Installation Instructions

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1965-1988 GM A/G-Body Rear-End Housing Bushings Item # 3000

UMI's rear-end housing bushings are designed to be a direct replacement for the OEM rubber bushings supplied by GM. The polyurethane material is designed to minimize bushing deflection without effecting ride quality. Please read all instructions before beginning installation.

- 1. Removal of your stock bushings may require a control arm bushing removal tool. If this item is not available you have (2) other options.
 - Using a large size drill bit begin by drilling numerous holes in the OEM rubber bushing removing as much rubber as possible. Once a good amount of rubber has been removed use a punch or similar device to remove the steel sleeve which sits inside the rear end housing ear. Repeat this step on both sides.
 - If a torch is available this is the most effective way for removal. Using the torch burn all rubber material from inside the sleeve, once rubber is hot it will continue to burn. Once a good amount of rubber has been removed use a punch or similar device to remove the steel sleeve which sits inside the rear end housing ear. Repeat this step on both sides. **USE EXTREME CAUTION WITH FLAME, KEEP AWAY FROM GAS LINES!**
- 2. Once old bushings have been removed, clean entire area and prepare for new bushing install. Install bushings from the outside in (aka from rearward to forward), using a small piece of wood and hammer to tap the bushing into place. Bushing will only go so far before the step in the sleeve allows it to stop.
- 3. Due to the amount of vehicles this item fits and the number of rear ends available by GM your install may be slightly different and may not require all supplied hardware. There is (2) supplied thrust washers with this kit, they are designed to keep the bushing from walking under hard cornering, your vehicle may or may not use these depending on rear end or year. Some vehicles may not require a thrust washer. It is ok to run any vehicle without this washer and will cause no problems. Some 12-bolt models may require trimming of thrust washer. If installing the polyurethane thrust washer, it should be slid on the forward face of the bushing before the upper control arm is installed.
- **4.** Once bushing install is completed, apply a thick amount of grease on all sides of bushing to prevent squeaking and prolong bushing life.



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