

# BK012 FRONT SUSPENSION BUSHING KIT

# **RACK BUSHINGS**

## NOTE: This bushing will not fit vehicles equipped with electric steering.

### **REQUIRED TOOLS:**

- Hydraulic jack and 2 stands (lift optional)
- 15mm socket
- Pry-bar

### **INSTALLATION:**

- 1. Lift vehicle and support with stands under the rocker jack points or K-member.
- 2. Remove passenger side front wheel.
- 3. The most accessible position to access the bushing is through the passenger side wheel well. Using a 15mm socket, remove the (2) rack mounting bolts on the passenger side.
- 4. Pry the saddle off the OE bushing.
- 5. Lift up on the rack and remove the OE mounting bushing. *NOTE: Loosening the driver's side mounting bolts makes this step much easier but is not necessary.*
- 6. Install the BMR polyurethane mounting bushing into position and re-install the OE saddle.
- 7. Re-install the OE mounting bolts and torque to 45 ft/lbs.

Install wheel and lower vehicle.



### **Front Radius Rod Bushings**

#### Tools Required:

Hydraulic jack and 2 stands (lift optional but recommended) Wrenches – 18mm Sockets – 18mm, 21mm Pry-bar Brass hammer

#### Installation:

- 1. Lift vehicle and support with stands under the rocker jack points or K-member.
- 2. Remove both front wheels/tires.
- 3. Remove the (2) Phillips head screws and (10) plastic clips that retain the plastic inner wheel well. A small screwdriver will "pop" the clips out by prying the center of the clip out then removing the clip. See **Image 1**.
- 4. Using an 18mm socket and wrench, remove the inner mounting bolt on the lower radius rod. See **Image 2** for reference.

- 5. Using a 21mm socket, remove the outer ball joint nut. See **Image 3**.
- 6. Knock the ball joint loose from the spindle using a brass hammer or equivalent.
- 7. Remove radius rod.









## FRONT RADIUS ROD BUSHINGS (Continued)

- 8. Using a bushing removal tool or hydraulic press, remove the OE rubber bushing and sleeve from the radius rod. See **Image 4**.
- 9. Lube the inside of the bushing and insert the center sleeve.
- 10. Re-install the radius rod duplicating the above steps. Tighten the inner mounting bolt to 85 ft/lbs.
- 11. Install wheels/tires. Lower vehicle.





# **Front Strut Mount Bushings**

### **Required Tools:**

Hydraulic jack and 2 stands (lift optional but recommended) Wrenches – 14mm, 17mm, 19mm Sockets – 22mm, 24mm

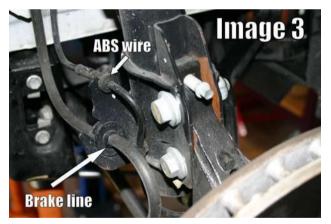
#### Installation:

- 1. Lift vehicle and support with stands under the rocker jack points or K-member.
- 2. Remove both front wheels/tires.
- 3. Remove the (2) Phillips head screws and (10) plastic clips that retain the plastic inner wheel well. A small screwdriver will "pop" the clips out by prying the center of the clip out then removing the clip. See **Image 1**.
- 4. Using a 14mm wrench and a 17mm wrench, remove the sway bar end links as shown in **Image 2** above.



5. Disconnect the rubber brake line from the strut by twisting the line and pulling up. Disconnect the ABS wire. See **Image 3** above.





- 6. Using a 19mm wrench and 22mm socket, remove the two mounting bolts that retain the strut to the spindle. See **Image 3** above.
- 7. Pry the plastic cap off the upper strut mount to expose the retaining nut. See **Image 4**.





### Front Strut Mount Bushings (Continued)

- Using a 24mm socket, remove the upper retaining nut and lower the strut assembly. *NOTE: this nut only holds the strut/spring assembly in the vehicle, it will not unload the spring.* See Image 5.
- 9. Use an outside spring compressor to compress the spring until there is enough "slack" in the spring to remove the upper mount. See **Image 6** below.
- 10. Using a 24mm socket, remove the nut on the upper strut shaft. Remove the OE strut mount and re-assemble using Image 7 below as a guide.
- 11. Lift the strut/spring assembly back up into the strut tower and replace the upper formed washer and nut.

**NOTE:** due to the significantly stiffer polyurethane strut mount, seating the bushing in the strut tower will be more difficult. It is not uncommon to only have a few threads exposed up top during re-assembly. This should be of no concern as the nut will pull

the mount up into the strut tower when tightened.

- 12. Replace the plastic nut caps in the engine bay.
- 13. Reconnect the strut to the spindle and tighten to 130 ft/lbs.
- 14. Re-connect sway bar.
- 15. Connect the brake line and re-connect the ABS wire.
- 16. Re-install the inner fender.
- 17. Install wheels/tires and lower vehicle.





