

Steering Column Services

GM (Saginaw) Lower Bearing Installation Instructions

These instructions take you step-by-step through the process of installing the 4 piece lower bearing in most GM steering columns.

The 4 pieces include:

1. The Bearing
2. Bearing Housing (Plastic)
3. Housing Retainer
4. Snap Ring



1) Insert the bearing into the bearing housing using either pressure from the palm of your hand or a gentle tap hammer. The smaller edge of the bearing will snap into place into the larger opening of the housing.

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2) Slide the bearing and housing assembly into the column aligning the large cutout and the two smaller cutouts. Make sure the shift tube seats in the plastic housing and the edge of the bearing is facing outward (as illustrated)



3) Centering the bearing (it floats slightly) carefully tap the retaining ring over the tube aligning the slots and opening with the housing slots and openings.

4) Install the snap ring into the three grooves. Make sure the snap ring seats in all three openings. You may need to tap it into position.



Grease the inside of the bearing for the shaft to slide more easily during assembly.

This completes your installation.