

## *67-70 Ford Mustang 1118U Upper Control Arms*

*Thank you for your purchase from our new line of Mustang parts.*

*Please call us at 877 - 4NO - ROLL if you have any questions regarding the service or installation of your Hotchkis Performance products.*

IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE INSTRUCTION MANUAL BEFORE STARTING THIS INSTALLATION.

Suggested Items before Starting:

- Lower Springs
- Lower Spring Perches (New or Good Condition)
- Spring Compressor tool (If currently on stock springs)

### *Upper Control Arm Installation*

1 *Raise the Vehicle*

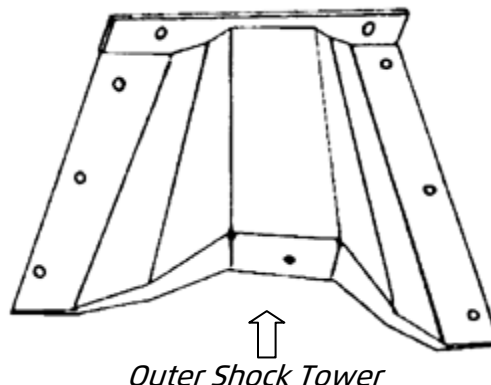
Raise the front end of the vehicle with a lift or support with jack stands. Front wheels should be off the ground.

2 *Remove the Front Wheels*

Remove the front wheels and set aside

3 *Remove Outer Shock Tower*

You will need to remove the front springs. The coil spring is shrouded by an outer shock tower. Remove the 8 bolts that secure the outer shock tower to the main shock tower on each side. This will give you access to the front springs.



#### 4 *Support the Lower Control Arm*

We will be removing the front shocks, but first you will need to support the lower control arm with a floor jack. Apply a slight upward force just to support the weight of the suspension.

#### 5 *Remove the Front Shocks*

Undo the two nuts on the lower shock mount that attaches the shock trunnion to the lower spring seat. Be careful when doing this as there are bushings and washers that may fall once the nut is removed.

Next, open up the hood and undo the three nuts that hold the upper shock mount to the inner shock towers. Remove the shock from the top.



## 6 *Remove the Front Springs*

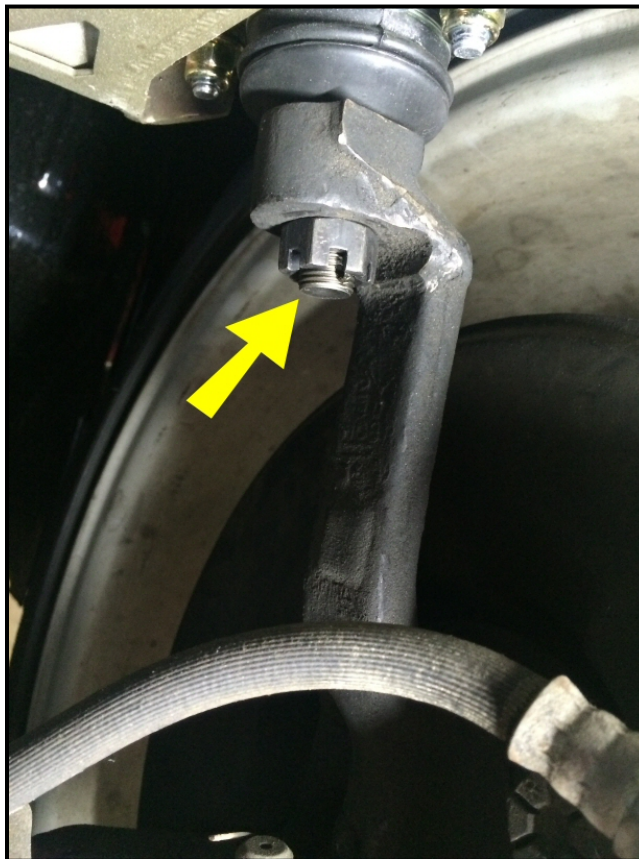
Slowly lower the floor jack that is supporting the suspension and allow everything to droop down relieving the tension in the spring. Most lowering springs will have a short enough free length that it will come out with little to no spring tension.

Special Note: If you have stock height springs you will need to use a spring compressor to keep the spring length to a minimum when removing. Use the floor jack to raise the suspension to compress the spring. Clamp down the spring with the spring compressor and lower the floor jack to droop the suspension. Remove the spring as normal.

We highly recommend using lowering springs with our upper control arms to take full advantage of our parts.

## 7 *Disconnect the Upper Ball Joint*

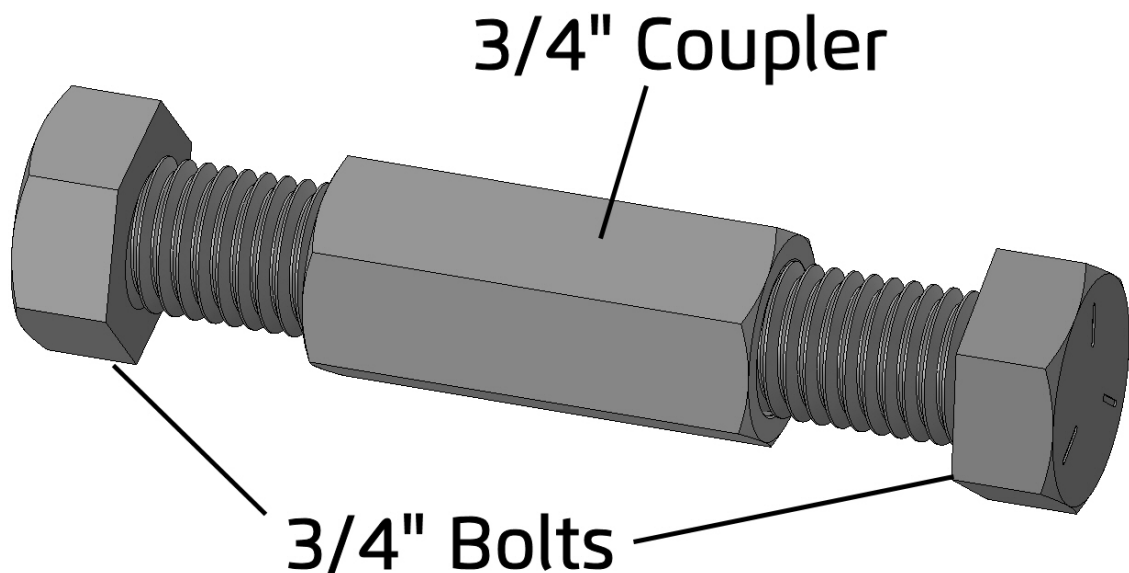
Remove the cotter pin in the upper ball joint stud. Loosen but do not remove the castle nut that holds the ball joint stud in the spindle. Leave about a 1/8" of gap between the nut and the spindle mating surface.



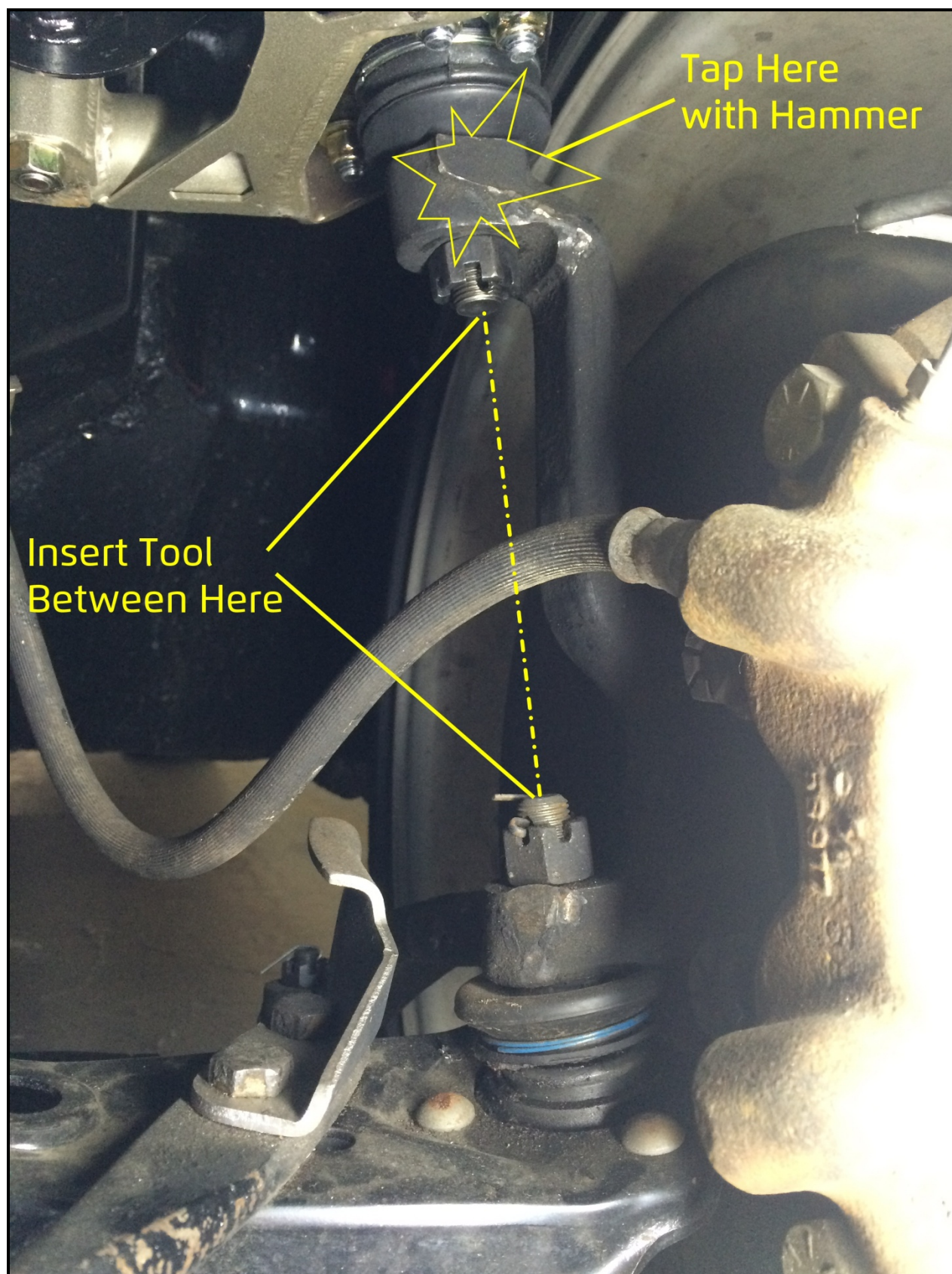
The ball joint stud is taper pressed in the spindle mount. To remove the stud from the spindle force and/or impact is required to break the press fit. There are a number of ways to do this, but the best method is to make an inexpensive tool with off the shelf components. Go to the hardware store and pick up two 3/4" x 1.75" long coarse thread bolts and a 3/4" x 2.25" long coarse thread coupler nut. Assemble the 3 parts and position it between the upper and lower ball joint studs. Unscrew the bolts until you have a moderate amount of tension. Grab a hammer and tap on the side of the spindle mount. The taper fit should pop loose rather easily. Support the lower control arm with a floor jack and spin the upper ball joint castle nut right off. Lift the upper control arm up and hold the spindle from flopping over. Using a bungee cord or zip ties to the tether the top of the spindle to the car will keep it in place.

#### Tool Components:

- (x1) Coupling Nut 3/4"-10 x 2.25" long (Mcmaster Carr 90977a215)
- (x2) Hex Bolt 3/4"-10 x 1.75" long (Mcmaster Carr 92865a841)

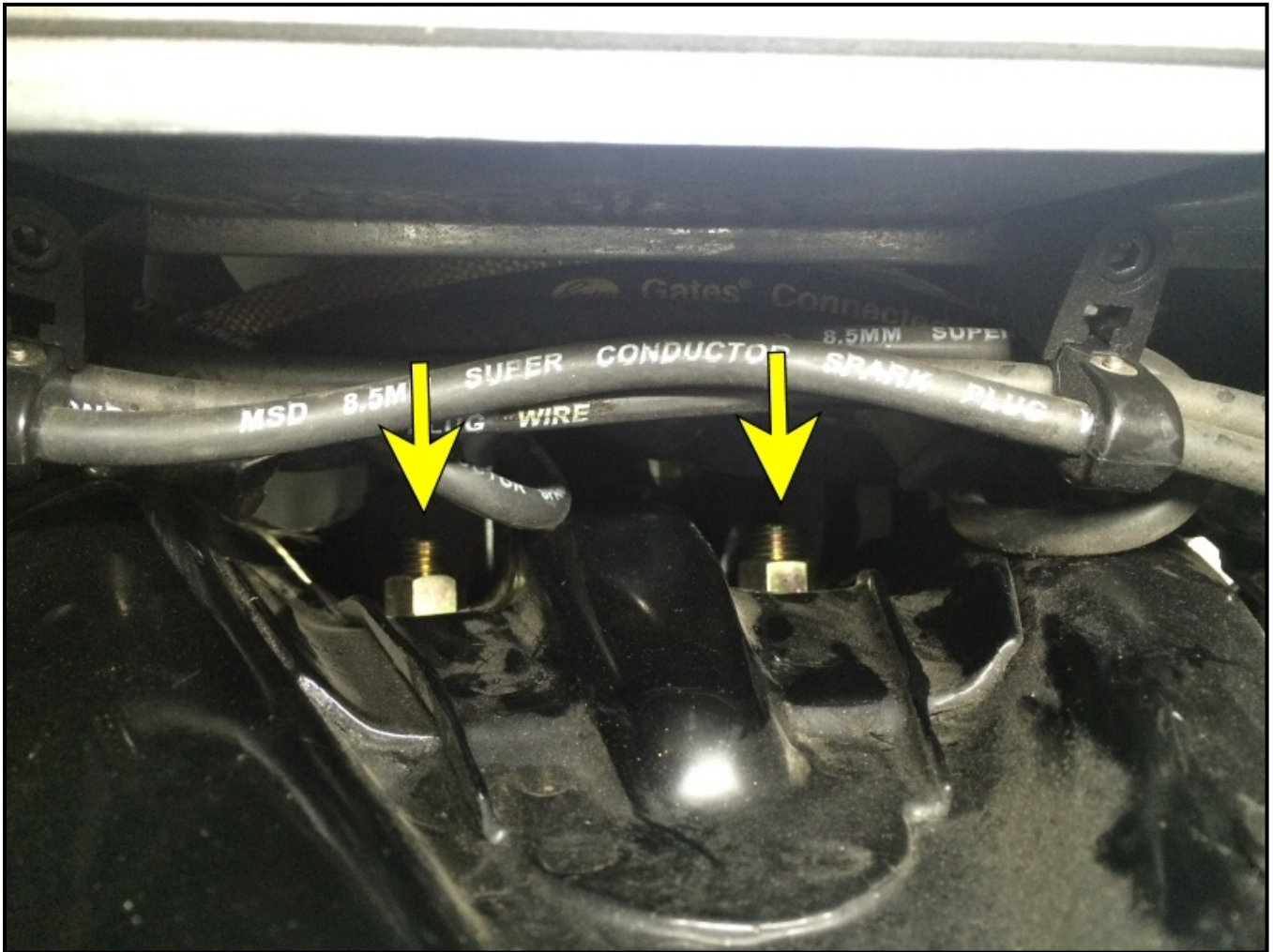






8 *Disconnect the Upper Control Arm from the Car*

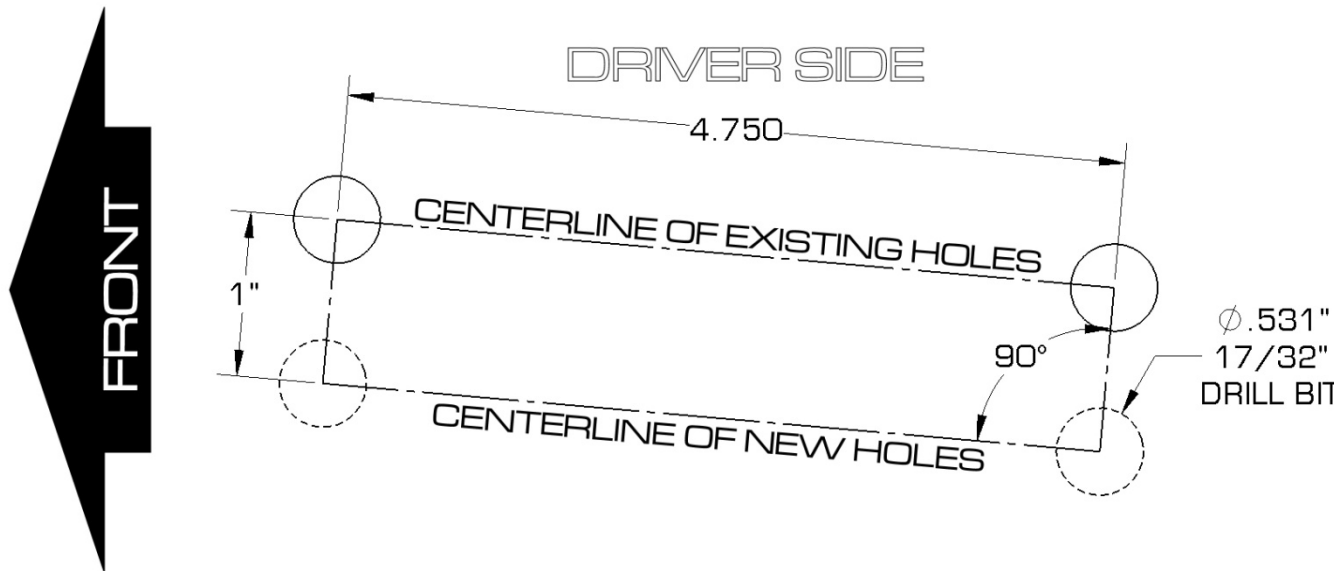
All that is left holding the upper control arm to the car is the cross shaft fasteners. Undo the two nuts on the engine bay side and remove the control arm from the car.





9 *Perform the Shelby Drop*

The Hotchkis lower control arms are optimized to work with the common Shelby Drop modification. For those who are unfamiliar, the Shelby Drop is the relocation of the cross shaft bolts to create a more aggressive camber curve. If the Shelby drop has not been performed on the vehicle yet, you will be required to drill two holes in the inner shock tower per side. Follow the template below:

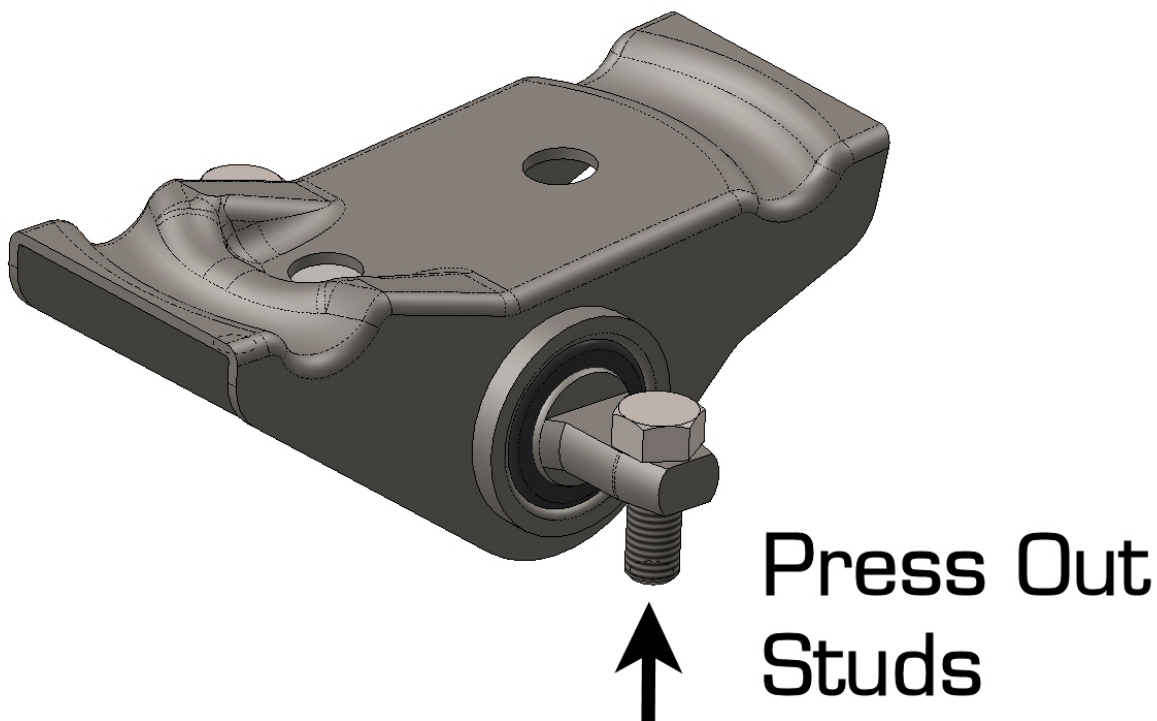


Basically the new bolt pattern is 1" down. This dimension are orthogonal to the centerline of the existing holes.

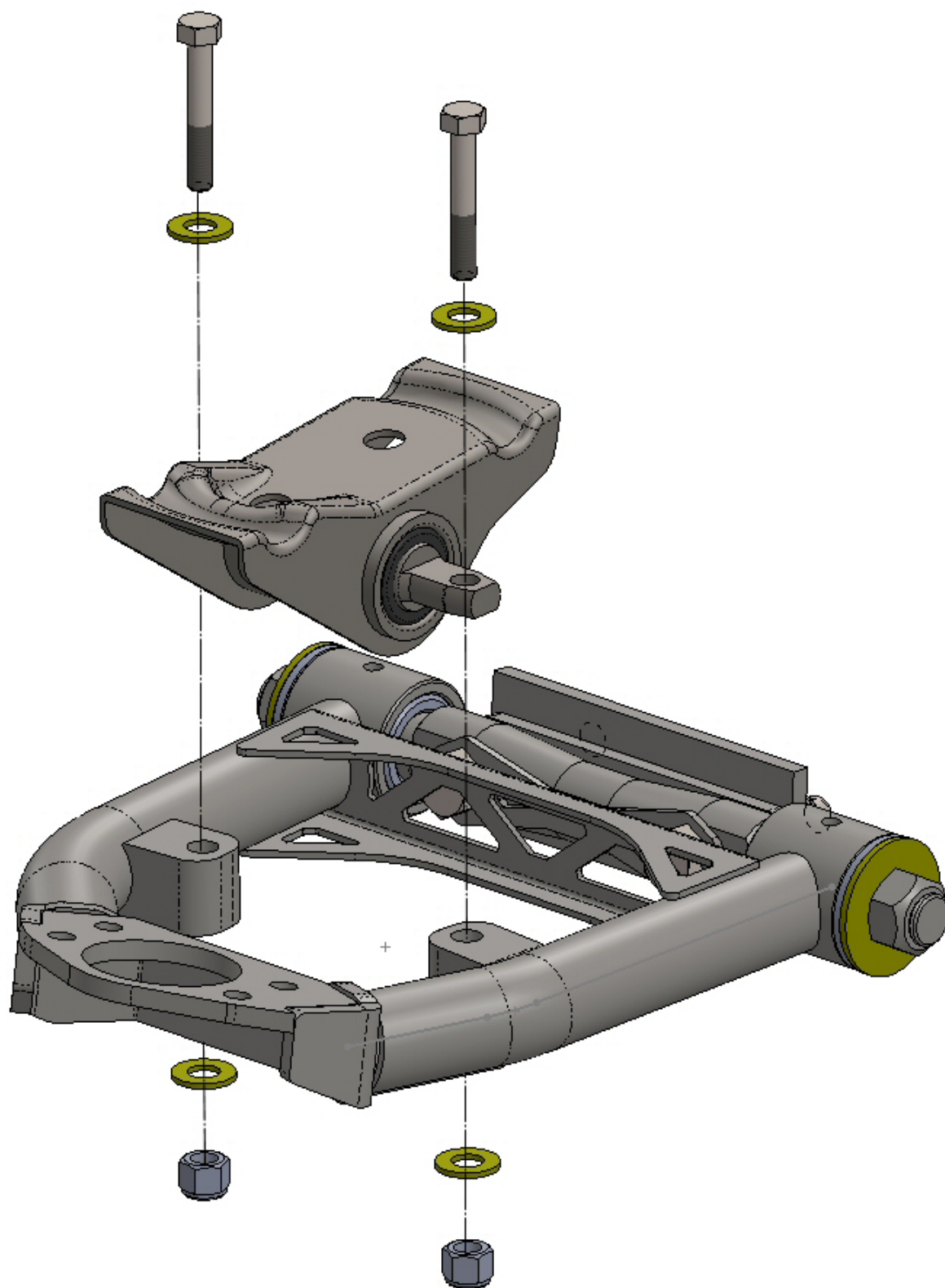
## 10 *Install Lower Spring Seat Mount*

Check the condition of the lower spring seat mount. If the bushings are deteriorating or there is any sign of bushing deformation replace with new. If the spring seat is in good condition, unbolt the nuts from the stock arm.

Whether you are using an old or new spring seat mount you will need to press out the studs in the trunnion mount. Use a press tool to remove the studs. Next, drill out the holes in the trunnion using a 3/8 drill bit to clean up the knurl burs. Next use the provided 3/8" hardware to install the spring mount to the Hotchkis arm. (See diagram)

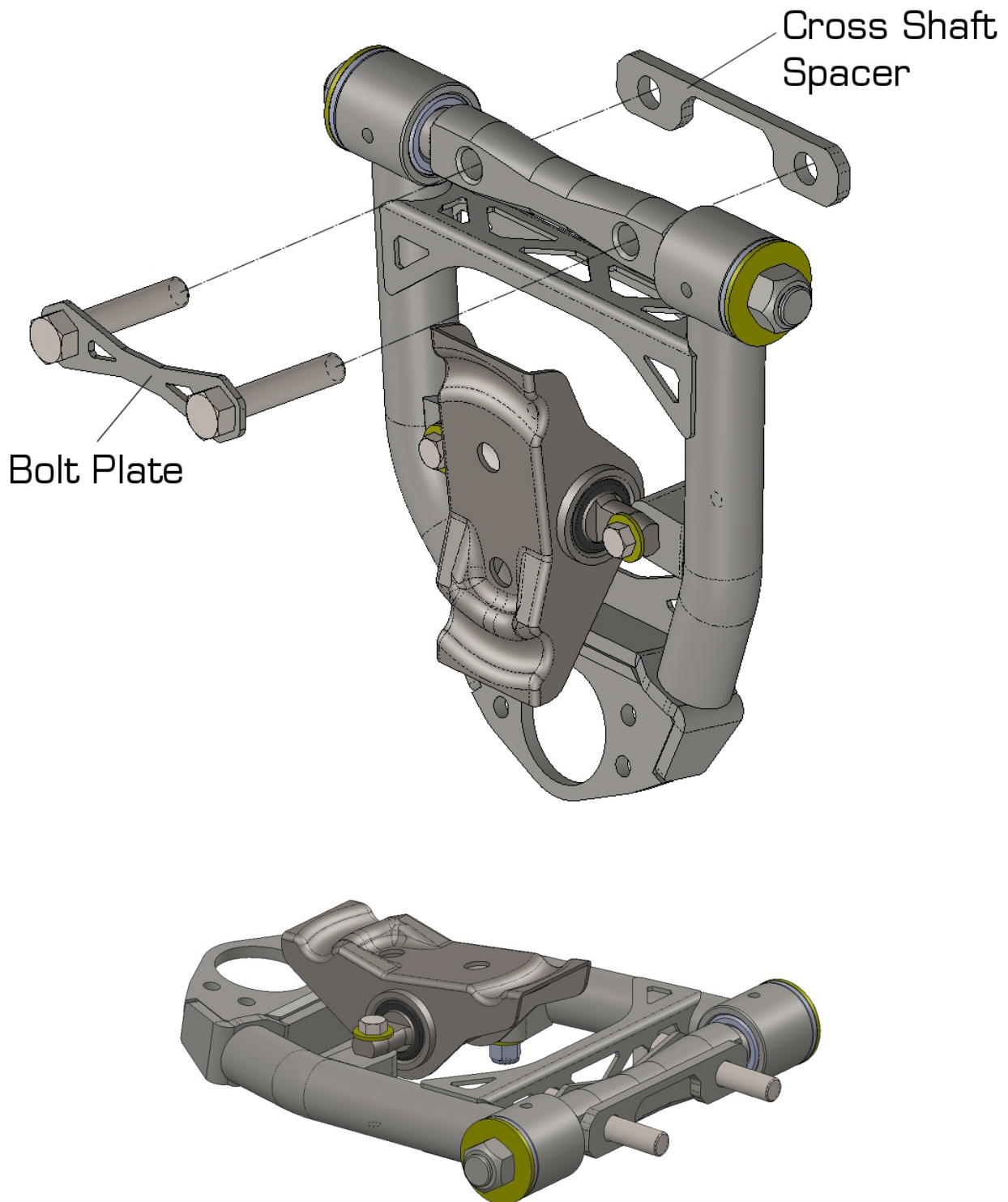




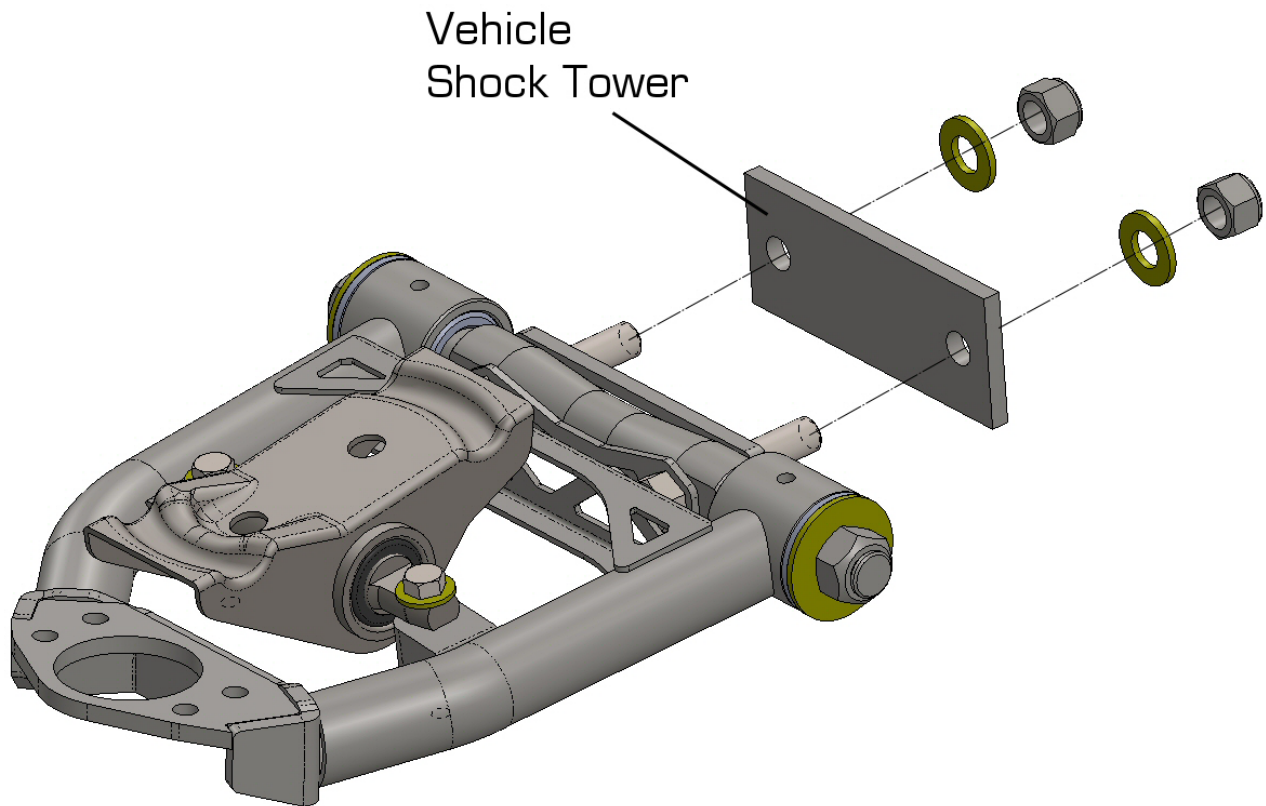


# 11 *Install the Hotchkis Upper Control Arm*

You are just about ready to install the Hotchkis upper control arm. Grab the bolt plates and cross shaft spacer provided in your kit. Install these onto your control arm as shown below:



Install the arm onto the vehicle. Do not worry about using alignment shims at this point. You will need to align the vehicle after the installation is complete anyways. Fasten the bolt plate using the provided washers and nylock nuts. Repeat the steps 1-7 in reverse order to complete the install.



## 12 *Alignment Tips*

Once the installation of the upper control arms is complete. Please perform a front wheel alignment. The Hotchkis upper control arms have  $-1^{\circ}$  of camber and  $+3.125^{\circ}$  of caster built into them. Here are some suggested alignments for different scenarios.

Mostly Street/Occasional Autocross Alignment

Camber:  $-1.5^{\circ}$

Caster:  $+6^{\circ}$

Toe: 1/16" toe In

Autocross/Track/Race Alignment

Camber:  $-2^{\circ}$  to  $-2.5^{\circ}$

Caster:  $+6^{\circ}$  or more with adjustable strut rods

Toe: Zero toe to 1/16" toe out



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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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2. ☐ Is the product appropriate to your application?
3. ☐ Did you carefully and thoroughly read the instructions provided along with the product?
4. ☐ Do you have the original invoice or sales receipt?
5. ☐ Is the return date within 36 months from the purchase date?
6. ☐ Are you the original purchaser?
7. ☐ Was the product properly installed by a qualified, licensed auto mechanic?
8. ☐ Has the product been installed on the original vehicle on which it was installed at all times?
9. ☐ Is the product unmodified and clean?
10. ☐ 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 inquiries should be sent to the following address:

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

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