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Service Tips and Best Practices

Front Lower Ball Joint Replacement and 1994-1996 (BR) Dodge RAM 2WD Pickups

Brand	Supreme/Original Grade	Product	Ball Joint/ Control Arm	Date	April 2021
Part Number(s)	MK7201/MK7205T/CMS20376/CMS20377/CMS20378/CMS20379/ GK7201/GK7205T/GS20376/GS20377/GS20378/GS20379				

When replacing the front lower ball joint on 1994-1996 (BR) Dodge RAM 2WD pickups which still feature the factory original lower stamped steel control arm, it is critical to verify if the ball joint is retained to the control arm via tack weld.

If tack welding is present, the entire control arm assembly must be replaced. Do not press out the old ball joint and attempt to secure the replacement ball joint by welding. This method may not provide sufficient and adequate ball joint retention, leading to premature part failure. Refer to Dodge TSB# 02-03-96.

Always ensure to refer to the factory service manual for correct removal and installation procedures, torque values and sequences.

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