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Service Tips and Best Practices

Front Lower Ball Joint Identification – 2001-1999 Saab 9-5

Brand	Supreme	Product	Ball Joint	Date	June 2021
Part Number(s)	MS10549				

Due to design and production change from the OEM and depending on any pre-existing component replacement date, front lower ball joints for the below application(s) may feature either a M8 or M10 sized mounting flange to the control arm. Refer to Saab TSB # 731-2472 for complete details.

Application

2001-1999 Saab 9-5

If replacing the front lower ball joint, ensure to read the below for a successful repair outcome:

- If the vehicle was produced between 2001-1999 and still features the **original control arm body** (M8 diameter mounting hole), use Mevotech Supreme ball joint with the part number: MS10549 (M8 mounting flange)
- If the vehicle was produced between 2001-1999 and features the **revised control arm body** (M10 diameter mounting hole), use Mevotech Supreme ball joint with the part number: MS10509 (M10 mounting flange)

If unsure which control arm body is equipped on vehicle, remove control arm and verify ball joint mounting hole diameters on control arm body side. **See Figure 1 for difference**.



Figure 1. Mevotech Supreme MS10549 with M8 mounting flange (left) and Mevotech Supreme MS10509 with M10 mounting flange (right)

Always ensure to refer to the factory service manual for correct diagnostic procedures, component removal and installation methods and fastening torque values where applicable.

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