
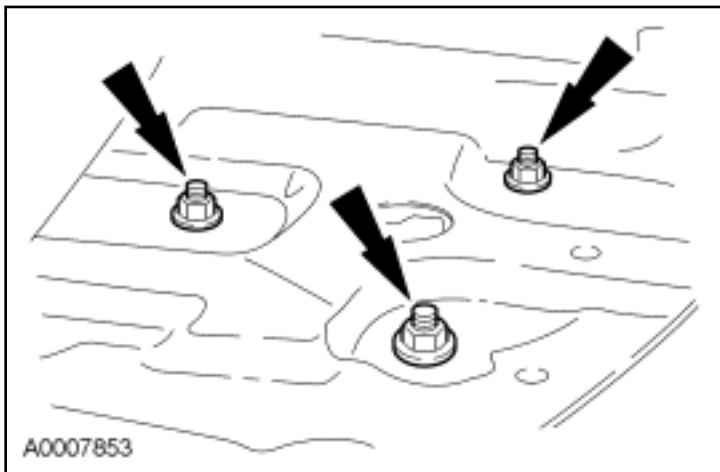


Strut and Spring Assembly — Four Door

Removal

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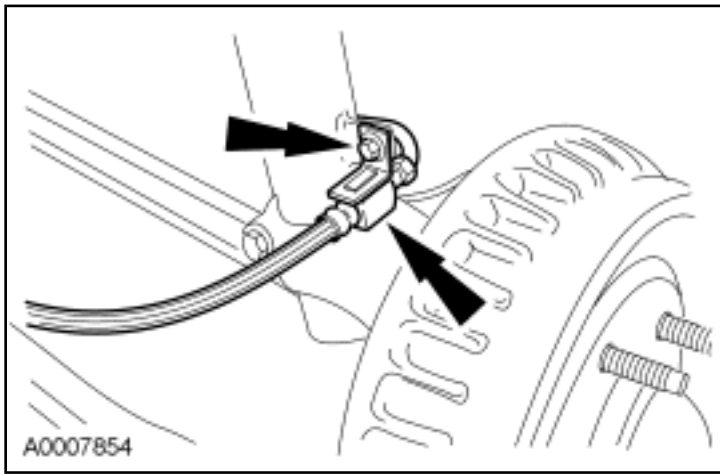
1. Remove the parcel tray. For additional information, refer to [Section 501-05](#).
2. Loosen the nuts.



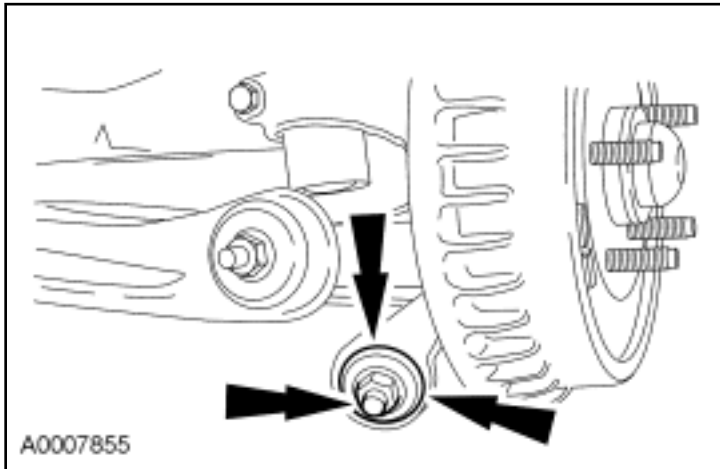
3. **NOTE:** It is not necessary to remove the stabilizer bar links from the stabilizer bar.

Remove the stabilizer bar, if so equipped. For additional information, refer to [Stabilizer Bar and Connecting Link — Four Door](#) in this section. Remove the jack stands after the stabilizer bar is removed.

4. Remove the wheel and tire assembly. For additional information, refer to [Section 204-04](#).
5. Remove the bolt and detach the rear wheel brake hose.



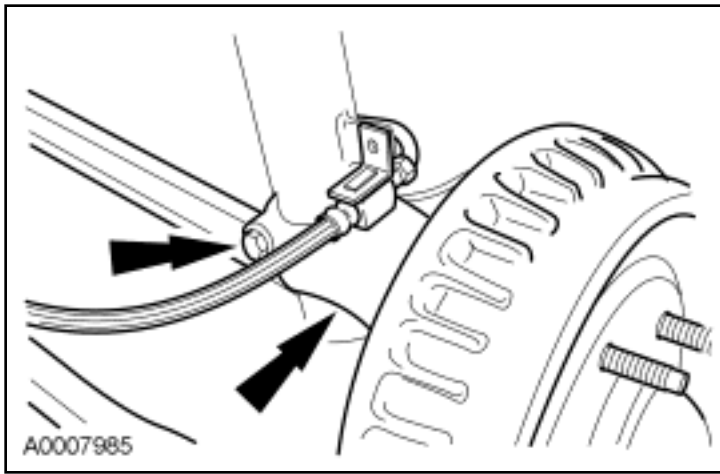
6. Remove the nut, washer and bushing. Detach the tension strut from the spindle.
 - Discard the nut.



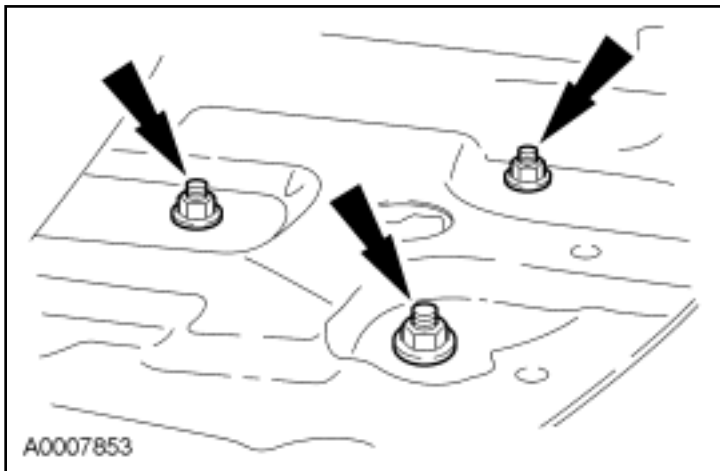
7.  **CAUTION:** Care should be taken when removing the strut and spring assembly so the rear wheel brake hose is not stretched.

Remove and discard the pinch bolt. Detach the spindle from the strut and spring assembly.

- To aid in removal, use a large screwdriver to spread the pinch joint.

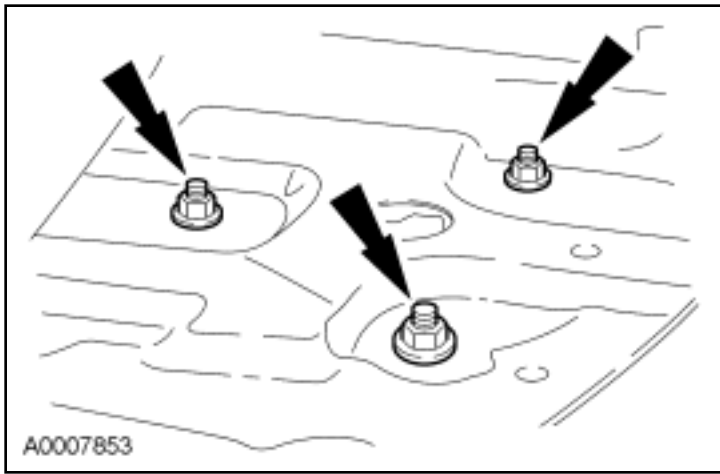


8. Partially lower the vehicle.
9. Remove the nuts and the strut and spring assembly.
 - Discard the nuts.

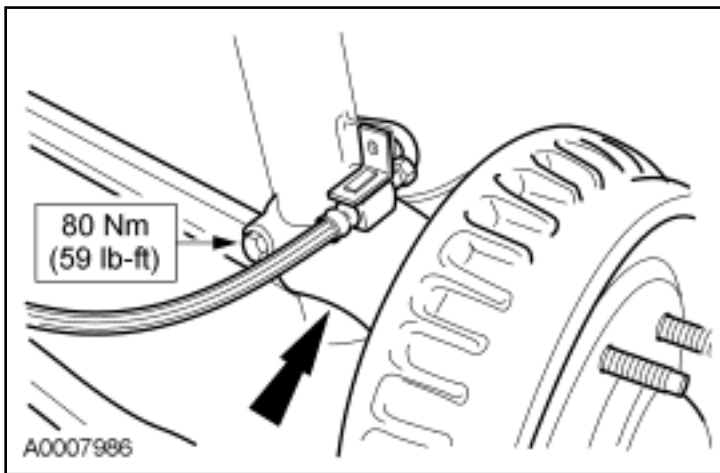


Installation

1. Position the strut and spring assembly and install new nuts.
 - Do not tighten the nuts at this time.

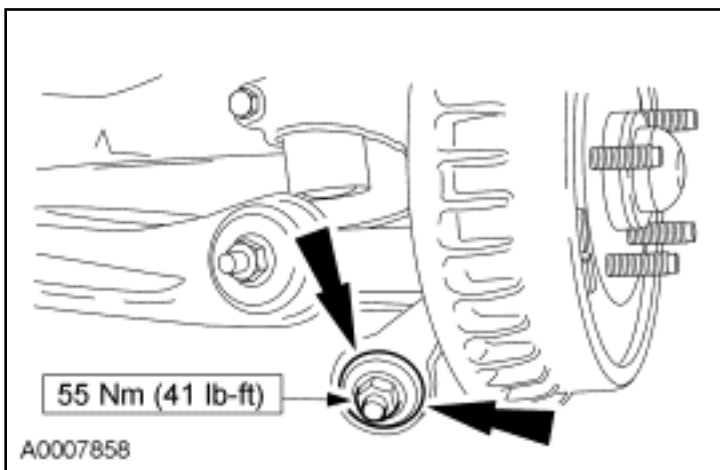


2. Partially raise the vehicle.
3. Position the spindle on the strut and install a new pinch bolt.

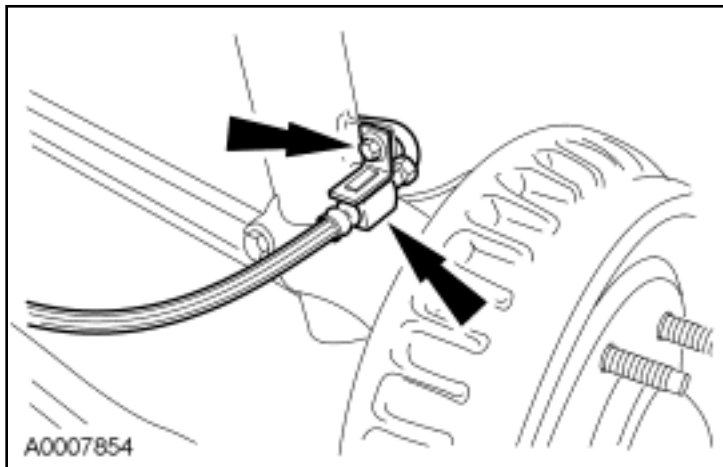


4. **NOTE:** Make sure the cupped side of the washer is facing away from the bushing.

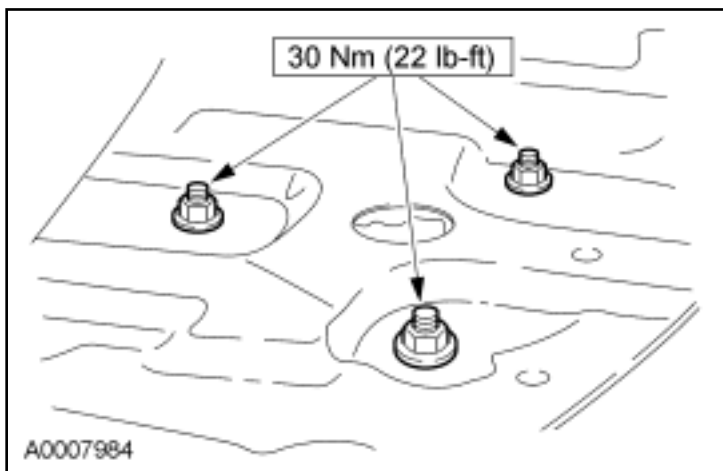
Position the tension strut in the spindle and install the bushing, the washer and a new nut.



5. Position the rear wheel brake hose and install the bolt.



6. Install the stabilizer bar, if so equipped. For additional information, refer to [Stabilizer Bar and Connecting Link — Four Door](#) in this section.
7. Install the wheel and tire assembly. For additional information, refer to [Section 204-04](#).
8. Tighten the nuts.



9. Install the parcel tray. For additional information, refer to [Section 501-05](#).

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REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION

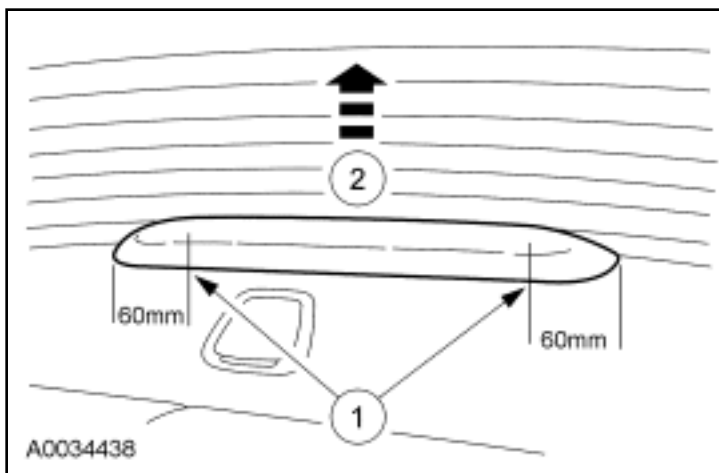
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Parcel Shelf

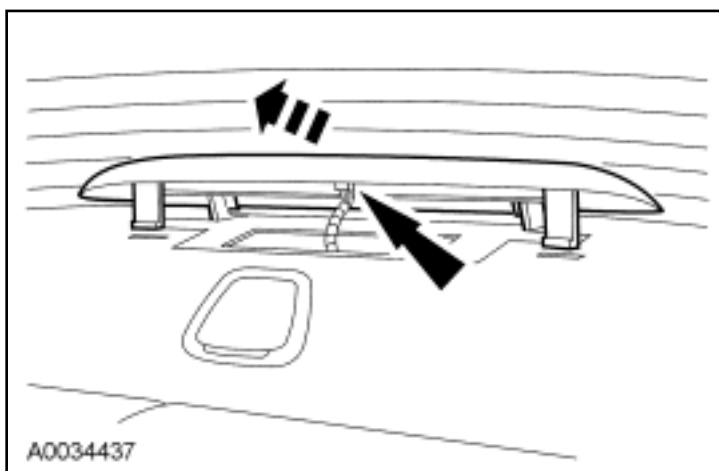
Removal and Installation

Vehicles with LED module

1. Disengage the LED module from the parcel shelf.
 1. Insert two thin bladed 20 mm (0.8 in) wide tools (approximately 60 mm (2.4 in) from the outside edges of the LED module) and push rearward to disengage the retaining clips.
 2. Lift the front of the LED module from the parcel shelf.

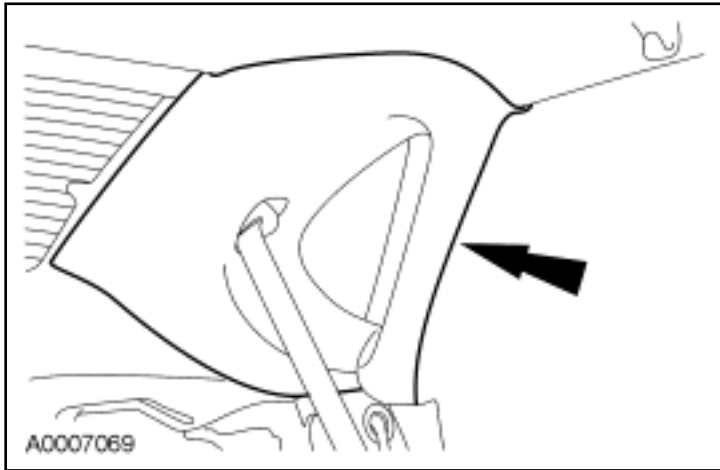


2. Remove the LED module.
 - Disconnect the connector and pull the LED module forward.

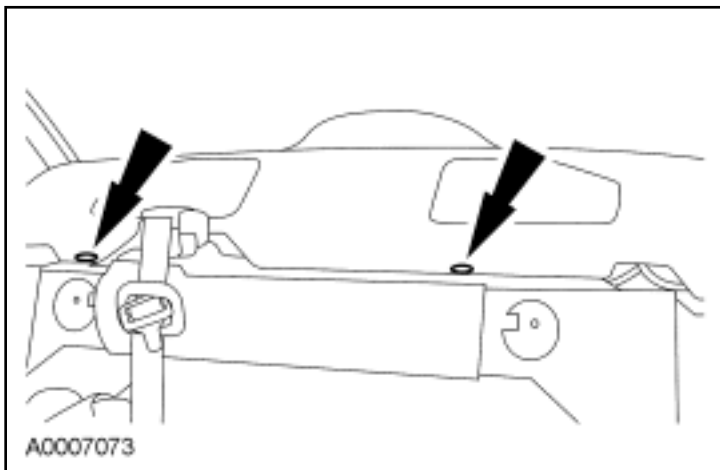


All vehicles

3. Remove the rear seat backrest and the rear seat cushion. For additional information, refer to [Section 501-10](#).
4. Remove the LH and RH roof trim panels.




5. Remove the pin-type retainers and the parcel shelf.



6. To install, reverse the removal procedure.

Stabilizer Bar and Connecting Link — Four Door

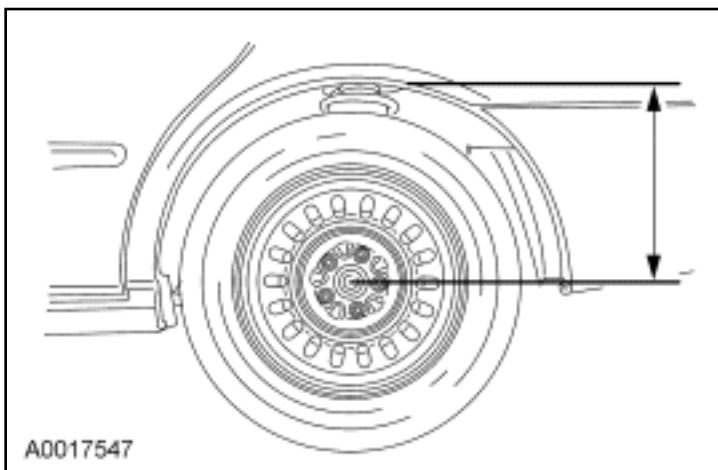
Removal and Installation

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NOTE: The stabilizer bar bushing and bracket are part of the stabilizer bar assembly. The stabilizer bar will not easily turn in the bushing. The vehicle suspension must be raised to ride height to remove and install the stabilizer bar and link.

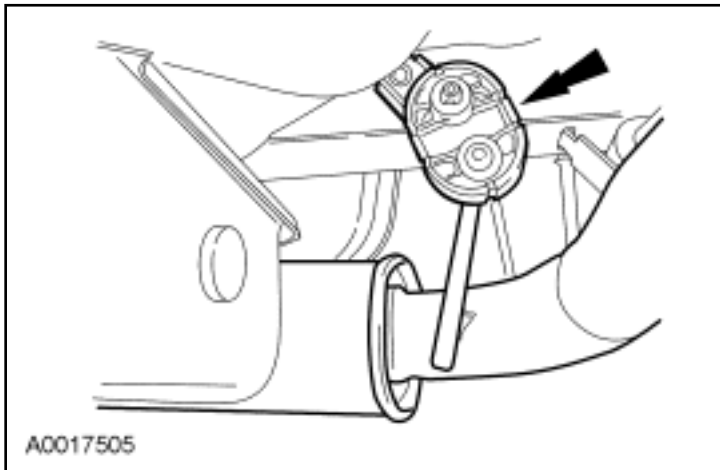
NOTE: Both sides of the stabilizer bar and link must be removed and installed. Only one side is shown.

1. Remove the hub cap or wheel cover.
2. Measure the distance from the center of the hub to the lip of the fender with the vehicle in a level, static ground position (curb height).

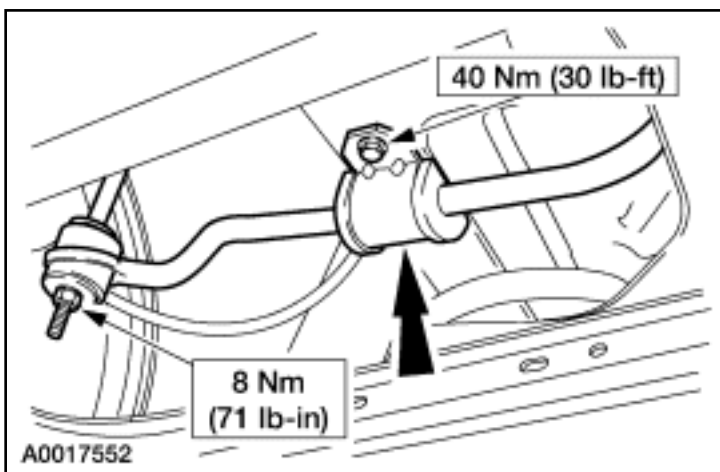


3. Remove both rear wheel and tire assemblies. For additional information, refer to [Section 204-04](#).

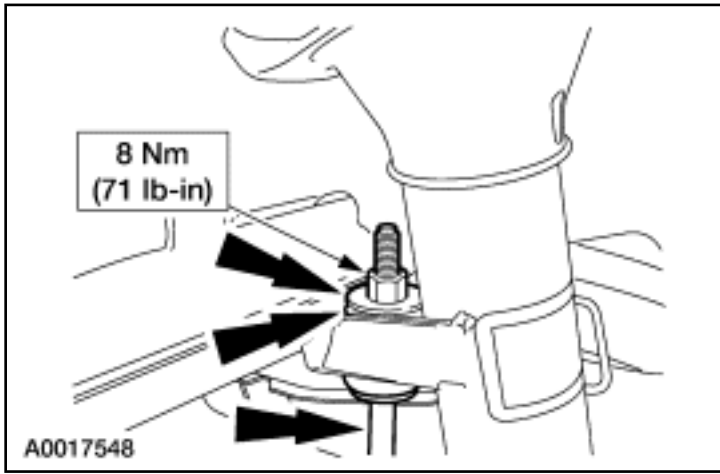
4. Position a safety stand at the front of the vehicle under the subframe.
5. Detach the front muffler insulator from the muffler.



6. Position jack stands under the rear suspension and raise the suspension until the distance between the center of the hub and the lip of the fender is equal to the measurement taken previously (curb height).
7. Remove the nuts, washers, bushings, and bolts. Detach the stabilizer bar assembly from the body and the links.
 - Discard the nuts and bolts.



8. Lower the suspension and remove the jack stands.
9. Carefully remove the stabilizer bar assembly out of the right wheel well.
10. Remove the nuts, washers, bushings and links from the strut.
 - Discard the nuts.



11. To install, reverse the removal procedure.
 - Use new fasteners.