

2005-2010 MUSTANG UPPER CONTROL ARM AND MOUNT

Part # UTCA017, UTCA018, UTCA019, UTCA020, UCM001

NOTE: While this installation can be performed with a jack and jack stands, a service lift is recommended.

Installation:

- 1. One of the bolts that retain the upper control arm mount is accessed under the rear seat inside the car. Remove the lower section of the rear seat by releasing the two lower clips located at the front of the seat bottom. This can be accomplished by pushing back on the seat until the clips are released, then lift the seat up and pull it out. The upper portion of the seat does not need to be removed.
- 2. Once the seat is removed, locate the upper control arm mount bolt and remove it using an 18mm socket.
- 3. Lift vehicle and support with stands under the frame, allowing the rear end to hang. Support rear with jack.
- 4. Using an 18mm socket, remove the upper control arm bolt at the rear end. The rear will shift slightly on the jack once this bolt is removed.
- 5. Using an 18mm socket, remove the two remaining control arm mount bolts.
- 6. It is not possible to remove the upper control arm mount without lowering the fuel tank. Support the tank and loosen the fuel tank straps at the rear of the tank using a 13mm socket (Due to a Ford recall, some cars have a unique 50 IP Torx head bolt in this location. This is an oversized T50 Torx that is only available through Snap-On dealers under part number FTX50TPE) Lower the tank far enough so that the upper mount and control arm can be removed.
- 7. Once the control arm mount and control arm have been removed, disassemble them using an 18mm socket if you are reusing either the mount or the arm.
- 8. When using BMR adjustable control arms, adjust to the approximate OE length. Lubricate the polyurethane bushings (where applicable).
- Re-assemble the new arm/mount outside of the vehicle, this will help with the install.
 Torque the M14 bolt to 140ftlbs. (UNLESS YOU ARE USING A UTCA017, THE SUSPENSION MUST BE LOADED FIRST)
- 10. Bolt the BMR control arm mount into the car using the rear lower factory bolts. Tighten to 110 ft/lbs.
- 11. Insert the OE bolt into the upper front hole located inside the car and tighten to 129 ft/lbs. using an 18mm socket. Reinstall the rear seat.
- 12. Reposition the fuel tank and tighten the strap bolts to 33 ft/lbs.
- 13. Rotate the rear end until the mounting hole lines up and insert the bolt.
- 14. If using part number UTCA017, the rear end must be loaded before tightening the bolts. To do this, lift the rear to ride height and then tighten the control arm mounting bolts. Tighten both cross-bolts to 129 ft/lbs. *NOTE:* Failure to load the suspension before tightening these bolts can result in premature bushing failure due to bushing pre-load.
- 15. Lower vehicle.



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The 3 mounting positions for the <u>upper control arm MOUNT</u> are <u>NOT designed to use for pinion angle adjustment</u>. The positions available modify the instantaneous centers, and are designed to be used to achieve maximized performance results. Testing and adjusting *may be required*. If you are simply replacing the mount to have a stronger mount that has tighter tolerance and does not 'clunk' like the factory mount, always use the upper most position.

Upper most position:

This position is similar to stock geometry. Use this position if you meet one or more of the following criteria:

- -have a non-adjustable UCA,
- -are lowered more than 1"
- -use lower control arm relocation brackets
- -have a 9" rear end housing

Middle Position:

This position is designed and should be used for:

- -stock height cars that have a manual transmission and NO lower arm relocation brackets
- -lowered cars with NON-FACTORY automatic transmissions (4R70, TH400, PG, etc)
- *must use adjustable Upper Control Arm

Lowest Position:

This position is designed and should be used for:

- -stock height automatic transmission cars that do not use lower control arm relocation brackets
- -racecar applications with NON-FACTORY automatic transmissions
- *must use adjustable Upper Control Arm

That is a rough suggestion, it is somewhat up to YOU to test and see what position works best. These suggestions are based on years of testing. There is no specific position requirement, and results may vary.

To properly set the <u>pinion angle</u> when <u>using adjustable control ARMS</u>, PLEASE VISIT AND WATCH OUR VIDEO ON YOUTUBE NAMED "BMR Suspension S197 Mustang Driveline Angle"



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