Bushing Assembly and Replacement Instructions:

- RSS-233 – Truck Standard/Wide Frame (20K Capacity)
- RSS-233T – Trailer Standard Frame (20K Capacity)

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**CAUTION** Failure to install and maintain fasteners at torque specifications could result in suspension failure and void the warranty.

Bushing Replacement Procedure – Standard/Wide Frame Width

Park the vehicle on a level surface. Chock wheels to keep vehicle from moving. Exhaust all air from the air system. Disassemble suspension, if necessary, to reach pivot connections. **CAUTION** Failure to properly chock wheels and exhaust the air system could allow vehicle movement that could result in serious injury.

1. Count the number of wear washers on each side of the bushing on the Axle-End Torque Rod Assembly. The wear washer number varies according to the frame width set by the hangers (Figure 1).
2. Remove the pivot hardware and discard. Inspect the wear washers for excessive wear/damage. Replace, if necessary. **NOTE:** Pivot hardware included with bushing replacement kit.
3. Remove bushing assembly from torque rod and discard. Clean the rod eye of any foreign debris/corrosion.
4. Apply Energy Suspensions® Formula 5 Prelube to the bore (inside) of new bushings. **NOTE:** Do not substitute - special urethane bushing lubricant included with all bushing kits.
5. Install new bushing into the eye of the torque rod. **NOTE:** Mallet /press may be needed to install the bushing.
6. Hanger-End Torque Rod - Bushing Inner Sleeve - 4.1” Press inner sleeve into the installed bushing. Center the sleeve so that both ends extend slightly past the sides of the bushing. Assemble the pivot connection with one wear washer on each side of the bushing. Inner sleeve must be flush with or extend slightly past the outside of the wear washers on both ends.
7. Axle-End Torque Rod - Bushing Inner Sleeve - 4.8” Press inner sleeve into the installed bushing. Position the sleeve so that one end extends further past the bushing than the other end (Figure 1). Assemble pivot connection with appropriate number of wear washers on either end of the inner sleeve. Inner sleeve must be flush with or slightly past the outside of the wear washers on both ends.
8. Torque pivot nut to specifications (500 ft-lb - 678 N-m).
9. Reassemble suspension, if necessary. Torque components to specifications.
10. Check wheel toe-in setting (between 1/32” and 3/32”) and adjust, if necessary.

**Figure 1.** The number of wear washers on each side of the axle-end torque rod assembly will vary according to suspension frame width.
233T 20K Trailer – Bushing Replacement Kit

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**Notes and Cautions**

This instruction uses two types of service notes:

- **NOTE**: Provides additional instructions or procedures to complete tasks and make sure that the suspension functions properly.

- **CAUTION**: Indicates a hazardous situation or unsafe practice that, if not avoided, could result in equipment damage and serious injury.

**Bushing Replacement Procedure – Standard Frame Width**

Park the vehicle on a level surface. Chock wheels to keep vehicle from moving. Exhaust all the air from the air system. Disassemble suspension, if necessary, to reach the pivot connections.

**CAUTION**: Failure to properly chock wheels and exhaust the air system could allow vehicle movement that could result in serious injury.

2. Remove bushing assembly from the torque rod and discard. Clean the rod eye of any foreign debris or corrosion.
3. Apply Energy Suspensions® Formula 5 Prelube to the bore (inside) of new bushings. NOTE: Do not substitute - special urethane bushing lubricant included with all bushing kits.
4. Install bushing in the eye of the torque rod. NOTE: Mallet/press may be needed to install new bushing.
5. Press inner sleeve into the installed bushing. Center the sleeve inside the bushing so that both ends extend slightly past the sides of the bushing.
6. Assemble the pivot connection with one wear washer on each side of the bushing (Figure 2). The inner sleeve of the bushing must be flush with or extend slightly past the outside of the wear washers after assembly. NOTE: Bushing replacement kit (6040161) includes traditional pivot hardware. Wear washers included in all replacement kits.
7. Torque pivot nut to specifications (500 ft-lb - 678 N-m).
8. Reassemble suspension, if necessary. Torque components to specifications.
9. Check wheel toe-in setting (between 1/32” and 3/32”) and adjust, if necessary.

**CAUTION**: Failure to torque pivot hardware can result in suspension failure and void the warranty.

![Diagram of Bushing Replacement Kit](image)

**NOTE**: Bushing Replacement Kit with/without hardware includes components for eight pivot connections.

Failure to install and maintain fasteners at torque specifications could result in suspension failure and void the warranty. Refer to the engineering drawing for model-specific torque values.