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LOWER BALL JOINT FAILURE

FORD SUPER DUTY/ DODGE RAM TRUCKS WITH STRAIGHT AXLES





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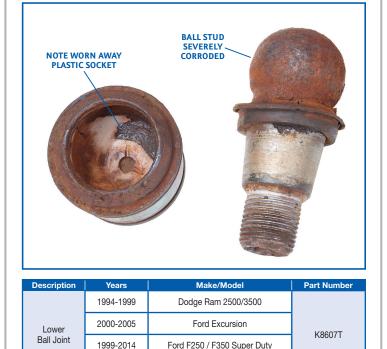
PROBLEM:

Tight steering, binding; lower ball joint failure

Vehicles affected by this lower ball joint failure are primarily used in severe duty operation and harsh environments where a quality, greaseable component is required. The non-serviceable design is prone to wear and failure.

In addition, improper installation can lead to a variety of steering issues as well as ball joint failure. All straight-axle and twin I-beam designs have manufacturing variations: 1) horizontally between the upper and lower taper holes in the knuckle/axle and 2) between the mounting locations of the upper and lower ball joint. Improper installation procedures can affect product operation and shorten service life due to the excessive load these variations can place on the ball joints.

(Read MOOG $^{\otimes}$ technical bulletin DYK12-101 for proper installation procedures.)



Ford F450 / F550 Super Duty

SOLUTION:

MOOG® K8607T Lower Ball Joint

ENLARGED CUTAWAY VIEW

The MOOG[®] K8607T ball joint has precision metal tolerances (similar to a crankshaft bearing) that will provide superior service life.

The serviceable MOOG ball joint socket design features premium polychloroprene sealed boot technology and is greaseable to flush contaminants and keep the unit lubricated. The hardened, powdered-metal bearing is not prone to the excessive wear often experienced by plastic bearings under adverse conditions. The forged, one-piece housing provides optimal strength and durability. The MOOG metal design evenly transfers vehicle loads through the powdered-metal "gusher" bearing and into the housing, diminishing load forces and reducing stress.

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