

Most of the time this occurs in older vehicles, but it's going to be traced to either a severely worn bushing, or a crack in the frame or suspension mounting point, usually. I'll assume the history of the vehicle doesn't include salvage? And I'll also assume that all bolts are very tight.

I'd start by getting under there with a crowbar and start prying and moving things around, looking for movement where it doesn't belong. Also have a helper gently rock the steering wheel back-and-forth while you observe what's going on under the vehicle, looking at the steering components specifically.

If a thorough examination fails to turn up anything, then I'd start looking at things like hidden-cracked half-shafts. I had this happen on a wobbly Cherokee once, it bedeviled me for years until it finally snapped off in my driveway. Two new half-shafts later, no more wobble.

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I have heard people say that they just had to get use to it and others say it's just part of owning a Jeep. Well the reason they say this is they are mechanically lazy or just don't know better. Death wobble is not normal. It can be tricky to determine the exact cause because there can be many. The two primary causes of death wobble are lose or worn ball joints and tire ballance. It can also be caused an off set in the front end, an improper adjustment in the front track bar, a bad allinement, worn control arm bushings and broken trak bar mounts. Once you have death wobble one issue can contribute to others. Poor tire ballance and allinement can contribute to problems with your ball joints and vise versa. My best piece of advise is to jack your Jeeps front end completely off the ground, with it secured shake the wheels. This will often show you any lose ball joints. Lose joints can be easily tighten, worn joints must be replaced. You should also have your tires ballanced from time to time but if your experiencing wobble it's a good time to get them ballanced. The bottom line is death wobble is not normal and it's not safe. Don't let anyone tell you otherwise. The good news is, it is fixable.