



INSTALLATION OF HOTCHKIS PERFORMANCE TUBULAR UPPER A-ARMS

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#1101 & 1103

The instructions below apply only to those cars that are converting to larger disc brakes with taller spindles. PART # 1101 & 1103 ARE NOT DESIGNED TO WORK WITH STOCK (STANDARD) "A" OR "G" BODY SPINDLES.

This is a job for expert mechanics. If you have any questions about front-end work, please consult the appropriate GM service manual or call Hotchkis Performance.

**PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY
BEFORE YOU BEGIN.**

Thank you for purchasing Hotchkis Performance products.

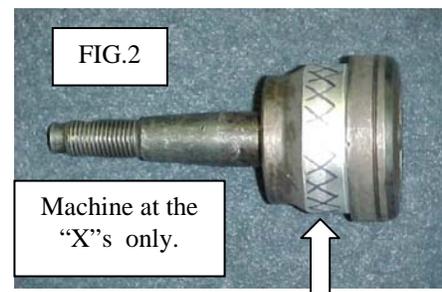
- 1) Raise the front of the vehicle to an adequate working height and support the car securely on jack stands. Remove the front wheels. Work on one side of the car at a time.
- 2) Remove the front shocks.
- 3) Remove the cotter pin and nut securing the outer tie-rod ends to the steering arm and separate the two. Disconnect the flexible brake line from the caliper. Remove the cotter pins securing the upper and lower ball-joint nuts and loosen the nuts a few turns *but leave the nuts on the threads of the ball-joints*. Separate the two ball-joints from the spindle (using a separating tool, pickle fork, etc.) until the spring pressure snaps down against the nuts. With a jack, support the lower A-arm until it is loaded enough to release all pressure against the ball joint nuts, then remove the upper nut and pivot the upper A-arm out of the way. Remove the lower ball joint nut and remove the entire knuckle assembly (spindle, rotor, caliper, etc.)
- 4) Remove the two nuts that hold the upper A-arm crossshaft to the frame of the car (**Note: keep track of the number of alignment shims and their locations as they will be replaced in the same manner for a rough initial alignment setting**). Remove the upper A-arm from the vehicle.
- 5) Carefully lower the floor jack under the lower A-Arm to remove the front springs. (**CAUTION! The stock front springs are very long and may need to be compressed to remove them.**)

- 6) After removing the front springs, remove the stock rubber droop stop on the frame rail and install the new poly stop. See Fig. 1



IMPORTANT INFO FOR PART # 1103 (64-72 A-BODY CARS)

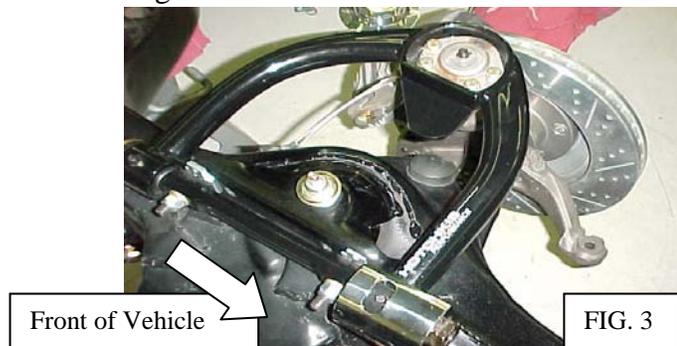
For 64-72 A-Body cars, you must use the lower ball joint for the spindle you are going to use. (For example if you are using a 72 Camaro spindle you must use a new lower ball joint from the same car. Please look at the parts list for applications.) The new ball joint will need to be turned down to 2.010" so that it will fit in the stock A-Body lower A-Arm. You can also purchase an already turned down ball joint from Hotchkis Performance part # 1155. See Fig. 2



- 7) Reinstall the lower A-Arm with the new modified lower ball joint on the car.

NOTE: Hotchkis Performance upper A-Arms are designed to operate on cars with a slightly lowered ride height, we suggest using Hotchkis Performance front performance springs part # 1901F for 64-72 A-Body cars and part # 1902F for 78-88 A-Body cars.

- 8) Install Hotchkis Performance A-arm (short leg towards the front of the car) See Fig. 3, reinstalling the original alignment shims in the same locations and torque the two nuts to 45 ft./lbs. The crossshafts in the A-arms are offset positive or negative, depending which way that the shaft is rotated. This allows a greater range of camber adjustment. The pre-assembled A-arms are preset for maximum negative camber. If the proper alignment cannot be obtained rotate the crossshaft 180 degrees.



- 9) Check all ball joint and tie rod boots and replace if necessary. Install the new spindle assembly. Place ball joint ends into the spindle and install the nuts. Torque upper nut to 60 ft./lbs. & the lower to 80 ft./lbs. Making sure to align the cotter pin holes with the nuts. Reinstall outer tie rod end into the steering arm, torque nut to 35 ft./lbs. Install **NEW** cotter pins in all locations; never reuse old cotter pins.
- 10) Assemble the brake rotor, bearings, calipers, etc. as required. Install new flexible brake line. (This is a good time to replace old brake lines) Repeat steps 3 through 9 for the other side of the vehicle.
- 11) Change the master cylinder, booster, and proportioning valve (if your application requires it)(**It is required on drum brake cars**). Bleed the brake system. Check the flexible brake lines for binding or kinking throughout steering travel. Check for any brake fluid leaks. Reinstall the wheel and torque to proper specification.
- 12) Adjust the toe in to near straight ahead to drive it to the alignment shop and have the car aligned to the following specifications:

Camber: 0 degrees

Caster: + 4.0 degrees (left side), + 4.5 degrees (right side)

Toe In: 1/16 inch total

A-ARM INSTALLATION NOTES

1978 TO 1988 A/G BODY CARS:

The master cylinder must be changed to one with a 1.125" bore. The optimum set-up is to use the master cylinder and proportioning valve that matches the new calipers. The master cylinder from a 1970 to 1981 Camaro or a 1978 to 1996 Caprice will bolt to the stock power booster without modification. On some cars you may have to reverse the brake lines at the master cylinder. The hex on both lines is the same, but the thread size is different and the lines will only go one way.

On Buick turbo cars the electric power booster will have to be changed to a vacuum type booster, the brake pedal will also have to be changed (see parts list). Install a 3/8-inch "T" fitting in the rubber hose to the PCV valve and run a vacuum line to the check valve at the booster. Do not cut wiring to the original booster, tape the plug securely and leave in the car.

1982 TO 1993 S-10 2WD:

Same as A/G, but hard lines between master cylinder and proportioning valve must be reversed. You will need to fabricate new lines to do this.

1964 TO 1972 A BODY CARS:

If converting from drum brakes use the master cylinder; booster and proportioning valve from a 1967 to 1972 disc brake A body car.

Turn base of lower ball joints to 2.010" **See Fig 2** (see parts list) or you can purchase the already turned down ball joint from Hotchkis Performance part # 1155

IMPORTANT!!! REMOVE BRAKE LINE MOUNT ON FRAME AND REPOSITION APPROXIMATELY ¾ INCH LOWER TO PREVENT BRAKE LINE INTERFERING WITH SUSPENSION TRAVEL. MAKE SURE THERE IS ADEQUATE CLEARANCE BEFORE DRIVING THE CAR.



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IMPORTANT: This warranty supersedes all other warranties included with this product.

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- **Installed in any vehicle that has been modified;**
- **Installed on any vehicle that has carried loads in excess of automobile manufacturer suggested weight limits; or**
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- **Did you register the product at www.hotchkis.net or via the mail-in warranty card within 30 days of purchase?**
- **Is the product appropriate to your application?**
- **Did you carefully and thoroughly read the instructions provided along with the product?**
- **Do you have the original invoice or sales receipt?**
- **Is the return date within 36 months from the purchase date?**
- **Are you the original purchaser?**
- **Was the product properly installed by a qualified, licensed auto mechanic?**
- **Has the product been installed on the original vehicle on which it was installed at all times?**
- **Is the product unmodified and clean?**
- **Is the reason for return a legitimate product defect?**

If the answer to all these questions is YES, please contact our Customer Service Department at (562) 907-7757. You will be given a Returned Goods Authorization Number (RGA) valid for 60 days. You will also be asked to ship the product prepaid to our facility. All shipments MUST be (i) prepaid, (ii) include the original invoice or sales receipt, (iii) show the RGA on the outside of the package and (iv) include your name, address, make and model of the vehicle, and a brief description of the claimed defect, including the circumstances under which the defect occurred. If the warranty claim is deemed valid then Hotchkis will estimate shipping costs to return the repaired or replacement part and contact you for payment. Hotchkis's Limited warranty requires that any repaired or replaced product will be returned to the sender excluding the cost of freight. Warranty related inquires should be sent to the following address:

HOTCHKIS PERFORMANCE, LLC

**C/O CUSTOMER SERVICE
8633 Sorensen Avenue
SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670**

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