



Cognito Press-In Alpha Joint

INSTALL INSTRUCTIONS:**Cognito Press-In Alpha Joint****PARTS LIST FOR SKU: 199-91253**

QUANTITY	PART #	DESCRIPTION
1	91253	Cognito Press In Alpha Joint
1	HARDWARE-SPIROLOX-2.375	2.375" Spirolox Internal Retaining Ring

INTRODUCTION

This kit is intended to replace the maintenance free ball joint equipped with a rubber boot in Cognito upper control arms with the rebuildable Cognito Alpha Joint.

The Cognito Alpha Joint is a convenient and easy-to-install replacement part designed to work with your Cognito upper control arms and is fully rebuildable and serviceable. This is the same ball joint that is pre-installed in many of our high-quality control arms which feature a corrected ball joint angle for lifted and leveled applications.

REQUIREMENTS

- Installation requires a qualified mechanic.
- Always wear safety glasses when using power or hydraulic tools.
- Read instructions carefully and study the pictures before attempting installation.
- Check the parts and hardware packages against the parts list to assure that your kit is complete.
- The ball joint comes greased from the factory.
- Estimated installation time: 15-30 minutes per ball joint, depending on experience.

**WARNING**

Please read this entire instruction sheet before beginning installation. Proper installation of these components requires a qualified mechanic. Always wear safety glasses when using power tools and take appropriate precautions when working under a vehicle. If these instructions are not properly followed you may jeopardize your, and your passenger's safety, and severe frame, suspension or tire damage may also result from improper installation.

TOOLS REQUIRED

- Ball Joint Service Kit
- Press Tools
- Deburring Tool
- Flat Head Screwdriver
- Grease

1. Support the vehicle on a lift or on jack-stands and remove the front wheels and tires.
 2. Use a pickle fork ball joint tool or a hammer to separate the taper seat of the ball joint from the spindle.
 3. If a ball joint service tool is being used, the worn ball joint can be removed while the arm is still attached to the vehicle. If using a hydraulic press, the arm must be removed.
 4. Remove the Cognito cap from the upper control arm (UCA). Place a flat head screwdriver in the notch of the cup to gently pry the cap loose, see Figure 1.
 5. Locate the internal retaining ring seated within one of the two grooves inside the cup. Use a flat head screwdriver to unseat the retaining ring from the groove, see Figure 2.
 6. Using a C-clamp ball joint service kit, remove the ball joint from the cup.
 7. Inspect the cup for any major damage and clean out any debris, dirt, or grime before proceeding to the next step.
 8. Apply assembly grease to the inside of the UCA's cup, see Figure 3.
 9. Insert the Cognito Press-in Alpha Joint into the UCA's cup. Ensure that it is straight and carefully press it in.
- Note:** The ball joints come greased from the factory. It is not necessary to add grease with the grease zerk during installation.
10. Install the Spirolox internal retaining ring into the **second groove down** (farthest away from the top of the cup where the cap is placed), see Figure 4. Ensure it is fully seated.
 11. Install the Cognito cap back onto the UCA.

Figure 1: UCA Cap Removal



Figure 2: Internal Retaining Ring Removal



Figure 3: Deburr and Grease



Figure 4: Internal Retaining Ring Install





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