



8. Remove the cap screw and lock nut securing the lower shock eyelet to the upper A-arm. Discard the lock nut.

■NOTE: Never reuse a lock nut. Once a lock nut has been removed, it must be replaced with a new lock nut.

- 9. Remove the cap screw securing the upper A-arm ball joint to the steering knuckle; then disengage the ball joint from the knuckle.
- 10. While holding the drive axle stationary, pull the top of the steering knuckle out and down until it is free of the drive axle.
- 11. Place a drain pan under the ATV to contain any oil leakage; then using a slide hammer, remove the drive axle.



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CLEANING AND INSPECTING

■NOTE: Always clean and inspect the drive axle components to determine if any service or replacement is necessary.

1. Using a clean towel, wipe away any oil or grease from the axle components.



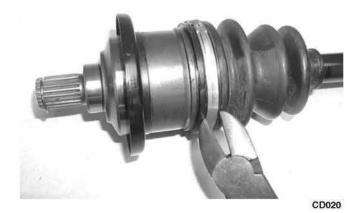
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2. Inspect boots for any tears, cracks, or deterioration.

■NOTE: If a boot is damaged in any way, it must be replaced with a boot kit.

DISASSEMBLING AXLES

1. Using a side-cutters (or suitable substitute), remove the large clamp from the boot.



2. Wipe away excess grease to access the retaining ring. Using an awl or circlip pliers, remove the circlip.



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3. Using a snap ring pliers, remove the circlip securing the bearing ring to the shaft. Note the direction of the bearing for assembling purposes.