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### INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

QA1 P/N 52722, 52717, 52718, 52765, 52767  
Street Performance Upper Control Arms

### TOOLS AND SUPPLIES REQUIRED

- Floor Jack
- Jack Stands
- Wrench Set
- Ratchet & Socket Set
- Spring Compressor
- Ball Joint Separator

### PRE-INSTALLATION NOTES:

QA1 does not recommend driving the vehicle until it has been properly aligned due to major changes in suspension geometry that will affect the handling characteristics of the vehicle. A *front-end alignment to the QA1 specs at the end of these instructions should be performed by a qualified alignment shop after installation.*

**QA1 Street Performance** control arms feature polyurethane bushings and low maintenance QA1 ball joints. Only periodic greasing will be needed.

### Disassembly When Using Factory Type Springs

1. Raise and support the vehicle by the frame with jack stands on a stable surface and remove the front wheels.
2. Remove the cotter pin and loosen the ball joint castle nut on the upper ball joint. **Do not remove the nut at this time.**
3. With the castle nut still threaded onto the stud, separate the upper ball joint from the spindle using a ball joint separator.
4. Support the lower control arm with a jack to take the pressure off the droop stop and to contain the spring pressure. **(Figure 1)**
5. Remove the upper ball joint nut.
6. Note the amount and position of shims installed in the cross shaft of the upper control arm. The amount and position of these shims will be used on the new control arms.
7. Loosen the upper control arm nuts and remove the arm.



### Disassembly When Using Front Coil-overs

1. Raise and support the vehicle by the frame with jack stands on a stable surface and remove the front wheels.
2. Remove the cotter pin of the upper ball joint and loosen the ball joint castle nut. **Do not remove the nuts at this time.**
3. With the castle nut still threaded onto the stud, separate the upper ball joint from the spindle using a ball joint separator.

4. Support the lower control arm with a jack to take pressure off the droop stop and to contain the spring pressure. **(Figure 1)**
5. Remove the upper ball joint nut.
6. Remove ABS wire from upper control arm. (if equipped)
7. Note the position of the shims on the cross shaft of the upper control arm. **(Figure 2)**
8. Remove the nuts from the cross shaft and remove the upper control arm. **(Figure 2)**

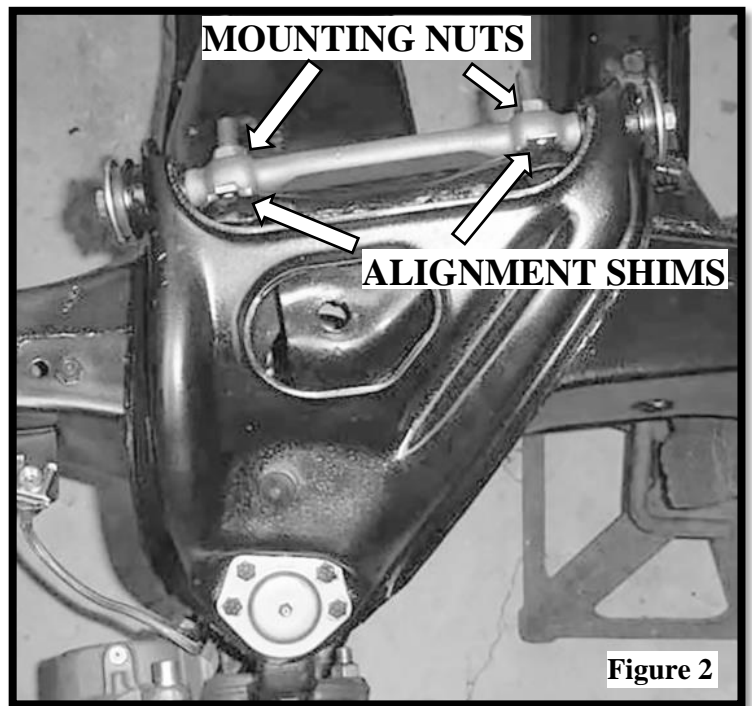


Figure 2

**NOTES:**

The studs retaining the cross-shaft are knurled. QA1 control arms do not include new knurled studs because it is not recommended to remove the studs unless they are damaged. If a damaged stud needs to be removed it should be pressed or knocked out of the mount. Do not turn the studs to remove.

'64-'72 GM A-body cars will need the factory bump stop removed from the chassis before install.

**NOTE:**

These control arms come with 7/16" and 1/2" washers for installation between the cross-shaft and retaining nut. Some applications use 7/16" factory hardware and some will use 1/2" factory hardware. Determine the correct washer size for your application.

**INSTALLATION:**

1. Install the provided washers between the aluminum cross-shaft and the factory hardware. The smooth side of the washer should face the cross-shaft. Failure to install a washer between the nut and the cross-shaft will damage the arm. **(Figure 3)**
2. Install QA1 upper control arms onto the mounting studs with all of the shims originally removed in their original positions. **(Figure 3)**
3. Tighten the factory hardware to 40 lb. ft. If the mounting studs have been removed, it may be necessary to hold the head of the bolt to tighten the cross-shaft nuts. **Do not turn the bolt to tighten the cross-shaft nuts or it will strip the knurling.**
4. Connect the upper ball joint to the spindle and tighten the ball joint castle nut with included washer. Torque to 55 lb. ft. Continue tightening the nut to line up the first available cotter pin hole. Never loosen the castle nut to locate the cotter pin hole.
5. Install a new cotter pin to secure.
6. Lightly grease control arm and ball joint zerk fittings using a quality lithium bearing grease.
7. Remove the jack from the lower control arm and reinstall the wheels.

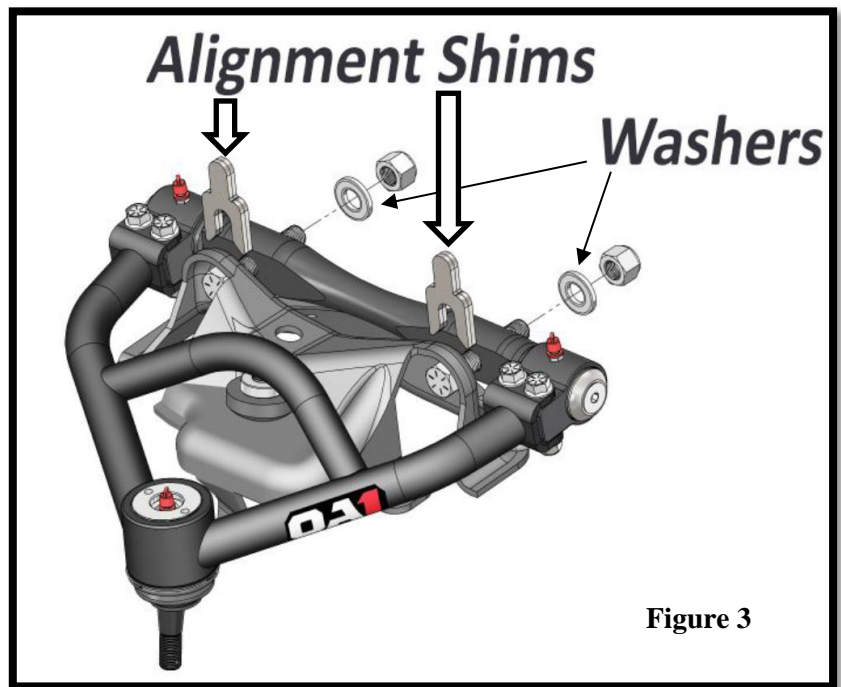


Figure 3

# A PROFESSIONAL ALIGNMENT SHOULD BE PERFORMED BEFORE DRIVING THE VEHICLE

## Alignment Information

QA1 upper and lower control arms are designed to add more caster and negative camber. It is a good idea to make the alignment shop aware of this, as the alignment shop will only try to align the vehicle to factory specs. These alignment specifications are for vehicles equipped with both QA1 upper and lower control arms. Vehicles with other configurations may not be able to achieve these alignment specifications.

### Recommended Alignment Specifications for Street Driving

1964-1972 A-Body	Camber:	Neg. $.5^{\circ} \pm .5^{\circ}$
1967-1981 Camaro and Firebird	Caster:	Pos. $3^{\circ}$ to $5^{\circ}$
1968-1974 Nova, X-Body	Cross-Caster:	$\pm .5^{\circ}$
1973-1977 A-Body	Toe:	$.1^{\circ}$ to $.3^{\circ}$ toe in
1975-1979 Nova, X-Body		
1978-1988 A-Body and G-Body	Camber:	Neg. $.5^{\circ} \pm .5^{\circ}$
1982-2003 S Series	Caster:	Pos. $4^{\circ}$ to $7^{\circ}$
1978-1996 B-Body	Cross-Caster:	$\pm .5^{\circ}$
	Toe:	$.1^{\circ}$ to $.3^{\circ}$ toe in

### NOTE ON ALIGNMENT SPECS:

Alignment specifications will vary based on the vehicles use and the above are based on street vehicles. Autocross and track prepped cars will typically use up to 2 degrees of negative camber, max out the available caster, and use 1/8" toe-out alignment spec. Drag racing will typically use similar specs to a street car while maxing out the positive caster with varying toe-in settings to increase straight line stability. Consult with your alignment professional for the specifications that will work best for your application.



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