



INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

QA1 P/N 52871 & 52878 [Rear Sway Bar](#)

1964-1972 GM A-Body, 1978-1988 GM A/G-Body

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TOOLS AND SUPPLIES REQUIRED

- Floor jack and jack stands
- Wrenches
- Blue Loctite™
- Ratchet and Sockets

Installation Instructions

1. Raise and support the vehicle with jack stands on a stable surface. *Note: Never rely on a jack alone to support a vehicle.*
2. Examine how the OEM sway bar is installed. **(Figure 1)** The arrangement and orientation of the hardware can be critical for proper clearance and operation. The location and support of the parking brake cable should also be noted.
3. Unbolt and remove the OEM sway bar taking caution to keep any and all spacers. **CAUTION: Sway bars are heavy steel parts that can cause injury if unsupported during removal or installation.**



Note: Vehicles not originally equipped with a rear sway bar will require boxed trailing arms such as QA1 #5204 or #5205 for best performance. OEM boxed arms for '64-'72 A-bodies can be used on those model years (Figure 2). 1978-'88 A/- bodies used spacers in the rear trailing arms (See arrow in Figure 3) which will be required to complete the installation of the QA1 rear sway bar in those vehicles using OEM trailing arms.



Figure 2. '64-'72 A-Body



Figure 3. '78-'88 A/G-Body

4. Use a small pry bar to spread the sway bar mounting blocks; install the mounting blocks onto the QA1 sway bar (two per side). See **Figure 3**.
5. Use the supplied hardware to install in the following order:
 - a. Place one thick washer onto bolt, and then slide the bolt through trailing arm (and OEM spacer if applicable) towards the center of the car. (**Figure 4**)
 - b. Install the QA1 sway bar with mounting blocks onto the bolts, followed by the thick washers, then the locking nuts.
 - c. Thread locking compound is recommended for final installation, but do not fully tighten the nuts at this time.
6. Adjust the sway bar so that it contacts both trailing arms evenly and squarely in the vehicle. The best way to ensure that the sway bar is mounted securely is by measuring from the first bend in the sway bar to the rear surface of the mounting block, verifying that the measurements are the same for both sides. Torque the mounting hardware to 50 lb. ft. at this time.
7. Check for any contact with brake lines, electrical wiring, fuel lines or cables. Adjust the sway bar as needed.



Figure 2

Note: It is best to use sway bars that have been designed to work together. Never drive a vehicle with only a rear sway bar installed, as this can cause a dangerous over steer condition.



Figure 3

To further upgrade your suspension, use other QA1 suspension products such as coil-overs, shocks, struts, springs, K-members, torque arms, panhard rods, sub-frame connectors, strut tower braces, rod ends, sway bars, tubular control arms, spherical bearings, carbon fiber driveshafts and more.