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WHEN DO CONTROL ARMS NEED REPLACING?

There are many reasons to replace the front or rear control arm assembly. The most common reason is either the bushing or the ball joint is worn out, while another reason is rust. A typical stamped steel control arm will show signs of rust and corrosion. The life expectancy can be shortened due to exposure to water and road salt.

There are three different types of control arms. Stamped steel is lighter and more economical; however, they will deteriorate from rust over time. Cast iron is extremely strong and can withstand harsh environments better than the stamped steel control arms. These are typically found on truck applications. Lastly is cast aluminum. These don't corrode quite like the steel control arms do, but since aluminum is a softer metal, they do bend and crack from road hazards.

Autopart International's stamped steel control arms are E-coated to withstand the elements. AI's control arms can withstand 250-300 hours of salt spray testing. This makes for a longer-lasting product.

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