

2018 SUSPENSION

Wheel Alignment - Traverse

SPECIFICATIONS

WHEEL ALIGNMENT SPECIFICATIONS

Alignment Condition: Full tank of fuel, no passengers and placed on flat level surface.

RPO Restriction	Wheels	Caster		Cross Caster	Camber		Cross Camber	Total Toe	Steering Wheel Angle	Thrust Angle
		Left	Right	(Left - Right)	Left	Right	(Left - Right)	(Left + Right)		(Left - Right)/2
ALL	Front	$4.30^{\circ} \pm 0.8^{\circ}$	$4.30^{\circ} \pm 0.8^{\circ}$	$0.0^{\circ} \pm 0.8^{\circ}$	$-0.60^{\circ} \pm 0.8^{\circ}$	$-0.60^{\circ} \pm 0.8^{\circ}$	$0.0^{\circ} \pm 0.8^{\circ}$	$0.20^{\circ} \pm 0.20^{\circ}$	$-1.0^{\circ} \pm 3.5^{\circ}$	-
	Rear	-	-	-	$-0.6^{\circ} \pm 0.8^{\circ}$	$-0.6^{\circ} \pm 0.8^{\circ}$	-	$0.20^{\circ} \pm 0.20^{\circ}$	-	$0.0^{\circ} \pm 0.20^{\circ}$

FASTENER SPECIFICATIONS

Reusable Threaded Fastener Tightening Specifications

NOTE: <i>All fasteners listed in this table can be reused after removal.</i>	
Application	Specification
	Metric (English)
Steering Linkage Inner Tie Rod Nut	75 N.m (55 lb ft)

REPAIR INSTRUCTIONS

WHEEL ALIGNMENT MEASUREMENT

Steering and vibration complaints are not always the result of improper alignment. One possible cause is wheel and tire imbalance. Another possibility is tire lead due to worn or improperly manufactured tires. Lead/pull is defined as follows: At a constant highway speed on a typical straight road, lead/pull is the amount of effort required at the steering wheel to maintain the vehicle straight path. Lead is the vehicle deviation from a straight path on a level road without pressure on the steering wheel.

Before performing any adjustment affecting wheel alignment, perform the following inspections and adjustments in order to ensure correct alignment readings:

- Inspect the tires for the proper inflation.
- Inspect the tires for irregular tire wear. [Tire Diagnosis - Irregular or Premature Wear](#)
- Inspect the runout of the wheels and the tires.
- Inspect the wheel bearings for backlash and excessive play.
- Inspect the ball joints and tie rod ends for looseness or wear.
- Inspect the control arms and stabilizer shaft for looseness or wear.
- Inspect the steering gear for looseness at the frame. [Fastener Specifications](#)
- Inspect the struts/shock absorbers for wear, leaks, and any noticeable noises. [Suspension Strut and Shock Absorber Testing - On Vehicle](#)

- Inspect the vehicle trim height. [Trim Height Inspection](#)
- Inspect the steering wheel for excessive drag or poor return due to stiff or rusted linkage or suspension components.

Give consideration to the condition of the equipment being used for the alignment. Follow the equipment manufacturer instructions.

Satisfactory vehicle operation may occur over a wide range of alignment settings. However, if the setting exceeds the service allowable specifications, correct the alignment to the service preferred specifications. [Wheel Alignment Specifications](#)

Perform the following steps in order to measure the front and rear alignment angles:

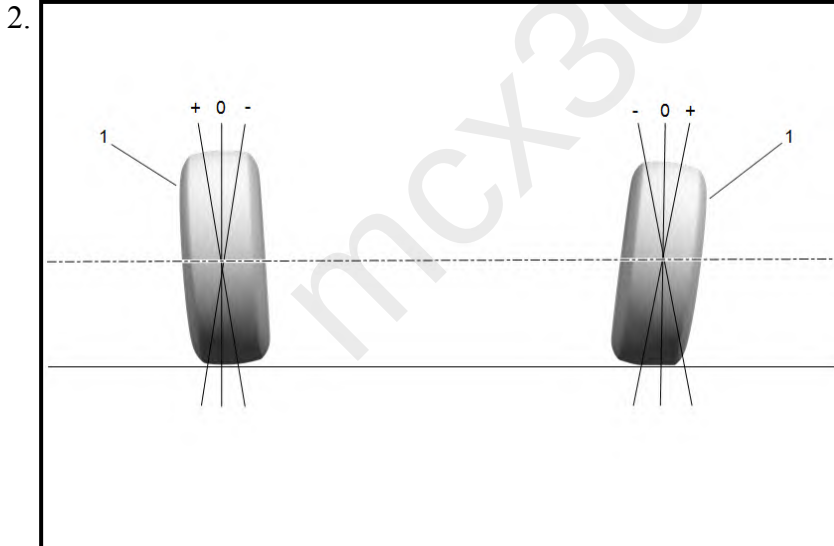
1. Install the alignment equipment according to the manufacturer instructions.
2. Jounce the front and the rear bumpers 3 times prior to checking the wheel alignment.
3. Measure the alignment angles and record the readings.
4. Adjust alignment angles to vehicle specification, if necessary. [Wheel Alignment Specifications](#)

FRONT CAMBER ADJUSTMENT

Adjustment Procedure

1. Before performing any adjustment affecting the wheel alignment, refer to [Wheel Alignment Measurement](#).

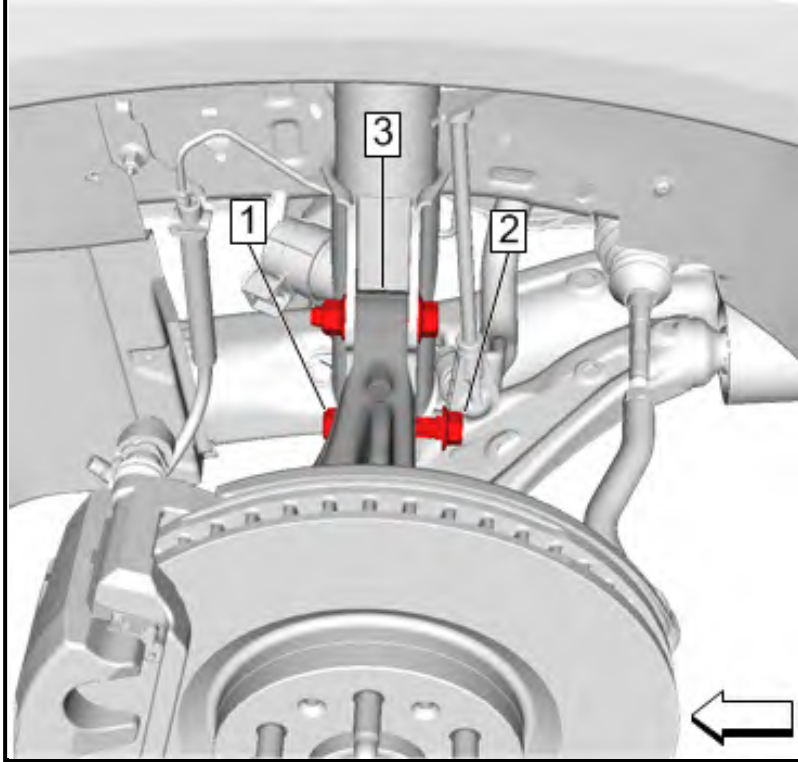
NOTE: A service bolt is available for the upper strut to steering knuckle position. Do not attempt to file on the strut holes to make camber adjustment. The service bolt is approximately 2 mm smaller in diameter to allow adjustment. Refer to the electronic parts catalog for proper application.



Determine the actual camber, Positive (1) or Negative (2).

3. Raise the front of the vehicle. Follow alignment machine instructions.
4. Remove the tire and wheel assembly. Follow alignment machine instructions.

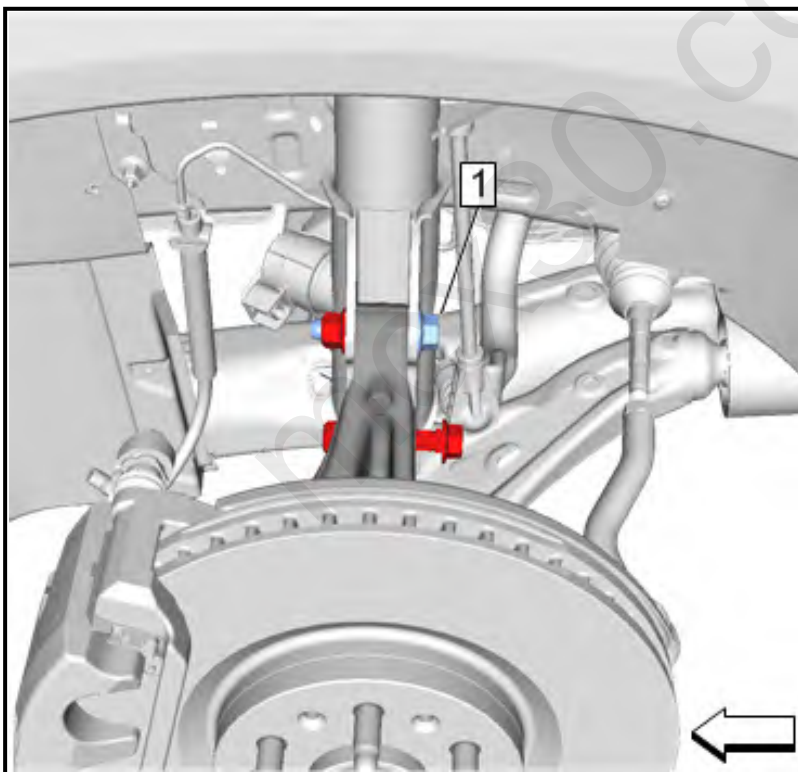




Loosen the lower steering knuckle nut (1) enough to allow the splines of the steering knuckle bolt (2) to disengage from the steering knuckle (3). [Strut Assembly Removal and Installation](#)

6. Remove the upper steering knuckle nut and bolt and DISCARD the bolt.

7.



Assemble the NEW service bolt (1) to upper strut to steering knuckle. Do not fully tighten.

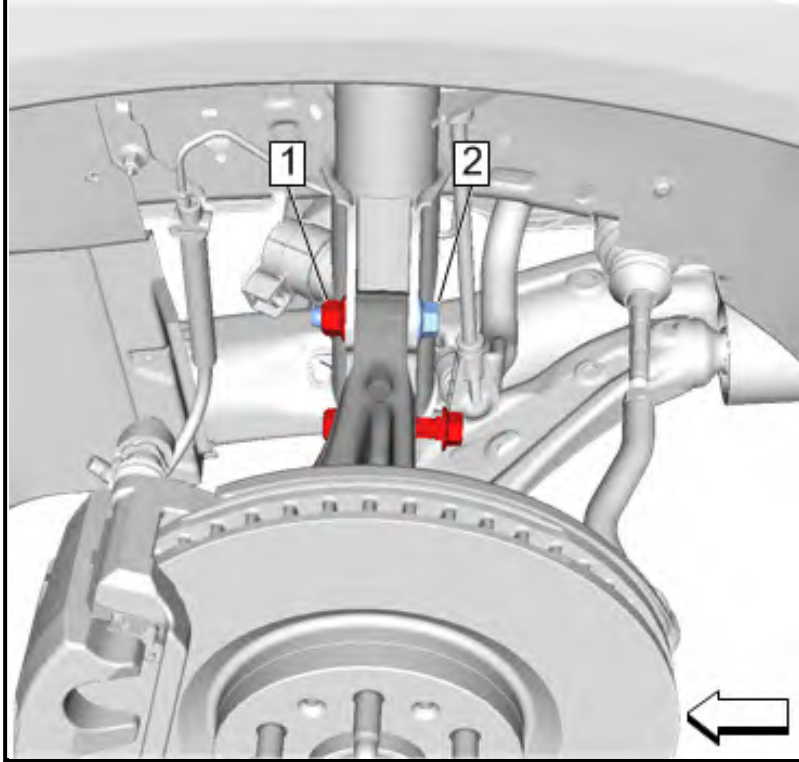
8. Install the tire and wheel assembly.

NOTE: For accurate readings, do not push or pull on the tire and wheel assembly during the alignment.

9. Adjust the front camber to specifications. [Wheel Alignment Measurement](#).

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NOTE: The next step may require assistance.

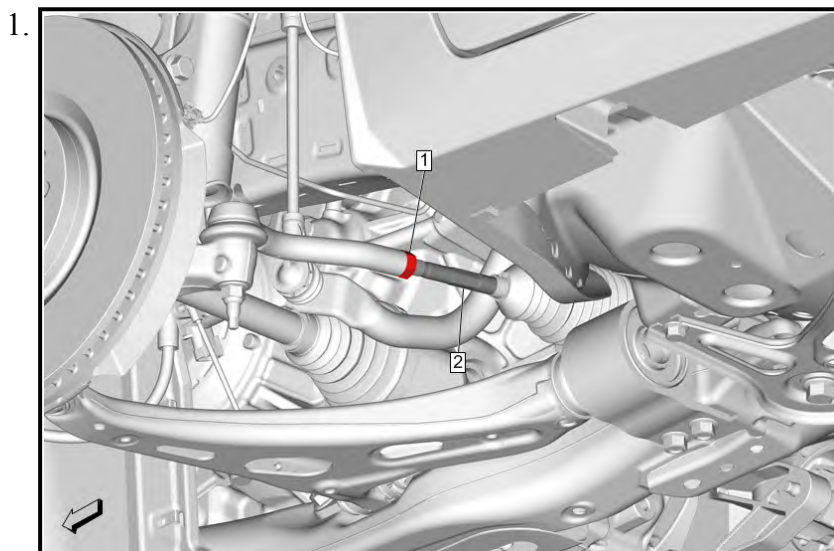
Hold the camber adjustment and tighten the upper steering knuckle nut (1) while holding the steering knuckle bolt (2) to secure the adjustment. Do not fully torque at this time.

11. Lower the front wheels. Follow alignment machine instructions.
12. Re-inspect the camber settings.
13. Steering Knuckle Upper Nut - Tighten - [Strut Assembly Removal and Installation](#)
14. Remove and DISCARD the steering knuckle lower bolt.
15. Install a NEW steering knuckle bolt in the lower strut to knuckle position. Ensure that the spline of the bolt is fully seated within the knuckle and strut.
16. Tighten the steering knuckle lower nut. [Strut Assembly Removal and Installation](#)

NOTE: After adjusting the front camber, it is necessary to adjust the front toe.

17. Adjust the front toe. [Wheel Alignment - Steering Wheel Angle and/or Front Toe Adjustment](#)

WHEEL ALIGNMENT - STEERING WHEEL ANGLE AND/OR FRONT TOE ADJUSTMENT



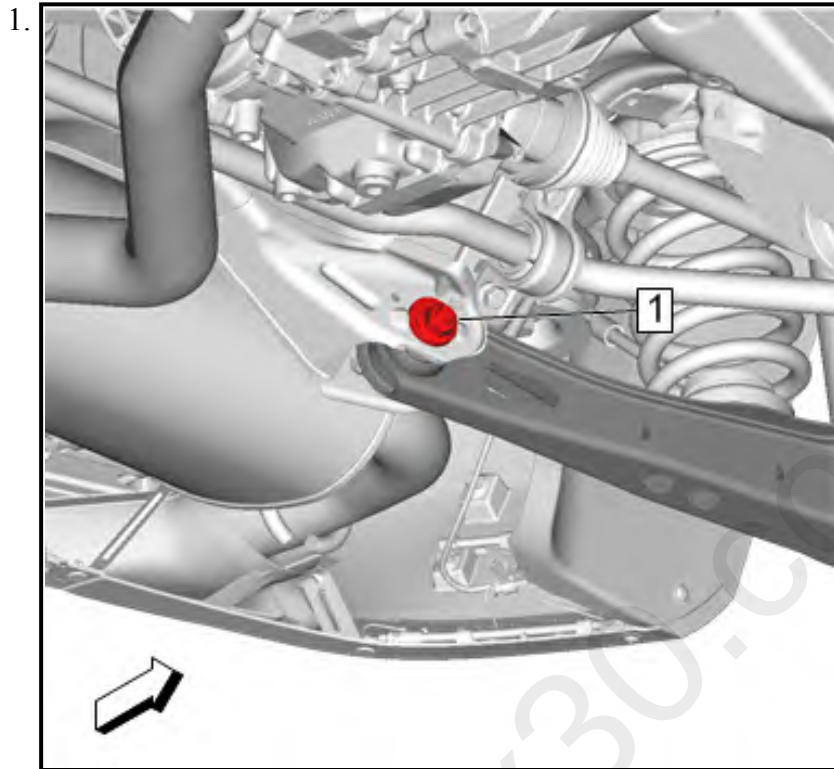
Ensure that the steering wheel is set in a straight ahead position.

2. Loosen the steering linkage inner tie rod nut (1).
3. Adjust the toe to specification by turning the steering linkage inner tie rod (2). [Wheel Alignment Specifications](#)

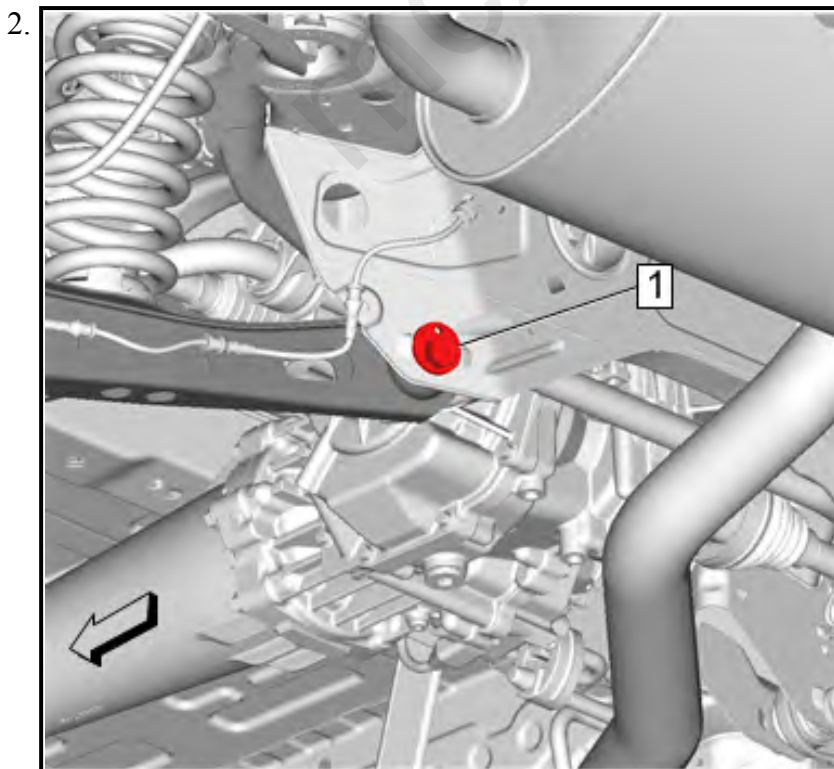
CAUTION: Refer to [Fastener Caution](#) .

4. Tighten the steering linkage inner tie rod nut (1) to 75 N.m (55 lb ft).
5. The steering angle sensor must be re-centered, the steering stops must be relearned. [Steering Wheel Angle Sensor Centering](#)

REAR CAMBER ADJUSTMENT

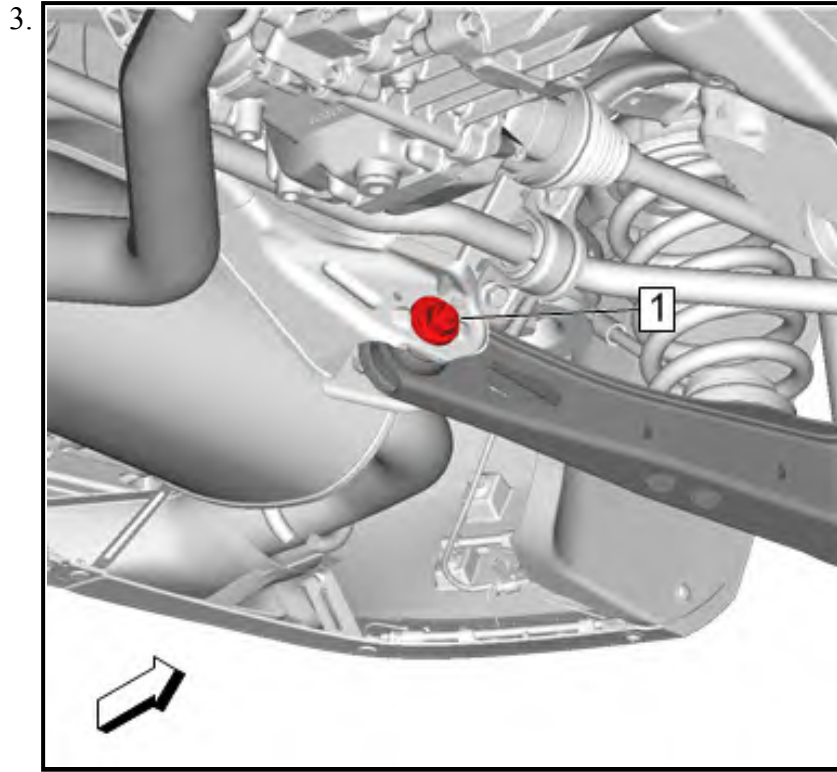


Rear Suspension Lower Control Arm Inner Nut (1) - Loosen



Rotate the rear suspension lower control arm adjust bolt (1) until the correct camber measurement is achieved. [Wheel Alignment Measurement](#)

NOTE: Tighten the nut and bolt enough to maintain the adjustment. Verify the camber reading prior to tightening the bolt to its final torque.



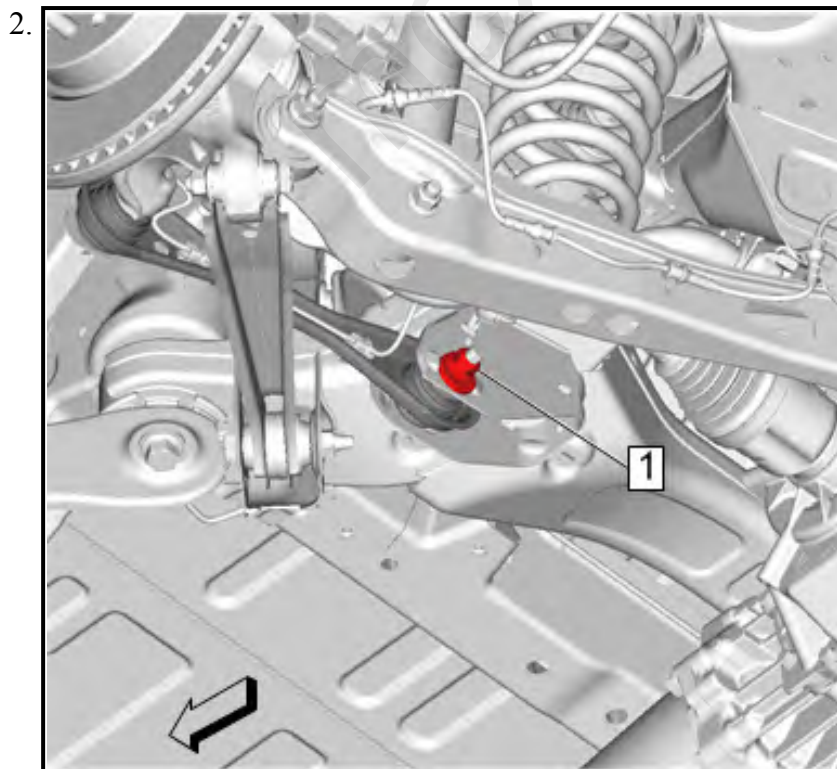
CAUTION: Refer to [Fastener Caution](#) .

Hold the rear suspension lower control arm adjust bolt and tighten the rear suspension lower control arm inner nut (1). [Lower Control Arm Replacement](#)

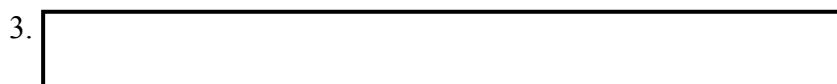
4. Check the alignment specification and readjust if necessary. [Wheel Alignment Specifications](#)

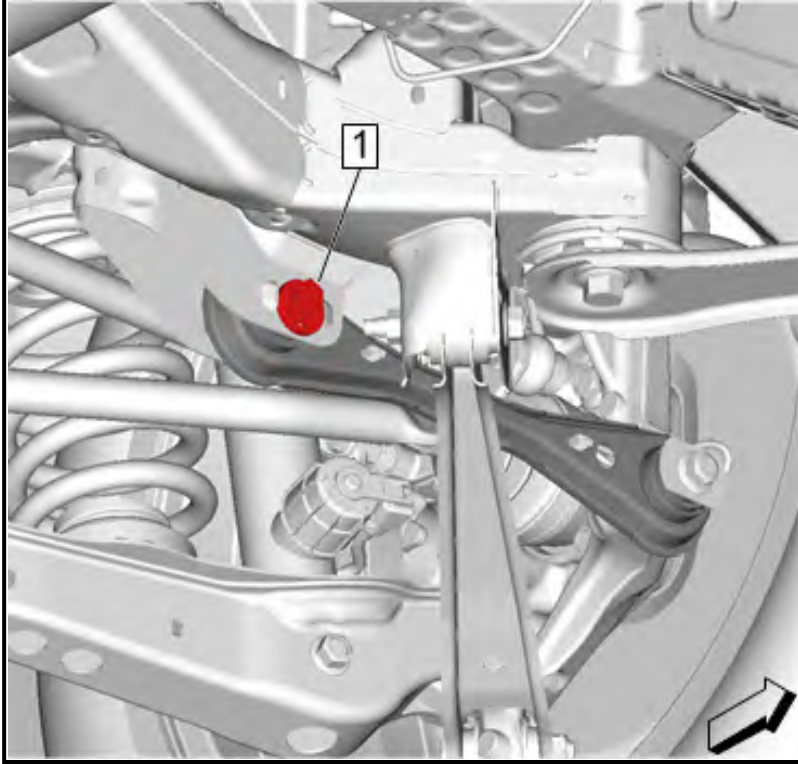
REAR TOE ADJUSTMENT

1. Measure the alignment angles and record the readings. [Wheel Alignment Measurement](#).



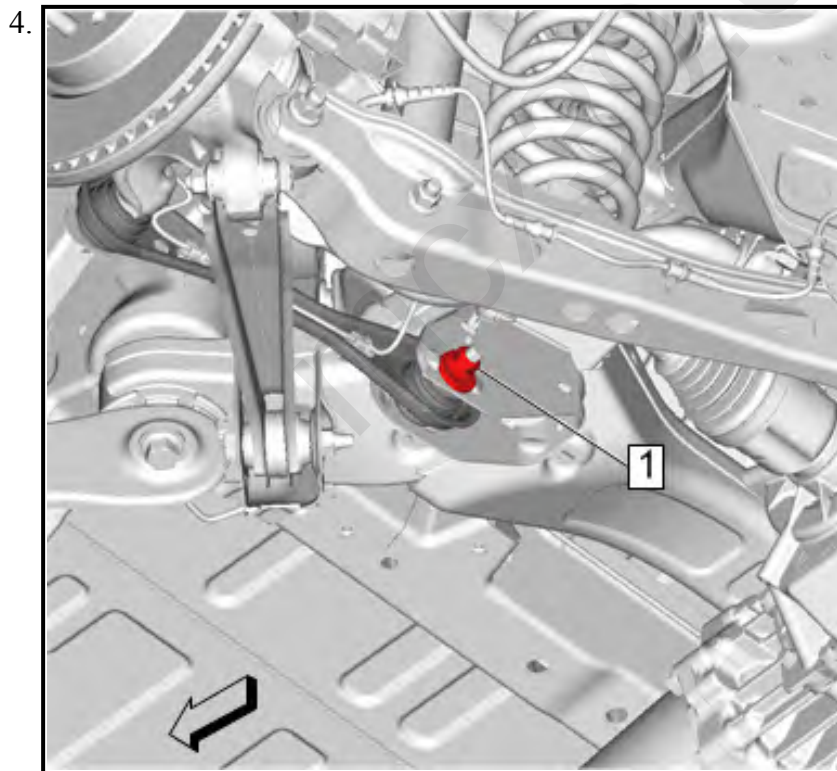
Rear Suspension Adjust Link Inner Nut (1) - Loosen





Rotate the rear suspension adjust link inner bolt (1) until the proper toe measurement is achieved. [Wheel Alignment Specifications](#).

NOTE: Tighten the rear suspension adjust link nut enough to maintain the adjustment. Verify the rear toe reading prior to tightening the bolt to its final torque.



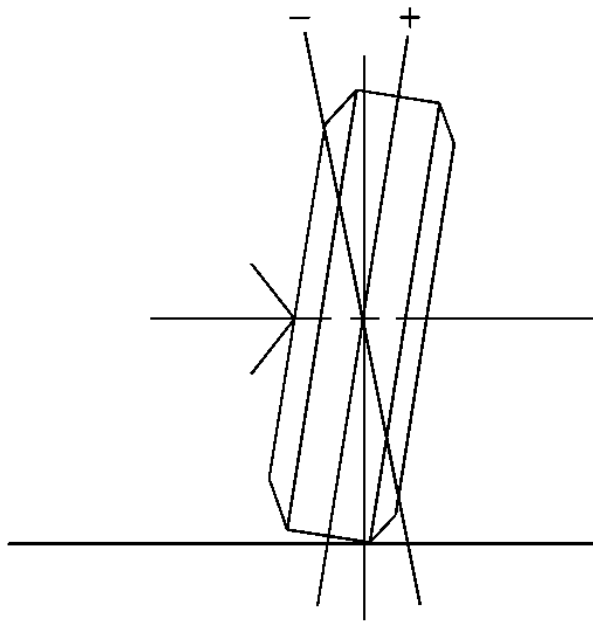
CAUTION: Refer to [Fastener Caution](#) .

Hold the rear suspension adjust link inner bolt and tighten the rear suspension adjust link inner nut (1). [Adjust Link Replacement](#)

5. Check the alignment specification and readjust if necessary. [Wheel Alignment Specifications](#)

DESCRIPTION AND OPERATION

CAMBER DESCRIPTION



Camber is the tilting of the wheels from the vertical when viewed from the front of the vehicle. When the wheels tilt outward at the top, the camber is positive (+). When the wheel tilts inward at the top, the camber is negative (-). The amount of tilt is measured in degrees from the vertical. Camber settings influence the directional control and the tire wear.

Too much positive camber will result in premature wear on the outside of the tire and cause excessive wear on the suspension parts.

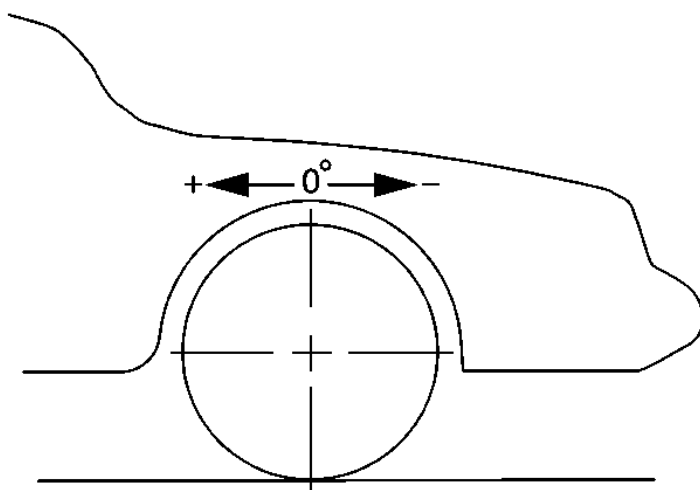
Too much negative camber will result in premature wear on the inside of the tire and cause excessive wear on the suspension parts.

Unequal side-to-side camber of 1 degree or more will cause the vehicle to pull or lead to the side with the most positive camber.

Cross Camber is the difference between the left camber value and the right camber value.

Cross Camber = L camber - R camber

CASTER DESCRIPTION



Caster is the tilting of the uppermost point of the steering axis either forward or backward, when viewed from the side of the vehicle. A backward tilt is positive (+) and a forward tilt is negative (-). Caster influences directional control of the steering but does not affect the tire wear. Caster is affected by the vehicle height, therefore it is important to keep the body at its designed height. Overloading the vehicle or a weak or sagging rear spring will affect caster. When the rear of the vehicle is lower than its designated trim height, the front suspension moves to a more positive caster. If the rear of the vehicle is higher than its designated trim height, the front suspension moves to a less positive caster.

With too little positive caster, steering may be touchy at high speed and wheel returnability may be diminished when coming out of a turn. If one wheel has more positive caster than the other, that wheel will pull toward the center of the vehicle. This condition will cause the vehicle to pull or lead to the side with the least amount of positive caster.

Cross Caster is the difference between the left caster value and the right caster value.

Cross caster = L caster - R caster

LEAD/PULL DESCRIPTION

At a constant highway speed on a typical straight road, lead/pull is the amount of effort required at the steering wheel to maintain the vehicle's straight path.

IMPORTANT: Vehicles will tend to lead/pull in the direction of the road slope as part of normal operation.

Lead/pull is usually caused by the following factors:

- Road slope
- Variability in tire construction
- Wheel alignment (front cross caster and camber)
- Unbalanced steering gear
- Electronic Power Steering (EPS) steering position and torque sensors not calibrated correctly, if equipped.

MEMORY STEER DESCRIPTION

Memory steer is when the vehicle wants to lead or pull in the direction the driver previously turned the vehicle. Additionally, after turning in the opposite direction, the vehicle will want to lead or pull in that direction.

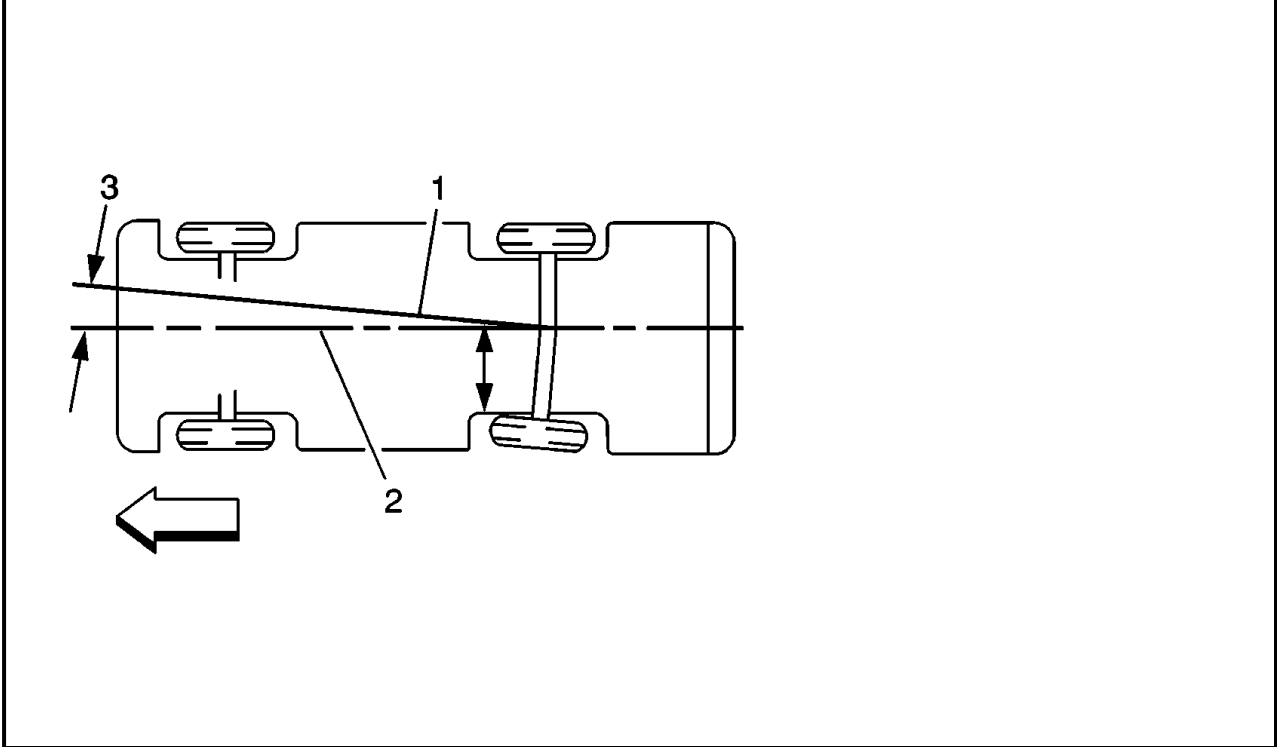
SCRUB RADIUS DESCRIPTION

Ideally, the scrub radius is as small as possible. Normally, the SAI angle and the centerline of the tire and the wheel intersect below the road surface, causing a positive scrub radius. With struts, the SAI angle is much larger than the long arm/short arm type of suspension. This allows the SAI angle to intersect the camber angle above the road surface, forming a negative scrub radius. The smaller the scrub radius, the better the directional stability. Installing aftermarket wheels that have additional offset will dramatically increase the scrub radius. The newly installed wheels may cause the centerline of the tires to move further away from the spindle. This will increase the scrub radius.

A large amount of scrub radius can cause severe shimmy after hitting a bump. Four-wheel drive vehicles with large tires use a steering damper to compensate for an increased scrub radius. Scrub radius is not directly measurable by the conventional methods. Scrub radius is projected geometrically by engineers during the design phase of the suspension.

THRUST ANGLES DESCRIPTION





The front wheels aim or steer the vehicle. The rear wheels control tracking. This tracking action relates to the thrust angle (3). The thrust angle is the path that the rear wheels take. Ideally, the thrust angle is geometrically aligned with the body centerline (2).

In the illustration, toe-in is shown on the left rear wheel, moving the thrust line (1) off center. The resulting deviation from the centerline is the thrust angle.

If the thrust angle is not set properly the vehicle may "dog track", the steering wheel may not be centered or it could be perceived as a bent axle. Thrust angle can be checked during a wheel alignment.

Positive thrust angle means the thrust line is pointing to the right hand side (RHS) of the vehicle.

Negative thrust angle means the thrust line is pointing to the left hand side (LHS) of the vehicle.

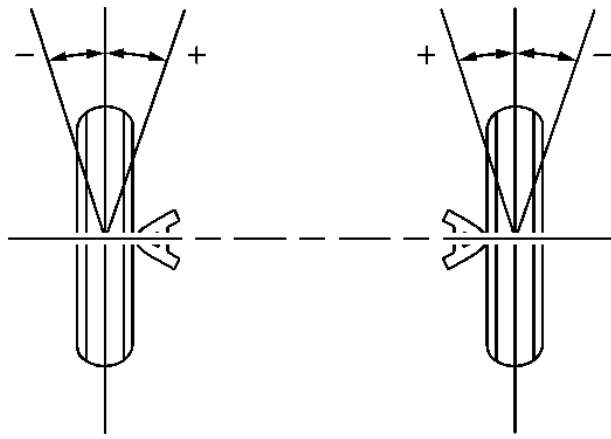
If the thrust angle is out of specification, moving the axle to body relationship will change the thrust angle reading.

If the vehicle is out in the Positive (+) direction-moving the RHS forward and/or LHS rearward will move the thrust angle towards zero degrees.

If the vehicle is out in the Negative (-) direction-moving the RHS rearward and/or LHS forward will move the thrust angle towards zero degrees.

TOE DESCRIPTION



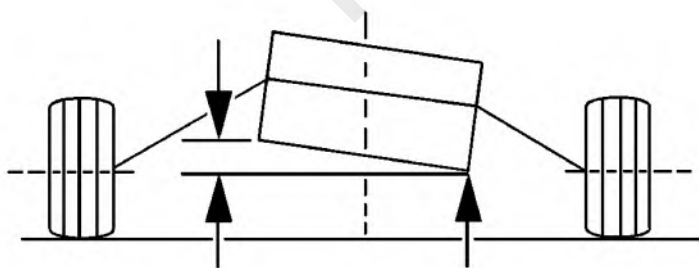


Toe is a measurement of how much the front and/or rear wheels are turned in or out from a straight-ahead position. When the wheels are turned in, toe is positive (+). When the wheels are turned out, toe is negative (-). The actual amount of toe is normally only a fraction of a degree. The purpose of toe is to ensure that the wheels roll parallel.

Toe also offsets the small deflections of the wheel support system that occur when the vehicle is rolling forward. In other words, with the vehicle standing still and the wheels set with toe-in, the wheels tend to roll parallel on the road when the vehicle is moving.

Improper toe adjustment will cause premature tire wear and cause steering instability.

TORQUE STEER DESCRIPTION



A vehicle pulls or leads in one direction during hard acceleration. A vehicle pulls or leads in the other direction during deceleration.

The following factors may cause torque steer to be more apparent on a particular vehicle:

- A slightly smaller diameter tire on the right front increases a right torque lead. Inspect the front tires for differences in the brand, the construction, or the size. If the tires appear to be similar, change the front tires from side-to-side and retest the vehicle. Tire and wheel assemblies have the most significant effect on torque steer correction.
- A large difference in the right and left front tire pressure
- Left-to-right differences in the front view axle angle may cause significant steering pull in a vehicle. The pull will be to the side with the most downward sloping axle from the differential to the wheels. Axles typically slope downward from the differential. The slope of the transaxle pan to level ground may be used as an indication of bias axle angles. The side with the higher transaxle pan (shown on the left side of the illustration) has the most downward sloping axle angle.

WANDER DESCRIPTION

Wander is the undesired drifting or deviation of a vehicle to either side from a straight path with hand pressure on the steering wheel. Wander is a symptom of the vehicle's sensitivity to external disturbances, such as road crown and crosswind, and accentuated by poor on-center steering feel.

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