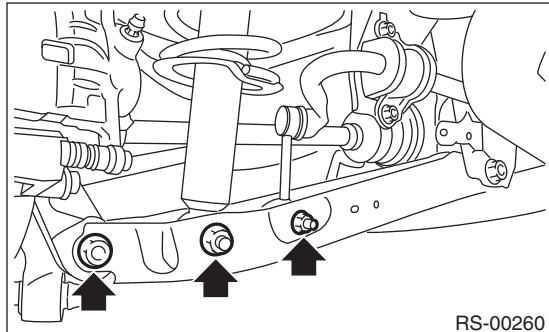


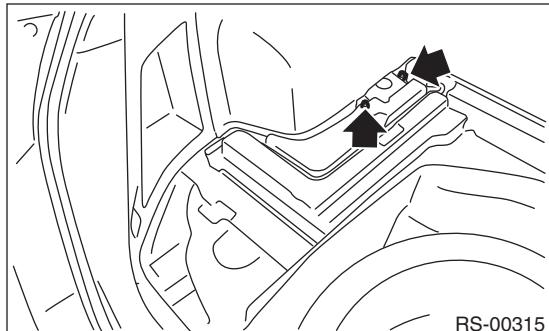
6. Rear Shock Absorber

A: REMOVAL

- 1) Remove the trunk side trim (sedan model) or luggage side mat (OUTBACK model).
- 2) Lift up the vehicle, and then remove the rear wheels.
- 3) Remove the nut, and disconnect the rear stabilizer link.
- 4) Remove the bolts at the bottom of the shock absorber.
- 5) Disconnect the rear lateral link.



- 6) Remove the nuts of the shock absorber mount.



- 7) Remove the shock absorber.

B: INSTALLATION

CAUTION:

- Be sure to use a new self-locking nut.
- Always tighten the bushing in the state where the vehicle is at curb weight and the wheels are in full contact with the ground.

- 1) Install in the reverse order of removal.

Tightening torque:

Refer to "COMPONENT" of "General Description" for the tightening torque. *<Ref. to RS-3, COMPONENT, General Description. >*

- 2) Check the wheel alignment and adjust if necessary.

C: DISASSEMBLY

Refer to "Front Strut" for disassembly procedure.
<Ref. to FS-26, DISASSEMBLY, Front Strut. >

D: ASSEMBLY

Refer to "Front Strut" for installation procedures.
<Ref. to FS-26, ASSEMBLY, Front Strut. >

E: INSPECTION

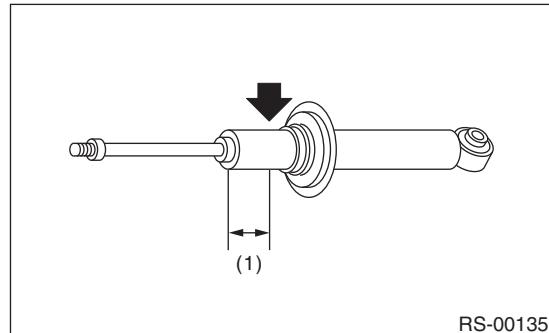
Refer to "Front Strut" for inspection procedures.
<Ref. to FS-27, INSPECTION, Front Strut. >

F: DISPOSAL

CAUTION:

- Before handling the shock absorber, be sure to wear goggles to protect eyes from gas, oil and cutting powder.
- Do not disassemble the shock absorber or place it into a fire.
- Drill a hole into shock absorbers in case of discarding shock absorbers filled with gas.

- 1) Place the shock absorber on a level surface with the piston rod fully expanded.
- 2) Make a hole into the specified position 30 mm (1.18 in) deep using a drill with 2 — 3 mm (0.08 — 0.12 in) diameter.



(1) 40 mm (1.57 in)