Specialty Products FAQ

Part numbers 28840

Mercedes Rear Camber Bushings

Q1: SPC bushings are too small and drop right through the arm.

A1: We have a pretty good handle on what applications the bushings should fit so if your application is listed; it is likely that the arm has been expanded while removing the old bushings. We have found that some of the OEM bushings have a VERY soft shell, which can sometimes deform as the bushings are pressed out. In these cases, the soft shell expands, allowing the bushing to wedge inside the arm. When the expanded bushing and tool combo is pressed through, it enlarges the receiver ring in the arm, and also can damage the press tool. The arm must then be replaced, as well as the press tool. We have revised our tool to work better on the soft shell bushings to avoid this enlargement problem and will exchange old tools for the updated version at no cost. Call Customer Service at 800-525-6505 for more information to determine if your tool should be updated.

Q2: I have a control arm that is a replacement part but it is not an original equipment (OE) factory part. Will your bushings , ball joints or strut mounts fit properly?

A2: The short answer is, most likely. Although not common there can be some problems.

Specialty Products Company designs its parts to work with the components that originally came with the vehicle. In some circumstances suspension components may have been replaced with non-OE components. This may cause a problem. Although these parts will work fine in the original configuration, the sub-components of these parts may not be exactly the same size as the original. This can lead to a problem when installing Specialty Products parts such as offset bushings or ball joints.

For example, most problems will occur when a particular arm is sold by the manufacturer as an assembly and the bushings are not replaceable. Then this part was replaced for some reason or another with an aftermarket replacement part. Now there is an alignment problem and the technician goes to install a replacement offset bushing and it does not fit properly. In this instance it will be necessary to purchase an OE arm and then install the alignment part.

Q3: How do I know if I have an OE part or an aftermarket part?

A3: Unfortunately many times it is difficult to tell, there may be a part number stamped or cast into the part to help identify it. This may take quite a bit of

research. A technician familiar with aftermarket parts may be able to tell by looking.