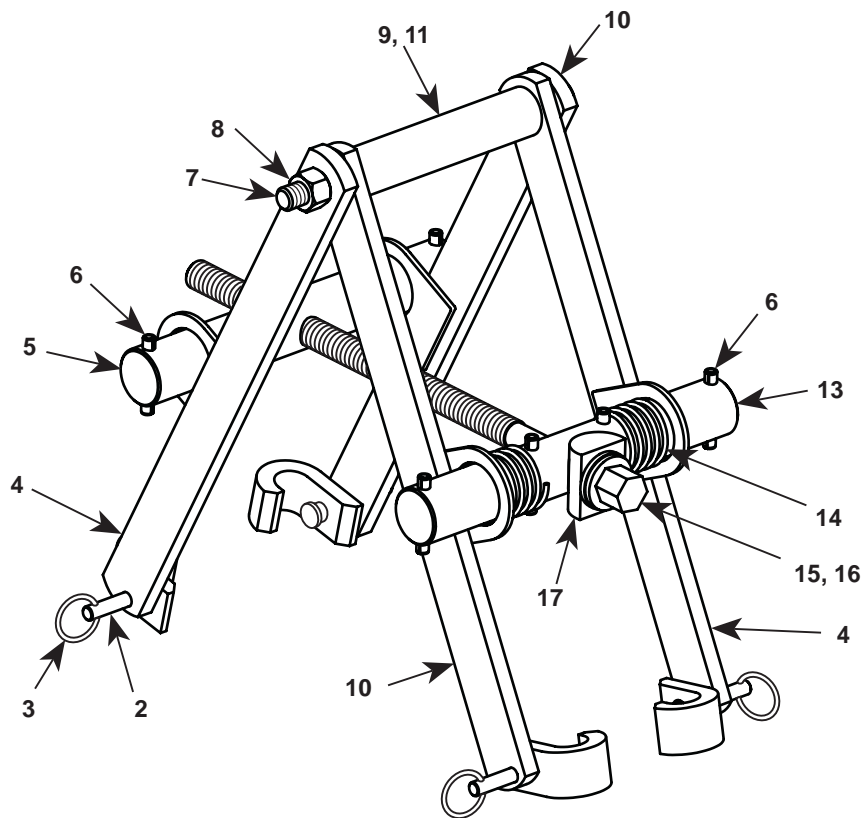


Parts List &
Operating Instructions
for:

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Clamshell Strut Tool

(for use on MacPherson Struts only)



CAUTION: Do not use this tool without the thrust bearing washer and pivot adapter (Items 16 and 17) in place, because the forcing screw (Item 15) could cause excessive wear of the trunnion (Item 13) and shorten the life of the tool.

Parts List & Operating Instructions

| Item No. | Part No. | No. Req'd | Description |
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| 2 | 217183 | 4 | Clevis Pin (1-3/4 in. Lg.) |
| 3 | 213876 | 4 | Split Ring |
| 4 | 516238 | 2 | Short Hook Frame |
| 5 | 310334 | 1 | Threaded Trunnion |
| 6 | 11955 | 6 | Slotted Spring Pin (1/4 x 1-3/4 in. Lg.) |
| 7 | 217610 | 1 | Hex Hd. Screw (1/2-13 x 7-1/2 in. Lg.) |
| 8 | 15013 | 1 | Locknut (1/2-13) |
| 9 | 217180 | 1 | Round Spacer |
| 10 | 516237 | 2 | Long Hook Frame |
| 11 | 217182 | 1 | Compression Spring |

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| 13 | 513310 | 1 | Plain Trunnion |
| 14 | 217181 | 2 | Compression Spring |
| 15 | 310336 | 1 | Forcing Screw |
| 16 | 215842 | 1 | Thrust Bearing Washer |
| 17 | 513311 | 1 | Pivot Adapter |

PARTS INCLUDED BUT NOT SHOWN


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| 515840 | 1 | Logo Decal |
| 217186 | 1 | Warning Decal |

Refer to any operating instructions included with the product for detailed information about operation, testing, disassembly, reassembly, and preventive maintenance.

Items found in this parts list have been carefully tested and selected by OTC. **Therefore: Use only OTC replacement parts!**

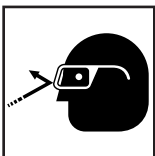
Additional questions can be directed to the OTC Technical Services Department.

Safety Precautions

 **WARNING:** Failure to heed the following warnings can result in personal injury and / or equipment damage. These warnings cannot cover every situation, so have safety foremost in your mind when setting up a job.



- Read, understand, and follow the operating instructions before using this device, and the ANSI B30.1. If the operator cannot read these instructions, operating instructions and safety precautions must be read and discussed in the operator's native language.



- Wear eye protection that meets the requirements of ANSI Z87.1 and OSHA.
- Use this tool on MacPherson struts only.
- Check the condition of the strut tool before each use; do not use the strut tool if it is in poor condition.



- Spring compression creates a potentially dangerous situation because of the energy trapped between the spring mounts. Before compressing a spring, the hooks must be fully engaged and the retaining pins must be pushed in.
- When compressing a spring, position the hooks around a minimum of four spring coils. Any less than four coils causes the remaining coils to grow, creating pressure on the top mount. Removing the top mount becomes a hazardous procedure.
- Compress the spring only until it is loose in its spring mounts. **DO NOT EXCEED 30 FT-LBS OF TORQUE ON THE ACTUATING SCREW.** Compressing the spring too far will cause premature tool failure that can result in severe personal injury.
- Do not remove the piston rod nut until the spring is compressed enough to be loose in the mount.
- Do NOT drop the tool while it is holding a spring.

Operating Instructions

Removal

CAUTION: To prevent equipment damage, keep the actuating screw well lubricated.

1. Refer to the vehicle service manual, and follow the manufacturer's recommended procedure to remove the MacPherson strut assembly from the vehicle.
2. Clamp the strut assembly in a vise.
3. Mark the spring in relation to the lower platform and top mount. This notes the correct position for installation.
4. Place two hooks around a coil as close to the top of the spring as possible. **Note: The 3/4 in. hex on the forcing screw should be up.** Place the other two hooks as close to the bottom of the spring as possible. Push in the four retaining pins. See Figure 1.
5. Using an impact wrench, or ratchet, with a 3/4 in. socket on the actuating screw, compress the spring only until it is loose in the spring mount.

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6. Remove the piston rod nut. Carefully store the tool and spring assembly in a place where it cannot roll off a bench or be dropped.
7. Remove the old strut. Compare the old strut with the new one to be sure you are installing the correct strut. Dispose of the old strut.

Spring Replacement

1. Place the tool and spring assembly on a workbench. Using a ratchet or impact wrench, SLOWLY and carefully decompress the spring.
2. Remove the old spring from the strut tool. Install the new spring in the tool so that a maximum number of coils can be grabbed by the tool without interfering with the spring tip placement in the mounting plates.
3. Compress the spring, and follow the instructions for *Installation*.

Installation

1. Position the compressed spring assembly back in place. Align the lower spring tip in its receptacle in the lower platform.
2. Replace the top mount.
3. Attach the piston rod nut, and torque it to the specifications listed in the vehicle service manual.
4. Check the alignment of both spring coil tips to the mounting platforms. Decompress the spring.
5. Refer to the vehicle service manual, and follow the manufacturer's recommended procedure to reinstall the MacPherson strut assembly.

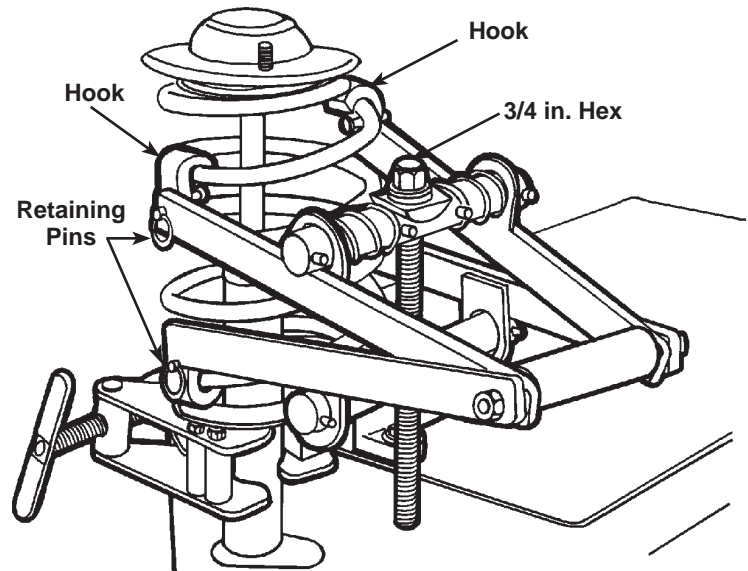


Figure 1