# Universal Steering Column

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

# for Old School Straight

FOR PART NUMBER'S: 1012360010, 1012360025



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ididit "Old School" Straight



# **Warnings:**

The lower shaft should not be exposed more than 6". It needs the support of the tube & bearings to prevent it from bending under load.

You may decide to cut a larger portion off of the tube to gain clearance, but never cut more than 6" difference from the Shaft to the Tube.

### **Important Information:**

This column is designed to be cut to length and assembled by the customer. The shaft and tube are a mild steel material and can be cut with a hack saw or a cutoff wheel. Please note in order to install the bearing after cutting the tube, it will be necessary to remove the burrs and grind or file about 3/8 of an inch of the weld seam down inside the tube.

We have provided a tool to install the bearing without damaging it. If you pound on either end without the bearing support tool you WILL DESTROY the bearings.

## **Shortening the "Old School" Straight Column:**

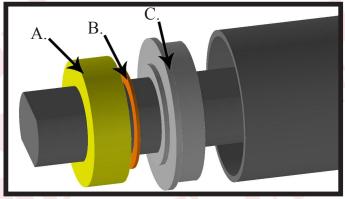


Figure 1

- 1. Loosen and remove locking collar (Figure 1 A.), wavy washer (Figure 1 B.) and lower bearing (Figure 1 C.).
- 2. Determine how long the column must be.
- 3. Remove equal parts of the tube and shaft by using a saw or cutoff wheel.
- 4. Debur end of shaft and tube. *Note* the weld seam flash inside the tube needs to be removed for about 3/8 of an inch.
- 5. When installing the bearing, the black caps provided should be placed at both ends of the column against the bearings. This prevents

your impacts from hitting the inner races of the bearings. The lower bearing can then be tapped in place.

- 6. Once the bearing is installed the tube can be slid on the shaft and then the wavy washer and locking collar can be installed loosely.
- 7. Stand the column on its head and push down on the locking collar. This will slightly load the washer. Once there is pressure against the washer... tighten the locking collar with the set screw.



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