

U-Joint Rubber boot install

This little rubber boot has broke a many a man down. Numerous cuss words have been spoken about this little boot. There is an easy way to install it though. I can't take the credit for this procedure but after learning of it I felt as good about that man as the one who invented PB Blaster.



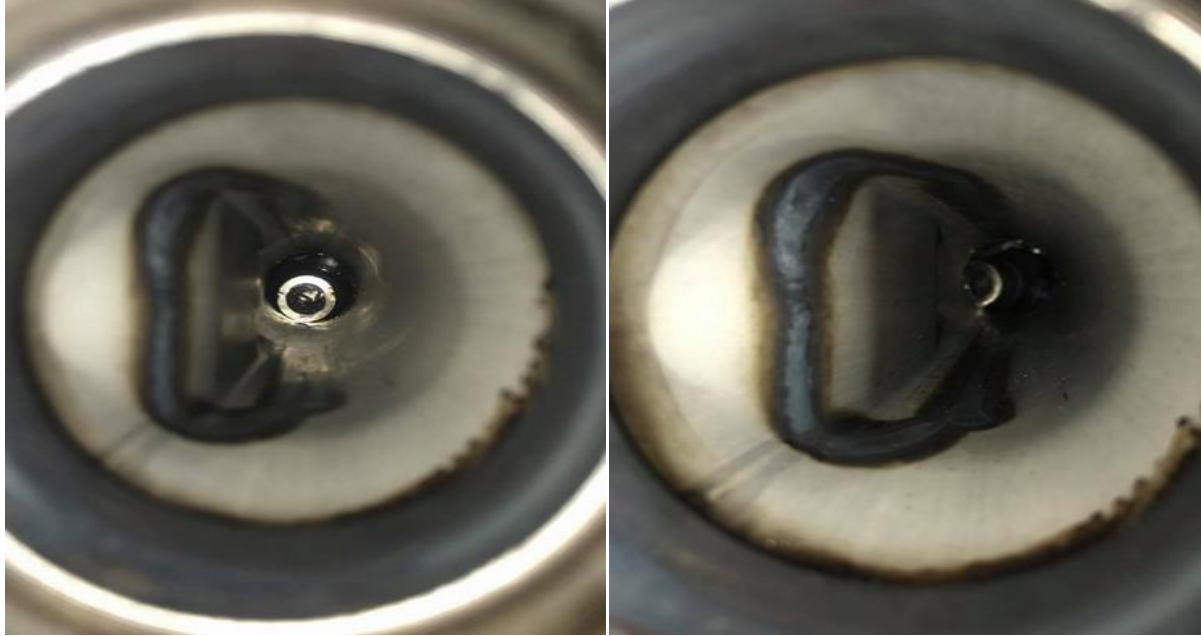
(left) With the swing arm down just a little from level you can get the u joint started down the driveshaft tube.

(right) It'll probably hang up going in around the corner.



(left) I use a long 3/8" extension to stick up the tube from the bottom.

(right) Stick the end of it into the end of the u joint and work it around the corner.



(left) You want to see it looking like this looking up from the bottom where the final drive bolts. (right) WRONG.



(left) Take the rubber boot and roll the small end of the boot back over itself like a sock.

(right) Then roll the big end over itself toward the small end.



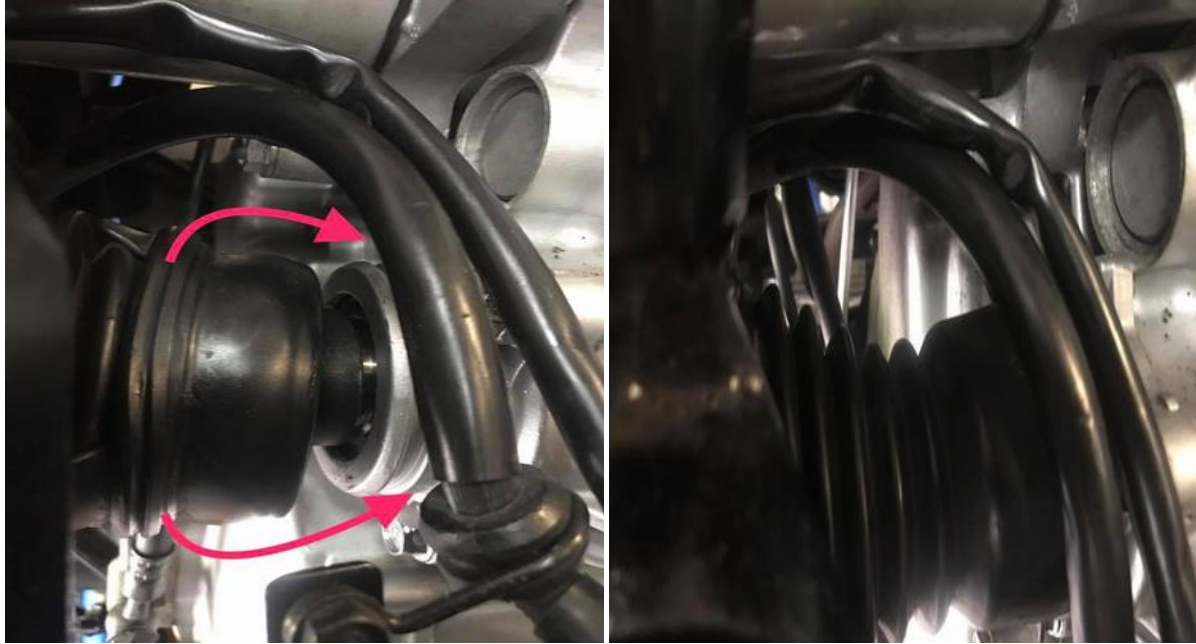
(left) Raise the swing arm up level and strap it off

(right) Work the boot over the u joint with the big end towards the back then push the u joint forward onto the output shaft. Then hold the boot tightly against the driveshaft tube.



(left) While holding pressure against the driveshaft tubes unroll the boot onto the tube flange.

(right) Should look like this.



(Left) Then unroll the small end onto the flange around the output shaft. Make sure you have the u joint connected first.

(right) Done deal, pretty easy, huh?



Hard to believe this little boot has such a bad reputation? 😂