

STEERING SYSTEM

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PRECAUTIONS

Supplemental Restraint System (SRS) "AIR BAG" and "SEAT BELT PRE-TENSIONER"

Supplemental Restraint System (SRS) "AIR BAG" and "SEAT BELT PRE-TENSIONER"

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The Supplemental Restraint System such as "AIR BAG" and "SEAT BELT PRE-TENSIONER" used along with a seat belt, helps to reduce the risk or severity of injury to the driver and front passenger for certain types of collision. This system includes seat belt switch inputs and dual stage front air bag modules. The SRS system uses the seat belt switches to determine the front air bag deployment, and may only deploy one front air bag, depending on the severity of a collision and whether the front occupants are belted or unbelted. The SRS system composition which is available to NISSAN MODEL A33 is as follows:

- For a frontal collision
The Supplemental Restraint System consists of driver air bag module (located in the center of the steering wheel), front passenger air bag module (located on the instrument panel on passenger side), seat belt pre-tensioners, a diagnosis sensor unit, crash zone sensor, warning lamp, wiring harness and spiral cable.
- For a side collision
The Supplemental Restraint System consists of front side air bag module (located in the outer side of front seat), satellite sensor, diagnosis sensor unit (one of components of air bags for a frontal collision), wiring harness, warning lamp (one of components of air bags for a frontal collision).

Information necessary to service the system safely is included in the **RS section** of this Service Manual.

WARNING:

- To avoid rendering the SRS inoperative, which could increase the risk of personal injury or death in the event of a collision which would result in air bag inflation, all maintenance should be performed by an authorized NISSAN dealer.
- Improper maintenance, including incorrect removal and installation of the SRS, can lead to personal injury caused by unintentional activation of the system. For removal of Spiral Cable and Air Bag Module, see the RS section.
- Do not use electrical test equipment on any circuit related to the SRS unless instructed to in this Service Manual. SRS wiring harnesses can be identified by yellow and/or orange harness connector.

Precautions for Steering System

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- Before disassembly, thoroughly clean the outside of the unit.
- Disassembly should be done in a clean work area. It is important to prevent the internal parts from becoming contaminated by dirt or other foreign matter.
- Place disassembled parts in order, on a parts rack, for easier and proper assembly.
- Use nylon cloths or paper towels to clean the parts; common shop rags can leave lint that might interfere with their operation.
- Before inspection or reassembly, carefully clean all parts with a general purpose, non-flammable solvent.
- Before assembly, apply a coat of recommended power steering fluid* to hydraulic parts. Vaseline may be applied to O-rings and seals. Do not use any grease.
- Replace all gaskets, seals and O-rings. Avoid damaging O-rings, seals and gaskets during installation. Perform functional tests whenever designated.

*: Genuine Nissan PSF II or equivalent. Refer to MA-11, "Fluids and Lubricants".

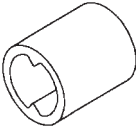
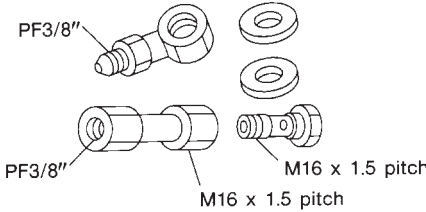
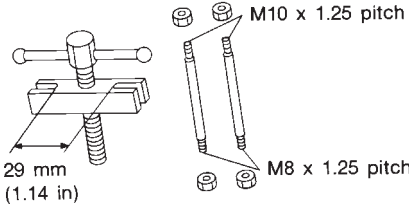
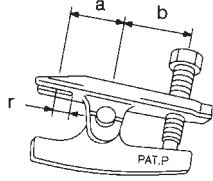
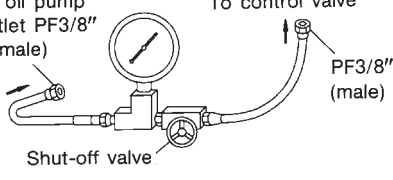
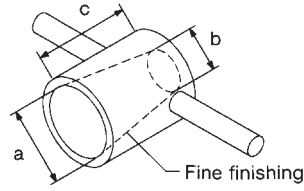
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Special Service Tools

Special Service Tools

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The actual shapes of Kent-Moore tools may differ from those of special service tools illustrated here.

Tool number (Kent-Moore No.) Tool name	Description		
KV48100700 (J26364) Torque adapter		Measuring pinion rotating torque	GI MA EM LC
KV48102500 (J33914) Pressure gauge adapter		Measuring oil pressure	EC FE CL
ST27180001 (J25726-A) Steering wheel puller		Removing steering wheel	MT AT AX
HT72520000 (J25730-B) Ball joint remover		Removing ball joint a: 33 mm (1.30 in) b: 50 mm (1.97 in) r: R11.5 mm (0.453 in)	SU BR
KV48103500 (J26357 and J26357-10) Pressure gauge		Measuring oil pressure	ST RS BT
KV48104400 () Rack seal ring reformer		Reforming teflon ring a: 50 mm (1.97 in) dia. b: 36 mm (1.42 in) dia. c: 100 mm (3.94 in)	HA SC EL

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Special Service Tools (Cont'd)

Tool number (Kent-Moore No.) Tool name	Description	
ST3127S000 1 GG91030000 (See J25765-A) Torque wrench 2 HT62940000 (—) Socket adapter 3 HT62900000 (—) Socket adapter	<p>NT541</p>	Measuring turning torque
(J-44372) Spring gauge	<p>LST024</p>	Measuring steering wheel turning force
(J-44183-A) Spring gauge	<p>LST025</p>	Measuring rack sliding force

Commercial Service Tool

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Tool number	Description	
Oil pump attachment	<p>NT774</p>	Disassembling and assembling oil pump Unit: mm (in)

NOISE, VIBRATION AND HARSHNESS (NVH) TROUBLESHOOTING

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NVH Troubleshooting Chart

NVH Troubleshooting Chart

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Use the chart below to help you find the cause of the symptom. If necessary, repair or replace these parts.

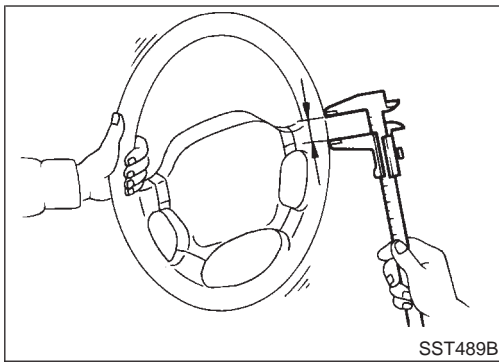
Reference page	Symptom				Possible cause and SUSPECTED PARTS	Reference page
	STEERING					
	Noise	Shake	Vibration	Shimmy		
					Fluid level	ST-7
					Air in hydraulic system	ST-7
					Tie-rod ball joint swinging force	ST-18
					Tie-rod ball joint rotating torque	ST-18
					Tie-rod ball joint end play	ST-18
					Steering gear fluid leakage	ST-7
					Steering wheel play	ST-6
					Steering gear rack sliding force	ST-8
					Drive belt looseness	Refer to MA-13.
					Improper steering wheel	—
					Improper installation or looseness or tilt lock lever	ST-10
					Mounting rubber deterioration	ST-6
					Steering column deformation or damage	ST-13
					Improper installation or looseness of steering column	ST-12
					Steering linkage looseness	ST-14
					DRIVE SHAFT	NVH in AX section Refer to AX-3.
					AXLE	NVH in AX section Refer to AX-3.
					SUSPENSION	NVH in SU section Refer to SU-4.
					TIRES	NVH in SU section Refer to SU-4.
					ROAD WHEEL	NVH in SU section Refer to SU-4.
					BRAKES	NVH in BR section Refer to BR-7.

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Checking Steering Wheel Play



Checking Steering Wheel Play

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- With wheels in a straight-ahead position, check steering wheel play.

Steering wheel play:

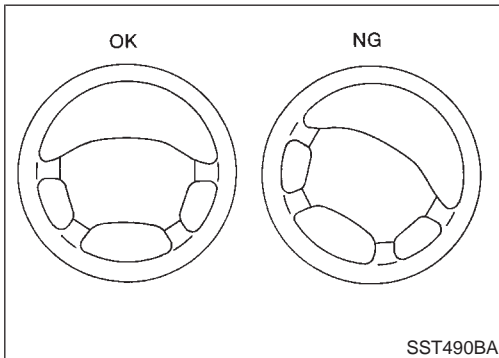
35 mm (1.38 in) or less

- If it is not within specification, check the following for loose or worn components.

Steering gear assembly

Steering column

Front suspension and axle



Checking Neutral Position on Steering Wheel

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- Make sure that wheel alignment is correct.

Wheel alignment:

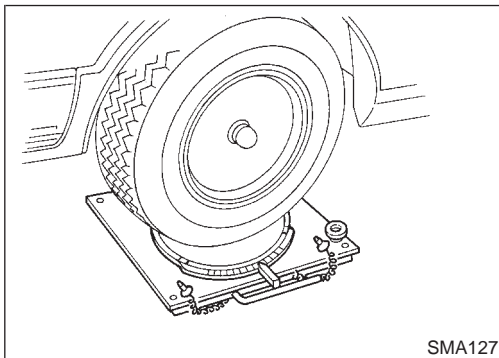
Refer to SU-14, SDS.

- Verify that the steering gear is centered before removing the steering wheel.

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1. Check that the steering wheel is in the neutral position when driving straight ahead.
2. If it is not in the neutral position, remove the steering wheel and reinstall it correctly.
3. If the neutral position is between two teeth, loosen tie-rod lock nuts. Turn the tie-rods by the same amount in opposite directions on both left and right sides.



Front Wheel Turning Angle

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1. Rotate steering wheel all the way right and left; measure turning angle.

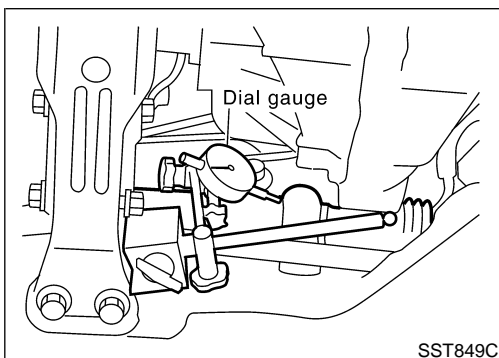
Turning angle of full turns:

Refer to SU-14, SDS.

2. If it is not within specification, check rack stroke.

Rack stroke "S":

Refer to SDS, ST-29.



Checking Gear Housing Movement

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1. Check the movement of steering gear housing during stationary steering on a dry paved surface.

- Apply a force of 49 N (5 kg, 11 lb) to steering wheel to check the gear housing movement.

Turn off ignition key while checking.

Movement of gear housing:

±2 mm (±0.08 in) or less

2. If movement exceeds the limit, replace mount insulator after confirming proper installation of gear housing clamps.

Checking and Adjusting Drive Belts

Refer to MA-13, "Checking Drive Belts".

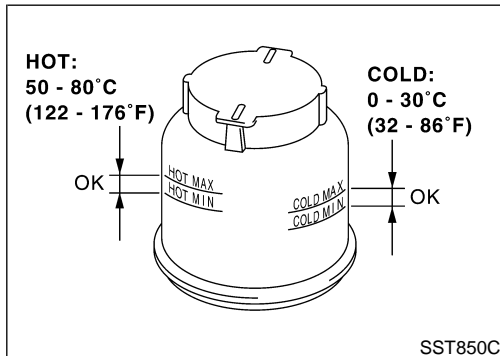
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Checking Fluid Level

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Check fluid level, referring to the scale on reservoir tank. Use "HOT" range for fluid temperatures of 50 to 80°C (122 to 176°F).

Use "COLD" range for fluid temperatures of 0 to 30°C (32 to 86°F).

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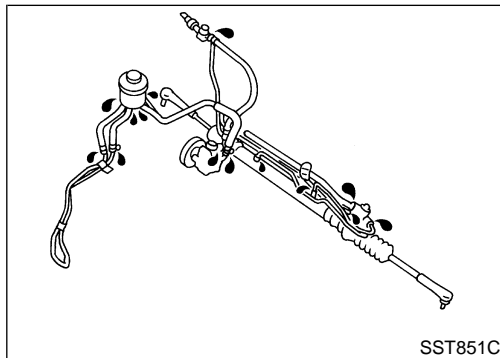
- Do not overfill.
- Recommended fluid is Genuine Nissan PSF II or equivalent. Refer to MA-11, "Fluids and Lubricants".

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Checking Fluid Leakage

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Check the lines for improper attachment and for leaks, cracks, damage, loose connections, chafing and deterioration.

1. Run engine between idle speed and 1,000 rpm.

Make sure temperature of fluid in reservoir tank rises to 50 to 80°C (122 to 176°F).

2. Turn steering wheel right-to-left several times.
3. Hold steering wheel at each "lock" position for five seconds and carefully check for fluid leakage.

CAUTION:

Do not hold the steering wheel in a locked position for more than 15 seconds.

4. If fluid leakage at connectors is noticed, loosen flare nut and then retighten.

Do not overtighten connector as this can damage O-ring, washer and connector.

5. If fluid leakage from power steering pump is noticed, check power steering pump. Refer to ST-24.
6. Check rack boots for accumulation of power steering fluid.

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Bleeding Hydraulic System

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1. Raise front end of vehicle until wheels are clear of the ground.
 2. Add fluid into reservoir tank to specified level. Then quickly turn steering wheel fully to right and left and lightly touch steering stoppers. Repeat steering wheel operation until fluid level no longer decreases.
 3. Start engine. Repeat step 2. above.
- Incomplete air bleeding will cause the following to occur. When this happens, bleed air again.

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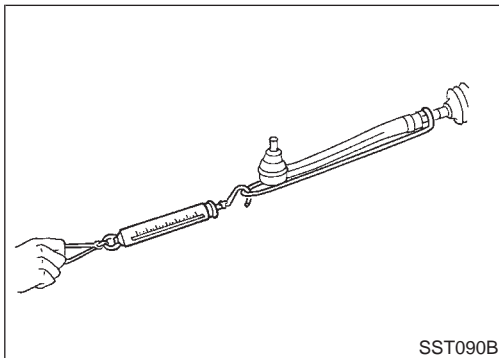
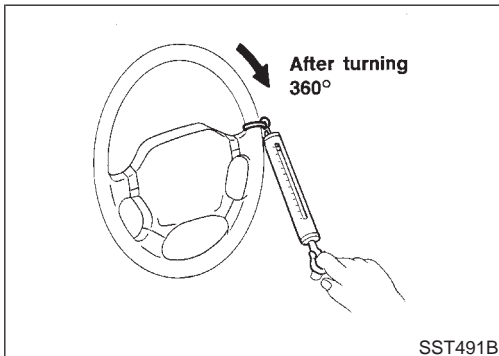
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ON-VEHICLE SERVICE

Bleeding Hydraulic System (Cont'd)

- a) Air bubbles in reservoir tank
- b) Clicking noise in oil pump
- c) Excessive buzzing in oil pump

Fluid noise may occur in the valve or oil pump. This is common when the vehicle is stationary or while turning the steering wheel slowly. This does not affect the performance or durability of the system.



Checking Steering Wheel Turning Force

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1. Park vehicle on a level, dry surface and set parking brake.
2. Start engine.
3. Bring power steering fluid up to adequate operating temperature. [Make sure temperature of fluid is approximately 50 to 80°C (122 to 176°F).]

Tires need to be inflated to normal pressure.

4. Check steering wheel turning force when steering wheel has been turned 360° from the neutral position.

Steering wheel turning force:

39 N (4 kg, 9 lb) or less

5. If steering wheel turning force is out of specification, check rack sliding force.
 - a. Disconnect steering column lower joint and knuckle arms from the gear.
 - b. Start and run engine at idle to make sure steering fluid has reached normal operating temperature.
 - c. Pull tie-rod slowly to move it from neutral position to ± 11.5 mm (± 0.453 in) at speed of 3.5 mm (0.138 in)/s. Check that rack sliding force is within specification.

Average rack sliding force:

235.4 - 294.2 N (24 - 30 kg, 52.9 - 66.1 lb)

Maximum force deviation:

117.7 N (12 kg, 26.5 lb)

- d. Check sliding force outside the above range at rack speed of 40 mm (1.75 in)/s.

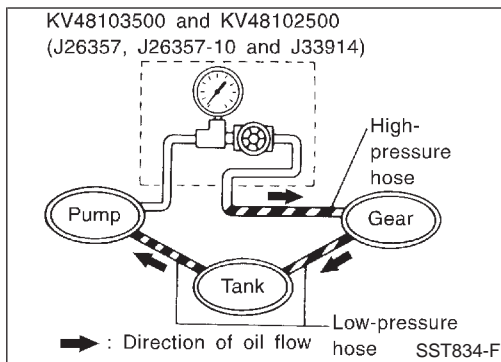
Rack sliding force:

Not more than 294 N (30 kg, 66 lb)

Maximum force deviation:

147 N (15 kg, 33 lb)

6. If rack sliding force is not within specification, overhaul steering gear assembly.
7. If rack sliding force is OK, inspect steering column. Refer to ST-12.



Checking Hydraulic System

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Before starting, check belt tension, driving pulley and tire pressure.

1. Set Tool. Open shut-off valve. Then bleed air. Refer to "Bleeding Hydraulic System", ST-7.
2. Run engine at idle speed or 1,000 rpm.

Make sure temperature of fluid in tank rises to 50 to 80°C (122 to 176°F).

WARNING:

Warm up engine with shut-off valve fully opened. If engine is started with shut-off valve closed, fluid pressure in oil pump increases to maximum. This will raise oil temperature abnormally.

3. Check pressure with steering wheel fully turned to left and right positions with engine idling at 1,000 rpm.

CAUTION:

Do not hold the steering wheel in a locked position for more than 15 seconds.

Oil pump maximum standard pressure:

8,100 - 8,700 kPa (82.62 - 88.74 kg/cm², 1,174.5 - 1,261.5 psi)

- If pressure reaches maximum operating pressure, system is OK.
- If pressure increases above maximum operating pressure, check power steering pump flow control valve. Refer to ST-24.
- 4. If power steering pressure is below the maximum operating pressure, slowly close shut-off valve and check pressure again.

CAUTION:

Do not close shut-off valve for more than 15 seconds.

- If pressure increases to maximum operating pressure, gear is damaged. Refer to "Removal and Installation", ST-15.
 - If pressure remains below maximum operating pressure, pump is damaged. Refer to "Disassembly", ST-25.
5. After checking hydraulic system, remove Tool and add fluid as necessary. Then completely bleed air out of system. Refer to ST-7.

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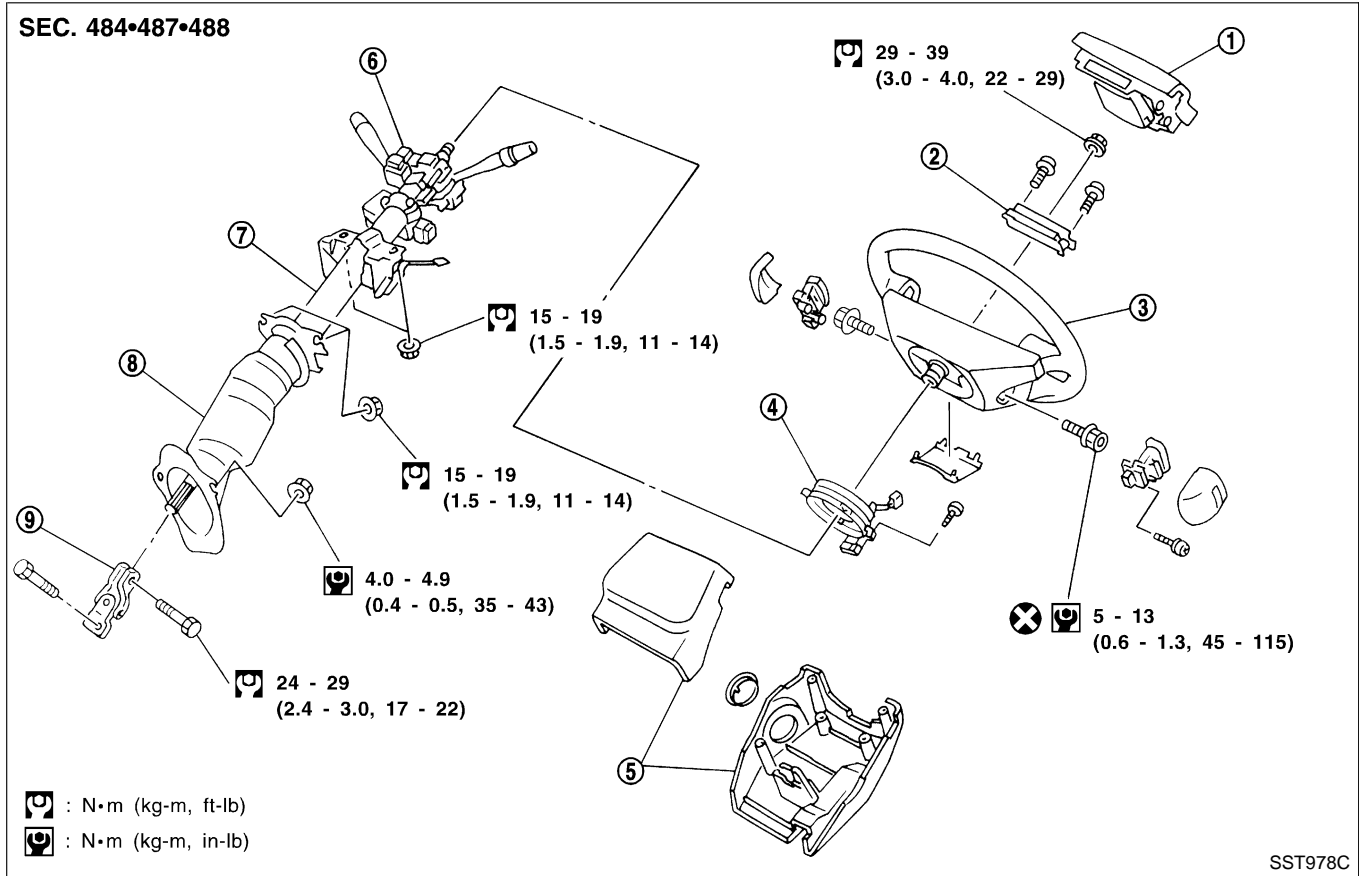
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STEERING WHEEL AND STEERING COLUMN

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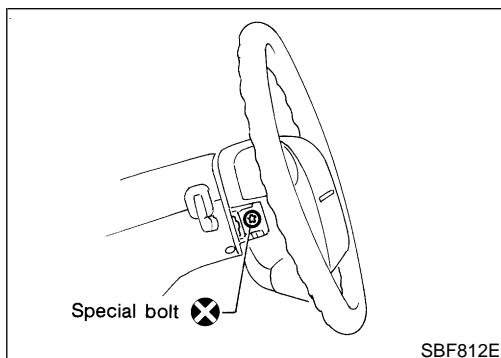
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| 1. Air bag module | 4. Spiral cable | 7. Steering column assembly |
| 2. Damper | 5. Column cover | 8. Boot |
| 3. Steering wheel | 6. Combination switch | 9. Lower joint |

CAUTION:

- The rotation of the spiral cable (SRS “Air bag” component part) is limited. If the steering gear must be removed, set the front wheels in the straight-ahead direction. Do not rotate the steering column while the steering gear is removed.
- Remove the steering wheel before removing the steering lower joint to avoid damaging the SRS spiral cable.



Removal and Installation

STEERING WHEEL

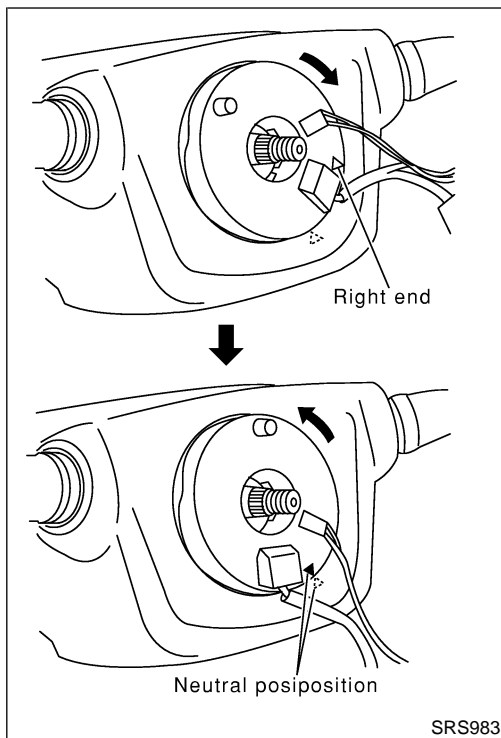
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- Remove air bag module and spiral cable. Refer to RS-21, “Removal — Air Bag Module and Spiral Cable”.

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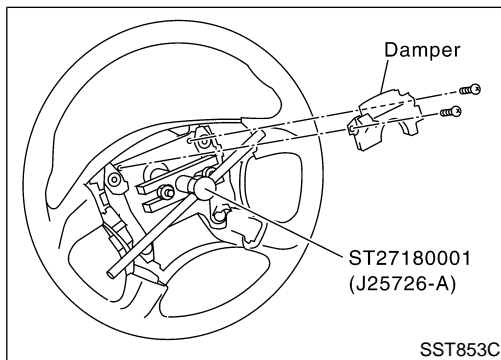


- Align spiral cable correctly when installing steering wheel.
 - a) Set the front wheels in the straight-ahead position.
 - b) Make sure that the spiral cable is in the neutral position. The neutral position is detected by turning left 2.5 revolutions from the right end position. Align the two marks (X).

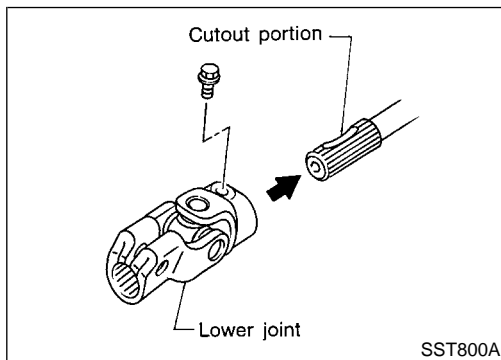
CAUTION:

The spiral cable may snap due to steering operation if the cable is installed in an improper position.

Also, with the steering linkage disconnected, the cable may snap by turning the steering wheel beyond the limited number of turns. (The spiral cable can be turned up to 2.5 turns from the neutral position to both the right and left.)



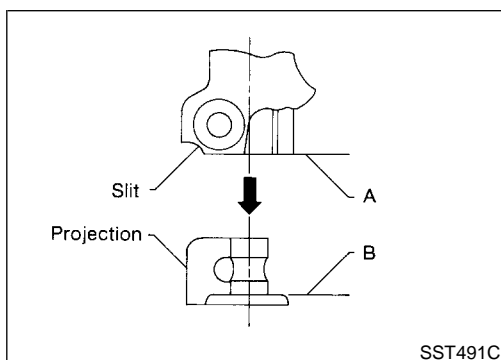
- Remove damper for steering wheel.
- Remove steering wheel with Tool.



STEERING COLUMN

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- When installing steering column, fingertighten all lower bracket and clamp retaining bolts; then tighten them securely. Do not apply undue stress to steering column.
- When attaching lower joint, be sure tightening bolt faces cut-out portion.



- Align slit of lower joint with projection on dust cover. Insert joint until surface A contacts surface B.

CAUTION:

After installation, turn steering wheel to make sure it moves smoothly. Ensure the number of turns are the same from the straight forward position to left and right locks. Be sure that the steering wheel is in a neutral position when driving straight ahead.

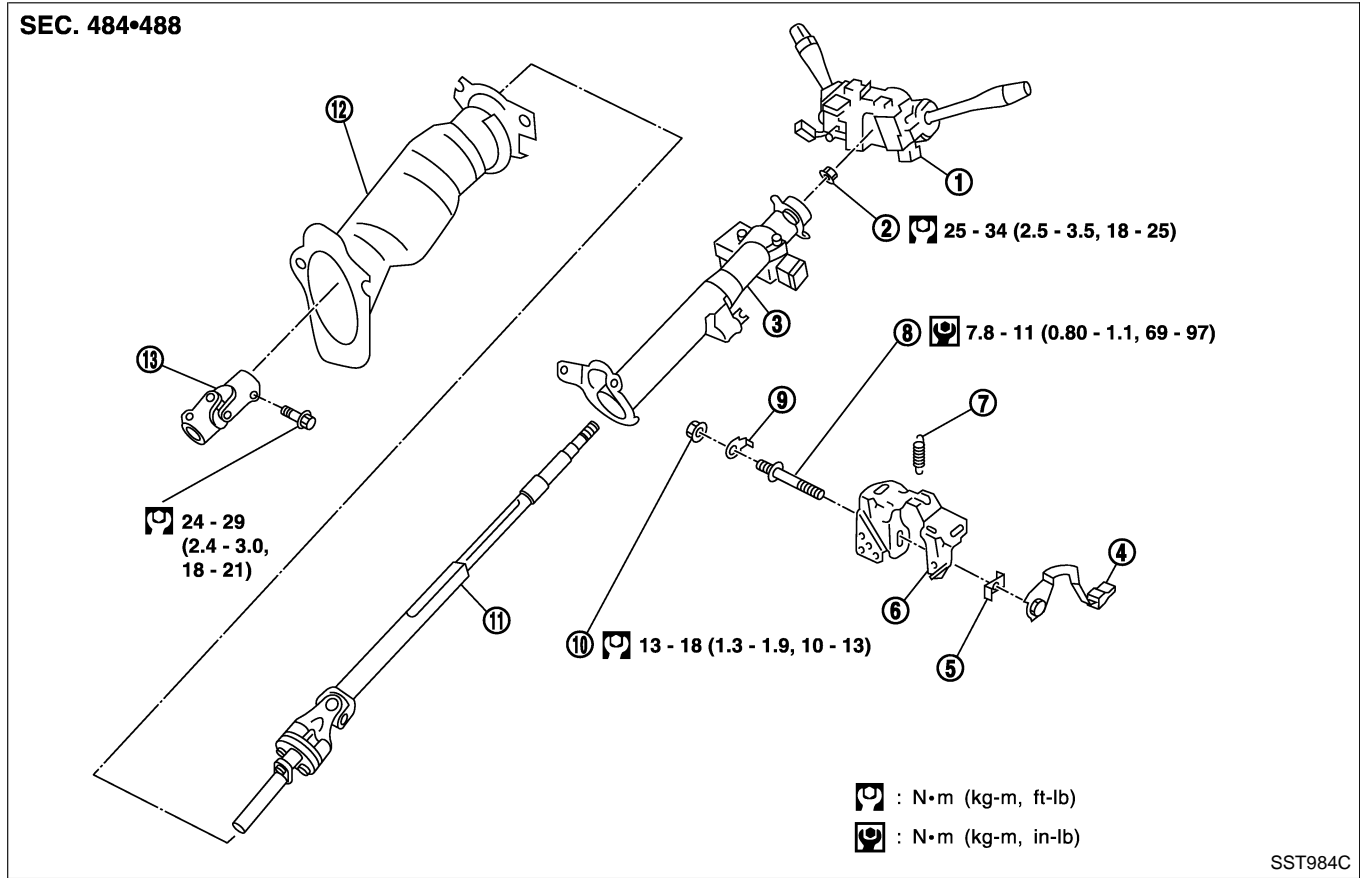
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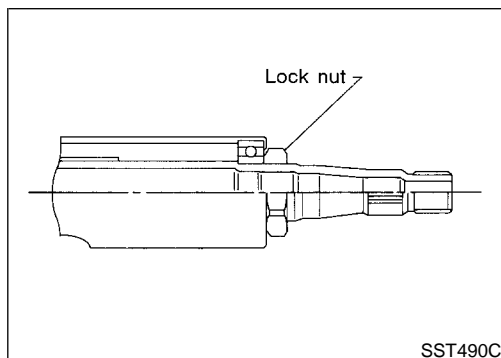
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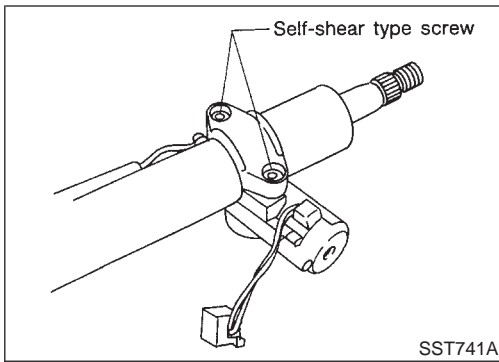
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| 1. Combination switch | 6. Steering column mounting bracket | 10. Nut |
| 2. Lock nut | 7. Spring | 11. Column shaft assembly |
| 3. Jacket tube assembly | 8. Adjust bolt | 12. Steering column lower cover |
| 4. Tilt lever | 9. Adjust bolt stopper | 13. Lower joint |
| 5. Tilt lever stopper | | |



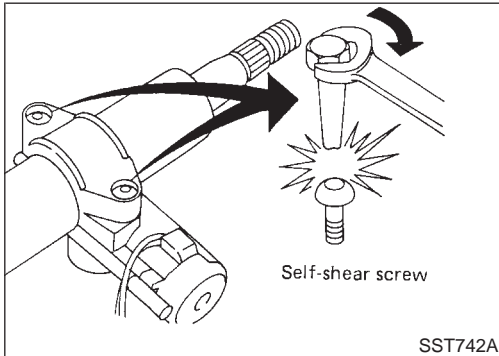
- When disassembling and assembling, unlock steering lock with key.
- Remove combination switch.
- Install lock nut on steering column shaft and tighten the nut.

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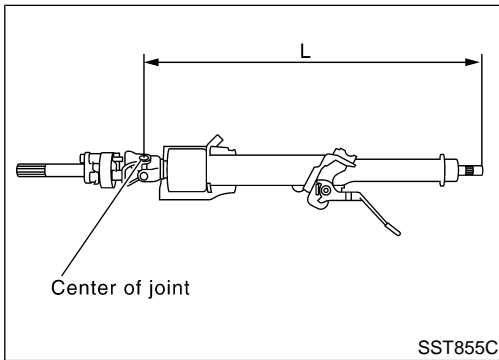
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- Steering lock
- a) Break self-shear type screws with a drill or other appropriate tool.



- b) Install new self-shear type screws and then cut off self-shear type screw heads.

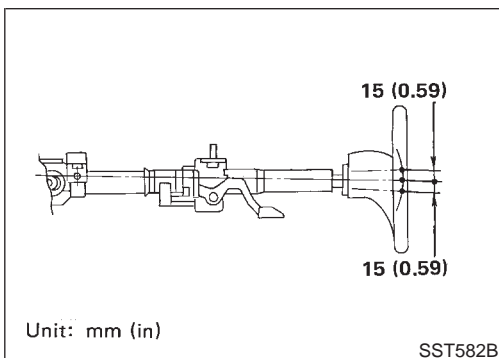


Inspection

- When steering wheel does not turn smoothly, check the steering column as follows and replace damaged parts.
- a) Check column bearings for damage or unevenness. Lubricate with recommended multi-purpose grease or replace steering column as an assembly, if necessary.
- b) Check jacket tube for deformation or breakage. Replace if necessary.
- When the vehicle comes into a light collision, check length "L".

Steering column length "L":
542 - 544 mm (21.34 - 21.42 in)

If out of the specifications, replace steering column as an assembly.



TILT MECHANISM

- After installing steering column, check tilt mechanism operation.

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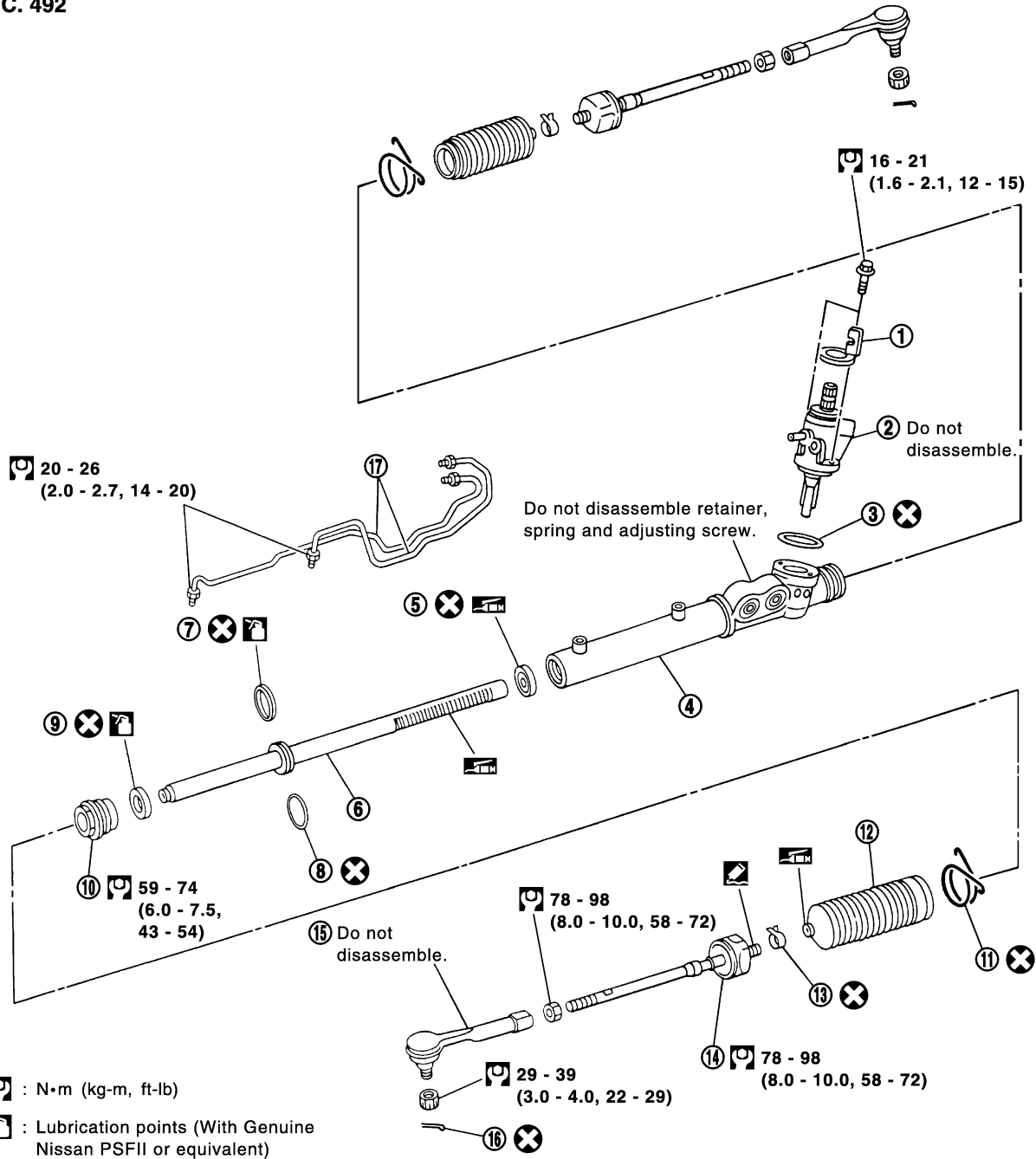
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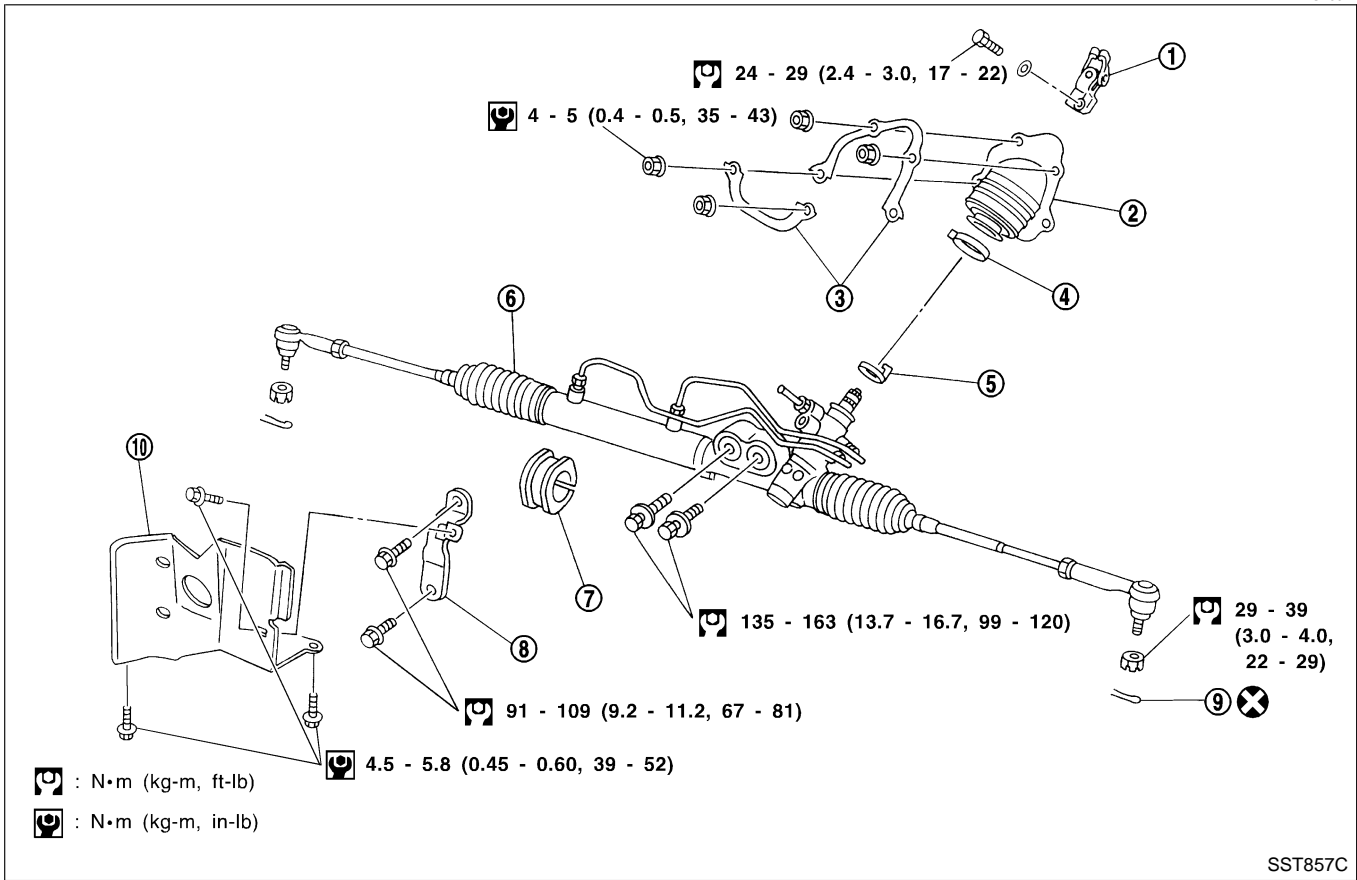
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|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Rear cover cap | 7. Rack seal ring | 13. Boot clamp |
| 2. Gear sub-assembly | 8. O-ring | 14. Tie-rod inner socket |
| 3. O-ring | 9. Rack oil seal | 15. Tie-rod outer socket |
| 4. Gear housing | 10. End cover assembly | 16. Cotter pin |
| 5. Rack oil seal | 11. Boot band | 17. Gear housing tube |
| 6. Rack assembly | 12. Dust boot | |

POWER STEERING GEAR AND LINKAGE

Removal and Installation

Removal and Installation

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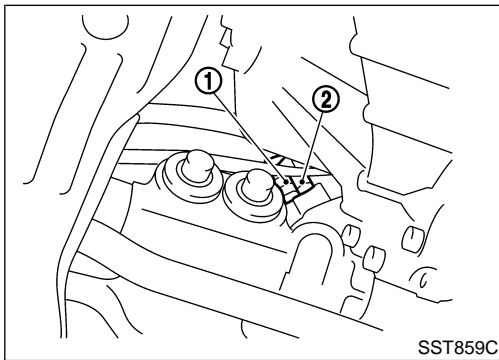
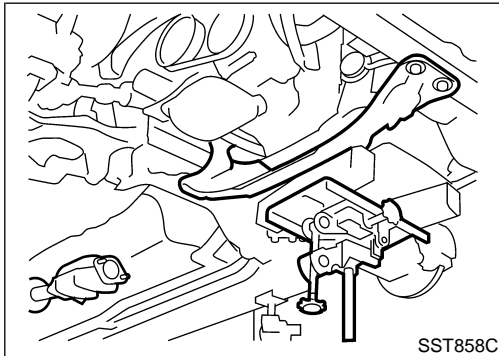
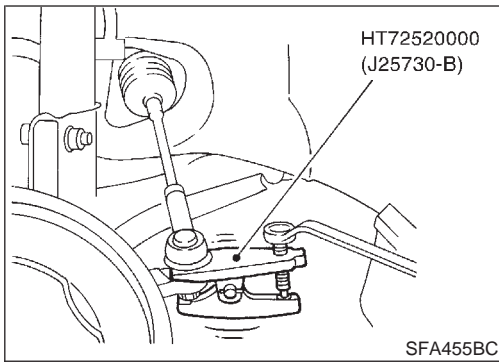


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| 1. Lower joint | 5. Rear cover cap | 8. Gear housing mounting bracket |
| 2. Hole cover | 6. Gear and linkage assembly | 9. Cotter pin |
| 3. Insulator bracket | 7. Rack mounting insulator | 10. Heat insulator |
| 4. Clamp | | |

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POWER STEERING GEAR AND LINKAGE

Removal and Installation (Cont'd)



CAUTION:

- The rotation of the spiral cable (SRS “Air bag” component part) is limited. If the steering gear must be removed, set the front wheels in the straight-ahead direction. Do not rotate the steering column while the steering gear is removed.
 - Remove the steering wheel before removing the steering lower joint to avoid damaging the SRS spiral cable.
 - Detach tie-rod outer sockets from knuckle arms with Tool.
1. Remove front exhaust tube. Refer to FE-9, “Removal and Installation”.
 2. Set a suitable transmission jack under transaxle.
 3. Remove center member and rear engine mounting. Refer to EM-69, “Removal”.
 4. Remove front stabilizer bar. Refer to SU-11, “Removal and Installation”.
 5. Remove steering gear assembly.

- Install pipe connector.
- Observe specified tightening torque when tightening high-pressure and low-pressure pipe connectors. Excessive tightening will damage threads of connector or O-ring.

Connector tightening torque:

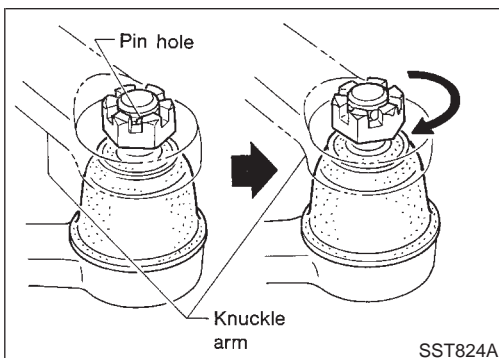
1 Low-pressure side

27 - 39 N·m (2.8 - 4.0 kg·m, 20 - 29 ft·lb)

2 High-pressure side

15 - 25 N·m (1.5 - 2.5 kg·m, 11 - 18 ft·lb)

- The O-ring in low-pressure pipe connector is larger than that in high-pressure connector. Take care to install the proper O-ring.



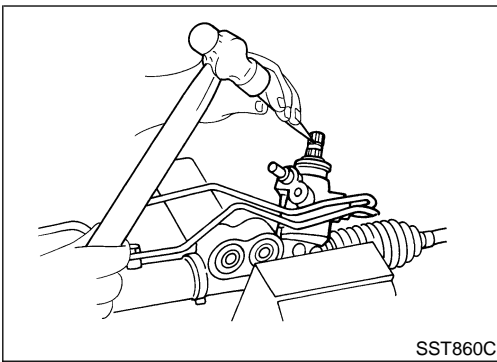
- Initially, tighten nut on tie-rod outer socket and knuckle arm to 29 to 39 N·m (3 to 4 kg·m, 22 to 29 ft·lb). Then tighten further to align nut groove with first pin hole so that cotter pin can be installed.

CAUTION:

Tightening torque must not exceed 49 N·m (5 kg·m, 36 ft·lb).

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Removal and Installation (Cont'd)



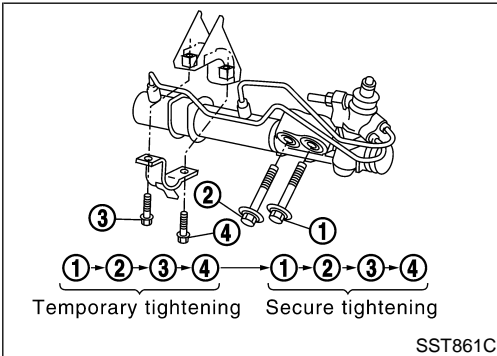
- Before removing lower joint from gear, set gear in neutral (wheels in straight-ahead position). After removing lower joint, put matching mark on pinion shaft and pinion housing to record neutral position.
- To install, set left and right dust boots to equal deflection. Attach lower joint by aligning matching marks of pinion shaft and pinion housing.

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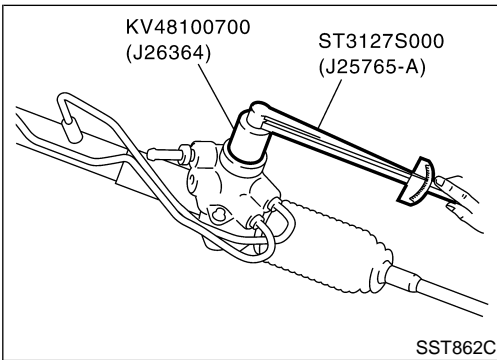
- Tighten gear housing mounting bracket bolts in the order shown.

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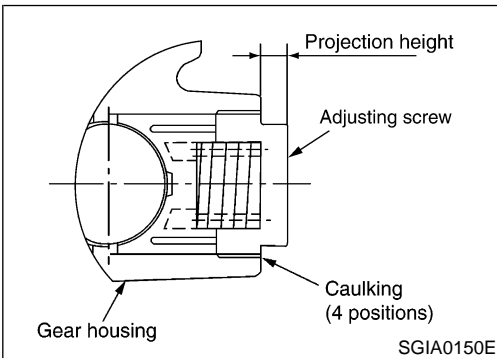
1. Prior to disassembling, measure pinion rotating torque. Record the pinion rotating torque as a reference.
- **Before measuring, disconnect gear housing tube and drain fluid.**
- **Use soft jaws when holding steering gear housing. Handle gear housing carefully, as it is made of aluminum. Do not grip cylinder in a vise.**

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2. Measure projection height with adjusting screw from gear housing, then loosen adjusting screw.

CAUTION:

- **Do not remove adjusting screw from gear housing.**
 - **Change gear assembly (without tie-rod) when adjusting screw is removed or it is turned more than two times.**
3. Remove gear sub-assembly and O-ring.

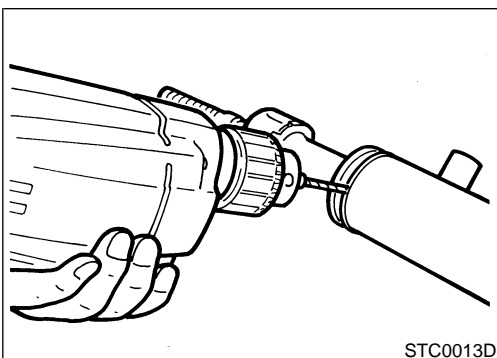
Gear sub-assembly cannot be disassembled. If it is faulty, replace with a new one.

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4. Remove tie-rod outer sockets and boots.
5. Remove tie-rod inner socket.
6. Use a 2 to 2.5 mm (0.079 to 0.098 in) diameter drill to completely remove staked portion of gear housing end.

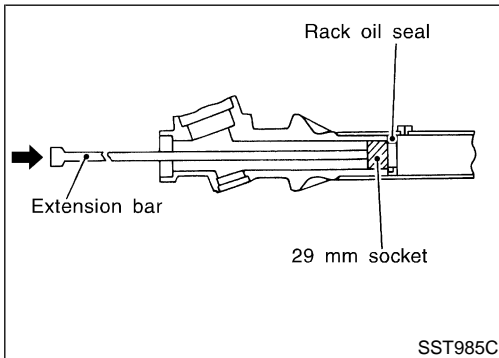
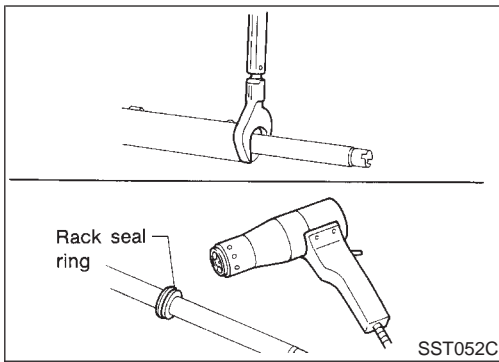
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Disassembly (Cont'd)



7. Remove end cover assembly with a suitable tool.
8. Draw out rack assembly.
9. Remove rack seal ring.
 - Using a heat gun, heat rack seal to approximately 40°C (104°F).
 - Remove rack seal ring.

Be careful not to damage rack.

10. Remove rack oil seal using tape wrapped socket and extension bar.

Do not scratch inner surfaces of pinion housing.

Inspection

Thoroughly clean all parts in cleaning solvent or Genuine NISSAN PSF II or equivalent. Blow dry with compressed air, if available.

BOOT

- Check condition of boot. If cracked excessively, replace it.
- Check boots for accumulation of power steering fluid.

RACK

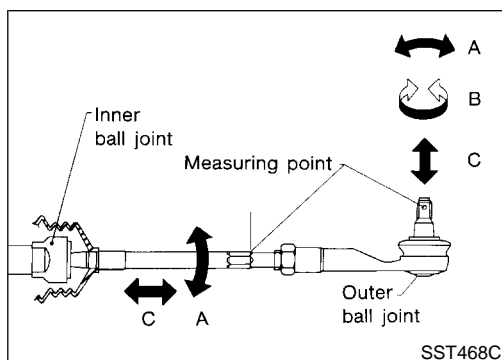
Thoroughly examine rack gear. If damaged, cracked or worn, replace it.

GEAR SUB-ASSEMBLY

- Check pinion gear. If it is worn or damaged, replace as a gear sub-assembly.
- Manually spin bearing. If torque variations or free play are noted, replace as a gear sub-assembly.

GEAR HOUSING CYLINDER

Check gear housing cylinder bore for scratches or other damage. Replace if necessary.



TIE-ROD OUTER AND INNER SOCKETS

- Check ball joints for swinging force.

Tie-rod outer and inner ball joints swinging force "A":
Refer to SDS, ST-29.
- Check ball joint for rotating torque.

Tie-rod outer ball joint rotating torque "B":
Refer to SDS, ST-29.
- Check ball joints for axial end play.

Tie-rod outer and inner ball joints axial end play "C":
Refer to SDS, ST-29.

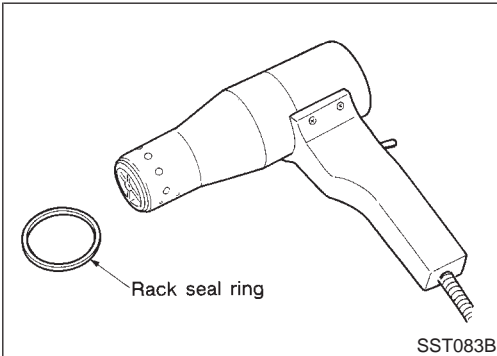
- Check condition of dust cover. If cracked excessively, replace outer tie-rod.

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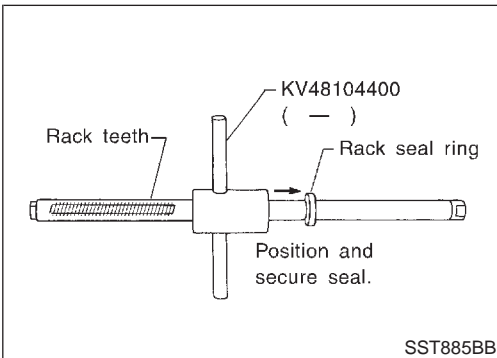
1. Using a heat gun, heat new teflon rack seal ring to approximately 40°C (104°F). Then place it onto rack. NFST0025

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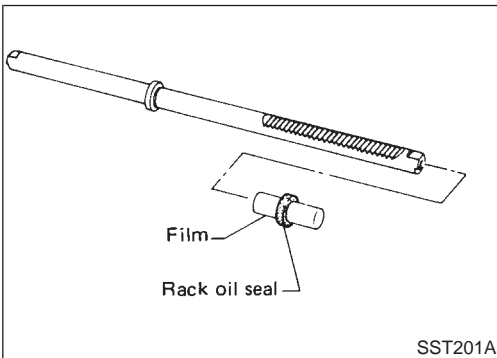
2. Using Tool, compress rack seal ring securely onto rack. **Always insert Tool from the rack gear side.**

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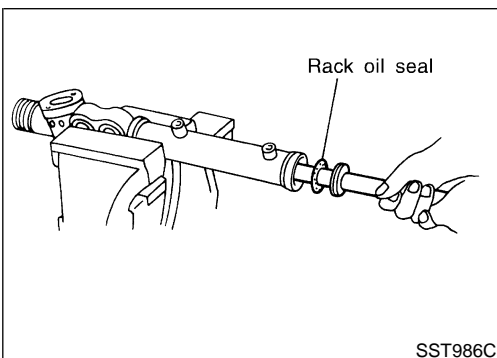
3. Insert new rack oil seal.
 - Place plastic film into rack oil seal to prevent damage by rack teeth.
 - Do not forget to remove plastic film after rack oil seal is positioned properly.
 - Make sure lips of rack oil seal face each other.

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4. Install rack oil seal with rack assembly.

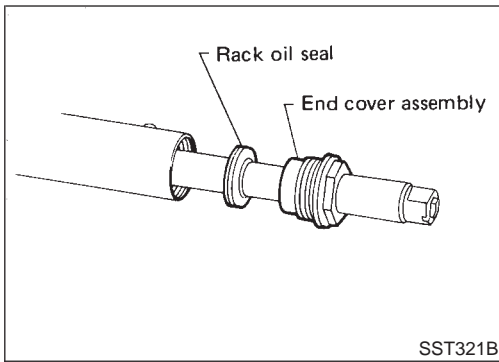
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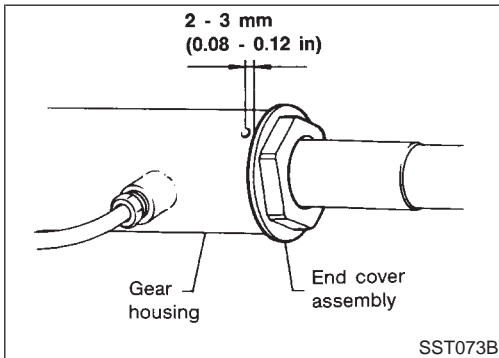
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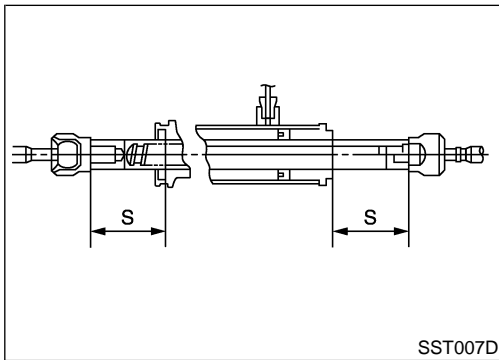
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5. Insert rack oil seal and end cover assembly to rack. Then tighten end cover assembly.

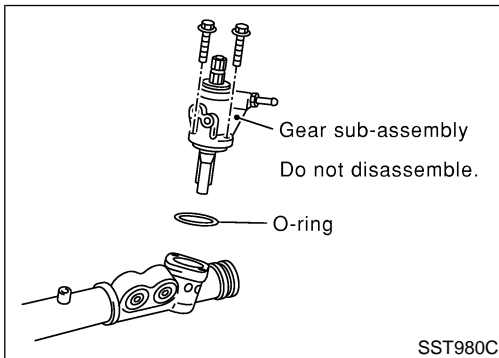


6. Fasten end cover assembly to gear housing by staking.

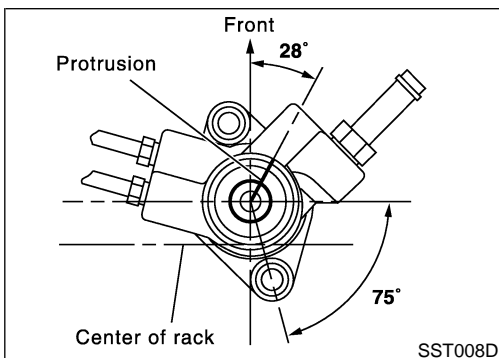


7. Set rack gear in neutral position.

Rack stroke "S":
Refer to SDS, ST-29.



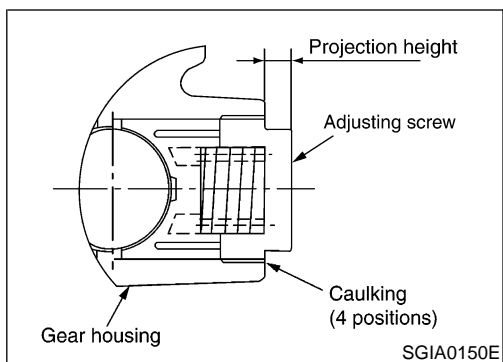
8. Install O-rings to gear sub-assembly.
 - Discard old O-rings; replace with new ones.
9. Tighten gear subassembly securing bolts to specified tightening torque.



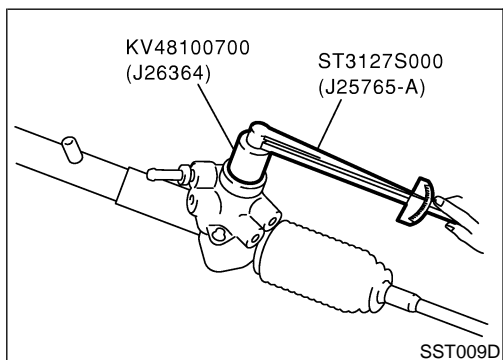
10. Ensure that the rack is centered. Install rear cover cap so that its protrusion is positioned as shown in figure.
11. Apply a coat of locking sealant to inner socket threads. Screw inner socket into rack and tighten to specified torque.

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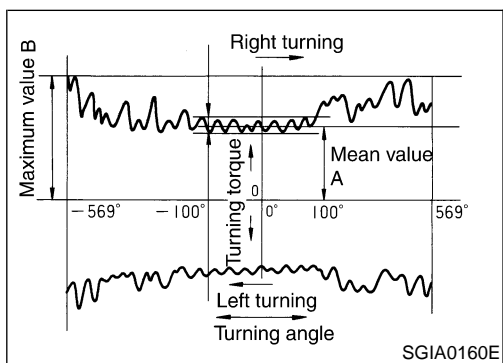
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12. Apply locking sealant to the thread of adjusting screw, and screw it to the projection height from the gear housing. The projection height is the same as it was measured in the overhaul in advance.



13. Rotate ten times throughout whole range of pinion so that parts fit with each other.



14. Measure pinion rotation torque with preload gauge (SST), then confirm whether its reading is within the specific range. If the reading is not within the specific range, readjust screw angle with adjusting screw. Change gear assembly with new one, if the reading is still not within the specific range or the rotation torque of adjusting screw is less than 5 N·m (0.5 kg·m, 43 in-lb)

Pinion rotation torque:

Around neutral position (within $\pm 100^\circ$)

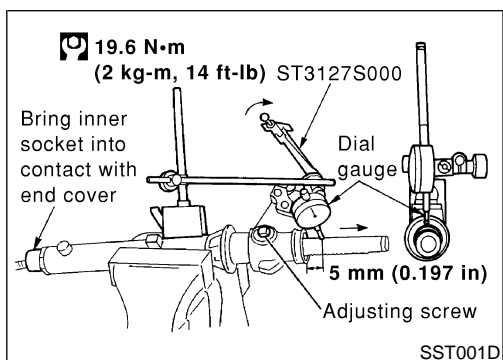
Average "A"

0.8 - 2.0 N·m (0.09 - 0.20 kg·m, 8 - 17 in-lb)

Other than above (more than $\pm 100^\circ$)

Maximum variation "B"

2.3 N·m (0.23 kg·m, 20 in-lb)



15. Turn gear sub-assembly fully to the end of the left.
16. Set dial gauge as shown in figure. Measure vertical movement of rack when pinion is turned counterclockwise with torque of 19.6 N·m (2.0 kg·m, 14 ft-lb). Check reading is within range specified. If reading is outside of specification, readjust screw angle with the adjusting screw. If reading is still outside of specification, or if the rotation torque of adjusting screw is less than 5 N·m (0.51 kg·m, 44 in-lb), replace power steering gear.

Measuring point:

Rack radial direction

Direction of adjusting screw

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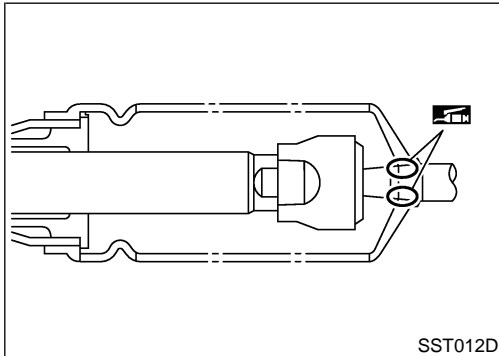
Specification:

Rack radial direction

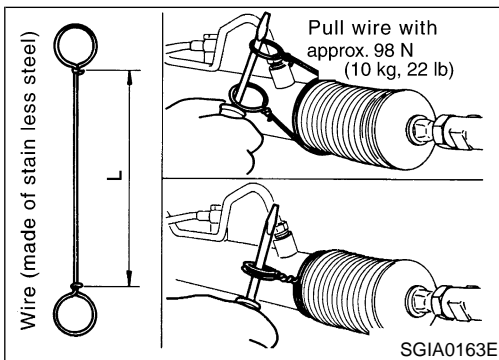
Less than 0.25 mm (0.0098 in)

CAUTION:

- If adjusting screw is readjusted, recheck the rotation torque with the pinion.
- Be careful, incomplete caulking around adjusting screw can cause looseness.

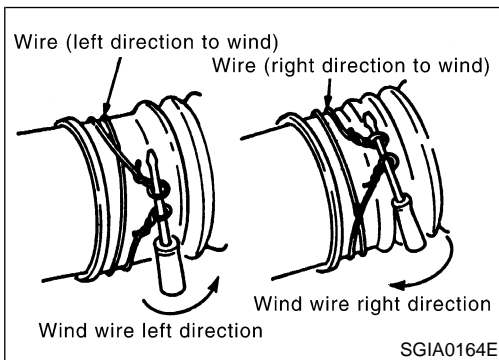


17. Position boot clamp on large-diameter side before installing it.
18. Apply multi-purpose grease to small diameter sides.
19. Install small-diameter side of boot to inner socket boot mounting groove.
20. Install boot clamp to small-diameter side of boot.

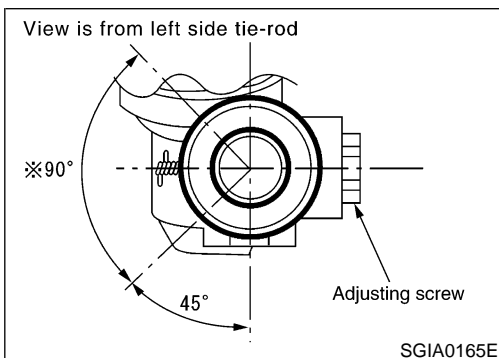


21. Tighten boot clamp.
 - a. Tighten large-diameter side of RH/LH boot with boot clamp (stainless wire).

Wire length "L": 390 mm (15.354 in)
 - b. After wrapping clamp around boot groove for two turns, insert screwdriver in loop on both ends of wire. Twist 4 to 4.5 turns while pulling with a force of approx. 98 N (10 kg, 22 lb).



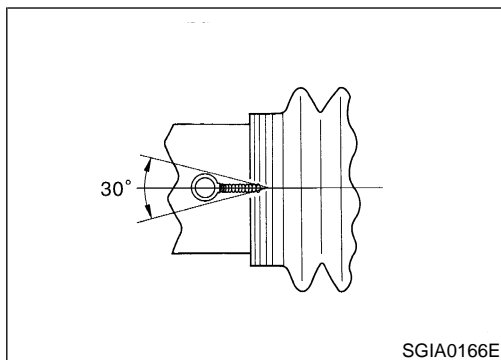
- c. Twist boot clamp as shown in the figure, pay attention to relationship between winding and twisting directions.



- d. Confirm the twisted point with clamp opposite to the adjusting screw is within 90° as shown in the figure.

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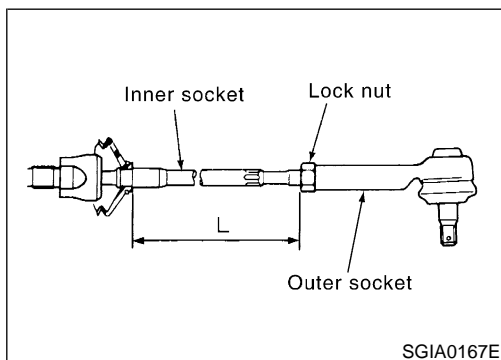
- e. After twisting wire 4 to 4.5 turns, bend cut end of wire. Cut end of wire should not touch boot. Be sure wire end is at least 5 mm (0.20 in) away from clearance for tube.

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22. Install cylinder-tube to the gear housing assembly.
23. Install lock nut and outer socket to inner socket, then tighten temporarily lock nut until length of tie rod is specification.

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Tightening torque of lock nut:

Refer to "Components", ST-14.

Tie rod length "L":

Refer to SDS, ST-29.

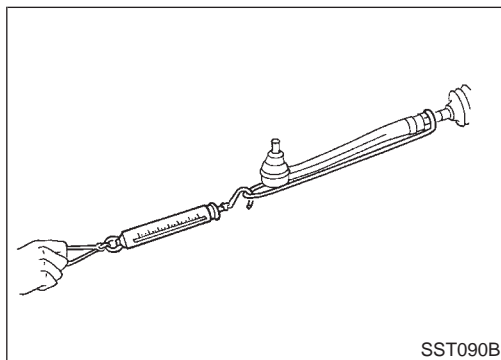
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CAUTION:

Perform toe-in adjustment after this procedure. Length achieved after toe-in adjustment is not necessarily value given here.

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24. Check rack sliding force on vehicle as follows.
a. Install steering gear onto vehicle, but do not connect tie-rod to knuckle arm.
b. Connect all piping and fill with steering fluid.
c. Start engine and bleed air completely.
d. Disconnect steering column lower joint from the gear.
e. Keep engine at idle and make sure steering fluid has reached normal operating temperature.
f. Pull tie-rod slowly to move it from neutral position to ± 11.5 mm (± 0.453 in) at speed of 3.5 mm (0.138 in)/s. Check that rack sliding force is within specification.

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Average rack sliding force:

235.4 - 294.2 N (24 - 30 kg, 52.9 - 66.1 lb)

Maximum force deviation:

117.7 N (12 kg, 26.5 lb)

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- g. Check sliding force outside above range at rack speed of 40 mm (1.57 in)/s.

Maximum rack sliding force:

294 N (30 kg, 66 lb)

Maximum force deviation:

147 N (15 kg, 33 lb)

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- If rack sliding force is not within specification, readjust by repeating adjustment procedure from the beginning.
- If rack sliding force is still out of specification after readjustment, gear assembly needs to be replaced.

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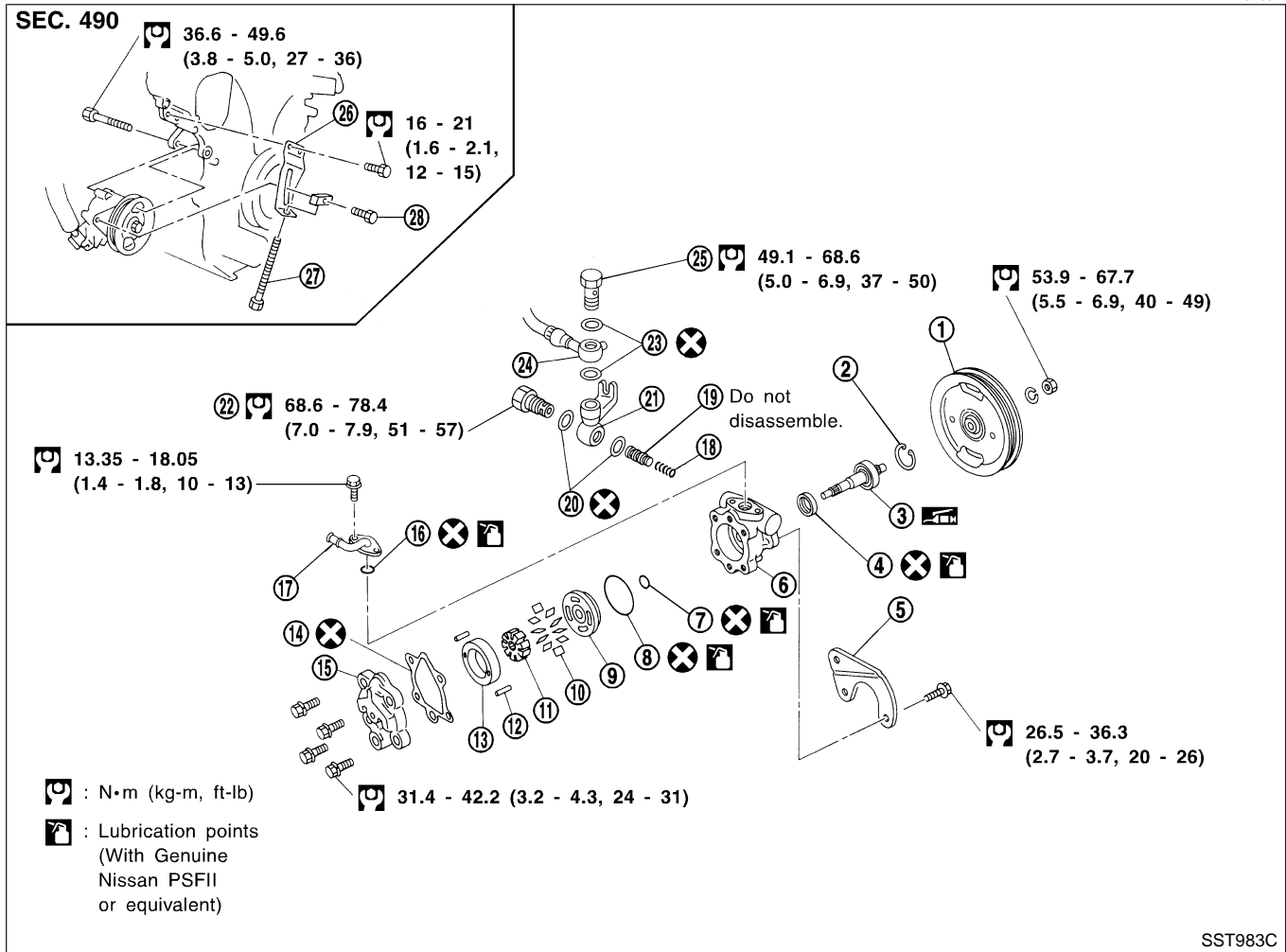
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POWER STEERING OIL PUMP

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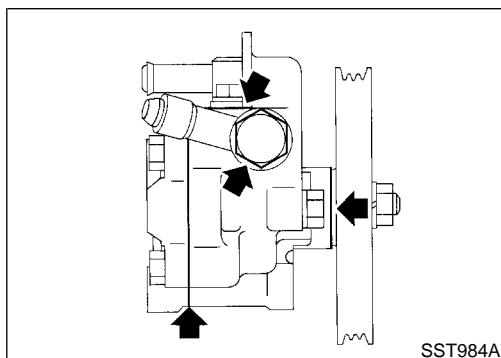
Components

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| 1. Pulley | 11. Rotor | 20. Washer |
| 2. Snap ring | 12. Pin | 21. Joint |
| 3. Drive shaft | 13. Cam ring | 22. Connector |
| 4. Oil seal | 14. Gasket | 23. Washer |
| 5. Bracket | 15. Rear housing | 24. Hose |
| 6. Front housing | 16. O-ring | 25. Connector bolt |
| 7. O-ring | 17. Suction pipe | 26. Adjusting bracket |
| 8. O-ring | 18. Spring | 27. Adjusting bolt |
| 9. Front side plate | 19. Flow control valve | 28. Lock bolt |
| 10. Vane | | |



Pre-disassembly Inspection

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Disassemble the power steering oil pump only if the following items are found.

- Oil leak from any point shown in the figure
- Deformed or damaged pulley
- Poor performance

Disassembly

CAUTION:

- Parts which can be disassembled are strictly limited. Never disassemble parts other than those specified.
- Disassemble in as clean a place as possible.
- Clean your hands before disassembly.
- Do not use rags; use nylon cloths or paper towels.
- Follow the procedures and cautions in the Service Manual.
- When disassembling and reassembling, do not let foreign matter enter or contact the parts.

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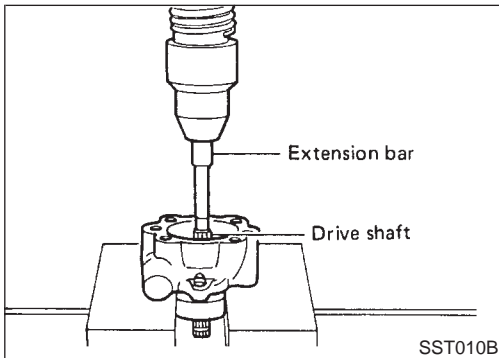
- Remove snap ring, then draw drive shaft out. **Be careful not to drop drive shaft.**

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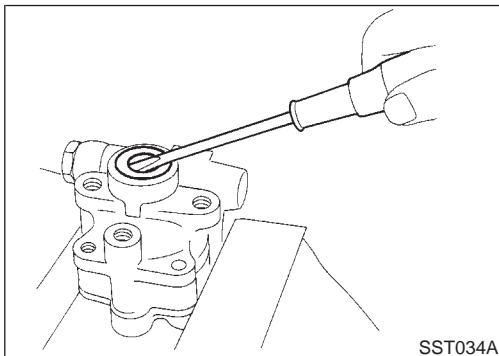
- Remove oil seal. **Be careful not to damage front housing.**

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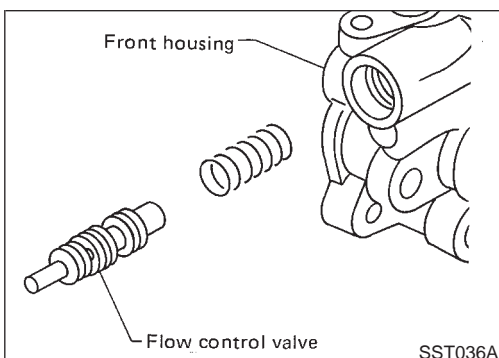


- Remove connector and flow control valve with spring. **Be careful not to drop flow control valve. Do not disassemble flow control valve.**

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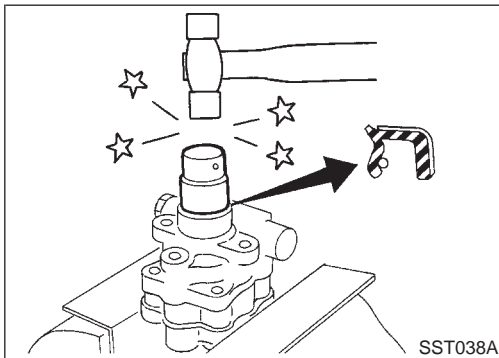
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- If pulley is cracked or deformed, replace it.
- If an oil leak is found around pulley shaft oil seal, replace the seal.
- If serration on pulley or pulley shaft is deformed or worn, replace it.

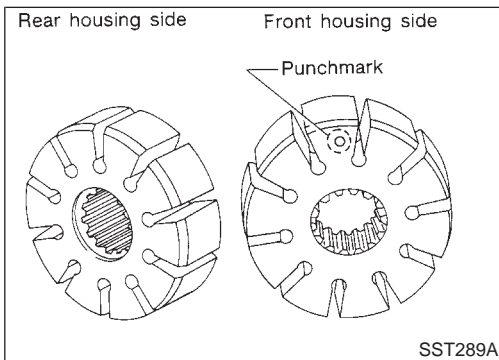


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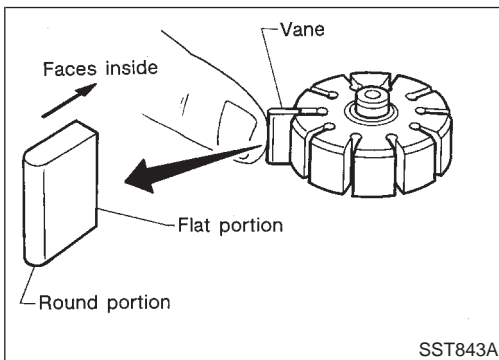
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Assemble oil pump, noting the following instructions.

- Make sure O-rings and oil seal are properly installed.
- Always install new O-rings and oil seal.
- Be careful of oil seal direction.
- Cam ring, rotor and vanes must be replaced as a set if necessary.
- Coat each part with Genuine Nissan PSF II or equivalent when assembling.



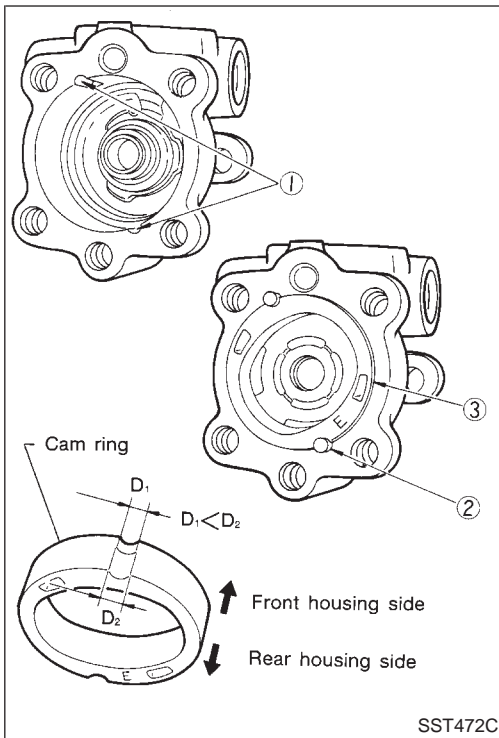
- Pay attention to the direction of rotor.



- When assembling vanes to rotor, rounded surfaces of vanes must face cam ring side.

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- Insert pin 2 into pin groove 1 of front housing and front side plate. Then install cam ring 3 as shown at left.

Cam ring:

D_1 is less than D_2 .

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SERVICE DATA AND SPECIFICATIONS (SDS)

General Specifications

General Specifications

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Steering model	Power steering	
	16-inch tire	17-inch tire
Steering gear type	PR26AD	
Steering overall gear ratio	16.6	
Turns of steering wheel (Lock to lock)	2.9	2.6
Steering column type	Collapsible, tilt	

Steering Wheel

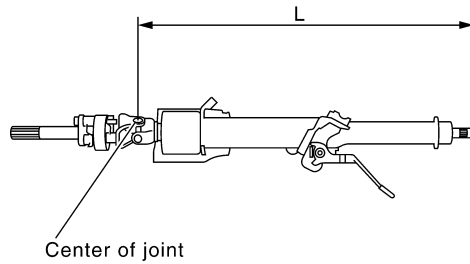
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Steering wheel axial play mm (in)	0 (0)
Steering wheel play mm (in)	35 (1.38) or less
Movement of gear housing mm (in)	± 2 (± 0.08) or less

Steering Column

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Applied model	All
Steering column length "L" mm (in)	542 - 544 (21.34 - 21.42)



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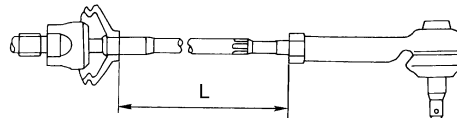
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Steering Gear and Linkage

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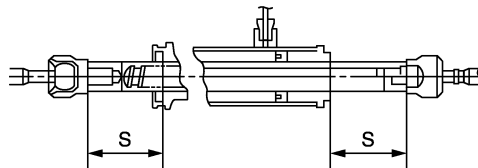
Applied model		Model with 16-inch tire	Model with 17-inch tire
Steering gear type		PR26AD	
Tie-rod outer ball joint	Swinging force at cotter pin hole: "A" N (kg, lb)	6.47 - 64.63 (0.66 - 6.59, 1.46 - 14.53)	
	Rotating torque: "B" N·m (kg·cm, in·lb)	0.29 - 2.94 (3.0 - 30.0, 2.6 - 26.0)	
	Axial end play: "C" mm (in)	0.4 (0.016) or less	
Tie-rod inner ball joint	Swinging force*: "A" N (kg, lb)	5.69 - 45.60 (0.58 - 4.65, 1.28 - 10.25)	
	Axial end play: "C" mm (in)	0.2 (0.008) or less	
Tie-rod standard length "L" mm (in)		193.2 (7.606)	

*: Measuring point [ℓ : 172 mm (6.77 in)]



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Steering gear type	PR26AD	
Rack stroke "S" mm (in)	70.5 (2.776)	63.0 (2.480)



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Steering gear type		PR26AD	
Rack sliding force N (kg, lb) Under normal operating oil pressure	Range within ± 11.5 mm (± 0.453 in) from the neutral position at rack speed of 3.5 mm (0.138 in)/s	Average force	235.4 - 294.2 (24 - 30, 52.9 - 66.1)
		Maximum force deviation	117.7 (12, 26.5)
	Except for the above range	Maximum sliding force	294 (30, 66)
		Maximum force deviation	147 (15, 33)
Steering wheel turning force (Measured at one full turn from the neutral position) N (kg, lb)		39 (4, 9) or less	
Fluid capacity (Approximate) ℓ (US qt, Imp qt)		1.0 (1-1/8, 7/8)	
Oil pump maximum pressure kPa (kg/cm ² , psi)		8,100 - 8,700 (82.62 - 88.74, 1,174.5 - 1,261.5)	

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