

# B-BODY CONTROL ARM INSTALLATION Part #'s - TCA007, TCA009, ACA003, UTCA001, UTCA002, UTCA002-1, UTCA003

*NOTE:* When performing this installation it is recommended to do one side at a time. Removing both lower control arms at the same time allows the rearend to move making re-installation more difficult.

### LOWER CONTROL ARMS

### **Installation:**

- 1. Lift vehicle and support with jack stands under the frame rails.
- 2. Using a 19mm wrench, remove all 4 sway bar bolts and remove the sway bar.
- 3. Using two 21mm wrenches, remove both bolts from one control arm and remove the arm.
- **4.** Clean and lube the bushing mounting surfaces in the frame. Using a silicone based polyurethane lube, lube the outside of the polyurethane bushings and install the new control arm. Do not tighten bolts. Repeat this step for the other side.
- 5. Once both new control arms are installed and bolts are finger tight, load the rear suspension by placing the jack stands under the axle. NOTE: This step is required to properly load the bushings before tightening the mounting bolts. *NOTE:* tightening the control arm bolts with the rear end hanging results in bushing preload and can cause irregular ride height and premature bushing wear.
- **6.** Tighten bolts to 95 ft/lbs.
- 7. Re-install the swaybar and lower the vehicle.
- **8.** Using a grease gun with a silicone based polyurethane lube, lube each grease fitting with 1-2 pumps. For maximum longevity, re-grease at 500 miles and then every other oil change.
- **9.** Lower vehicle.

# **UPPER CONTROL ARMS**

## **Installation:**

- 1. Lift vehicle and support with jack stands under the frame rails.
- 2. Using a 19mm wrench, unbolt both bottom shock mounts. Using a jack, lower the rear end being careful not to damage the rubber brake line.
- 3. Using a 10mm wrench, remove the differential vent line bracket that attaches to the upper left control arm.
- **4.** Using two 21mm wrenches, remove the front bolts on the upper control arms. Using two 18mm wrenches, remove the rear control arm bolts. Remove both control arms.
- 5. If you are using new polyurethane differential bushings, spray the factory bushings with penetrating oil and drive them out with a hammer or air punch (Some cars may require professional installation for this bushing but most will come out with a little patience). Once the bushings are out, clean and lube the bushing holes and drive the new bushings into place. Grease the outer mounting surfaces of the bushings.
- **6.** Install the new upper control arms and leave the bolts finger tight. If using the adjustable control arms, adjust them to the factory length, using the factory control arms as a guide. Once adjusted to the proper length, tighten the adjuster jam nuts.

**NOTE:** Loctite blue is recommended to prevent the jam-nuts from loosening. Loose jam-nuts can cause automatic adjustment and will also wear out the threads on the adjuster and the threaded inserts.

- 7. Lift rear end, attach lower shock bolts and tighten.
- **8.** Support the car by the rear end to properly load the bushings and tighten all bolts. *NOTE:* tightening the control arm bolts with the rear end hanging results in bushing preload and can cause irregular ride height and premature bushing wear.
- **9.** Torque the front bolts to 95 ft./lbs. and the rear to 80 ft./lbs.
- **10.** Using a grease gun with a silicone based polyurethane lube, lube each grease fitting with 1-2 pumps. For maximum longevity, re-grease at 500 miles and then every other oil change.
- 11. Lower vehicle.

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