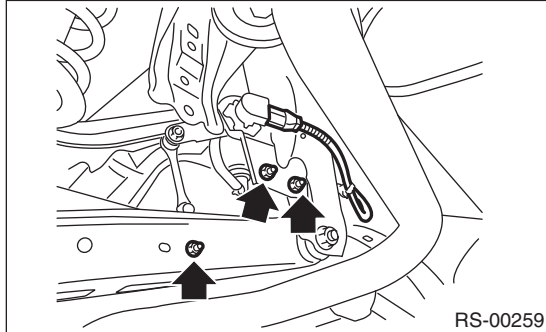


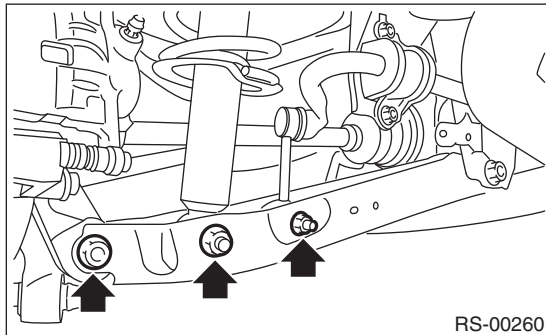
6. Rear Shock Absorber

A: REMOVAL

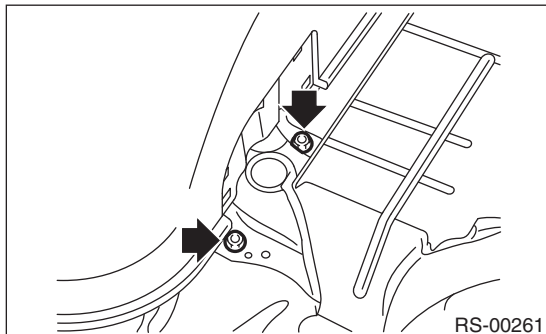
- 1) Disconnect the ground cable from the battery.
- 2) Remove the luggage floor mat.
- 3) Remove the strut cap of the quarter trim.
- 4) Lift up the vehicle, and then remove the rear wheels.
- 5) Disconnect the connector, remove the nuts, and then remove the rear vehicle height sensor. (models with auto headlight beam leveler, left side only)



- 6) Remove the nut and disconnect the rear stabilizer link.
- 7) Remove the shock absorber lower bolt.
- 8) Disconnect the rear lateral link.



- 9) Remove the shock absorber mount nut.



- 10) Remove the shock absorber.

B: INSTALLATION

CAUTION:

- Be sure to use a new self-locking nut.
- Always tighten the bushing in the state where the vehicle is at curb weight and the wheels are in full contact with the ground.

- 1) Install in the reverse order of removal.

Tightening torque:

Refer to “COMPONENT” of “General Description” for the tightening torque. <Ref. to RS-3, COMPONENT, General Description.>

- 2) Check the wheel alignment and adjust it if necessary.
- 3) Re-initialize the auto headlight beam leveler system (models with auto headlight beam leveler). <Ref. to LI-15, PROCEDURE, Auto Headlight Beam Leveler System.>

C: DISASSEMBLY

Refer to “Front Strut” for disassembly procedure. <Ref. to FS-23, DISASSEMBLY, Front Strut.>

D: ASSEMBLY

Refer to “Front Strut” for installation procedures. <Ref. to FS-24, ASSEMBLY, Front Strut.>

E: INSPECTION

Refer to “Front Strut” for inspection procedures. <Ref. to FS-25, INSPECTION, Front Strut.>

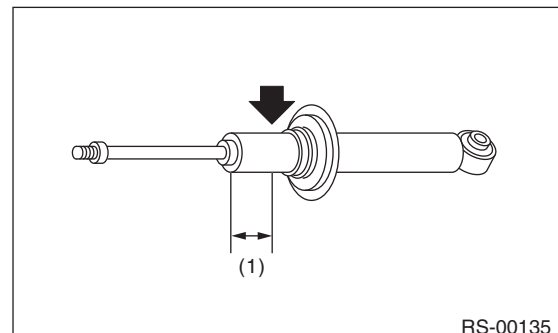
F: DISPOSAL

CAUTION:

- Before handling the shock absorber, be sure to wear goggles to protect eyes from gas, oil and cutting powder.
- Do not disassemble the shock absorber or place it into a fire.

- Drill a hole into shock absorbers in case of discarding shock absorbers filled with gas.

- 1) Place the shock absorber on a level surface with the piston rod fully expanded.
- 2) Make a hole into the specified position 30 mm (1.18 in) deep using a drill with 2 — 3 mm (0.08 — 0.12 in) diameter.



(1) 40 mm (1.57 in)