

# 86-95 Suzuki Samurai Replacement U-bolts, Stock and Extended Length (SKU# SSP-UB)

# **Installation Instructions**



**CAUTION:** Safety glasses should be worn at all times when working with vehicles and related tools and equipment.





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### **Suggested Tools:**

- Twin Post Lift (or Floor Jack and 2 Jack Stands)
- Ratchet (or 1/2 drive Impact Wrench)
- Socket (or Impact Socket): 17 & 19 mm
- Torque Wrench, 1/2" Drive





# REPLACING FRONT U-BOLTS

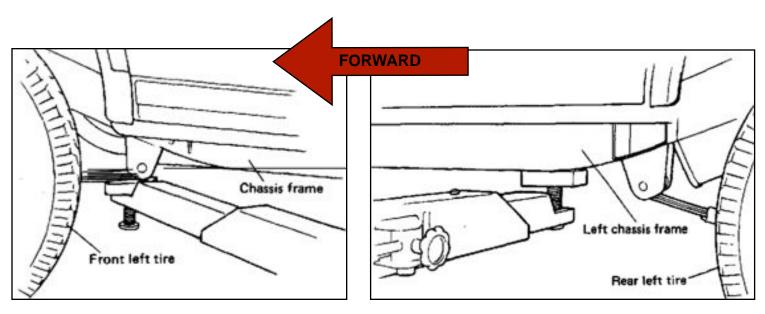


# Lifting and Supporting the Vehicle



# Lifting Option 1

Lift and support the vehicle on a twin post, frame contact, lift.



Front Positioning

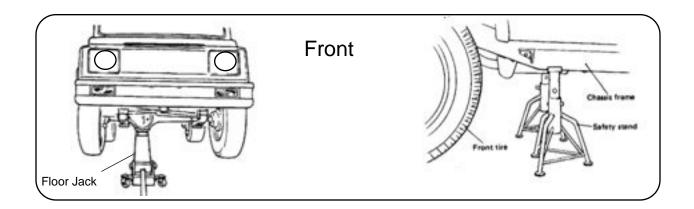
Rear Positioning





# Lifting Option 2

Lift the front of the vehicle with a floor jack and support it on safety stands.





# Tech Tip

When working on suspension, brakes or drive train parts it is a good idea to spray all fasteners with penetrating oil a day ahead. If not done a day ahead, an hour or even minutes before is helpful.





# **Front Suspension Parts Identification**



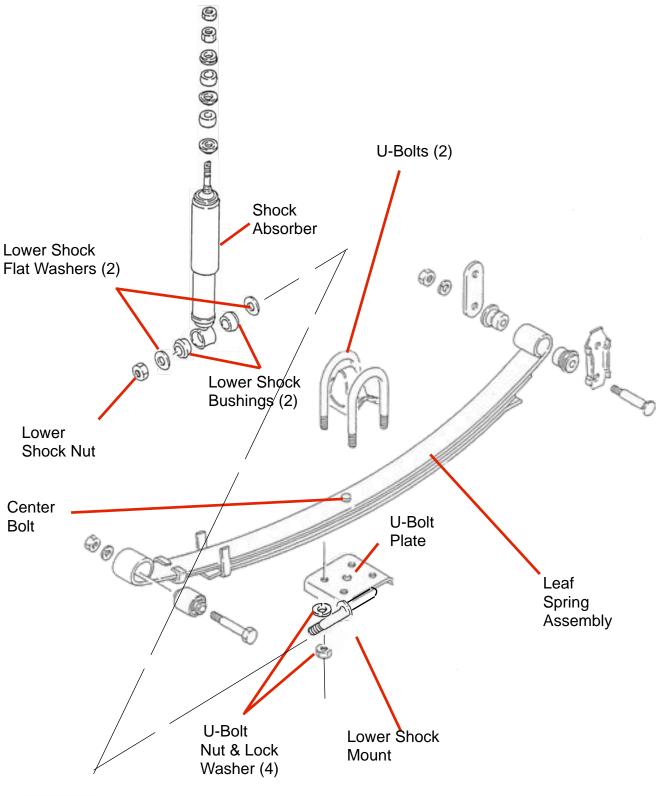


Figure B



# Beginning on the DRIVER Side

### **Disconnecting the Lower Shock Mount (Optional)**

If the shock absorber is not connected to the U-Bolt Plate or you chose not to disconnect the lower end of the shock absorber, skip to Step 4. (Disconnecting the lower shock mount is optional.)



### Step 1

Begin disconnecting the lower shock absorber by removing the nut using a 17 mm ratcheting box end wrench (or socket).

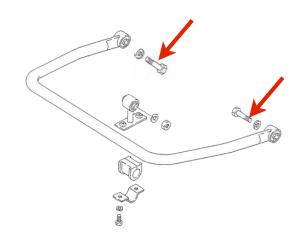


Step 3
Disconnect the bottom of the shock.



# Step 2

Remove the flat washer.



### Step 4

The Samurai we were working with did not have a stabilizer bar on it. If the vehicle you are working with has a stabilizer bar, simply remove the bolts shown by the arrows and let the stabilizer bar drop down out of the way.



### **Replacing Driver Side U-Bolts**





### Step 5

Remove the (4) driver side U-bolt nuts and lock washers using a 17 mm socket.

Note: If the vehicle you are working with has a SPOA (Spring Over Axle) set up, you will need to support the axle with a jack stand before removing these nuts.



Step 7

Remove the (2) U-bolts.



#### Step 6

Remove the U-Bolt plate.

Note: If the shock absorber is still connected to the U-Bolt plate, simply leave it connected and the U-bolt plate will remain in its general location. Alternatively, the shock could be disconnected from the lower shock mount at this time if desired.

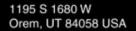


Step 8

Insure that the center bolt of the leaf spring remains properly positioned in the spring pad of the front axle assembly.

Note: These photographs were taken of a Samurai that we converted from a stock spring under axle to a SPOA (Spring Over Axle) set up. But the principal is the same for either set up.







#### Passenger Side







The (2) **PASSENGER** side U-Bolts are larger than the (2) **DRIVER** side U-Bolts.



# Step 9

Position the U-Bolt plate on the opposite side of the leaf spring from the front axle assembly. Install the supplied SMALLER U-Bolts. Then Install the supplied (4) lock washers and (4) nuts.



### Step 10

Snug the nuts in a criss-cross fashion using a 19 mm socket. The number of U-bolt threads showing above the nuts should be uniform among the 4 U-bolt ends. Using a torque wrench, continue tightening until 43.5 to 57.5 ft. lbs. is reached.



# Tech Tip 10

If there are more than 8 to 10 threads extending above the nuts, cut them off using a die grinder and cut-off wheel.

**Caution:** Be sure to use eye and face protection when using a cut-off wheel.









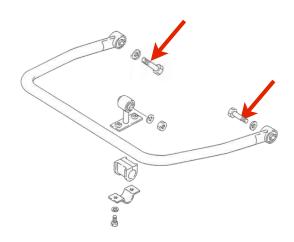
# Step 11

Reconnect the lower shock absorber if disconnected earlier and torque the nut 25.5 to 39.5 ft. lbs.



# Step 12

Repeat Steps 1 through 11 on the PASSENGER side.



# Step 13

Reconnect the stabilizer bar if equipped. Torque the bolts 51 to 65 ft. lbs.



### Caution!!

U-Bolt nuts may become loose within the first 500 miles of operation. Therefore it is critical that they be checked and re-torqued if necessary at the end of the first 500 miles after installation.





# REPLACING REAR U-BOLTS

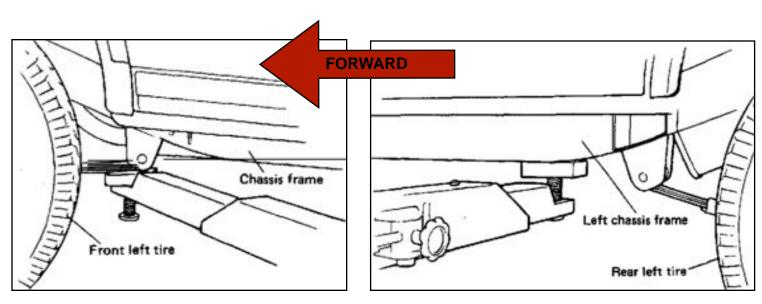


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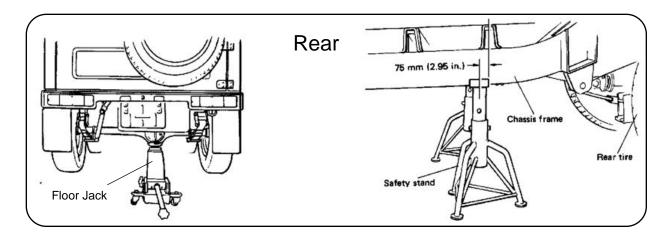
Rear Positioning





# Lifting Option 2

Lift the rear of the vehicle with a floor jack and support it on safety stands.





# Step 14

The rear U-Bolts are removed and replaced the same way as the front. The only difference between the front and rear U-Bolts is that the rear U-Bolts are all the same size.

Note: Don't not forget to check and retorque the U-Bolts after the first 500 miles.

### Congratulations!

You have successfully replaced the U-Bolts on your Samurai. We hope these instructions have been helpful. If you have suggestions on how we could improve our products or instructions please email us at <a href="mailto:sales@lowrangeoffroad.com">sales@lowrangeoffroad.com</a> or call Tech Support. The number is listed at the bottom of each page.







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