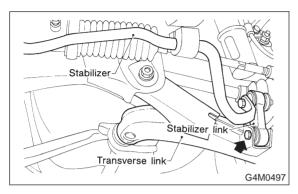
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4) Connect stabilizer link to transverse link, and temporarily tighten bolts.

CAUTION:

Discard loosened self-locking nut and replace with a new one.



- 5) Tighten the following points in the order shown below when wheels are in full contact with the ground and vehicle is at curb weight condition.
 - (1) Transverse link and stabilizer link

Tightening torque:

29±5 N·m (3.0±0.5 kg-m, 21.7±3.6 ft-lb)

(2) Transverse link and crossmember

Tightening torque:

98±15N·m (10.0±1.5 kg-m, 72±11 ft-lb)

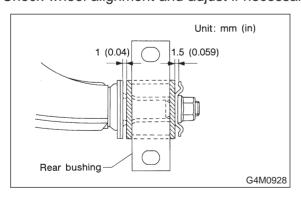
(3) Transverse link rear bushing and body

Tightening torque:

245±49 N·m (25±5 kg-m, 181±36 ft-lb)

NOTE:

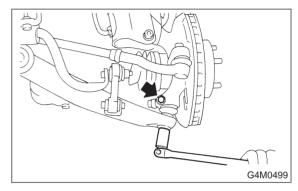
- Move rear bushing back and forth until transverse link-to-rear bushing clearance is established (as indicated in figure.) before tightening.
- Check wheel alignment and adjust if necessary.



3. Front Ball Joint

A: REMOVAL

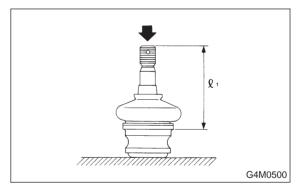
- 1) Remove the wheel.
- 2) Pull out the cotter pin from the ball stud, remove the castle nut, and extract the ball stud from the transverse link.
- 3) Remove the bolt securing the ball joint to the housing.



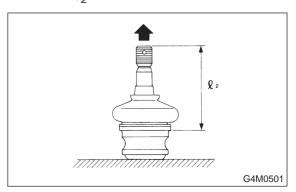
4) Extract the ball joint from the housing.

B: INSPECTION

- 1) Measure play of ball joint by the following procedures. Replace with a new one when the play exceeds the specified value.
 - (1) With 686 N (70 kg, 154 lb) loaded in the direction shown in the figure, measure dimension ℓ_1 .



(2) With 686 N (70 kg, 154 lb) loaded in the opposite direction shown in the figure, measure dimension ℓ_2 .



SERVICE PROCEDURE

- (3) Calculate plays from the following formula. S= ℓ_2 - ℓ_1
- (4) When plays are larger than the following value, replace with a new one.

FRONT BALL JOINT

Specified play for replacement: Less than 0.3 mm (0.012 in)

- 2) When play is smaller than the specified value, visually inspect the dust cover.
- 3) If the dust cover is damaged, replace with the new ball joint.
- 4) Check ball joint for damage and cracks. If defective, replace with new one.

C: INSTALLATION

1) Install ball joint onto housing.

Torque (Bolt):

49±10 N·m (5.0±1.0 kg-m, 36±7 ft-lb)

CAUTION

Do not apply grease to tapered portion of ball stud.

2) Connect ball joint to transverse link.

Torque (Castle nut): 39 N·m (4.0 kg-m, 29 ft-lb)

- 3) Retighten castle nut further within 60° until a slot in castle nut is aligned with the hole of ball stud end, then insert new cotter pin and bend it around castle nut.
- 4) Install front wheel.