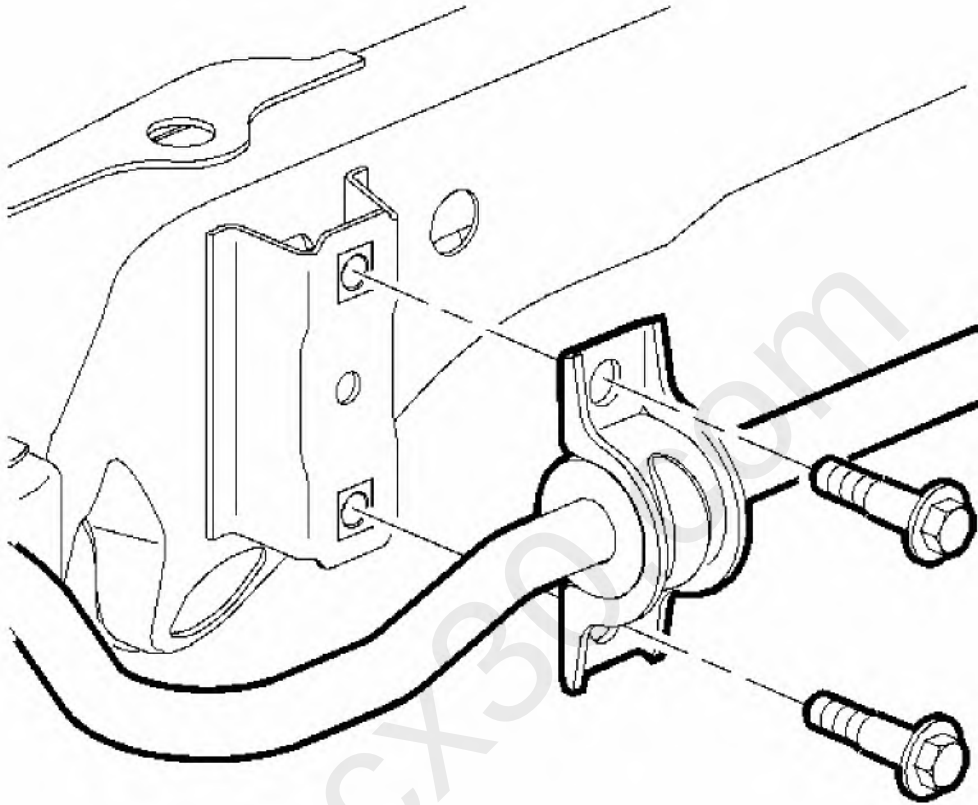


Fig. 58: View Of Stabilizer Bar Clamp & Bolts
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

4. Install the stabilizer bar clamp bolts.

Tighten: Tighten the bolts to 70 N.m (52 lb ft).

5. Lower the vehicle.

SHOCK ABSORBER REPLACEMENT

Removal Procedure

1. Raise and support the vehicle. Refer to Lifting and Jacking the Vehicle in General Information.

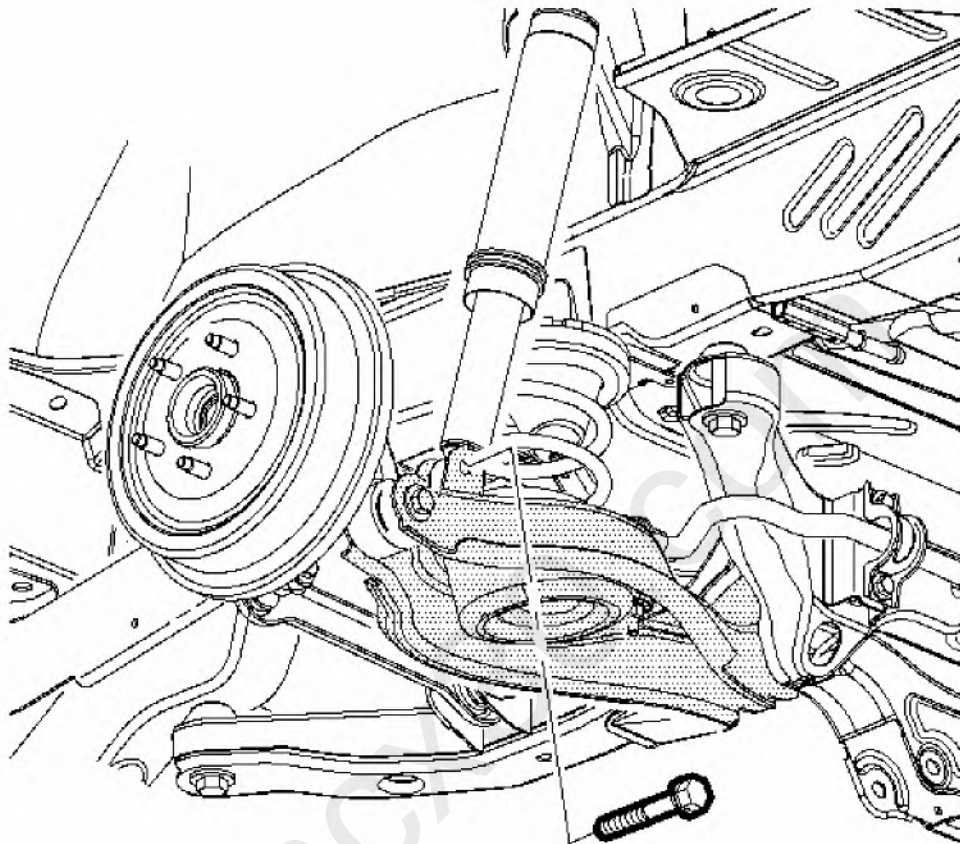


Fig. 59: Removing/Installing Lower Shock Absorber Mounting Bolt & Nut
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

2. Remove the lower shock bolt.
3. For right side only, remove splash shield.

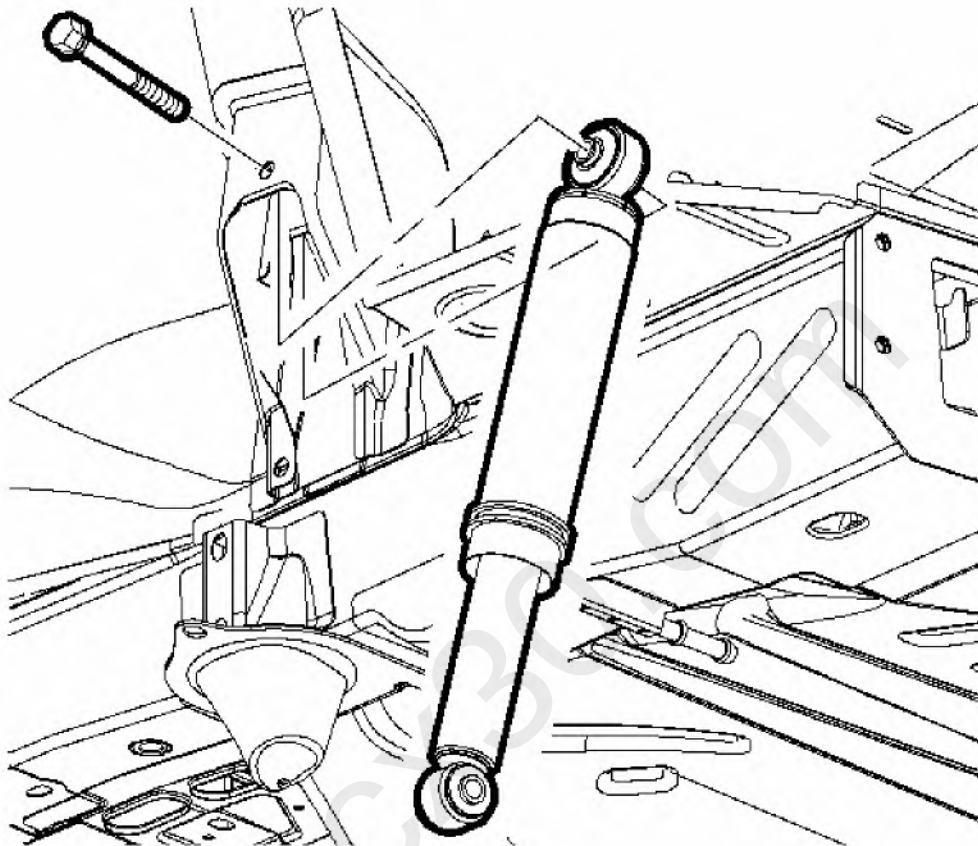


Fig. 60: Upper Shock & Bolt
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

4. Remove the upper shock bolt.
5. Remove the shock from the vehicle.

Installation Procedure

1. Install the shock to the vehicle.

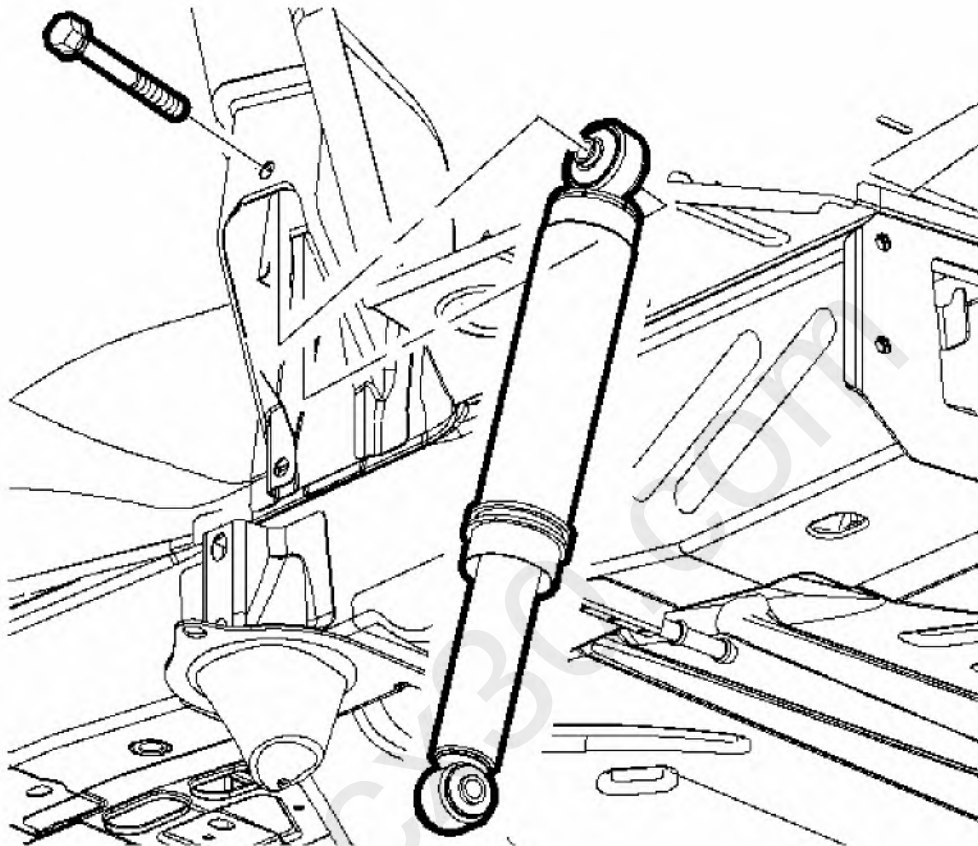


Fig. 61: Upper Shock & Bolt
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

NOTE: Refer to Fastener Notice in Cautions and Notices.

2. Install the upper shock bolt.

Tighten: Tighten the bolt to 110 N.m (81 lb ft).

3. For right side only, install splash shield

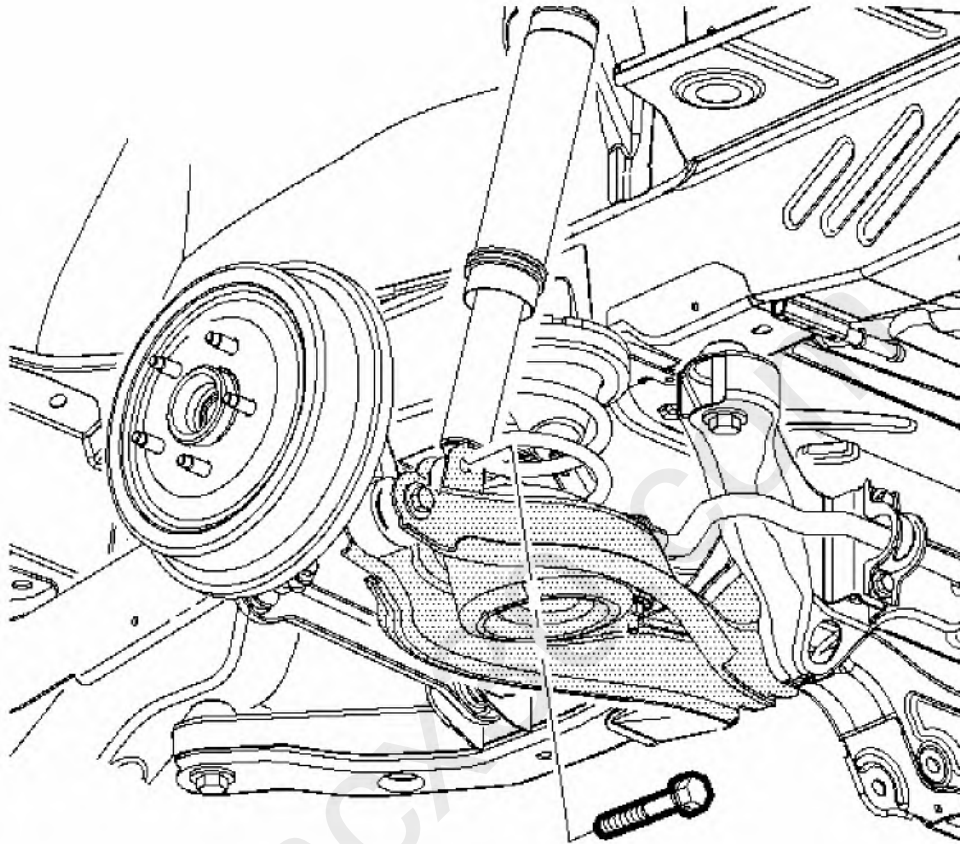


Fig. 62: Removing/Installing Lower Shock Absorber Mounting Bolt & Nut
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

4. Install the lower shock bolt.

Tighten: Tighten the bolt to 110 N.m (81 lb ft).

5. Lower the vehicle.

SHOCK ABSORBER DISPOSAL

CAUTION: Gas charged shock absorbers contain high pressure gas. Do not remove the snap ring from inside the top of the tube. If the snap ring is removed, the contents of the shock absorber will come out with extreme force which may result

in personal injury.

CAUTION: To prevent personal injury, wear safety glasses when centerpunching and drilling the shock absorber. Use care not to puncture the shock absorber tube with the centerpunch.

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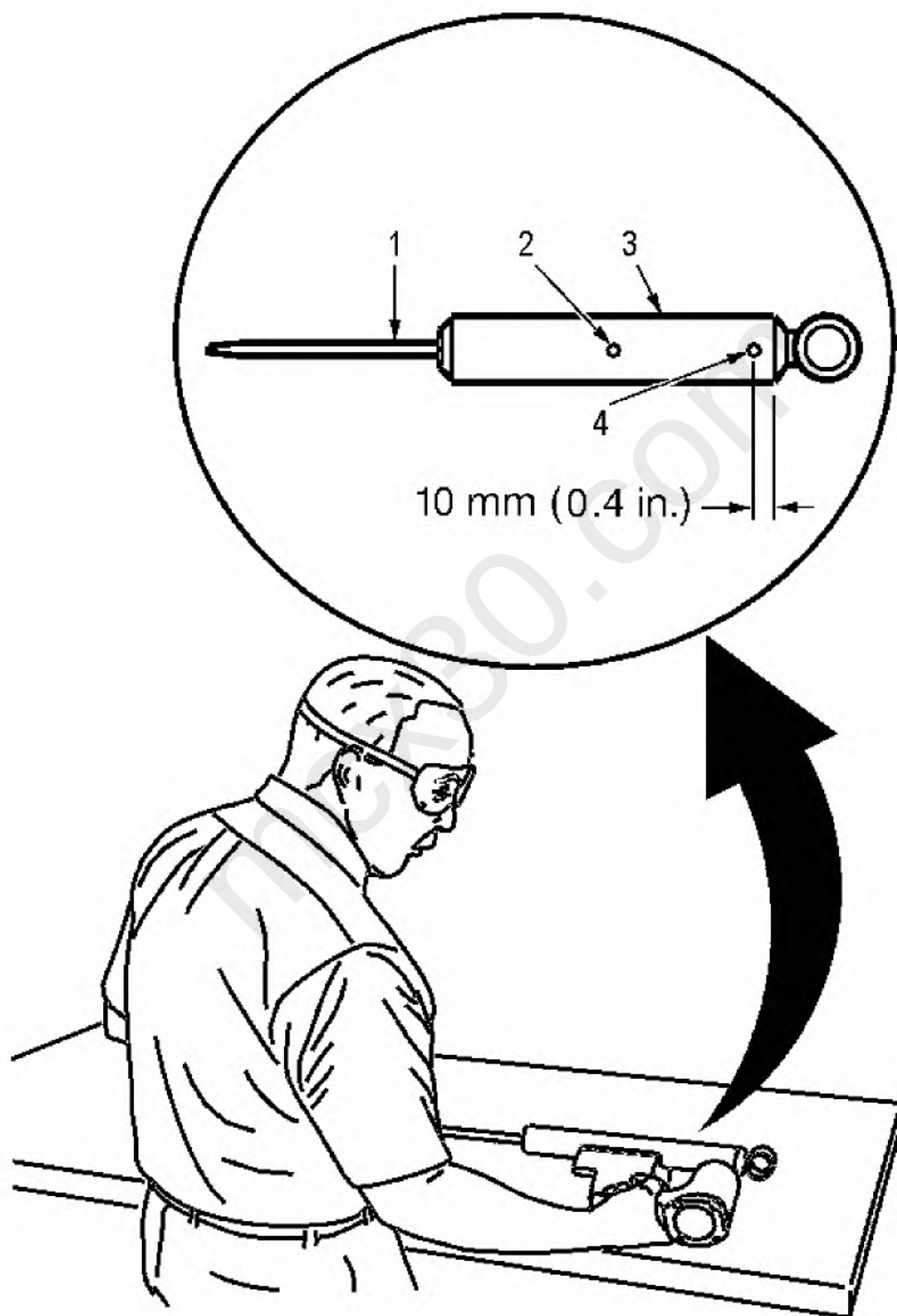


Fig. 63: Drilling Hole In Shock Absorber At Centerpunched Locations
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Make an indentation 10 mm (0.4 in) from the bottom (4) of the tube (3) using a centerpunch.
2. Clamp the shock absorber in a vise horizontally with the shock absorber rod (1) completely extended.
3. Drill a hole in the shock absorber at the centerpunch (4) using a 5 mm (3/16 in) drill bit. Gas or a gas/oil mixture will exhaust when the drill bit penetrates the shock absorber. Use shop towels in order to contain the escaping oil.
4. Make an indentation in the middle (2) of the tube (3) with a centerpunch.
5. Drill a second hole in the shock absorber at the centerpunch (2) using a 5 mm (3/16 in) drill bit. Oil will exhaust when the drill bit penetrates the shock absorber. Use shop towels in order to contain the escaping oil.
6. Remove the shock absorber from the vise. Hold the shock absorber over a drain pan horizontally with the holes down. Move the rod (1) in and out of the tube (3) to completely drain the oil from the shock absorber.

COIL SPRING REPLACEMENT

Removal Procedure

1. Raise and support the vehicle. Refer to **Lifting and Jacking the Vehicle** in General Information.
2. Remove the tire and wheel. Refer to **Tire and Wheel Removal and Installation** in Tires and Wheels.

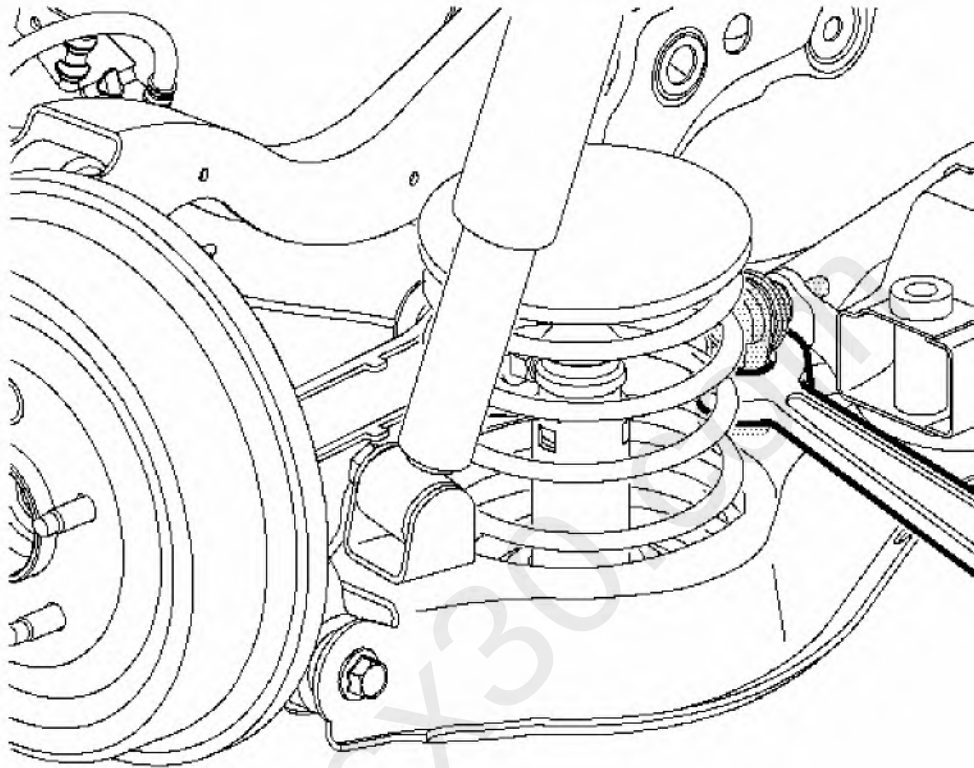


Fig. 64: View Of Stabilizer Link At Lower Control Arm Nut
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: Hold the link with a wrench during nut removal.

3. Remove the stabilizer link to lower control arm nut.

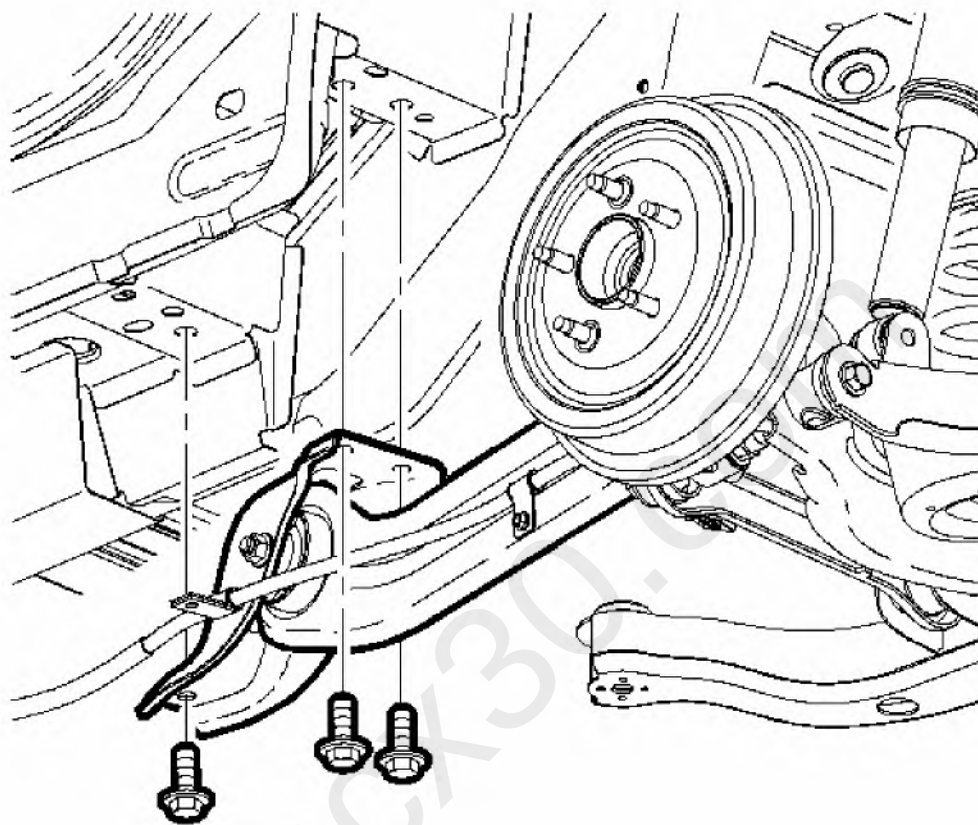


Fig. 65: View Of Trailing Arm Bracket To Body Bolts
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

4. Remove the trailing arm bracket to underbody bolts.

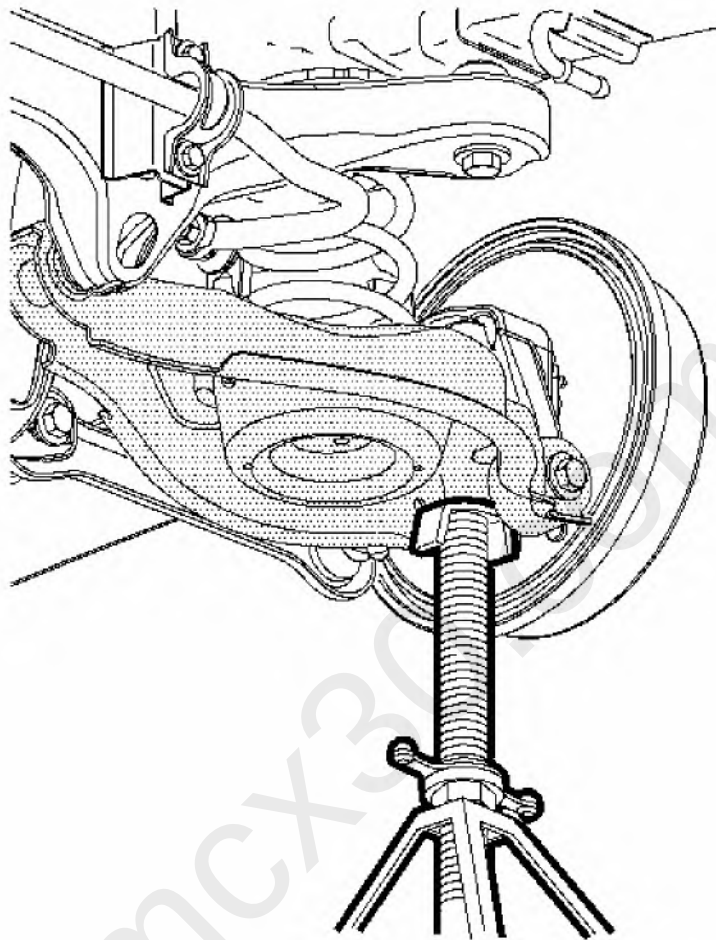


Fig. 66: Positioning Support Stand Under The Lower Control Arm
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

5. Place a screw-type jackstand under the lower control arm.
6. Using the jackstand, compress the coil spring.

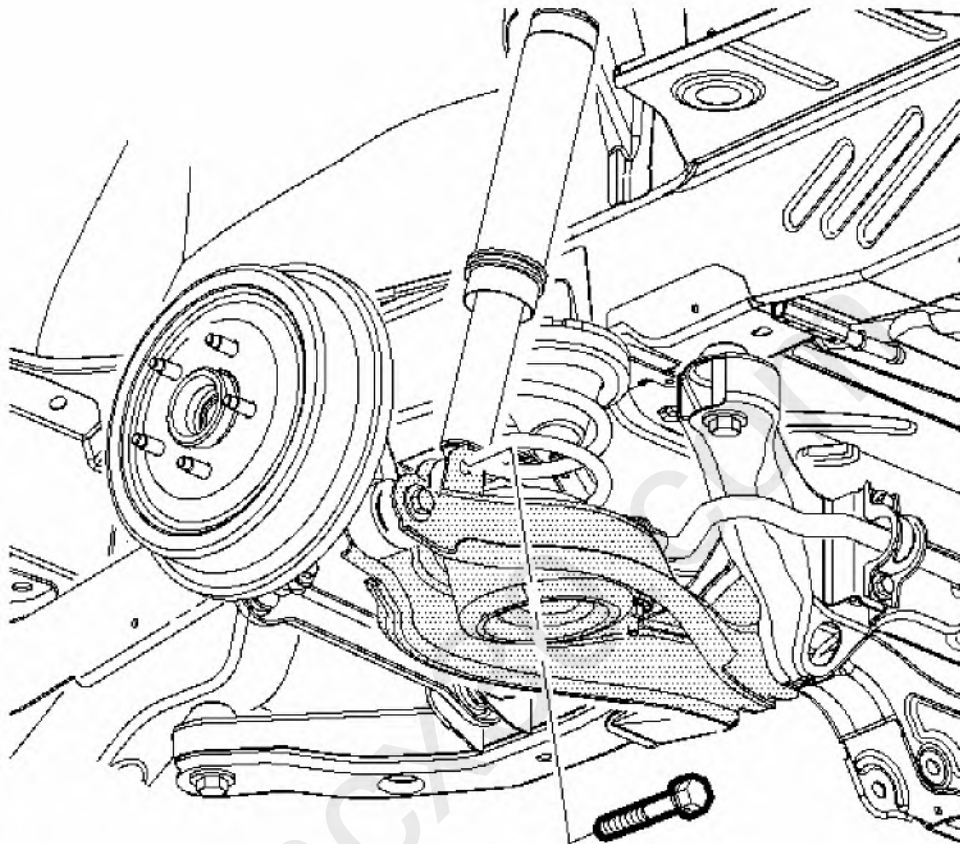


Fig. 67: Removing/Installing Lower Shock Absorber Mounting Bolt & Nut
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7. Remove the lower shock bolt.

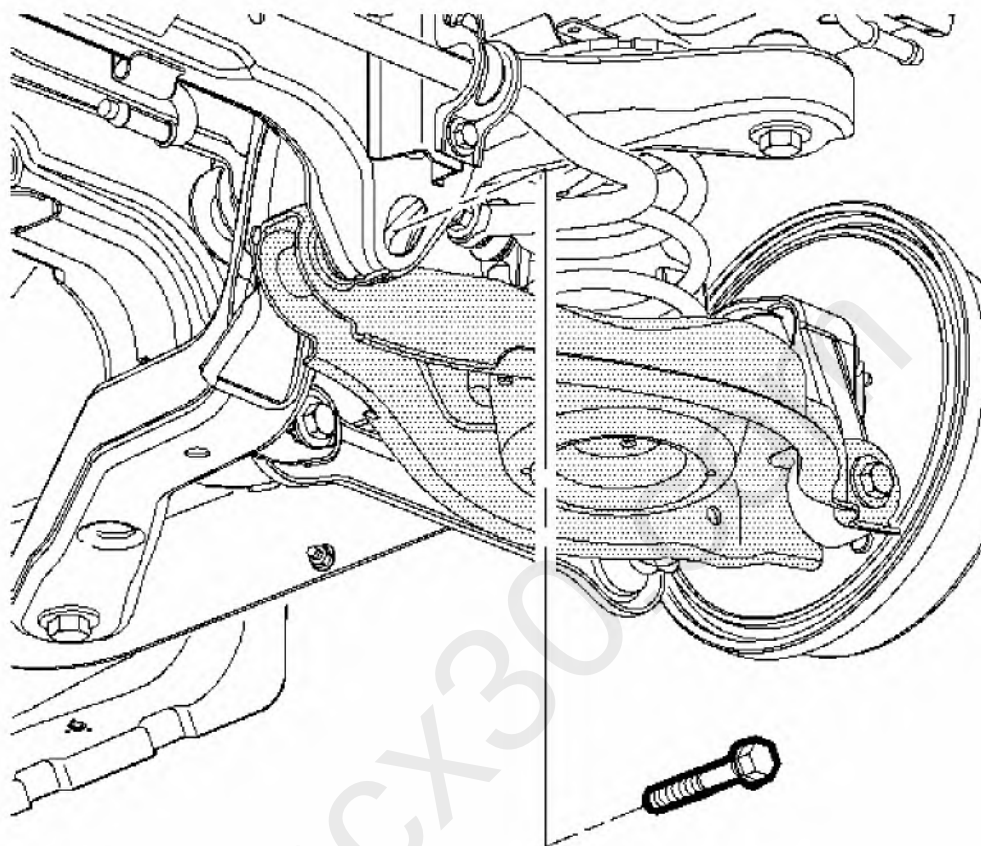


Fig. 68: Lower Control Arm & Frame Bolt
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

8. Loosen the lower control arm to support frame bolt.

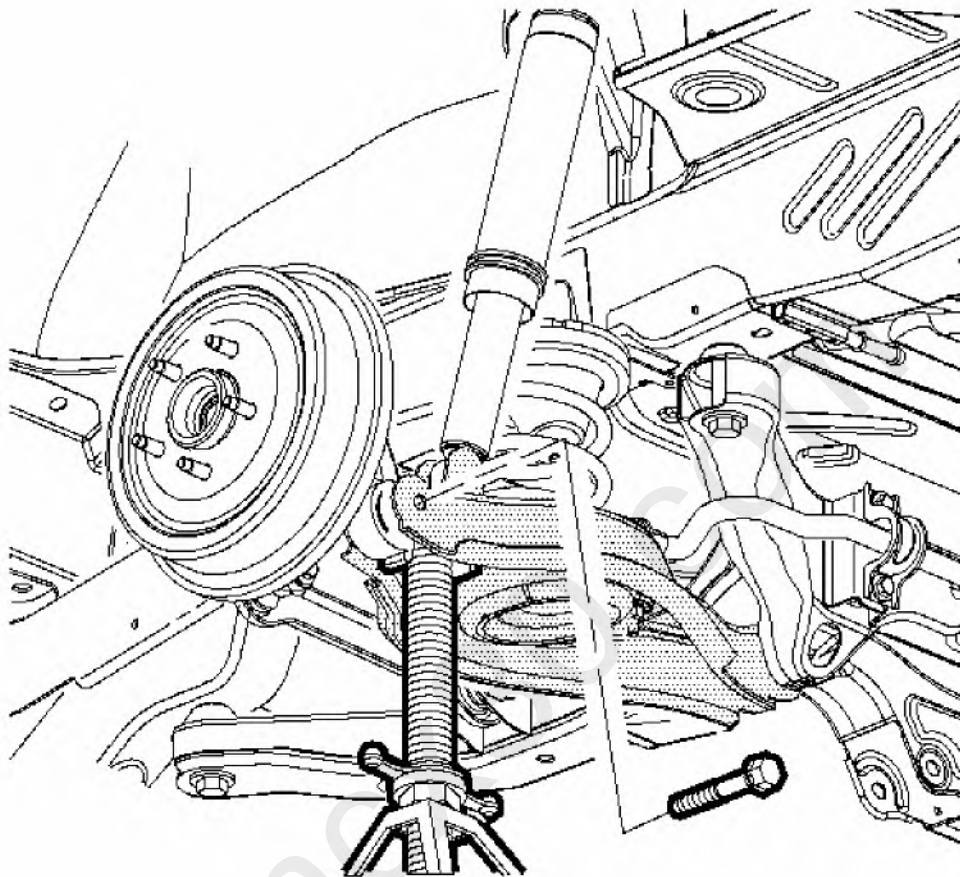


Fig. 69: Removing/Installing Lower Control Arm On The Suspension Knuckle Bolt & Nut

Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

9. Remove the lower control arm to knuckle nut and bolt.

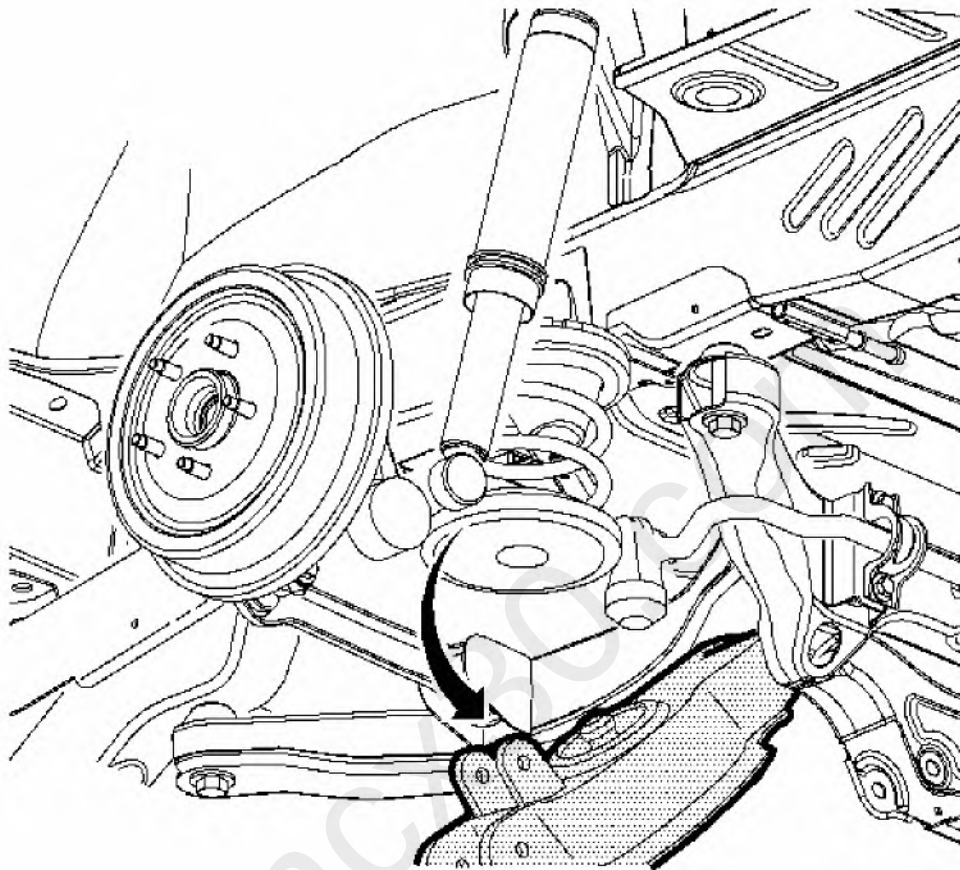


Fig. 70: Lowering Support Stand Slowly Until Coil Spring Tension Relieved
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

10. Lower the control arm in order to unload the coil spring.
11. Remove the coil spring.

Installation Procedure

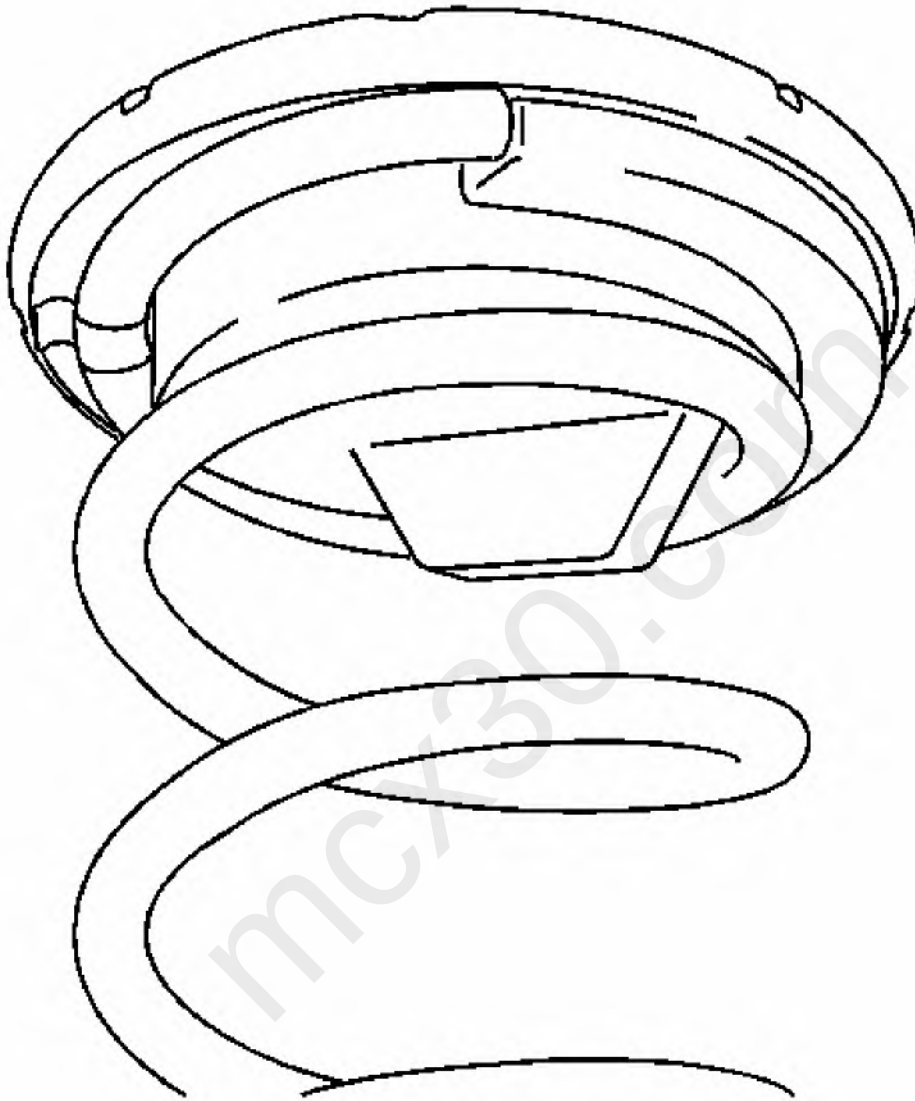


Fig. 71: Coil Spring Insulators

Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Fully seat the top and bottom coil spring insulators to the spring.

IMPORTANT:

- Spray silicon lubricant on the insulators to aid in installation.
- Ensure that part number identification tape located on the coil spring is oriented outboard of the vehicle and at the top of the spring.

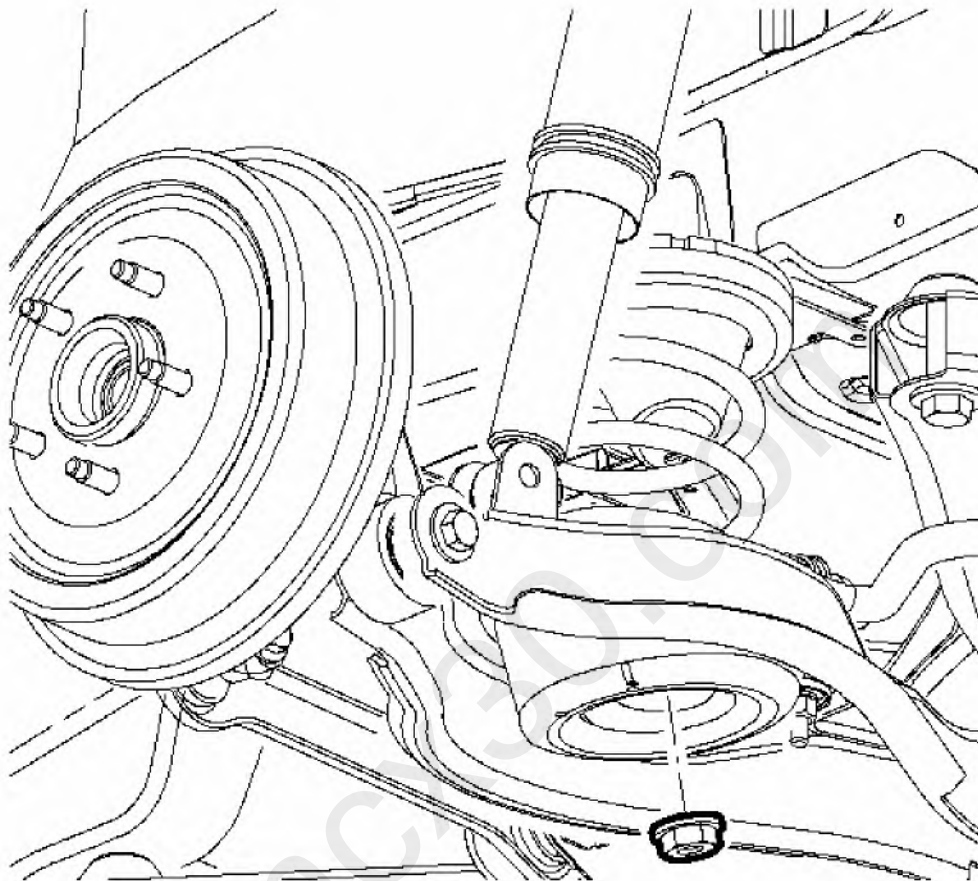


Fig. 72: View Of Lower Suspension Jounce Bumper Nut
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

2. Position the spring with the rubber insulators into the vehicle.
3. Use a screw-type jackstand to compress the spring.

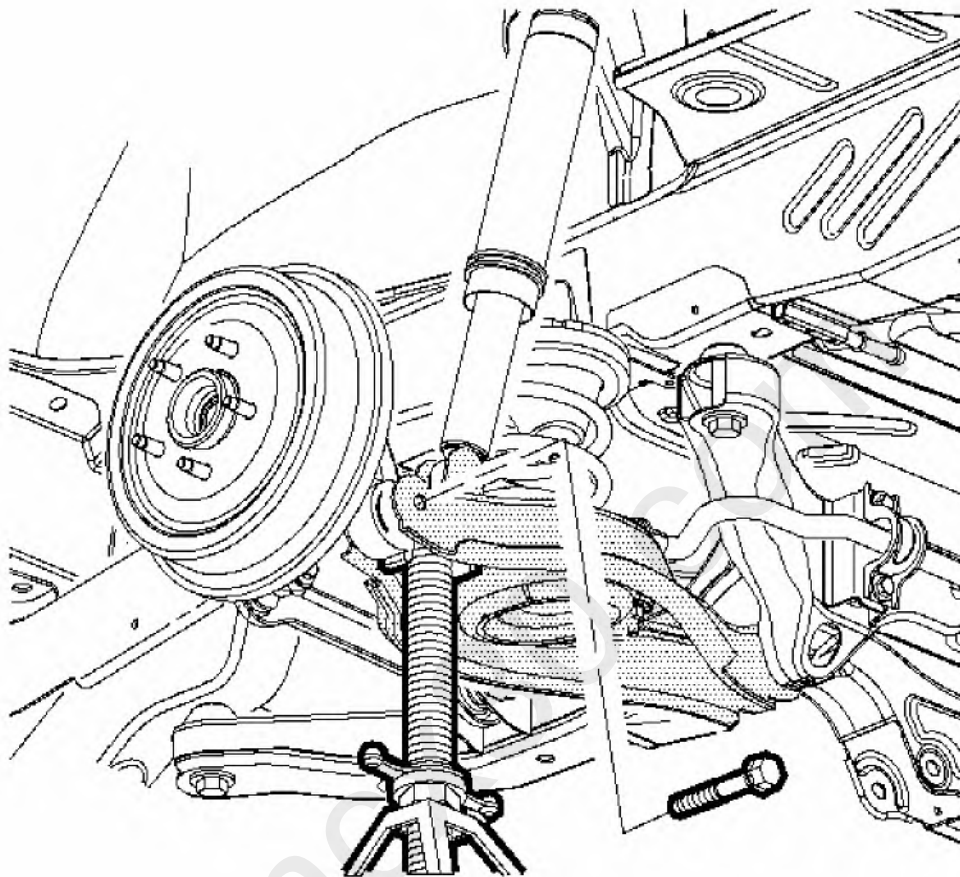


Fig. 73: Removing/Installing Lower Control Arm On The Suspension Knuckle Bolt & Nut

Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

NOTE: Refer to Fastener Notice in Cautions and Notices.

4. Install the knuckle to the lower control arm.

Tighten: Tighten the lower control arm to knuckle bolt to 160 N.m (118 lb ft).

5. Tighten the lower control arm to support nut and bolt.

Tighten: Tighten the bolt to 110 N.m (81 lb ft).

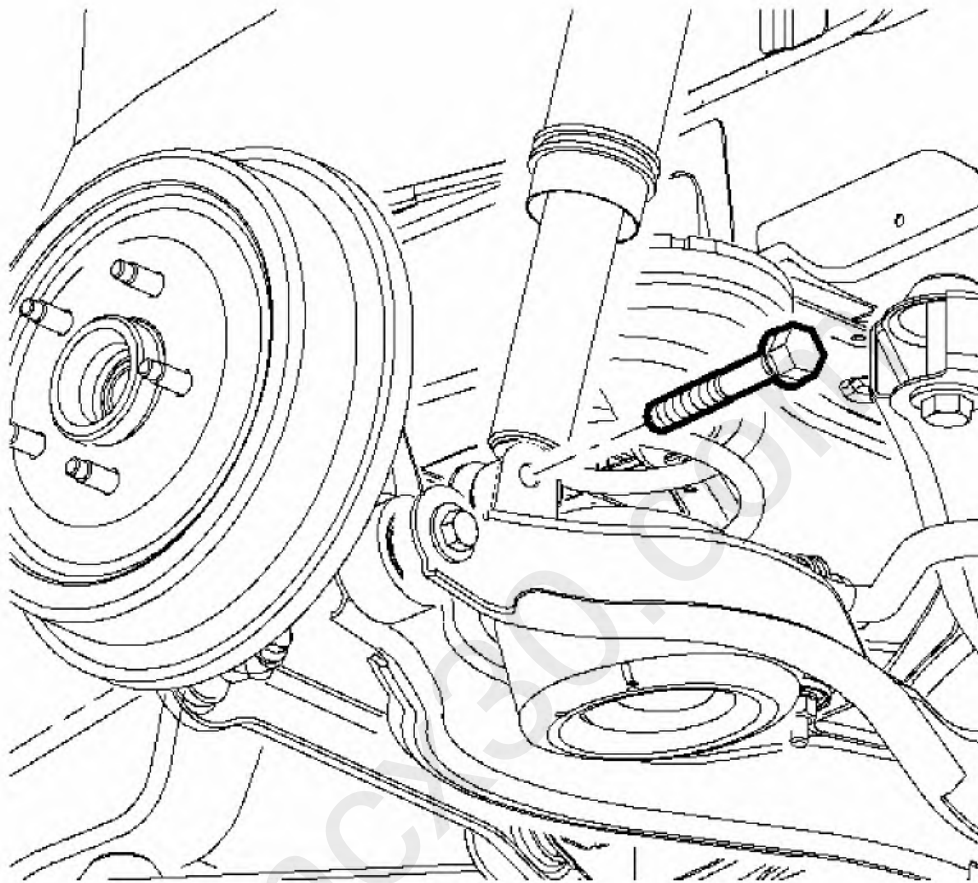


Fig. 74: Shock & Lower Control Arm
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

6. Install the shock to the lower control arm.

Tighten: Tighten the lower shock bolt to 110 N.m (81 lb ft).

7. Remove the jackstand.

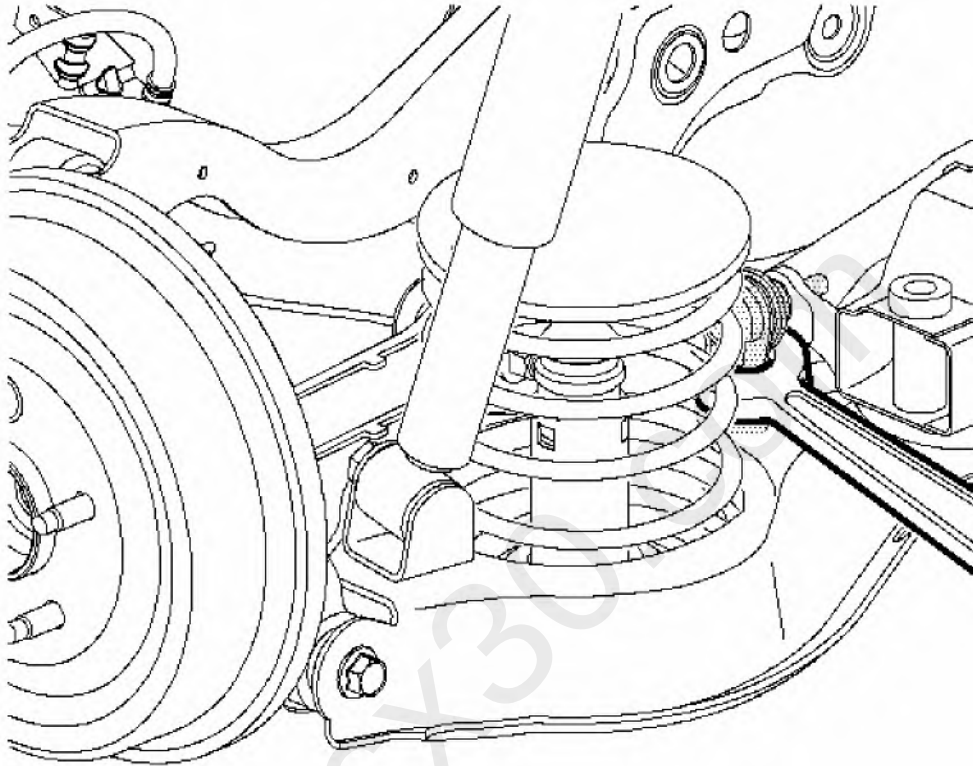


Fig. 75: View Of Stabilizer Link At Lower Control Arm Nut
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

IMPORTANT: Hold the link with a wrench during nut installation.

8. Install the stabilizer link to the lower control arm.

Tighten: Tighten the nut to 15 N.m (11 lb ft).

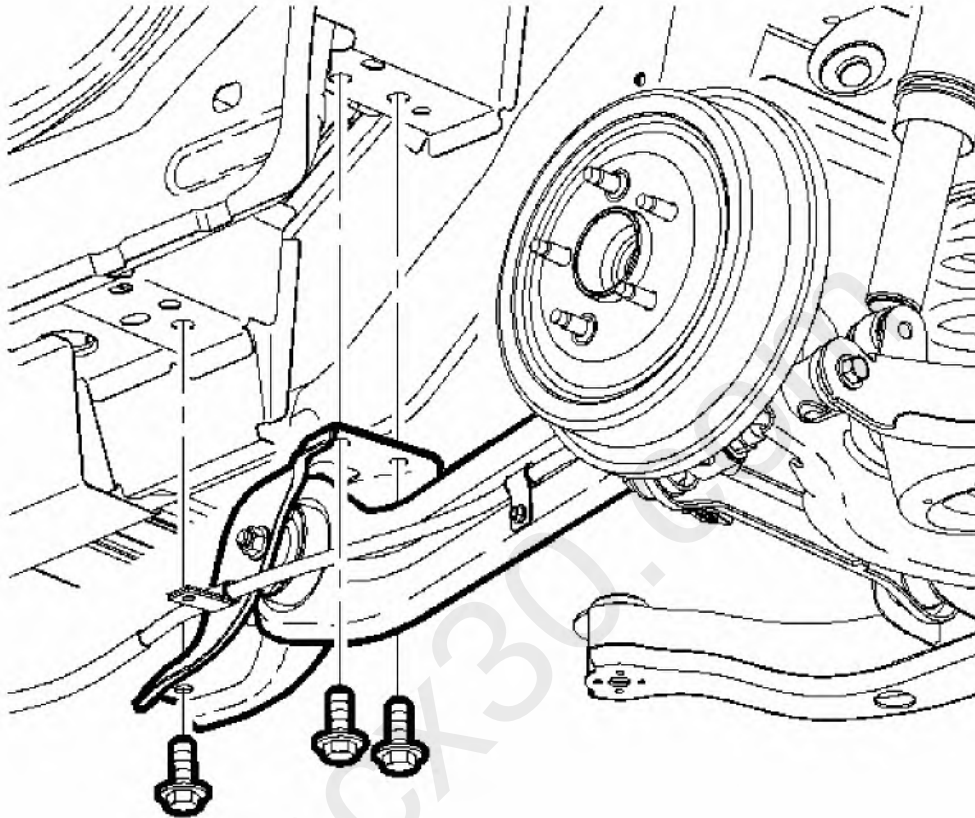


Fig. 76: View Of Trailing Arm Bracket To Body Bolts
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

9. Push the trailing arm upward to align the front bracket to body bolt.
10. Use a drift to aid in bracket alignment and install the remaining bolts.

Tighten: Tighten the bracket to body bolts to 110 N.m (81 lb ft).

11. Install the tire and wheel. Refer to **Tire and Wheel Removal and Installation** in Tires and Wheels.
12. Lower the vehicle.
13. Check the rear alignment. Refer to **Measuring Wheel Alignment** in Wheel Alignment.

Removal Procedure

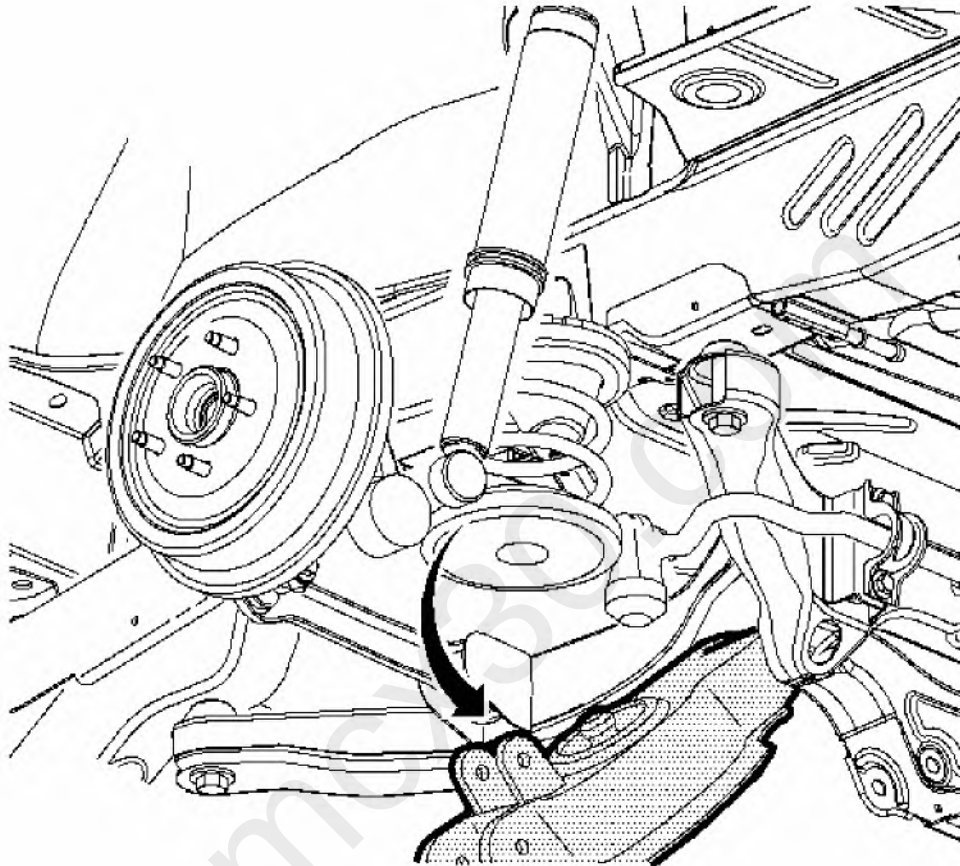


Fig. 77: Lowering Support Stand Slowly Until Coil Spring Tension Relieved
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Remove the coil spring. Refer to **Coil Spring Replacement**.
2. Remove the rubber insulators from the coil spring.

Installation Procedure

1. Install the rubber insulators to the coil spring.

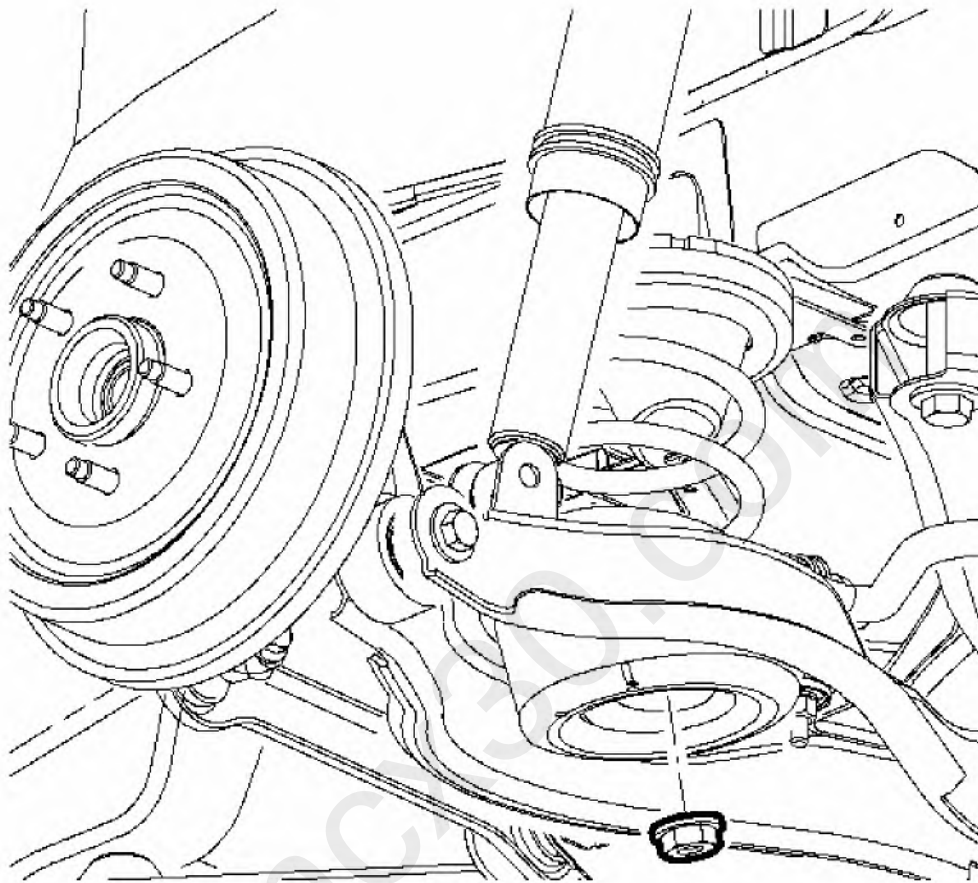


Fig. 78: View Of Lower Suspension Jounce Bumper Nut
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

2. Install the coil spring. Refer to **Coil Spring Replacement**.

TRAILING ARM REPLACEMENT

Removal Procedure

1. Raise and support the vehicle. Refer to **Lifting and Jacking the Vehicle** in General Information.

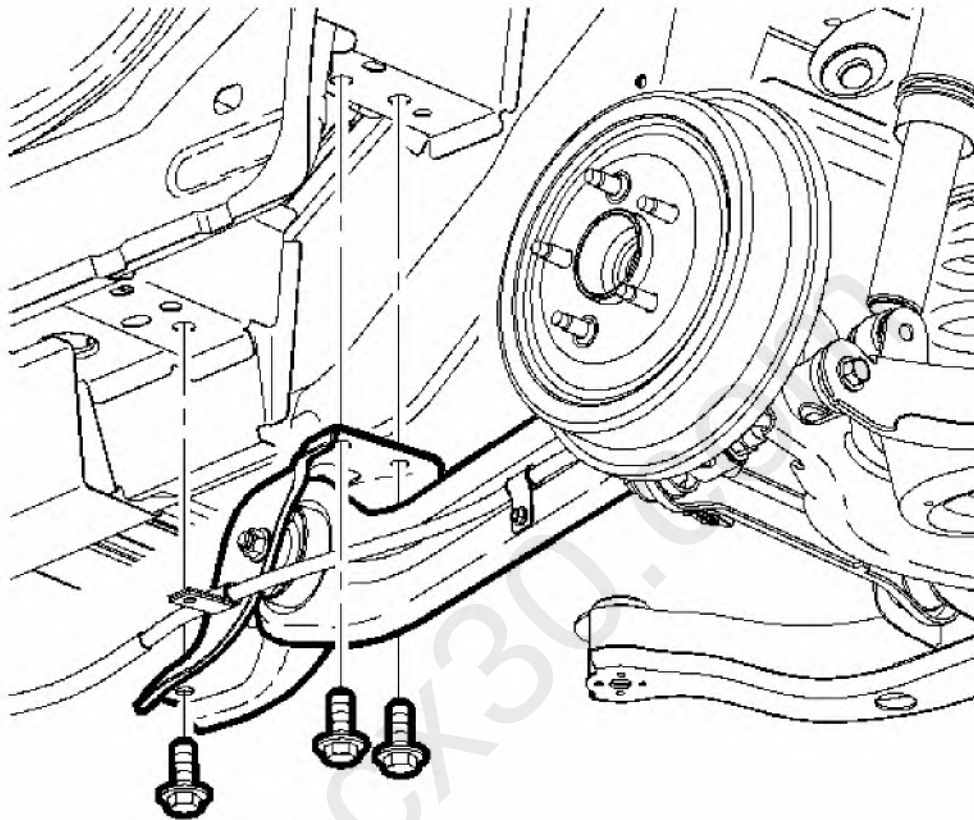


Fig. 79: View Of Trailing Arm Bracket To Body Bolts
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

2. Remove the trailing arm bracket to body bolts.
3. Remove the trailing arm bushing to bracket nut and bolt.

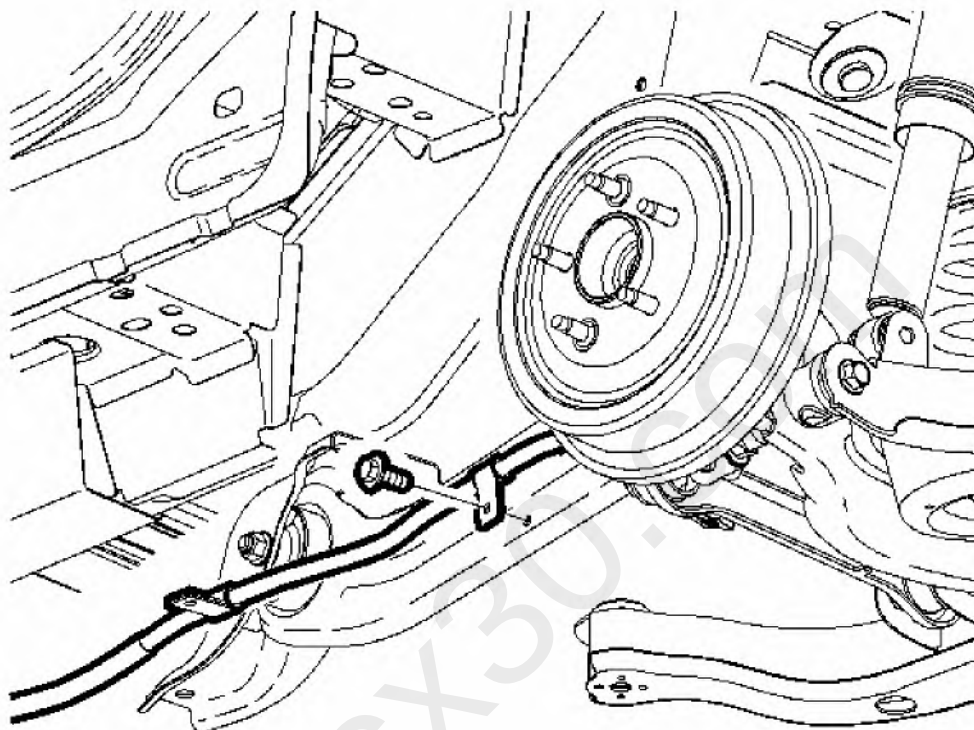


Fig. 80: Park Brake Cable Clip & Trailing Arm
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4. Remove the park brake cable clip from the trailing arm.

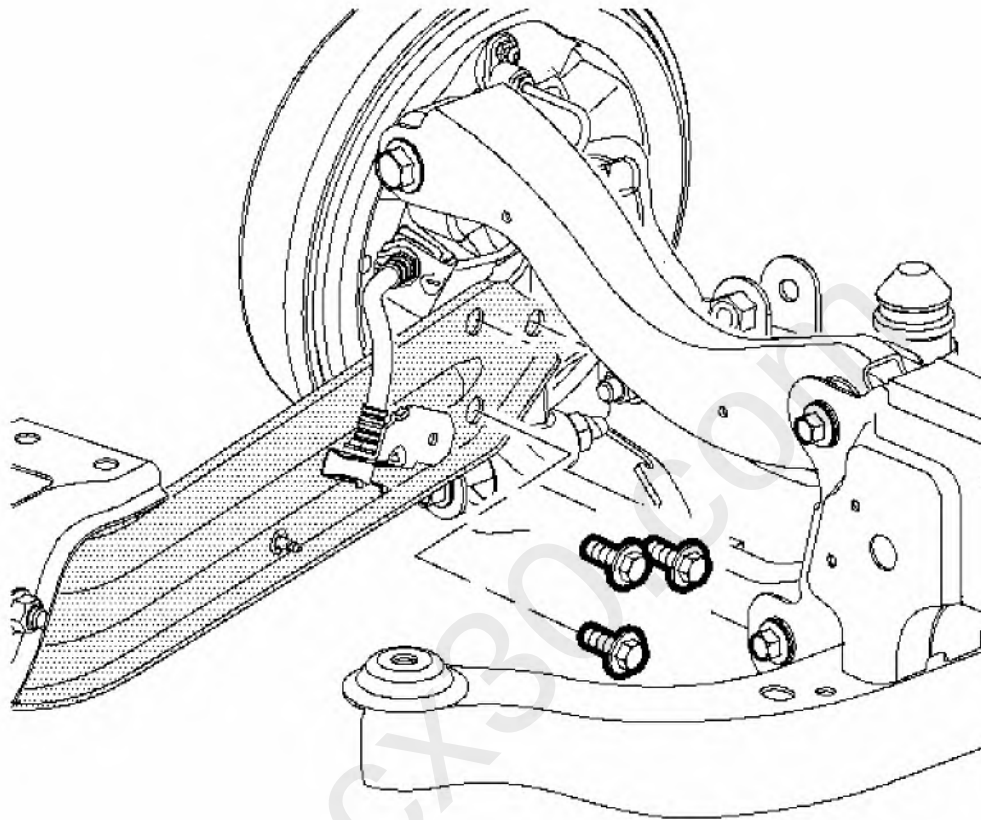


Fig. 81: Trailing Blade & Knuckle Bolts
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

5. Remove the trailing arm to knuckle bolts.
6. Remove the trailing arm.

Installation Procedure

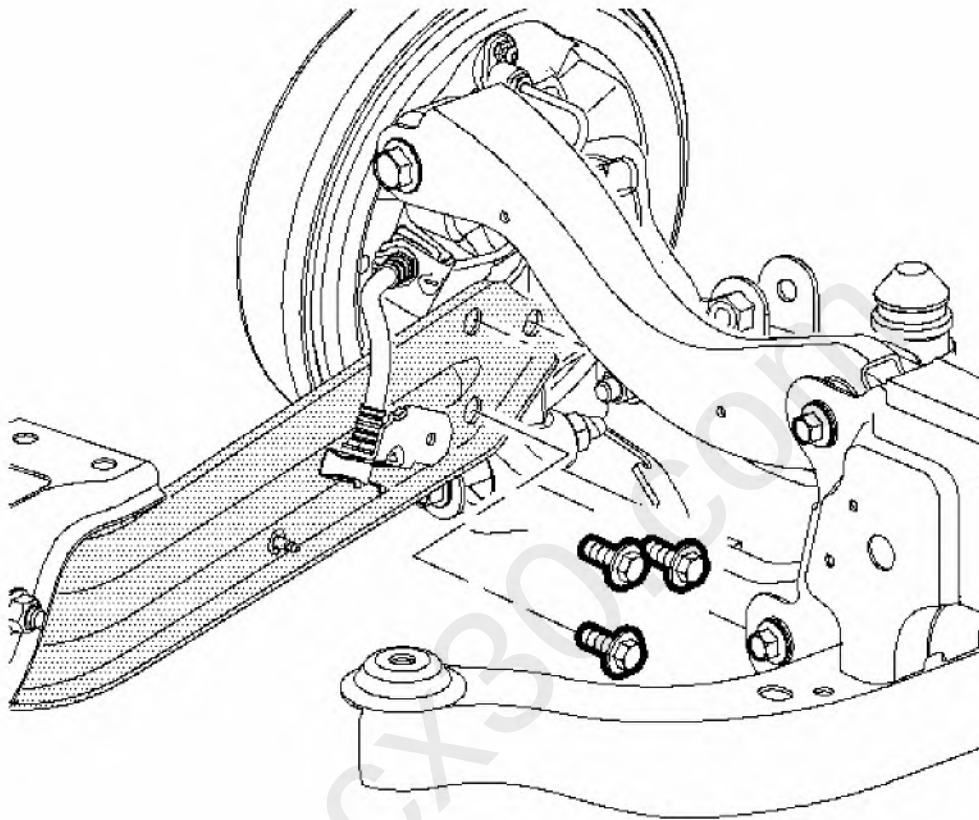


Fig. 82: Trailing Blade & Knuckle Bolts
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

NOTE: Refer to Fastener Notice in Cautions and Notices.

1. Install the trailing arm to the knuckle.

Tighten: Tighten the bolts to 110 N.m (81 lb ft).

2. Position the trailing arm bracket to the trailing arm.
3. Loosely install the trailing arm bushing to bracket nut and bolt.

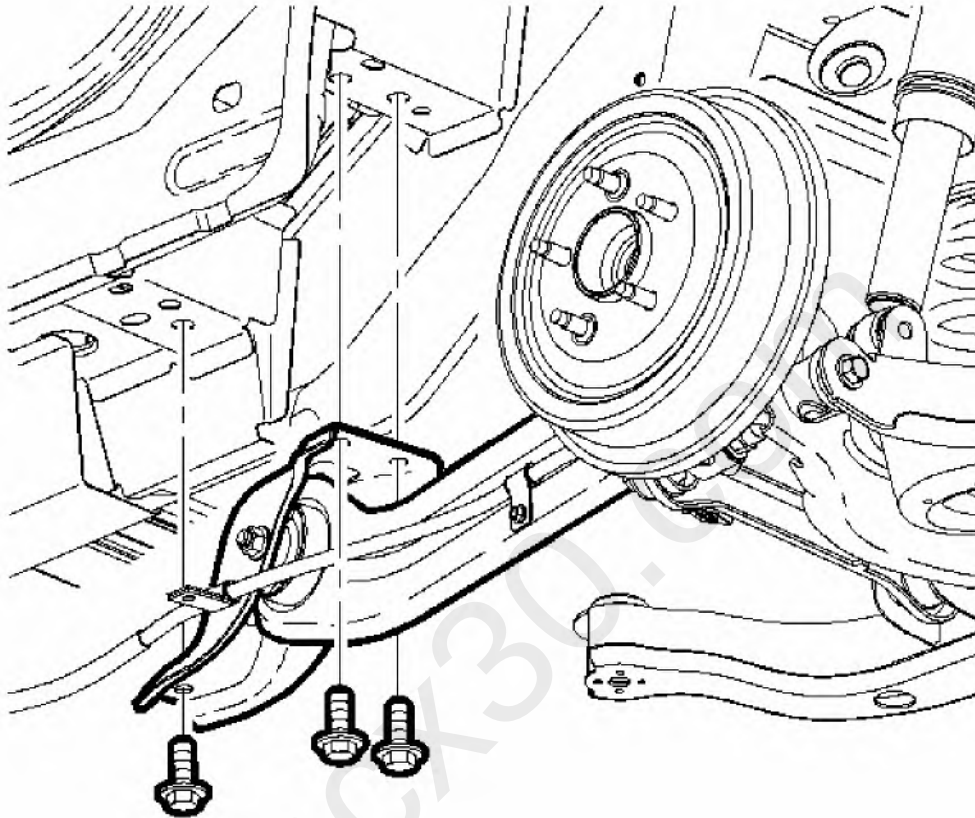


Fig. 83: View Of Trailing Arm Bracket To Body Bolts
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

4. Push upward on the trailing arm and loosely install the front bolt.
5. Use a drift to align the remaining bolts.

Tighten: Tighten the trailing arm bracket to body bolts to 110 N.m (81 lb ft).

6. Tighten the trailing arm bushing to bracket nut and bolt.

Tighten: Tighten the bolt to 160 N.m (118 lb ft).

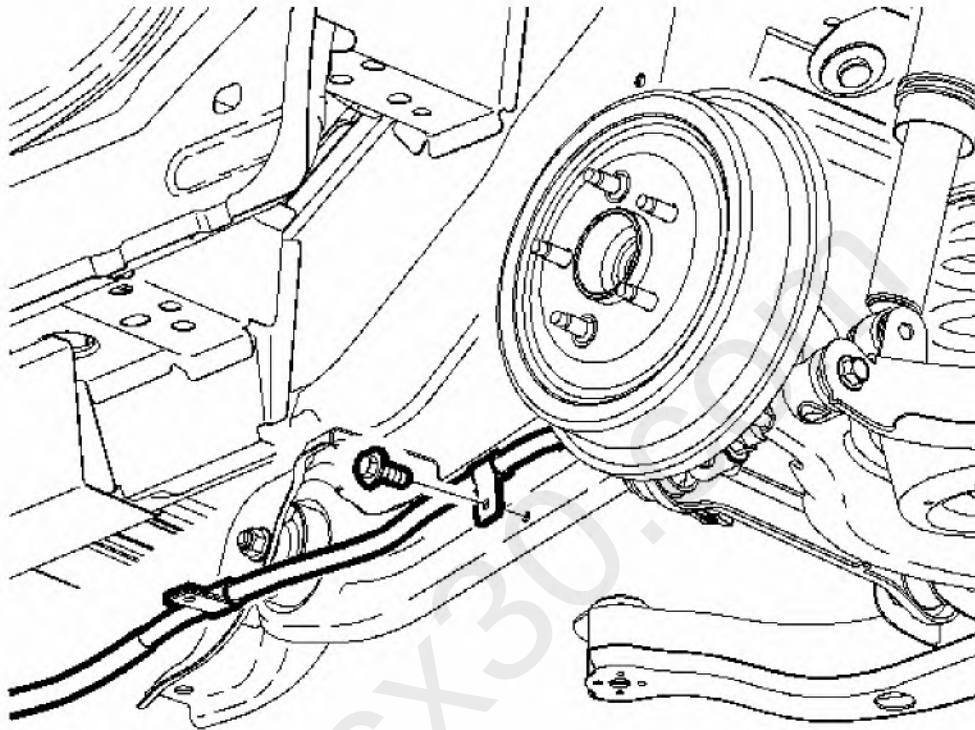


Fig. 84: Park Brake Cable Clip & Trailing Arm
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

7. Install the park brake cable clip.

Tighten: Tighten the bolt to 25 N.m (18 lb ft).

8. Lower the vehicle.

TRAILING ARM BRACKET REPLACEMENT

Removal Procedure

1. Raise and support the vehicle. Refer to Lifting and Jacking the Vehicle in General Information.

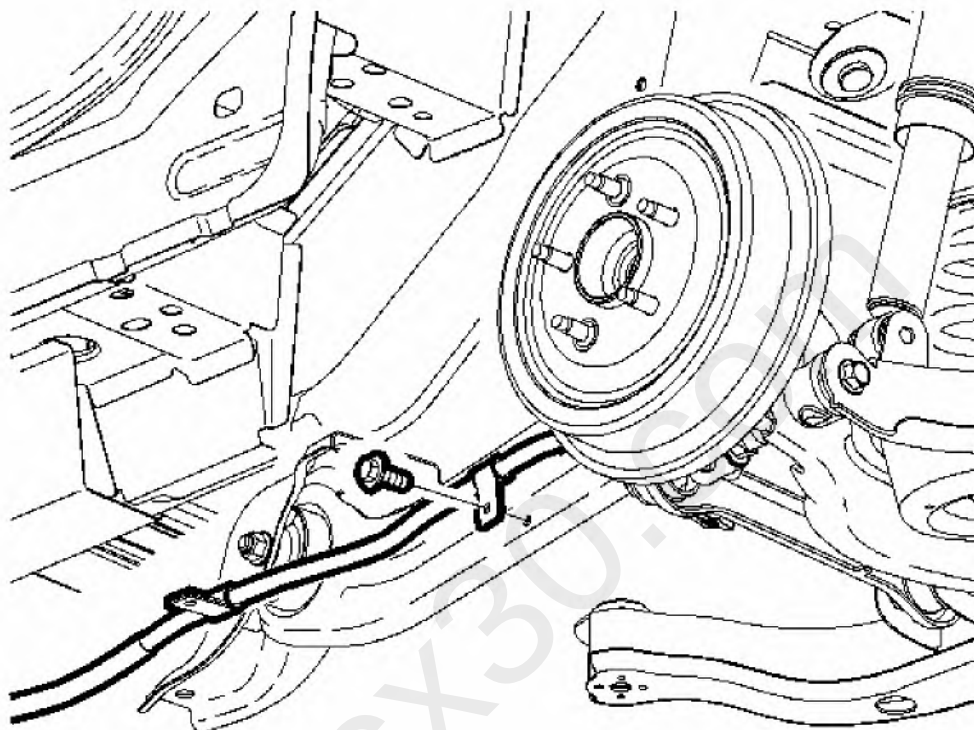


Fig. 85: Park Brake Cable Clip & Trailing Arm
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

2. Remove the park brake clip from the trailing arm.

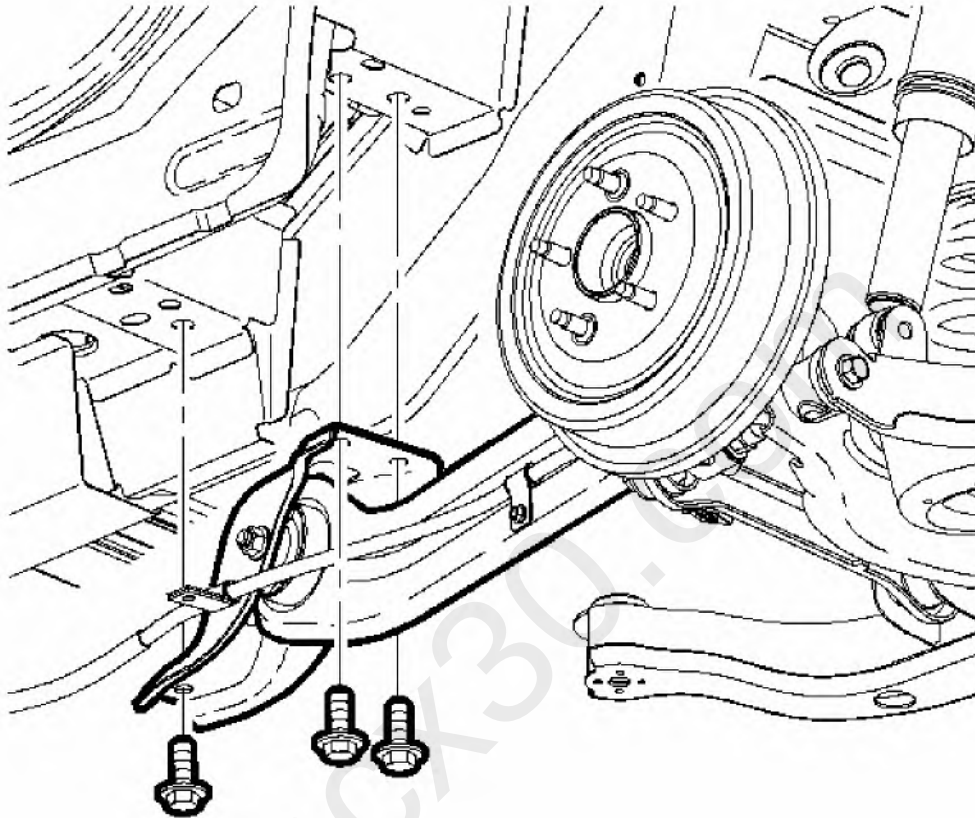
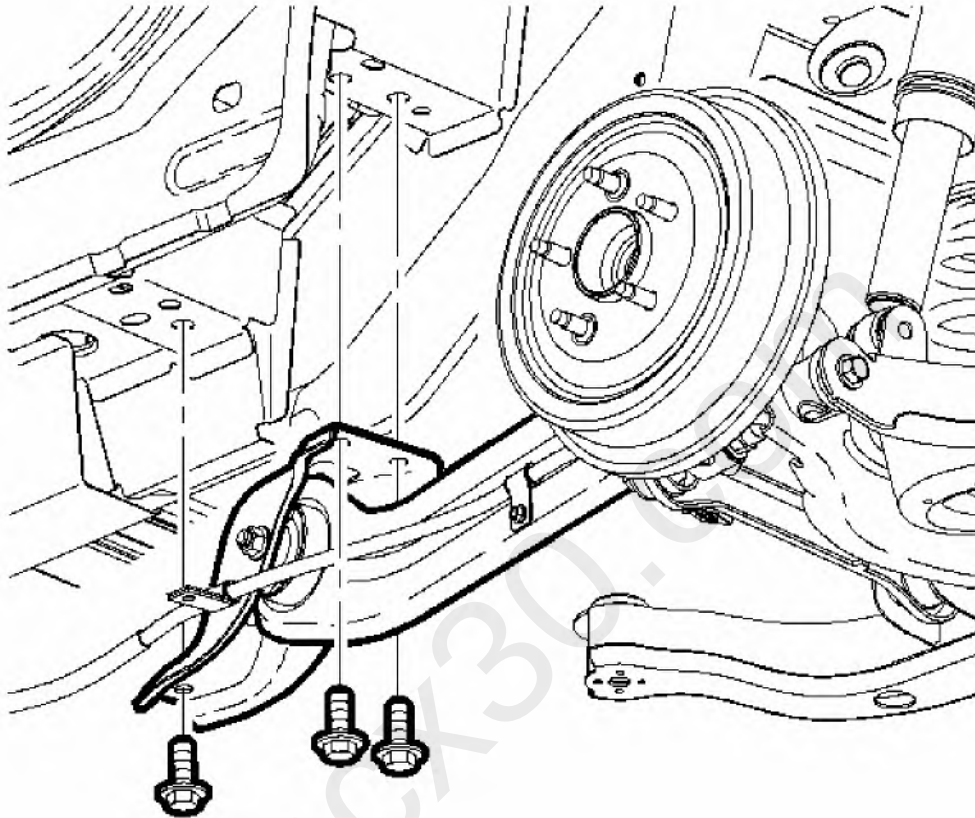


Fig. 86: View Of Trailing Arm Bracket To Body Bolts
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

3. Remove the bracket to underbody bolts.
4. Remove the trailing arm to bracket nut and bolt.
5. Remove the bracket.

Installation Procedure

1. Install the bracket to the trailing arm.
2. Loosely install the trailing arm bracket nut and bolt.



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3. Push the trailing arm upward to align the front bracket to body bolt.

NOTE: Refer to Fastener Notice in Cautions and Notices.

4. Use a drift to aid in bracket alignment and install the remaining bolts.

Tighten: Tighten the bracket to body bolts to 110 N.m (81 lb ft).

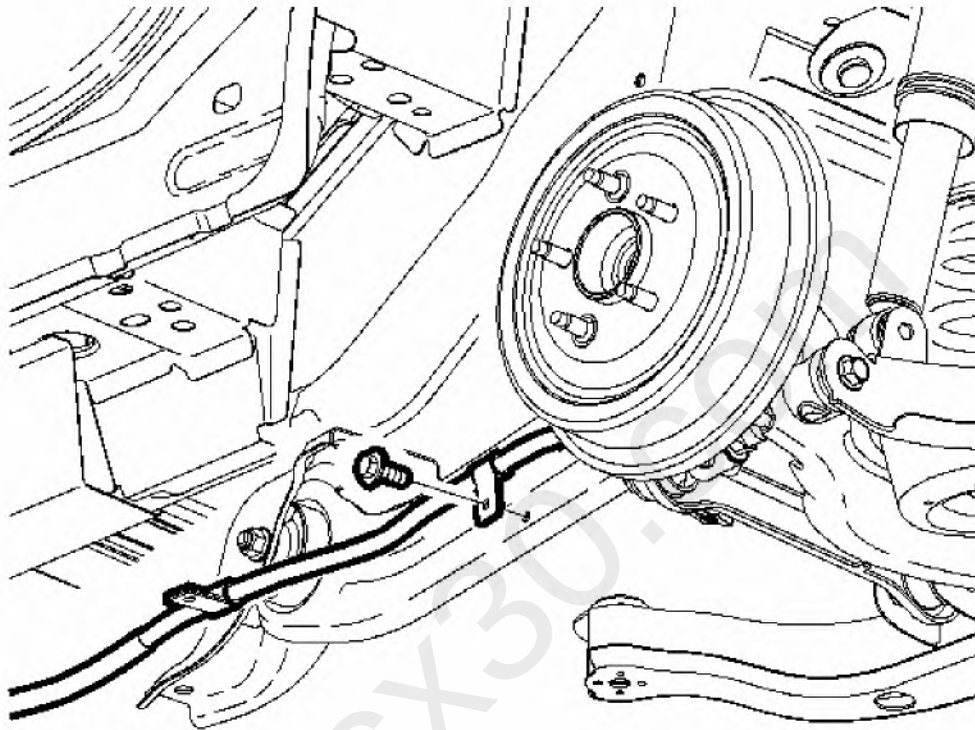


Fig. 88: Park Brake Cable Clip & Trailing Arm
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

5. Install the parking brake cable clip to the trailing arm.

Tighten: Tighten the bolt to 25 N.m (18 lb ft).

6. Tighten the bracket to trailing arm bushing bolt.

Tighten: Tighten the nut and bolt to 160 N.m (118 lb ft).

7. Lower the vehicle.

SPRING JOUNCE BUMPER REPLACEMENT

Removal Procedure

1. Raise and support the vehicle. Refer to **Lifting and Jacking the Vehicle** in General Information.

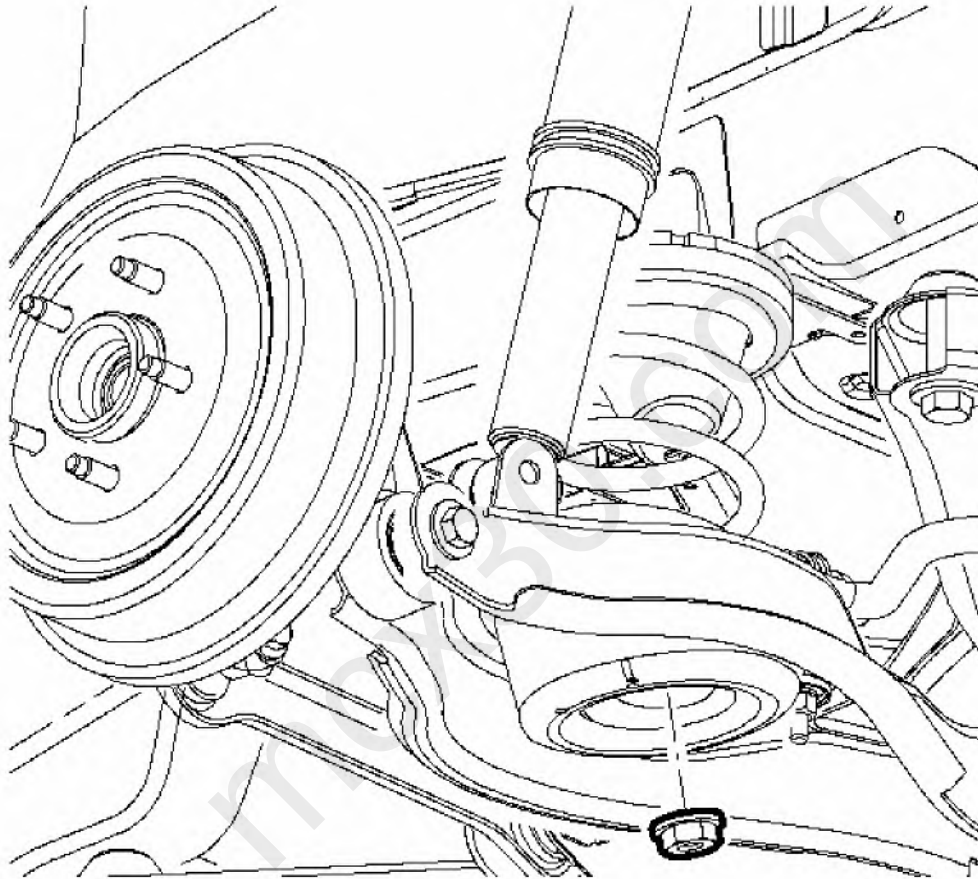


Fig. 89: View Of Lower Suspension Jounce Bumper Nut
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

2. Remove the jounce bumper nut at the lower control arm.

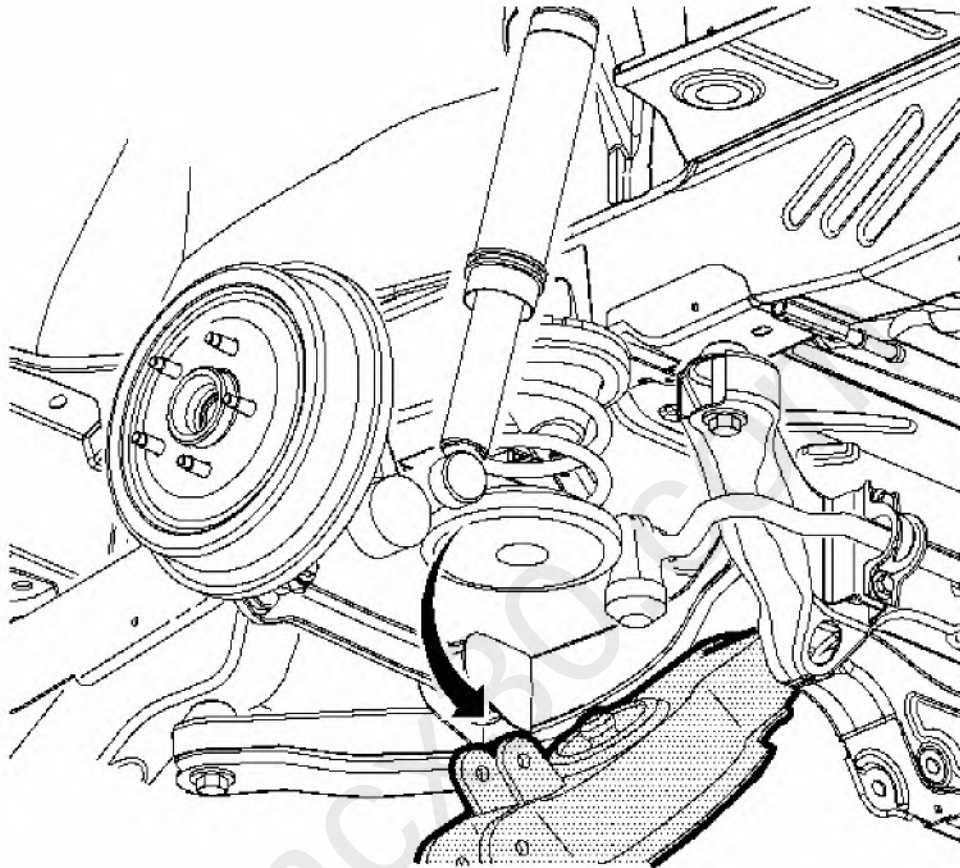


Fig. 90: Lowering Support Stand Slowly Until Coil Spring Tension Relieved
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

3. Remove the coil spring. Refer to **Coil Spring Insulators Replacement**.
4. Remove the jounce bumper.

Installation Procedure

1. Install the jounce bumper to the lower control arm.
2. Hand tighten the jounce bumper nut.

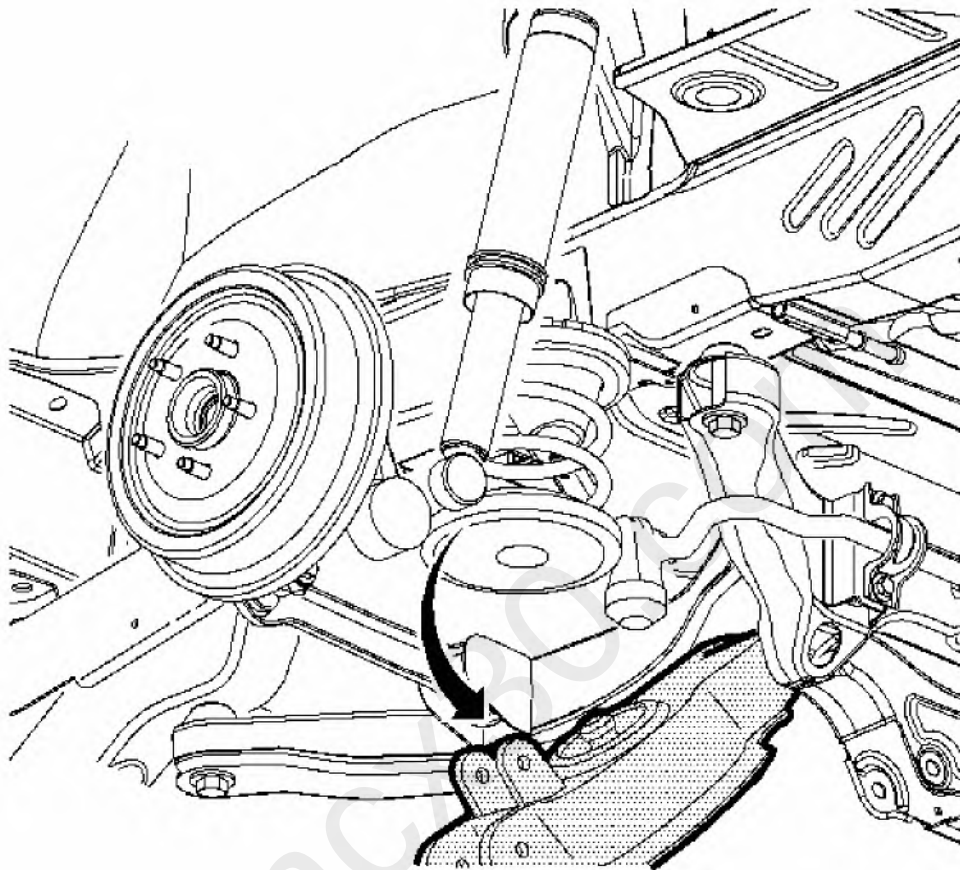


Fig. 91: Lowering Support Stand Slowly Until Coil Spring Tension Relieved
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3. Install the coil Spring. Refer to Coil Spring Insulators Replacement.

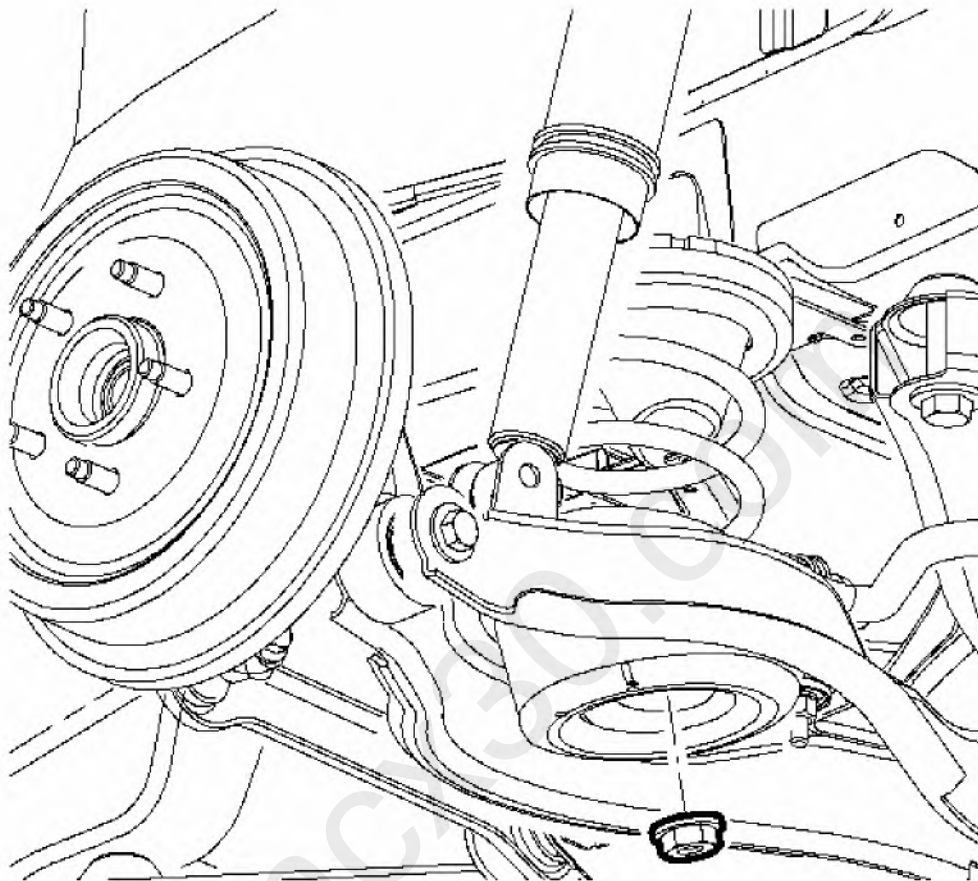


Fig. 92: View Of Lower Suspension Jounce Bumper Nut
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

NOTE: Refer to Fastener Notice in Cautions and Notices.

4. Tighten the jounce bumper to lower control arm nut.

Tighten: Tighten the nut to 63 N.m (46 lb ft).

5. Lower the vehicle.
6. Check the rear alignment. Refer to Measuring Wheel Alignment in Wheel Alignment.

TOE LINK REPLACEMENT

Removal Procedure

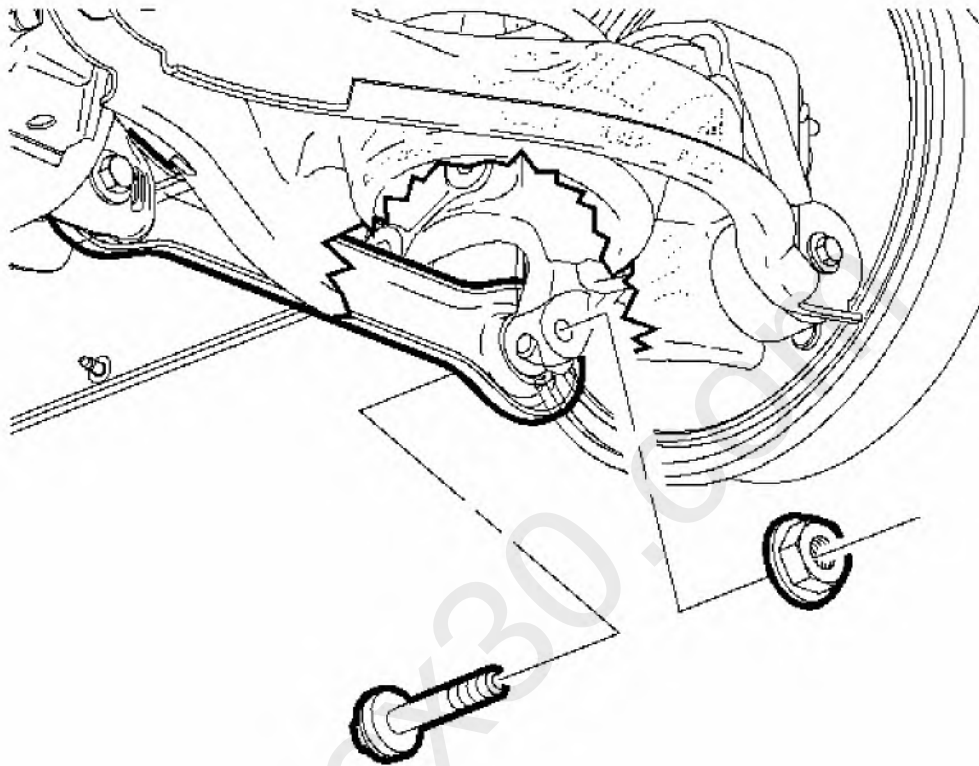


Fig. 93: Removing/Installing Washer, Bolt & Nut On The Suspension Knuckle
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Raise and support the vehicle. Refer to **Lifting and Jacking the Vehicle** in General Information.
2. Remove the toe link to knuckle nut and bolt.

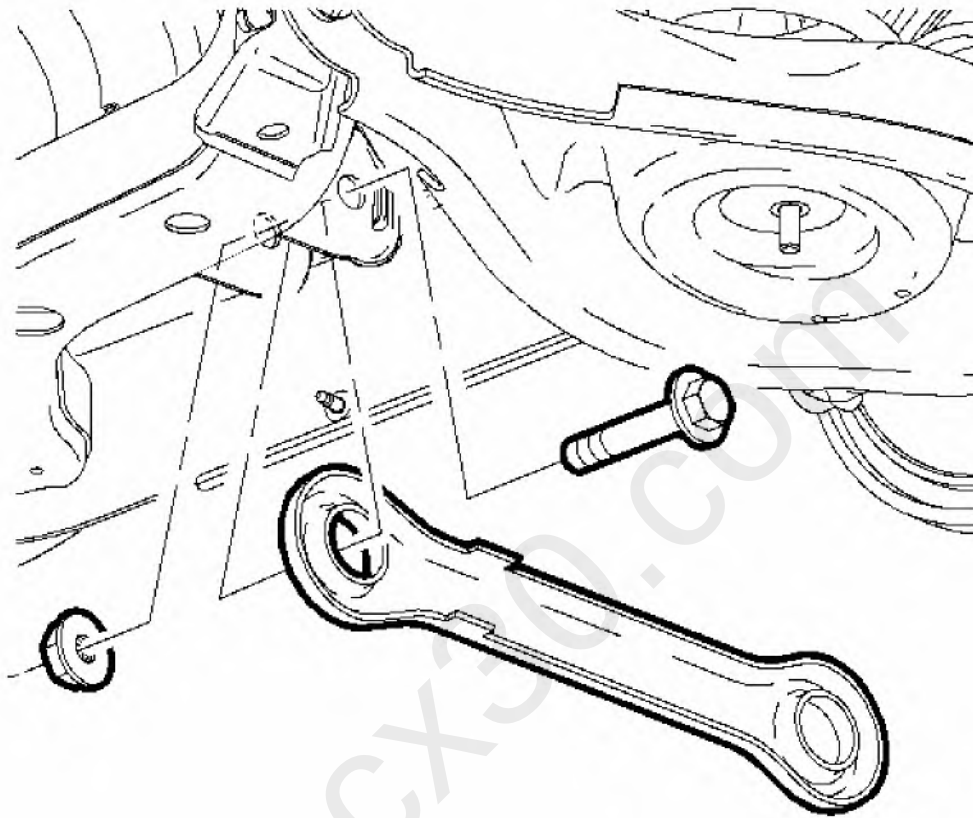


Fig. 94: Toe Link, Support Nut & Bolt
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

3. Remove the toe link to support nut and bolt.
4. Remove the toe link from the vehicle.

Installation Procedure

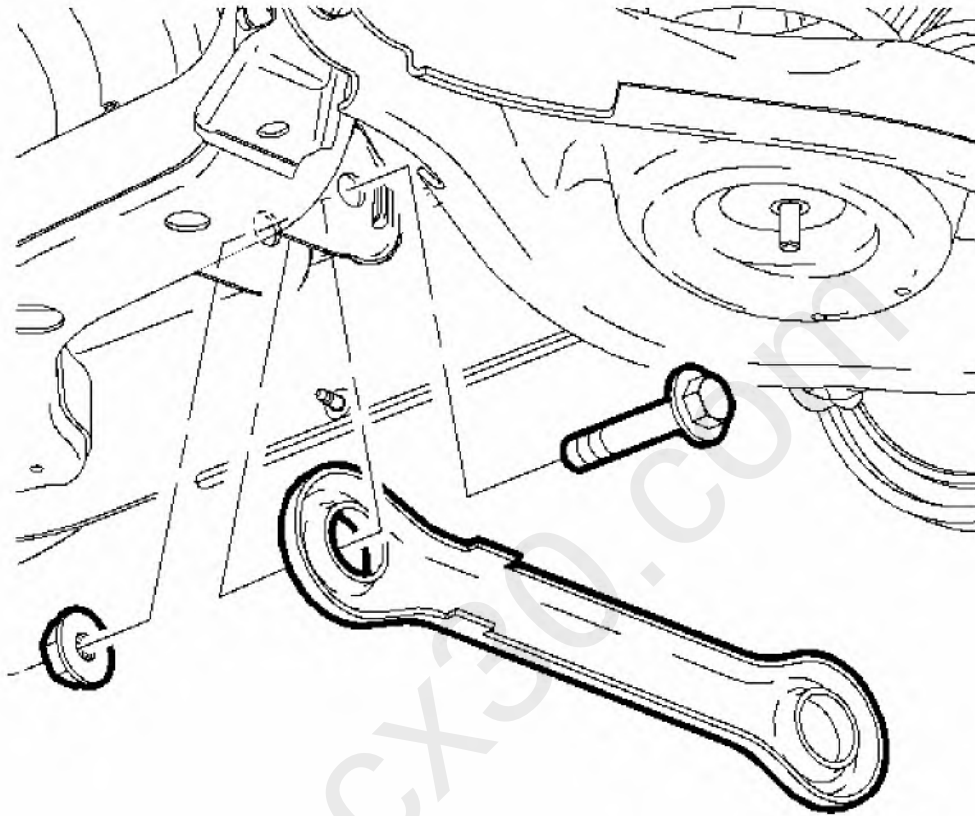


Fig. 95: Toe Link, Support Nut & Bolt
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Install the toe link to the support assembly.

IMPORTANT:

- Install the bolt with the head towards the front of the vehicle.
- Position the cam nut in same position as in the upper control arm.

2. Install the toe link to support nut and bolt.

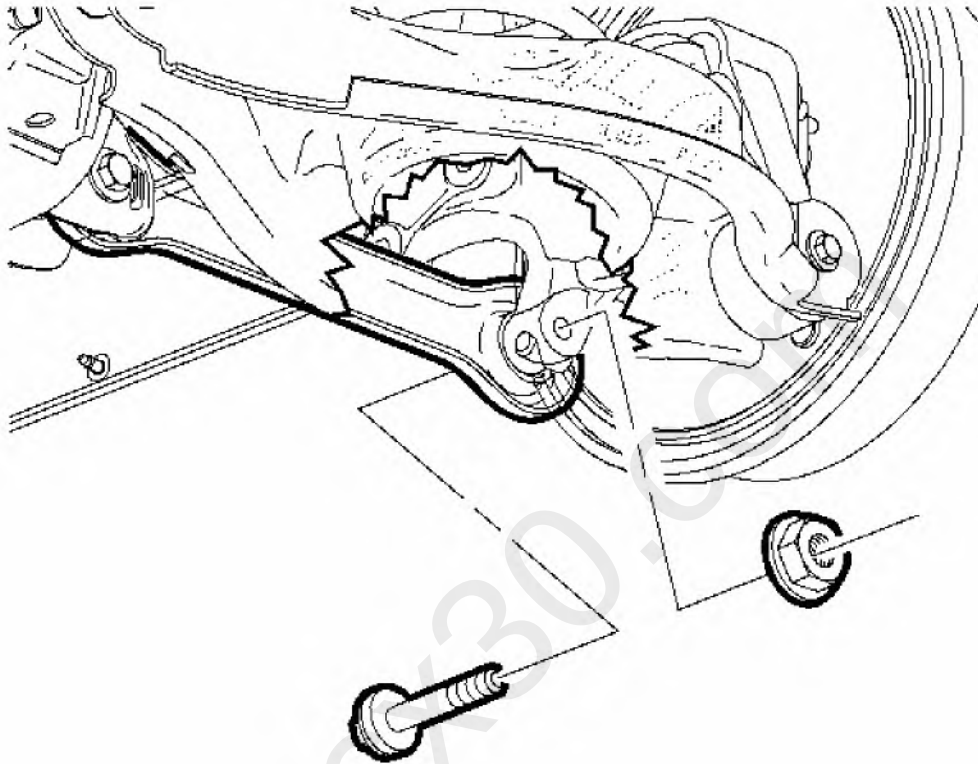


Fig. 96: Removing/Installing Washer, Bolt & Nut On The Suspension Knuckle
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

NOTE: Refer to Fastener Notice in Cautions and Notices.

3. Install the toe link to the knuckle.

Tighten: Tighten the bolt to 160 N.m (118 lb ft).

4. Tighten the toe link to support bolt.

Tighten: Tighten the bolt to 160 N.m (118 lb ft).

5. Lower the vehicle.
6. Check the rear alignment. Refer to **Measuring Wheel Alignment** in Wheel Alignment.

WHEEL STUD REPLACEMENT

Tools Required

J 43631 Ball Joint Remover

Removal Procedure

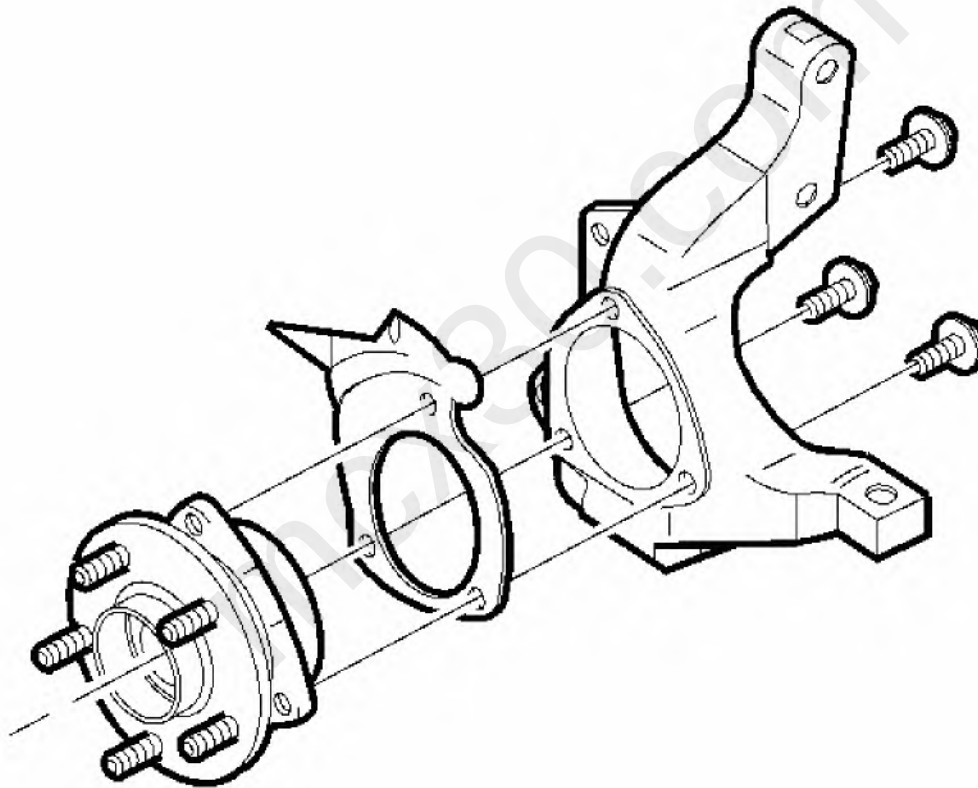


Fig. 97: View Of Wheel Bearing/Hub Assembly & Mounting Bolts
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Raise and support the vehicle. Refer to **Lifting and Jacking the Vehicle** in General Information.
2. Remove the tire and wheel assembly. Refer to **Tire and Wheel Removal and Installation** in Tires and Wheels.

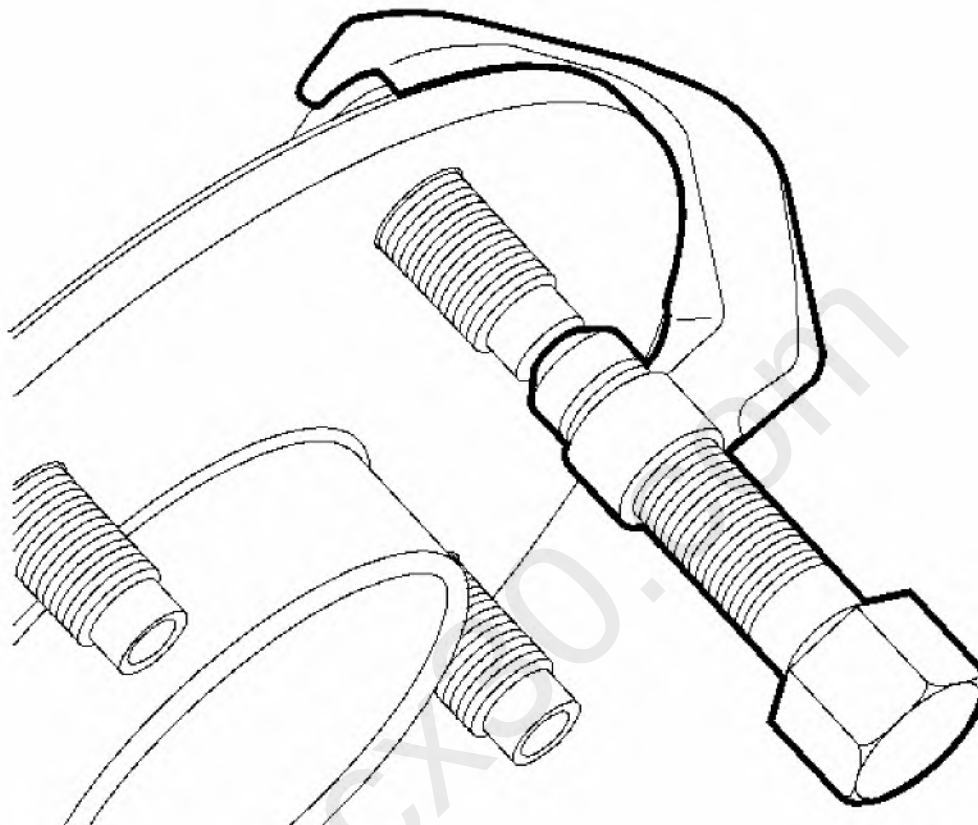


Fig. 98: Wheel Stud & Wheel Bearing/Hub Assembly
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

3. Using the **J 43631** , press out the wheel stud from the wheel bearing/hub assembly.

Installation Procedure

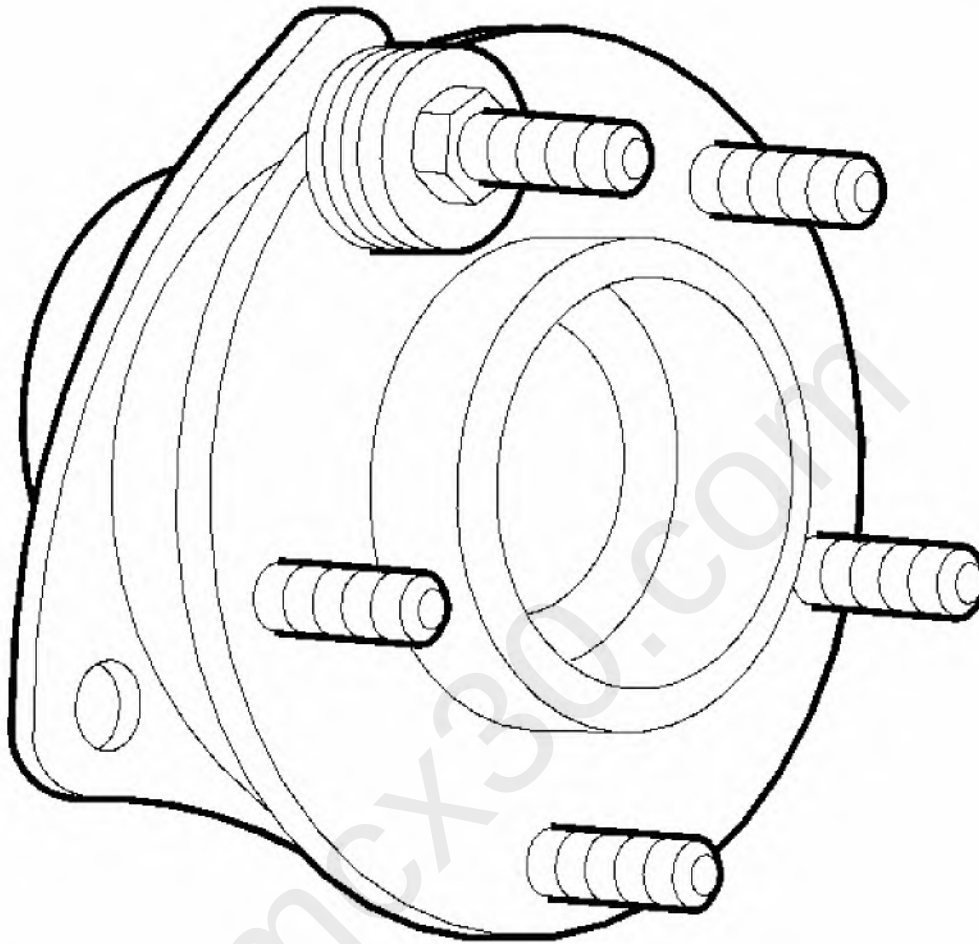


Fig. 99: Hex Head Nut & Wheel Stud
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Install the wheel stud to the wheel bearing/hub assembly from the bearing side of the hub flange.
2. Place flat washers over the wheel stud being installed.
3. Install the wheel nut or a hex head nut to the wheel stud.
4. Gradually tighten the nut in order to draw the stud into the hub flange until the head of the wheel stud is fully seated against the hub flange.
5. Remove the nut and flat washers.
6. Install the tire and wheel assembly. Refer to **Tire and Wheel Removal and Installation** in Tires and Wheels.
7. Lower the vehicle.

DESCRIPTION AND OPERATION

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The rear suspension system on this vehicle is of the independent link type. The rear suspension system performs the following functions:

- Maintains the relationship of the rear axle to the body
- Controls the torque reaction on acceleration and braking

The rear coil springs are retained between the spring seat in the lower control arm. Rubber insulators isolate the coil spring at both top and bottom.

The suspension system consists of the following components:

- Support assembly
- Coil springs
- Stabilizer shaft, insulators, and stabilizer links
- Toe link
- Upper control arm
- Lower control arm
- Trailing arm
- Knuckles
- Wheel bearing/hub
- Shock absorbers

SPECIAL TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

SPECIAL TOOLS

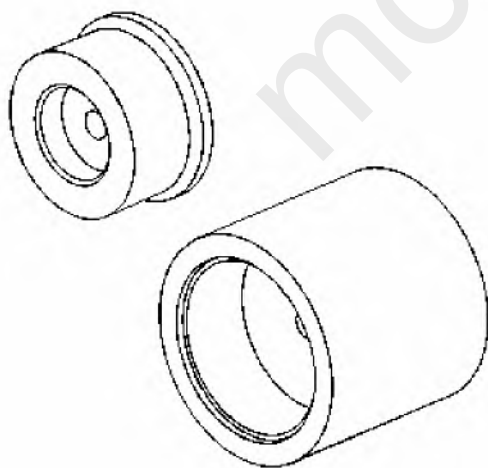
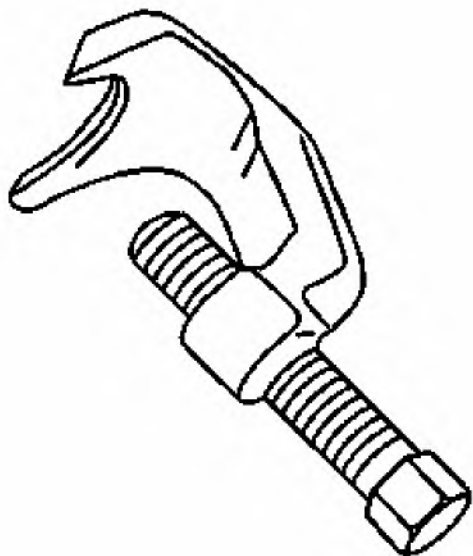
Special Tools

Illustration	Tool Number/ Description
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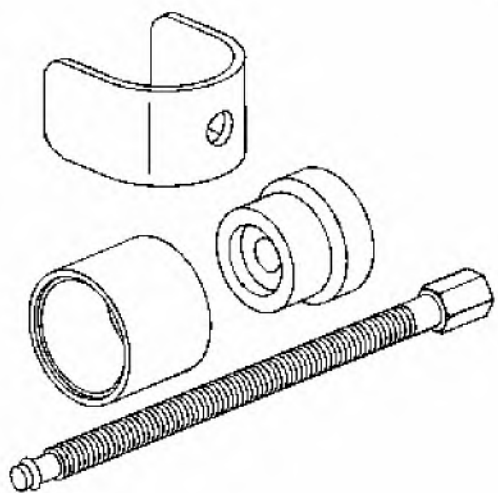
Ball Joint Remover



J 44866
Support Bushing Remover and Installer

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J 45097
Rear Control Arm Bushing Remover

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