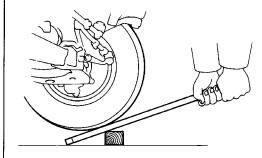
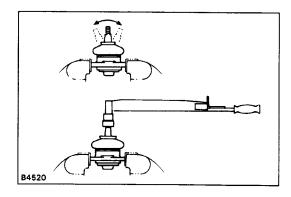
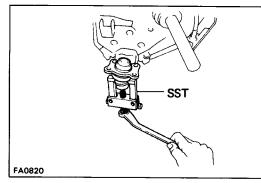


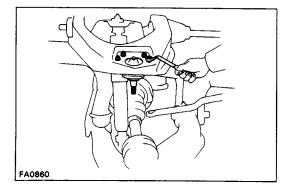
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## Ball Joint

(See page SA-111)

## **INSPECTION OF BALL JOINTS**

- 1. INSPECT LOWER BALL JOINT FOR EXCESSIVE LOOSE-NESS
- (a) Jack up the front of the vehicle and support it with stands.
- (b) Make sure the front wheels are in a straight forward position, and depress the brake pedal.
- (c) Move the lower suspension arm up and down and check that the lower ball joint has no excessive play.
  Maximum vertical play: 2.3 mm (0.091 in.)
- 2. INSPECT UPPER BALL JOINT FOR EXCESSIVE LOOSENESS

Move the vehicle up and down and check that the upper ball joint has no excessive play.

Maximum vertical play: 0 mm (0 in.)

## 3. INSPECT BALL JOINT FOR ROTATION CONDITION

- (a) Remove the ball joints.
- (b) As shown in the figure, flip the ball joint stud back and forth 5 times before installing the nut.
- (c) Using a torque gauge, turn the nut continuously one turn every 2 – 4 seconds and take the torque reading on the 5th turn.

Torque (turning):

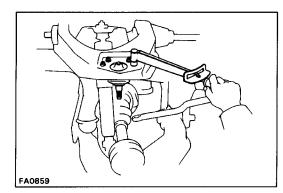
Lower ball joint

3.0 – 5.9 N–m

(30 – 60 kgf–cm, 26 – 52 in.–lbf)

## **REMOVAL OF BALL JOINTS**

- 1. REMOVE STEERING KNUCKLE (See page SA-41)
- 2. REMOVE LOWER BALL JOINT FROM LOWER SUSPENSION ARM
- (a) Remove the cotter pin and nut.
- (b) Using SST, remove the lower ball joint from the lower suspension arm. SST 09628–62011
- 3. REMOVE UPPER BALL JOINT FROM UPPER SUSPENSION ARM



INSTALLATION OF BALL JOINTS 1. INSTALL UPPER BALL JOINT TO UPPER SUSPENSION ARM

Torque: 33 N-m (340 kgf-cm, 25 ft-lbf)

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- 2. INSTALL LOWER BALL JOINT TO LOWER SUSPENSION ARM
- (a) Install the lower ball joint to the lower suspension arm.
- (b) Torque the nut and install a new cotter pin. Torque: 142 N-m (1,450 kgf-cm, 105 ft-lbf )
- 3. INSTALL STEERING KNUCKLE (See page SA-43)

