

NOSTALGIC MOTOR CARS UNLOCKS THE HISTORY & MYSTERIES OF THE 1963-1985 AVANTIS

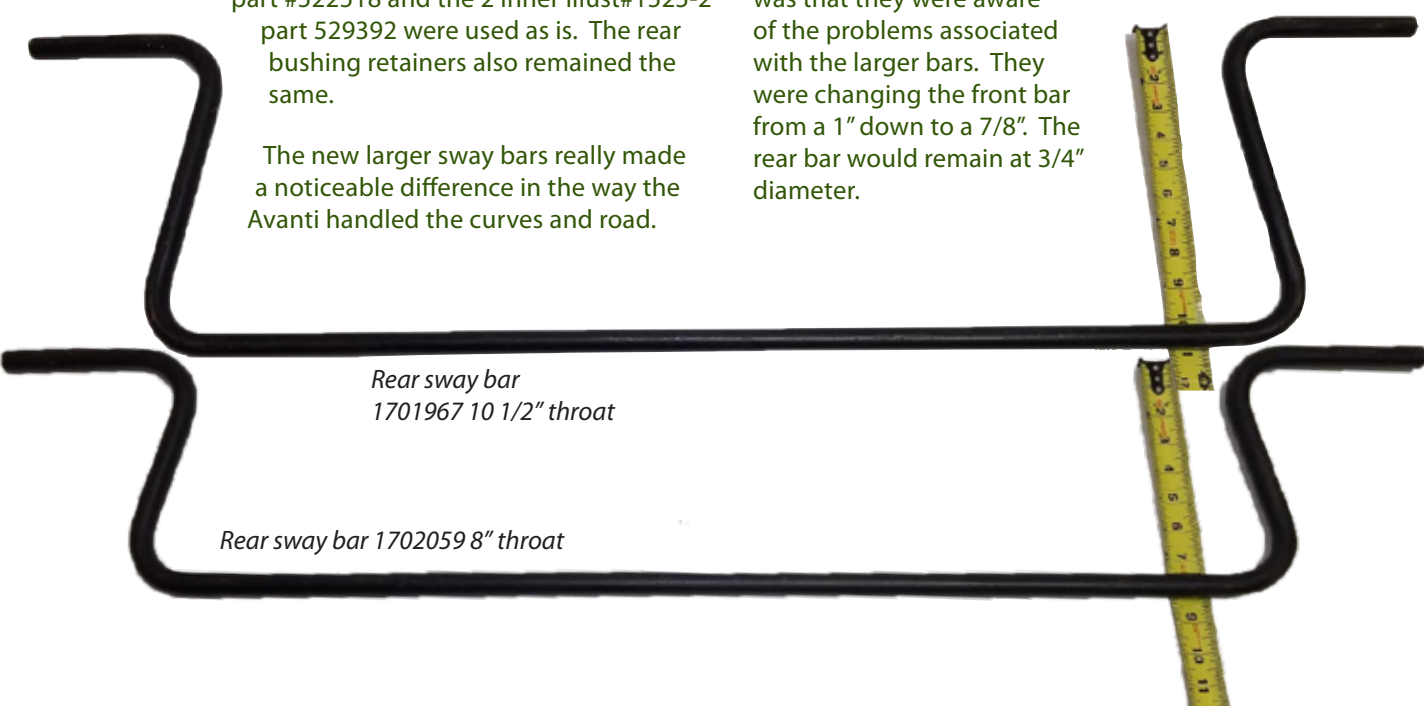
Dan Booth has over 45 years of exclusive, hands on Avanti sales, service, collision and parts, not Studebaker cars or trucks, just 1963-1985 Avantis.

The Avanti front and rear stabilizer (sway) bars installed from 1963-1983 were all the same, with the exception of the front bar link system for early 1963 illust# 1205-35 part 31545231, illust# 1205-41 part#1546105 and their associated parts were changed, after serial number 1815 to the bracket assembly illust# 1205-45 part #1558373

When Avanti Motors introduced the 1983 black 20th Anniversary Edition to dealers. It was supposed to have the new front braking system and the new, larger sway bars, front and rear. The new front disc brake system wasn't ready in time. The 1" front sway bar part#1701966 and rear bar part# 1701967 were ready, but the new 1" front bushings, part# 1702048 and retainers part # 1702049 were not. They simply ground out the hole in the 4 front original bushings, illust#1205-26 part #1539472. The 2 original rear outer bushings, illust#1525-3 part #522518 and the 2 inner illust#1525-2 part 529392 were used as is. The rear bushing retainers also remained the same.

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The new larger sway bars really made a noticeable difference in the way the Avanti handled the curves and road.



The rear bar design would change. The length of the throat was changed from about 10 1/2" down to 8" (see photo) they started this new design in very late 1983, but had to use up 1701967, before they installed them, which should address all the issues they experienced with the 1983 Anniversary and the 1984 Avantis.

I personally like the 1985 7/8" sway bars better than the 1984 1" sway bars, I can't tell the handling difference between the two. I have sold more 7/8" sway bar kits, than the 1" over the last 36 years but if Avanti Motors took

When they first told me about the larger sway bar, in early 1983 I ordered 5 sets. When they finally arrived I installed a set on my Wife, Betty's very low milage, pristine 1978. I would ask customers if they wanted to improve the handling of their Avanti. they would respond; "How?" I would show them a set of the new larger bars and let them drive Betty's 1978. When they returned with her Avanti, they wanted a set on their Avanti.

One down side of the larger sway bars were complaints about rattles, in the new 1984 Avantis I sold and others that were sent to my by Avanti Motors for warranty service. Betty's 1978 started to get rattles. I called Avanti Motors to discuss the rattles in the new cars that weren't there in the 1983 model. I also told them that Betty's 1978 was also developing rattles. I asked if the larger sway bars could be too heavy for that old style suspension. Their comment was that they were aware of the problems associated with the larger bars. They were changing the front bar from a 1" down to a 7/8". The rear bar would remain at 3/4" diameter.

the time to redesign a, new for 1984, sway bar system, that was less than a year old. They must have felt that the 1985 design was totally necessary, otherwise why do it ?

I don't sell the reproduction sway bar kits, like others do, which aren't made from the original blue prints, so they have to guess at what type of steel to use and don't know the critical, correct tolerances that Avanti engineering specified on the blue prints. I only sell N.O.S sway bar kits, purchased directly from Avanti Motors.

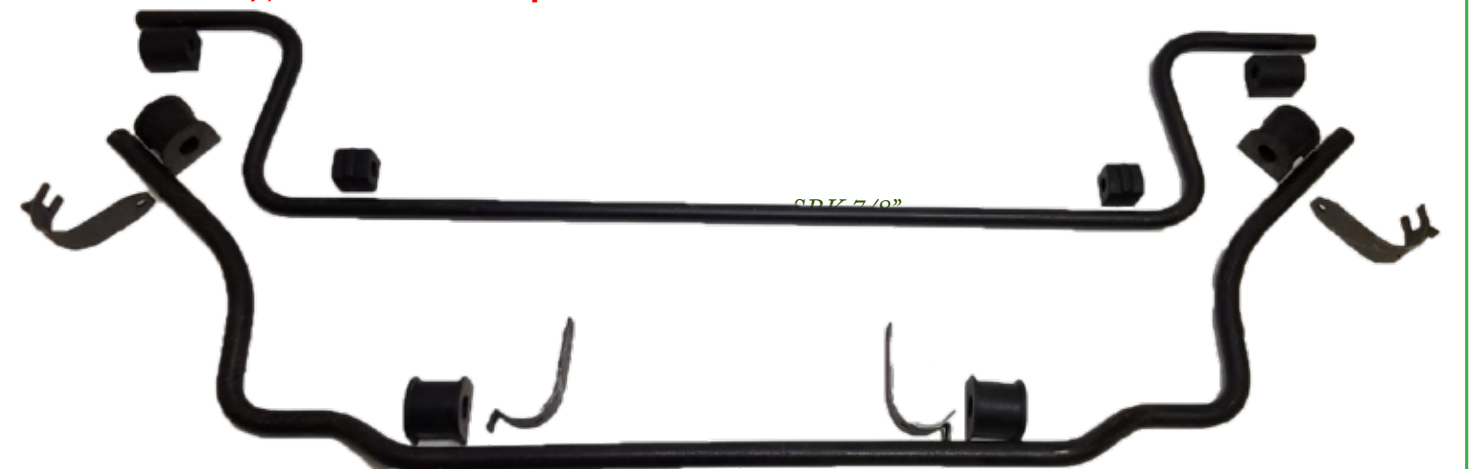
I offer both N.O.S. factory sway bar kits



- \$91.43 x 1 = \$91.43 1- 1701966 1" sway bar
- \$91.43 x 1 = \$91.43 1- 1701967 3/4" rear sway bar 10.5" throat
- \$7.85 x 4 = \$31.80 4- 1702048 Front sway bar bushings
- \$6.95 x 4 = \$27.80 4- 1702049 Front sway bar retainers
- \$6.00 x 2 = \$12.00 2- 522518 Rear outer bushings
- \$7.95 x 2 = \$15.90 2- 529392 Rear inner bushings

\$270.36 Factory price in 1983 Current price \$425.00

These N.O.S. sway bar kits cost \$270.00 from Avanti Motors or Nostalgic Motor Cars in 1983. These same kits would cost \$740.00 in today's money. \$1.00 in 1983 is equivalent in purchasing power to about \$2.75 today, in 2021, an increase of \$1.75 over 38 years. I am selling these N.O.S. sway bar kit for \$425.00 for the 1" kit or the 7/8" kit, which is a real bargain and best of all, they are not the reproductions, like others are selling.



- \$91.43 x 1 = \$91.43 1- 1702282 7/8" front sway bar
- \$92.95 x 1 = \$92.95 1- 1702059 3/4" rear sway bar 8" throat
- \$7.95 x 4 = \$31.80 4- 1702280 front sway bar bushings
- \$8.26 x 4 = \$33.04 4- 1702049 front sway bar retainers
- \$6.00 x 2 = \$12.00 2- 522518 Rear outer bushings
- \$7.95 x 2 = \$15.90 2- 529392 Rear Inner bushings

\$277.12 Factory price in 1983 Current price \$425.00

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I also have N.O.S. Front sway bar brackets, after serial #1815 1558373 \$44.00