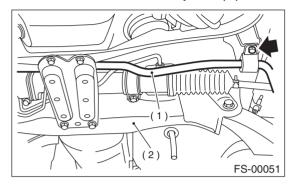
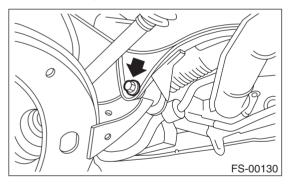
# 7. Front Crossmember

# A: REMOVAL

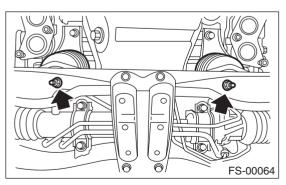
- 1) Set vehicle on a lift.
- 2) Disconnect ground cable from battery.
- 3) Lift-up vehicle and remove front tires and wheels.
- 4) Remove both stabilizer and jack-up plate.



- (1) Front stabilizer
- (2) Front crossmember
- 5) Disconnect tie-rod end from housing.
- 6) Remove front exhaust pipe.
- 7) Remove front transverse link from front crossmember and body.



8) Remove nuts attaching engine mount cushion rubber to crossmember.



- 9) Remove steering universal joint. <Ref. to PS-18, REMOVAL, Universal Joint.>
- 10) Disconnect power steering hose from steering gear box.

- 11) Lift engine by approx. 10 mm (0.39 in) by using chain block.
- 12) Support crossmember with a jack, remove nuts securing crossmember to body and gradually lower crossmember along with steering gearbox.

#### **CAUTION:**

When removing crossmember downward, be careful that tie-rod end does not interfere with SFJ boot.

## **B: INSTALLATION**

1) Install in the reverse order of removal.

#### **CAUTION:**

Always tighten rubber bushing when wheels are in full contact with the ground and vehicle is at curb weight.

## Tightening torque:

Transverse link bushing to crossmember:

95 N·m (9.7 kgf-m, 71 ft-lb)

Stabilizer to bushing:

25 N·m (2.5 kgf-m, 18.1 ft-lb)

Tie-rod end to housing:

27.0 N·m (2.75 kgf-m, 19.9 ft-lb)

Front cushion rubber to crossmember:

75 N⋅m (7.6 kgf-m, 55 ft-lb)

Universal joint to pinion shaft:

24 N⋅m (2.4 kgf-m, 17.4 ft-lb)

Crossmember to body:

100 N·m (10.2 kgf-m, 74 ft-lb)

Gearbox to steering hose:

15 N⋅m (1.5 kgf-m, 10.8 ft-lb)

2) Purge air from power steering system.

#### NOTF:

Check wheel alignment and adjust if necessary.

#### C: INSPECTION

Check crossmember for wear, damage and cracks, and correct or replace if defective.