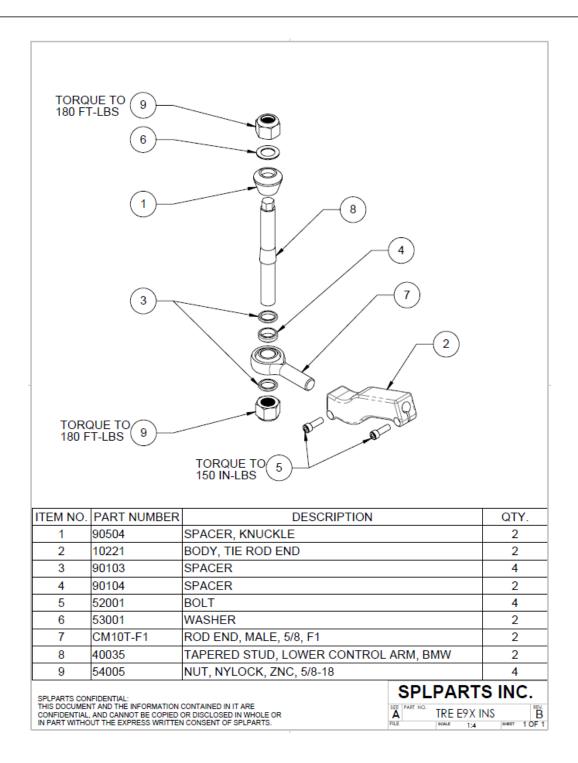


# BMW Tie Rod End Assembly Installation Instructions SPL TRE E9X



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### Introduction

Thank you for your purchase of this SPL Parts performance suspension product. These products are intended to provide experienced chassis tuners enhanced performance and flexibility in dialing-in your suspension settings. Please read these instructions fully before attempting installation. If you have further questions contact us at: tech@splparts.com. The SPL team is here to help.

## **A** Few Words About Product Safety:

Within these Installation Instructions important safety information is generally preceded by one of three signal words indicating the relative risk of injury. The signal words mean:

**AWARNING** A hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury. You CAN be KILLED or Seriously HURT if you do not follow instructions.

**ACAUTION** A hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury. You CAN be moderately HURT and may suffer property damage if you do not follow instructions.

**NOTICE** Careful attention is required to this instruction or operation but does generally not relate to personal injury. Damage to you SPL product or other property may result if you do not follow instructions.



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### **WARNING**

Installation of your SPL components and enhanced suspension performance may result in your vehicle handling differently than as factory equipped. Your choice of tire and wheel combinations, camber and toe-in settings may reduce braking performance and/or result in excessive wear or damage to SPL and OEM components during competition, track day or high stress on road use. Contacts with other vehicles, pot holes or uneven road surfaces may result in overload stresses to fasteners, heim joints and other components initiating either immediate or accelerated failures. *To reduce risks of accident and serious injury always:* 

- Routinely inspect OEM suspension and steering components, braking system and SPL components including control arms, fasteners and heim joints for indications of overload stress, bending or physical damage (however, slight). Remove fasteners and heim joints as necessary to reveal potential damage within sleeves and joints. Best practices for competition and track includes inspection before and after each session, capturing driver input regarding any impacts, unusual vibration, or suspension feedback.
- Immediately remove and replace any OEM or SPL component or fastener with indicated or suspected damage (including bending or damaged threads).
- Do Not modify or substitute SPL components, over torque fasteners through use of impact or air tools or configure suspension settings outside of those recommended by OEM or established through owner testing of vehicle.
- Use of oversize tire/wheel combinations may increase stopping distances, modify ride height, roll centers and/or compromise performance of vehicle stability control and other systems.
- Certain states regulate on highway suspension modifications. Vehicle owner and driver responsible for compliance with all equipment laws and regulations.
- All Occupants Buckle UP, USE Supplemental Restraints, and required SCCA or other club crash protection.

**AWARNING** SPL recommends professional installation of these components by technicians having access to vehicle lift, safety glasses/personal protective gear and experience with OEM maintenance techniques, recommendations, safety messaging, torque & other specifications.

**AWARNING** Cancer and Reproductive Harm – www.P65Warnings.gov.



### **Safety Requirements:**

- AWARNING Always wear safety glasses and any necessary protective garments. If using any fluids, chemicals, or solvents, a respirator is recommended.
- **ACAUTION** Always use properly rated jack stands or an automotive lift when working under your Vehicle.

### **Tools Required:**

- Ratchet
- Ratchet Extension
- Sockets (21mm, 24mm)
- Torx Socket (T40)
- 14mm wrench
- 3/16" Allen Key

### **Procedure:**

- 1. **ACAUTION** Raise and secure the front/rear end of the car and remove the front wheels.
- 2. Mark the inner tie rod with the location that the tie rod was assembled to. Assembling to this length will make sure your toe is close to what it was when you removed the OEM assembly.
- 3. Loosen the T40 Torx bit on the outer tie rod.
- 4. Remove the nut on the top of the tie rod using a 21mm socket. You may have to place a torx bit inside the stud of the outer tie rod to prevent it from spinning.
- 5. Unscrew the outer tie rod completely from the inner tie rod.



6. Thread the SPL Parts outer tie rod end onto the OE inner tie rod until it is back to the marked point.



- 7. Determine the amount of bumpsteer spacers (3,4) you want to use. A good rule of thumb is the tie rod should be parallel to the lower control arm at ride height. Place that number of spacers above the rod end (7) and underneath the Knuckle Tapered Spacer (1). One of the smaller bumpsteer spacers (3) needs to go underneath the rod end for articulation purposes, regardless of how many spacers are on top of the rod end. The assembly should look similar to the exploded diagram on the first page once assembled. <u>ALL SPACERS MUST BE USED</u> ON THE ASSEMBLY.
- 8. Place the full assembly into the knuckle, then place the washer (6) on top of the knuckle followed by the lock-nut (9). Tighten the locknut with your fingers until the hex on top is exposed. Once it is exposed, use a 12mm ratchet and 24mm wrench to tighten the assembly down until it is seated tightly. Tighten the lower locknut (9) to 180 ft-lb, then tighten the upper lock nut to 180ft-lb.
- 9. Adjust the toe as normal using the inner tie rod. Once the toe has been set to desired values, tighten the blue socket head cap screw (5) to 150 in-lb.
- 10. **NOTICE** Following installation have the car professionally aligned, as replicating the original settings is nearly impossible. It may be necessary to adjust the toe in order to drive

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the car to an alignment shop if you either added or subtracted camber. Take these instructions with you to ensure that the parts are adjusted correctly.

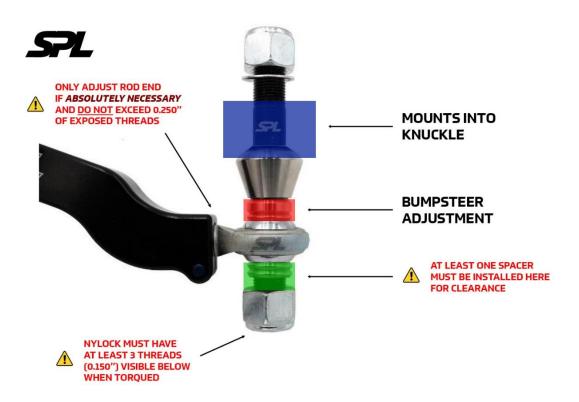
11. **AWARNING** Check all torques after the first 100 and 500 miles of driving, or after your first two sessions at the track if it is a track car, to make sure that nothing has loosened up due to vibrations. Maintain a full copy of SPL Instructions and product safety messaging with your vehicle maintenance records.

#### **WARNING**

a DO NOT EXTEND THE ROD END (7) OUT FROM THE OUTER TIE ROD END BODY (2). THIS CAN CAUSE PREMATURE WEAR AND FAILURE OF THE INNER TIE ROD END.

**b** MAKE SURE THE TAPERED SPACER (1) IS FULLY SEATED IN THE KNUCKLE WITH THE ROUNDED PORTION MATING WITH THE KNUCKLE SURFACE.

c STEER FROM LOCK TO LOCK TO ENSURE NO CONTACT WITH THE WHEEL – IF CONTACT OCCURS, LOOSEN THE ¼-20 SCREW (5) NEXT TO THE ROD END AND SLIGHTLY ROTATE THE BODY AWAY FROM THE WHEEL, THEN RETIGHTEN THE SCREW TO 150 in-lb.



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