

- **SUSPENSION—CLUNK OR POP NOISE FROM REAR SUSPENSION—MUSTANG COBRA ONLY—SERVICE TIPS**
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Some 1999-2003 Mustang Cobra vehicles may exhibit a “popping” type noise while turning into or out of an incline, such as turning into a driveway, at low speeds (below 15 mph (25 km/h). The steeper the incline the more noticeable the noise will be. This may be caused by the lateral movement of the stabilizer bar or one or more of the fasteners shown in Figures 1-3, that may not be tightened within the required torque specifications.

OTHER APPLICABLE ARTICLES: NONE
WARRANTY STATUS: INFORMATION ONLY
OASIS CODES: 304000, 305000, 390000, 702000,
702200

ACTION

Inspect and torque all of the fasteners listed for the proper torque. Refer to the following Service Information for details.

SERVICE INFORMATION

Raise vehicle on hoist and verify torque at the following components and locations:

- Stabilizer bar bracket bolts (both sides) (Figure 1) - 42.8 ± 3.7 Lb-ft. (58 ± 5 N•m)
- Stabilizer bar collar bolts (both sides) (Figure 1) - 6.6 ± 1.0 Lb-ft. (9 ± 1.4 N•m)
- Lower shock bolts (both sides) (Figure 2) - 98.1 ± 14.8 Lb-ft. (133 ± 20 N•m)
- Upper control arm bushing bolts (both sides) (Figure 3) - 66.4 ± 10.0 Lb-ft. (90 ± 13.5 N•m)
- Stabilizer bar link bolts (both sides) (Figure 3) - 35.0 ± 5.3 Lb-ft. (47.5 ± 7.2 N•m)

NOTE: The information in Technical Service Bulletins is intended for use by trained, professional technicians with the knowledge, tools, and equipment to do the job properly and safely. It informs these technicians of conditions that may occur on some vehicles, or provides information that could assist in proper vehicle service. The procedures should not be performed by “do-it-yourselfers”. Do not assume that a condition described affects your car or truck. Contact a Ford, Lincoln, or Mercury dealership to determine whether the Bulletin applies to your vehicle.

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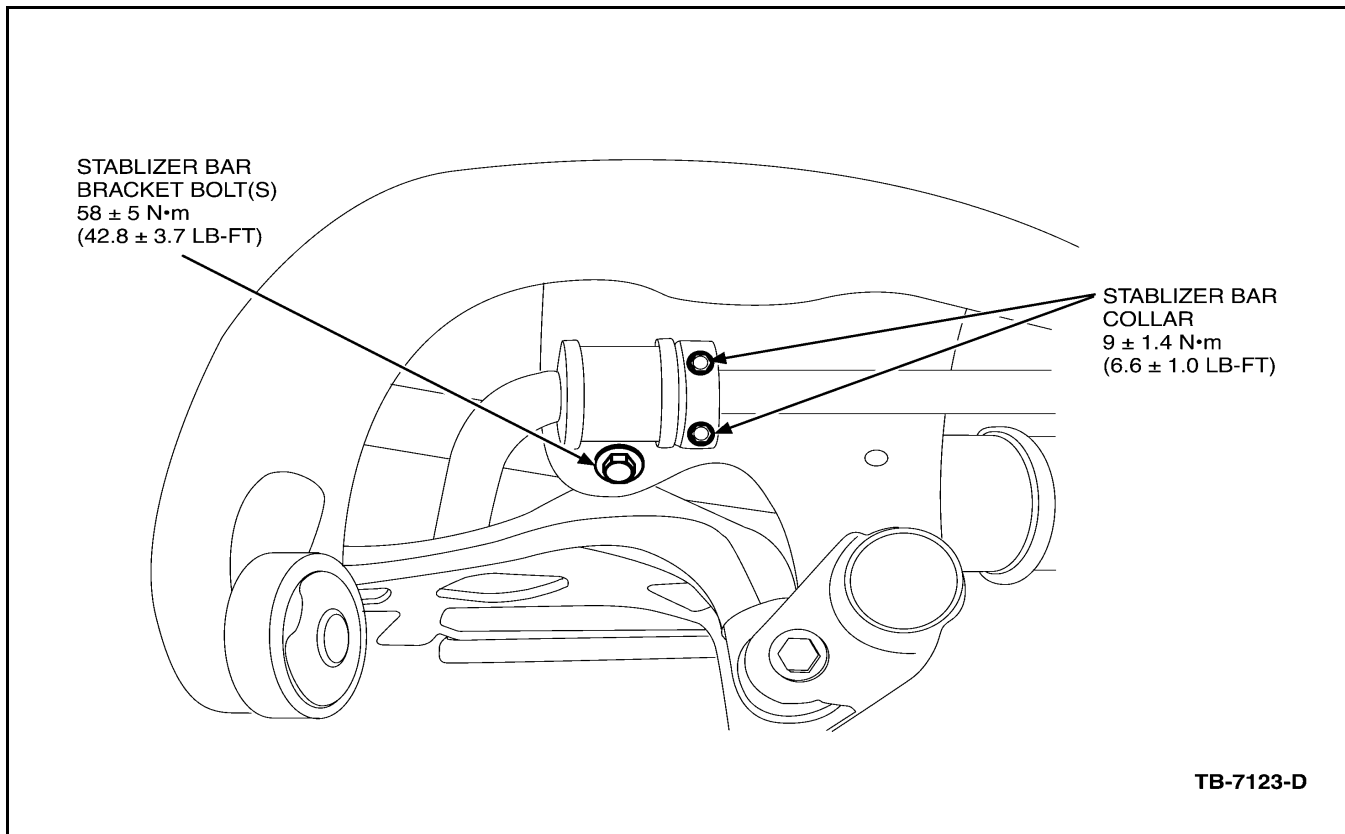


Figure 1 - Article 03-9-5

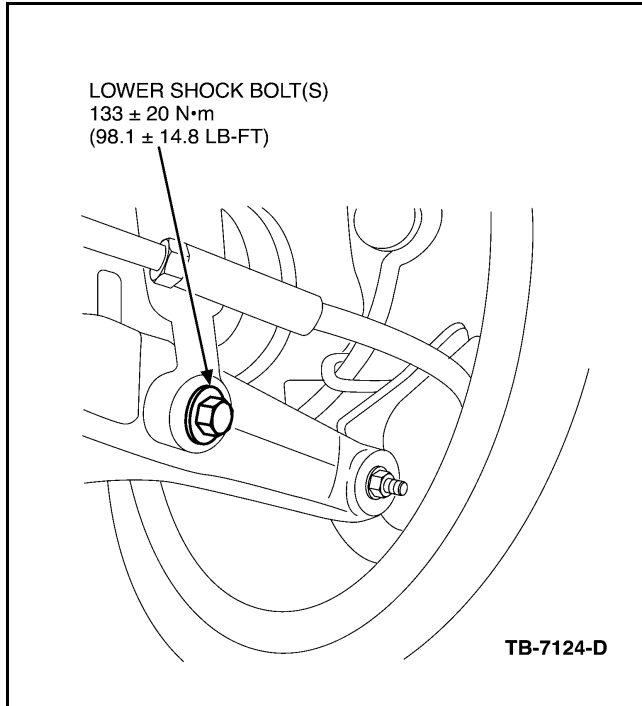


Figure 2 - Article 03-9-5

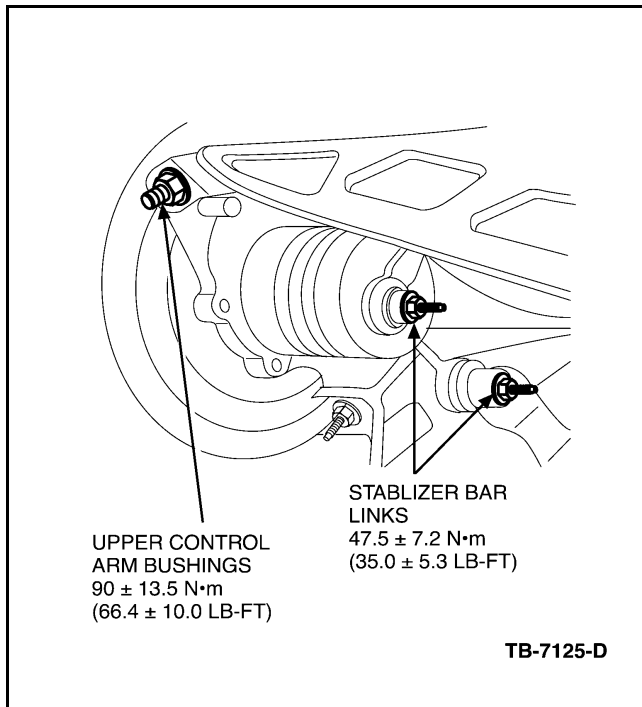


Figure 3 - Article 03-9-5