

### 3. Front Axle

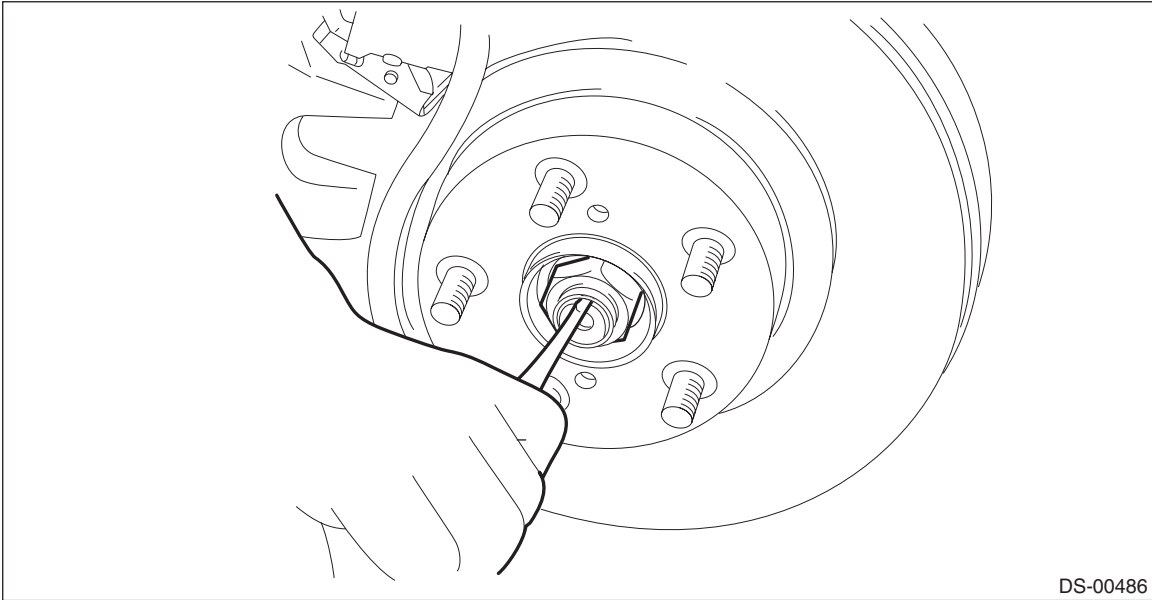
#### A: REMOVAL

- 1) Lift up the vehicle, and then remove the front wheels.
- 2) Remove the axle nut.

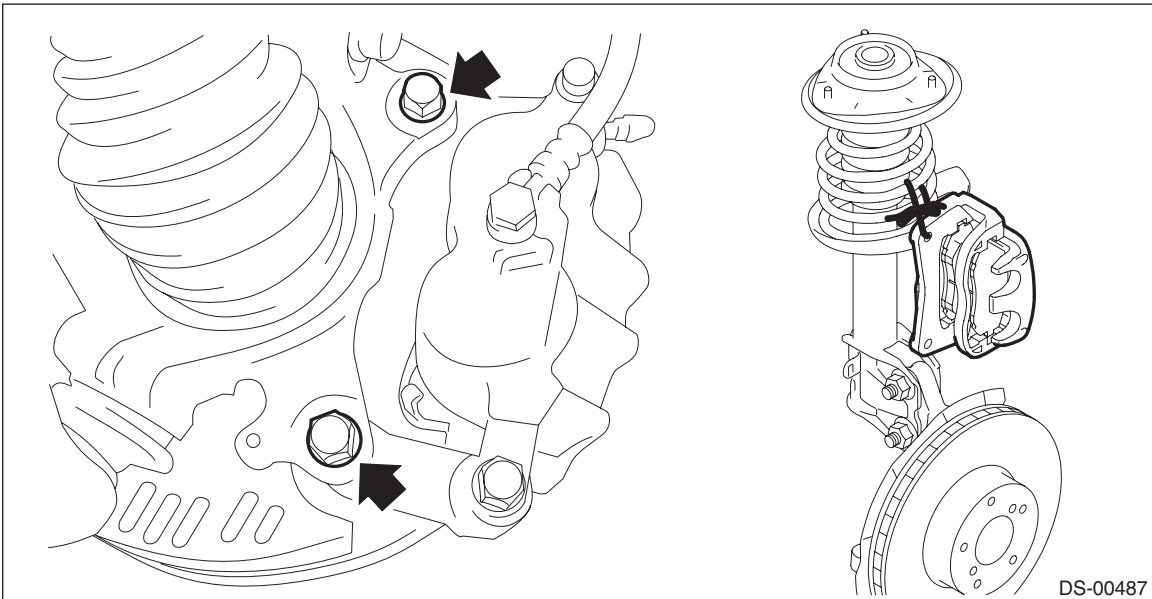
**CAUTION:**

**Do not loosen the axle nut while the front axle is loaded. Doing so may damage the hub bearing.**

- (1) Lift the crimped section of axle nut.
- (2) Remove the axle nut using a socket wrench while depressing the brake pedal.



- 3) Remove the front disc brake caliper from the front axle housing.
  - (1) Remove the mounting bolts, and then remove the front disc brake caliper.
  - (2) Prepare wiring harnesses etc. to be discarded, and suspend the front disc brake caliper from the shock absorber with the harnesses.



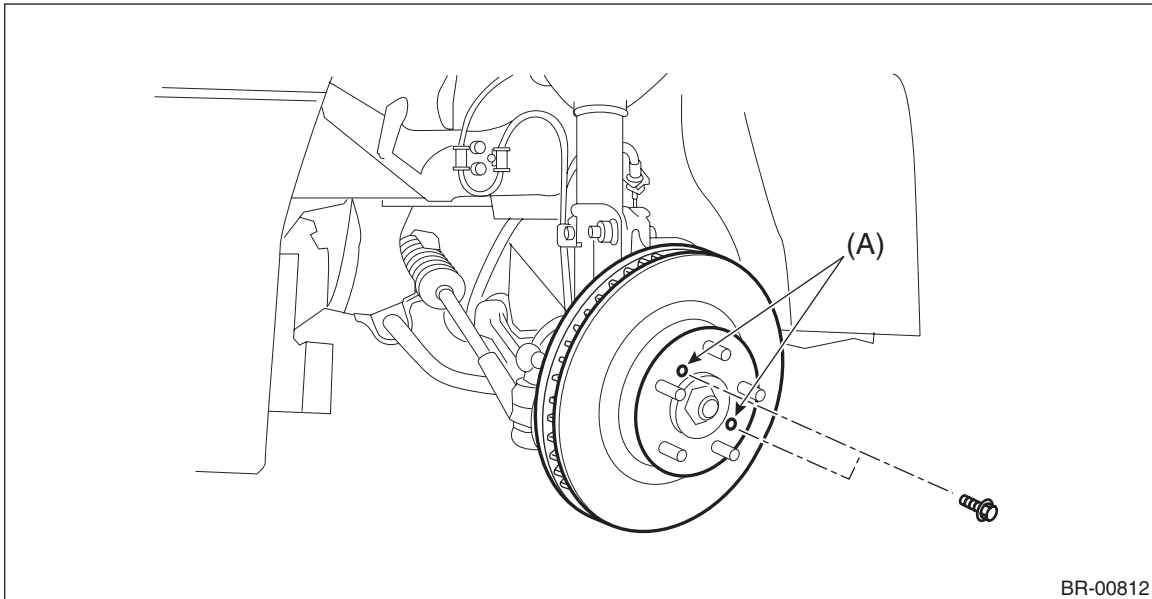
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4) Remove the disc rotor.

**NOTE:**

When the disc rotor is difficult to be removed from the front hub unit bearing, screw in 8 mm (0.31 in) bolt to the threaded part of the disc rotor (A), and remove the disc rotor.



5) Disconnect the tie-rod end.

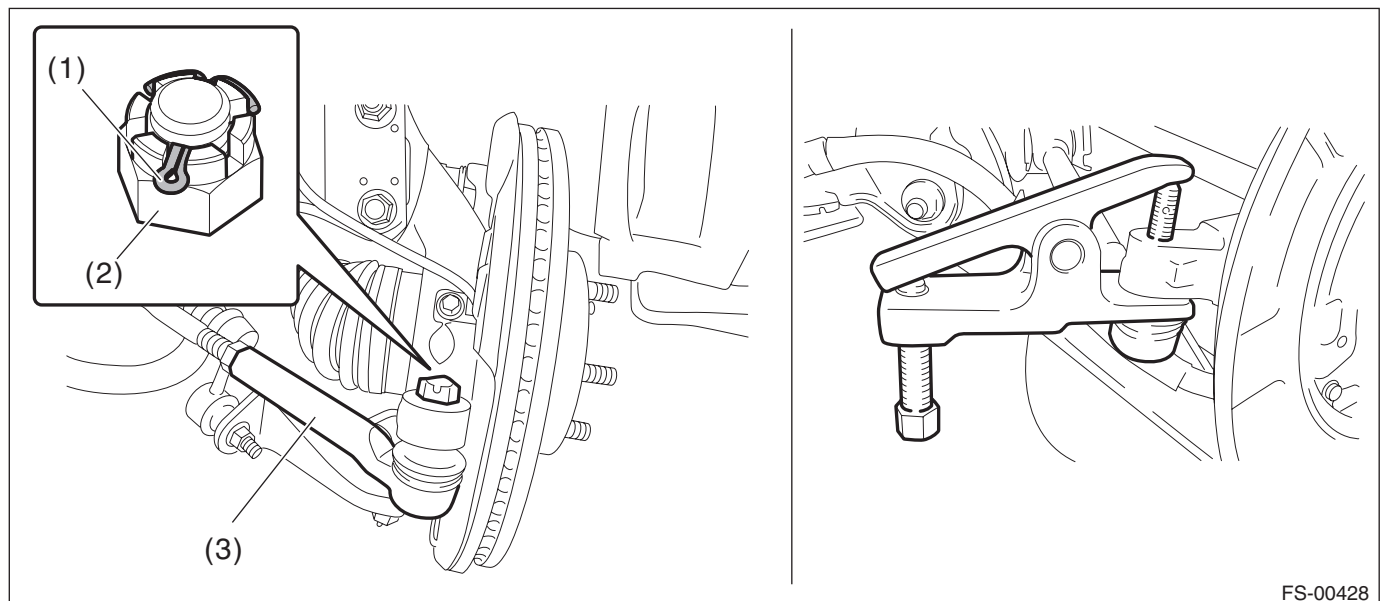
- (1) Pull out the cotter pin.
- (2) Remove the castle nut.
- (3) Use a tie-rod ball joint puller to detach the tie-rod end.

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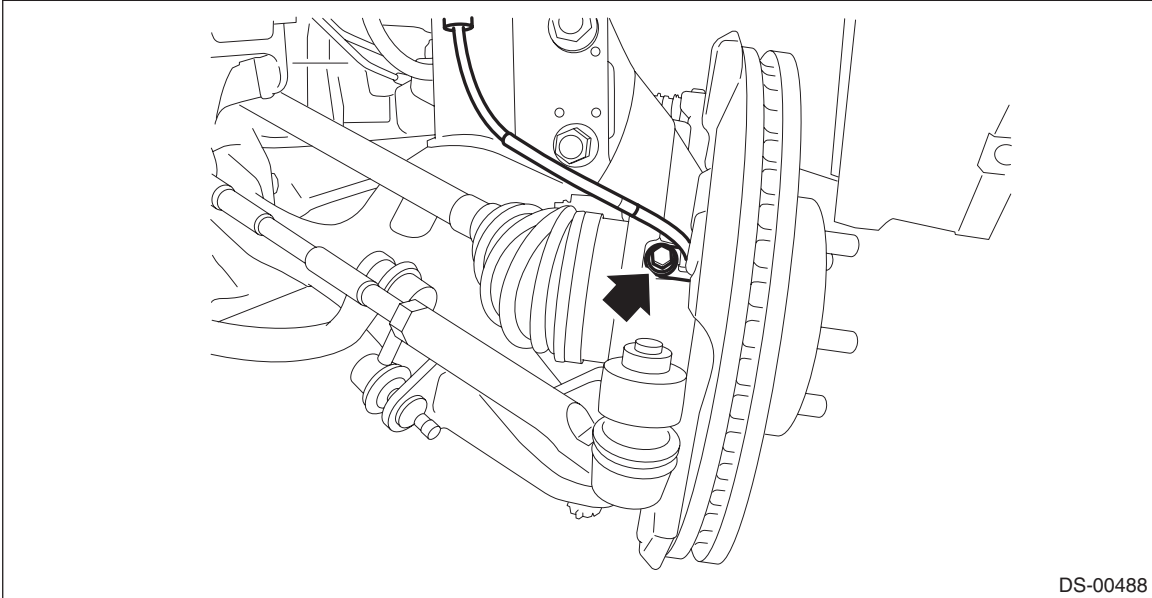
**Be careful not to damage the boot of the joint.**

**Preparation tool:**

**Tie-rod ball joint puller**



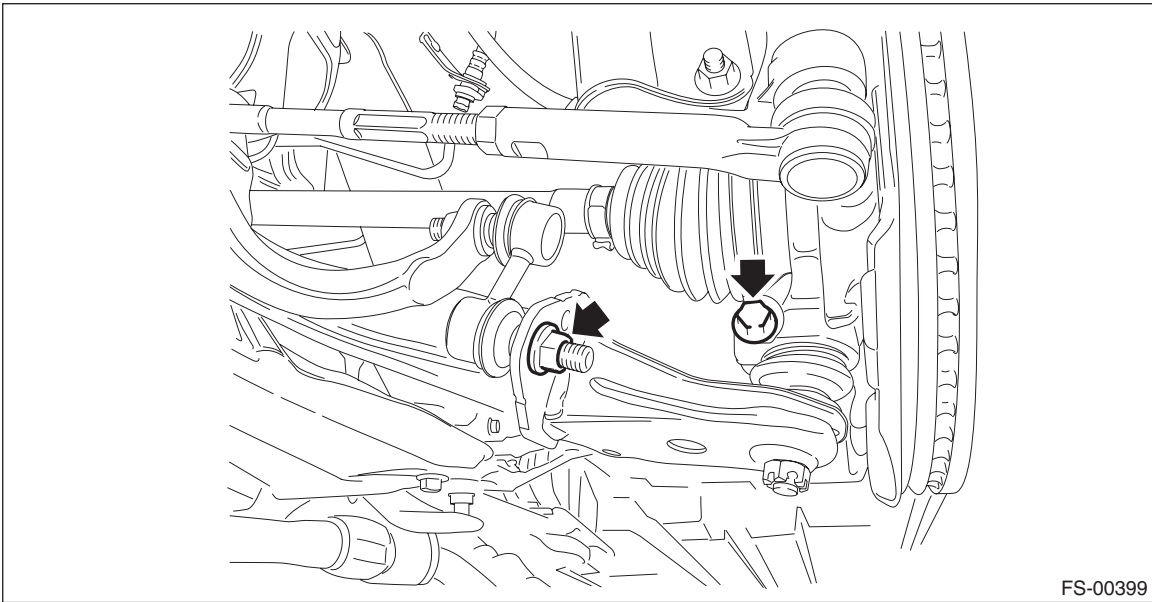
- 6) Remove the bolts, and remove the front ABS wheel speed sensor.



- 7) Remove the stabilizer link and ball joint.

**CAUTION:**

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- 8) Using a bar, remove the front drive shaft from transmission.

**CAUTION:**

**Be careful not to allow the bar to damage holder area.**

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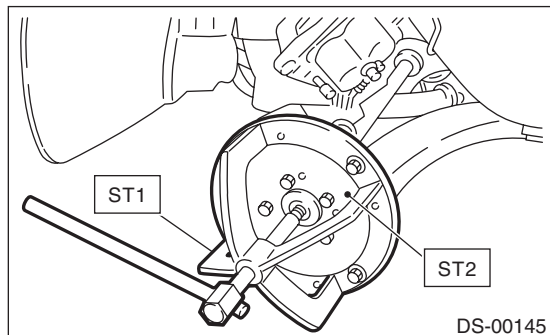
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9) Remove the front drive shaft assembly from the hub. If it is hard to remove, use the ST.

#### **Preparation tool:**

**ST1: AXLE SHAFT PULLER (926470000)**

**ST2: AXLE SHAFT PULLER PLATE (28099PA110)**



10) Place an alignment marks on the camber adjusting bolt and front axle housing.

11) Remove two bolts to remove the front axle housing from the strut.

## **B: INSTALLATION**

1) Align the alignment mark on the camber adjusting bolt, and tighten the front axle housing and strut using a new flange nut.

#### **Tightening torque:**

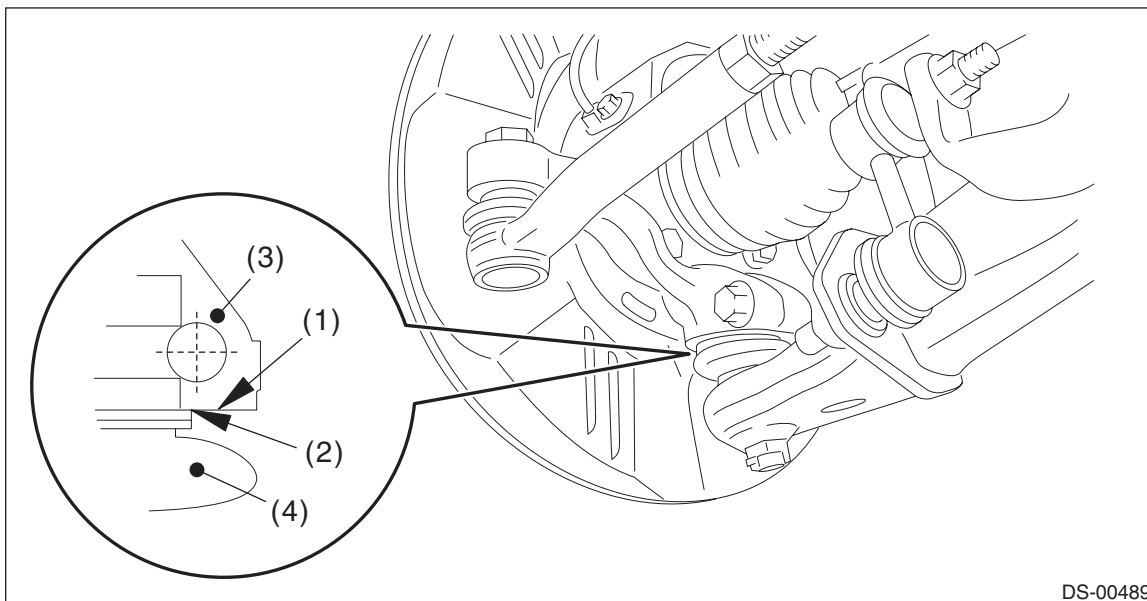
**155 N·m (15.81 kgf·m, 114.3 ft·lb)**

2) Install the front drive shaft. <Ref. to DS-49, INSTALLATION, Front Drive Shaft.>

3) Install the ball joint to the front axle housing.

#### **CAUTION:**

- Before tightening, make sure the lower side of front axle housing and stepped section of ball joint are in contact.
- Be careful not to damage the boot of the joint.



- (1) Lower side of front axle housing  
(2) Raised section of ball joint

- (3) Front axle housing

- (4) Ball joint boot

#### **Tightening torque:**

**50 N·m (5.1 kgf·m, 36.9 ft·lb)**

4) Install the front ABS wheel speed sensor.

**Tightening torque:**

**7.5 N·m (0.76 kgf-m, 5.5 ft-lb)**

5) Install the disc rotor.

6) Install the disc brake.

**Tightening torque:**

**120 N·m (12.24 kgf-m, 88.5 ft-lb)**

7) Install the stabilizer link.

**Tightening torque:**

**60 N·m (6.12 kgf-m, 44.3 ft-lb)**

8) Connect the tie-rod ends.

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(2) Tighten the castle nuts to the specified torque.

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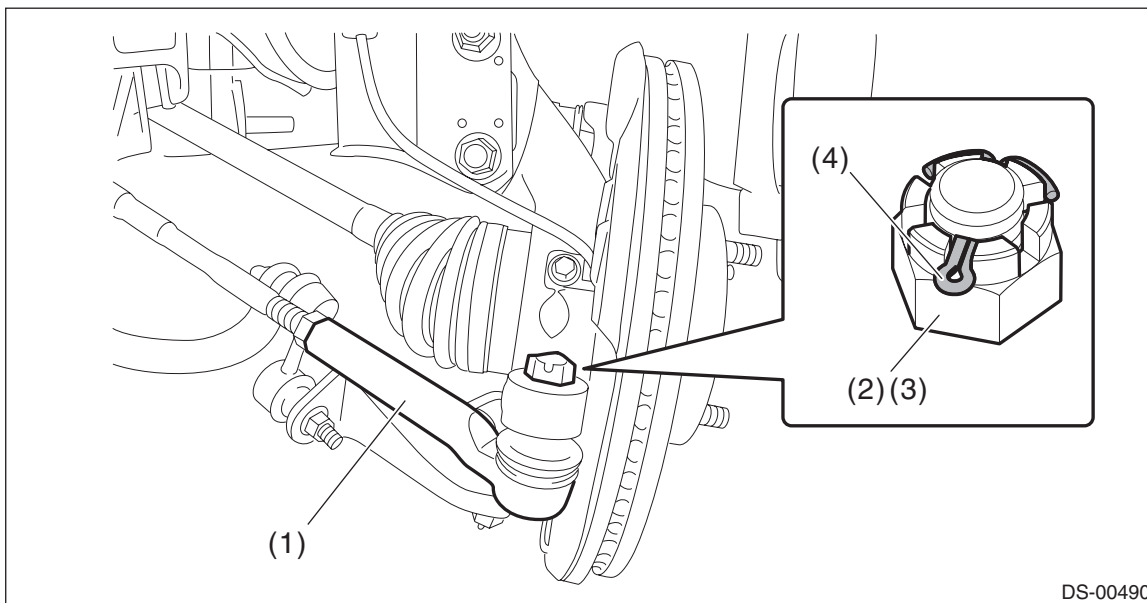
**When connecting the tie-rod, do not hit the cap at bottom of tie-rod end with a hammer.**

**Tightening torque:**

**27 N·m (2.75 kgf-m, 19.9 ft-lb)**

(3) Tighten the castle nut within the range of 60° so that the cotter pin hole and cutout portion of the castle nut are aligned.

(4) Insert the cotter pin, and bend the tip of the pin to fix it.



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9) While depressing the brake pedal, tighten a new axle nut to the specified torque and lock it securely.

**CAUTION:**

**Do not load the front axle before tightening the axle nut. Doing so may damage the hub bearing.**

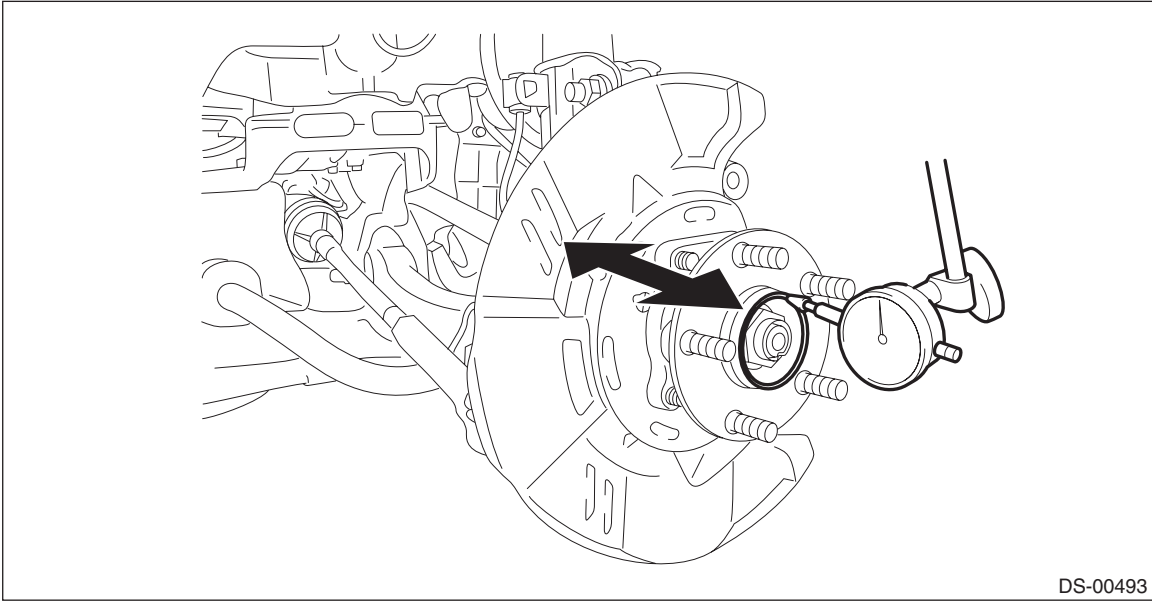
**Tightening torque:**

**220 N·m (22.43 kgf-m, 162.3 ft-lb)**

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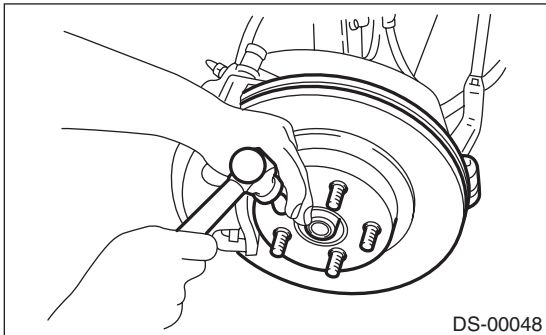
10) Inspect the lean of axis direction using a dial gauge. Replace the bearing if the load range exceeds the limitation.



**Service limit:**

**Maximum: 0.05 mm (0.0020 in)**

11) After tightening the axle nut, lock it securely.



12) Install the wheel.

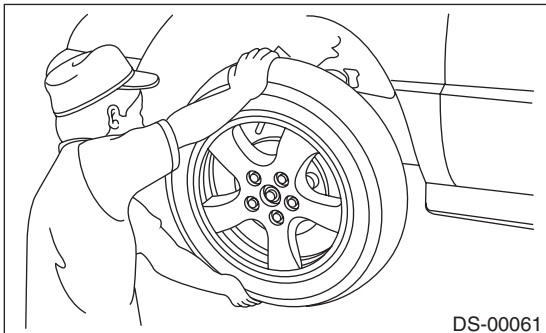
**Tightening torque:**

**120 N·m (12.24 kgf·m, 88.5 ft·lb)**

13) Moving the front tire up and down by hand, check there is no play in bearing, and check the wheel rotates smoothly.

**CAUTION:**

**If there is any fault in the bearing, replace hub unit bearing.**



14) Inspect the wheel alignment and adjust if necessary.

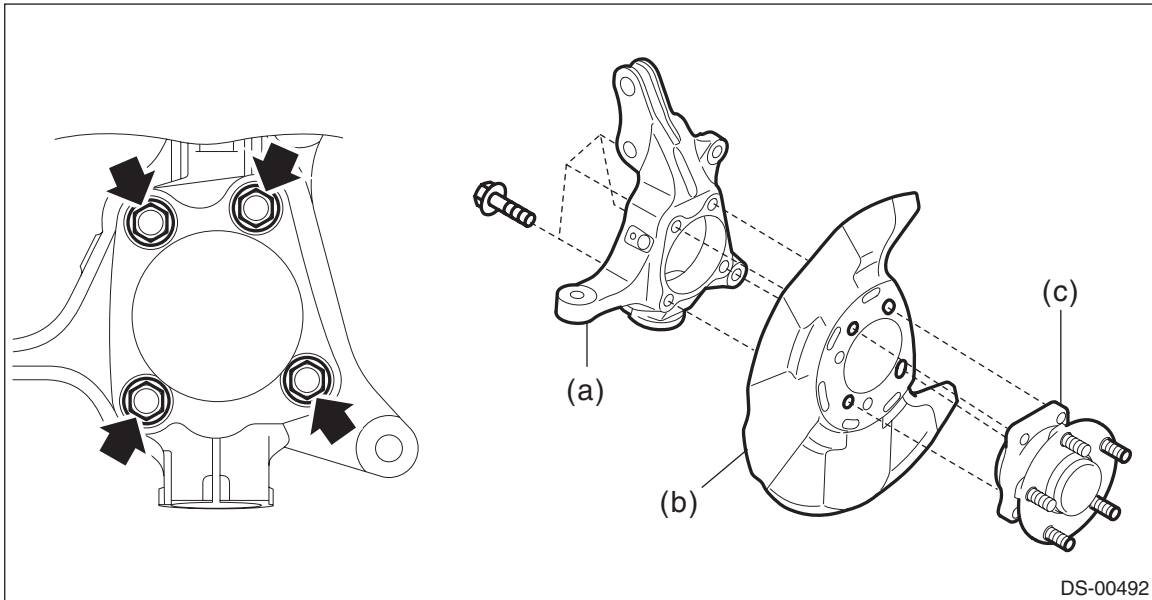
- Inspection: <Ref. to FS-9, INSPECTION, Wheel Alignment.>
- Adjustment: <Ref. to FS-13, ADJUSTMENT, Wheel Alignment.>

### CAUTION:

When the wheel alignment has been adjusted, perform the adjustment of the steering angle sensor. <Ref. to VDC-20, ADJUSTMENT, VDC Control Module and Hydraulic Control Unit (VDCCM&H/U).>

### C: DISASSEMBLY

1) Remove bolt from the front axle housing, and remove the front hub unit bearing and disc brake cover.



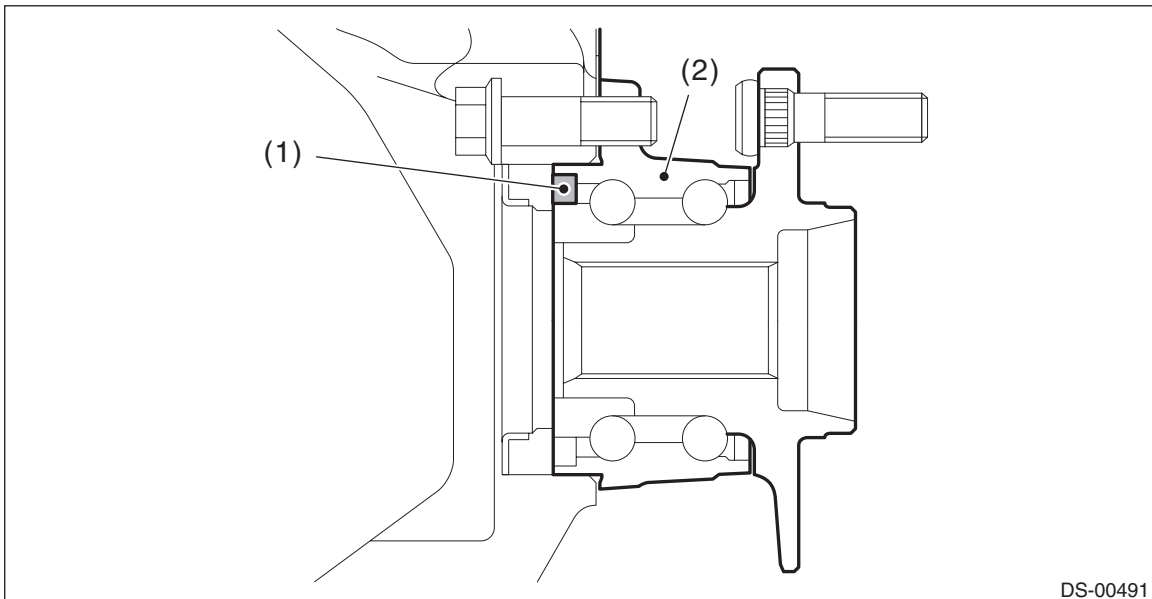
(a) Front axle housing

(b) Disc brake cover

(c) Front hub unit bearing

### CAUTION:

- Do not get closer the tool which charged magnetism to magnetic encoder.
- Be careful not to damage the magnetic encoder.



(1) Magnetic encoder

(2) Front hub unit bearing

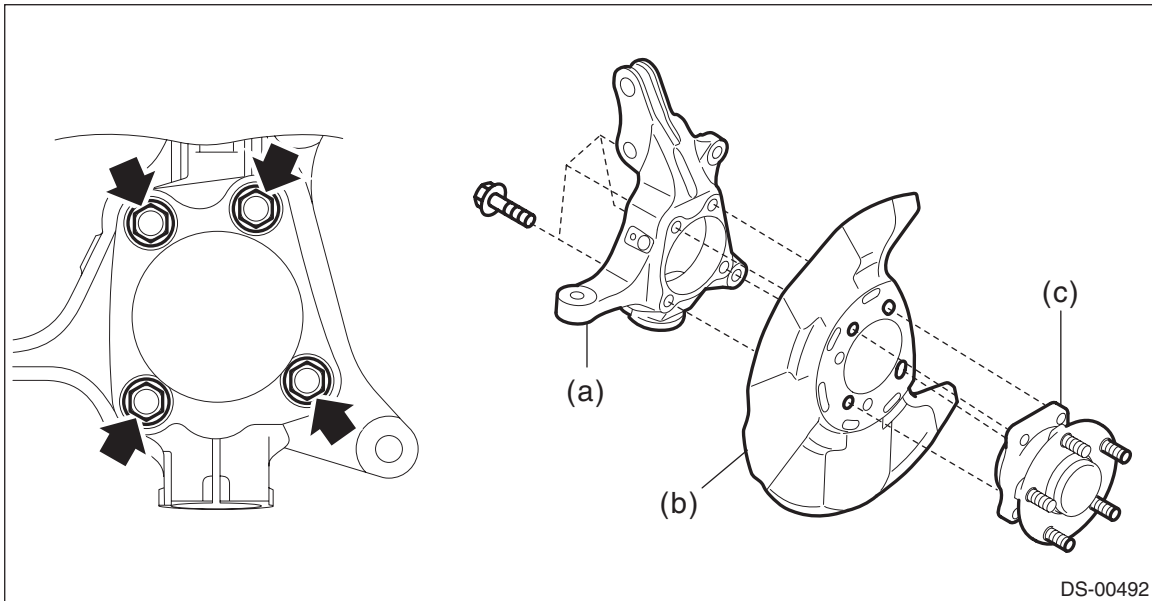
2) Disassemble the front hub unit bearing. <Ref. to DS-28, DISASSEMBLY, Front Hub Unit Bearing.>

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#### D: ASSEMBLY

- 1) Assemble the front hub unit bearing. <Ref. to DS-28, ASSEMBLY, Front Hub Unit Bearing.>
- 2) Install the front axle housing (a) and front hub unit bearing (c) to the disc brake cover (b) as shown in the figure, and tighten the bolt.

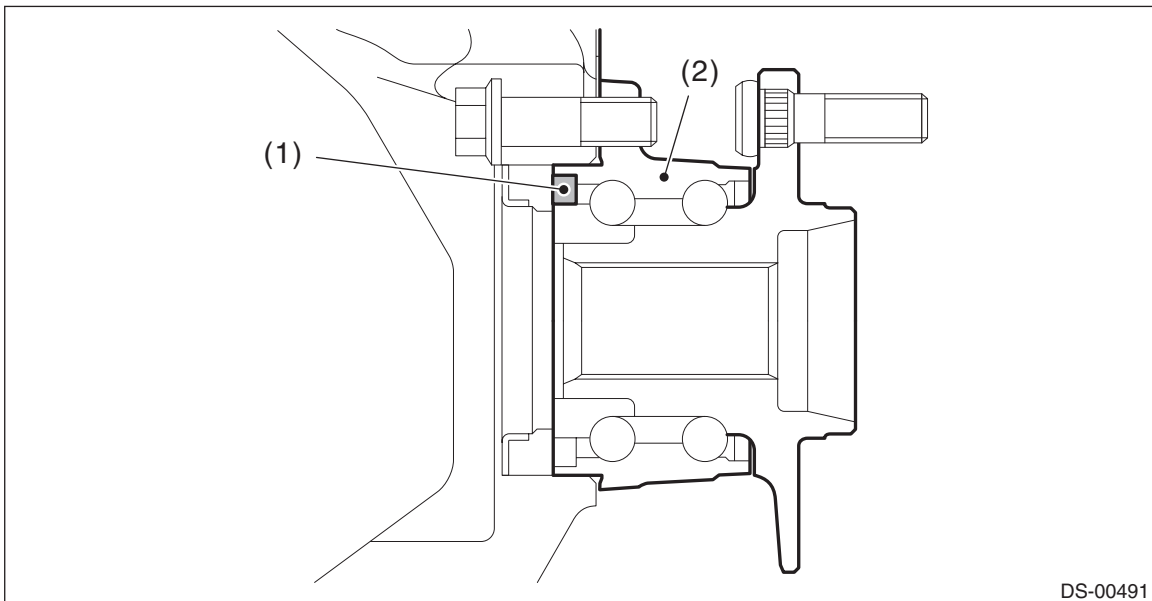


#### **Tightening torque:**

**65 N·m (6.63 kgf-m, 47.9 ft-lb)**

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(1) Magnetic encoder

(2) Front hub unit bearing