



1970-1981 F-Body STEERING SHAFT

P/N 320-310
Installation Instructions



Thank you for choosing to use HOOKER™ exhaust components as part of your swap project. These components are part of the most comprehensively engineered collection of LS swap mounting components, headers and exhaust systems available for this application. The entire Hooker™ swap system is designed to decrease your total swap installation effort and cost while increasing the engineered quality of your vehicle. These steering shafts were designed to use as a replacement to the stock worn steering shaft.

PRE-INSTALLATION CONSIDERATIONS:

- NOTE:** The steering wheel must be held in the centered position. Not doing so, can result in clock spring damage on later year vehicles.
- NOTE:** It is highly important that these steering shafts are installed by a qualified technician. Failing to do so will result in an unsafe vehicle.
- NOTE:** If installing these with an OE steering box, you may need to trim the pin on the input shaft for U-joint clearance.

REMOVAL:

1. Set the steering wheel to the centered position. You may be able to hold it centered with the key off in the locked position.
2. Remove the upper and lower bolts for removal. You may have to pry or lightly tap the shaft off of the gear box and column. Pry off the gear box and slide out of the column.
3. At this time, clean the areas that the steering shaft attaches. Applying any type of grease or oil will help the installation of the new steering shaft.

INSTALLATION:

- NOTE:** All screws and jam nuts are installed loosely and must be torqued to 12 ft./lbs.
1. Install the upper joint onto the steering column.
 2. Using a thread locker comparable to Loctite 242®. Apply to the threads and nut on the upper joint. The long set screw will go through the factory bolt hole in the steering column. The shorter set screw will tighten down against the shaft of the steering column shaft.
 3. Torque studs and nuts to 12ft./lbs. Extra grease may be needed to install.
 4. After upper is complete, the lower can be attached to the steering gear box.
 5. Keeping the steering wheel in the centered location, slide the splined joint over the splined shaft on the steering gear box. Make sure the splines fully engage on the steering gear shaft (**Figure A**).

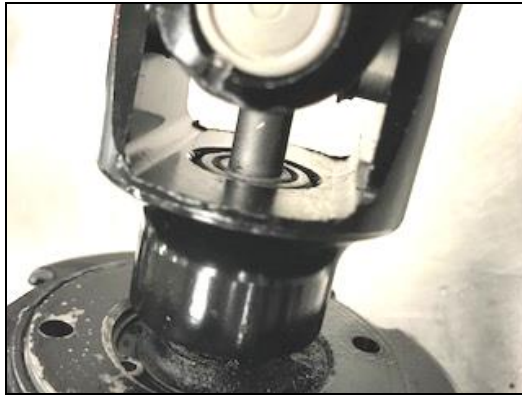


Figure A

6. A seat must be provided for the set screw. The factory flat spot will not be used in some applications. If this is the case, follow step 7. Lightly tighten the set screw to mark the location.
7. Remove the steering shaft from the gear box. Using a file, make a flat spot on the steering gear spline where the set screw made its mark (**Figure B**).
8. Once completed, install the lower steering joint and torque the set screw to 12 ft./lbs. using a thread locker as mentioned above.
9. After a short drive time, it is recommended to check the steering shafts for fitment and re-torque the fasteners.



Figure B

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