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Model: 149446 | Replaces OEM Part: 4782665AB

1. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The APDTY 149446 Control Arm is a direct replacement component designed for specific vehicle applications. This part is engineered to restore proper suspension geometry and handling characteristics, ensuring safe and reliable vehicle operation. It is crucial to verify vehicle compatibility before installation.



Image 1: Front view of the APDTY 149446 Control Arm, showing the main arm structure, integrated ball joints, and a separate mounting nut.

Key Features:

- Direct replacement for OEM part 4782665AB.
- Engineered for vehicle-specific fitment.
- Designed to meet or exceed original equipment specifications.

2. IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

WARNING: This product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information, visit www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

Automotive repair can be dangerous. Always follow proper safety procedures and use appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) such as safety glasses, gloves, and hearing protection. Ensure the vehicle is securely supported on jack stands before working underneath it. If you are not confident in your ability to perform this installation safely, seek assistance from a qualified automotive technician.

3. INSTALLATION (SETUP)

This section provides general guidance for control arm replacement. Specific steps may vary depending on your vehicle's make and model. Always refer to your vehicle's service manual for detailed, model-specific instructions.

Recommended Tools:

- Vehicle service manual
- Jack and jack stands
- Wheel chocks
- Socket and wrench set
- Torque wrench
- Ball joint separator (if required)
- Pry bar
- Penetrating oil

General Installation Steps:

1. Park the vehicle on a level surface, engage the parking brake, and chock the rear wheels.
2. Loosen the lug nuts on the wheel corresponding to the control arm to be replaced.
3. Raise the vehicle using a jack and secure it with jack stands. Remove the wheel.
4. Locate the control arm. It typically connects the wheel hub assembly to the vehicle frame.
5. Support the lower suspension component with a jack to relieve tension.
6. Carefully disconnect the ball joint from the steering knuckle and the control arm from the frame mounting points. Note the orientation of all components.
7. Remove the old control arm.
8. Install the new APDTY 149446 Control Arm, ensuring all bolts are hand-tightened initially.
9. Reconnect the ball joint to the steering knuckle.
10. Lower the vehicle slightly to allow the suspension to settle to its normal ride height before fully tightening all bolts to the manufacturer's specified torque values. This is critical to prevent premature bushing wear.
11. Reinstall the wheel and tighten lug nuts to specification.
12. Lower the vehicle completely and remove wheel chocks.
13. After installation, it is highly recommended to have a professional wheel alignment performed to ensure proper vehicle handling and tire wear.



Image 2: Another view of the APDTY 149446 Control Arm, highlighting the various attachment points for installation.

4. OPERATING CONSIDERATIONS

Once installed, the control arm operates as a passive component of your vehicle's suspension system. Proper installation ensures its correct function. After replacement, pay attention to the following:

- **Initial Drive:** Drive cautiously after installation. Listen for any unusual noises (clunks, squeaks) or changes in steering feel.
- **Alignment:** As mentioned in the installation section, a professional wheel alignment is crucial. Incorrect

alignment can lead to poor handling, uneven tire wear, and stress on new suspension components.

- **Steering and Handling:** The vehicle's steering should feel precise and stable. Any looseness, pulling to one side, or difficulty maintaining a straight line may indicate an issue with installation or alignment.

5. MAINTENANCE

Control arms are generally low-maintenance components. However, periodic inspection can help identify potential issues before they become severe.

- **Visual Inspection:** During routine vehicle maintenance (e.g., oil changes, tire rotations), visually inspect the control arm for signs of damage, rust, or bent components.
- **Bushing and Ball Joint Check:** Inspect the rubber bushings and ball joint boots for cracks, tears, or excessive wear. Damaged boots can lead to contamination and premature failure of the ball joint.
- **Noise Detection:** Listen for any new noises (e.g., clunking over bumps, squeaking) that might indicate worn bushings or ball joints.
- **Cleaning:** Keep the area around the control arm relatively clean to prevent excessive dirt and debris buildup, which can accelerate wear.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you experience issues after replacing your control arm, consider the following common problems and their potential causes:

Symptom	Possible Cause	Action
Clunking or knocking noise over bumps	Loose mounting bolts, worn ball joint, worn bushings	Check torque on all fasteners. Inspect ball joint and bushings for play.
Squeaking or creaking noise	Dry or worn ball joint, worn bushings	Inspect ball joint and bushings. Lubricate if possible (if serviceable type).
Vehicle pulls to one side	Incorrect wheel alignment, uneven tire pressure, other suspension issues	Perform wheel alignment. Check tire pressure. Inspect other suspension components.
Uneven tire wear	Incorrect wheel alignment, worn suspension components	Perform wheel alignment. Inspect control arm and other suspension parts for wear.
Loose or vague steering	Worn ball joint, loose mounting hardware	Inspect ball joint for play. Check torque on all fasteners.

If troubleshooting steps do not resolve the issue, or if you are unsure about the diagnosis, consult a qualified automotive technician.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Attribute	Value
Brand	APDTY

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Model Number	149446
OEM Part Number Replaced	4782665AB
Fit Type	Vehicle Specific Fit
Item Weight	6.61 pounds (approx.)
Product Dimensions	16 x 12.5 x 4.75 inches (approx.)
UPC	195577051477
Exterior Finish	Ready To Paint If Needed

8. WARRANTY INFORMATION

Specific warranty details for the APDTY 149446 Control Arm are typically provided by the manufacturer or the seller at the time of purchase. Please refer to your purchase documentation or contact APDTY directly for comprehensive warranty terms and conditions.

9. SUPPORT

For technical assistance, installation questions, or further product information, please contact the seller or APDTY customer support. When contacting support, please have your product model number (149446) and purchase details readily available.

You can often find contact information on the product packaging, the seller's website, or the APDTY official website.