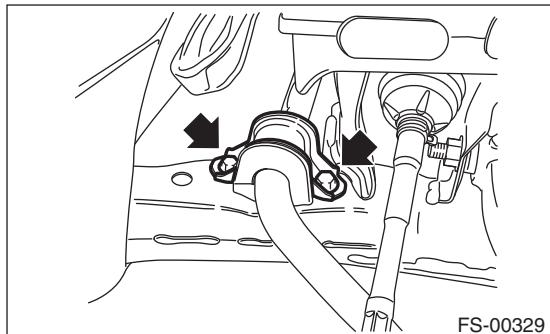


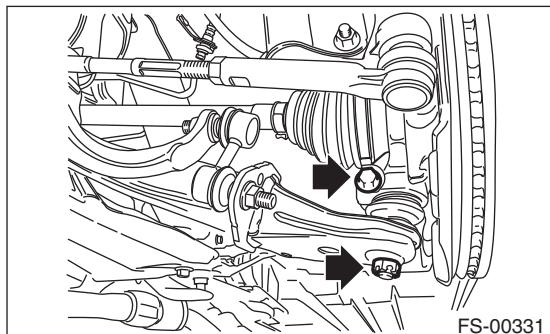
5. Front Ball Joint

A: REMOVAL

- 1) Lift up the vehicle, and remove the front wheels.
- 2) Remove the both sides of stabilizer bracket.



- 3) Pull out the cotter pin from ball stud, remove the castle nut, and extract the ball stud from front arm.
- 4) Remove the bolt installing ball joint to housing.



- 5) Extract the ball joint from housing.

B: INSTALLATION

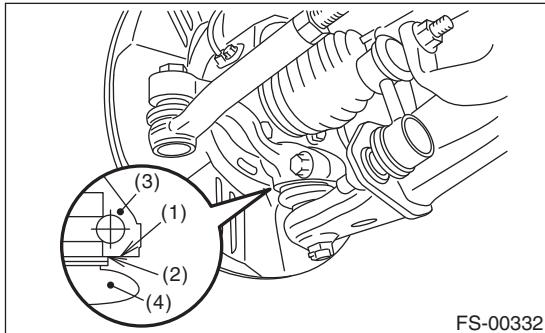
- 1) Install the ball joint into housing.

Tightening torque:

50 N·m (5.1 kgf·m, 36.9 ft-lb)

CAUTION:

- Do not apply grease to the tapered portion of ball stud.
- Before tightening, make sure the lower side of housing and stepped section of ball joint are in contact.



- (1) Housing bottom
- (2) Raised section of ball joint
- (3) Housing
- (4) Ball joint

- 2) Install the ball joint into front arm.

Tightening torque:

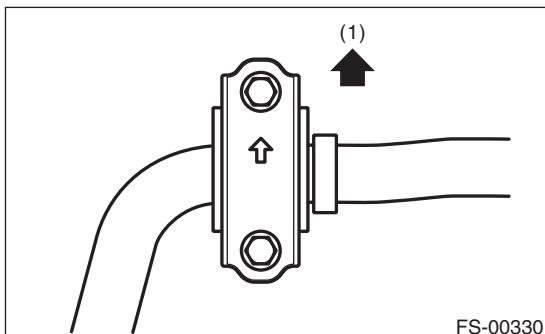
39 N·m (4.0 kgf·m, 28.8 ft-lb)

- 3) Retighten the castle nut further up to 60° until the hole in the ball stud is aligned with a slot in castle nut. Then, insert a new cotter pin and bend it around the castle nut.

- 4) Install the stabilizer bracket.

NOTE:

The stabilizer bracket has a set orientation. Install it with the arrow mark facing the upper side of the vehicle.



- (1) Front side of vehicle

Tightening torque:

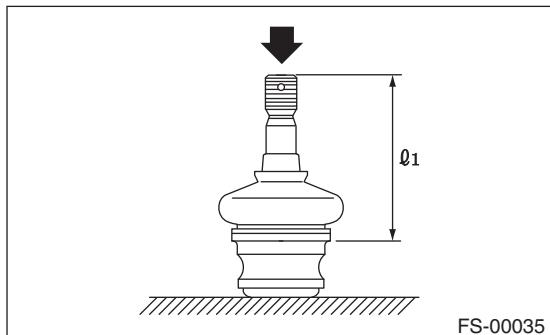
25 N·m (2.5 kgf·m, 18.4 ft-lb)

- 5) Install the front wheels.

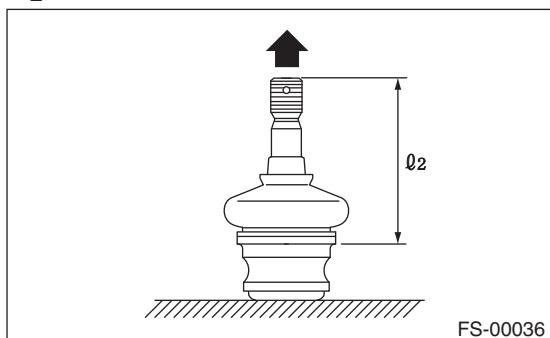
C: INSPECTION

1) Measure the play of the ball joint using the following procedures. Replace with a new part if the play exceeds specification.

(1) With 686 N (70 kgf, 154 lbf) loaded in direction shown in the figure, measure the length l_1 .



(2) With 686 N (70 kgf, 154 lbf) loaded in direction shown in the figure, measure the length l_2 .



(3) Determine free play using the following formula.

$$S = l_2 - l_1$$

(4) Replace with a new part if the play exceeds specification.

Front ball joint

Specification for replacement S:

Less than 0.3 mm (0.012 in)

- 2) If the play is within specification, visually check the dust cover.
- 3) If the dust cover is damaged, replace with a new ball joint.