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## Part # H-604 - Adjustable Rear Upper Control Arms – Poly Bushed 1971-1974 GM H-Body

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### **INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Lift rear of vehicle and support by frame rails. DO NOT SUPPORT BY REAREND!
2. Use a floor jack and place under rear axle to support the rear.
3. Remove the front and rear upper control arm bolts and nuts and remove control arm. The axle may shift slightly rearward. Do one control arm at a time.
4. Install the Spohn upper control arm using the jack to help position the rear axle properly. Make the bolts hand tight only at this time. Do one side then do the other side.
5. Lower vehicle to ride height (suspension loaded) and tighten all bolts to 72 ft./lbs.
6. One end of the arm is right hand threaded. To adjust the length of your control arm loosen the jam nut and turn the end in or out to lengthen or shorten the control arm. Once set, tighten the jam nut. Jam nuts are known to work loose over time. To prevent this we recommend that after you have the arms set to your desired length you apply some REMOVABLE strength (Blue) Loctite to the threads and then tighten up the jam nuts.
7. The poly bushings come pre-lubed. DO NOT use petroleum-based grease on your poly bushings! Poly bushings must be lubricated with synthetic silicone based waterproof grease. These are the manufacturer's recommendations to prevent pre-mature bushing wear, and will keep things "squeak-free". You can order this grease from Spohn Performance using our Part #902. Do not over grease the bushings! You only need a couple pumps of grease. Over greasing will cause the bushings to balloon from the hydraulic pressure inside of the sleeve and they will fail.

## **Setting Pinion Angle**

There are two angles to deal with:

- 1) Driveshaft angle
- 2) Pinion angle

You subtract pinion angle from driveshaft angle to get TRUE pinion angle

Here's how you do it:

Using an angle finder place it on the underside of the driveshaft and record the angle indicated.

Next, place the angle finder on the underside of the pinion yoke and record the angle indicated.

Subtract the pinion angle from the driveshaft angle. The result is "TRUE Pinion Angle". In order to apply preload you need negative TRUE pinion angle. Adjust the upper control arm so that the front of the pinion goes down; continue to check each angle until the pinion angle is more degrees down than the driveshaft angle.

We recommend -1 degrees on a mildly modified daily driven car. For high horsepower applications we have gotten the best results with -2 to -3 degrees. There is no reason to run more negative than that, it will actually hurt your performance because it will induce driveline bind. The goal here is 0 degrees pinion angle when under load.