



# INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS



**COMPONENT: LOWER UNIBALL CONVERSION  
(FOR USE WITH OE TOYOTA TIE ROD ENDS)  
2004-2006 TOYOTA TUNDRA  
2004-2007 TOYOTA SEQUOIA**

**PART #: 97144**

PART #	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY
697144-L	LOWER UNIBALL ADAPTER - LEFT	1
697144-R	LOWER UNIBALL ADAPTER - RIGHT	1
*FK-WSSX16T-1	1" UNIBALL (STAINLESS) W/ PTFE LINER	2
*30604	SNAP RING / 1" UNIBALL	2
10143-C	BOLT - CUSTOM MACHINED HEAD 5/8"-18 X 3.75" 12 POINT	2
10058-C	1"- 5/8" CUSTOM HI-MISALIGNMENT SPACER	2
10004	HI-MISALIGNMENT/TAPERED LOWER SPACER: 04-06 TUNDRA	2
12104	WASHER - 5/8" SAE WASHER	2
11102	NUT - 5/8-18 C-LOCK	2
10640	BOLT - 12MM 1.25 X 35MM FLANGE HEAD GRADE 10.9	8
<b>*THESE PARTS ARE PRE-INSTALLED IN THE UNIBALL ADAPTER.</b>		

## REQUIRED TOOLS

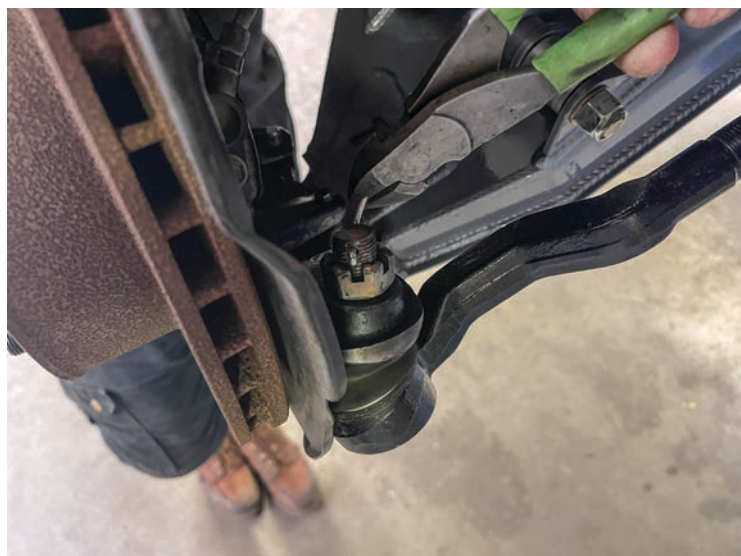
- 17mm wrench or socket
- 19mm socket
- 22mm/24mm/27mm socket for lower ball joint. Size may vary depending on the ball joint manufacturer.
- 24mm socket
- 5/8" 12-point wrench or socket
- 15/16" socket
- Hammer
- Pliers
- Red Loctite
- Anti-Sieze

## IMPORTANT

- These instructions show installation on TOTAL CHAOS lower control arms. The procedure is the exact same on stock Toyota lower control arms.
- Before starting install, make sure the vehicle is supported securely on jack stands.
- When this component was designed, we slightly changed the steering arm location to optimize the steering geometry. Because of this, you will need an alignment after installing these parts.
- On any variation of the 97144, extreme care must be taken when lowering the steering knuckle onto the uniball conversion to not damage the dust seal that is on the outer CV joint. Make sure when lowering the steering knuckle onto the uniball conversion the shock has already been installed in the lower control arm and is holding the suspension at full droop, not extending past its limit. Also note that if the seal is not perfectly round contact may occur between the 5/8" machined bolt head, and the dust seal. It may be necessary to purchase a new dust seal from Toyota (Part number 9008030028 ).

**STEP 1**

Remove the cotter pin from the ball joint and tie rod end.

**STEP 2**

Use a 19mm to loosen (do not remove) the tie rod castle nut.





**STEP 3**

Strike the tie rod end to knock it loose from the lower ball joint. Once loose, remove the castle nut and pull the tie rod end out.

**STEP 4**

Remove the 17mm head bolts holding the ball joint to the steering knuckle.

**STEP 5**

Use a tie-down strap routed under the hub to raise the steering knuckle and brake assembly up and out of the way. This will make removing the lower ball joint much easier.



### **STEP 6**

Use a 24mm to loosen (do not remove) the ball joint castle nut.



### **STEP 7**

Either by striking the lower control arm or by using a ball joint press separate the lower control arm from the factory ball joint. Once separated, remove the castle nut and take the ball joint off the lower control arm.



### **STEP 8**

The first step to installing the new parts is to put the supplied misalignment spacers into the uniball bore. Apply a dab of anti-sieze to the outside of the spacers to ensure they don't get stuck in the uniball.





## STEP 8 CONTINUED

The short misalignment spacer goes on top of the uniball.

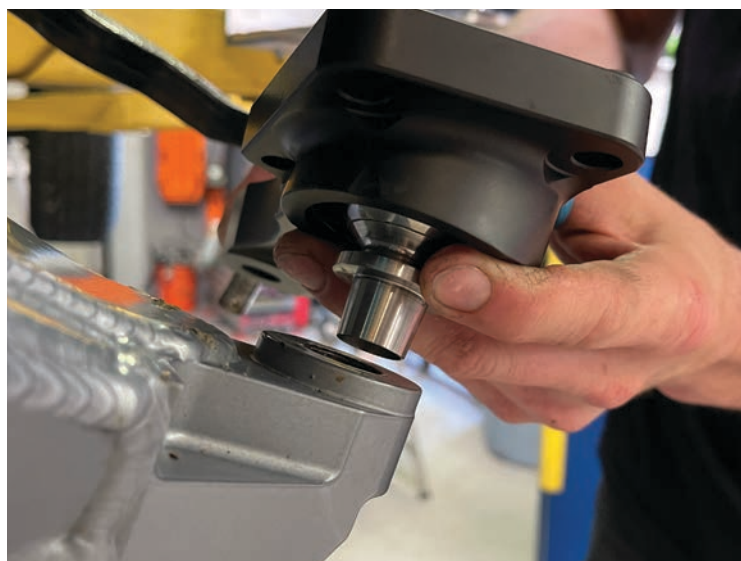


The tall misalignment spacer with a built in tapered adapter goes in the bottom of the uniball.



**STEP 9**

Set the new uniball adapter with the tapered adapter onto the lower control arm with the tapered adapter going through the lower control arm.

**STEP 10**

Use the supplied custom 12-point head 5/8" bolt through both misalignment spacers and the lower control arm.

Note: Remember to use anti-seize to aid the c-lock nut going onto the bolt.





### **STEP 11**

Slide on the supplied 5/8" SAE washer and then thread on the supplied c-lock nut.



### **STEP 12**

Torquing this nut is difficult because the 12 point head is so short. It is much easier with two people; one to hold a wrench or socket square on the head of the bolt and the other to torque the nut side to 125ft/lb.



### **STEP 13**

With the 5/8" bolt torqued and the uniball adapter in a roughly level position, slowly lower the steering knuckle down onto the adapter. Further adjustment may be necessary to get the four bolt holes to correctly line up (see next page).

Be careful not to damage the two built-in dowel pins on the uniball adapter. Make sure they line up with the corresponding holes in the steering knuckle before lowering all the way.





### **STEP 13 CONTINUED**

To adjust the position of the adapter as you lower the spindle down, use a line-up tool, ratchet extension or something similar through the tie rod hole to move the adapter into place.

Note: You'll notice that the center of the new adapter registers into the bottom of your steering knuckle. This helps take the shear load off the 12mm bolts that hold the adapter to the steering knuckle.



### **STEP 14**

Before installing the four bolts, Total Chaos recommends using red Loctite on the threads to ensure they do not come loose over time.

Thread in the supplied 12mm Grade 10.9 flange head bolts and torque to 90ft/lb.



## STEP 15

Rotate the tie rod so that the threads and castle nut are now facing downward.



**STEP 16**

Lastly hook up your factory tie rod to the new steering arm and torque the tie rod nut ball joint to factory spec (67ft/lb).

**STEP 17**

Install a new cotter pin through the tie rod castle nut.

Note: Image shows a 96140-TAC but the procedure is the exact same for the 97144.





# IMPORTANT!

- When this component was designed, we slightly changed the steering arm location to optimize the steering geometry. Because of this, you will need an alignment after installing these parts.
- Re-torque all hardware after the first 500 miles.
- The uniballs will be tight at first and require a break-in period to loosen up. This break-in period may last up to 5,000 miles so do not be alarmed if steering feels stiff or is slow to return to center. Periodically apply a dry PTFE-based lubricant such as Tri-Flow Superior Dry Lube.



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