

# A Arm Installation Instructions

## Recommended Tools:

- Jack and jack stands
- Deep well sockets – 1/2", 9/16", 3/4", 7/8", 15/16" 1-1/16", 3/8" hex driver.
- Ratchets - 3/8" and 1/2" drive
- Wrenches - 1/2", 9/16", 3/4", 7/8"
- Hammer, flat headed drift
- Spring Compressor

## Lower Installation:

1. Raise the vehicle using a jack or service lift and make sure the front is safely supported with plenty of clearance for the A arms to be dropped out. Remove front wheels.
2. Using a **3/8"** socket, remove the brake caliper as seen in **IMAGE 1**. Make sure to hang the caliper from a piece of wire or hook, as the brake line is not designed to suspend the weight of the caliper.
3. Remove the wheel bearing cap with a hammer and drift, remove the cotter pin, and then remove the bolt holding the rotor on using a **1-1/16"** socket. Leave the bearings inside the rotor and remove rotor from spindle. **IMAGE 2**
4. Using a **1/2"** socket, remove the dust shield. **IMAGE 3**

IMAGE 1



IMAGE 2



IMAGE 3



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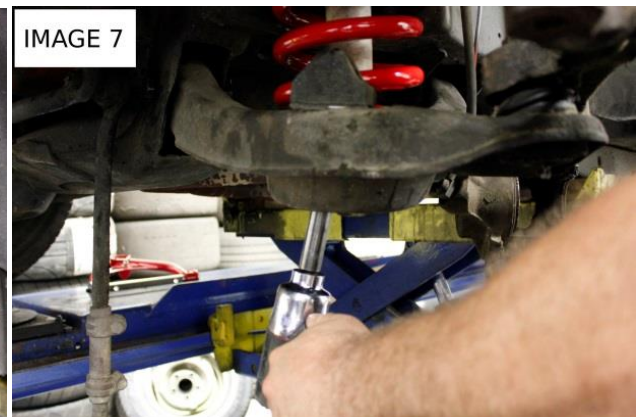
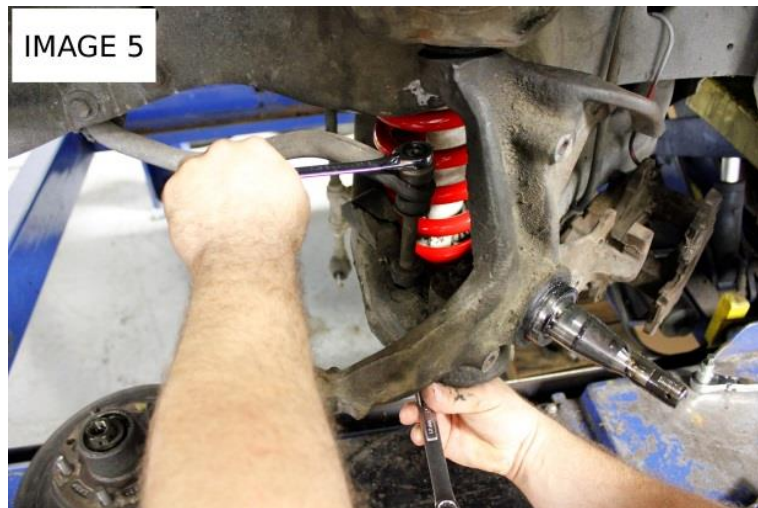
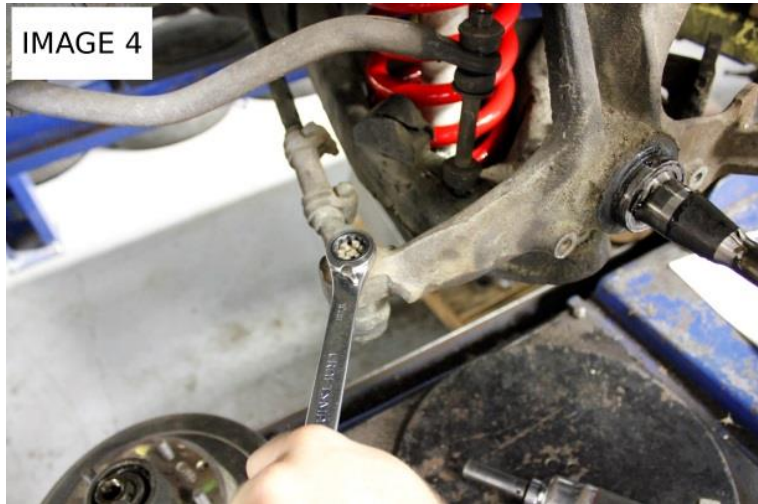
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5. Using a **3/4"** wrench, disconnect the outer tie rod.

**IMAGE 4**

6. Using a **9/16"** socket and wrench, remove the sway bar end link. **IMAGE 5**

7. Using a **9/16"** socket, remove the upper shock nut (**IMAGE 6**). Remove lower shock bolts as seen in **IMAGE 7** also with the **9/16"** socket, then remove shock.

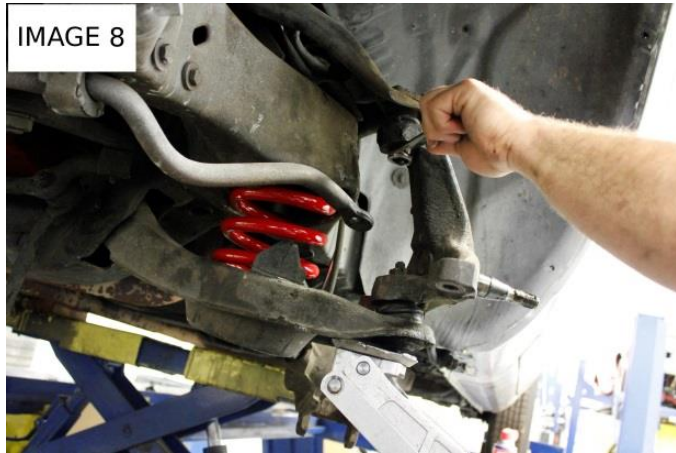


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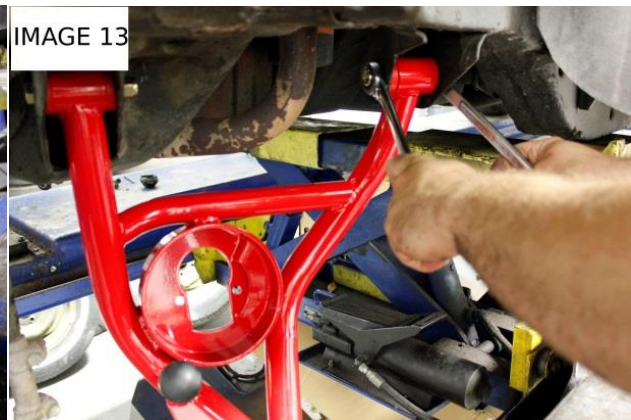
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8. Support the spring pressure on the lower arm with the jack. Using a **3/4"** wrench, disconnect the upper ball joint as seen in **IMAGE 8**. Using a **15/16"** wrench, disconnect the lower ball joint. Knock the ball joint loose with a brass hammer or pickle fork. Carefully lower jack and remove spindle, then spring. **IMAGE 9**



9. Using two **7/8"** wrenches, remove the lower control arm. **IMAGE 11**
10. Fit the BMR control arm using the OE (or new) bolts, tightening to **55 ft lbs**. **IMAGE 12**, **IMAGE 13**



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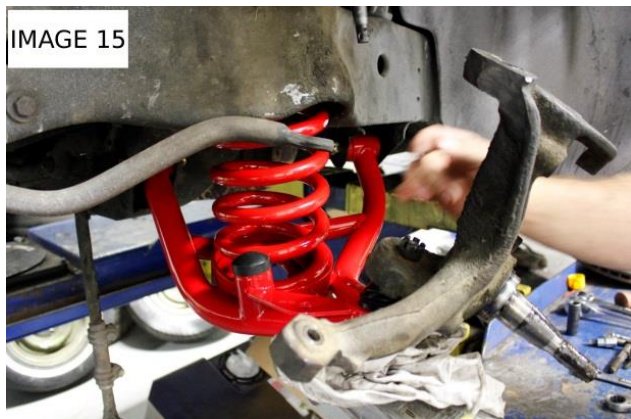
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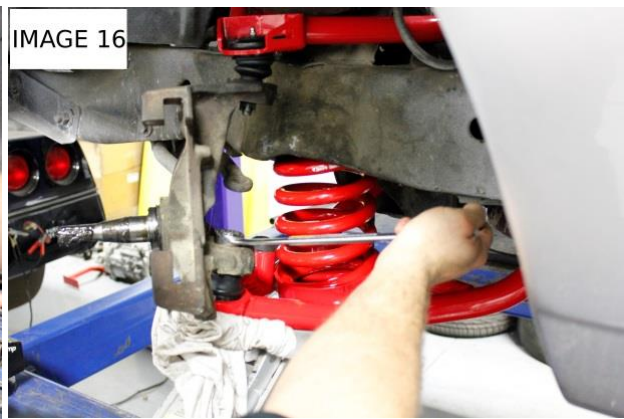
11. Using the jack to support the control arm, install the spring with the end against the stop in the spring cup. It is best to use a spring compressor if possible.

**IMAGE 14**

**EXTREMELY IMPORTANT:** Spring ***MUST*** fit over these bent tabs on the underside of the frame, inside the spring pocket. Uneven ride height will result from failure to properly seat springs.



**IMAGE 15**



**IMAGE 16**

12. Compress the spring with the jack and reinstall spindle, torque nuts to **65 ft lbs**, then reinstall cotter pins. **IMAGE 15, IMAGE 16.**

Reinstall remaining components in reverse order of removal, lower vehicle.

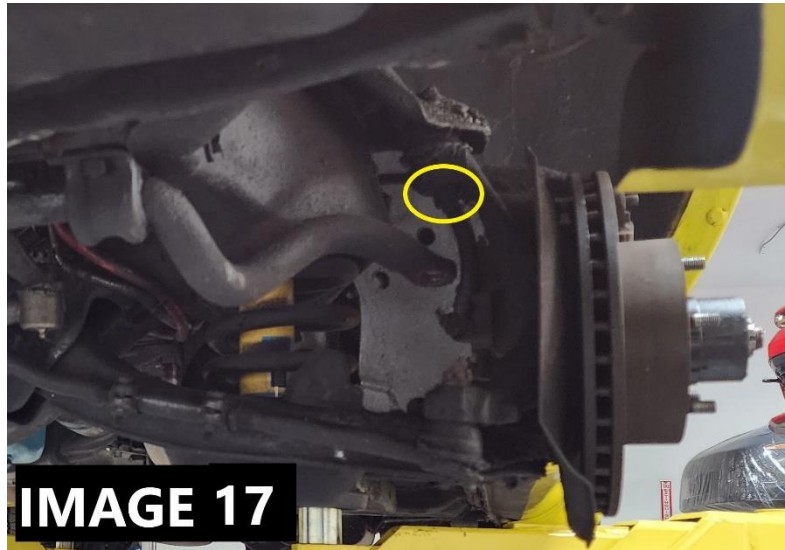
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## Upper Installation:

1. Lift vehicle and support safely with stands under the frame rails. Remove the wheels and tires.
2. Beginning with one side of the vehicle, turn the wheels to allow access to the castle nut on the upper ball joint. **IMAGE 17**
3. Place a floor jack under the lower A-arm and lift slightly to relieve the spring tension from the ball joint.



4. Remove the cotter pin then loosen the castle nut but do not remove it. Using a brass hammer, hit the spindle around the ball joint mounting hole until the ball joint pops loose.

**NOTE:** A pickle fork may also be used to loosen the ball joint.

5. Remove the castle nut then pivot the A-arm upward until the ball joint comes out of the spindle.
6. Remove the two nuts that attach the A-arm to the sub-frame. Remove the shims located between the A-arm cross-shaft and the sub-frame and set aside in proper order for re-assembly. Slide the A-arm towards the motor until the cross-shaft clears the mounting studs and remove the A-arm.

**NOTE:** In some instances, aftermarket headers may need to be removed in order to remove and install the upper A-arms.

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7. Install the BMR upper A-arms over the studs using the original shims. Tighten the nuts.

**IMAGE 18**



**IMAGE 19**

**NOTE:** The cross-shaft is offset cut to allow mounting for more positive or negative camber. See **IMAGE 19**. For a pro touring application where more negative camber is needed, use the shallower cut. If the car is lowered and you are trying to reduce the amount of camber, use the deeper cut side.

8. Pivot the A-arm down until the ball joint goes through the spindle. Tighten the castle nut and install a new cotter pin.
9. Repeat steps 2-8 for the other side.
10. Insert 2-3 pumps of grease into each ball joint.
11. Re-install the wheels/tires. Lower vehicle.

**Please note:** the socket head cap screws in the end of the cross shaft have been torqued by BMR during assembly.

## RECOMMENDED ALIGNMENT SPECS

Camber	Caster	Toe
Daily driver street – .3-.5 degrees negative	Max positive caster to achieve desired camber settings	1/16" Toe-in
Performance street - .5-.8 degrees negative	Max positive caster to achieve desired camber settings	1/16" Toe-in

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