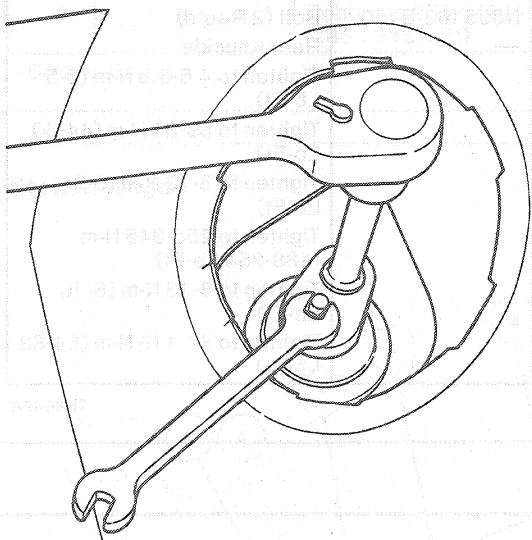


REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION (Continued)

5. Remove and discard top shock absorber retaining nut using a crow foot wrench and ratchet while holding the shock absorber shaft with an open-end wrench.



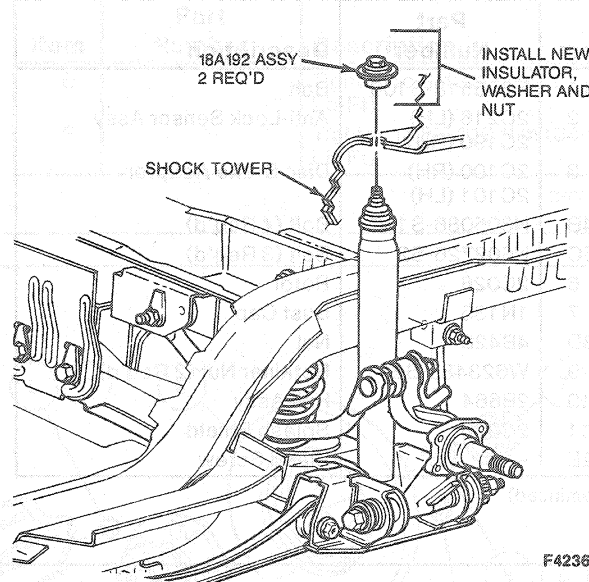
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6. Remove washer and rubber insulator from shock.
NOTE: The shock absorbers are gas-filled. It will require an effort to collapse the shock in order to remove the shock absorber from the lower arm.
 7. Remove shock absorber from vehicle.

Installation

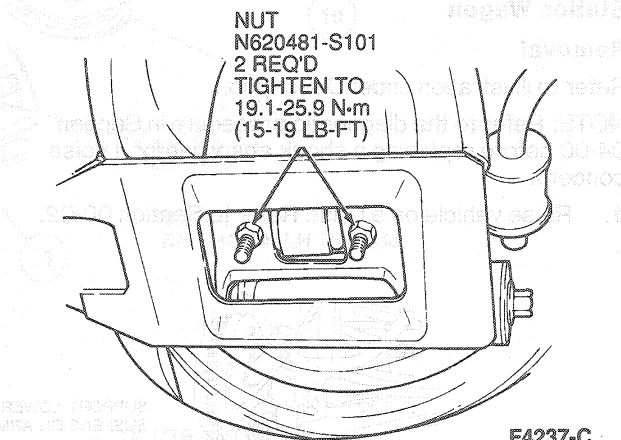
1. Install a new washer and insulator assembly on upper shock absorber rod.
2. Position upper part of shock absorber into shock tower opening in the body and push slowly on lower part of shock absorber until mounting studs are lined up with mounting holes in the lower suspension arm.
3. Install new lower retaining nuts. Do not tighten at this time.
4. Install a new insulator, washer and nut assembly on top of shock absorber. Tighten nut to 25.5-34.5 N·m (19-25 lb-ft).
5. Install rear compartment access panel.

DESCRIPTION AND OPERATION (Continued)



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6. Tighten two lower retaining nuts to 19.1-25.9 N·m (15-19 lb-ft).



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7. Install wheel and tire assembly.
8. Remove floor jack and lower vehicle.

Shock Absorber Strut, Upper Mount and Spring Sedan

Tools Required:

- Rotunda Spring Compressor 086-00029

WARNING: DO NOT ATTEMPT TO REMOVE THE SPRING FROM THE STRUT WITHOUT FIRST COMPRESSING THE SPRING WITH A TOOL DESIGNED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

NOTE: Refer to the diagnostic procedure in Section 04-00 before replacing a shock absorber for a noise concern.