

# Wheel Alignment

## GENERAL MOTORS (Cont.)

### CAMBER (CORVETTE REAR)

Camber adjustments are made by adjusting eccentric cam and bolt assembly located at inboard mounting of strut rod. To change camber setting, loosen locknut on cam bolt and rotate cam and bolt assembly until specified camber is obtained. Tighten locknut.

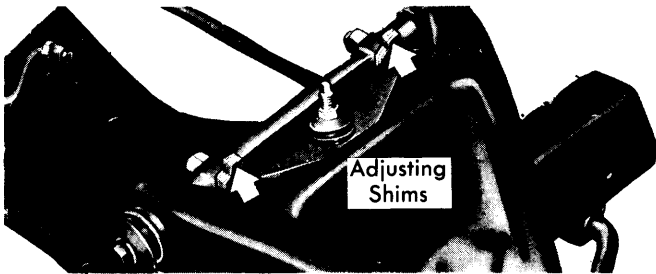


Fig. 29 Front Caster & Camber Adjusting Shims (Corvette)

### CORVETTE REAR TOE-IN

1) To adjust rear wheel toe-in angle add various thicknesses of shims ( $\frac{1}{64}$ " ,  $\frac{1}{32}$ " ,  $\frac{1}{8}$ " ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ " ) between torque control arm and frame side member at forward pivoting point.

2) Shims are slotted to slide over bushing pivot bolt on either side. To adjust, loosen pivot bolt and position torque control arm to obtain specified toe-in. Shim the gap between torque control arm bushing and frame side inner wall. See Fig. 30.

**NOTE** — Do not use thicker shims than necessary. Do not use excessive force when shimming or toe-in setting may change.

3) Shim outboard gap as necessary to obtain solid stack-up. Then install cotter pin through shims. See Fig. 30. Tighten pivot bolt to 50 ft. lbs.

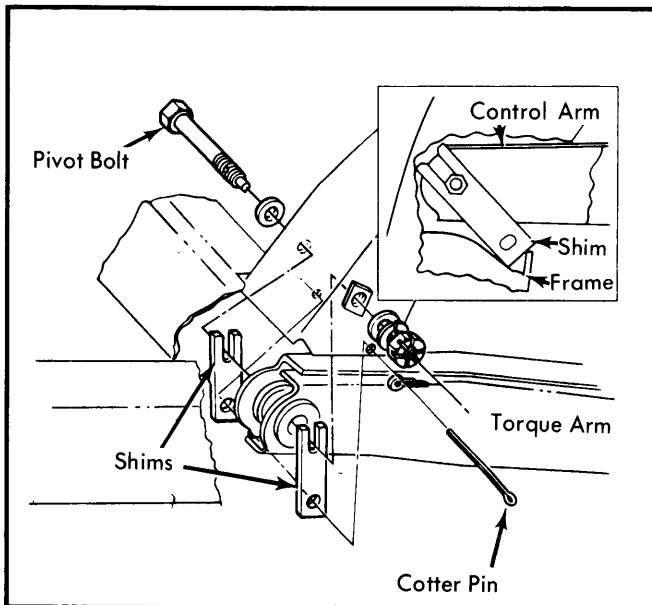


Fig. 30 Rear Suspension Toe-in Shims (Corvette)

### OLDSMOBILE (EXCEPT TORONADO)

#### TIRE INFLATION (COLD)

Inflate tires to recommended pressures listed on rear of left front door on Omega and Starfire models, and inside glove box door on all other models.

#### RIDING HEIGHT

Check riding height with full gas tank, front seat rearward, tire pressure correct, doors closed and trunk empty. With vehicle on level floor, bounce several times and allow car to settle. Measure heights as shown in illustration. Measured heights may differ side to side  $\pm \frac{3}{4}$ " and front to rear  $\pm \frac{3}{4}$ " .

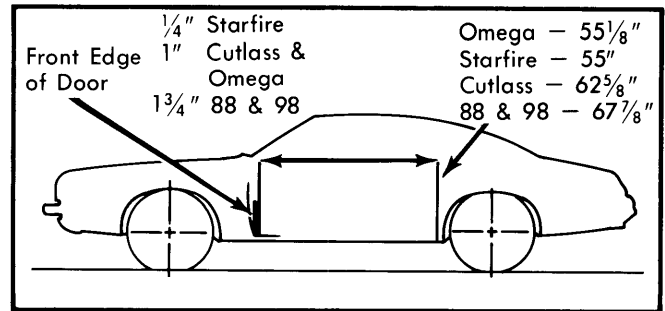


Fig. 31 Riding Height Measuring Points (Oldsmobile Except Toronado)

#### RIDING HEIGHT SPECIFICATIONS

Application	Front	Rear
Starfire .....	7.75"	7.75"
Omega .....	9.62"	9.50"
Cutlass (Exc. Wagon) ..	10.38"	10.50"
Cutlass Wagon .....	10.50"	10.62"
88 & 98 .....	10.00"	10.25"

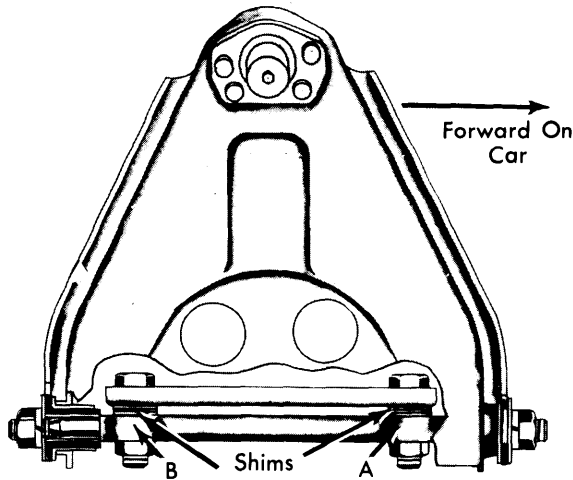
#### CASTER (EXC. STARFIRE)

Loosen pivot shaft-to-frame nuts. **CAUTION** — Bolts are splined to frame and should not be turned. To decrease positive caster (increase negative caster), add shims at front bolt. To increase positive caster (decrease negative caster), remove shims at front bolt.

#### CAMBER (EXC. STARFIRE)

Loosen pivot shaft-to-frame nuts. **CAUTION** — Bolts are splined to frame and should not be turned. To increase positive camber, remove shims at both front and rear bolts. To decrease positive camber, add shims at both front and rear bolts. **NOTE** — By adding or subtracting an equal amount of shims from front and rear bolts, camber can be changed without affecting caster adjustment.

## GENERAL MOTORS (Cont.)



To Decrease Positive Caster: Add Shim At "A"  
 To Decrease Negative Caster: Remove Shim At "A"  
 To Increase Camber: Remove Shims At Both "A" And "B"  
 To Decrease Camber: Add Shims At Both "A" And "B"

**Fig. 32 Oldsmobile Caster & Camber Adjusting Shims**

### CAMBER (STARFIRE)

Loosen front lower control arm pivot nut and rotate cam until specified camber setting is reached. Tighten pivot nut and check caster setting.

### CASTER (STARFIRE)

Loosen rear lower control arm pivot nut and rotate cam until specified caster setting is reached. Tighten pivot nut and check camber setting.

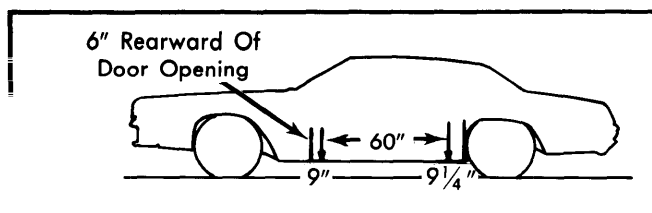
## OLDSMOBILE TORONADO

### TIRE INFLATION (COLD)

Inflate tires to recommended pressures listed on glove box door or rear face of drivers door.

### RIDING HEIGHT

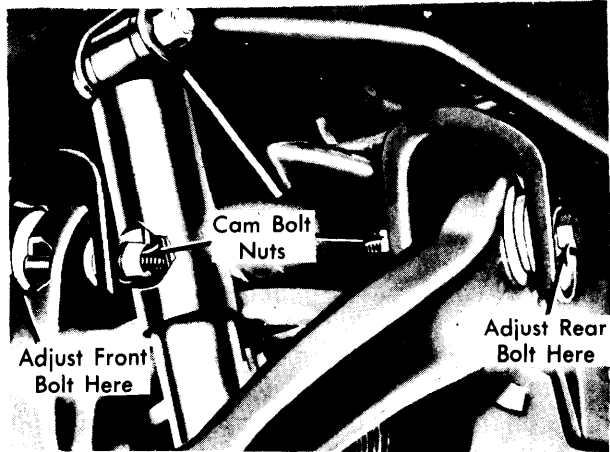
Check riding height with full gas tank, front seat rearward, tire pressure correct, doors closed and trunk empty. With vehicle on level floor, bounce several times and allow car to settle. Measure heights as shown in illustration from bottom of rocker molding to floor at points indicated. Measured heights may differ side to side or front to rear  $\pm 3/4$ " or may have a front to rear slope of  $\pm 3/4$ ". To adjust front riding height, raise car at front crossmember to relieve strain on torsion bar adjusting bolt. Lubricate adjusting bolt before attempting to change riding height.



**Fig. 33 Riding Height Measuring Points (Toronado)**

### CAMBER

Adjustments are made by rotating eccentric cam assemblies at inner end of upper control arm front and rear legs. Loosen nuts on inboard side of upper control arm cam bolts, then turn both front and rear cams in same direction to adjust. Each cam bolt will correct  $1/2$  of incorrect setting. Tighten cam bolts to 110 ft. lbs.



**Fig. 34 Toronado Caster & Camber Adjusting Cams**

### CASTER

Loosen front and rear cam nuts while holding bolts with back-up wrench so camber is not changed. Turn front cam bolt so camber changes an amount equal to  $1/4$  desired amount of caster change. Adjust rear cam in opposite direction so camber setting returns to its correct position. Tighten upper control arm cam nuts to 110 ft. lbs. **NOTE** — If not enough cam is available for adjustment, turn front cam so high part is up, and rear cam so high part is down, then set camber and caster.

## PONTIAC

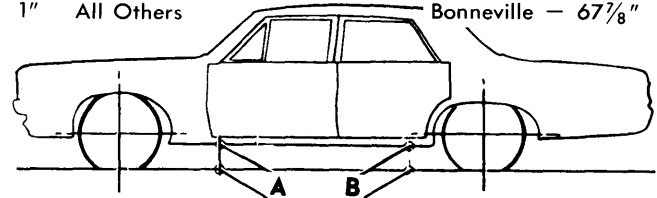
### TIRE INFLATION (COLD)

Before attempting wheel alignment adjustments, tires must be inflated to specified pressures shown on vehicle placard label.

### RIDING HEIGHT

With vehicle at curb height and on a level floor, bounce vehicle several times and allow to settle. Measure heights at locations shown in Fig. 35. Specifications are for new vehicles. Most vehicles in use, will average 1" less than new vehicles.

$1/4$ " Sunbird	Sunbird — 55"	LeMans &
$1 3/4$ " Catalina & Bonneville	Firebird & Phoenix — 55 1/8"	Grand Prix — 62 5/8"
1" All Others		Catalina & Bonneville — 67 7/8"



**Fig. 35 Riding Height Measuring Points (Pontiac — All Models)**

# Wheel Alignment

## GENERAL MOTORS (Cont.)

### RIDING HEIGHT SPECIFICATIONS

Application	A	B
LeMans, Grand Am & Grand LeMans		
Station Wagons .....	10.50"	10.62"
All Others .....	10.38"	10.50"
Grand Prix .....	10.38"	10.50"
Catalina & Bonneville .....	10.00"	10.25"
Firebird & Phoenix .....	9.62"	9.50"
Sunbird .....	7.75"	7.75"

### CASTER (EXCEPT SUNBIRD)

To adjust caster, raise car to remove weight from front wheel and loosen control arm shaft-to-frame bolts. To decrease caster, add shims to front bolt or remove shims from rear bolt. To increase caster, remove shims from front bolt or add shims to rear bolt. Tighten bolts when adjustments are completed.

**NOTE** — Shim pack should not exceed  $\frac{3}{4}$ " thickness or have difference greater than  $\frac{3}{8}$ " between front and rear shim packs.

### CAMBER (EXCEPT SUNBIRD)

To adjust camber, raise car to remove weight from front wheel and loosen control arm shaft-to-frame bolts. To increase camber, remove shims from both front and rear bolts. To decrease camber, add shims to front and rear bolts. By adding or removing equal thickness of shims from front and rear bolts, camber can be changed without changing caster. Tighten bolts

when adjustments are completed. **NOTE** — Shim pack should not exceed  $\frac{3}{4}$ " thickness or have difference greater than  $\frac{3}{8}$ " between front and rear shim packs.

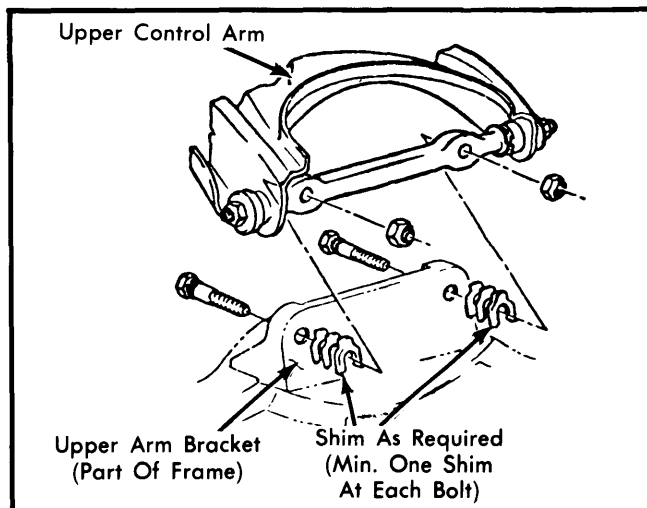


Fig. 36 Pontiac Caster & Camber Adjusting Shims

### CAMBER (SUNBIRD)

Loosen rear lower control arm pivot nut and rotate cam until specified caster setting is reached. Tighten pivot nut and check camber setting.

### CASTER (SUNBIRD)

Loosen front lower control arm pivot nut and rotate cam until specified camber setting is reached. Tighten pivot nut and check caster setting.