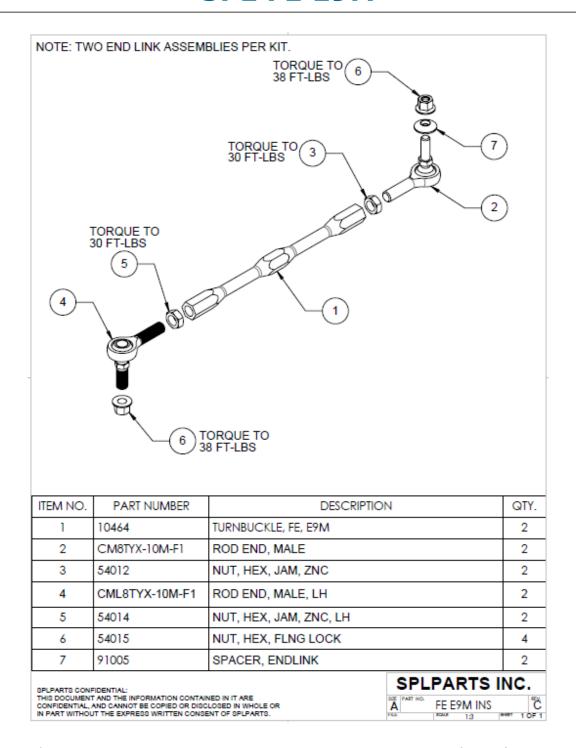


# Front Endlinks Installation Instructions SPL FE E9M



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### Introduction

Thank you for your purchase of this SPL Parts performance suspension product. These products are intended to provide experienced chassis tuners enhanced performance and flexibility in dialing-in your suspension settings. Please read these instructions fully before attempting installation. If you have further questions contact us at: tech@splparts.com. The SPL team is here to help.

# **A** Few Words About Product Safety:

Within these Installation Instructions important safety information is generally preceded by one of three signal words indicating the relative risk of injury. The signal words mean:

**A** WARNING A hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury. You CAN be KILLED or Seriously HURT if you do not follow instructions.

**A** CAUTION A hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury. You CAN be moderately HURT and may suffer property damage if you do not follow instructions.

**NOTICE** Careful attention is required to this instruction or operation but does generally not relate to personal injury. Damage to you SPL product or other property may result if you do not follow instructions.





# **WARNING**

Installation of your SPL components and enhanced suspension performance may result in your vehicle handling differently than as factory equipped. Your choice of tire and wheel combinations, camber and toe-in settings may reduce braking performance and/or result in excessive wear or damage to SPL and OEM components during competition, track day or high-stress on road use. Contacts with other vehicles, pot holes or uneven road surfaces may result in overload stresses to fasteners, heim joints and other components initiating either immediate or accelerated failures. *To reduce risks of accident and serious injury always:* 

- Routinely inspect OEM suspension and steering components, braking system and SPL components including control arms, fasteners and heim joints for indications of overload stress, bending or physical damage (however, slight). Remove fasteners and heim joints as necessary to reveal potential damage within sleeves and joints. Best practices for competition and track includes inspection before and after each session, capturing driver input regarding any impacts, unusual vibration, or suspension feedback.
- Immediately remove and replace any OEM or SPL component or fastener with indicated or suspected damage (including bending or damaged threads).
- Do Not modify or substitute SPL components, over torque fasteners through use of impact or air tools or configure suspension settings outside of those recommended by OEM or established through owner testing of vehicle.
- Use of oversize tire/wheel combinations may increase stopping distances, modify ride height, roll centers and/or compromise performance of vehicle stability control and other systems.
- Certain states regulate on highway suspension modifications. Vehicle owner and driver responsible for compliance with all equipment laws and regulations.
- All Occupants Buckle UP, USE Supplemental Restraints, and required SCCA or other club crash protection.

**AWARNING** SPL recommends professional installation of these components by technicians having access to vehicle lift, safety glasses/personal protective gear and experience with OEM maintenance techniques, recommendations, safety messaging, torque & other specifications.

**AWARNING** Cancer and Reproductive Harm – www.P65Warnings.gov.



## **Safety Requirements:**

- AWARNING Always wear safety glasses and any necessary protective garments. If using any fluids, chemicals, or solvents, a respirator is recommended.
- **ACAUTION** Always use properly rated jack stands or an automotive lift when working under your Vehicle.

## **Tools Required:**

- Ratchet
- Ratchet Extension
- Sockets
- Wrenches

### **Procedure:**

- 1. **ACAUTION** Raise and secure the front end of the car. The wheels need to be at static ride height. This can easily be done by rolling the car up on ramps. If you are not able to get the car up on ramps, you can jack up the car, place it on jack stands using the OEM recommended locations, and then jack up each wheel to static ride height. It is necessary to measure the gap between the tire and wheel arch to make sure it is as close as possible to static ride height in the air. Apply the parking brake and shift your vehicle to park for an automatic transmission or 1<sup>st</sup> gear for a manual transmission.
- 2. Remove the existing end links from both sides of the vehicle.
- 3. Install both SPL Parts front end links onto the strut mounts of the vehicle. This kit includes a tapered spacer that fits into the strut housing. Make sure that if your strut housing has this feature, you install the provided tapered spacer. If you have an aftermarket strut, this feature may have been eliminated, in which case do not use the provided spacer. Tighten the nuts to 38 ft-lbs.
- 4. Install one end link into the sway bar, making sure the swaybar is parallel to the ground. As shown in the images on the next page, make sure both rod ends are in the middle of their articulation, and the end link is as close to perpendicular to the ground as possible. When installing the new SPL Parts end links, you should not have to apply any force to the control arm or the sway bar to install the studs into either end. If you do so, you are inducing preload into the sway bar, thus limiting its ability to function as designed.

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- 5. Install the other end link into the sway bar. Adjust the length of the turnbuckle (1) so you do not have to apply any force to the sway bar or control arm to install the stud. The stud should line up well and slide through easily. If you are unable to achieve this, change the length of the end link on the other side of the vehicle and try again.
- 6. Tighten the jam nuts (3,5) once the proper length has been determined with the swaybar in the correct orientation.
- 7. Once both sides of the sway bar are attached without any preload induced into the system, tighten down both jam nuts on both sides to 30 ft-lbs.
- 8. If you have an aftermarket swaybar, or aftermarket lower control arms, ensure that there are no clearance issues between the swaybar, endlink, and lower control arm by running the suspension from lock to lock, both at full compression and full droop.



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- 9. **NOTICE** The sway bar on your vehicle should be detached from the suspension system any time you align your vehicle, especially if your vehicle is being corner balanced. During an alignment, all the arms are moved around, and their lengths are being changed. This can induce preload into your sway bar, give you a false reading on your alignment, cause the car to turn more precise in one direction than the other, and even cause the car to pull more in one direction than the other. To detach the sway bar from the system, just detach the end link on one side of the vehicle from the sway bar. Once the alignment is done, reinstall that side in the same way as described in the above instructions, taking special care to not induce preload into the system. Make sure the alignment shop does this before aligning your vehicle.
- 10. **NOTICE** Following installation have the car professionally aligned, as replicating the original settings is nearly impossible. It may be necessary to adjust the toe in order to drive the car to an alignment shop if you either added or subtracted camber. Take these instructions with you to ensure that the parts are adjusted correctly.
- 11. **AWARNING** Check all torques after the first 100 and 500 miles of driving, or after your first two sessions at the track if it is a track car, to make sure that nothing has loosened up due to vibrations. Maintain a full copy of SPL Instructions and product safety messaging with your vehicle maintenance records.

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