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Suspension Rules changes. (17) Posted by joepaluch - 07 Nov 2009 22:52
These are PROPOSED changes gather from the various discussions. Use this area to further discuss these. Based on the feedback we get the rules will be changed (or not) to reflect these updates. It is anticipated that some rules changes will NOT be accepted, but all are up for debate.
17 Front Ball joints using bronze cups
Any material may be used in the ball joints cups on aluminum A-arms when rebuilding. Aftermarket ba joints may be used. Pin diameter must remain stock at 17 mm. Longer than stock geometry correction pins are not allowed
Re:Suspension Rules changes. (17) Posted by cbuzzetti - 08 Nov 2009 14:34
Again I think this is a good rule change. But we can do with what we got. This will lower cost as long as Alu arm is not damaged in the cup area.
Re:Suspension Rules changes. (17) Posted by Big Dog - 09 Nov 2009 12:49
If the purpose is to make our cars more reliable and/or less expensive to maintain, this proposed rule makes sense and is not a performance advantage. It allows the ball joint assemble to last much longer and, hopefully, avoid breaking and damage.

Jim -----

Re:Suspension Rules changes. (17) Posted by Sterling Doc - 09 Nov 2009 13:25

One other fine point on this, as I have found out recently, is that some late-build aluminum arms need to be modified to be rebuilt. These arms had the ball joint pressed in, instead of held in with a snap ring.

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They are sometimes thought of as "non-rebuildable" but can have a circumferential slot machined in install a rebuild kit with a snap ring. The rebuild kit is identical, as is the finished product.