

How To Replace Bearings/Bushings

Things You Will Need:

Hammer, Screwdriver*, Block of Wood, Replacement Bearings/Bushings, Gloves and Eye Protection.



Step One:

Prop the tire up to allow room for the bearings/bushings to be removed from the hub. In this case we used a bucket.



Step Two:

Place the screwdriver through the bearing/bushing hole until it hits the backside of the bearing/bushing on the opposite side.



Step Three:

Hit the top of the screwdriver with a hammer until the bearing/bushing pops out into the bucket below.

Hint: Change location on the backside of the bearing/bushing periodically for easier removal.



Step Four:

Turn the tire over and repeat steps one through three so that both bearings/bushings are removed from the hub.



Step Five:

To reinstall bearings/bushings, rest the new bearing/bushing on the opening in the hub and place the block of wood on top of the bearing/bushing to avoid hitting the bearing/bushing directly.



Helpful Hint

If the bearing/bushing drops freely into the hub prior to hitting with a hammer, remove the bearings/bushings and tap gently along the edge of the hub to create a tighter fit for the bearing/bushing.



Step Six:

Hammer directly onto the block of wood to get the bearing/bushing in the hub (the wood block will give you a more even hit). This will require a few hard pounds. Repeat on the other side to install both bearings/bushings.



*Please note that Austin uses a screwdriver to remove the bearings/bushings because that is a common household tool. Screwdrivers are not intended as "striking" tools and a steel rod or other strong metal rod may be more effective. Use a screwdriver at your own risk.

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