

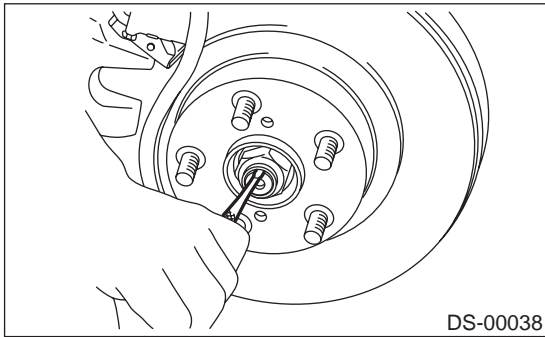
## FRONT AXLE

## DRIVE SHAFT SYSTEM

## 3. Front Axle

## A: REMOVAL

- 1) Disconnect ground cable from battery.
- 2) Jack-up vehicle, support it with safety stands, and remove front wheels.
- 3) Unlock axle nut.

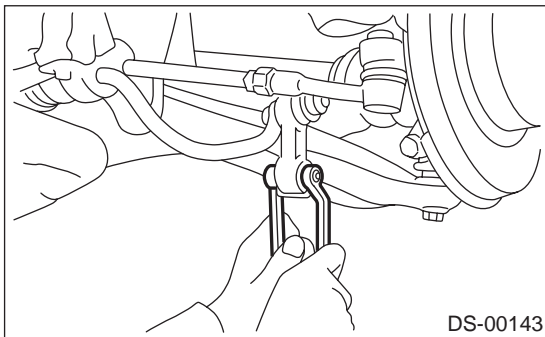


- 4) Remove axle nut using a socket wrench.

**CAUTION:**

Be sure to loose and retighten axle nut after removing wheel from vehicle. Failure to follow this rule may damage wheel bearings.

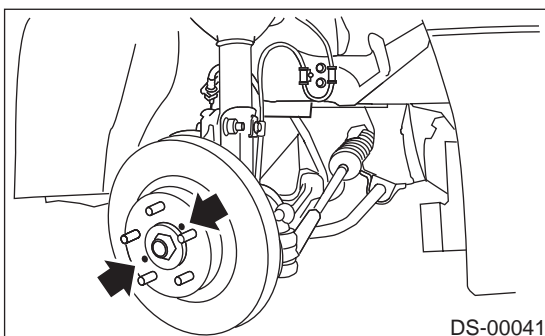
- 5) Remove stabilizer link.



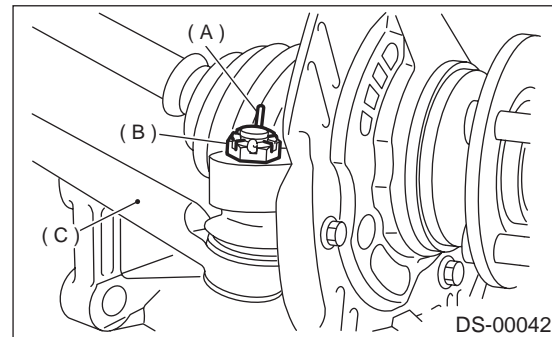
- 6) Remove disc brake caliper from housing, and suspend it from strut using a wire.

- 7) Remove disc rotor from hub.

If disc rotor seizes up within hub, drive disc rotor out by installing an 8-mm bolt in screw hole on the rotor.

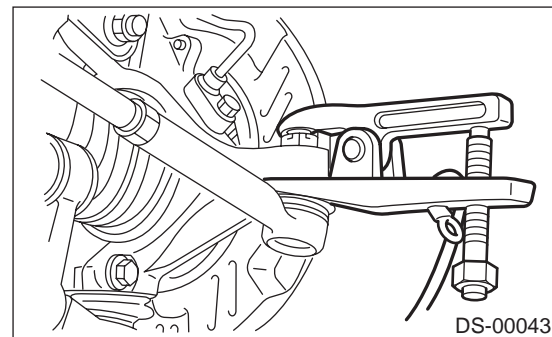


- 8) Remove cotter pin and castle nut which secure tie-rod end to housing knuckle arm.

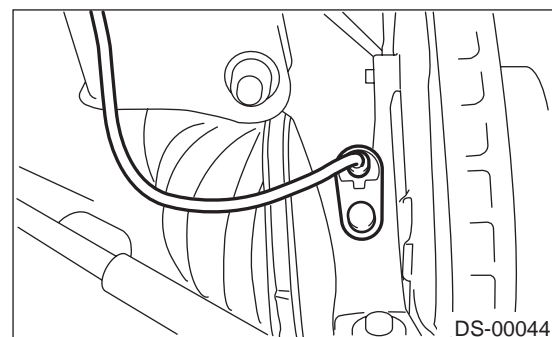


- (A) Cotter pin  
(B) Castle nut  
(C) Tie-rod

- 9) Using a puller, remove tie-rod ball joint from knuckle arm.



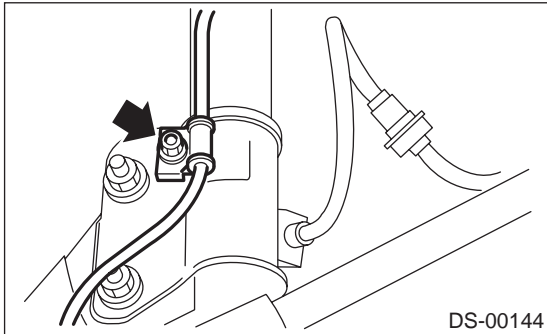
- 10) Remove ABS sensor assembly and harness in advance.



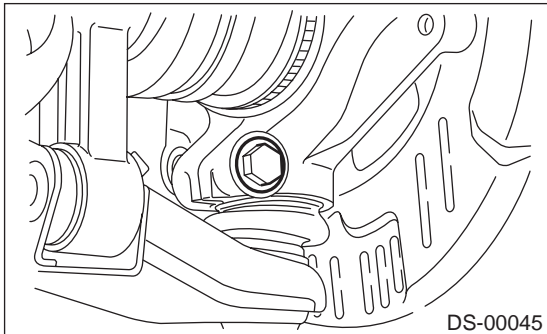
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11) Remove bolt which secures sensor harness to strut.



12) Remove transverse link ball joint from housing.



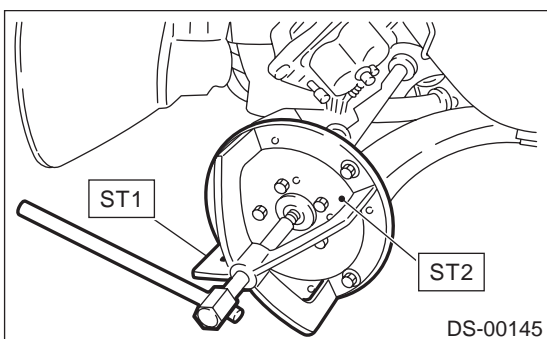
13) Remove SFJ from transmission spindle.

14) Remove front drive shaft assembly from hub. If it is hard to remove, use STs.

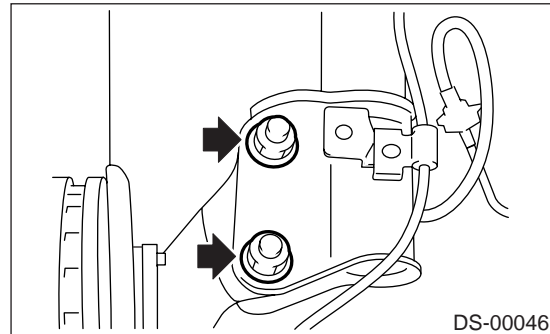
ST1 926470000 AXLE SHAFT PULLER  
ST2 927140000 PLATE

#### CAUTION:

- Be careful not to damage oil seal lip and tone wheel when removing front drive shaft.
- When replacing front drive shaft, also replace inner oil seal.



15) After scribing an alignment mark on camber adjusting bolt head, remove bolts which connect housing and strut, and disconnect housing from strut.



### B: INSTALLATION

1) While aligning alignment mark on camber adjusting bolt head, connect housing and strut.

#### CAUTION:

Use a new self-locking nut.

#### Tightening torque:

**177 N·m (18.0 kgf-m, 130 ft-lb)**

2) Install front drive shaft. <Ref. to DS-28, INSTALLATION, Front Drive Shaft.>

3) Install transverse link ball joint to housing.

#### Tightening torque:

**49 N·m (5.0 kgf-m, 36 ft-lb)**

4) Install ABS sensor harness on strut.

5) Install ABS sensor on housing.

#### Tightening torque:

**32 N·m (3.3 kgf-m, 23.9 ft-lb)**

6) Install disc rotor on hub.

7) Install disc brake caliper on housing.

#### Tightening torque:

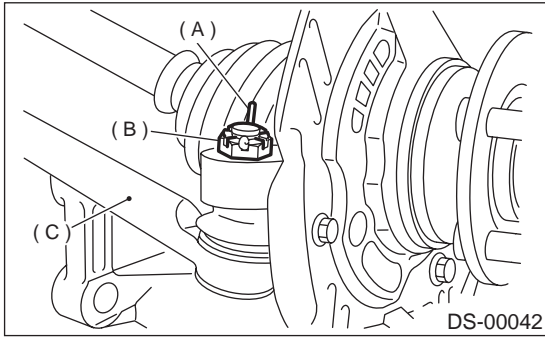
**78 N·m (8 kgf-m, 57.9 ft-lb)**

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- 8) Connect stabilizer link.  
9) Connect tie-rod end ball joint and knuckle arm with a castle nut, and insert cotter pin into tie-rod end.

**Tightening torque:**  
**27.0 N·m (2.75 kgf·m, 19.9 ft·lb)**



- (A) Cotter pin  
(B) Castle nut  
(C) Tie-rod

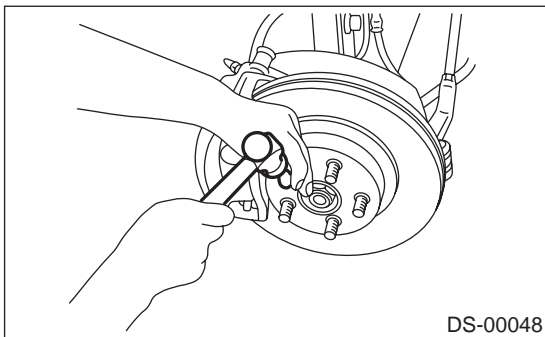
- 10) While depressing brake pedal, tighten axle nut and lock it securely.

**Tightening torque:**  
**216 N·m (22 kgf·m, 159 ft·lb)**

**CAUTION:**

- Use a new axle nut (3.0 L model: Olive color, 2.5 L model: Gold color).
- Always tighten axle nut before installing wheel on vehicle. If wheel is installed and comes in contact with ground when axle nut is loose, wheel bearings may be damaged.
- Be sure to tighten axle nut to specified torque. Do not overtighten it as this may damage wheel bearing.

- 11) After tightening axle nut, lock it securely.

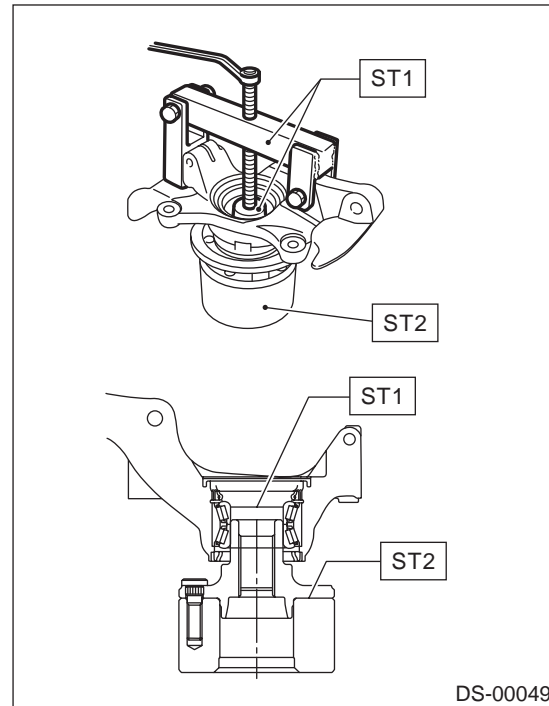


- 12) Install wheel and tighten wheel nuts to specified torque.

**Tightening torque:**  
**88 N·m (9 kgf·m, 65 ft·lb)**

**C: DISASSEMBLY**

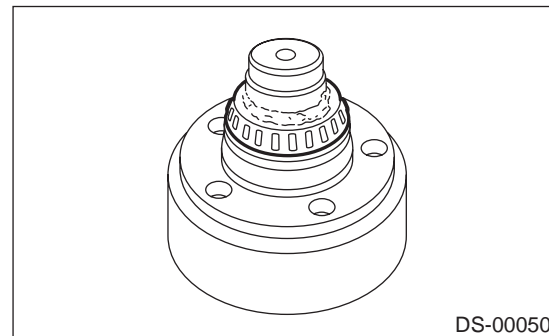
- 1) Using ST1, support housing and hub securely.  
2) Attach ST2 to housing and drive hub out.  
ST1 927060000 HUB REMOVER  
ST2 927080000 HUB STAND



If inner bearing race remains in the hub, remove it with a suitable tool (commercially available).

**CAUTION:**

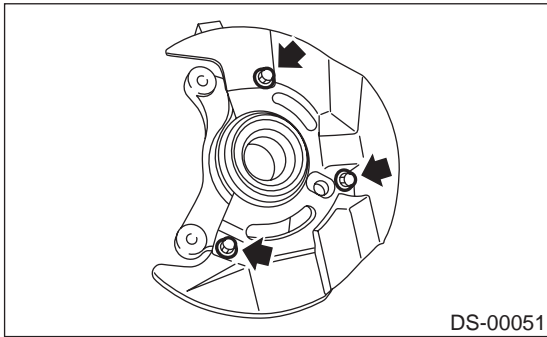
- Be careful not to scratch polished area of hub.
- Be sure to install inner race on the side of outer race from which it was removed.



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3) Remove disc cover from housing.

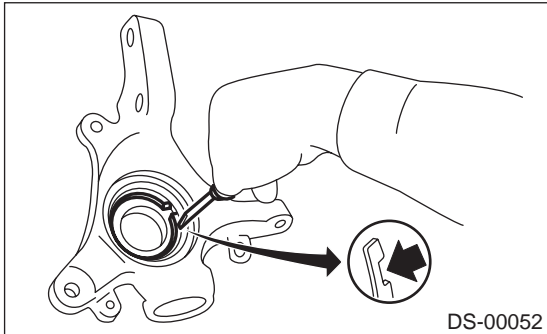


4) Using a standard screwdriver, remove outer and inner oil seals.

**CAUTION:**

**Do not use old oil seals.**

5) Using flat-bladed screwdriver, remove snap ring.



6) Using ST1, support housing securely.

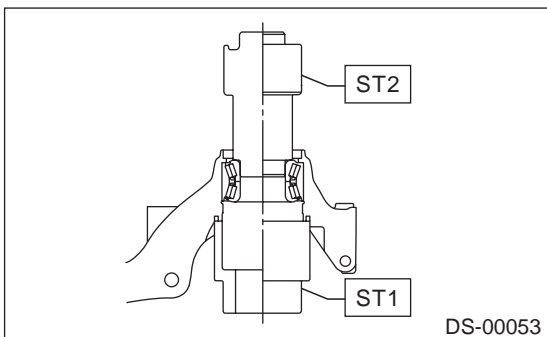
7) Using ST2, press inner race to drive out outer bearing.

ST1 927400000 HOUSING STAND

ST2 927100000 BEARING REMOVER

**CAUTION:**

- Do not remove outer race unless it is faulty.
- Discard outer race after removal.
- Do not replace inner or outer race separately; always replace as a unit.

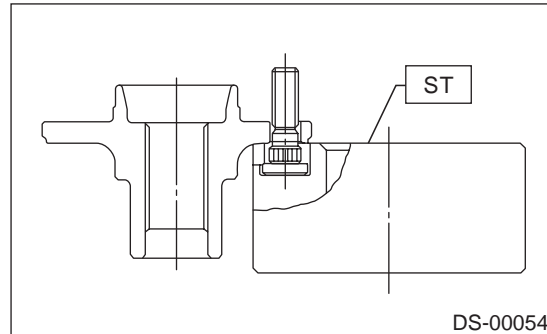


8) Using ST and a hydraulic press, drive hub bolts out.

ST 927080000 HUB STAND

**CAUTION:**

**Be careful not to hammer hub bolts. This may deform hub.**

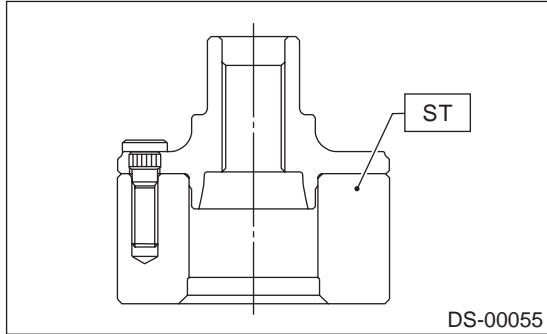


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#### D: ASSEMBLY

- 1) Attach hub to ST securely.  
 ST 927080000 HUB STAND



- 2) Using a hydraulic press, press new hub bolts into place.

**CAUTION:**  
 Be sure to press hub bolts until their seating surfaces contact the hub.

**NOTE:**

Use 12 mm (0.47 in) dia. holes in HUB STAND to prevent bolts from tilting.

- 3) Clean dust or foreign particles from inside the housing.

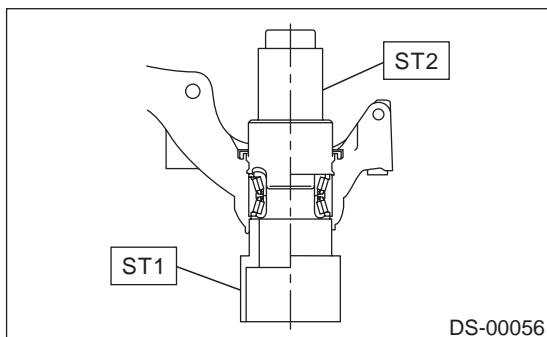
- 4) Using ST1 and ST2, press a new bearing into place.

- ST1 927400000 HOUSING STAND  
 ST2 927100000 BEARING REMOVER

**CAUTION:**

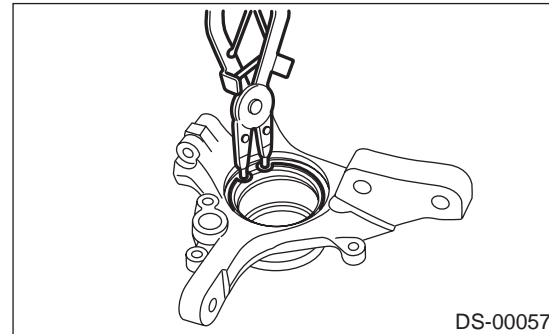
- Always press outer race when installing bearing.
- Be careful not to remove plastic lock from inner race when installing bearing.
- Charge bearing with new grease when outer race is not removed.

**Specified grease:**  
**SHELL 6459N**



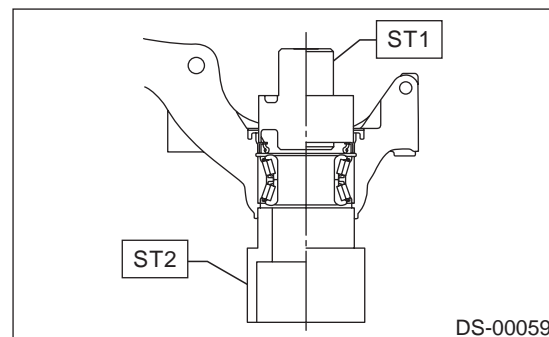
- 5) Using pliers, install snap ring in its groove.

**CAUTION:**  
 Make sure to install it firmly to groove.



- 6) Using ST1 and ST2, press inner oil seal until it contacts circlip.

- ST1 927410000 OIL SEAL INSTALLER  
 ST2 927400000 HOUSING STAND

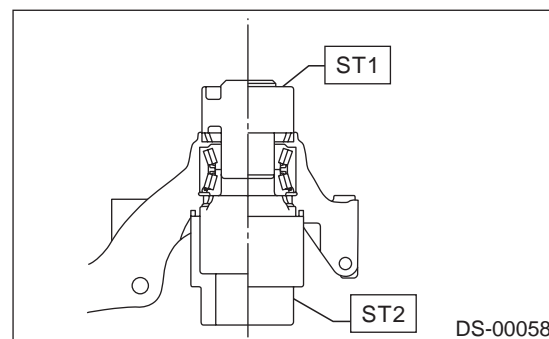


- 7) Invert ST and housing.

- ST 927400000 HOUSING STAND

- 8) Using ST1 and ST2, press outer oil seal until it contacts the bottom of housing.

- ST1 927410000 OIL SEAL INSTALLER  
 ST2 927400000 HOUSING STAND



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9) Apply sufficient grease to oil seal lip.

**Specified grease**  
**SHELL 6459N**

**CAUTION:**

- If specified grease is not available, remove bearing grease and apply Auto Rex A instead.
- Do not mix different types of grease.

10) Install disc cover to housing the three bolts.

**Tightening torque:**  
**18 N·m (1.8 kgf·m, 13.0 ft·lb)**

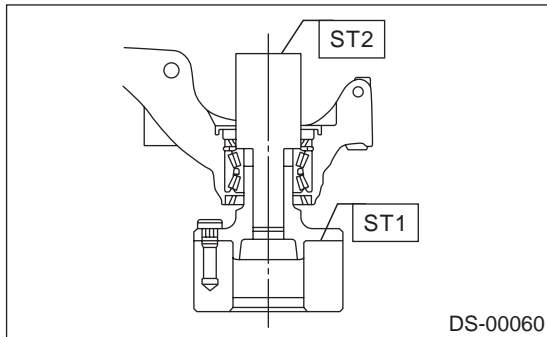
11) Attach hub to ST1 securely.

12) Clean dust or foreign particles from the polished surface of hub.

13) Using ST2, press bearing into hub by driving inner race.

ST1 927080000 HUB STAND

ST2 927120000 HUB INSTALLER

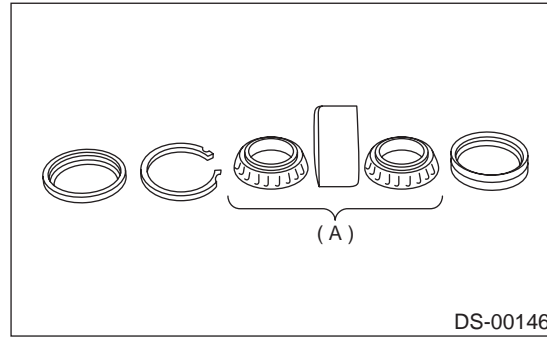


### E: INSPECTION

Check the removed parts for wear and damage. If defective, replace with new ones.

**CAUTION:**

- If bearing is faulty, replace it as the bearing set.
- Be sure to replace oil seal at every overhaul.



(A) Replace as a set.