

PROBLEM Solver™ BULLETIN

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Upper Ball Joint Premature Wear

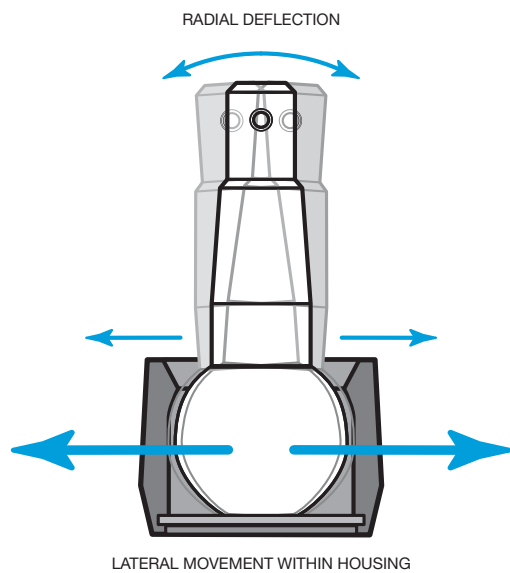
1984-2004

General Motors S-10/15 (T) Series Light Trucks And SUVs

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- Today's SUVs and light trucks are equipped with large wheel and tire assemblies that result in tall ride heights. This raises the vehicle's center of gravity, and the combination creates high lateral loads in turns. The high loads are transferred into the ball joints, causing radial deflection (sideways "play" or movement) that, in turn, creates stress and wear on bearing surfaces.



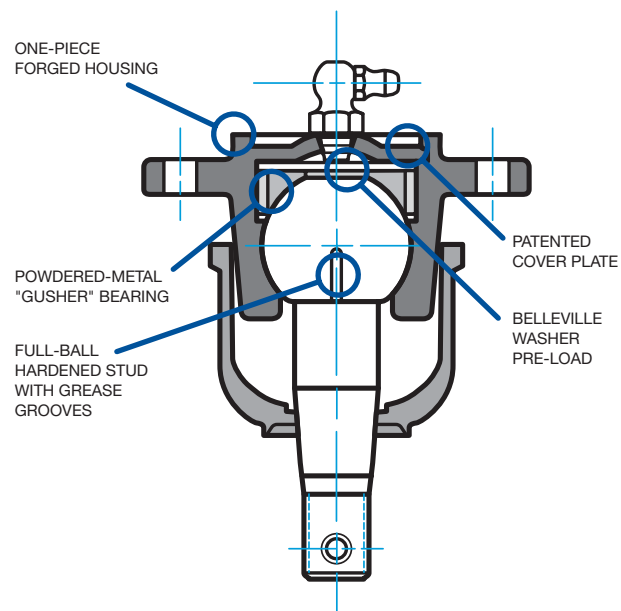
Year	Make / Model	Replacement Part No.
'84-'04	4WD (T) Chevrolet S-10 Blazer and S-10 Pickup; 4WD (T) GMC S-15 Jimmy, S15 Pickup and Sonoma	K5320
'91-'94	Oldsmobile Bravada	K5320
'96-'01	Oldsmobile Bravada	K5320

SOLUTION:

CARQUEST® K5320



- Utilizes patented CARQUEST Chassis cover plate design and NASCAR-proven split-bearing technology, which eliminates the excessive radial deflection often experienced with high lateral loads. The ball joint assembly maintains maximum ball-to-bearing contact for greater load-carrying capability.
- Belleville washer pre-load provides lower torque and stud articulation with minimal axial clearance.
- Hardened, powdered-metal bearings provide a smooth, durable wear surface that extends service life.
- A flange-style sealed boot equipped with a special grease-relief valve keeps contamination out and provides a serviceable sealed environment.



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