



DE LOREAN MOTOR COMPANY

# SERVICE BULLETIN

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Re-Issue

CATEGORY: SAFETY CAMPAIGN

ATTENTION: ALL DMC DEALERS/SERVICE MANAGERS

SUBJECT: RECALL ACTION RA-0001  
NUTS FOR BALL JOINTS/BALL JOINTS  
ALTERNATE REPAIR PROCEDURES

Please mark Service Bulletin  
SC-04-11/81 dated 11/25/81 as  
superseded.

Please observe the following when performing the repairs:

### Ball Joint Nuts Part No. SP 10179

The repair kit contains 4 ball joint nuts. However, due to supply problems, a small number of kits may contain nuts that are slightly higher (11mm instead of 9mm). The higher nut (11mm) is usable, however, difficulties may be encountered when drilling the hole for the cotter pin after installing the nut on the upper ball joints. Due to the height of the nut, the drilled hole may be too close to the end of the ball joint stud which is case hardened and has a tapered hole. This condition may hamper drilling or cause breakage of the drill bit - cautious drilling may overcome this problem.

Please inspect the repair kits received for 11mm nuts and order an equal quantity of 9mm replacement nuts using Part No. SP 10179.

### Lower Ball Joint Threads/Nuts - V.I.N. 1794-3300

On these vehicles lower ball joints with a larger diameter thread may be encountered, and the nuts supplied with the kit will not fit. Therefore, the following nuts must be used:

Nut: Part No. SP 10861

### Ball Joints From Spare Parts Stock

When installing any ball joints from parts stock, care should be taken to secure such ball joints as outlined in the campaign procedures.

Information regarding disposition of ball joints in spare parts stock will follow in the near future.

Please inform all personnel concerned accordingly.

Lutz Feuerabendt  
Warranty Manager

Enclosures: Initial Supply of 2 SP 10861

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