



Sport Sway Bar Kit (22431) Subaru Forester



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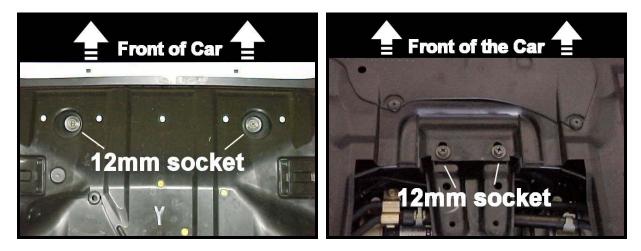
Tools required for this installation:

- Hydraulic jack, jack stands, torque wrench
- The following sockets or wrenches: 12mm, 14mm, 17mm,
- The following Allen wrenches: 5mm

INSTALLATION OF HOTCHKIS FRONT SWAY BAR

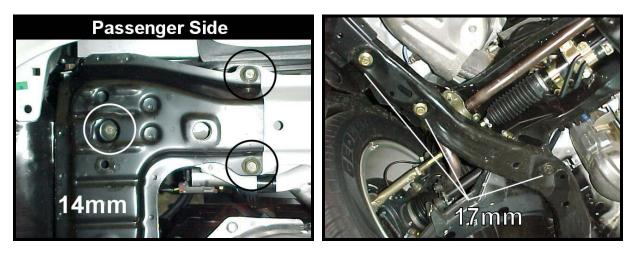
- 1) Securely block the rear wheels of the vehicle. Use a jack to lift up the front of the vehicle and use jack stands to support it. It is not necessary to remove the front wheels during installation.
- 2) Remove the plastic splashguard from under the front of the vehicle. It is held in place by plastic clips and 4 self-taping bolts. The clips can be removed by hand or by using a flat head screwdriver. Use a 12mm socket to remove the 4 bolts. Retain the clips, bolts, and splashguard for re-installation.

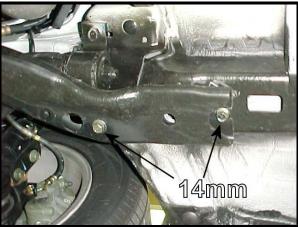




3) Loosen and remove the bolts holding the front sub frame in place. Unlike the WRX chassis, the forester front sub frame is comprised of 2 pieces (driver/passenger sides). Retain all hardware for re-installation. Remove the sub frame when unbolted.

Note: The front sub frame is not weight bearing, and can be easily removed by one person without having to support the engine.

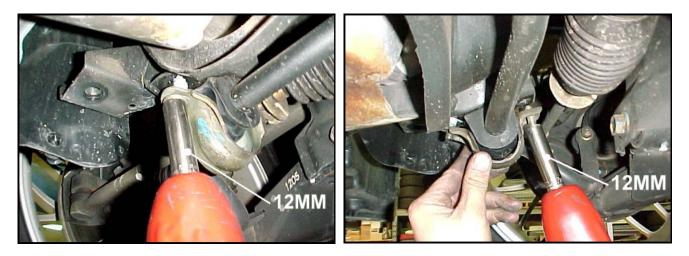




4) Unbolt the stock end link from the sway bar on each side. Use a 14mm wrench and a 5mm Allen wrench to remove the nut from the end link. Retain the hardware for re-installation.



5) Use a 12mm socket or wrench to loosen and remove the bolts holding the sway bar bushings and bushing brackets. Keep the hardware and brackets for later re-installation. You may discard the stock rubber bushing.



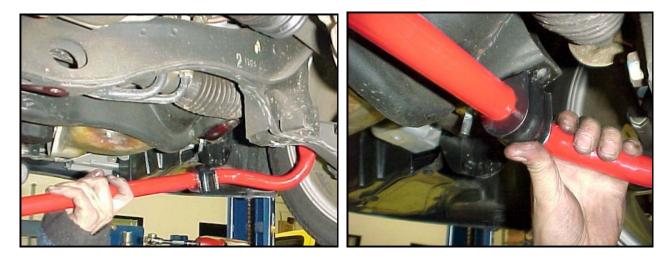
6) Remove the 4 front bolts that hold up the skid plate. The sway bar should be completely free from the car at this point.



7) Use the provided grease to lube the inside of the new polyurethane bushings and slide the bushings over the bar.



8) Lift the Hotchkis sway bar into position the same way the stock sway bar came out. Use the stock mounting brackets and hardware to secure the new sway bar in place. Do not fully tighten the bracket bolt at this time.



9) Rotate the Hotchkis sway bar into position until you can re-connect the end links. For stock end links you should use the 14mm wrench and 5mm Allen wrench you used to remove the nut. Torque the end link nut to 30ft-lbs.



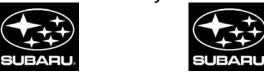
10) Once the end links are connected, you can now fully tighten the bushing bracket bolts to 30ft-lbs



11) Reinstall the skid plate, sub frames, and splashguards in reverse order using steps 1-6.

You are now finished with the front sway bar installation! Make sure all hardware is fully tightened before driving the vehicle.

Move on to the Rear Sway Bar Installation



INSTALLATION OF HOTCHKIS REAR SWAY BAR

Tools required for this installation:

- Hydraulic jack, jack stands, torque wrench
- The following sockets or wrenches: 12mm, 14mm
- The following Allen wrenches: 5mm
- 1) Securely block the front wheels of the vehicle. Use a jack to lift up the rear of the vehicle and support with jack stands. As with the front installation, you should not remove the rear wheels.
- 2) Observe the stock sway bar installation for reference. Use a 14mm wrench or socket to loosen and remove the bolts holding the end links to the sway bar. Retain the hardware for later use.



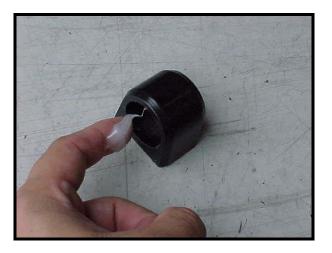
3) Remove the bolts holding the 2 bushing brackets using a 12mm socket. Retain the brackets and hardware for reinstallation. You may discard the stock rubber bushing.



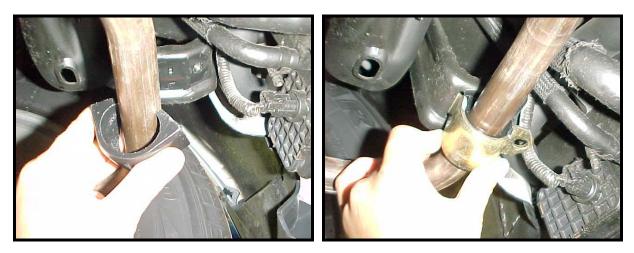
4) You should now be able to remove the sway bar from the vehicle.



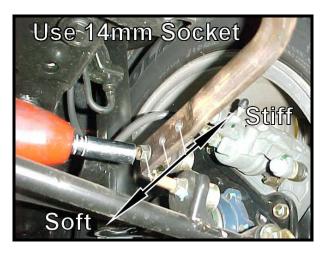
5) Lube the inside of your new polyurethane bushing with the provided grease.



- 6) Install your new Hotchkis sway bar the same way the stock bar came out.
- 7) Install the polyurethane bushings on the sway bar with the split facing towards the rear of the car. Once the bushings are in position, secure them with the stock bushing brackets and hardware. Fully tighten the bolt using a 12mm socket.



8) Secure the end links to the sway bar and fully tighten the nut using a 14mm wrench or socket. You can adjust the sway bar stiffness by choosing 1 of the 3 holes on the end of the bar (see picture for details).



9) Make certain the zerk caps covering the grease fittings are in place. Re-check all hardware for tightness. You are now finished installing your new Hotchkis sway bar set!

Supplementary Note:

After the car has been test driven, please do a quick check to see if the rear bushing bracket tabs are rubbing the sway bar. If so, you can easily trim the tabs off using a cut-off wheel or grinder.



IMPORTANT: For regular maintenance the bushings should be greased at least once a year (15,000 miles) or whenever excessive noise occurs. Use a non-lithium based grease, as lithium grease can wash out with water.





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	Hotchkis P/N	Item Description	Quantity
1	22820136	Front Anti Roll Bar	1
2	22920332	Rear Anti Roll Bar	1
3	5664.01	Front Polyurethane Bushings	2
4	5665.01	Rear Polyurethane Bushings	2
5	9.11108	Grease Pack	2





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- 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?
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- 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:

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