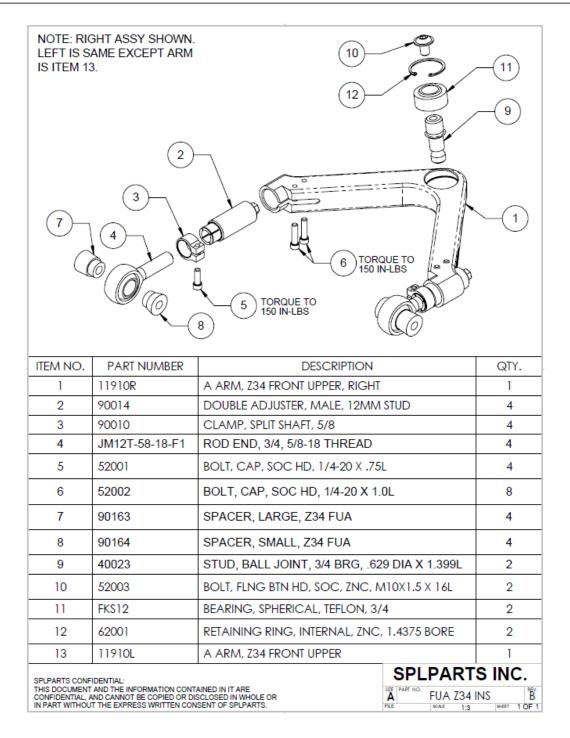


# Front Upper Control Arm Kit Installation Instructions SPL FUA Z34



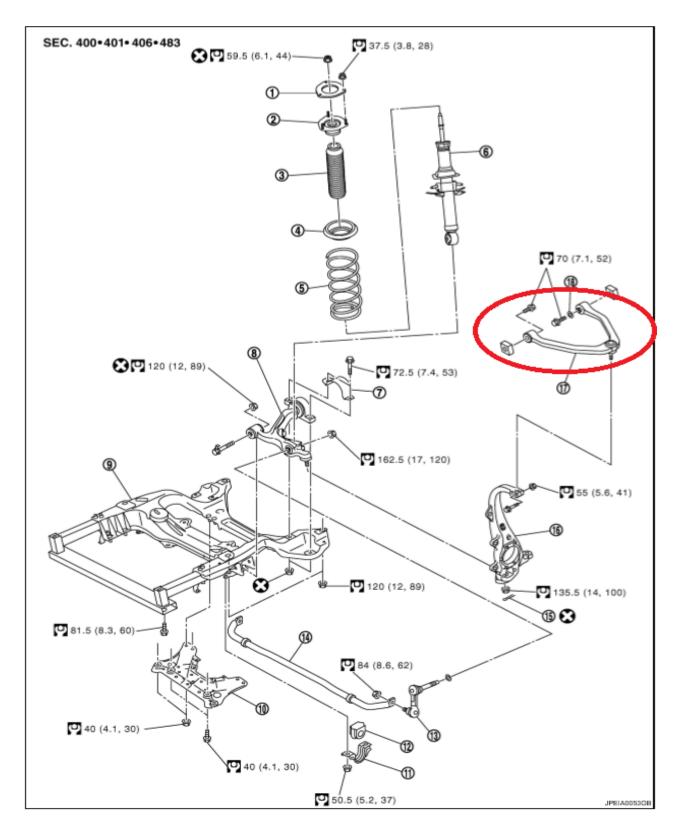
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#### Introduction

Thank you for your purchase of this SPL Parts performance suspension product. These products are intended to provide experienced chassis tuners enhanced performance and flexibility in dialing-in your suspension settings. Please read these instructions fully before attempting installation. If you have further questions contact us at: tech@splparts.com. The SPL team is here to help.

# **A** Few Words About Product Safety:

Within these Installation Instructions important safety information is generally preceded by one of three signal words indicating the relative risk of injury. The signal words mean:

**A** WARNING A hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury. You CAN be KILLED or Seriously HURT if you do not follow instructions.

**A** CAUTION A hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury. You CAN be moderately HURT and may suffer property damage if you do not follow instructions.

**NOTICE** Careful attention is required to this instruction or operation but does generally not relate to personal injury. Damage to you SPL product or other property may result if you do not follow instructions.





# **WARNING**

Installation of your SPL components and enhanced suspension performance may result in your vehicle handling differently than as factory equipped. Your choice of tire and wheel combinations, camber and toe-in settings may reduce braking performance and/or result in excessive wear or damage to SPL and OEM components during competition, track day or high-stress on road use. Contacts with other vehicles, pot holes or uneven road surfaces may result in overload stresses to fasteners, heim joints and other components initiating either immediate or accelerated failures. *To reduce risks of accident and serious injury always:* 

- Routinely inspect OEM suspension and steering components, braking system and SPL components including control arms, fasteners and heim joints for indications of overload stress, bending or physical damage (however, slight). Remove fasteners and heim joints as necessary to reveal potential damage within sleeves and joints. Best practices for competition and track includes inspection before and after each session, capturing driver input regarding any impacts, unusual vibration, or suspension feedback.
- Immediately remove and replace any OEM or SPL component or fastener with indicated or suspected damage (including bending or damaged threads).
- Do Not modify or substitute SPL components, over torque fasteners through use of impact or air tools or configure suspension settings outside of those recommended by OEM or established through owner testing of vehicle.
- Use of oversize tire/wheel combinations may increase stopping distances, modify ride height, roll centers and/or compromise performance of vehicle stability control and other systems.
- Certain states regulate on highway suspension modifications. Vehicle owner and driver responsible for compliance with all equipment laws and regulations.
- All Occupants Buckle UP, USE Supplemental Restraints, and required SCCA or other club crash protection.

**AWARNING** SPL recommends professional installation of these components by technicians having access to vehicle lift, safety glasses/personal protective gear and experience with OEM maintenance techniques, recommendations, safety messaging, torque & other specifications.

**AWARNING** Cancer and Reproductive Harm – www.P65Warnings.gov.

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# **Safety Requirements:**

- AWARNING Always wear safety glasses and any necessary protective garments. If using any fluids, chemicals, or solvents, a respirator is recommended.
- **ACAUTION** Always use properly rated jack stands or an automotive lift when working under your Vehicle.

## **Tools Required:**

- Ratchet
- Ratchet Extension
- Sockets
- Wrenches

### **Procedure:**

- 1. **ACAUTION** Raise and secure the front end of the car and remove the front wheels.
- 2. Remove the OEM front upper control arms from the subframe and knuckle of the vehicle.
- 3. Take the SPL FUA Z34 arm and hold it next to the OEM arm you just removed. Adjust the Rod End (Item 4) and Double Adjuster (Item 2) to line up with the bolt holes and ball joint so that the OEM arm and the SPL FUA Z34 arm are the same length. This will make it easier to align the vehicle after installation. Once the arms are the same length, tighten all Blue Titanium Socket Head Cap Screws (Items 5, 6) to 150 in-lbs.
- 4. Install the subframe end of the SPL arm first. The smaller spacer (Item 8) goes towards the middle of the arm, while the larger spacer (Item 7) goes on the outside. Make sure that the Rod End is in the middle of its articulation when installing it into the subframe. This will ensure that the arm has the ability to move through its suspension travel without binding, and that the rod end will not wear prematurely.
- 5. Slide the stud (Item 9) into place.

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- 6. Torque the bolts at the subframe to 52 ft-lbs and the pinch bolt to 41 ft-lbs.
- 7. Repeat the process on the other side of the vehicle.

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8. The bolt that holds down the power steering reservoir needs to be replaced with a shorter bolt or cut down if reducing caster. There may be contact issues.



9. **NOTICE** Following installation have the car professionally aligned, as replicating the original settings is nearly impossible. It may be necessary to adjust the toe in order to drive the car to an alignment shop if you either added or subtracted camber. Take these instructions with you to ensure that the parts are adjusted correctly.

## 10. Adjusting Camber:

For POSITIVE camber, lengthen both double adjusters. For NEGATIVE camber, shorten both double adjusters.

### 11. Adjusting Caster:

Lengthen or shorten one double adjuster at a time.

For more caster: shorten the double adjuster towards the rear of the vehicle, or lengthen the double adjuster towards the front of the vehicle.

For less caster: lengthen the double adjuster towards the rear of the vehicle, or shorten the double adjuster towards the front of the vehicle.



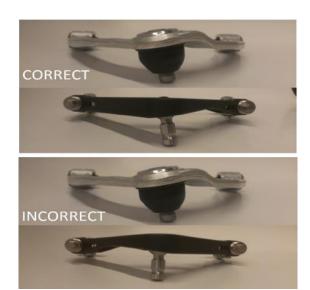




Please refer to the Double Adjuster instructions below.

When all adjustments are finished, make sure the Aluminum Clamps (Item 5) are orientated downward to allow maximum clearance to the chassis. Tighten all of the Blue Titanium Socket Head Cap Screws and torque to 150 in-lbs. Make sure the arm has proper clearance to the chassis.

- 12. AWARNING Check all torques after the first 100 and 500 miles of driving, or after your first two sessions at the track if it is a track car, to make sure that nothing has loosened up due to vibrations. Maintain a full copy of SPL Instructions and product safety messaging with your vehicle maintenance records.
- 13. The images below show the correct way to determine what arm goes on what side of the vehicle. Match up the SPL Parts arm with the OEM arm by observing the canted ball joint. This will allow proper articulation of the ball joint.



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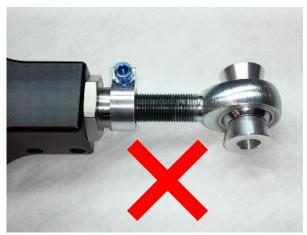


# **SPL Double Adjuster**

The hybrid adjuster is what is known as a **double adjuster**. On the outside, the thread is left-handed. On the inside, the thread is right-handed. When the suspension arm is installed, turning the hybrid adjuster will allow you to lengthen/shorten the assembly.

When lengthening/shortening, be sure to keep the arm and rod end from freely rotating when you turn the adjuster. Do not make the following mistakes (threading out **only** the adjuster or threading out **only** the rod end):





Overextended adjuster.

Overextended rod end.

The next picture shows a properly threaded adjuster. The rod end (heim joint) will thread out about 2/3 the length of the adjuster. Note the maximum adjustment limits shown.



You'll notice in the pictures that the threads of the rod end and the adjuster have some dark material on them. That is anti-seize compound we apply to all of our products so that adjustments should be easy and trouble free for quite some time.



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What is Covered? Subject to the terms, exclusions and limitations herein, SPL Parts, Inc. ("SPL") exclusively warrants to the owner of the vehicle SPL components are initially installed on, SPL will, according to terms herein, repair or replace defects in SPL materials or workmanship that upon SPL's inspection are determined to exist as of the date of sale to the initial end user/customer (hereafter "Customer").

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