



INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Product: Front Adjustable Upper Control Arms
Part Number: JKS1616

Applications: Wrangler JL, 2018+

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Welcome

CONGRATULATIONS on purchasing a set of new Adjustable Control Arms from JKS Manufacturing. We are committed to providing you with the best products available and your satisfaction is our first priority.

PLEASE READ these Installation Instructions carefully, and save them for future reference, as they contain important installation and maintenance information.

Important

SUSPENSION COMPONENTS THAT HAVE RUBBER BUSHINGS must be tightened with vehicle on level ground and at normal ride height. The springs must be supporting weight of vehicle when the hardware is torqued.

RUBBER BUSHINGS MUST NEVER BE LUBRICATED, as doing so will impair performance and longevity.

COMPATIBLE WITH original 4-link suspension configuration and vehicle ride height up to 6.0".

REFER TO FACTORY SERVICE MANUAL for information and procedures not covered in these instructions.

Tools Required

- JKS1696 or equivalent jam nut wrench
- Hydraulic Floor Jacks (two required)
- Jack Stands
- Metric/Standard Socket Wrench Set
- Torque Wrench
- Tape Measure
- Anti-Seize Lubricant
- Hand-Pump Grease Gun
- Moisture Resistant Marine Style Grease
- Heavy Duty Ratchet Strap *
- Factory Service Manual (recommended)

** Asterisk denotes tools that are not required for some applications. Thoroughly read instructions first to determine which tools will be required for your application.*



ATTENTION INSTALLER

Install Adjustable Control Arms ONE AT A TIME for easiest alignment of mounting hardware.

Installation

- ❑ 1. REMOVE ORIGINAL UPPER SUSPENSION ARM
 - Raise and support the vehicle chassis with jack stands positioned behind the front lower suspension arm brackets.
 - Raise the axle housing back into position and support with a hydraulic jack. **HINT:** *The axle housing should be evenly supported and the suspension at normal ride height. Do not attempt removal or installation with the suspension extended, or the axle drooped, as this will place tension on suspension arm mounting hardware.*
 - Remove the upper suspension arm nut and bolt from the axle housing bracket. Retain the original mounting hardware.
 - ➔ To access the frame bolts, it will be necessary to remove the heat shields from both upper control arm frame mounts.

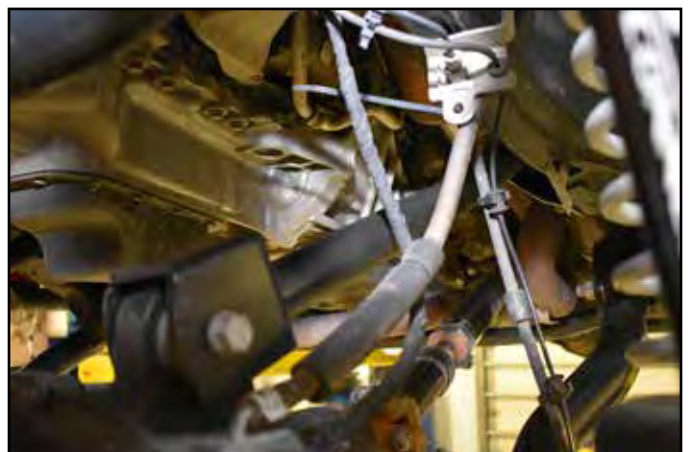


- ➔ Remove the 2 bolts per heat shield, one on top and one on the bottom using a 10mm ratchet wrench.
- Remove the nut and bolt from the chassis rail bracket. Retain the original mounting hardware.
- Remove the original upper suspension arm from the vehicle.

- ❑ 2. SET CONTROL ARM LENGTH
 - Determine the ideal arm length for your application by considering factors such as:
 - ➔ Pinion Angle / Caster
 - ➔ Tire / Steering Clearance
 - ➔ Factory length is 20-3/16"
 - ➔ Max. length is 21-3/4"
 - Set both control arms to the same length. Lengthening the arms will reduce caster.

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- ❑ 3. INSTALL CONTROL ARM
 - Apply anti-seize lubricant to bolt threads of original mounting hardware.
 - Mount the fixed end of adjustable control arm to the axle housing bracket.
 - Mount the flex end of the adjustable control arm to the chassis bracket with the greaseable fitting facing down.
 - Install the original mounting bolt from outboard side. Bolt threads should point inboard.
 - Install the original mounting nut and finger tighten. **DO NOT** torque mounting hardware until instructed.
 - Install the original mounting bolt in the Axle from inboard side. **Bolt threads should point outboard.**
 - Install the original mounting nut and finger tighten. **DO NOT** torque mounting hardware until instructed.

HINT: *If mounting bolt is difficult to install due to misalignment of Control Arm bushing with mounting bracket, either (1) adjust height of axle housing with hydraulic jack, (2) move axle housing into position with a heavy-duty ratchet strap, or (3) temporarily disconnect track bar until mounting holes align.*



❑ 4. TIGHTEN MOUNTING HARDWARE

- Once both control arms have been installed, torque the frame bolt to 72 ft-lbs.
- Re-install the heat shields that were removed from the control arm mounts.
- Once both frame mounts are torqued, lower the vehicle to the ground until coil springs are supporting the full weight of vehicle.
- Using a torque wrench, tighten the axle nut to 81 ft-lbs.
- Tighten the jam nuts using JKS1696 or equivalent.

❑ 5. POST-INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Installing longer upper control arms will affect the vehicle alignment by reducing caster. This may also slightly affect the steering wheel position, making it off-center. It is important that the steering wheel is centered to avoid adverse affects on the vehicle's electronic stability control (ESC) system. JKS recommends having the alignment check by a qualified alignment shop.
- Check mounting hardware for proper torque.
- Check hardware after 500 miles of use.

Maintenance

Control arm flex ends should be greased regularly as part of vehicle maintenance schedule or after every 4-wheeling trip. Lubricate using marine grade grease.

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