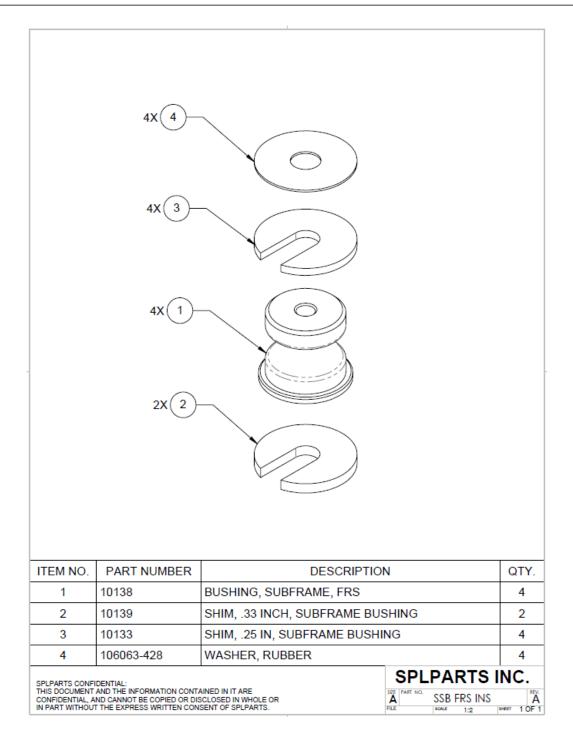


# Solid Subframe Bushings Kit Installation Instructions SPL SSB FRS



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### Introduction

Thank you for your purchase of this SPL Parts performance suspension product. These products are intended to provide experienced chassis tuners enhanced performance and flexibility in dialing-in your suspension settings. Please read these instructions fully before attempting installation. If you have further questions contact us at: tech@splparts.com. The SPL team is here to help.

## **A** Few Words About Product Safety:

Within these Installation Instructions important safety information is generally preceded by one of three signal words indicating the relative risk of injury. The signal words mean:

**AWARNING** A hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury. You CAN be KILLED or Seriously HURT if you do not follow instructions.

**A**CAUTION A hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury. You CAN be moderately HURT and may suffer property damage if you do not follow instructions.

**NOTICE** Careful attention is required to this instruction or operation but does generally not relate to personal injury. Damage to you SPL product or other property may result if you do not follow instructions.



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## **WARNING**

Installation of your SPL components and enhanced suspension performance may result in your vehicle handling differently than as factory equipped. Your choice of tire and wheel combinations, camber and toe-in settings may reduce braking performance and/or result in excessive wear or damage to SPL and OEM components during competition, track day or high-stress on road use. Contacts with other vehicles, pot holes or uneven road surfaces may result in overload stresses to fasteners, heim joints and other components initiating either immediate or accelerated failures. *To reduce risks of accident and serious injury always:* 

- Routinely inspect OEM suspension and steering components, braking system and SPL components including control arms, fasteners and heim joints for indications of overload stress, bending or physical damage (however, slight). Remove fasteners and heim joints as necessary to reveal potential damage within sleeves and joints. Best practices for competition and track includes inspection before and after each session, capturing driver input regarding any impacts, unusual vibration, or suspension feedback.
- Immediately remove and replace any OEM or SPL component or fastener with indicated or suspected damage (including bending or damaged threads).
- Do Not modify or substitute SPL components, over torque fasteners through use of impact or air tools or configure suspension settings outside of those recommended by OEM or established through owner testing of vehicle.
- Use of oversize tire/wheel combinations may increase stopping distances, modify ride height, roll centers and/or compromise performance of vehicle stability control and other systems.
- Certain states regulate on highway suspension modifications. Vehicle owner and driver responsible for compliance with all equipment laws and regulations.
- All Occupants Buckle UP, USE Supplemental Restraints, and required SCCA or other club crash protection.

**AWARNING** SPL recommends professional installation of these components by technicians having access to vehicle lift, safety glasses/personal protective gear and experience with OEM maintenance techniques, recommendations, safety messaging, torque & other specifications.

**AWARNING** Cancer and Reproductive Harm – www.P65Warnings.gov.

**NOTICE** Place the bushings in the freezer the night before working on the vehicle which will make pressing in the bushings easier.

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### Safety Requirements:

- **AWARNING** Always wear safety glasses and any necessary protective garments. If using any fluids, chemicals, or solvents, a respirator is recommended.
- **ACAUTION** Always use properly rated jack stands or an automotive lift when working under your Vehicle.

#### **Tools Required**:

- Ratchet
- Ratchet Extension
- Sockets
- Wrenches

#### **Procedure:**

- 1. **ACAUTION** Raise and secure the rear end of the car and remove the rear wheels.
- 2. Remove the subframe using the factory service manual as a guide. Support the subframe on a bench or suitable stands.
- 3. Remove the OEM subframe bushings. You can either press them out or cut them out. The entire bushing must be removed, including the outer metal shell/race.
- 4. To remove the metal shell/race, carefully make two parallel cuts about a half inch from each other using a body saw being careful not to cut into the subframe. Collapse the shell/race in on itself and knock out the race.
- 5. Press in the new bushings from the bottom of the subframe with a shop press. You can use a lubricant like grease or anti-seize to minimize binding while pressing in the bushings.

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6. Re-install the subframe with the factory retaining plate/washers and hardware plus desired shims. Torque the four main subframe bolts to 107 ft-lbs.



7. The supplied rubber isolators can be optionally installed between the chassis and the subframe bushing to help dampen some noise.

#### Shim Installation:

- 8. To place the subframe at the OEM location (Formula D legal), place two .25" Shims (3) on top of the subframe in the front. In the rear, place one .33" Shim (2) above the subframe.
- 9. To "raise" the subframe by .25" in the front and .33" in the rear, place one .25" Shim above and one below and place one .33" Shim below the rear of the subframe.
- 10. To "raise" the subframe by .5" in the front and .33" in the rear, place both .25" shims below the front of the subframe and one .33" below the rear of the subframe.
- 11. **NOTICE** Raising the subframe will alter your rear alignment. Following installation have the car professionally aligned, as replicating the original settings is nearly impossible. It may be necessary to adjust the toe in order to drive the car to an alignment shop if you either added or subtracted camber. Take these instructions with you to ensure that the parts are adjusted correctly.
- 12. **AWARNING** Check all torques after the first 100 and 500 miles of driving, or after your first two sessions at the track if it is a track car, to make sure that nothing has loosened up due to vibrations. Maintain a full copy of SPL Instructions and product safety messaging with your vehicle maintenance records.

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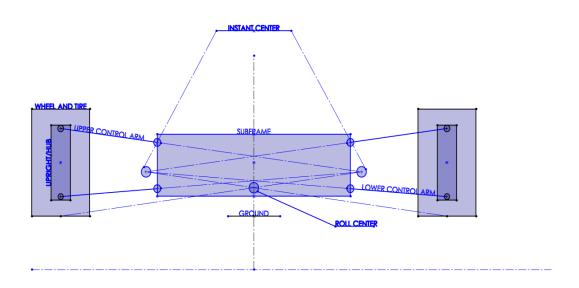
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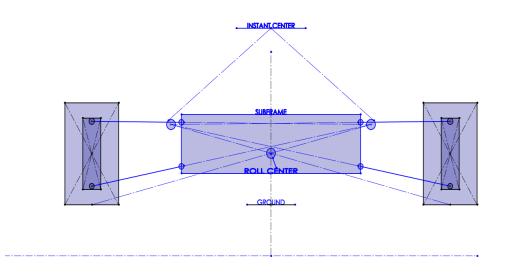


#### Roll Center Adjustment and Ride Height Adjustment by Raising Subframe

The following diagram depicts the subframe at the OEM location, with the stock ride height and roll center. Notice the gap between the subframe and the chassis, where the shims would sit.



The following diagram shows the subframe raised closer towards the chassis (no more gap between subframe and chassis), and the ride height lowered the same amount. The roll center position is un-changed.



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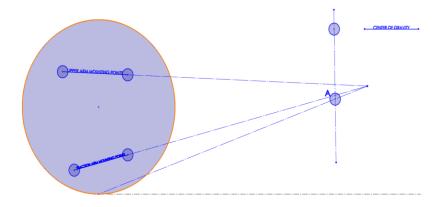
If we are to compare the 2 subframe positions with the car at the same ride height in both cases, raising the subframe will raise the roll center.

*Note*: Raising the subframe will not significantly change ride height. This is because the ride height is determined by the shock/spring assembly as it sits between the chassis and the knuckle.

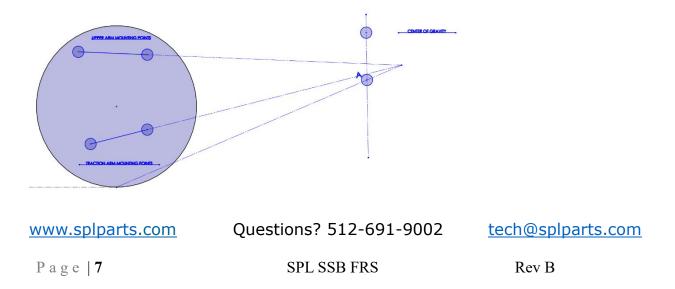
#### Raising the subframe and effect on Anti-Squat

The ratio between the height from the ground to point "A", and the height from the ground to CG, is the amount of anti-squat. As a general rule, more anti-squat keeps the rear end from squatting under hard acceleration, and reduces traction.

The following diagram depicts the subframe at the OEM location, with the stock ride height and anti-squat. Notice the gap between the subframe and the chassis, where the shims would sit.



The following diagram shows what happens when you raise the subframe closer to the chassis. For this example, we are comparing what happens to the anti-squat when the ride height remains the same. When the subframe is raised, the rear "instant center" is raised as well, that moves point A up and increases anti-squat.





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