2005-2007 Ford Escape - Front Sway Bar Link

2005-2007 Ford Escape | Moderate | 1-2 hours | $20 DIY

TOOLS

15mm Socket 5mm Allen Wrench 17mm Wrench Torque Wrench Jack Stands Floor Jack Wheel Chocks Rust Penetrant

PARTS

Front Sway Bar Link (Option 1) K80296 $20.00

STEPS

1. **Loosen lugs and support the vehicle - On level ground, crack the front wheel lug nuts** loose on the 2005-2007 Ford Escape. Chock the rear wheels, jack the front at the approved lift point, and support with jack stands - never rely on the jack alone. Remove the wheel on the si...
2. **Locate the sway-bar end link - Find the front sway-bar end link connecting the stabilizer** bar to the strut on the 2005-2007 Ford Escape. Verify the rattle is the link and not a strut mount or control-arm bushing by bouncing that corner while listening.
3. **Remove the old end link - Soak both nuts with penetrating oil and give it 10-15 minutes.** Protect the ABS wire and brake hose nearby when cutting. Remove the nuts and pull the old link out through the strut and bar eyes.
4. **Compare and position the new link - Compare the new link to the old one on the 2005-2007** Ford Escape: overall length, stud thread, and end configuration must match - the wrong length preloads the sway bar and changes handling. Feed the new studs through the bar eye and the...
5. **Torque the new link fasteners - Torque the new link nuts to the 2005-2007 Ford Escape** specification while counter-holding each stud. Never use an impact wrench on these nuts; the hammering ruins the new ball joints before they see a mile of road.
6. **Reinstall the wheel and road-test - Refit the wheel and torque the 2005-2007 Ford Escape** lug nuts in a star pattern with the vehicle on the ground. Road-test over broken pavement and driveway aprons - the hollow clunk over bumps should be gone. These older Escapes transmit...

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