



7. Tap the ball joints out of the knuckle; then free the knuckle from the axle and swing out of the way.



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- 8. Remove the lower shock absorber eyelet from the upper A-arm.
- 9. Remove the cap screws securing the A-arms to the frame.
- 10. Remove the circlip from the ball joint; then remove the ball joint from the A-arm.

CLEANING AND INSPECTING

■NOTE: Whenever a part is worn excessively, cracked, or damaged in any way, replacement is necessary.

- 1. Clean all A-arm components using a pressure washer.
- 2. Clean the ball joint mounting hole of all residual Loctite, grease, oil, or dirt for installing purposes.
- 3. Inspect the A-arm for bends, cracks, and worn bushings.
- 4. Inspect the ball joint mounting holes for cracks or damage.
- 5. Inspect the frame mounts for signs of damage, wear, or weldment damage.

INSTALLING

1. Apply green Loctite #609 to the entire outside diameter of the ball joint; then install the ball joint into the A-arm and secure with the circlip.

- 2. Install the A-arm assemblies into the frame mounts and secure with the cap screws. Only finger-tighten at this time.
- 3. Secure the lower eyelet of the shock absorber to the upper A-arm. Tighten nut to 35 ft-lb.
- 4. Secure the A-arm assemblies to the frame mounts (from step 2). Tighten the cap screws to 35 ft-lb.

CAUTION

Do not tighten the nut beyond the 35 ft-lb specification or the shock eyelet or mount WILL be damaged.

- 5. Install the knuckle assembly onto the ball joints and secure with cap screws. Tighten to 35 ft-lb.
- 6. Apply grease to the hub and drive axle splines; then install the hub assembly onto the drive axle.
- 7. Secure the hub assembly with the nut. Tighten only until snug.
- 8. Secure the brake caliper to the knuckle with the two "patch-lock" cap screws. Tighten to 20 ft-lb.
- 9. Secure the hub nut (from step 7) to the shaft/axle. Tighten to 200 ft-lb.
- 10. Install a new cotter pin and spread the pin to secure the nut.
- 11. Install the wheel and tighten to 40 ft-lb.
- 12. Remove the ATV from the support stand.

Rear A-Arms

REMOVING

1. Secure the ATV on a support stand to elevate the wheels.

⚠ WARNING

Make sure the ATV is solidly supported on the support stand to avoid injury.

- 2. Pump up the hand brake; then engage the brake lever lock.
- 3. Remove the wheel.
- 4. Remove the cotter pin securing the hex nut; then remove the hex nut. Release the brake lever lock.
- 5. Remove the caliper (right side only).

■NOTE: Do not allow the brake caliper to hang from the hose.

6. Remove the cap screws and lock nut securing the shock absorber to the frame and lower A-arm; then remove the shock absorber.