

**2008 GMC Acadia SLT**

2008 SUSPENSION Rear Suspension - Acadia, Enclave &amp; Outlook

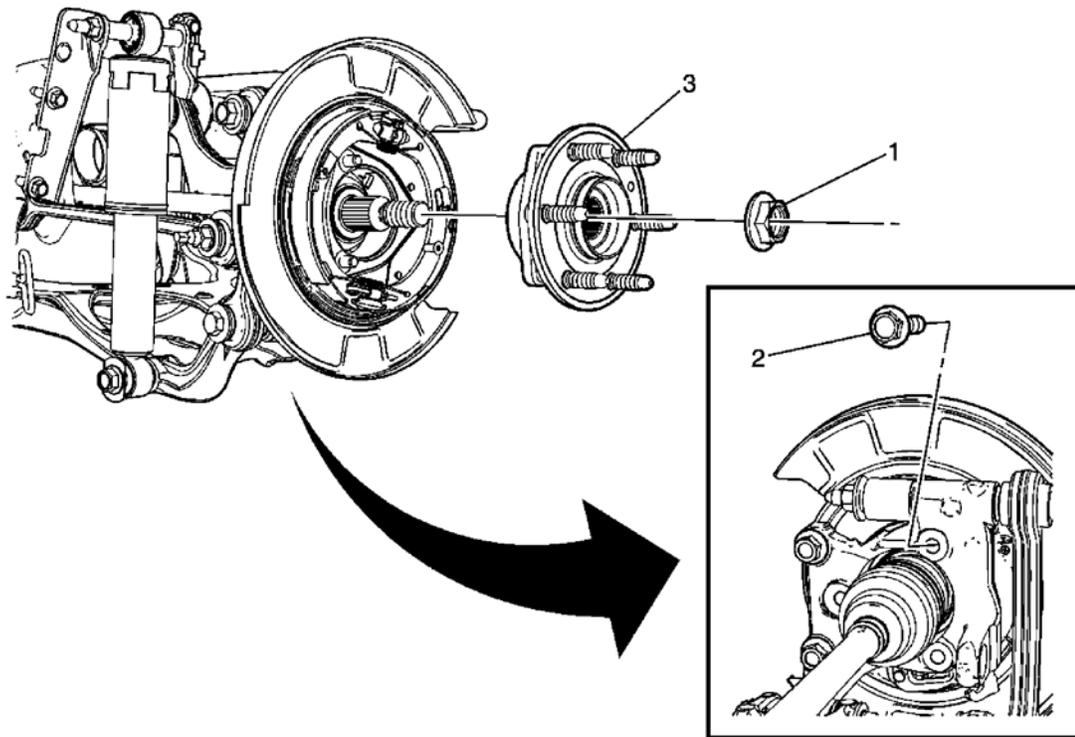
**2008 SUSPENSION****Rear Suspension - Acadia, Enclave & Outlook****SPECIFICATIONS****FASTENER TIGHTENING SPECIFICATIONS**

Application	Specification	
	Metric	English
Adjuster Link to Knuckle Nut		
• First Pass	75 N.m	55 lb ft
• Final Pass	+ 60°	
Adjuster Link to Crossmember Nuts	140 N.m	103 lb ft
Lower Control Arm to Knuckle Bolt		
• First Pass	100 N.m	74 lb ft
• Final Pass	+ 60°	
Lower Control Arm to Crossmember Nuts - Front		
• First Pass	110 N.m	81 lb ft
• Final Pass	+ 45°	
Lower Control Arm to Crossmember Nuts - Rear		
• First Pass	120 N.m	89 lb ft
• Final Pass	+ 60°	
Upper Rear Shock Absorber Nuts	70 N.m	52 lb ft
Rear Shock Absorber to Lower Control Arm Bolts		
• First Pass	100 N.m	74 lb ft
• Final Pass	+ 60°	
Rear Wheel Bearing and Hub to Knuckle Bolts	140 N.m	103 lb ft
Stabilizer Shaft Clamp to Crossmember Bolts	50 N.m	37 lb ft
Stabilizer Shaft Link Nuts	22 N.m	16 lb ft
Upper Control Arm to Knuckle Bolts		
• First Pass	100 N.m	74 lb ft
• Final Pass	+ 90°	
Upper Control Arm to Crossmember Nuts	140 N.m	103 lb ft
Wheel Drive Shaft Nut	205 N.m	151 lb ft

**REPAIR INSTRUCTIONS****REAR WHEEL BEARING AND HUB REPLACEMENT (AWD)**

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**Fig. 1: Identifying Rear Wheel Bearing And Hub (AWD)**

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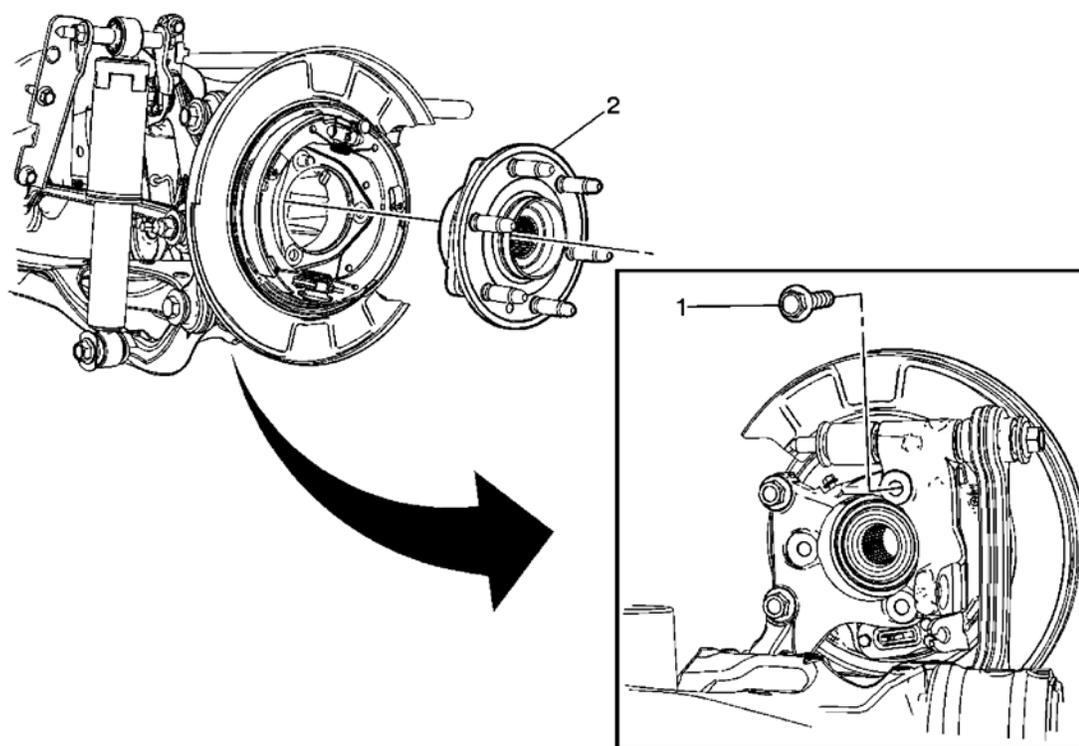
Callout	Component Name
<p><b>NOTE:</b> The wheel bearing and hub assembly includes a magnetic encoder with built-in permanent magnets that the wheel speed sensor senses. Any contact with another magnet will damage the encoder magnets. The damage will cause a diagnostic trouble code to be set and will require wheel bearing and hub replacement.</p> <p><b>Preliminary Procedures</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Raise and support the vehicle. Refer to Lifting and Jacking the Vehicle .</li> <li>2. Remove the rear brake rotor. Refer to Rear Brake Rotor Replacement .</li> </ol>	
1	<p>Wheel Drive Shaft Nut</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> <b>Refer to Fastener Notice .</b></p> <p><b>Tighten:</b> 205 N.m (151 lb ft)</p>
	<p>Wheel Bearing and Hub Bolt (Qty: 3)</p> <p><b>Procedure:</b> Using the <b>J 42129</b> , separate the front wheel hub and bearing from the wheel drive shaft.</p>

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2	<b>Tighten:</b> 140 N.m (103 lb ft). <b>Special Tools:</b> <b>J 42129</b> Front/Rear Spindle Remover
3	Rear Wheel Bearing and Hub Assembly

### REAR WHEEL BEARING AND HUB REPLACEMENT (FWD)



**Fig. 2: Identifying Rear Wheel Bearing And Hub (FWD)**

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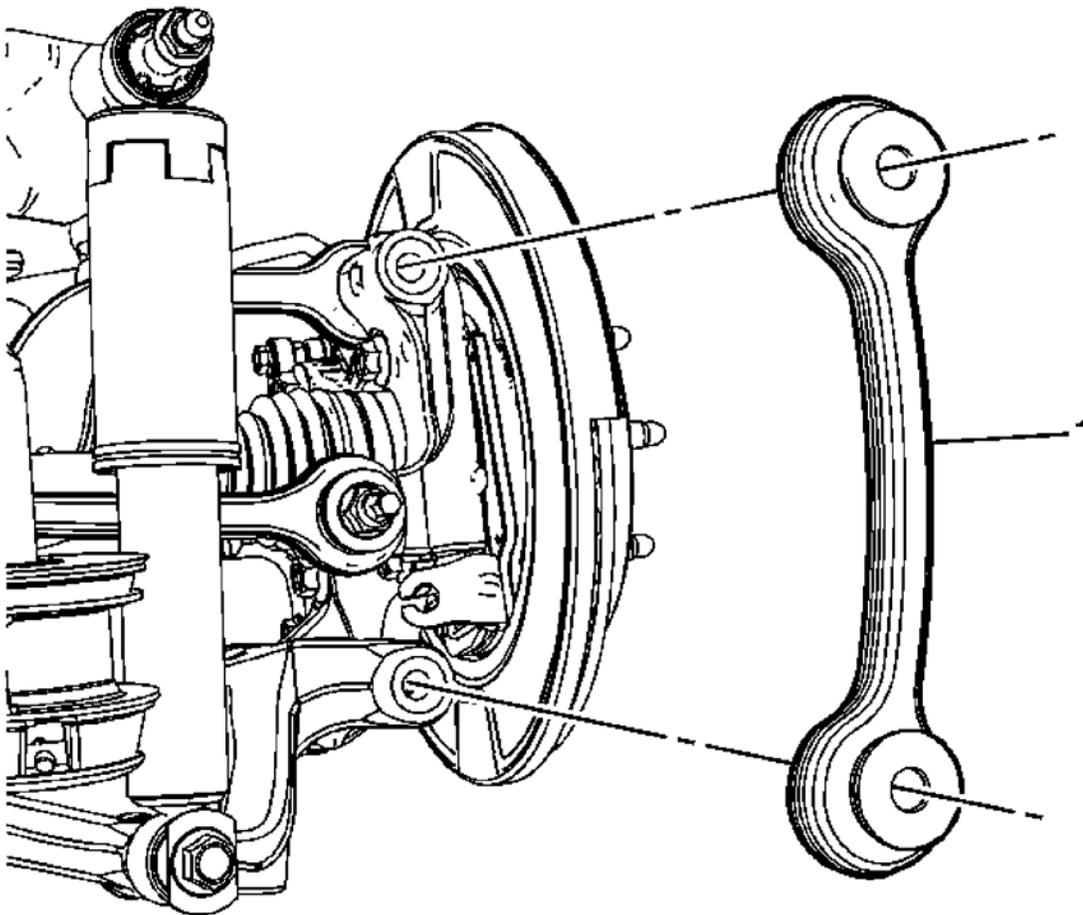
Callout	Component Name
<b>NOTE:</b>	
The wheel bearing and hub assembly includes a magnetic encoder with built-in permanent magnets that the wheel speed sensor senses. Any contact with another magnet will damage the encoder magnets. The damage will cause a diagnostic trouble code to be set and will require wheel bearing and hub replacement.	
<b>Preliminary Procedure</b>	
1. Raise and support the vehicle. Refer to Lifting and Jacking the Vehicle .	
2. Remove the rear brake rotor. Refer to Rear Brake Rotor Replacement .	

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1	Rear Wheel Bearing and Hub Bolt (Qty: 3)  <b>NOTE:</b> <b>Refer to Fastener Notice .</b>  <b>Tighten:</b> 140 N.m (103 lb ft)
2	Rear Wheel Bearing and Hub

### REAR SUSPENSION LINK REPLACEMENT - UPPER TO LOWER CONTROL ARM



**Fig. 3: Identifying Rear Suspension Link**  
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Callout	Component Name
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**IMPORTANT:**

The following procedure indicates servicing the left side of the vehicle. The right side of the vehicle is similar.

**Preliminary Procedure**

1. Raise and support the vehicle. Refer to Lifting and Jacking the Vehicle .
2. Remove the rear tire and wheel. Refer to **Tire and Wheel Removal and Installation**

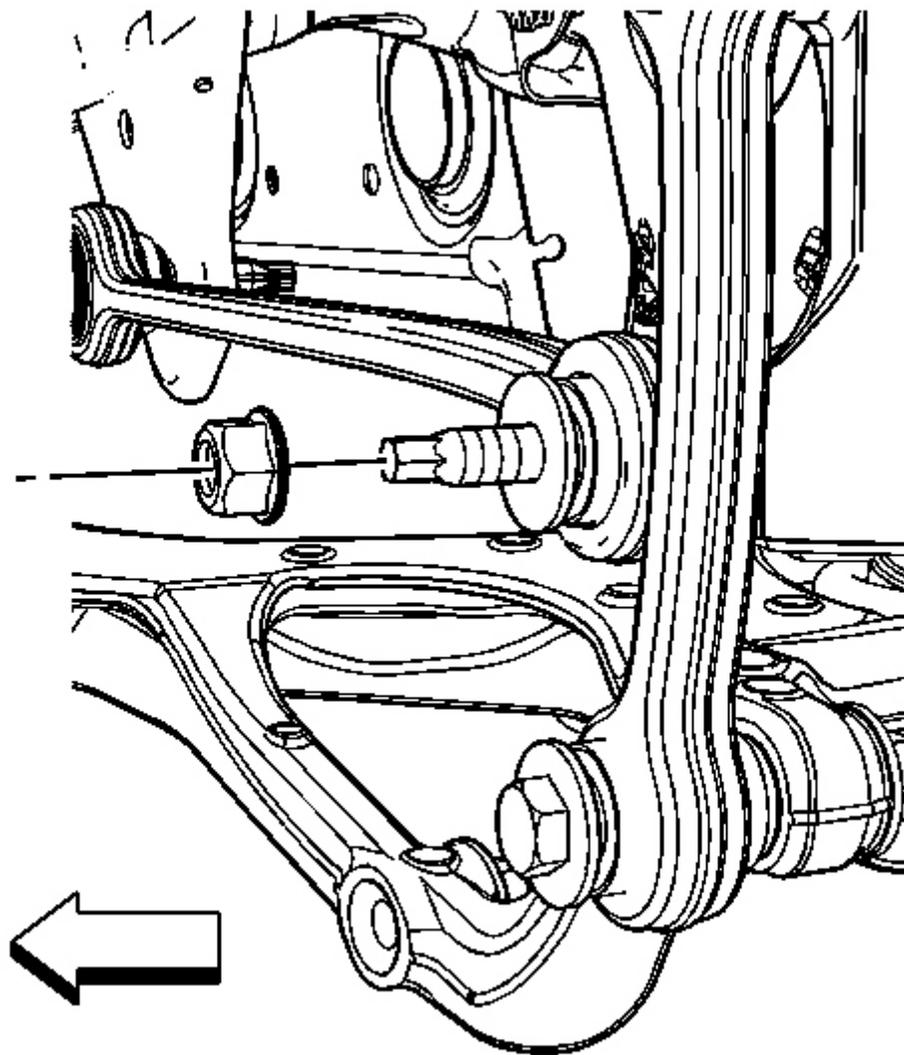
Rear Lateral Link

**Procedure**

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| 1 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Remove the upper control arm bolt. Refer to <b><u>Upper Control Arm Replacement.</u></b></li> <li>2. Remove the lower control arm bolt. Refer to <b><u>Lower Control Arm Replacement.</u></b></li> </ol> |
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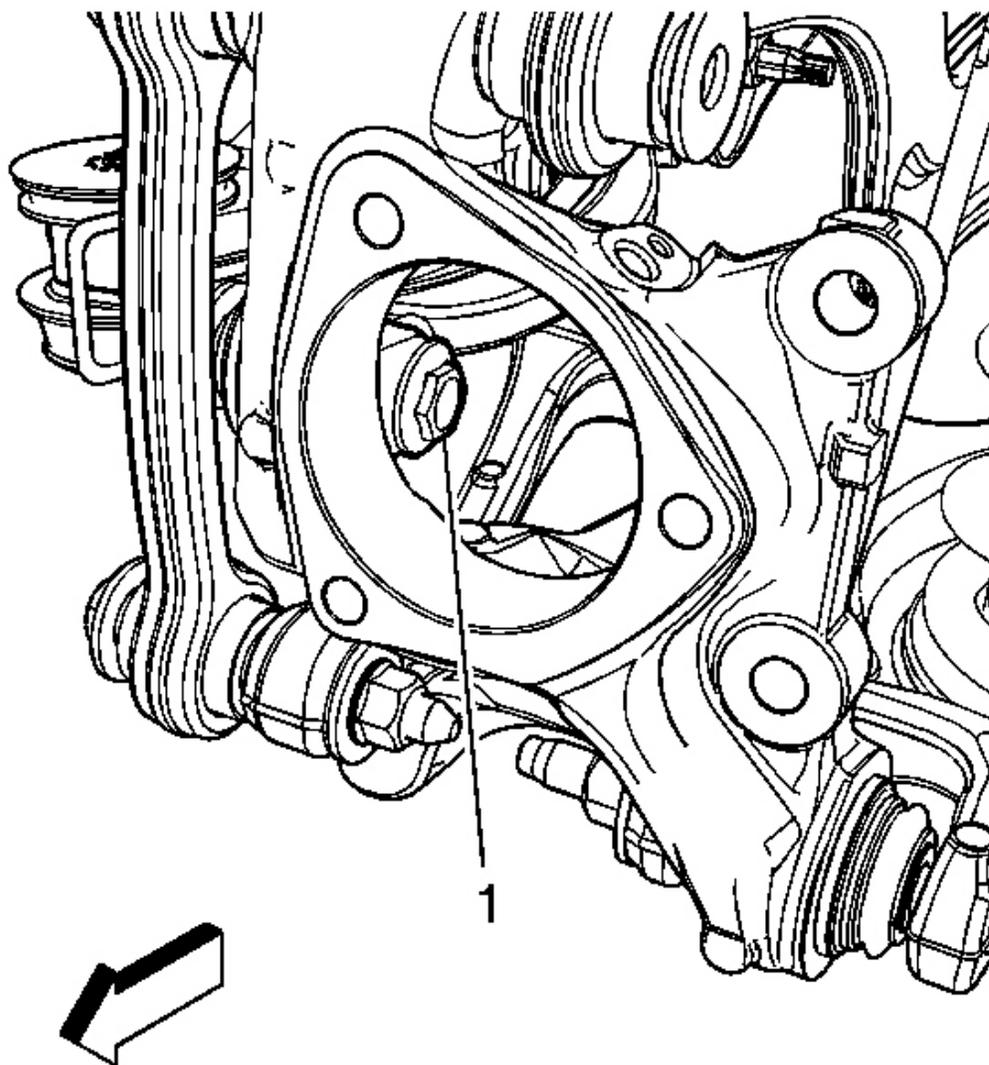
**Tip:** Support the lower control arm with a jack stand.**KNUCKLE REPLACEMENT****Removal Procedure**

1. Raise and support the vehicle. Refer to Lifting and Jacking the Vehicle .
2. Remove the rear wheel bearing and hub. Refer to **Rear Wheel Bearing and Hub Replacement (AWD)** or **Rear Wheel Bearing and Hub Replacement (FWD).**
3. Remove the park brake backing plate assembly. Refer to Park Brake Backing Plate Replacement .
4. Remove the rear wheel drive shaft. Refer to Rear Wheel Drive Shaft and Rear Axle Shaft Seal Replacement .
5. Position a jack stand under the lower control arm.



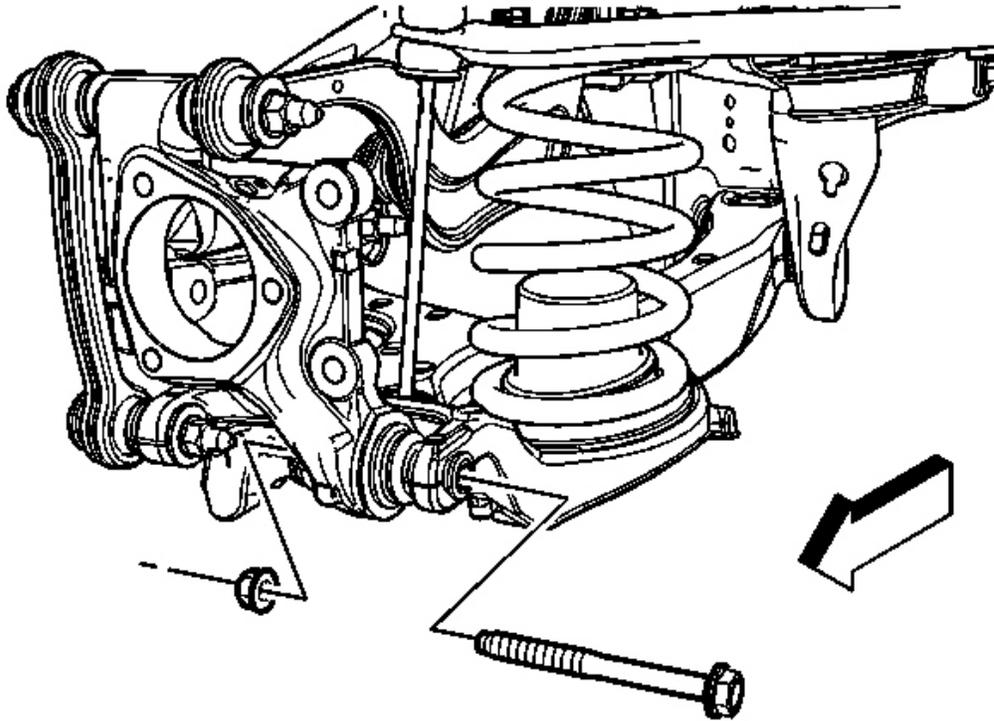
**Fig. 4: Identifying Retaining Nut From Adjuster Link To Knuckle**  
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6. Remove the nut from the bolt from the knuckle to the adjuster link.



**Fig. 5: Identifying Bolt From Knuckle To Adjuster Link**  
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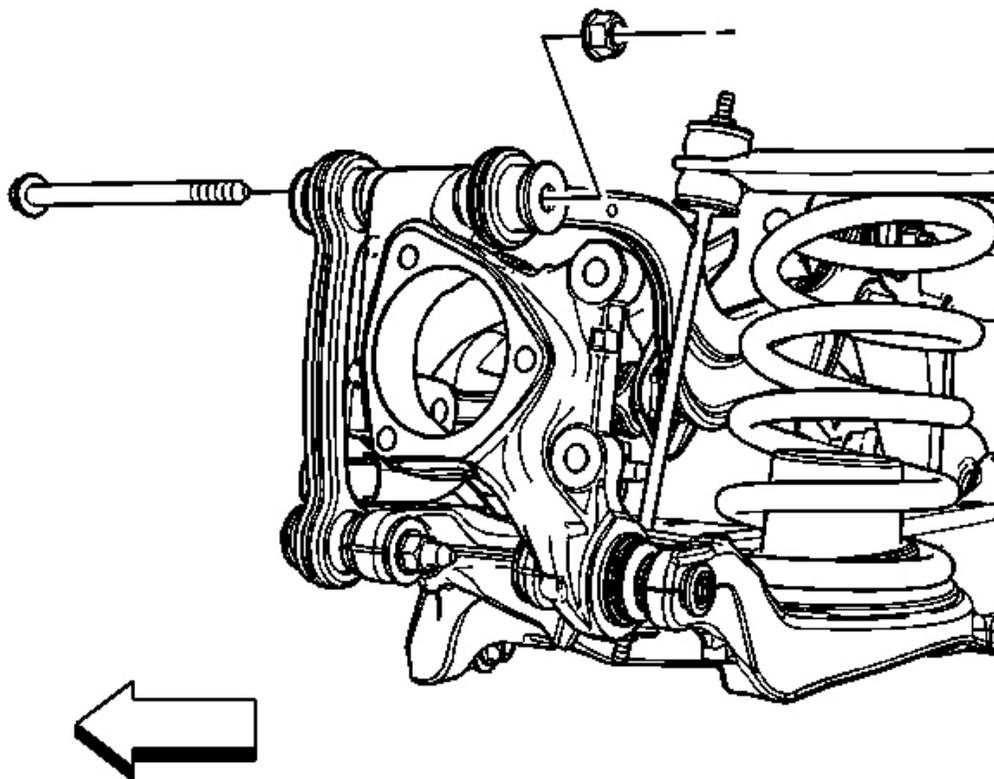
7. Remove the bolt (1) from the knuckle to the adjuster link.



**Fig. 6: Identifying Lower Knuckle To Lower Control Arm Nut And Bolt**  
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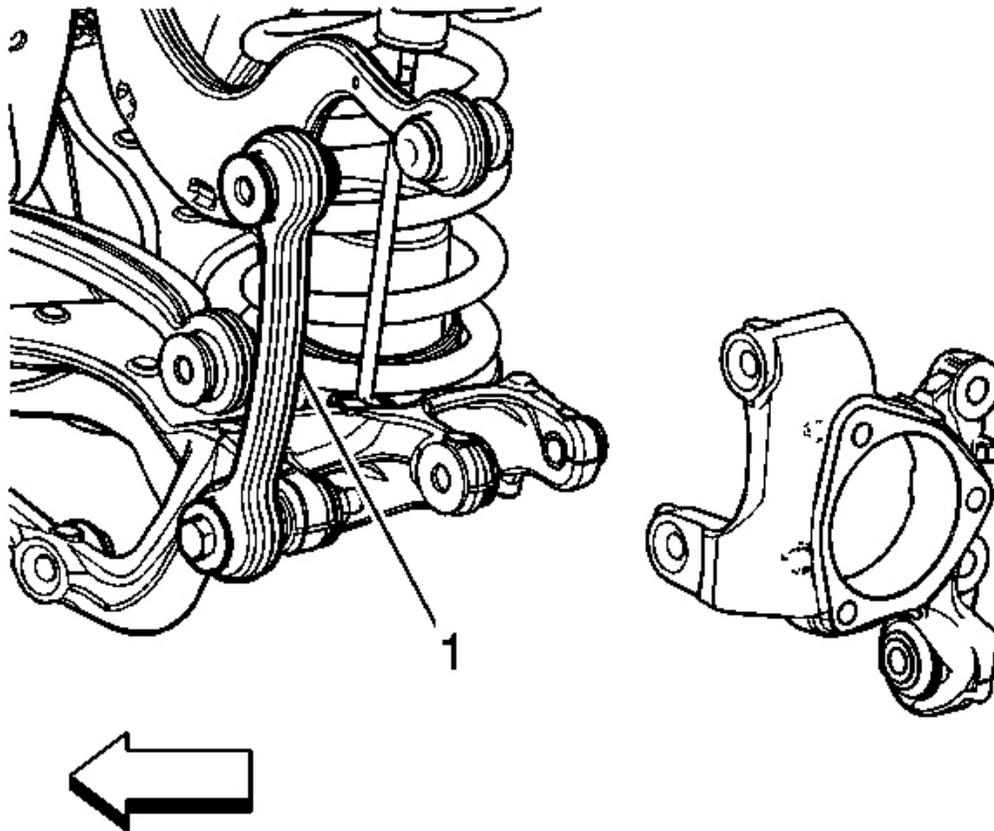
**IMPORTANT:** If removing the lower nut and bolt in step 8 or the upper nut and bolt in step 9, to service other suspension components, it is not necessary to remove the knuckle.

8. Remove the lower knuckle to lower control arm nut and bolt.



**Fig. 7: Identifying Bolt And Nut From Upper Control Arm To Knuckle**  
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9. Remove the bolt and nut from the upper control arm to the knuckle.



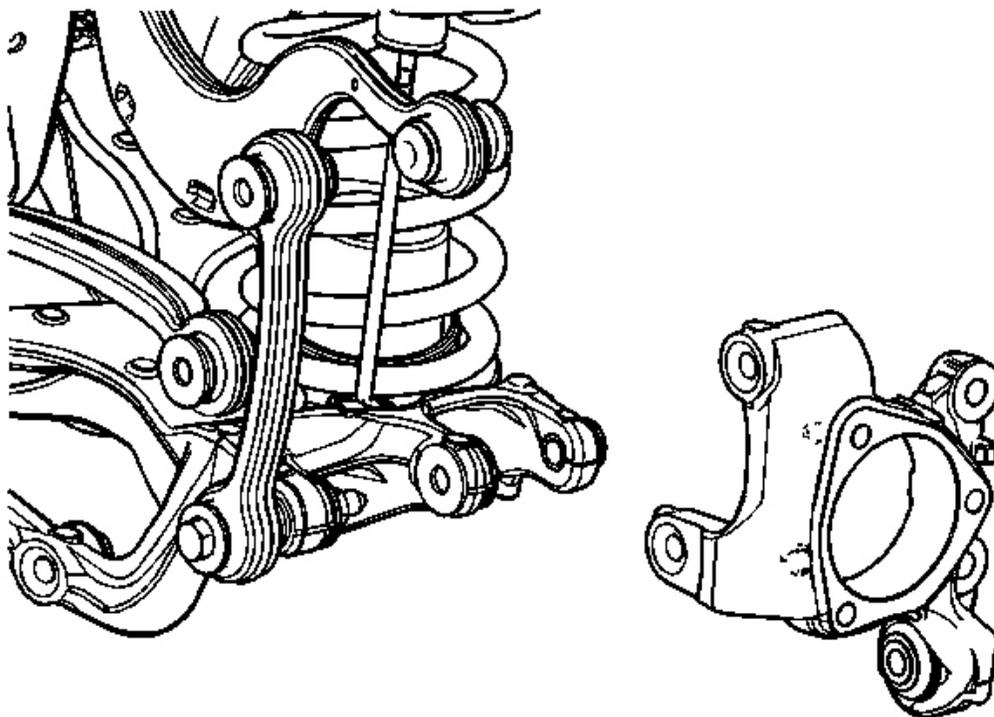
**Fig. 8: Identifying Rear Suspension Link**  
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**IMPORTANT:** In the following service procedure, it is not necessary to remove the rear suspension link from the lower control arm. The link (1) can remain attached to the lower control arm.

10. Remove the knuckle from the upper and lower control arms.

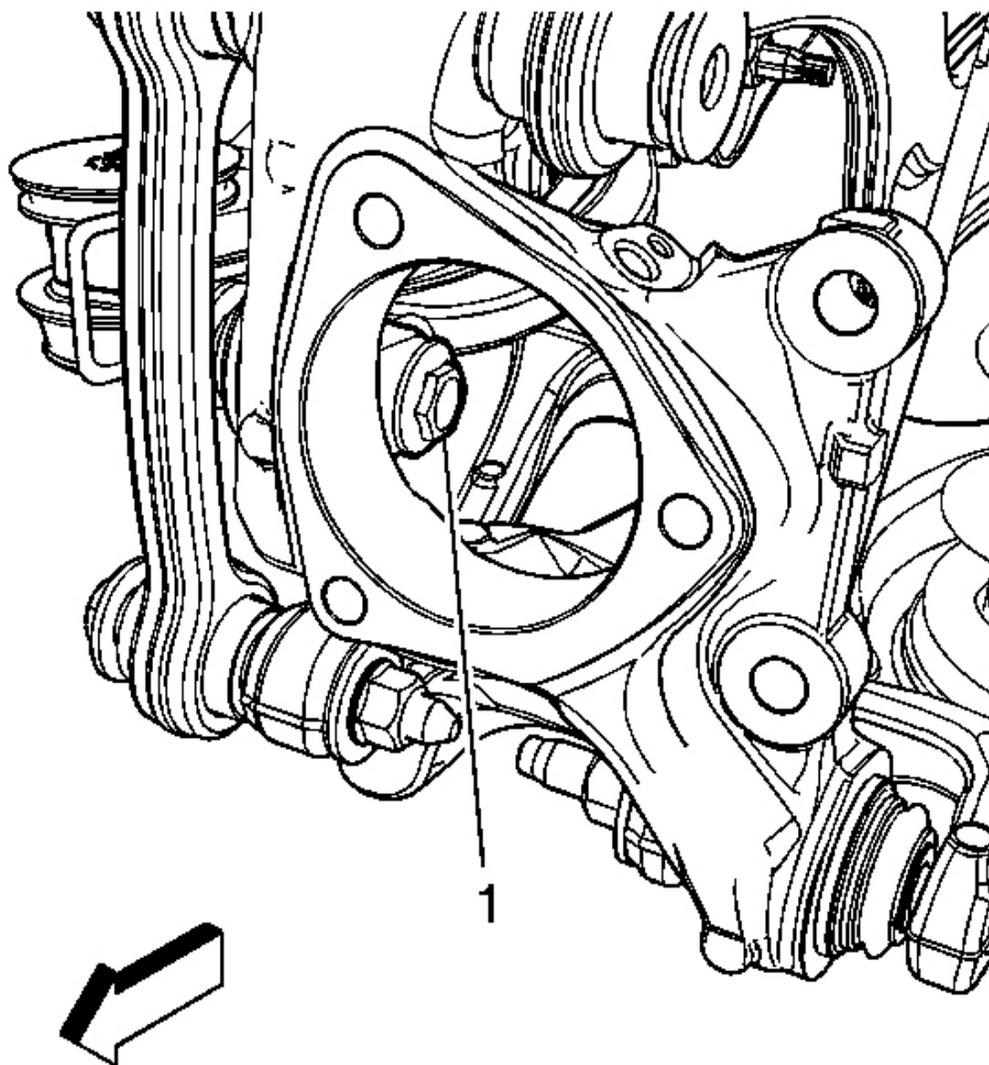
#### Installation Procedure

**IMPORTANT:** In steps 2-5, ensure that all the fasteners are installed loose in order to allow movement in the knuckle to allow for alignment all the mounting holes. After all the fasteners have been installed, then the proper torque specifications can be applied.



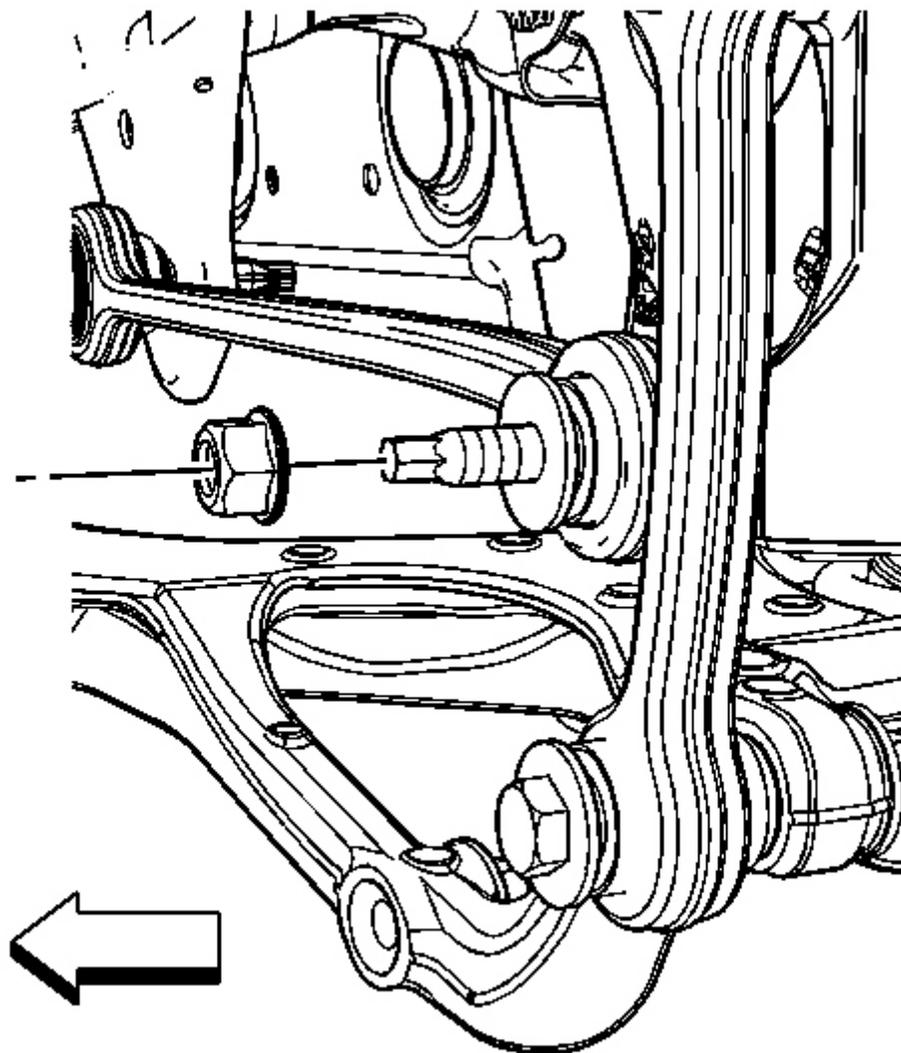
**Fig. 9: Identifying Lower Knuckle**  
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Position the knuckle in the upper and lower control arms.



**Fig. 10: Identifying Bolt From Knuckle To Adjuster Link**  
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2. Install the bolt (1) from the knuckle to the adjuster link.

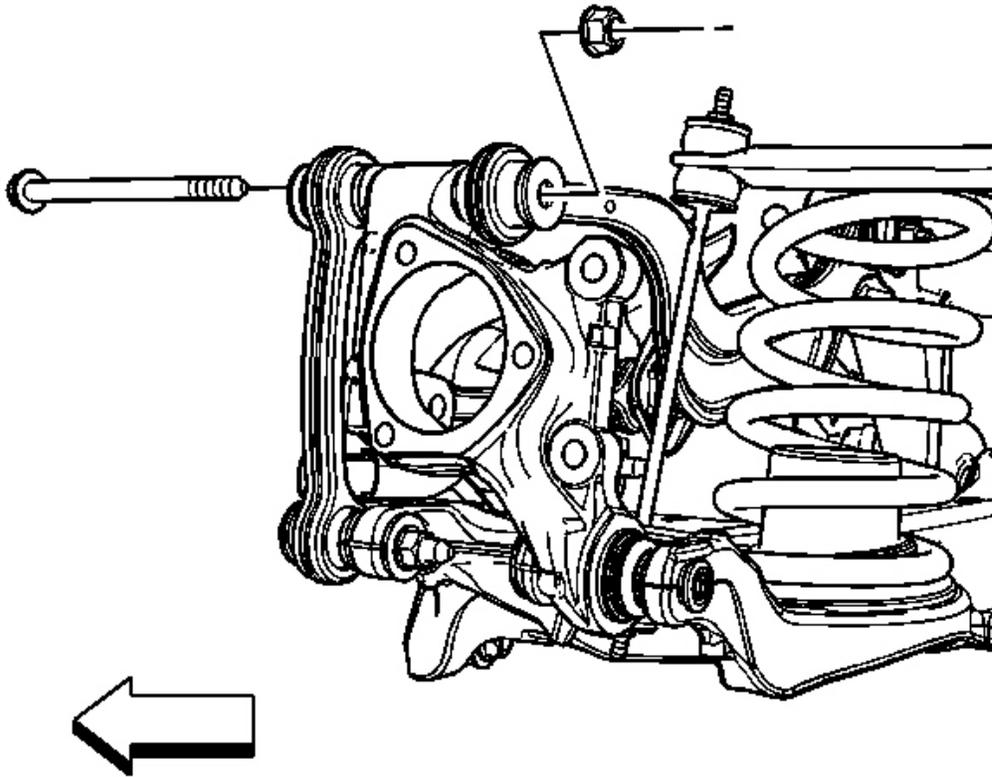


**Fig. 11: Identifying Retaining Nut From Adjuster Link To Knuckle**  
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**NOTE:** Refer to Fastener Notice .

3. Finger tighten the nut for the bolt from the knuckle to the adjuster link.

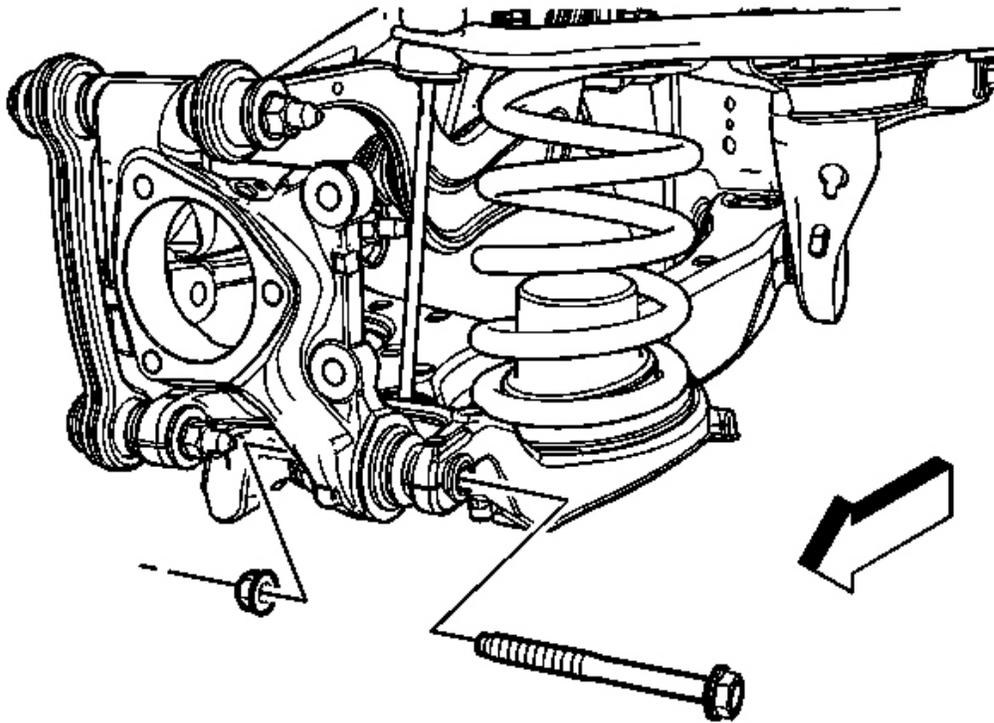
**Tighten:** Tighten the nut to 75 N.m (55 lb ft) plus 60 degrees.



**Fig. 12: Identifying Bolt And Nut From Upper Control Arm To Knuckle**  
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4. Install the bolt from the upper control arm to the knuckle and finger tighten the nut.

**Tighten:** Tighten the bolt to 100 N.m (74 lb ft) plus 60 degrees.



**Fig. 13: Identifying Lower Knuckle To Lower Control Arm Nut And Bolt**  
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5. Install the bolt from the lower control arm to the knuckle and finger tighten.

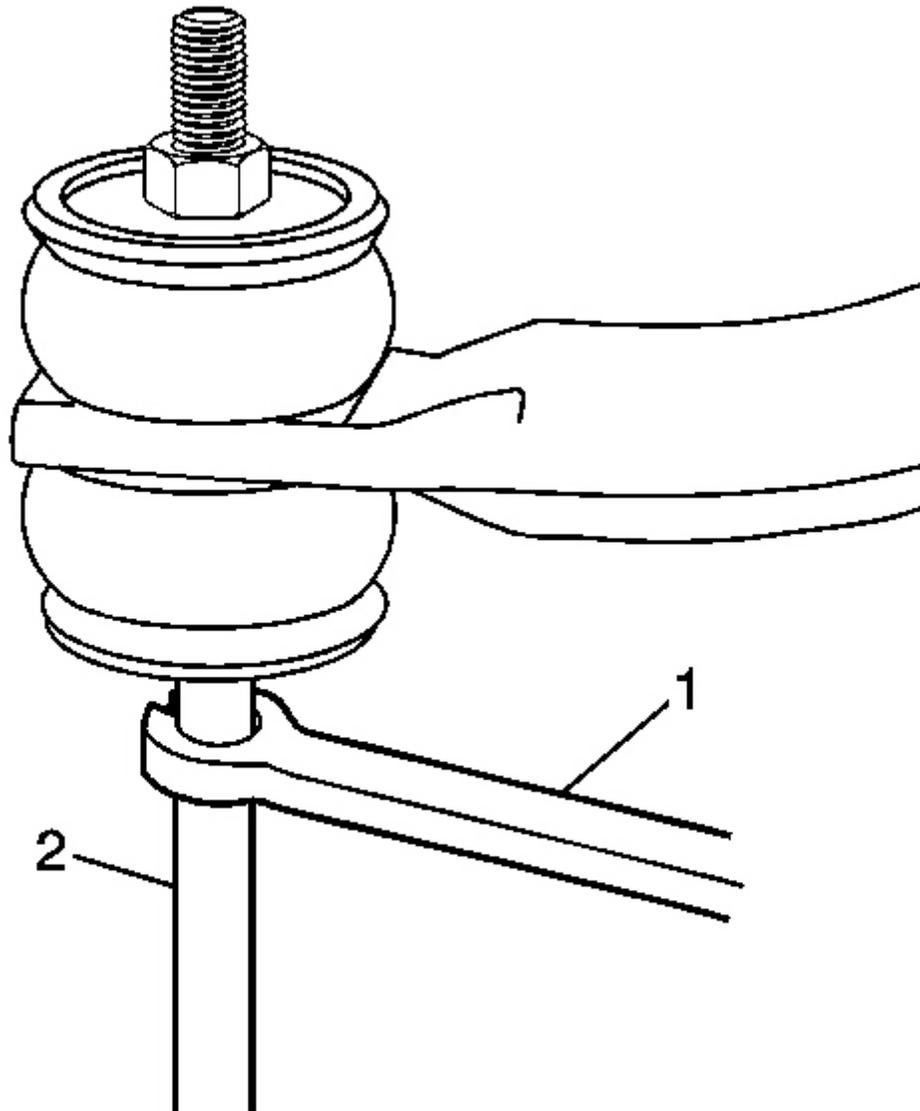
**Tighten:** Tighten the bolt to 100 N.m (74 lb ft) plus 60 degrees.

6. Remove the jack stand from under the lower control arm.
7. Install the rear wheel drive shaft. Refer to Rear Wheel Drive Shaft and Rear Axle Shaft Seal Replacement .
8. Install the park brake backing plate assembly. Refer to Park Brake Backing Plate Replacement .
9. Install the rear wheel bearing and hub. Refer to **Rear Wheel Bearing and Hub Replacement (AWD)** or **Rear Wheel Bearing and Hub Replacement (FWD)**.
10. Remove the support and lower the vehicle.

## STABILIZER SHAFT REPLACEMENT

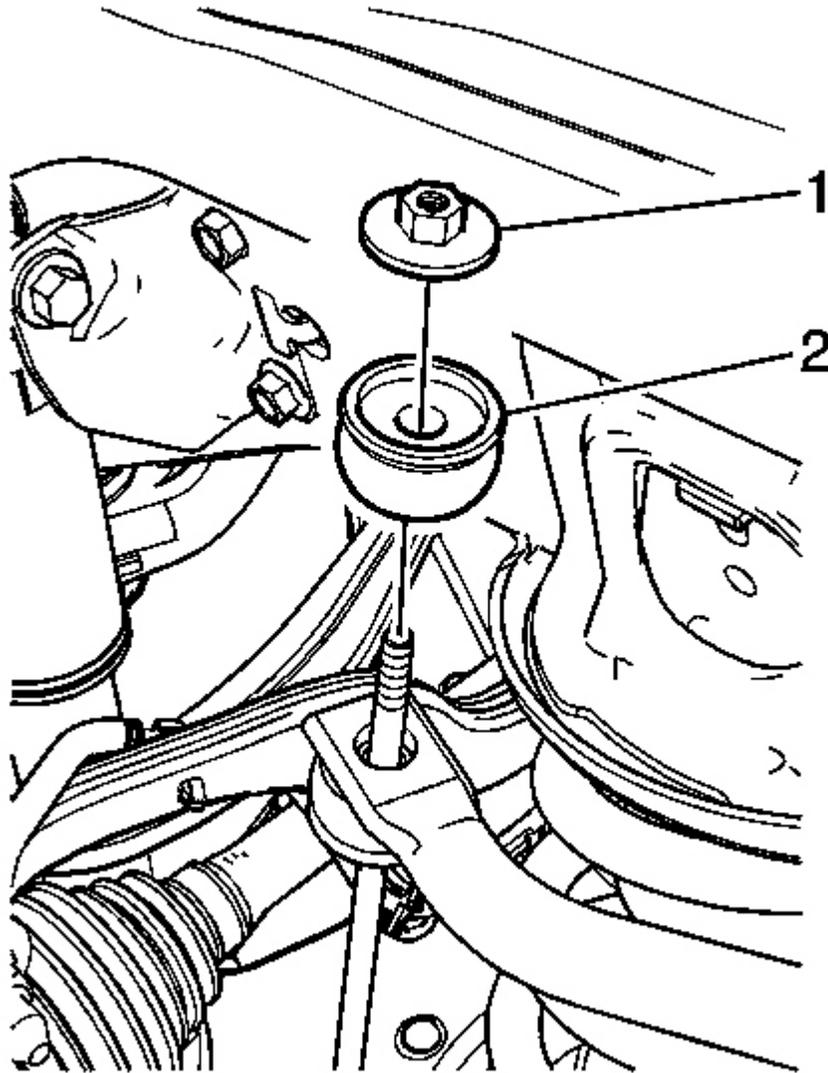
### Removal Procedure

1. Raise and support the vehicle. Refer to Lifting and Jacking the Vehicle .
2. Remove the rear tires and wheels. Refer to Tire and Wheel Removal and Installation .
3. Remove the spare tire.



**Fig. 14: Identifying Stabilizer Shaft Link**  
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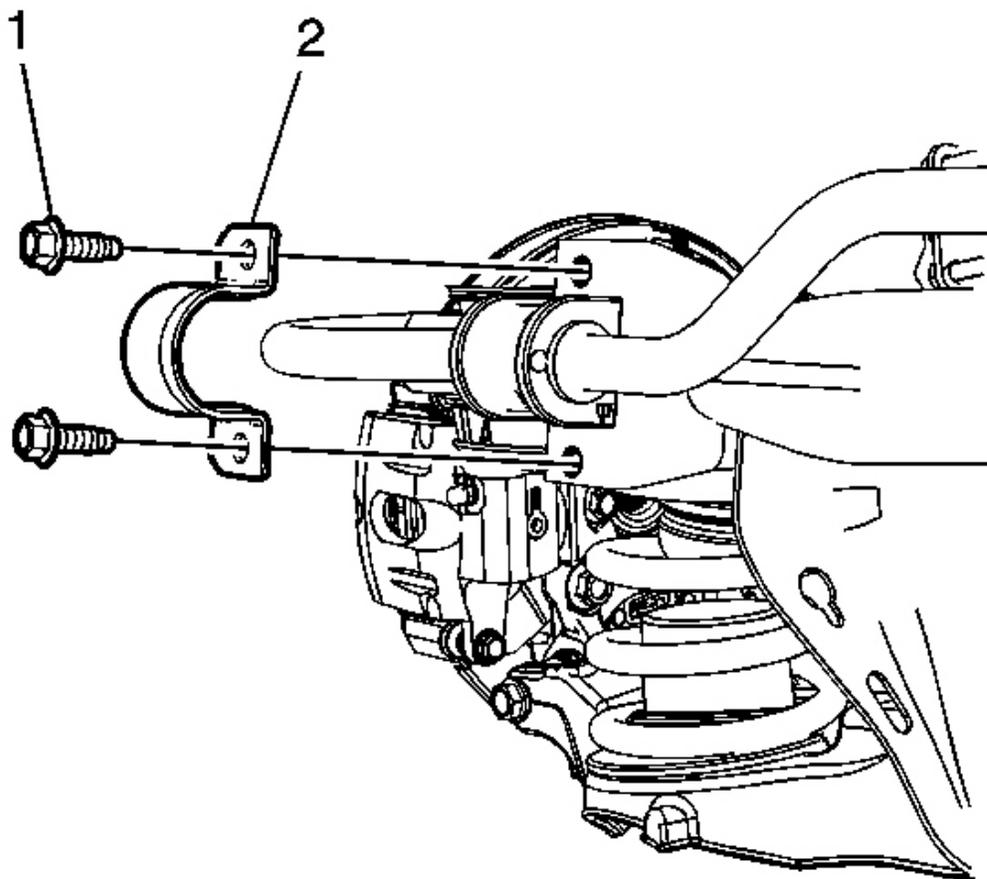
4. Insert a wrench (1) on the stabilizer shaft link (2) so as not to allow the stabilizer shaft link to rotate when removing or installing the retaining nut.



**Fig. 15: Identifying Upper Stabilizer Shaft Link Retaining Nut With Washer And Bushing**  
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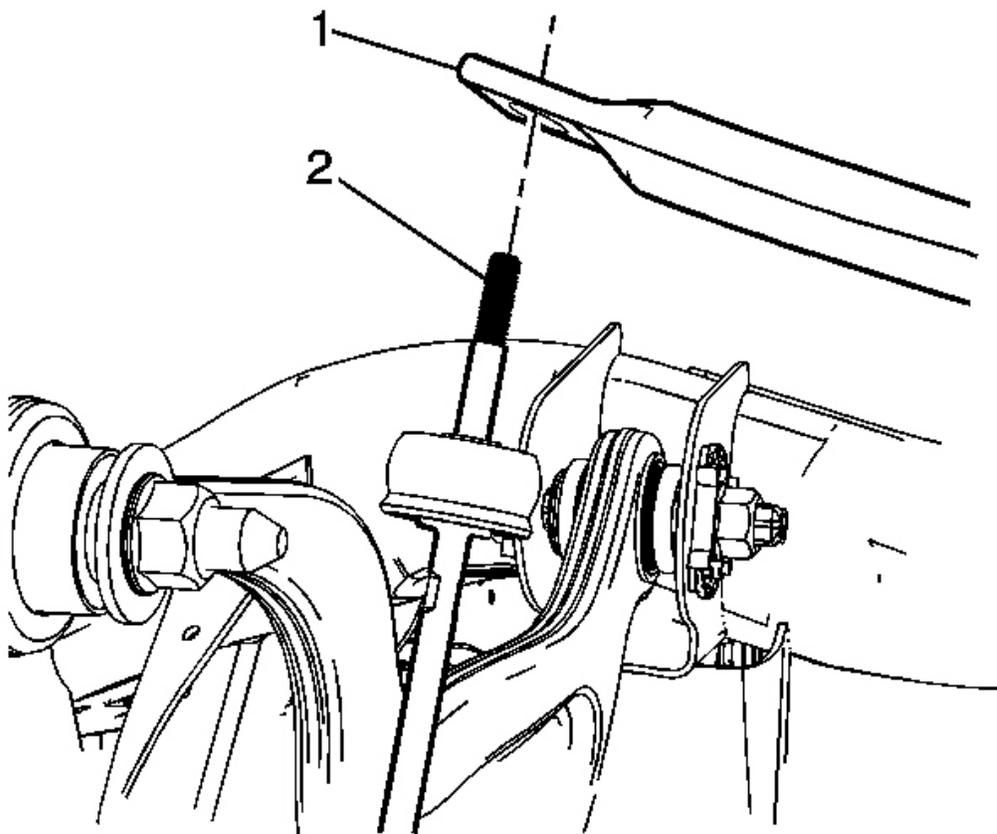
**IMPORTANT:** It maybe necessary to apply a small amount of penetrating oil to the stabilizer shaft link retaining nut prior to removal.

5. Remove the upper stabilizer shaft link retaining nut with washer (1) and bushing (2).



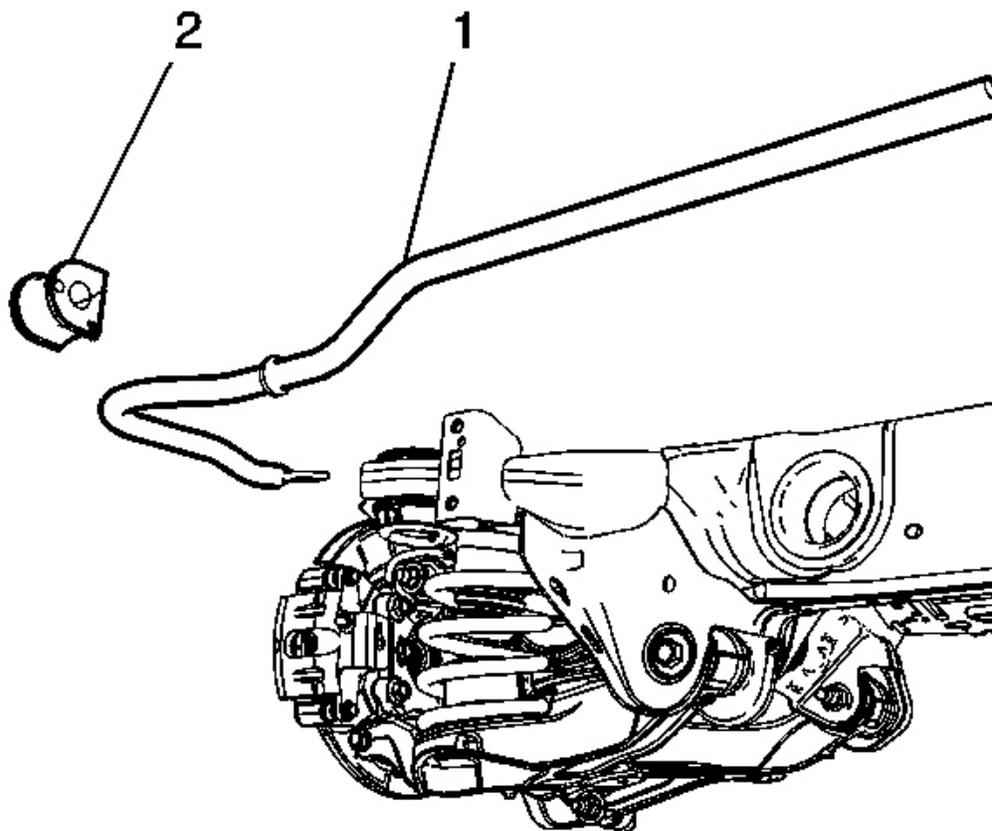
**Fig. 16: Identifying Stabilizer Shaft Clamp And Bolts**  
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6. Remove the stabilizer shaft clamp bolt (1) and the clamp (2).



**Fig. 17: Identifying Stabilizer Shaft And Stabilizer Shaft Link**  
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7. Remove the stabilizer shaft (1) from the stabilizer shaft link (2).

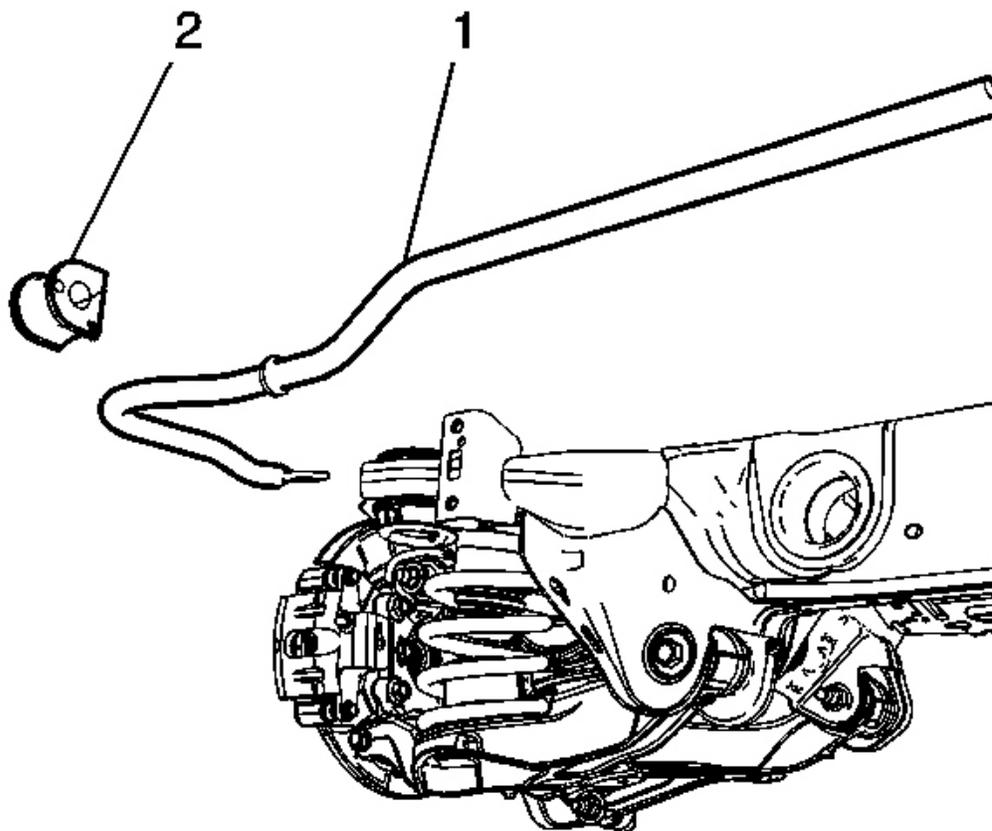


**Fig. 18: Identifying Stabilizer Shaft And Bushing**  
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**IMPORTANT:** It maybe necessary to maneuver the stabilizer shaft in such away to remove it from the vehicle.

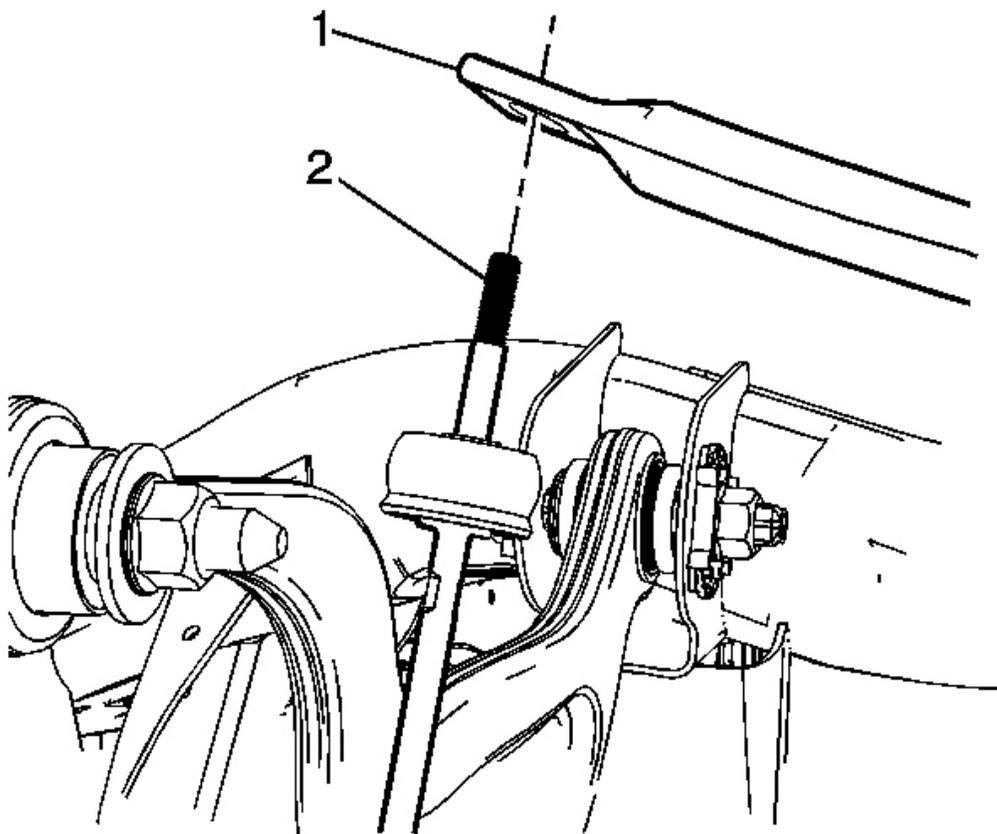
8. Remove the stabilizer shaft (1) and bushing (2) from the vehicle.

**Installation Procedure**



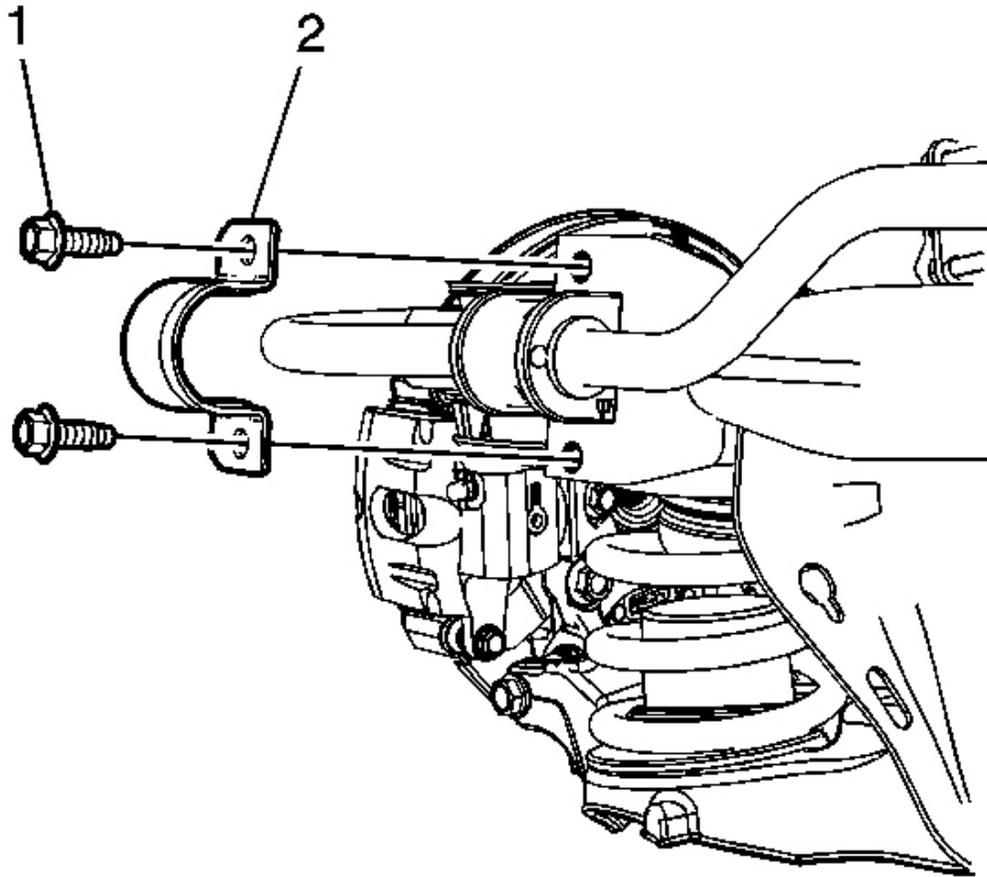
**Fig. 19: Identifying Stabilizer Shaft And Bushing**  
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1. Install the bushing (2) on the stabilizer shaft (1).
2. Maneuver the stabilizer shaft in such away to properly install it on the frame.



**Fig. 20: Identifying Stabilizer Shaft And Stabilizer Shaft Link**  
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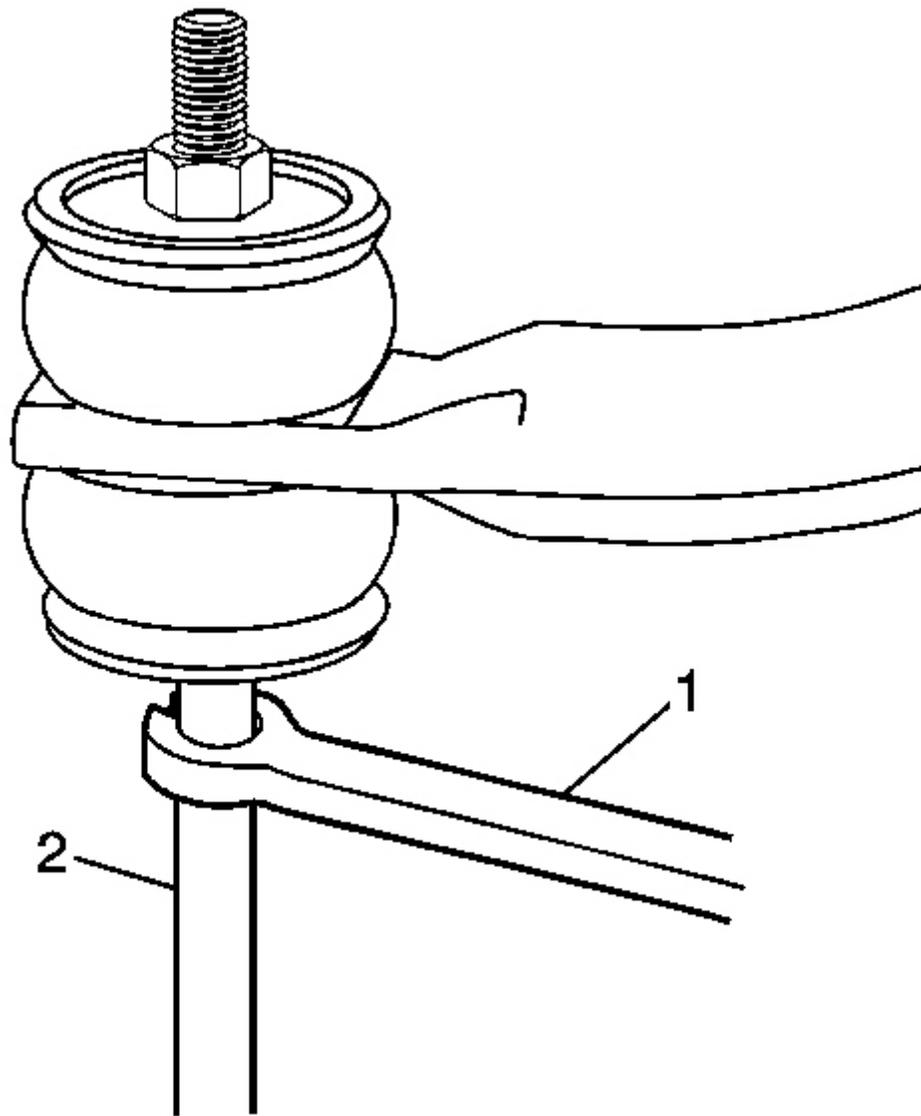
3. Install the stabilizer shaft (1) on the stabilizer shaft link (2).



**Fig. 21: Identifying Stabilizer Shaft Clamp And Bolts**  
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**IMPORTANT:** In steps 4 and 5, **DO NOT** tighten the bolts or nuts to specifications. Leave the bolts and nut loose.

4. Install the stabilizer shaft clamp (2) and the bolts (1).
5. Install the bushing (2) and the upper stabilizer shaft link retaining nut with washer (1).



**Fig. 22: Identifying Stabilizer Shaft Link**  
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6. Insert a wrench (1) on the stabilizer shaft link (2) so as not to allow the stabilizer shaft link to rotate when removing or installing the retaining nut.

**NOTE:** Refer to Fastener Notice .

7. Tighten the upper stabilizer shaft link retaining nut.

**Tighten:** Tighten the retaining nut to 22 N.m (16 lb ft).

8. Tighten the stabilizer shaft clamp bolts.

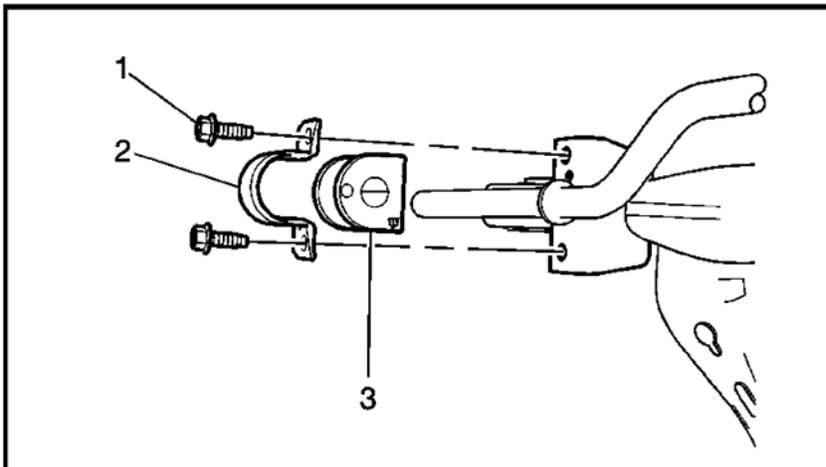
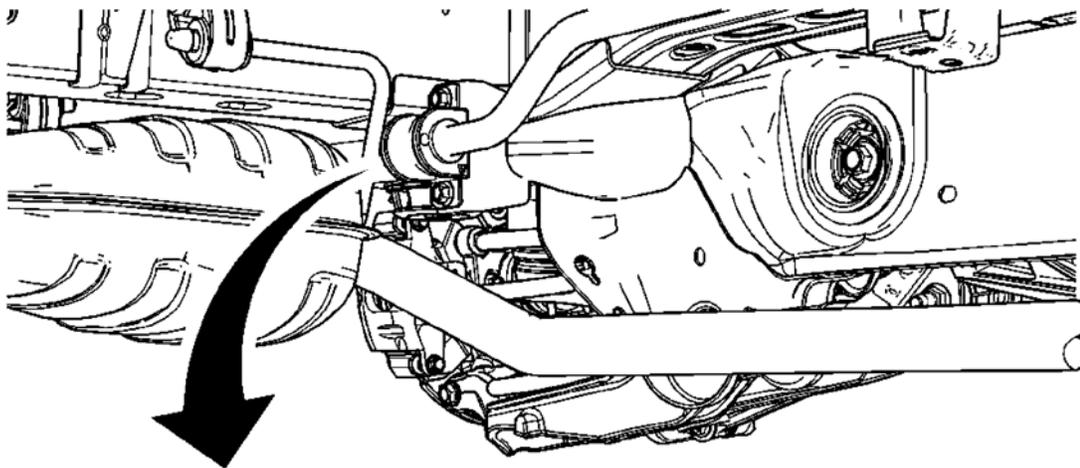
**Tighten:** Tighten the clamp bolts nut to 50 N.m (16 lb ft).

9. Install the spare tire.

10. Install the rear tires and wheels. Refer to **Tire and Wheel Removal and Installation** .

11. Remove the support and lower the vehicle.

### STABILIZER SHAFT INSULATOR REPLACEMENT



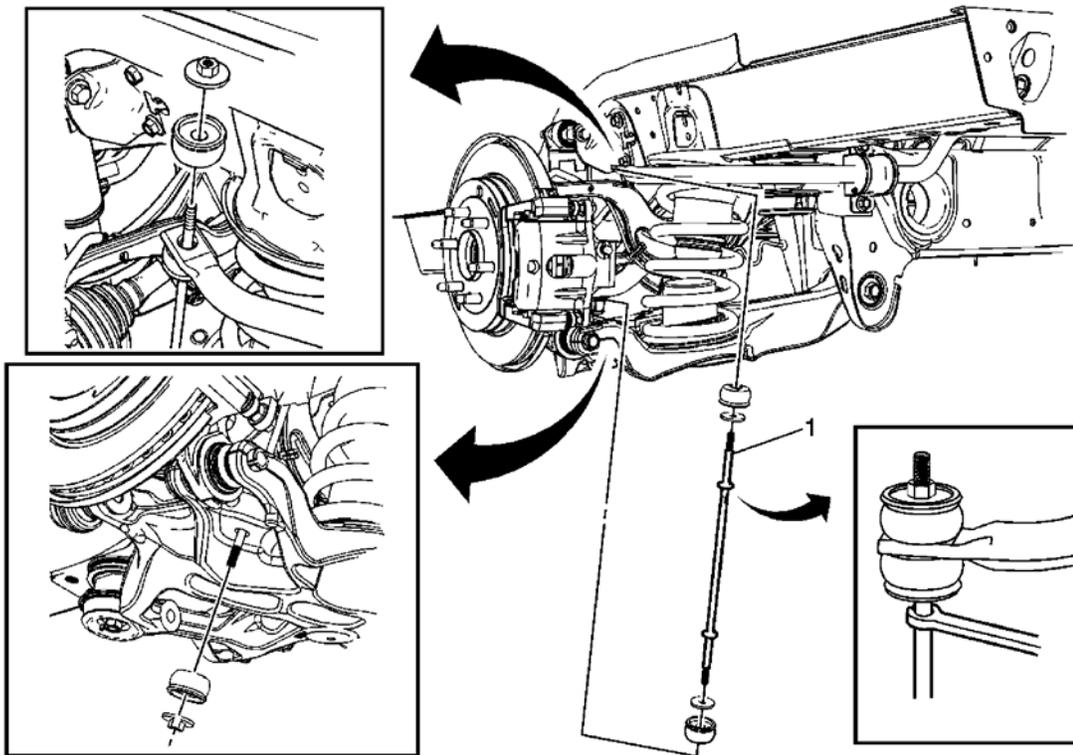
**Fig. 23: Identifying Stabilizer Shaft Insulator**  
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<b>Preliminary Procedure:</b> Raise and support the vehicle. Refer to Lifting and Jacking the Vehicle .	
1	Stabilizer Shaft Clamp Bolt (Qty: 2)  <b>NOTE:</b> Refer to Fastener Notice .  <b>Tighten:</b> 50 N.m (37 lb ft)
2	Stabilizer Shaft Clamp
3	Stabilizer Shaft Insulator

### STABILIZER SHAFT LINK REPLACEMENT



**Fig. 24: Identifying Stabilizer Shaft Link**  
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Callout	Component Name
<b>Preliminary Procedures</b>	

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1. Raise and support the vehicle. Refer to Lifting and Jacking the Vehicle .
2. Remove the tire and wheel. Refer to **Tire and Wheel Removal and Installation** .

### Stabilizer Shaft Link

**NOTE:**

Refer to Fastener Notice .

**Procedure**

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1. Use a wrench to keep the stabilizer shaft link from rotating.
2. Remove the upper stabilizer shaft link retaining nut, washer and bushing.
3. Repeat the previous steps on the lower stabilizer shaft retaining nut, washer and bushing.
4. Remove the stabilizer shaft link from the vehicle. Left side shown, right side similar.

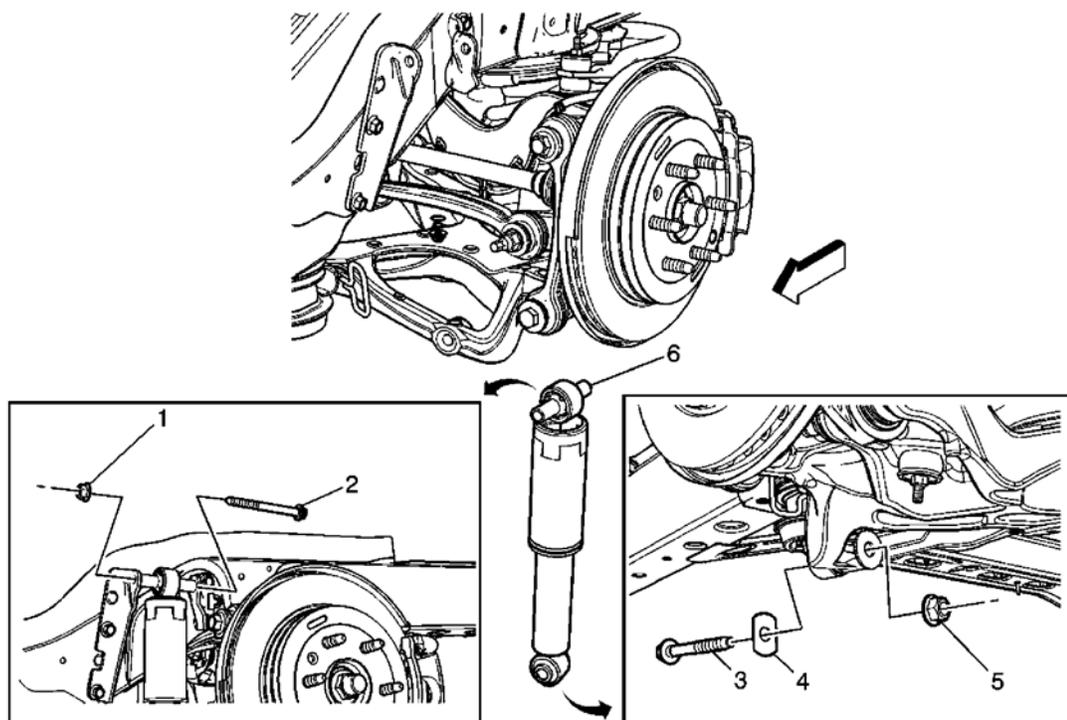
**Tip:** Apply a small amount of penetrating oil on the treads of the stabilizer shaft link prior to removing the retaining nuts.

**Tighten:** 22 N.m (16 lb ft)

## SHOCK ABSORBER REPLACEMENT

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**Fig. 25: Identifying Shock Absorber**  
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Callout	Component Name
<b>Preliminary Procedures</b>	
1. Raise and support the vehicle. Refer to <u>Lifting and Jacking the Vehicle</u> . 2. Remove the rear tire and wheel. Refer to <u>Tire and Wheel Removal and Installation</u> .	
1	Upper Rear Shock Absorber Bolt  <b>NOTE:</b> Refer to <b>Fastener Notice</b> .  <b>Tighten:</b> 70 N.m (52 lb ft)
2	Upper Shock Absorber Nut
3	Lower Rear Shock Absorber Bolt  <b>Procedure</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Position a jack stand under the lower control arm.</li> <li>2. Raise or lower the jack stand to aid in the installation of the lower shock absorber bolt.</li> </ol>

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	<b>Tighten:</b> 100 N.m (74 lb ft) plus 60 degrees
4	Lower Shock Absorber Washer
5	Lower Shock Absorber Nut
6	Rear Shock Absorber

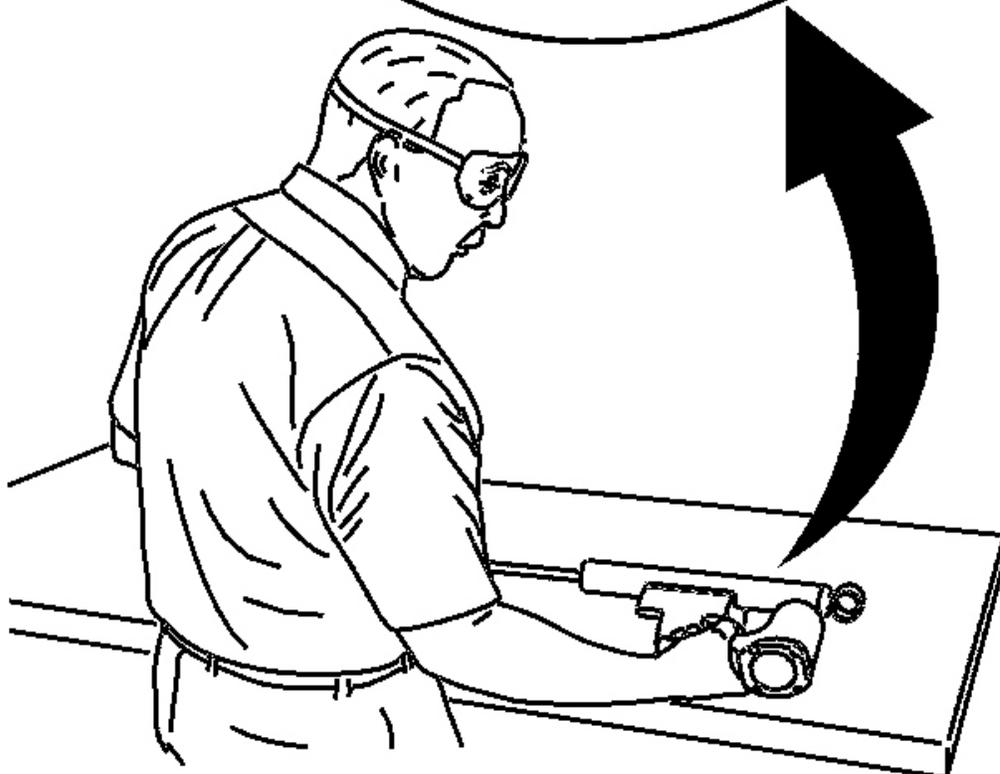
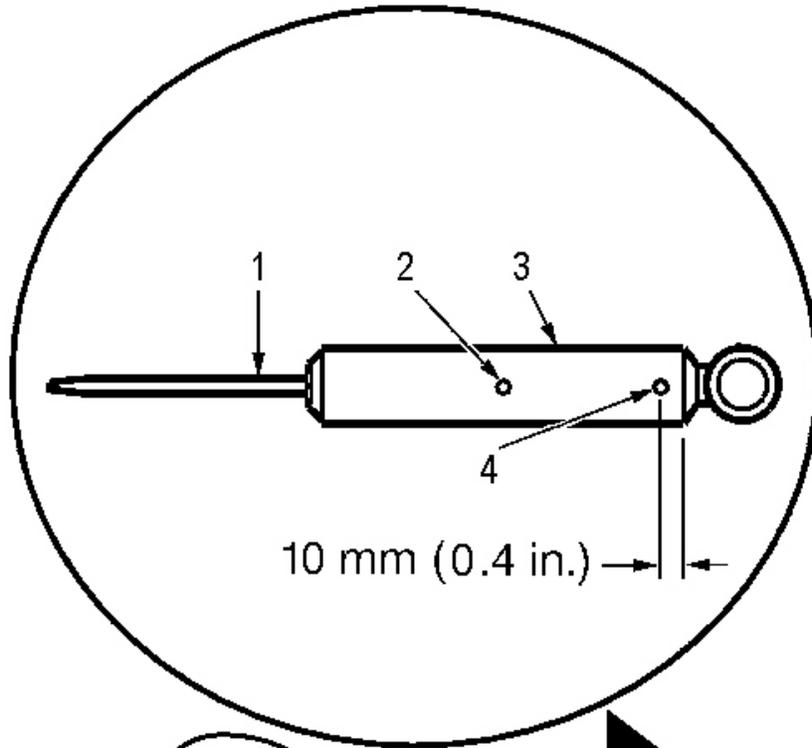
### SHOCK ABSORBER DISPOSAL

**CAUTION:** Gas charged shock absorbers contain high pressure gas. Do not remove the snap ring from inside the top of the tube. If the snap ring is removed, the contents of the shock absorber will come out with extreme force which may result in personal injury.

**CAUTION:** To prevent personal injury, wear safety glasses when centerpunching and drilling the shock absorber. Use care not to puncture the shock absorber tube with the centerpunch.

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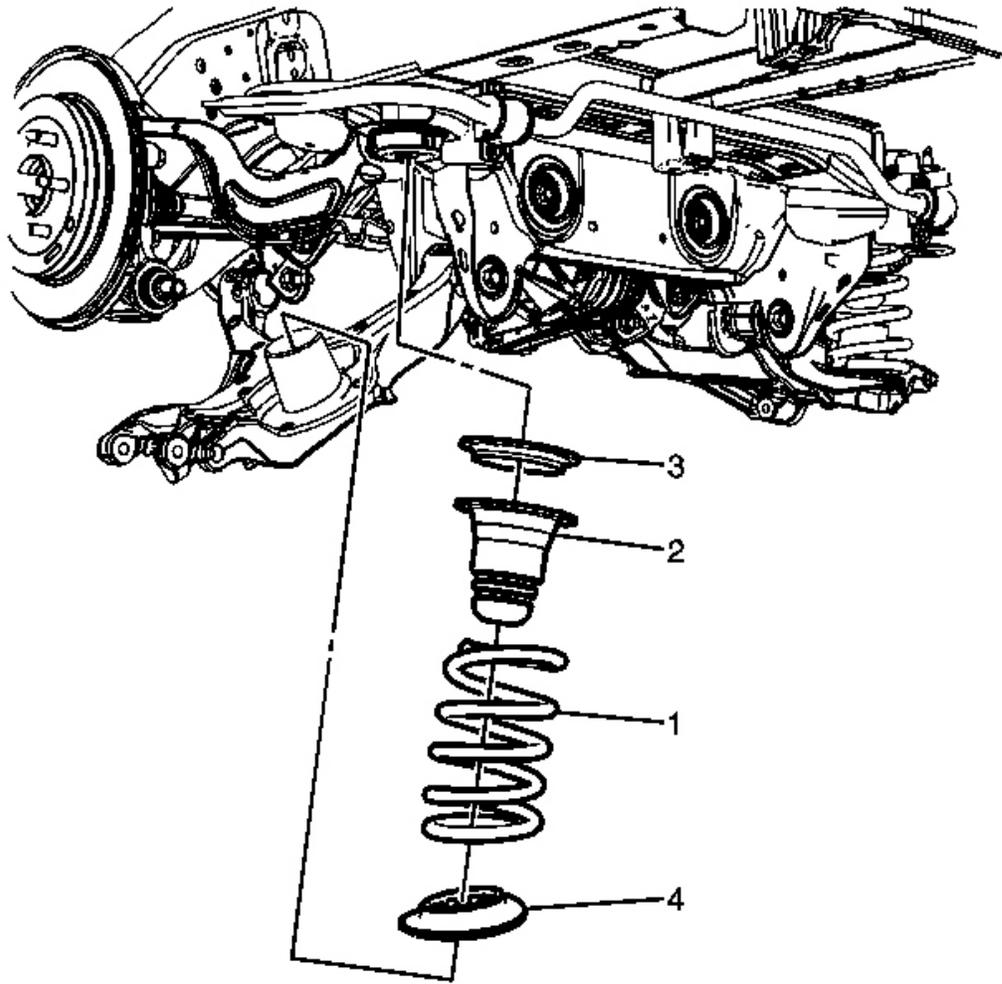


**Fig. 26: Drilling Hole In Shock Absorber At Centerpunched Locations**  
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1. Make an indentation 10 mm (0.4 in) from the bottom (4) of the tube (3) using a centerpunch.
2. Clamp the shock absorber in a vise horizontally with the shock absorber rod (1) completely extended.
3. Drill a hole in the shock absorber at the centerpunch (4) using a 5 mm (3/16 in) drill bit. Gas or a gas/oil mixture will exhaust when the drill bit penetrates the shock absorber. Use shop towels in order to contain the escaping oil.
4. Make an indentation in the middle (2) of the tube (3) with a centerpunch.
5. Drill a second hole in the shock absorber at the centerpunch (2) using a 5 mm (3/16 in) drill bit. Oil will exhaust when the drill bit penetrates the shock absorber. Use shop towels in order to contain the escaping oil.
6. Remove the shock absorber from the vise. Hold the shock absorber over a drain pan horizontally with the holes down. Move the rod (1) in and out of the tube (3) to completely drain the oil from the shock absorber.

**REAR SPRING, INSULATOR, AND JOUNCE BUMPER REPLACEMENT**

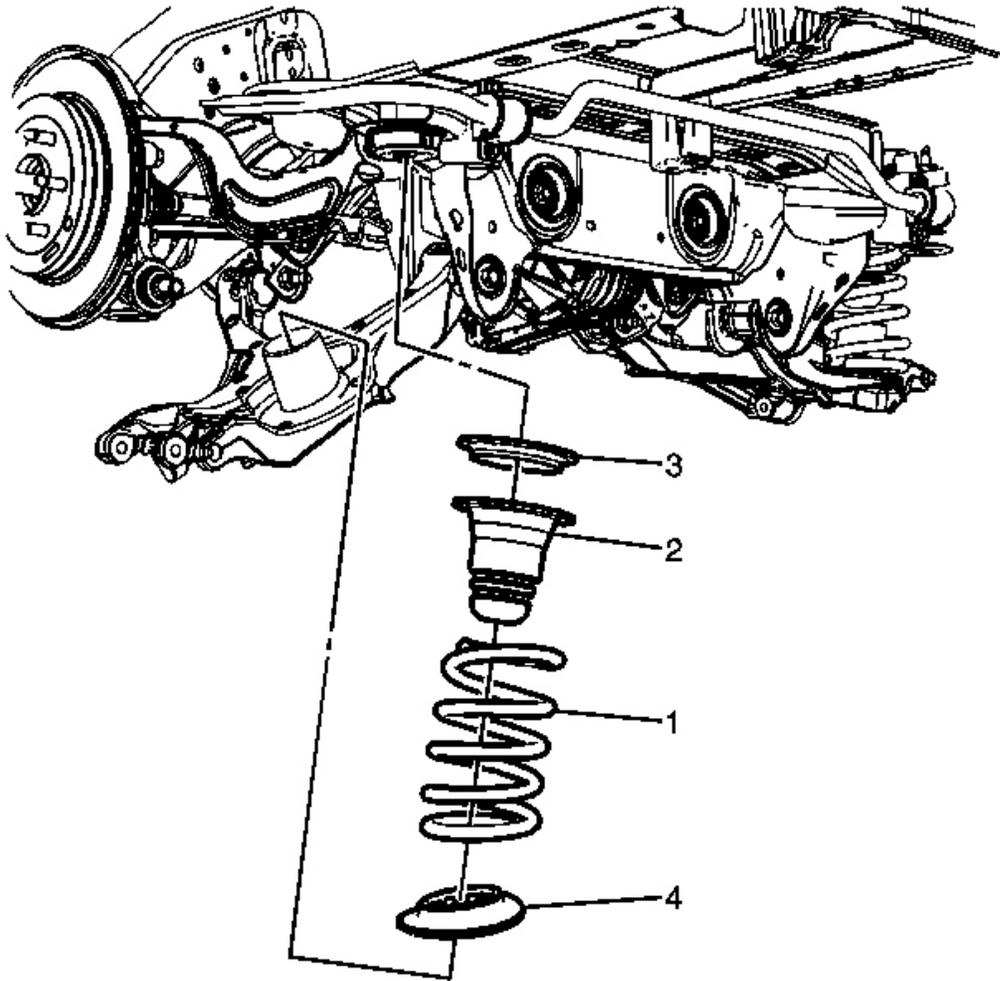
**Removal Procedure**



**Fig. 27: Identifying Rear Spring And Insulator**  
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1. Raise and support the vehicle. Refer to Lifting and Jacking the Vehicle .
2. Remove the rear tire and wheel. Refer to Tire and Wheel Removal and Installation .
3. Position an adjustable jack stand under the lower control arm.
4. Remove the lower stabilizer shaft link bushing and nut. Refer to Stabilizer Shaft Link Replacement.
5. Remove the lower shock absorber bolt. Refer to Shock Absorber Replacement.
6. Remove the lower bolts from the knuckle. Refer to Knuckle Replacement.
7. Using the adjustable jack stand, slowly lower the vehicle until the rear spring (1), insulator (4), jounce bumper (2), and the spring seat (3) can be removed.

## Installation Procedure



**Fig. 28: Identifying Rear Spring And Insulator**  
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1. Position the spring seat (3), jounce bumper (2), rear spring (1), and the insulator (4) on the lower control arm.
2. Using the adjustable jack stand, raise the lower control arm until the lower bolts for the knuckle can be installed. Refer to **Knuckle Replacement**.
3. Remove the adjustable jack stand.
4. Install the lower stabilizer shaft link bushing and nut. Refer to **Stabilizer Shaft Link Replacement**.
5. Install the lower shock absorber bolt. Refer to **Shock Absorber Replacement**.

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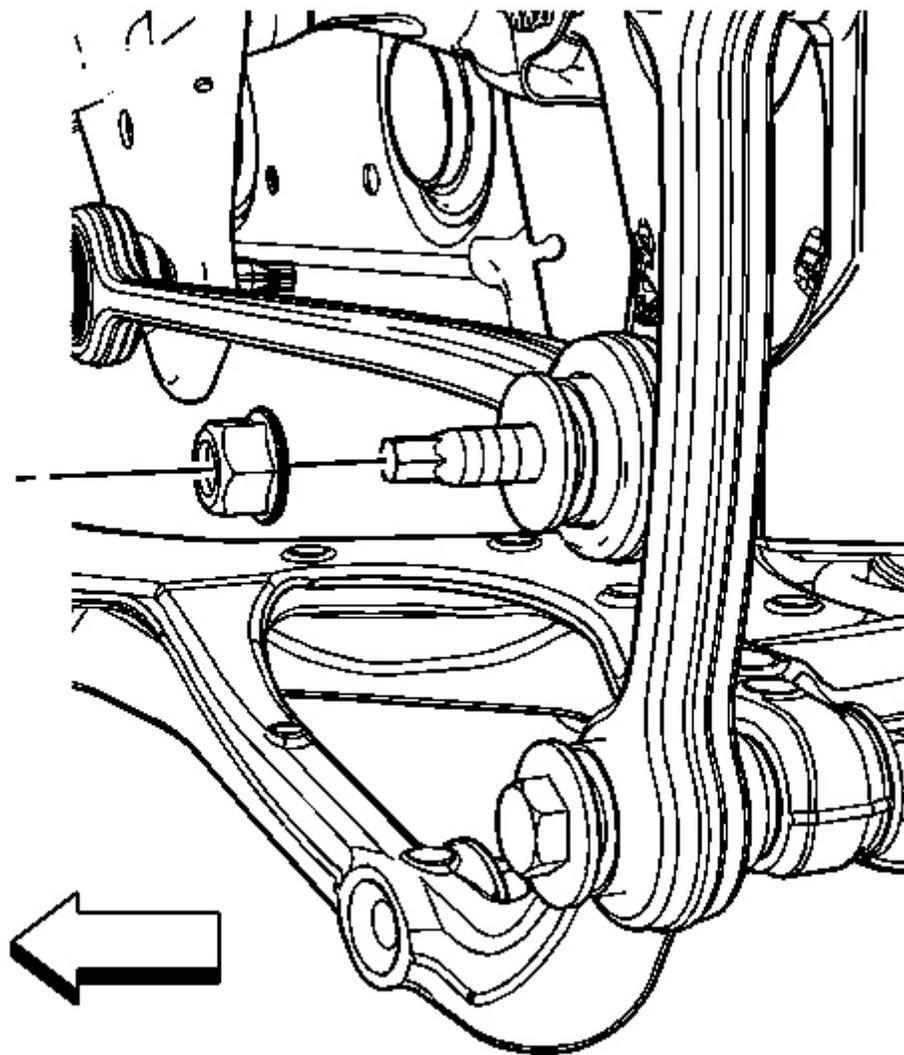
6. Install the rear tire and wheels. Refer to **Tire and Wheel Removal and Installation** .
7. Remove the support and lower the vehicle.

### ADJUSTMENT LINK REPLACEMENT

#### Removal Procedure

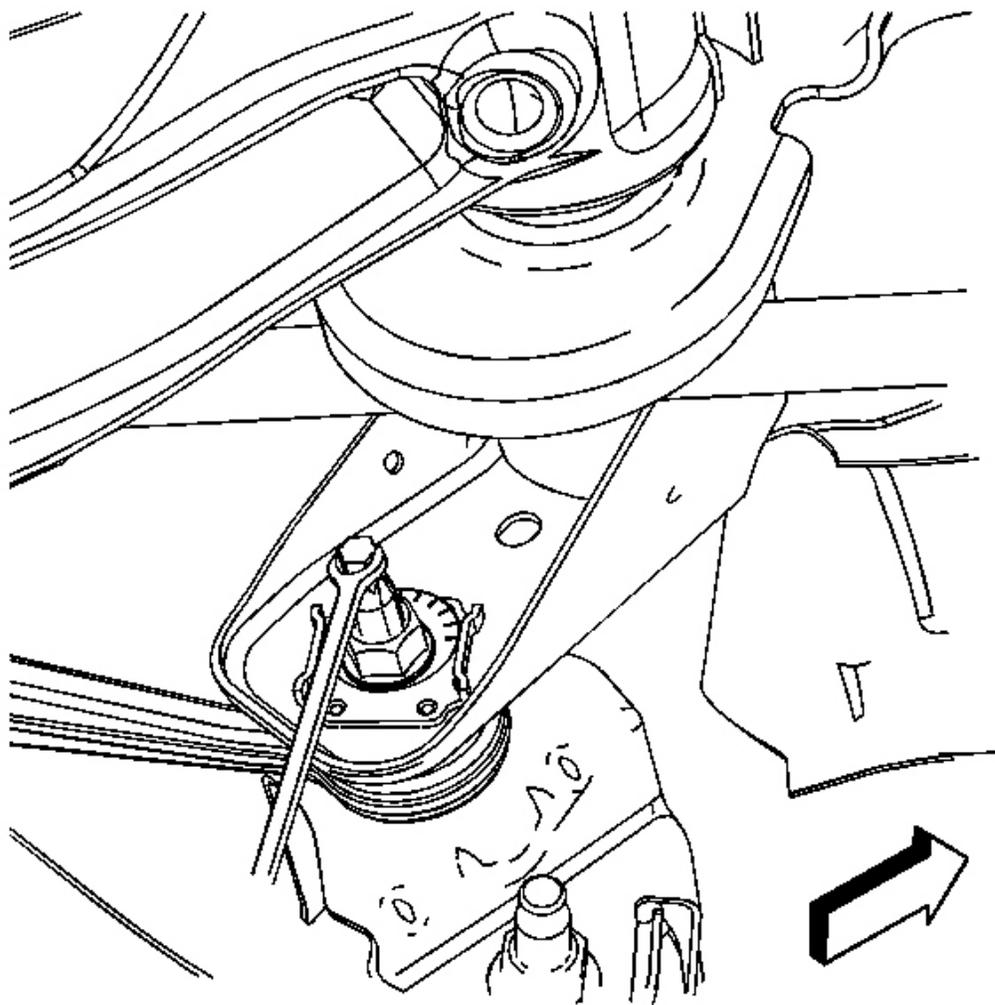
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Servicing the right side of the vehicle is similar.

1. Raise and support the vehicle. Refer to Lifting and Jacking the Vehicle .
2. Remove the rear shock absorber. Refer to **Shock Absorber Replacement**.



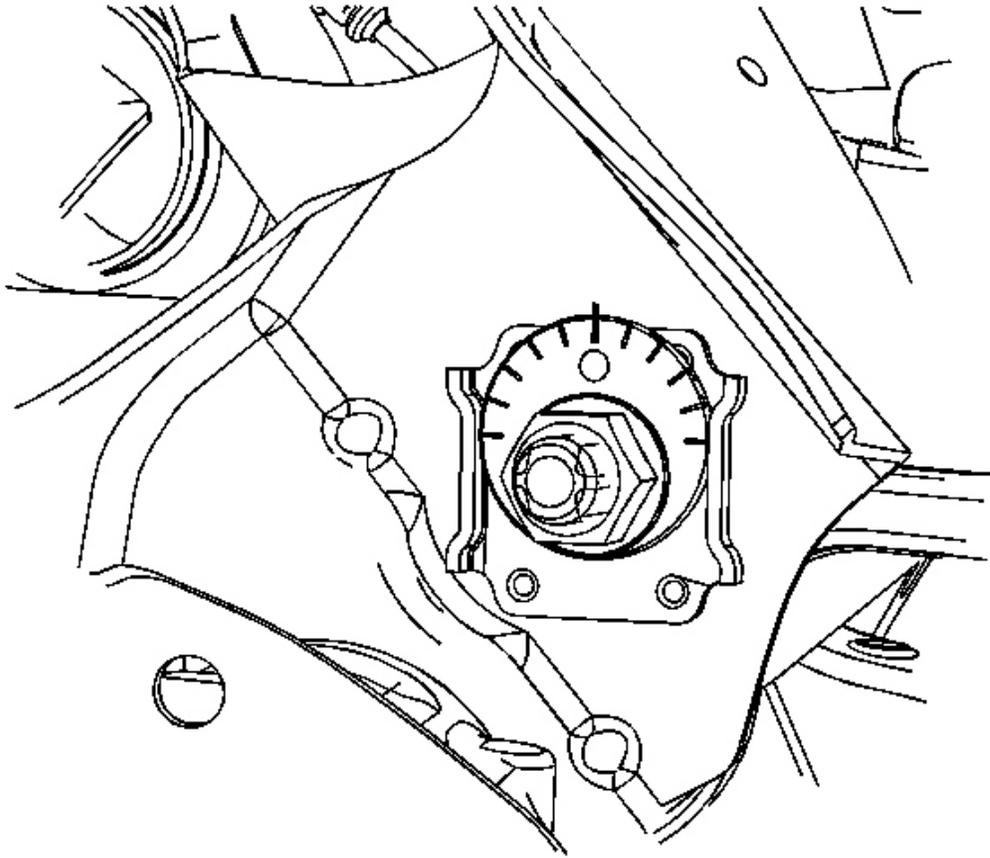
**Fig. 29: Identifying Retaining Nut From Adjuster Link To Knuckle**  
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3. Remove the retaining nut from the adjuster link to the knuckle.



**Fig. 30: Identifying Adjuster Cam Bolt**  
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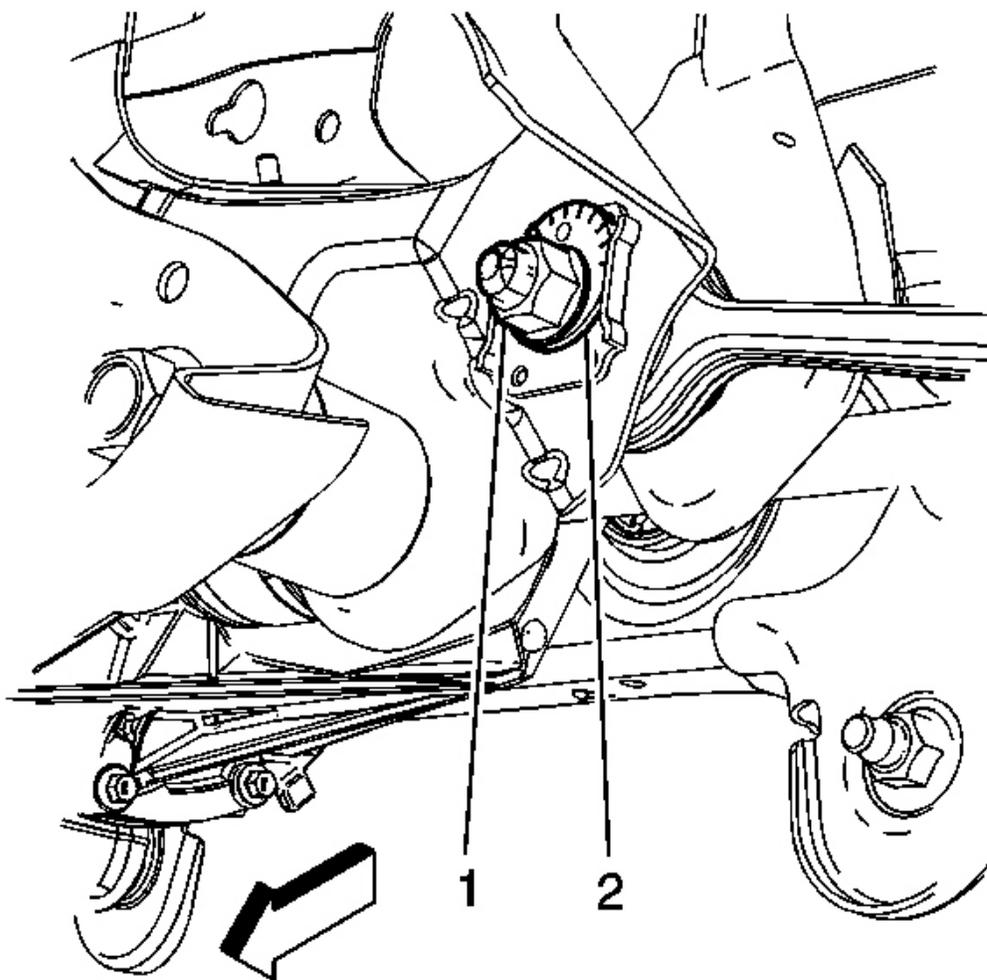
4. Install a wrench to hold the adjuster cam bolt.



**Fig. 31: Identifying Reference Marks On Adjuster Cam And Mounting Bracket**  
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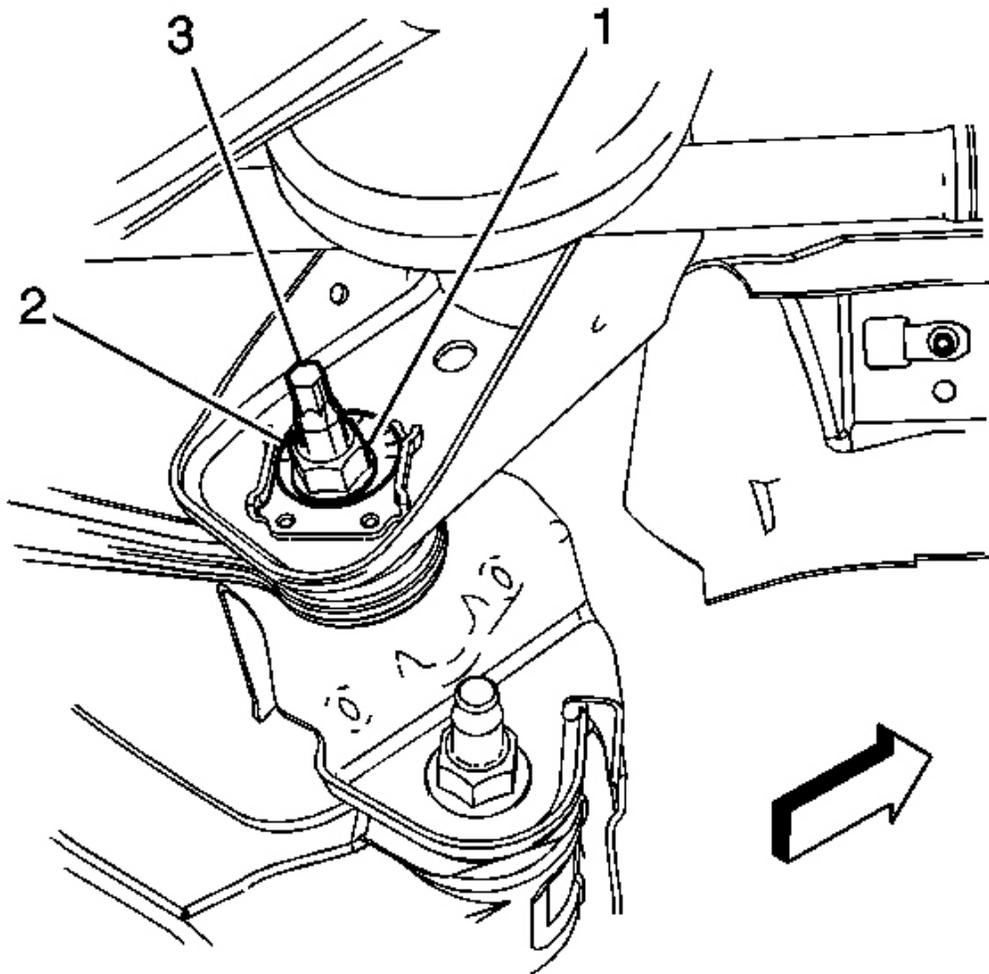
**IMPORTANT:** In steps 5 and 6, if servicing other suspension components, mark the relationship of the adjuster cams to the mounting brackets to aid in the re-installation of the adjustment link.

5. Mark a point of reference on the adjuster cam and the mounting bracket.



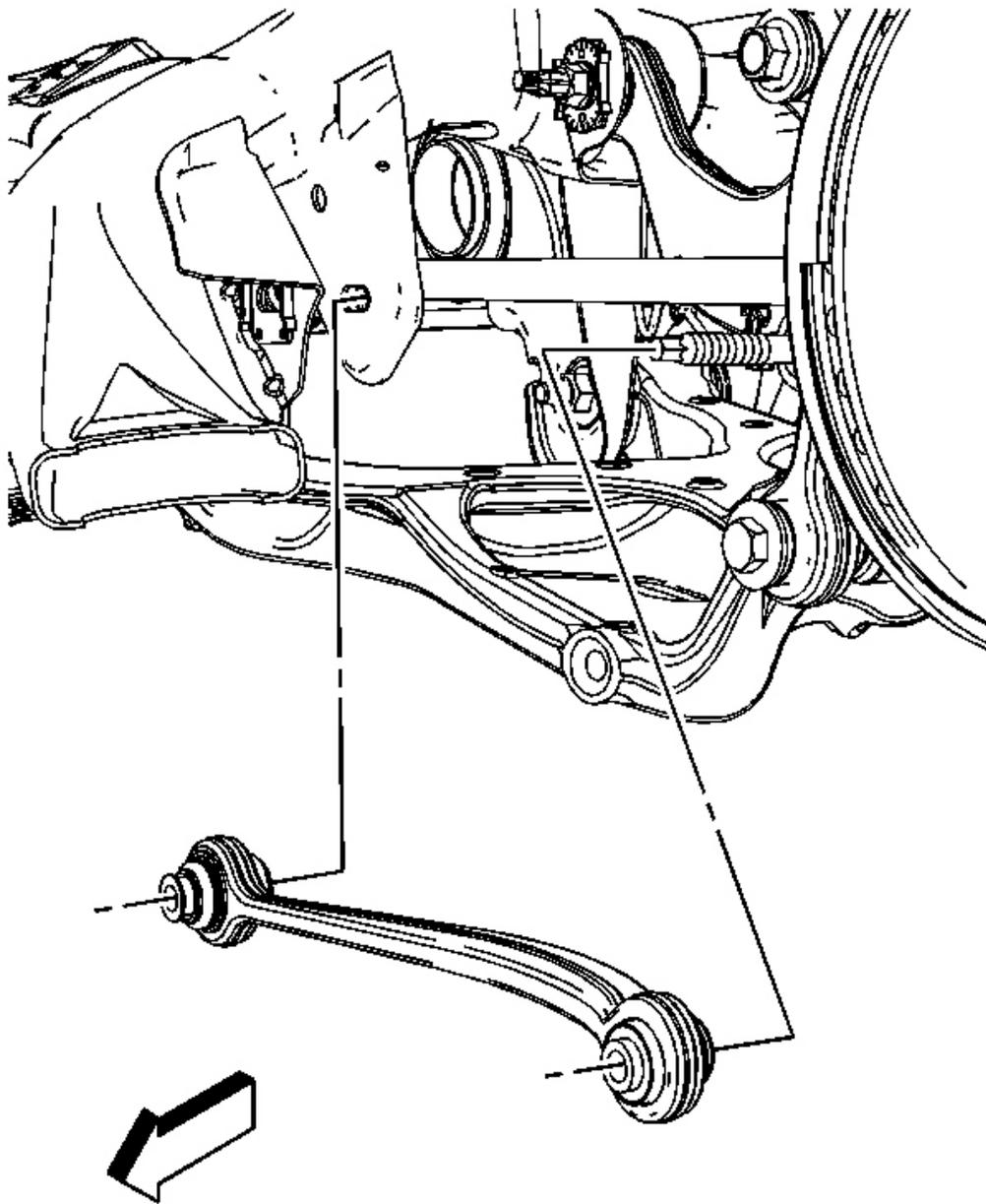
**Fig. 32: Identifying Front Adjuster Nut & Adjuster Cam**  
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6. Remove the front adjuster nut (1) and the adjuster cam (2).



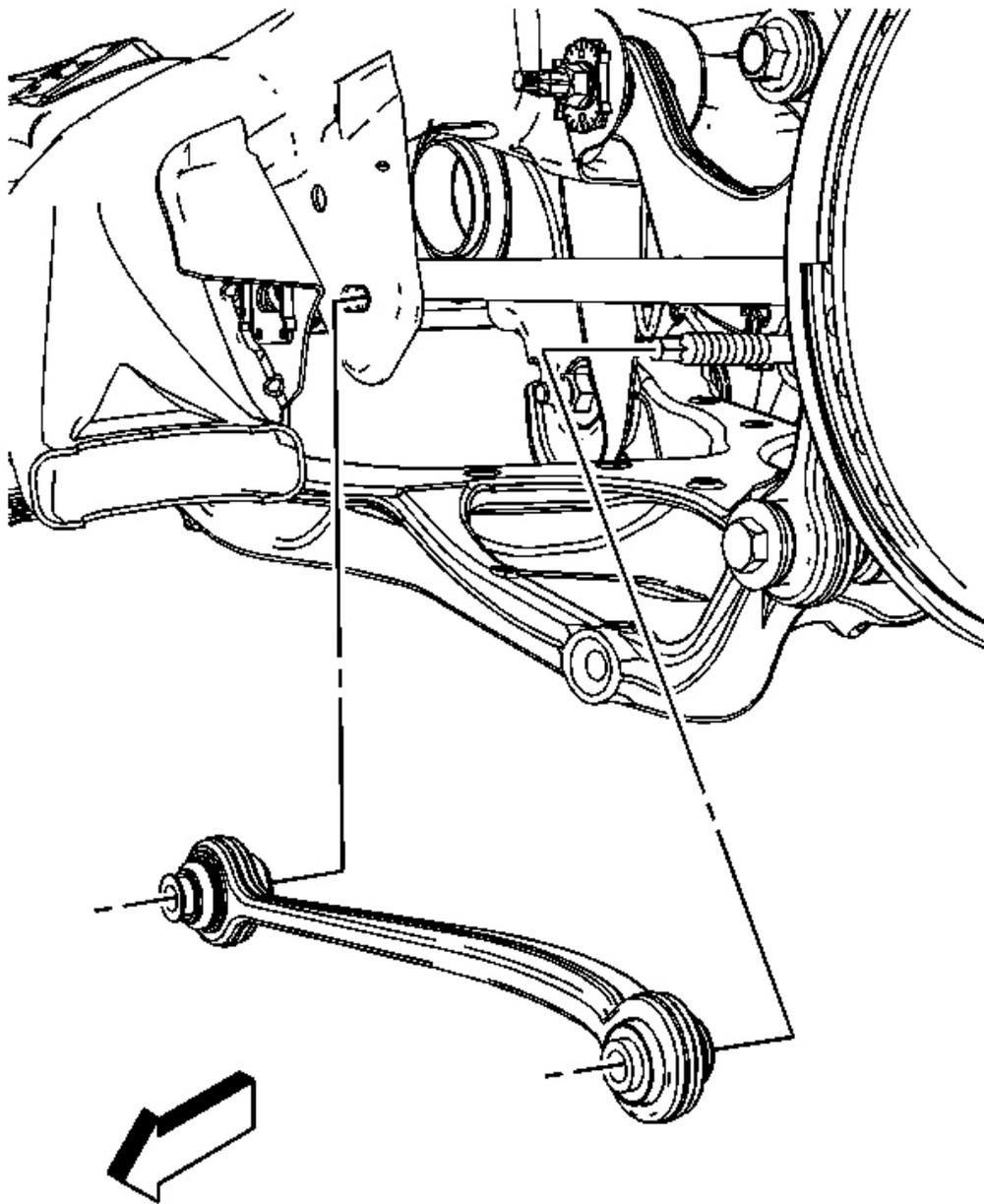
**Fig. 33: Identifying Adjuster Bolt In Mounting Bracket & Adjuster Link**  
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7. Remove the rear adjuster nut (1), adjuster cam (2).
8. Maneuver the adjuster bolt (3) so as to remove it from the mounting bracket.



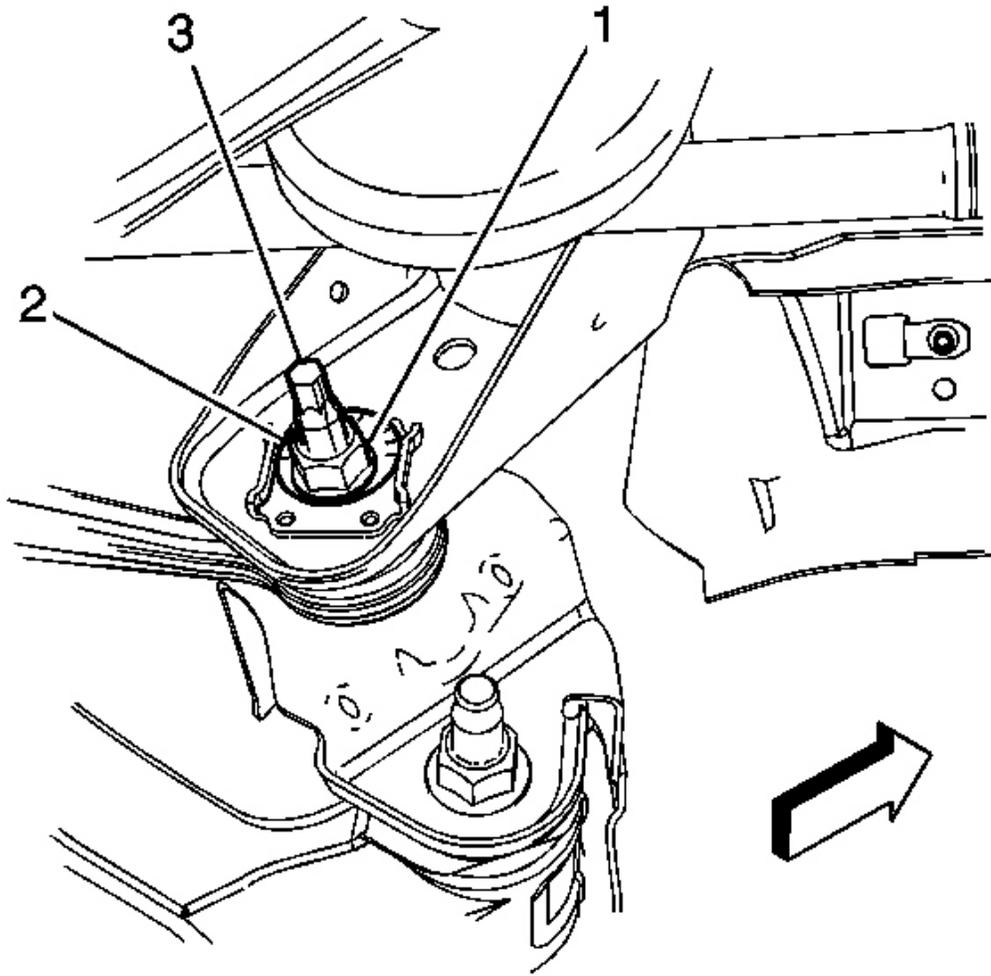
**Fig. 34: Identifying Adjuster Link**  
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9. Remove the adjuster link from the knuckle and the mounting bracket,



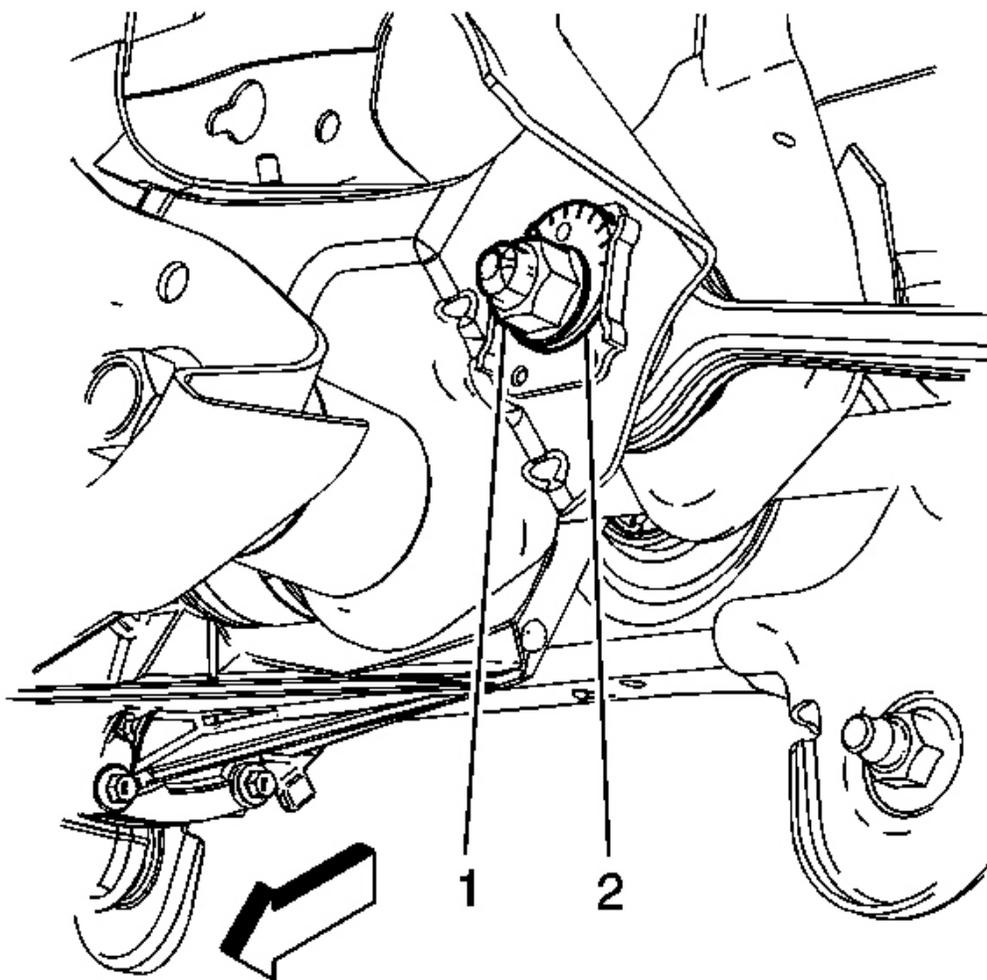
**Fig. 35: Identifying Adjuster Link**  
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Install the adjuster link on the knuckle and in the mounting bracket.



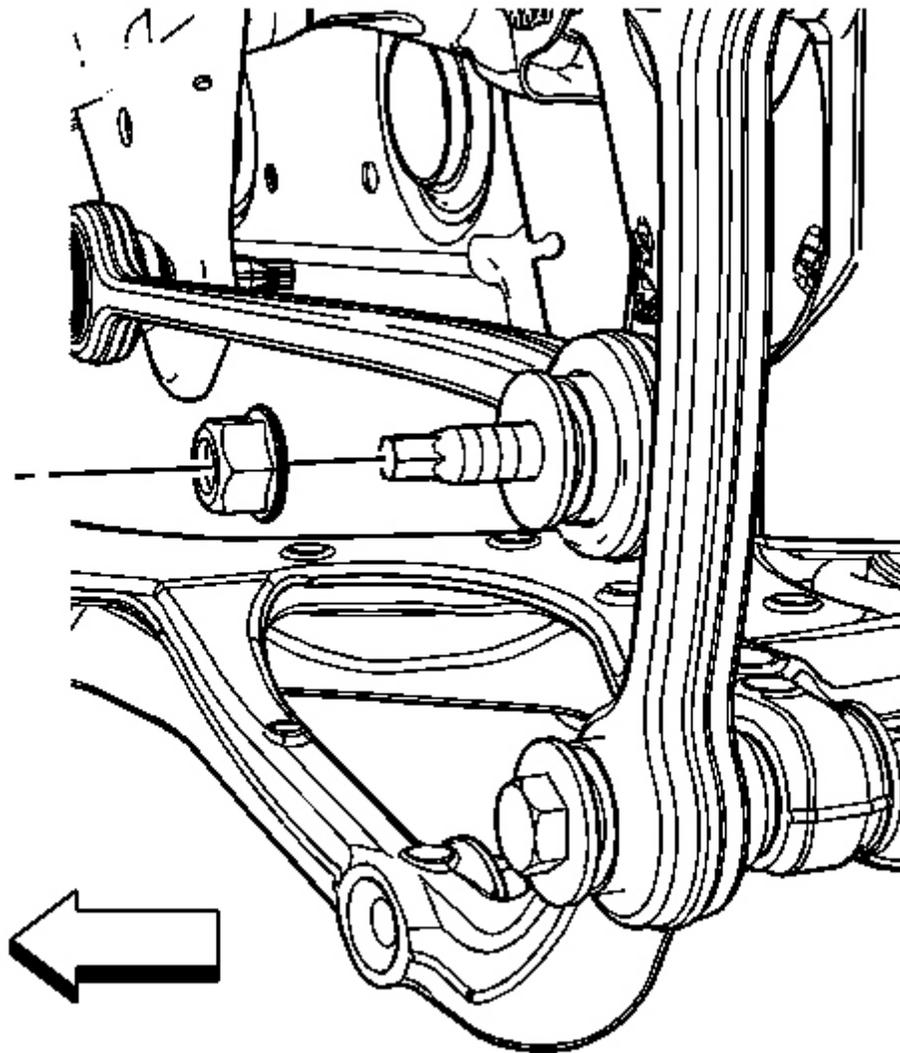
**Fig. 36: Identifying Adjuster Bolt In Mounting Bracket & Adjuster Link**  
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

2. Install the adjuster bolt (3) in the mounting bracket and adjuster link.
3. Install the rear adjuster cam (2) and adjuster nut (1). Finger tighten the nut at this time.



**Fig. 37: Identifying Front Adjuster Nut & Adjuster Cam**  
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4. Install the front adjuster cam (2) and the adjuster nut (1). Finger tighten the nut at this time.



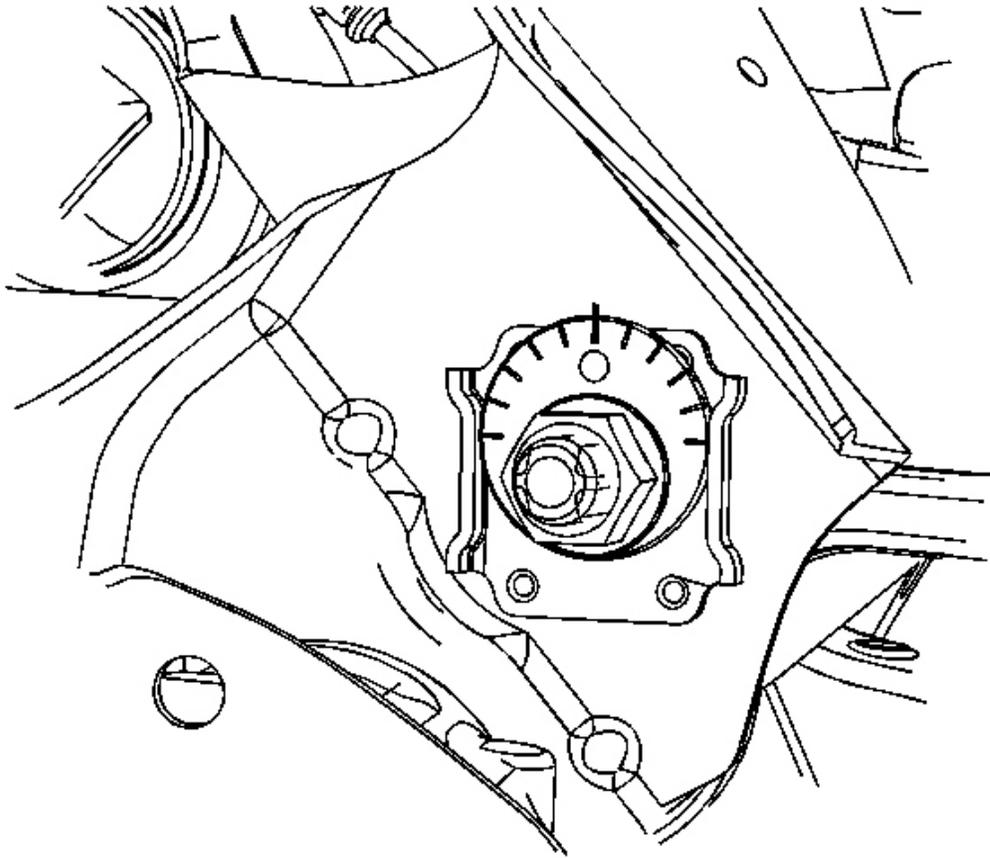
**Fig. 38: Identifying Retaining Nut From Adjuster Link To Knuckle**  
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**NOTE:** Refer to Fastener Notice .

5. Install the retaining nut for the adjuster link.

**Tighten:** Tighten the retaining nut to 75 N.m (55 lb ft) plus 60 degrees.

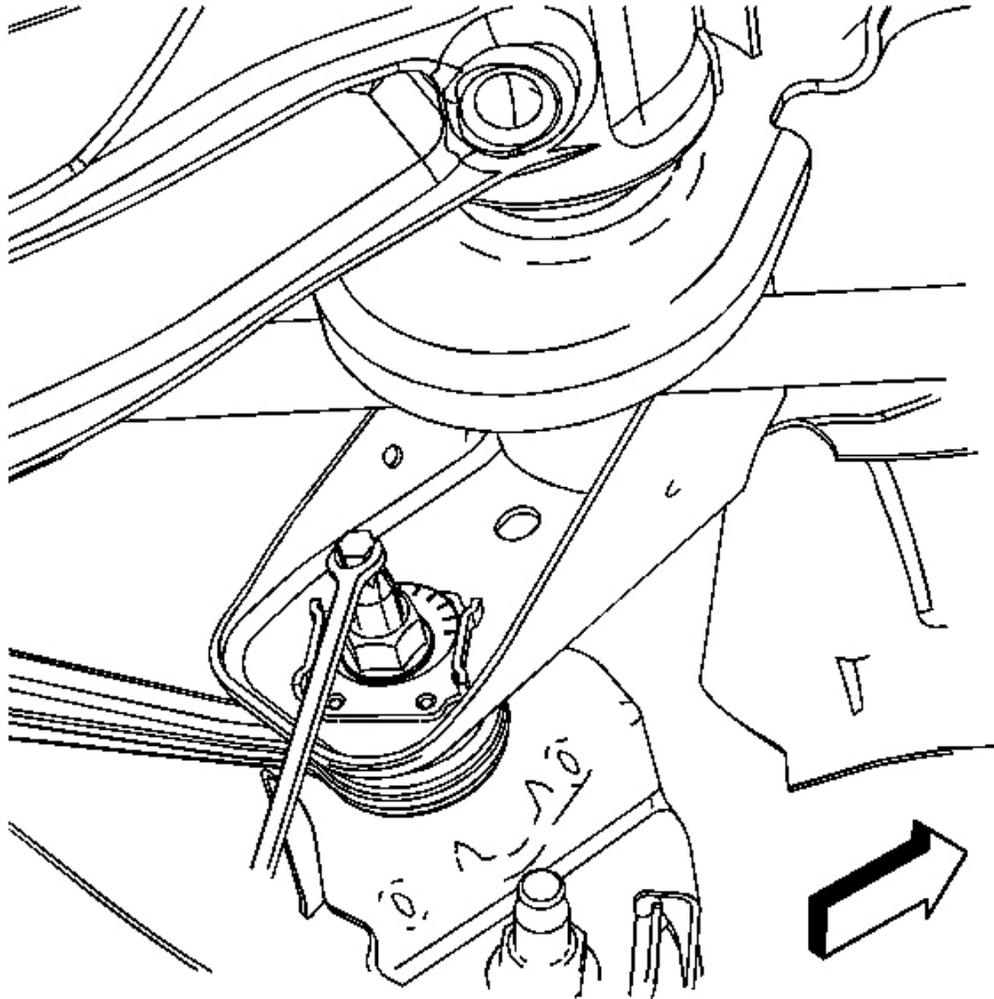
6. Install the rear shock absorber. Refer to **Shock Absorber Replacement**.



**Fig. 39: Identifying Reference Marks On Adjuster Cam & Mounting Bracket**  
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

**IMPORTANT:** If servicing other suspension components, align the relationship marks on the adjuster cam and the mounting brackets to aid in the re-installation of the adjustment link.

7. Align the reference marks on the adjuster cam and the mounting bracket.



**Fig. 40: Identifying Adjuster Cam Bolt**  
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

8. Install a wrench to hold the adjuster cam bolt.
9. Tighten the adjuster cam nuts.

**Tighten:** Tighten the adjuster cam nuts to 140 N.m (103 lb ft).

10. Remove the support and lower the vehicle.
11. Align the rear suspension. Refer to **Wheel Alignment Specifications** .

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### UPPER CONTROL ARM REPLACEMENT

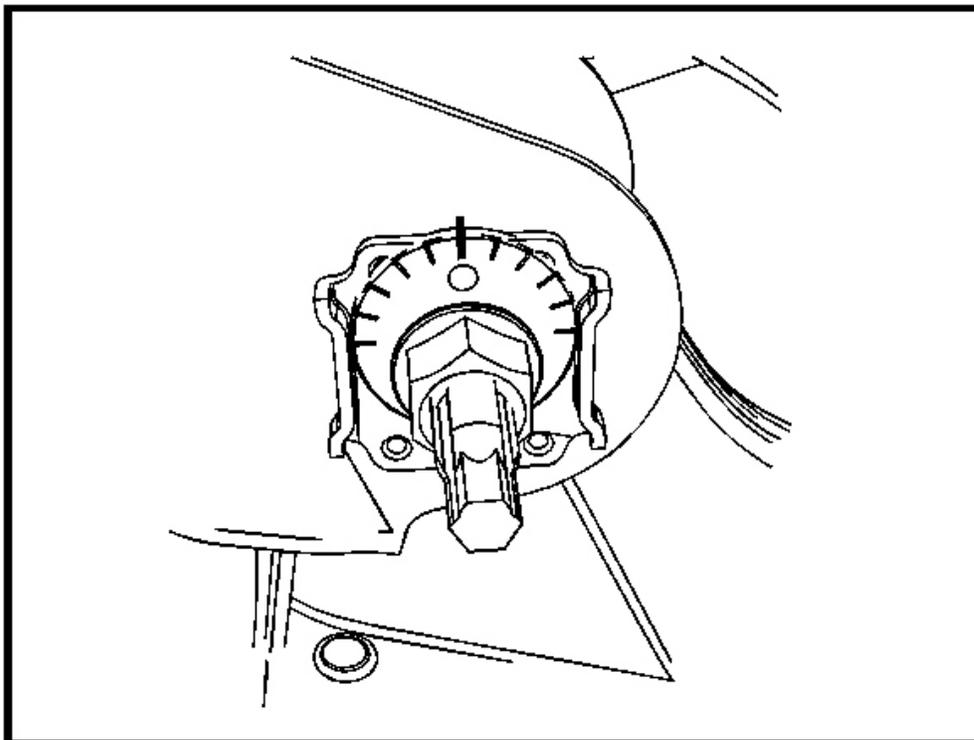
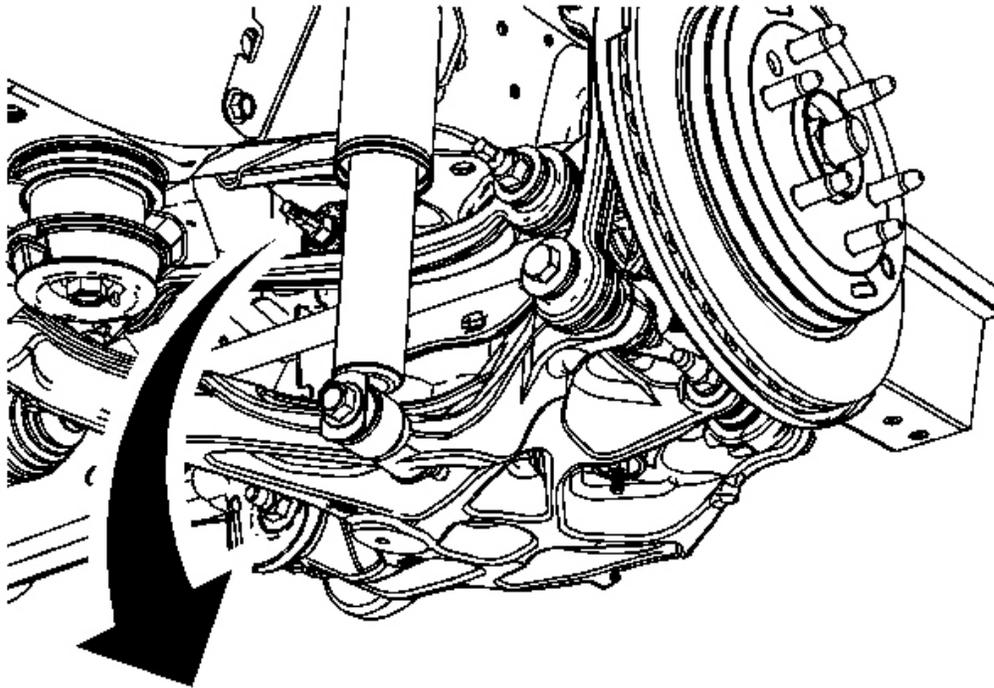
#### Removal Procedure

**IMPORTANT:** In the following service procedures, the left side is shown, the right side is similar.

1. Remove the tire and wheel assembly. Refer to [Tire and Wheel Removal and Installation](#) .

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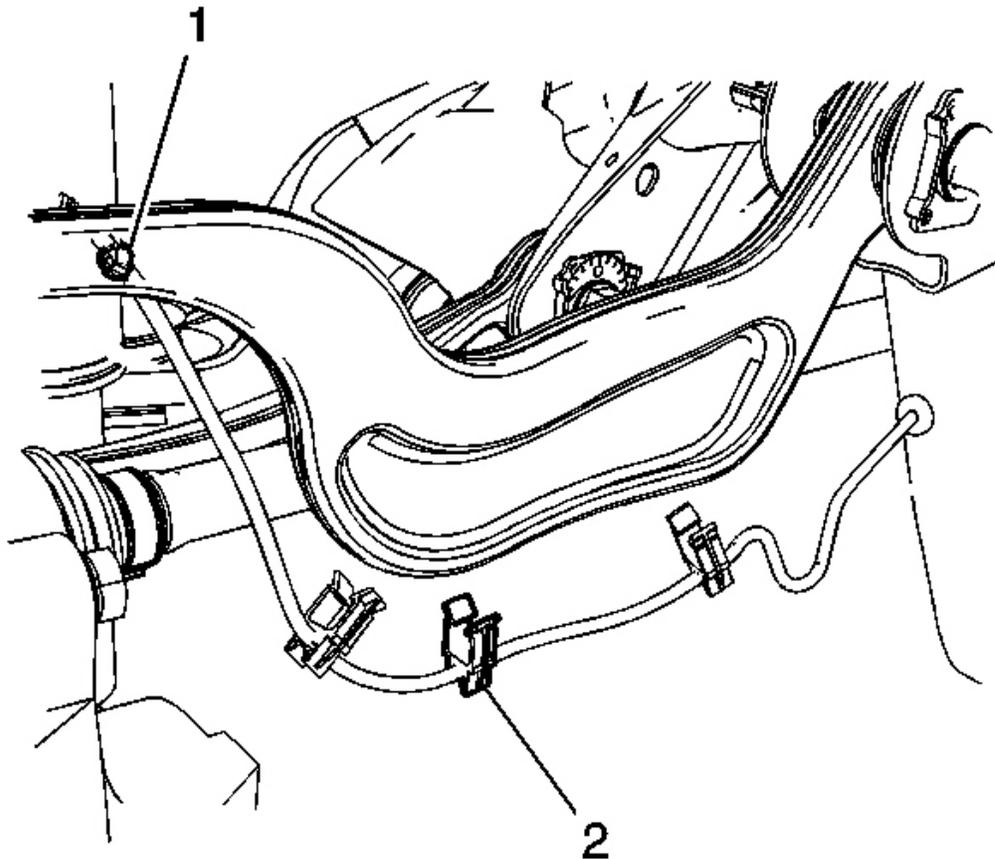
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**Fig. 41: Identifying Reference Marks On Adjuster Cam & Bracket**  
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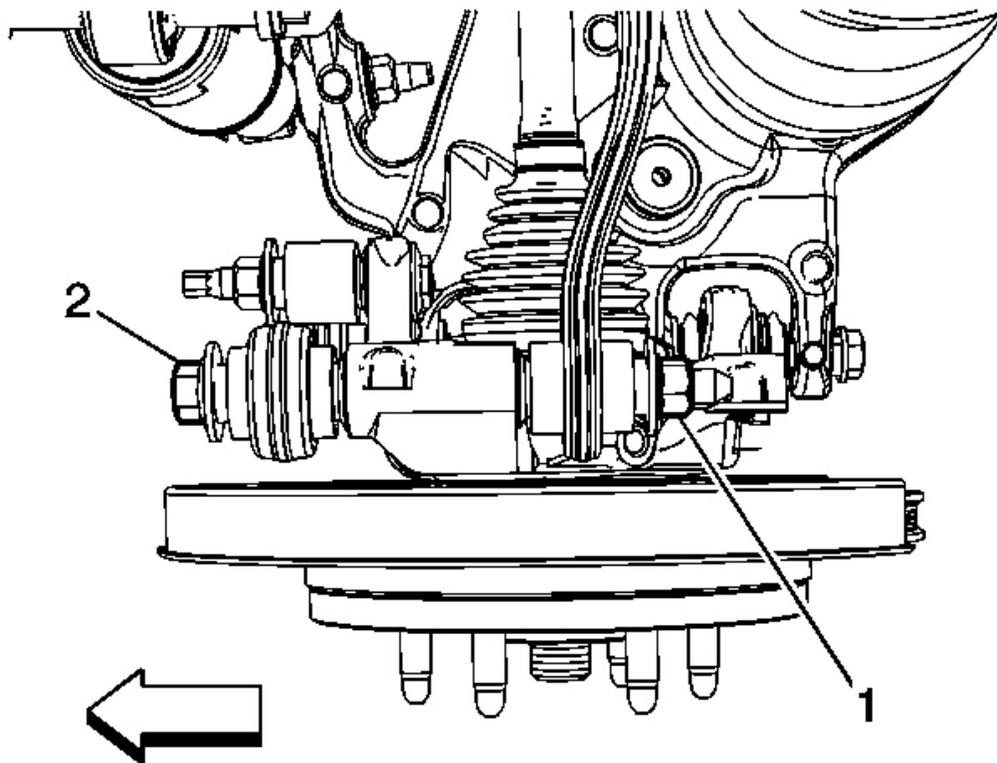
**IMPORTANT:** If removing the upper control arm to service scribe a line on the front adjuster cam to aid in the realignment of the control arm.

2. Scribe a reference mark on the adjuster cam and the bracket to aid in installing the upper control arm.



**Fig. 42: Identifying Speed Sensor Wiring Harness Retaining Clips**  
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3. Remove the speed sensor wiring harness retaining clips (1) and (2) from the upper control arm.
4. Position a jack stand under the lower control arm.

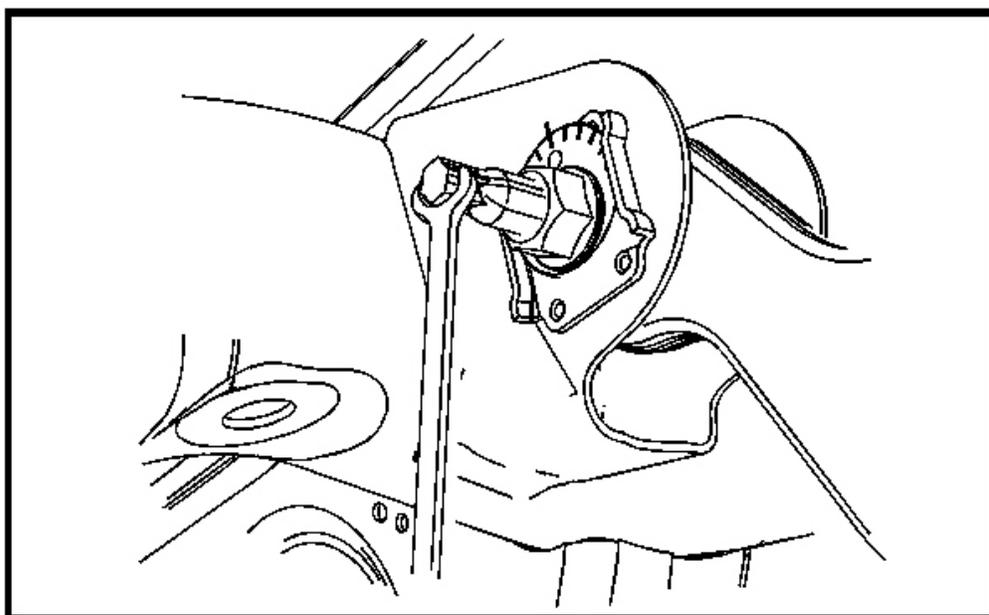
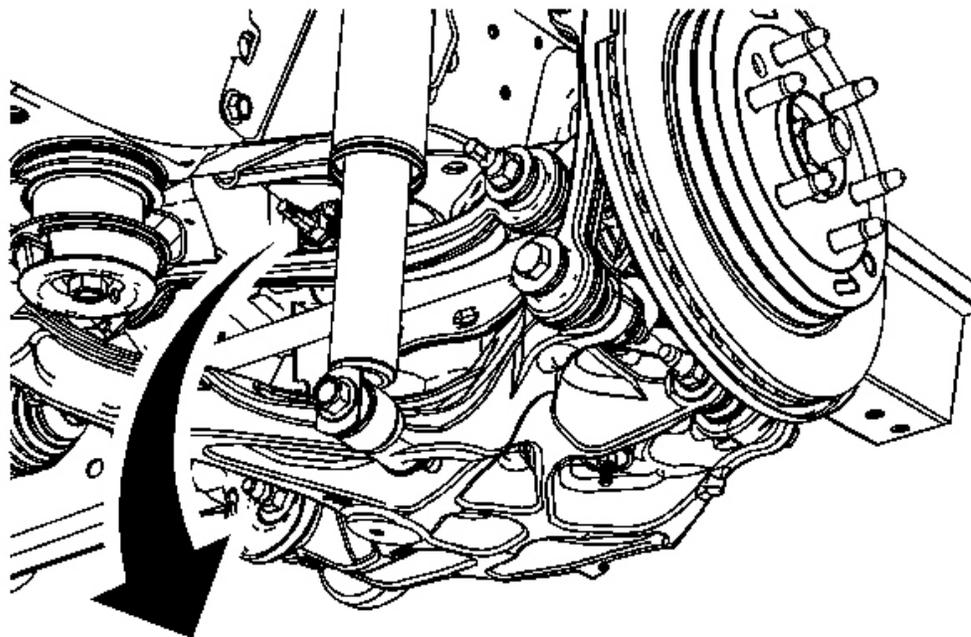


**Fig. 43: Identifying Upper Control Arm Bolt & Nut**  
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5. Remove the upper control arm mounting nut (1) and bolt (2).

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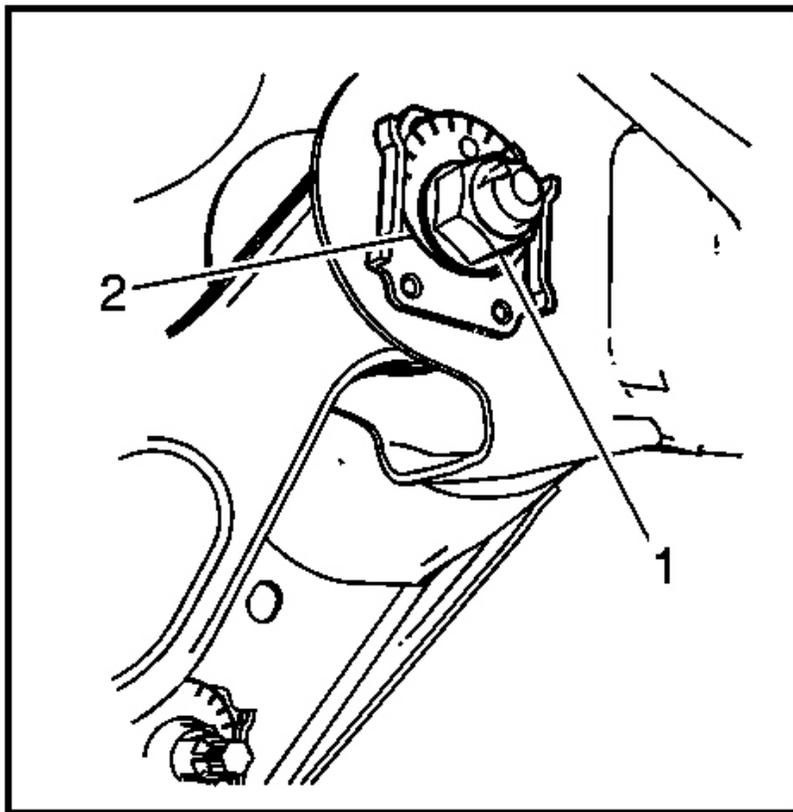
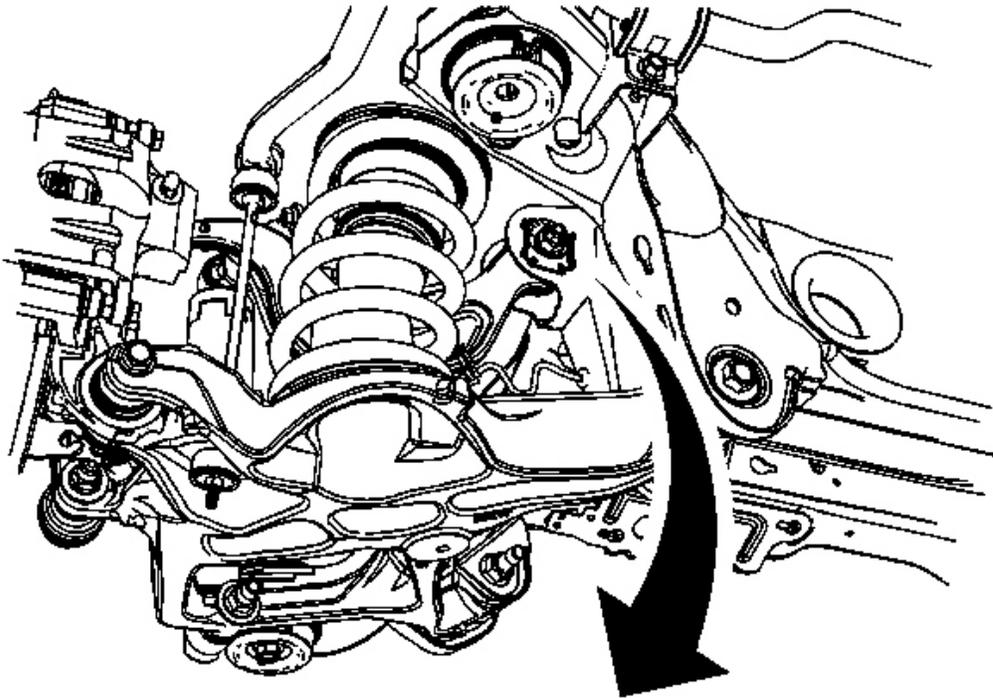


**Fig. 44: View Of Wrench Holding Adjuster Cam Bolt In Place**  
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6. Use a wrench to hold the adjuster cam bolt.

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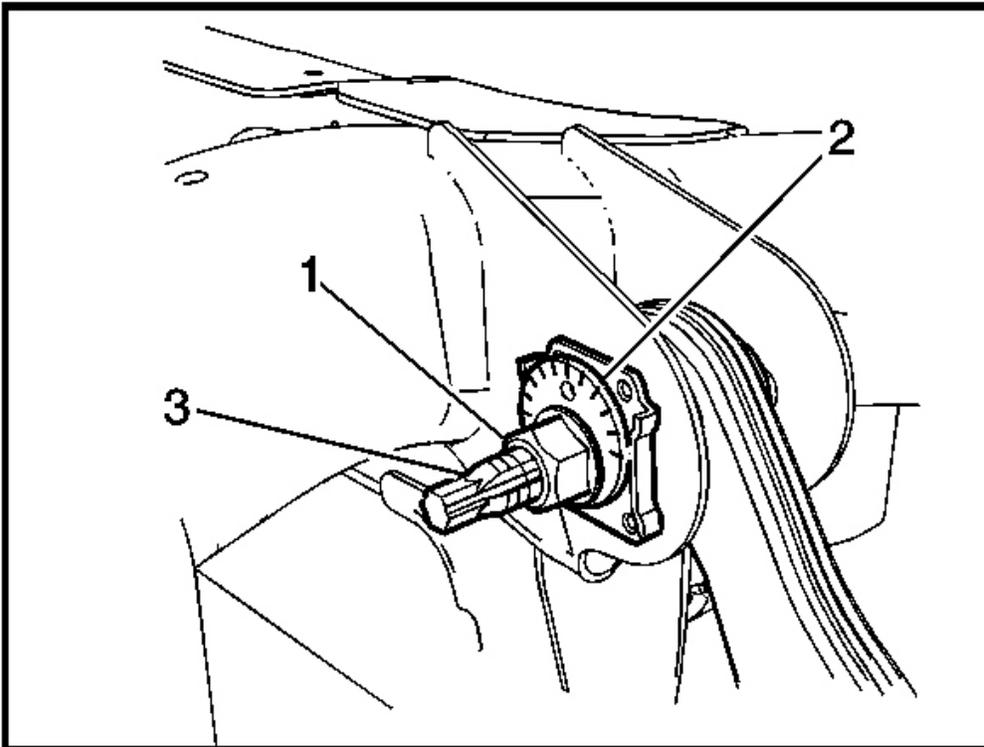
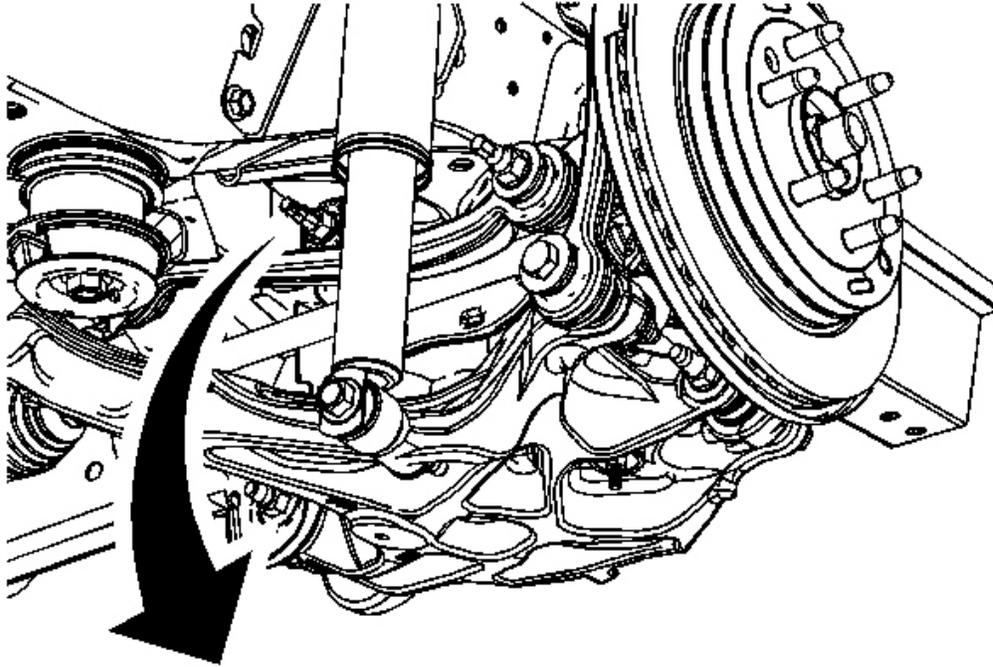


**Fig. 45: Identifying Rear Upper Adjuster Cam & Cam Bolt**  
**Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.**

7. Remove the rear upper adjuster cam bolt (1).
8. Remove the rear upper adjuster cam (2).

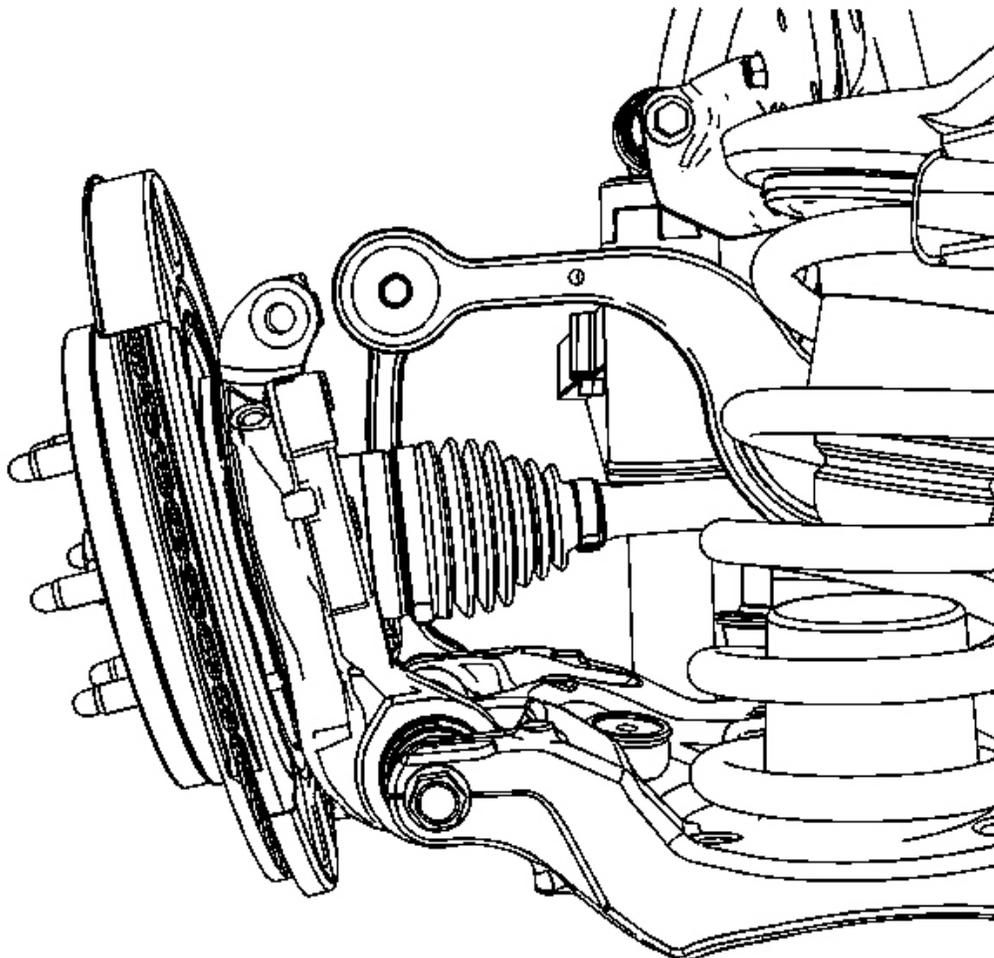
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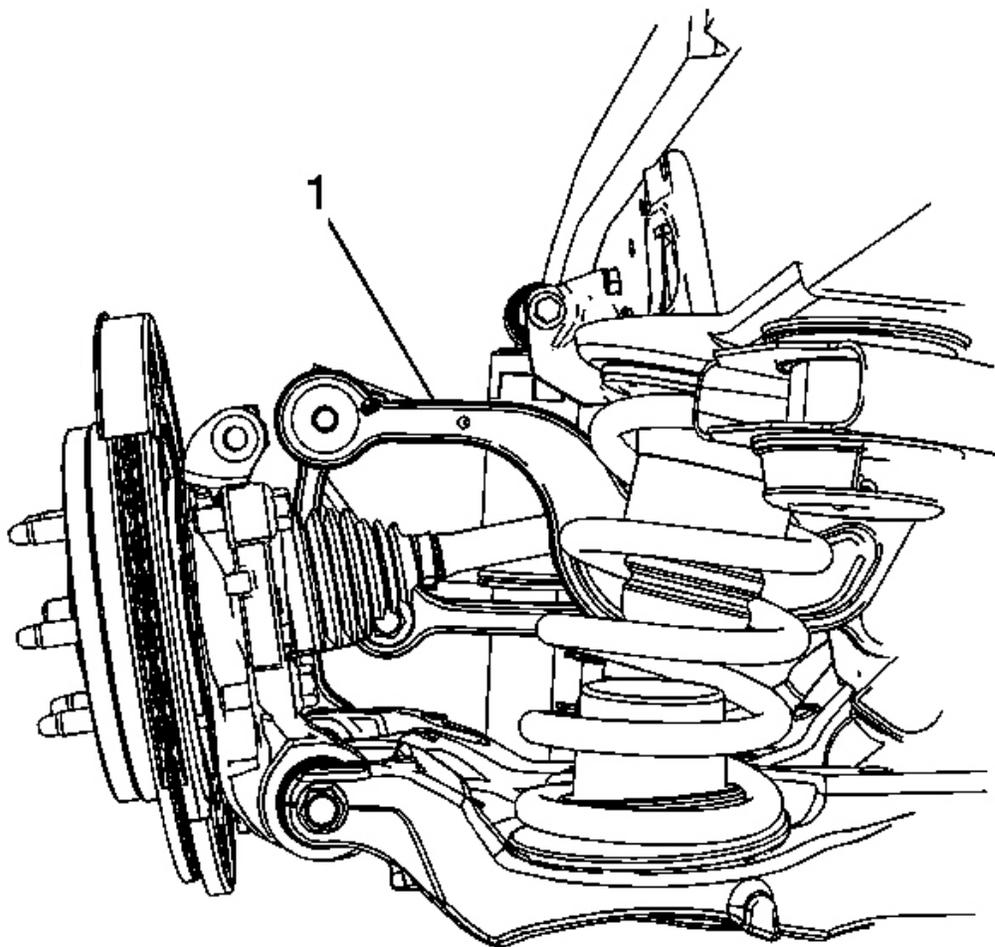
**Fig. 46: Identifying Adjuster Cam, Cam Nut & Bolt**  
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

9. Remove front the adjuster cam nut (1).
10. Remove the adjuster cam (2).
11. Remove the adjuster cam bolt (3).



**Fig. 47: Identifying Knuckle Assembly**  
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

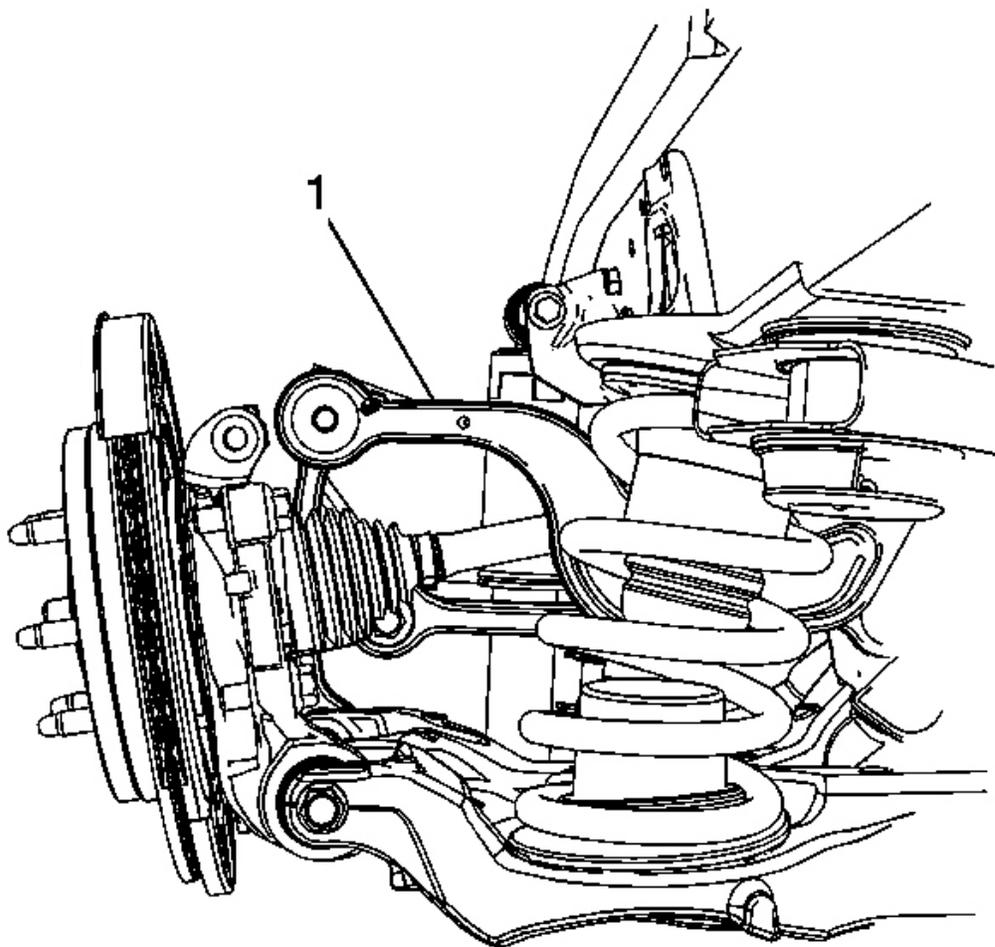
12. Rotate the rear knuckle down to gain removal clearance for the upper control arm.



**Fig. 48: Identifying Upper Control Arm**  
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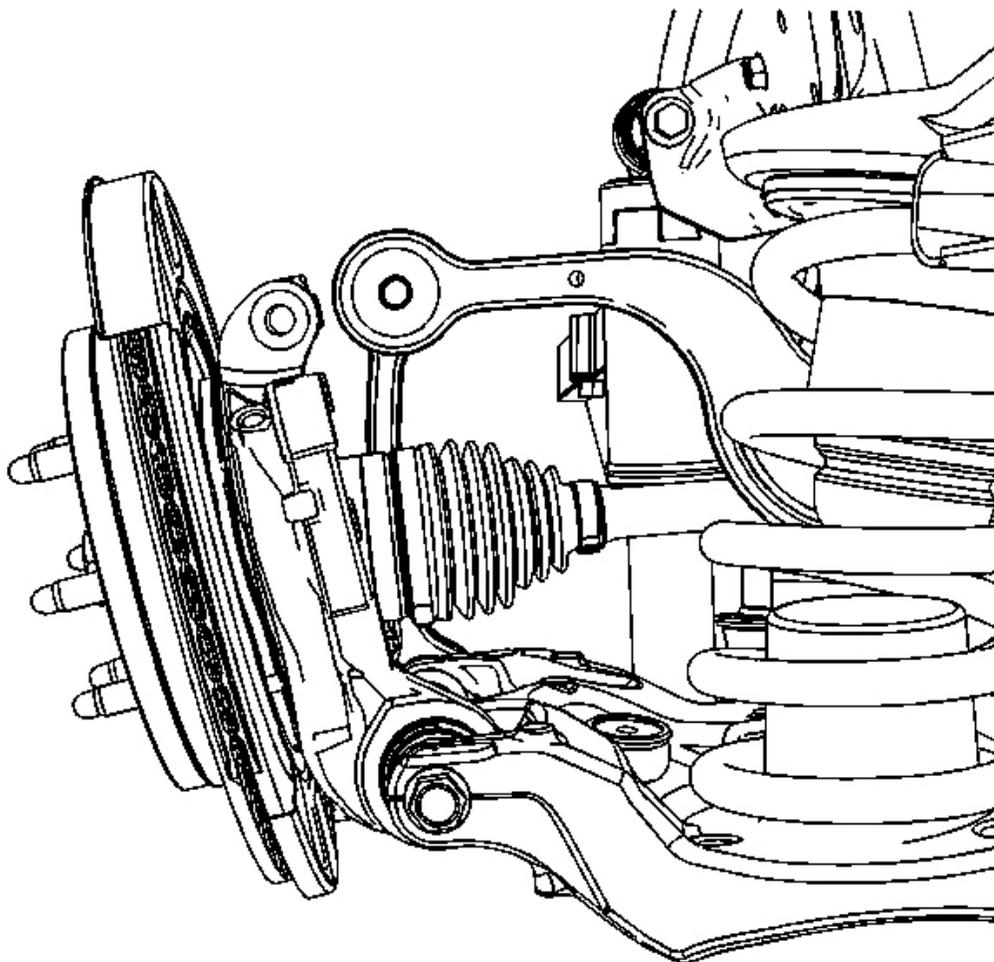
13. Remove the upper control arm (1).

**Installation Procedure**



**Fig. 49: Identifying Upper Control Arm**  
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

1. Install the upper control arm (1) in the mounting bracket.

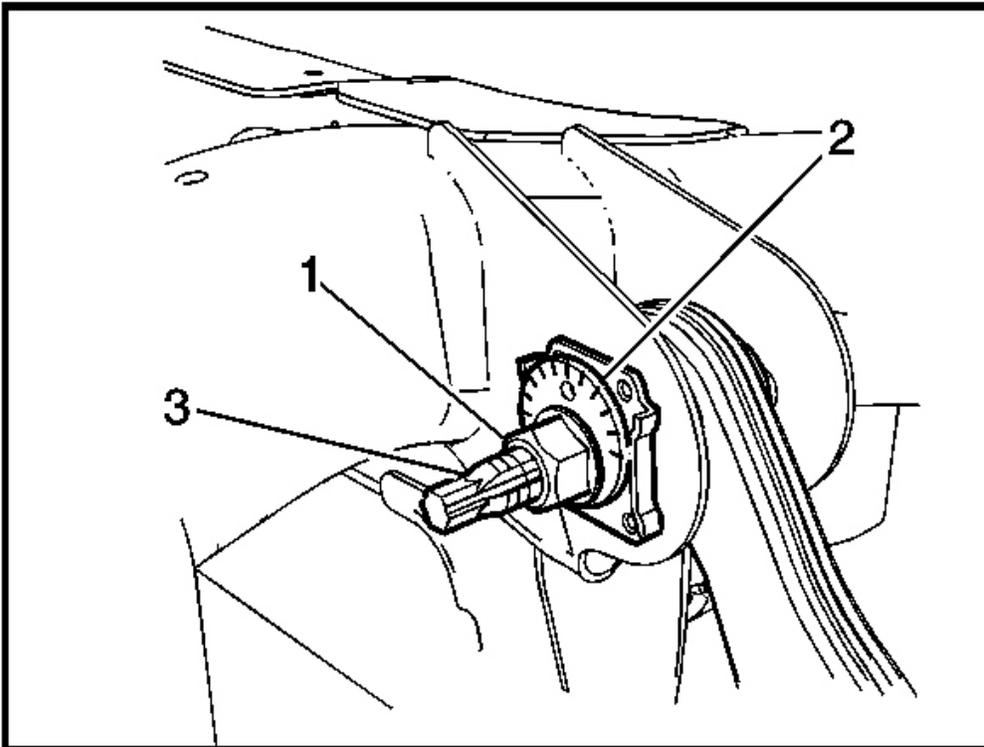
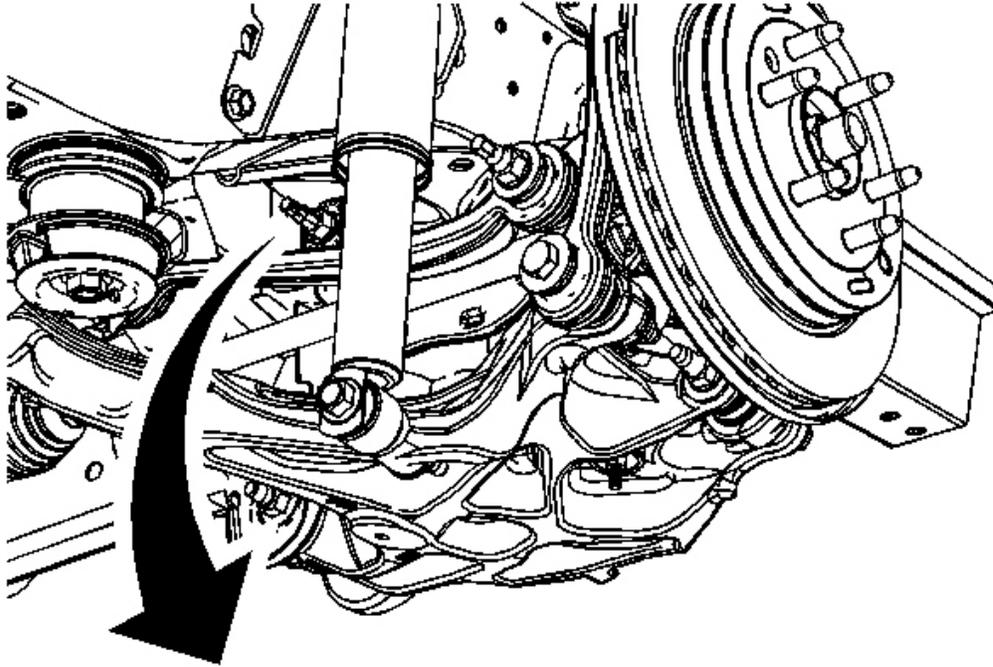


**Fig. 50: Identifying Knuckle Assembly**  
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2. Rotate the knuckle assembly back into the proper position.

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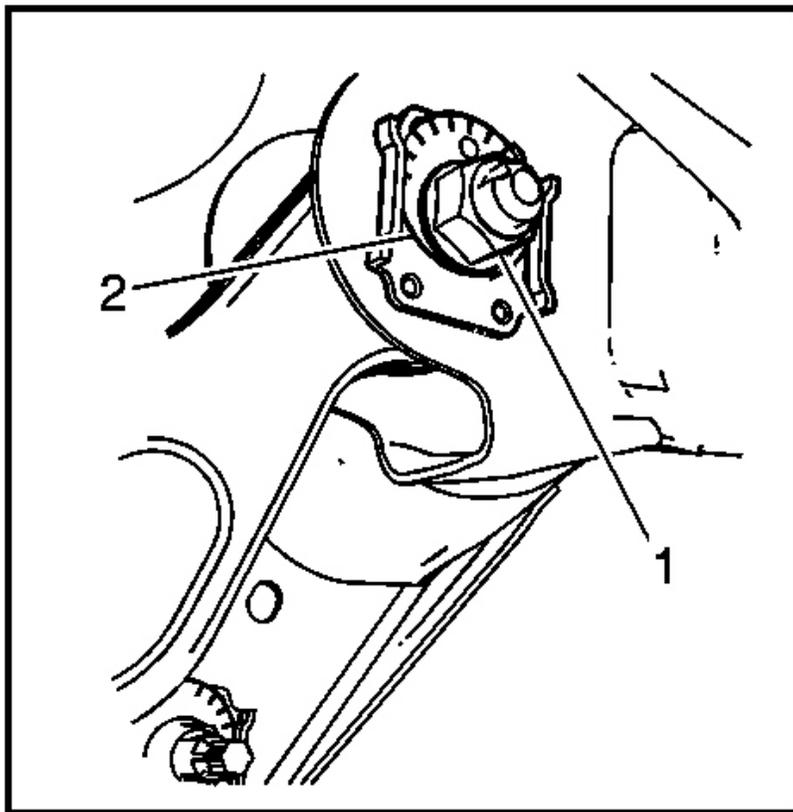
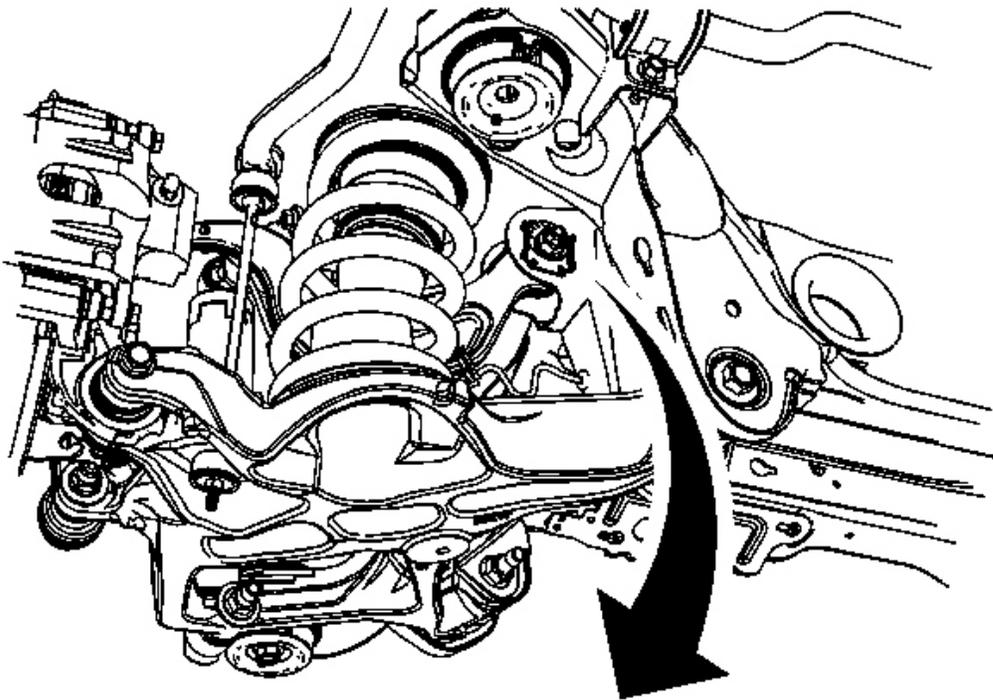


**Fig. 51: Identifying Adjuster Cam, Cam Nut & Bolt**  
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3. Position the front adjuster cam (2) in the mounting bracket.
4. Install the adjuster cam bolt (3).
5. Finger tighten the front adjuster cam nut (1).

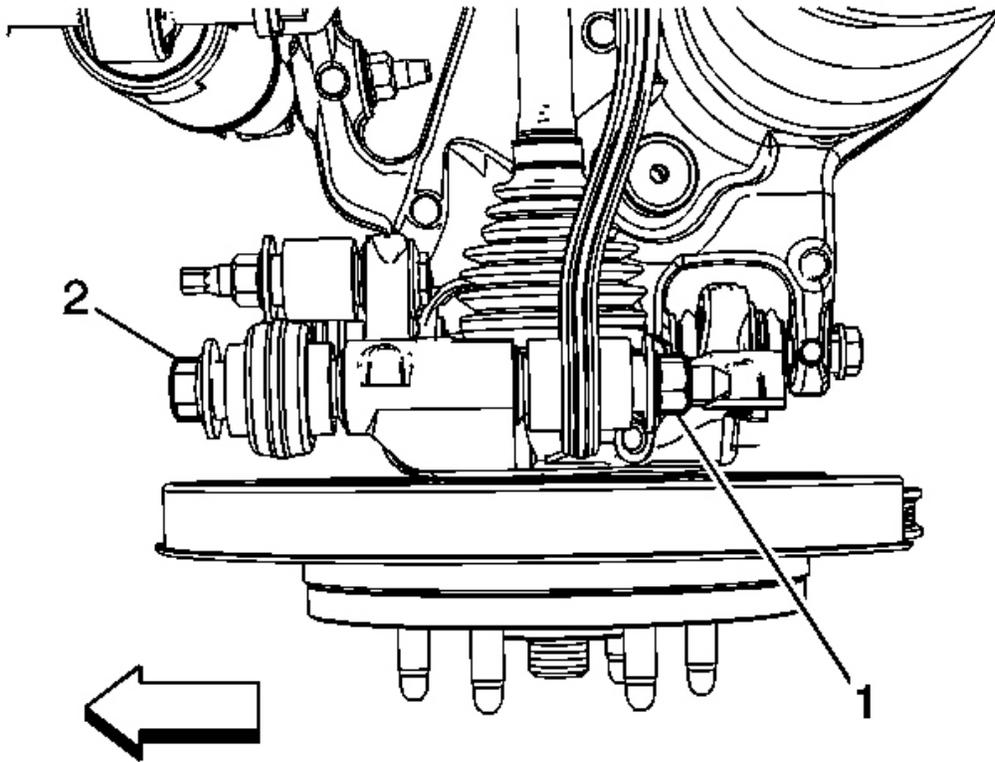
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**Fig. 52: Identifying Rear Upper Adjuster Cam & Cam Bolt**  
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6. Position the rear adjuster cam (2) in the mounting bracket.
7. Finger tighten the rear adjuster cam nut (1).



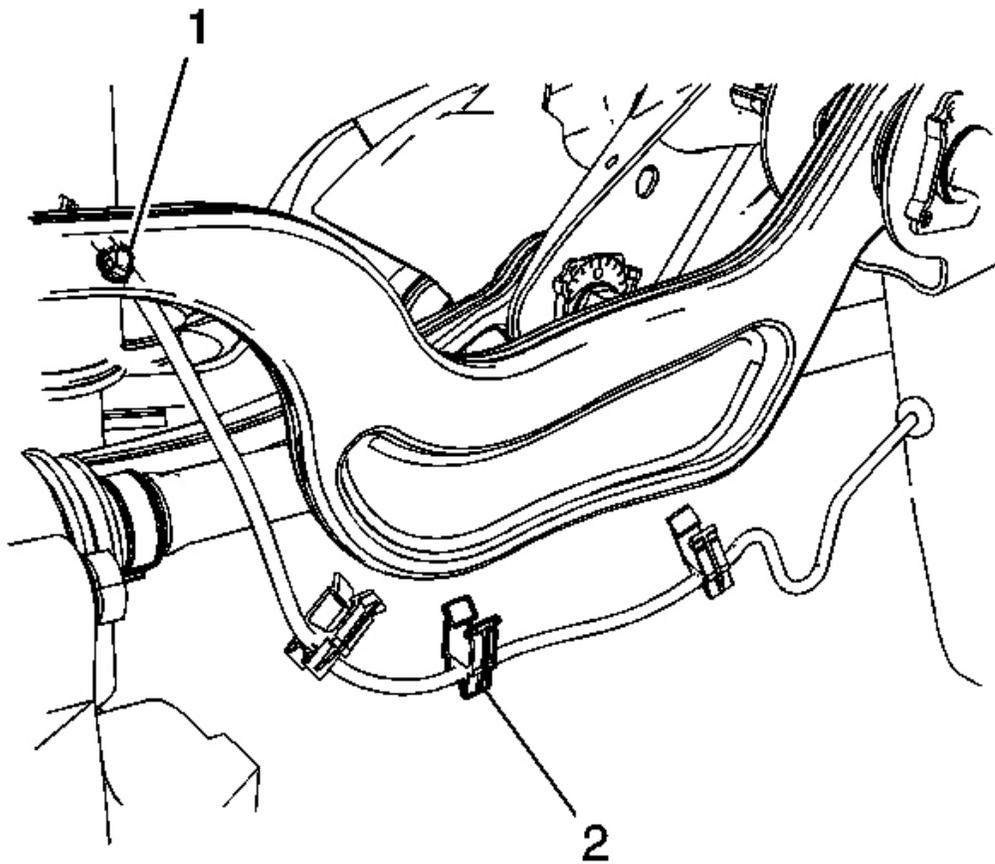
**Fig. 53: Identifying Upper Control Arm Bolt & Nut**  
Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

**NOTE:** Refer to Fastener Notice .

8. Install the upper control arm bolt (2) and nut (1).

**Tighten:** Tighten the bolt to 100 N.m (74 lb ft) plus 90 degrees.

9. Remove the jack stand from under the lower control arm.

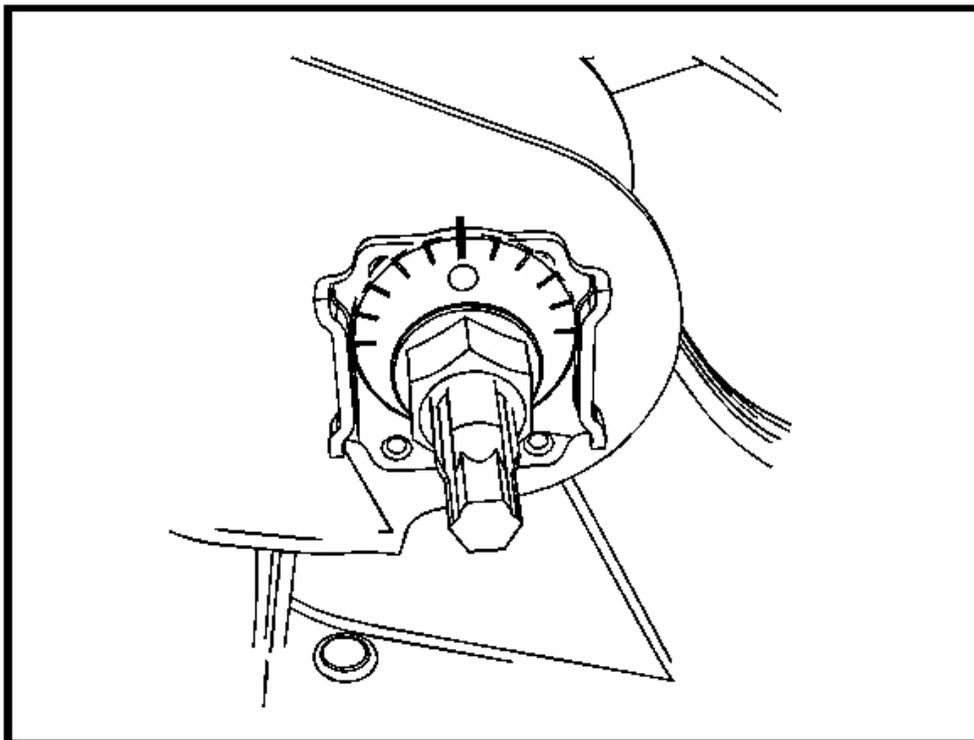
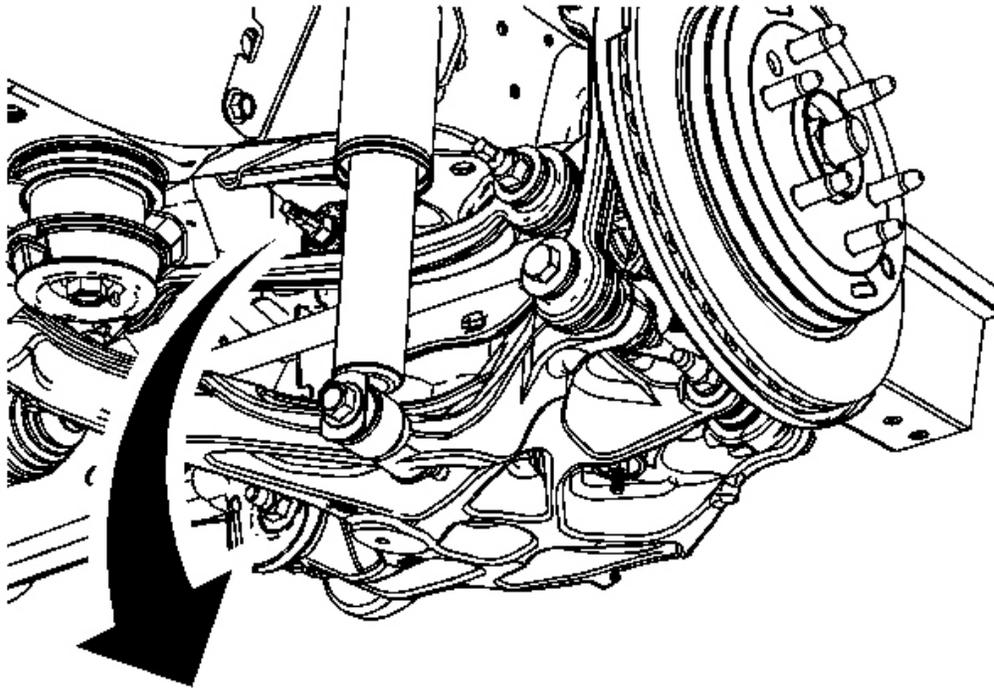


**Fig. 54: Identifying Speed Sensor Wiring Harness Retaining Clips**  
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10. Install the speed sensor wiring harness retaining clips (1) and (2) on the upper control arm.

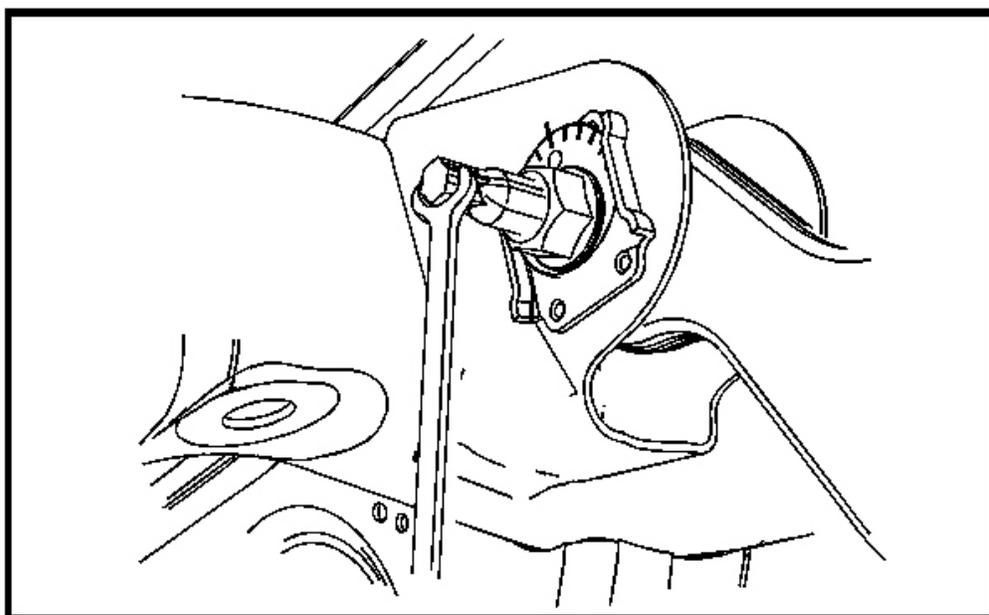
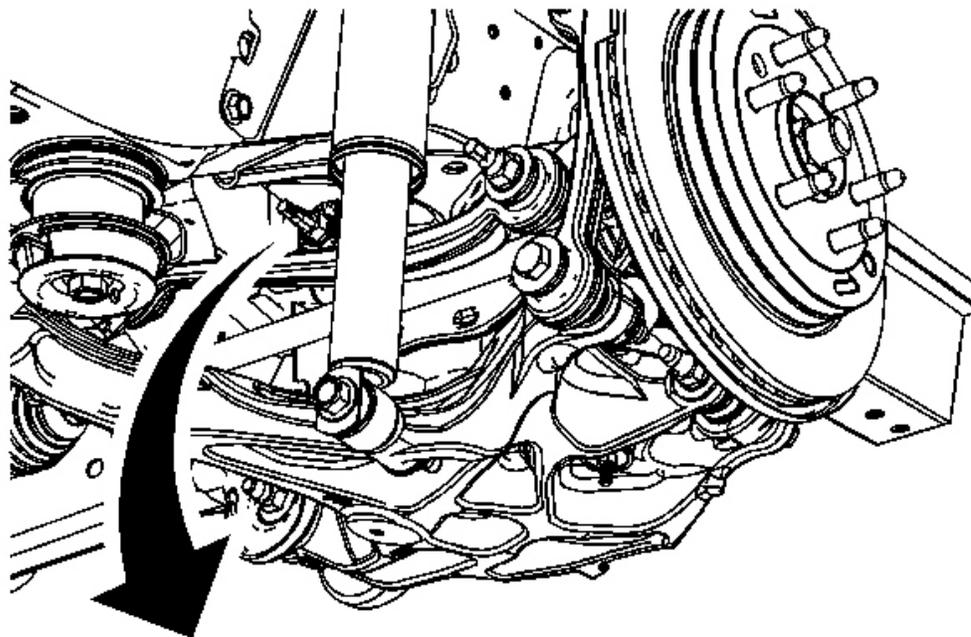
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**Fig. 55: Identifying Reference Marks On Adjuster Cam & Bracket**  
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11. Align the reference marks on the adjuster cam and bracket.



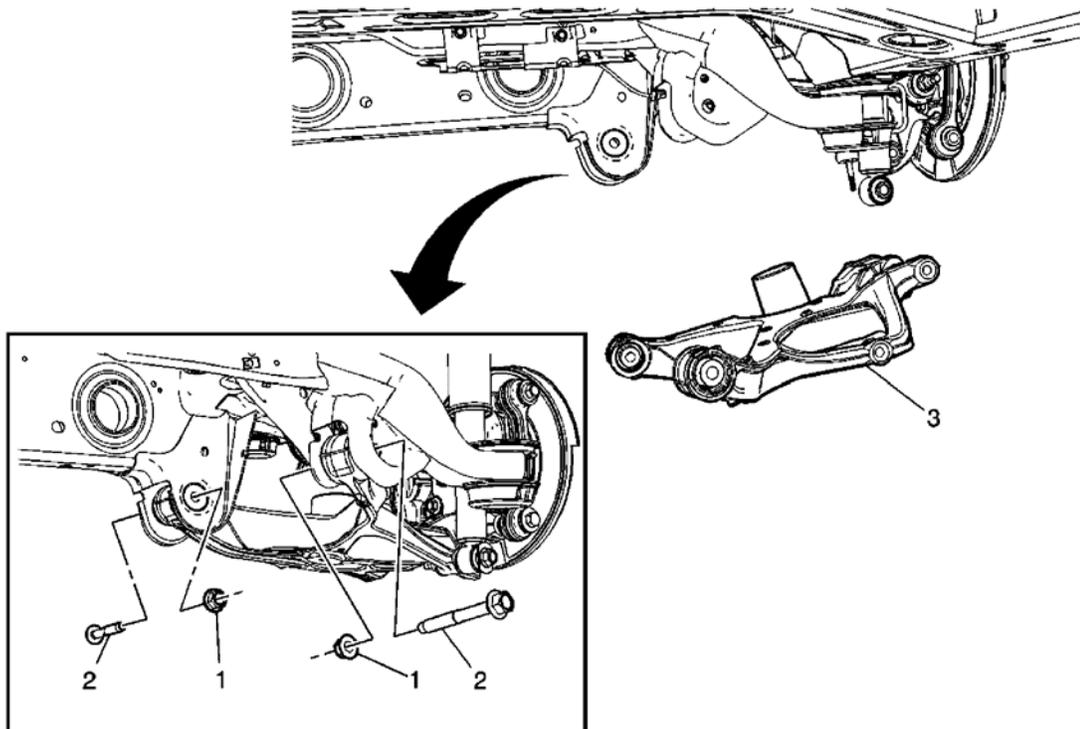
**Fig. 56: View Of Wrench Holding Adjuster Cam Bolt In Place**  
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12. Using a wrench to hold the adjuster cam bolt in place, tighten all the adjuster cam nuts.

**Tighten:** Tighten the nuts to 140 N.m (103 lb ft).

13. Install the tire and wheel assembly. Refer to **Tire and Wheel Removal and Installation** .
14. Verify wheel alignment. Refer to **Wheel Alignment Specifications** .

**LOWER CONTROL ARM REPLACEMENT**



**Fig. 57: Identifying Lower Control Arm**  
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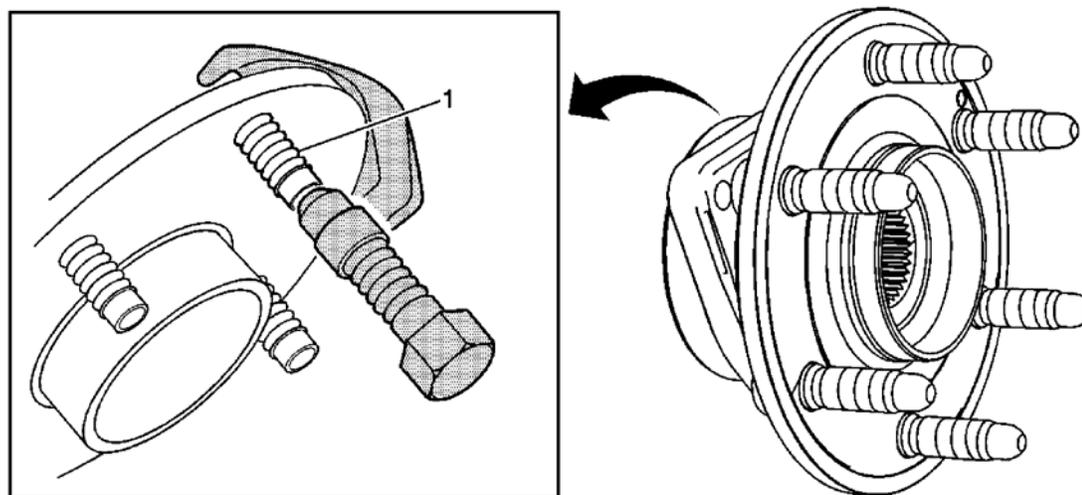
Callout	Component Name
<b>Preliminary Procedure:</b> Remove the rear coil spring and related parts. Refer to <b><u>Rear Spring, Insulator, and Jounce Bumper Replacement</u></b> .	
1	Rear Lower Control Arm Nut (Qty: 2)
2	Rear Lower Control Arm Bolt (Qty: 2)  <b>NOTE:</b> <b>Refer to Fastener Notice .</b>  <b>Tighten:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tighten the front control nut to 110 N.m (81 lb ft) plus 45 degrees</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tighten the rear control nut to 120 N.m (89 lb ft) plus 60 degrees</li> </ul>
3	Rear Lower Control Arm

### WHEEL STUD REPLACEMENT



**Fig. 58: Identifying Wheel Stud**

Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

Callout	Component Name
<b>Preliminary Procedure:</b> Remove the rear wheel bearing/hub assembly. Refer to <b><u>Rear Wheel Bearing and Hub Replacement (AWD)</u></b> or <b><u>Rear Wheel Bearing and Hub Replacement (FWD)</u></b> .	
1	Wheel Stud (Qty: 6)  <b>Procedure</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Use either an old lug nut or a nut that will fit the wheel stud.</li> <li>2. Tighten the lug nut/nut until the wheel stud is seated against the wheel hub.</li> </ol> <p><b>Tip:</b> Ensure that the washers being used, the center hole is larger than the wheel stud.</p> <p><b>Special Tools:</b>  <b>J 43631</b> Ball Joint Remover</p>

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### REAR SUSPENSION DESCRIPTION AND OPERATION

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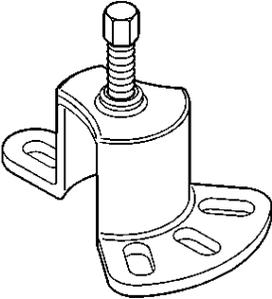
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The rear suspension system on this vehicle is the independent suspension type. The rear suspension system consists of the following components:

- The crossmember
- The knuckle
- The adjuster link
- The wheel bearing
- The upper control arms
- The lower control arms (with integral ball joints)
- The coils springs
- The stabilizer shaft
- The stabilizer shaft links
- The shock absorbers
- The coils springs

## SPECIAL TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

### SPECIAL TOOLS

Illustration	Tool Number/Description
	J 42129 Wheel Hub Remover
	J 43631 Ball Joint Remover

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