REAR AXLE

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**NOTE**
In addition to a malfunction of the differential carrier components, abnormal noise can also be caused by the universal joint of the propeller shaft, the axle shafts, the wheel bearings, etc. Before disassembling any parts, take all possibilities into consideration and confirm the source of the noise.

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**NOTE**
Noise from the engine, muffler vibration, transmission, propeller shaft, wheel bearings, tires, body, etc., is easily mistaken as being caused by malfunction in the differential carrier components. Be extremely careful and attentive when performing the driving test, etc.

Test methods to confirm the source of the abnormal noise include: coasting, acceleration, constant speed driving, raising the rear wheels on a jack, etc. Use the method most appropriate to the circumstances.
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**NOTE**

In the event of seizure, disassemble and replace the parts involved, and also be sure to check all components for any irregularities and repair or replace as necessary.

| Breakdown               | Incorrect final drive gear backlash                                           | Adjust                  |
|                        | Incorrect drive pinion preload                                                |                        |
|                        | Incorrect side bearing preload                                                |                        |
|                        | Excessive differential gear backlash                                         |                        |
|                        | Incorrect clutch plate preload                                                |                        |
|                        | Loose drive gear clamping bolts                                               | Retighten               |
|                        | Operational malfunction due to overloaded clutch                              | Avoid excessively rough operation |

**NOTE**

In addition to disassembling and replacing the failed parts, be sure to check all components for irregularities and repair or replace as necessary.

| Limited slip differential does not function (on snow, mud, ice, etc.) | The limited slip device is damaged | Disassemble, check the functioning, and replace the damaged parts |
SERVICE ADJUSTMENT PROCEDURES

REAR AXLE TOTAL BACKLASH CHECK
If the vehicle vibrates and produces a booming sound due to the unbalance of the drivetrain, use the following procedure to measure the rear axle total backlash to see if it is necessary to remove the differential carrier assembly.

1. Park the vehicle on a flat, level surface.
2. Set both the transmission shift lever and the transfer shift lever to neutral.
3. Check the wheels.
   NOTE
   If the vehicle is to be raised on a lift, engage the parking brake to lock the wheels.
4. Manually turn the propeller shaft clockwise as far as it will go and make mating marks on the companion flange dust cover and the gear carrier.
5. Manually turn the propeller shaft counterclockwise as far as it will go and measure the movement of the mating marks.
   Limit: 5 mm (.20 in.)
6. If the backlash exceeds the limit, remove the differential carrier assembly and adjust it.

AXLE SHAFT CHECK FOR END PLAY
1. Jack up the vehicle and remove the rear wheels.
2. Remove the brake drums.
3. Measure the axle shaft end play with a dial indicator.
4. Pull the axle shaft all the way out and note the end play indication on the dial indicator.
   Standard value: 0.05–0.20 mm (.0020–.0079 in.)
5. If the axle shaft end play exceeds the standard value, withdraw the axle shaft, and then adjust to the standard value by changing the shim thickness. (Refer to P.3-18.)

GEAR OIL LEVEL CHECK
1. Remove the filler plug, and check the oil level.
2. The oil level is sufficient if it reaches the level plug hole.
   Specified gear oil:
   Conventional differential
   Hypoid gear oil API classification GL-5 or higher/SAE viscosity No. 90, 80W
   <2.6L Engine> [1.80 lit. (3.80 pints)]
   <3.0L Engine> [2.60 lit. (5.49 pints)]
   Limited slip differential
   MITSUBISHI Genuine Gear Oil Part No. 8149630 EX or equivalent
   <2.6L Engine> [1.80 lit. (3.80 pints)]
   <3.0L Engine> [2.60 lit. (5.49 pints)]
LIMITED SLIP DIFFERENTIAL PRELOAD MEASUREMENT

1. To measure the preload of the limited slip differential, set the shift lever of the transmission to the neutral position, lock the front wheels, and fully release the parking brake. One of the rear wheels should be maintained in contact with the ground surface, and the other should be raised up.

2. Measure the axle shaft turning torque at the side on which the wheel is raised position by using the following procedure:
   (1) Remove the wheel.
   (2) Mount the special tool to the hub bolts with the hub nuts.
   (3) Find the limited slip differential preload by measuring the axle shaft turning torque in the forward direction with a torque wrench.

   NOTE
   Before measuring the turning torque, turn the axle shaft to remove any initial resistance.

   Standard value: 35 Nm (25 ft.lbs.) or more

   (4) If the turning torque is less than the standard value, remove the limited slip differential from the vehicle and repair it. (Refer to P.3-37.)

AXLE HOUSING OIL SEAL REPLACEMENT

1. Disconnect the parking brake cables from the equalizer and then remove the clamps from the parking brake cables. (Refer to GROUP 5 - Parking Brake Cable.)

   NOTE
   Do not disconnect the parking brake cable and rear brake connection.

2. Before disconnecting the brake tube, drain the brake fluid from the bleeder screw at the left side of the rear brake.

3. Pull the rear axle shaft with rear brake assembly attached. If the rear axle shaft is hard to remove, use the special tools.
4. Use special tool with hook attached to remove the oil seal.

5. Apply the multipurpose grease to the oil seal fitting area of the rear axle housing.

6. Drive the new oil seal into the rear axle housing end by using the special tools.

7. Apply the multipurpose grease to the oil seal lip.

8. Adjust the clearance between the bearing case and rear axle housing end. (Refer to P.3-23.)

9. Install the rear axle shaft assembly to the rear axle housing.

10. Connect the brake tube and bleed out the air. (Refer to GROUP 5 – Service Adjustment Procedures.)

11. Connect the parking brake cable, and adjust the stroke of the parking brake lever.

**Standard value : 4–6 clicks**

(Refer to GROUP 5 Service Adjustment Procedures.)
AXLE ASSEMBLY <2.6L ENGINE> REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION

Post-installation Operation
- Air Bleeding from Brake Lines (Refer to GROUP 5 - Service Adjustment Procedures)
- Adjustment of Parking Brake Lever Stroke (Refer to GROUP 5 - Service Adjustment Procedures)

Removal steps
1. Brake drums
2. Parking brake cable attaching bolts
3. Connection of parking brake cable end and brake shoe assembly
4. Connection of brake hose
5. Connection of breather hose
6. Rear propeller shaft
7. Connection of shock absorbers (lower part only)
8. U-bolts and bump stopper
9. Shackle assembly
10. Axle assembly

NOTE
(1) Reverse the removal procedures to reinstall.
(2) : Refer to "Service Points of Removal".
(3) : Refer to "Service Points of Installation".
(4) The part with * must be tightened with the vehicles lowered to the ground.

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SERVICE POINTS OF REMOVAL

3. DISCONNECTION OF PARKING BRAKE CABLE END AND BRAKE SHOE ASSEMBLY
   Refer to GROUP 5 – Parking Brake Cable.

4. DISCONNECTION OF BRAKE HOSE
   Before disconnecting the brake tube, drain the brake fluid from the bleeder screw at the right side of the rear brake.

6. REMOVAL OF REAR PROPELLER SHAFT
   Make the mating marks on the flange yoke of the rear propeller shaft and the companion flange of the differential case.

8. REMOVAL OF U-BOLT AND BUMP STOPPER
   Before removing the U-bolt and the bumper stopper, place the jack underneath the center of the axle assembly to hold it slightly upward.

10. REMOVAL OF AXLE ASSEMBLY
    Draw out the axle assembly toward the rear of the vehicle.
    Caution
    The axle assembly is unstable on the jack; be careful not to allow it to fall.

SERVICE POINTS OF INSTALLATION

9. INSTALLATION OF SHACKLE ASSEMBLY
   Install the shackle assembly from the outside toward the inside of vehicle.

6. INSTALLATION OF REAR PROPELLER SHAFT
   Align the mating marks on the flange yoke and the companion flange to install the rear propeller shaft.

3. CONNECTION OF PARKING BRAKE CABLE END AND BRAKE SHOE ASSEMBLY
   Refer to GROUP 5 – Parking Brake Cable.
**Removal steps**

1. Brake drum
2. Parking brake cable attaching bolts
3. Connection of parking brake cable end and brake shoe assembly
4. Connection of brake hose
5. Connection of breather hose
6. Rear propeller shaft
7. Stabilizer bar installation bolt
8. Lower arm
9. Lateral rod
10. Connection of shock absorbers (lower part only)

**Post-installation Operation**

- Air Bleeding from Brake Lines (Refer to GROUP 5 – Service Adjustment Procedures)
- Adjustment of Parking Brake Lever Stroke (Refer to GROUP 5 – Service Adjustment Procedures)

**NOTE**

(1) Reverse the removal procedures to reinstall.
(2) **: Refer to “Service Points of Removal”.
(3) ***: Refer to “Service Points of Installation”.
(4) The part with ** must be tightened with the vehicles lowered to the ground.
(5) N: Non-reusable parts.
SERVICE POINTS OF REMOVAL

3. DISCONNECTION OF PARKING BRAKE CABLE END AND BRAKE SHOE ASSEMBLY
   Refer to GROUP 5 - Parking Brake Cable.

4. DISCONNECTION OF BRAKE HOSE
   Refer to P.3-15

6. REMOVAL OF REAR PROPELLER SHAFT
   Refer to P.3-15

8. REMOVAL OF LOWER ARM
   After supporting the axle assembly by floor jacks, remove the lower arm.

11. REMOVAL OF AXLE ASSEMBLY
    Draw out the axle assembly toward the rear of the vehicle.
    Caution
    The axle assembly is unstable on the jack; be careful not to allow it to fall.

SERVICE POINTS OF INSTALLATION

9. INSTALLATION OF LATERAL ROD
   Install the lateral rod from the axle housing side.

8. INSTALLATION OF LOWER ARM
   Install the washers (facing as shown in the figure) to the lower arm.

7. INSTALLATION OF STABILIZER BAR INSTALLATION BOLT
   When installing the stabilizer bar to the stabilizer bar bracket, check to be sure that the amount of projection of the stabilizer bar installation bolt is within the standard value range.
   Standard value: 15–17 mm (.59–.67 in.)
   NOTE
   The dimension shown in figure is the value when a new bushing is used.

6. INSTALLATION OF REAR PROPELLER SHAFT
   Refer to P.3-15.

3. CONNECTION OF PARKING BRAKE CABLE END AND BRAKE SHOE ASSEMBLY
   Refer to GROUP 5 - Parking Brake Cable.
AXLE SHAFT
REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION

Post-installation Operation
- Air Bleeding from Brake Lines (Refer to GROUP 5 - Service Adjustment Procedures)
- Adjustment of Parking Brake Lever Stroke (Refer to GROUP 5 - Service Adjustment Procedures)

Removal steps
1. Brake drum
2. Parking brake cable attaching bolts
3. Connection of parking brake cable end and brake shoe assembly
4. Connection of brake tubes
5. Nuts
6. Rear axle shaft assembly (with parking brake cable)
7. Shims
8. O-ring
9. Adjustment of axle shaft end play
10. Lock washer
11. Washer
12. Rear axle shaft
13. Bearing inner race
14. Bearing case
15. Oil seal
16. Bearing outer race
17. Oil seal

(1) Reverse the removal procedures to reinstall.
(2) : Refer to “Service Points of Removal”.
(3) : Refer to “Service Points of Installation”.
(4) : Non-reusable parts

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SERVICE POINTS OF REMOVAL

3. DISCONNECTION OF PARKING BRAKE CABLE END AND BRAKE SHOE ASSEMBLY
   Refer to GROUP 5 - Parking Brake Cable.

4. DISCONNECTION OF BRAKE TUBES
   Refer to P.3-15.

6. REMOVAL OF REAR AXLE SHAFT ASSEMBLY
   Pull the rear axle shaft with rear brake assembly attached. If the rear axle shaft is hard to remove, use the special tools.
   
   **NOTE**
   Do not damage the oil seal during its removal.

9. REMOVAL OF LOCK NUT
   Remove the lock nut by following the steps below.
   (1) Straighten the bent tab of the lock washer with the screwdriver.
   (2) Remove the lock nut by using the special tool.
   (3) Remove the lock washer and the washer.

12. REMOVAL OF REAR AXLE SHAFT
   (1) Reinsert the lock nut on the axle shaft approximately three turns.
   (2) Install the special tool as figure to remove the rear axle shaft from the bearing case.
       Be sure to install nuts and washers diagonally.
   (3) Turn nuts with equal pressure to ensure smooth removal of the wheel bearing.

16. REMOVAL OF BEARING OUTER RACE
   Using a hammer and drift, remove bearing outer race from bearing case.

17. REMOVAL OF OIL SEAL
   Remove the oil seal from the end of rear axle housing with the special tool, if necessary.
INSPECTION

- Check the dust cover for deformation and damage.
- Check the oil seal for damage.
- Check the inner and outer bearings for seizure, discoloration and rough raceway surface.
- Check the axle shaft for cracks, wear and damage.

SERVICE POINTS OF INSTALLATION

17. INSTALLATION OF OIL SEAL

(1) Apply the multipurpose grease to the oil seal fitting area of the rear axle housing.
(2) Drive the new oil seal into the rear axle housing end by using the special tools.
(3) Apply the multipurpose grease to the oil seal lip.

16. INSTALLATION OF BEARING OUTER RACE

(1) Apply the multipurpose grease to the external surface of the bearing outer race.
(2) Press-fit the bearing outer race into the bearing case by using special tools.

15. INSTALLATION OF OIL SEAL

(1) Apply the multipurpose grease to the external surface of the new oil seal.
(2) Press-fit the new oil seal into the bearing case until it is flush with the face of the bearing case by using special tools.
(3) Apply the multipurpose grease to the lips of the oil seal.
13. INSTALLATION OF BEARING INNER RACE/12. REAR AXLE SHAFT

(1) Apply the multipurpose grease to the roller surfaces of the bearing inner race.
(2) Install the rear brake assembly attached with bearing case and the bearing inner race in that order to the axle shaft.
(3) Press-fit the bearing inner race into the axle shaft by using special tool.
(4) Pack the bearing case with the multipurpose grease.

11. INSTALLATION OF WASHER/10. LOCK WASHER/9. LOCK NUT

Install these parts with cares described below.
(1) Apply the multipurpose grease to the thread portion of the axle shaft, to which the locking nut is installed.
(2) Align the washer tab with the slot of the axle shaft to install the washer.
(3) Align the lock washer tab with the slot of the axle shaft to install the lock washer as figure.
(4) Install the lock nut with its chamfering in the directions shown in the illustration.
(5) Tighten the lock nut to the specified torque by using the special tool.
(6) Bend the tab of the lock washer into the slot of the lock nut.

NOTE
If the slot in the lock nut and the tab of the lock washer are out of alignment, turn the lock nut in until they are in alignment.
ADJUSTMENT OF AXLE SHAFT END PLAY

Adjust the clearance between the bearing case and rear axle housing end by the following procedure.

1. Insert a 1 mm (.04 in.) thick shim and O-ring into the left side rear axle housing.

2. Apply the specified sealant to the mating surface of bearing case, install the left axle shaft into rear axle housing and tighten the nuts.

NOTE
Tighten the nuts in diagonal sequence.

Specified sealant: 3M ART Part No. 8663 or equivalent

3. Install the right axle shaft without a shim (s) and O-ring and temporarily tighten to about 6 Nm (4.3 ft.lbs.).

4. Measure the clearance between the bearing case and rear axle housing end with a feeler gage.

5. Select shims of the thickness which is equal to the sum of the measured clearance and 0.05–0.20 mm (.0020–.0079 in.)

6. Remove the right axle shaft, and install shim (s) and O-ring on the right side rear axle housing end.

7. Apply the specified sealant to the mating surface of bearing case, install the right axle shaft into rear axle housing and tighten the nut.

Specified sealant: 3M ART Part No. 8663 or equivalent

NOTE
Tighten the nuts in diagonal sequence.

8. Check to assure that the axle shaft axial play is within the standard value.

Standard value: 0.05–0.20 mm (.0020–.0079 in.)

3. CONNECTION OF PARKING BRAKE CABLE END AND BRAKE SHOE ASSEMBLY

Refer to GROUP 5 – Parking Brake Cable.
Differential Carrier
Removal and Installation

Pre-removal Operation
- Drain of Differential Gear Oil

Removal steps
1. Brake drums
2. Parking brake cable attaching bolts
3. Connection of parking brake cable end and brake shoe assembly
4. Connection of brake tubes
5. Nuts
6. Rear axle shaft assembly

Post-installation Operation
- Air Bleeding from Brake Lines (Refer to GROUP 5 - Service Adjustment Procedures)
- Adjustment of Parking Brake Lever Stroke (Refer to GROUP 5 - Service Adjustment Procedures)
- Filling of Differential Gear Oil (Refer to P.3-11.)

Service Points of Removal
3. Disconnection of parking brake cable end and brake shoe assembly
   Refer to GROUP 5 - Parking Brake Cable.

NOTE
(1) Reverse the removal procedures to reinstall.
(2) Refer to "Service Points of Removal".
(3) Refer to "Service Points of Installation".

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4. DISCONNECTION OF BRAKE TUBES
   Refer to P.3-15.

6. REMOVAL OF REAR AXLE SHAFT ASSEMBLY
   Pull out the right and left axle shafts by about 70 mm (2.8 in.). If it is hard to pull out, use the special tools.

7. REMOVAL OF REAR PROPELLER SHAFT
   Refer to P.3-15.

8. REMOVAL OF DIFFERENTIAL CARRIER
   Remove the attaching nuts and strike the lower part of differential carrier assembly with a square lumber several times, to remove the assembly.
   Caution
   (1) Do not remove the uppermost nut but keep it loosened all the way to the stud bolt end.
   (2) Use care not to strike the companion flange.

SERVICE POINTS OF INSTALLATION

8. APPLICATION OF SEALANT TO DIFFERENTIAL CARRIER
   When the differential carrier is installed, apply specified sealant to the differential carrier mounting surface of the axle housing as illustrated in either of the illustrations.
   Specified sealant: 3M ART Part No. 8663 or equivalent

7. INSTALLATION OF REAR PROPELLER SHAFT
   Refer to P.3-15.

3. CONNECTION OF PARKING BRAKE CABLE END AND BRAKE SHOE ASSEMBLY
   Refer to GROUP 5 - Parking Brake Cable.
**INSPECTION BEFORE DISASSEMBLY**

Secure the working base in a vice and then install the removed differential carrier assembly.

**FINAL DRIVE GEAR BACKLASH**

With the drive pinion locked in place, measure the final drive gear backlash with a dial indicator on the drive gear.

**NOTE**

Measure at four points or more on the circumference of the drive gear.

**Standard value:**

- **<2.6L Engine>**
  - 0.11–0.16 mm (.0043–.0063 in.)

- **<3.0L Engine>**
  - 0.13–0.18 mm (.0051–.0071 in.)

**DRIVE GEAR RUNOUT**

Measure the drive gear runout at the shoulder on the reverse side of the drive gear.

**Limit : 0.05 mm (.0020 in.)**

**DIFFERENTIAL GEAR BACKLASH (CONVENTIONAL DIFFERENTIAL)**

While locking the side gear with the wedge, measure the differential gear backlash with a dial indicator on the pinion gear.

**Standard value:**

- **<2.6L Engine>**
  - 0.010–0.076 mm (.0004–.0030 in.)

- **<3.0L Engine>**
  - 0–0.076 mm (0–.0030 in.)

**Limit : 0.2 mm (.008 in.)**

**FINAL DRIVE GEAR TOOTH CONTACT**

Check the final drive gear tooth contact by following the steps below.

1. Apply a thin, uniform coat of machine blue to both surfaces of the drive gear teeth.
(2) Insert a brass rod between the differential carrier and the differential case, and then rotate the companion flange by hand (once in the normal direction, and then once in the reverse direction) while applying a load to the drive gear, so that the revolution torque [approximately 2.5–3.0 Nm (1.8–2.2 ft.lbs.)] is applied to the drive pinion.

**Caution**
*If the drive gear is rotated too much, the tooth contact pattern will become unclear and difficult to check.*

(3) Check the tooth-contact condition of the drive gear and drive pinion.

**NOTE**
Checking the tooth contact pattern is the way to confirm that the adjustments of the pinion height and backlash have been done properly. Continue to adjust the pinion height and backlash until the tooth contact pattern resembles the standard pattern.

If, after adjustments have been made, the correct tooth contact pattern cannot be obtained, it means that the drive gear and the drive pinion have become worn beyond the allowable limit. Replace the gear set.

**Caution**
*If either the drive gear or the drive pinion is to be replaced, be sure to replace both gears as a set.*
**Standard tooth contact pattern**
1. Toe
2. Drive-side
3. Heel
4. Coast-side

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<td><strong>Tooth contact pattern resulting from excessive pinion height</strong>&lt;br&gt;The drive pinion is positioned too far from the center of the drive gear.</td>
<td>Increase the thickness of the pinion height adjusting shim, and position the drive pinion closer to the center of the drive gear. Also, for backlash adjustment, position the drive gear farther from the drive pinion.</td>
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**DISASSEMBLY**

**Inspection Before Disassembly**
- Final Drive Gear Backlash (Refer to P.3-25.)
- Drive Gear Runout (Refer to P.3-25.)
- Differential Gear Backlash
- Conventional type
- Refer to P.3-25.
- Final Drive Gear Tooth Contact (Refer to P.3-25.)

**Disassembly steps**

1. Lock plates
2. Side bearing nuts
3. Bearing caps
4. Differential case assembly
5. Side bearing outer races
6. Side bearing inner races
7. Bolts (10)
8. Drive gear
9. Lock pin
10. Pinion shaft
11. Thrust block
12. Pinion gears
13. Pinion washers
14. Side gears
15. Side gear thrust spacers
16. Differential case
17. Limited slip differential case assembly
18. Self locking nut
19. Washer
20. Drive pinion assembly
21. Drive pinion front shim (for preload adjustment)
22. Drive pinion spacer
23. Drive pinion rear bearing inner race
24. Drive pinion rear shim (for pinion height adjustment)
25. Drive pinion
26. Companion flange
27. Oil seal
28. Drive pinion front bearing inner race
29. Drive pinion front bearing outer race
30. Drive pinion rear bearing outer race
31. Differential carrier

**NOTE**

(1) : Refer to "Service Points of Disassembly".
(2) : Non-reusable parts
SERVICE POINTS OF DISASSEMBLY

2. REMOVAL OF SIDE BEARING NUT
Using the special tool, remove the side bearing nut.

4. REMOVAL OF DIFFERENTIAL CASE ASSEMBLY
Take out the differential case assembly with hammer handles.
NOTE
Keep the right and left side bearings and side bearing nuts separate, so that they do not become mixed at the time of reassembly.

6. REMOVAL OF SIDE BEARING INNER RACE
Pull out the side bearing inner races by using the special tools.

8. REMOVAL OF DRIVE GEAR
(1) Make the mating marks to the differential case and the drive gear.
(2) Loosen the drive gear attaching bolts in diagonal sequence to remove the drive gear.

9. DRIVE-OUT OF LOCK PIN
Drive out the lock pin with a punch.
NOTE
The removed side gears and side gear thrust spacers, left and right, should be retained for reassembly.
18. REMOVAL OF SELF-LOCKING NUT

Use the special tool to hold the companion flange and remove the companion flange self-locking nut.

20. REMOVAL OF DRIVE PINION ASSEMBLY

(1) Make the mating marks to the drive pinion and companion flange.

Caution
The mating mark made on the companion flange must not be on the coupling surface of the flange yoke and the rear propeller shaft.

(2) Drive out the drive pinion together with the drive pinion spacer and drive pinion front shims.

23. REMOVAL OF DRIVE PINION REAR BEARING INNER RACE

Pull out the drive pinion rear bearing inner race by using the special tools.

29. REMOVAL OF DRIVE PINION FRONT BEARING OUTER RACE/30. DRIVE PINION REAR BEARING OUTER RACE

Drive out the drive pinion front bearing outer race from the gear carrier.

INSPECTION

Wash the disassembled parts in cleaning solvent, dry them using compressed air, and then check the following areas:

- Check the companion flange for wear or damage.
- Check the oil seal for wear or deterioration.
- Check the bearings for wear or discoloration.
- Check the gear carrier for cracks.
- Check the drive pinion and ring gear for wear or cracks.
- Check the side gears, pinion gears and pinion shaft for wear or damage.
  - <conventional type>
- Check the side gear spline for wear or damage. <conventional type>
**REASSEMBLY**

1. Differential carrier
   - Drive pinion rear bearing outer race
   - Drive pinion front bearing outer race
   - Adjustment of pinion height
2. Drive pinion
3. Drive pinion rear shim (for pinion height adjustment)
4. Drive pinion rear bearing inner race
5. Drive pinion front bearing inner race
   - Adjustment of drive pinion preload
6. Drive pinion front bearing outer race
7. Oil seal
8. Drive pinion front shim (for preload adjustment)
9. Drive pinion spacer
10. Drive pinion assembly
11. Companion flange
12. Washer
13. Self-locking nut
14. Differential case
15. Limited slip differential case assembly
16. Side gear thrust spacers
17. Side gears
18. Pinion washers
19. Pinion gears
   - Adjustment of differential gear backlash
20. Thrust block
21. Pinion shaft
22. Lock pin
23. Drive gear
24. Side bearing inner races
25. Bolts (10)
26. Side bearing outer races
27. Differential case assembly
28. Bearing caps
   - Adjustment of final drive gear backlash
29. Side bearing nuts
30. Lock plates

**NOTE**

(1) Refer to "Service Points of Reassembly".
(2) Non-reusable parts

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2. INSTALLATION OF DRIVE PINION REAR BEARING OUTER RACE

Press-fit the drive pinion rear bearing outer race into the gear carrier by using special tools.

NOTE
Perform press-fitting carefully so as not to tilt the outer race.

3. INSTALLATION OF DRIVE PINION FRONT BEARING OUTER RACE

Press-fit the drive pinion front bearing outer race into gear carrier by using special tools.

NOTE
Perform press-fitting carefully so as not to tilt the outer race.

• ADJUSTMENT OF PINION HEIGHT

Adjust the drive pinion height by the following procedures:

(1) Install special tools and drive pinion front and rear bearing inner races to the gear carrier in the sequence shown in the illustration.
For vehicles with 3.0L Engine, fit in an attachment with a thickness of 15 mm (.59 in.) above MB990820-01.

(2) Tighten the nut of the special tool until the standard value of drive pinion turning torque is obtained.

(3) Measure the drive pinion turning torque (without the oil seal).

Standard value: 0.4–0.5 Nm (3.5–4.3 in.lbs.)

NOTE
1. Gradually tighten the nut of the special tool while checking the drive pinion turning torque.
2. Because one rotation cannot be made when the special tool is in contact with the gear carrier, move it a few times and, after seating the bearing, measure the rotation torque.
(4) Position the special tool in the side bearing seat of the gear carrier, and then select a drive pinion rear shim of a thickness which corresponds to the gap between the special tools.

NOTE
Be sure to clean the side bearing seat thoroughly. When positioning the special tool, be sure that the cut-out sections of the special tool are in the position shown in the illustration, and also confirm that the special tool is in close contact with the side bearing seat.
When selecting the drive pinion rear shims, keep the number of shims to a minimum.

(5) Fit the selected drive pinion rear shim(s) to the drive pinion, and press-fit the drive pinion rear bearing inner race by using the special tool.

- ADJUSTMENT OF DRIVE PINION PRELOAD

Adjust the drive pinion turning torque by using the following procedure:

Without Oil Seal
(1) Fit the drive pinion front shim(s) between the drive pinion spacer and the drive pinion front bearing inner race.
(2) Tighten the companion flange to the specified torque by using the special tools.

NOTE
Do not install the oil seal.

(3) Measure the drive pinion turning torque (without the oil seal)

Standard value : 0.4–0.5 Nm (3.5–4.3 in.lbs.)

(4) If the drive pinion turning torque is not within the range of the standard value, adjust the turning torque by replacing the drive pinion front shim(s) or the drive pinion spacer.

NOTE
When selecting the drive pinion front shims, if the number of shims is large, reduce the number of shims to a minimum by selecting the drive pinion spacers.

(5) Remove the companion flange and drive pinion once again.
With Oil Seal

(1) After setting the drive pinion front bearing inner race, drive the oil seal into the gear carrier front lip by using the special tool.

(2) Apply multipurpose grease to the oil seal lip.

(3) Install the drive pinion assembly and companion flange with mating marks properly aligned, and tighten the companion flange self-locking nut to the specified torque by using the special tools.

(4) Measure the drive pinion turning torque (with oil seal) to verify that the drive pinion turning torque complies with the standard value.

Standard value : 0.65–0.75 Nm (5.6–6.5 in.lbs.)

ADJUSTMENT OF DIFFERENTIAL GEAR BACKLASH

(1) Assemble the side gears, side gear thrust spacers, pinion gears, and pinion washers into the differential case.

(2) Temporarily install the pinion shaft.

NOTE
Do not drive in the lock pin yet.

(3) Insert a wedge between the side gear and the pinion shaft to lock the side gear.

(4) While locking the side gear with the wedge, measure the differential gear backlash with a dial indicator on the pinion gear.

Standard value :

<2.6L Engine>
0.010–0.076 mm (0.0004–0.0030 in.)

<3.0L Engine>
0–0.076 mm (0–0.0030 in.)

Limit : 0.2 mm (0.008 in.)
(5) If the differential gear backlash exceeds the limit, adjust the backlash by installing thicker side gear thrust spacers.

(6) Measure the differential gear backlash once again, and confirm that it is within the limit. If adjustment is not possible, replace the side gears and pinion gears as a set.

**23. INSTALLATION OF LOCK PIN**

(1) Align the pinion shaft lock pin hole with the differential case lock pin hole, and drive in the lock pin.

(2) Stake the lock pin with a punch at two points.

**24. INSTALLATION OF DRIVE GEAR**

(1) Clean the drive gear attaching bolts.

(2) Remove the adhesive adhered to the threaded holes of the drive gear by turning the tap tool (M10 x 1.25), and then clean the threaded holes by applying compressed air.

(3) Apply the specified adhesive to the threaded holes of the drive gear.

**Specified adhesive : 3M adhesive stud locking 4170 or equivalent**

(4) Install the drive gear onto the differential case with the mating marks properly aligned. Be sure to tighten the bolts to the specified torque in a diagonal sequence.

**26. PRESS-FIT OF SIDE BEARING INNER RACE**

Press-fit the side bearing inner races to the differential case by using the special tool.

**29. INSTALLATION OF BEARING CAP**

Align the mating marks on the gear carrier and the bearing cap, and then tighten the bearing cap.
**ADJUSTMENT OF FINAL DRIVE GEAR BACKLASH**

1. Using the special tool, temporarily tighten the side bearing nut until it is in the state just before preloading of the side bearing.

2. Measure the final drive gear backlash.
   
   **Standard value:**
   
   - **<2.6L Engine>**
     
     0.11–0.16 mm (.0043–.0063 in.)
   
   - **<3.0L Engine>**
     
     0.13–0.18 mm (.0051–.0071 in.)

3. Using the special tool (MB990201), adjust the backlash to standard value by moving the side bearing nut as shown.
   
   **NOTE**
   First turn the side bearing nut for loosening, and then turn (by the same amount) the side bearing nut for tightening.

4. Using the special tool, to apply the preload, turn down both right and left side bearing nuts on half the distance between centres of two neighbouring holes.

5. Choose and install the lock plates (two kinds).
(6) Check the final tooth contact. If poor contact is evident, make adjustment. (Refer to P.3-25.)

(7) Measure the drive gear runout.

Limit: 0.05 mm (.0020 in.)

If the drive gear runout exceeds the limit, reinstall by changing the phase of the drive gear and differential case, and remeasure.

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**Disassembly steps**

1. Screw
2. Differential case (A)
3. Thrust washer
4. Spring plate
5. Spring disc
6. Friction plate
7. Friction disc
8. Friction plate
9. Friction disc
10. Pressure ring
11. Side gear
12. Thrust block
13. Differential pinion gear
14. Differential pinion shaft
15. Thrust block

16. Side gear
17. Pressure ring
18. Friction disc
19. Friction plate
20. Friction disc
21. Friction plate
22. Spring disc
23. Spring plate
24. Thrust washer
25. Differential case (B)

**NOTE**

(1) Reverse the disassembly procedures to reassemble.
(2) * * * : Refer to "Service Points of Disassembly".
(3) ** : Refer to "Service Points of Reassembly".
SERVICE POINTS OF DISASSEMBLY

1. REMOVAL OF SCREW

(1) Loosen screws of the differential cases (A) and (B) uniformly a little at a time.
(2) Separate differential case (A) from differential case (B).

NOTE
Before disassembling the differential cases, confirm that the mating marks (numbers) on case A and case B are the same.

(3) Remove the components from differential case (B).

NOTE
Keep the right and left thrust washers, spring plates, spring discs, friction plates, and friction discs separate in order to be able to distinguish them for reassembly.

INSPECTION

- Check the side gears, pinion gears and pinion shaft for wear or damage.
- Check the side gear spline for wear or damage.

INSPECTION OF CONTACT AND SLIDING SURFACES OF PARTS

(1) Inspect the friction plate, friction disc, spring plate, spring disc and pressure ring.
A The friction surfaces of the friction plate, friction disc, spring plate, and spring disc. If there are any signs of seizure, severe friction, or color change from the heat, it will adversely affect the locking performance; replace the part with a new one.

NOTE
The strong contact on the inner circumference of the friction surfaces is because of the spring plate and the spring disc; this wear is not abnormal.

B The six projections on the inner circumference of the friction disc.
If there are nicks and dents, it will cause abnormalities in the clutch pressure.
Repair the parts by using an oil stone; if the parts cannot be repaired, replace them.

C The four projections on the outer circumference of the friction disc.
If there are nicks and dents, it will cause abnormalities in the clutch pressure.
Repair the parts by using an oil stone; if the parts cannot be repaired, replace them.

D The friction surface of the friction disc of the pressure ring.
If there are nicks or scratches, repair the part by first grinding with an oil stone and then polishing with rubbing compound on a surface plate.

NOTE
The strong contact on the inner circumference of the friction surface is because of the spring plate and the spring disc; this wear is not abnormal.
(2) Inspect the contact and sliding surfaces listed below, and repair any nicks and burrs by using an oil stone.

- **E**: The sliding surfaces of the thrust washer and the case.
- **F**: The spring contacting surface of the differential case.
- **G**: The contact surfaces of the outer circumference of the pressure ring and the inner circumference of the differential case.
- **H**: The sliding surface of the thrust washer.
- **I**: The sliding surfaces of the hole in the pressure ring and the outer circumference of the side gear.
- **J**: The projection on the outer circumference of the pressure ring.
- **K**: The spherical surface of the differential pinion gear and the inner diameter of the pressure ring.
- **L**: The V-shaped groove in the pressure ring, and the V-shaped part in the pinion shaft.
- **M**: The outer diameter of the pinion shaft and the hole of the differential pinion gear.
- **N**: The outer circumference groove of the side gear.
- **O**: The inner circumference groove of the differential case.
- **P**: The sliding surface of the thrust block.

**INSPECTION FOR WARPING OF FRICTION PLATE AND FRICTION DISC**

Using a dial indicator, measure the amount of warping (the flatness) of the friction plate and the friction disc on a surface plate by turning the friction plate or disc.

*Limit : 0.08 mm (.0031 in.)*

**INSPECTION FOR WEAR OF FRICTION PLATE AND FRICTION DISC**

(1) In order to measure the wear, measure the thickness of the friction surfaces and projections of the friction disc and plate, and then find the difference.

(The same procedure is used for the spring discs and the spring plates.)

*Limit : 0.1 mm (.004 in.)*

**NOTE**

Make the measurement at several different points.

(2) If the parts are worn beyond the allowable limit, replace them with new parts.
SERVICE POINTS OF REASSEMBLY

25. INSTALLATION OF DIFFERENTIAL CASE (B)

Before assembly, use the following method to adjust the clearance between the spring plates and differential cases (for adjustment of the clutch plate friction force), and to adjust the axial clearance of the side gear when installing the internal components into the differential case.

(1) Arrange the two (each) friction discs and friction plates for each side, one on top of another, as shown in the figure, combining them so that the difference in thickness between the left and the right is the standard value.

**Standard value:** 0.05 mm (.0020 in.) or less

**NOTE**
For new ones, there is one type of friction plate: 1.75 mm (.0689 in.); there are two types of friction disc: 1.75 mm (.0689 in.) and 1.85 mm (.0728 in.).

(2) Arrange one spring disc and one spring plate for each side, one on top of the other, so that the difference between the left and the right thickness is minimized.

**NOTE**
For new ones, there is one type of spring disc and spring plate: 1.75 mm (.0689 in.).

(3) Assemble the pressure ring's internal components (differential pinion shaft and pressure ring) and the friction discs and friction plates, and then, as shown in the figure, measure the overall width.

(4) Calculate the total value (C) of the thickness of the spring discs and spring plates plus the value measured in (3) above.

(5) Obtain the dimension (D) between the spring plate contact surfaces when differential cases (A) and (B) are combined.

\[ D = E + F - G \]

(6) Change the thickness of the friction disc so that the clearance (D - C) between the differential case and the spring plate becomes the standard value.

**Standard value:** 0.06–0.20 mm (.0024–.0079 in.)
(7) Remove the spring plates, spring discs, friction plates and friction disc.

(8) Install the thrust washer as shown in the figure, and then select a thrust washer so that the difference between the left and right dimensions from the pressure ring rear face to the thrust washer end face is the standard value.

**Standard value**: 0.05 mm (.0020 in.) or less

**NOTE**
Measure the distance while squeezing the V-shaped groove manually.

(9) Measure the dimension (H) from the thrust washer end surface to end surface.

(10) Obtain the dimension (I) between the thrust washer contact surfaces when differential cases (A) and (B) are combined.

\[ I = J + K + L \]

**NOTE**
Dimension J is the distance between the spring plate contact surfaces when differential cases (A) and (B) are combined. (Refer to P.340.)

(11) Change the thickness of the thrust washer so that the clearance \( I - H \) between the thrust washer and the differential case is the standard value.

**Standard value**: 0.05–0.20 mm (.0020–.0079 in.)

**NOTE**
1. Select the thrust washer so that the difference between the left and right dimensions from the pressure ring rear face and the thrust washer end surface are the standard value even when the thrust washer is changed.
2. There are three sizes of new thrust washers: 1.50 mm (.0591 in.), 1.60 mm (.0630 in.), and 1.70 mm (.0670 in.)

(12) Place the each part in the differential case (B) as directions shown in the figure.

**NOTE**
1. Before assembly, apply the specified gear oil to each component especially careful to coat contact surfaces and sliding surfaces.
Specified gear oil: MOPAR Hypoid Gear Lubricant Part No. 4318058 plus MOPAR Hypoid Gear Oil Additive-Friction Modifier, Part No. 4318060 or equivalent

2. Be careful not to insert the friction plates and friction discs in the incorrect order and to install the spring plates and spring disc in incorrect direction.

1. INSTALLATION OF SCREW

(1) Align the mating marks (the same numeral on each case) of differential case (A) and differential case (B).

(2) Turning the screwdriver slowly several times, tighten the screw so that the cases are in close contact.

NOTE

If, even though the screw is tightened, the end surfaces of case (A) and case (B) do not come into close contact, probably the thrust washer and spring plate are not fit correctly into the groove, so make the assembly again.

(3) After assembly, in order to check the frictional force of the clutch plate, use the special tools to measure the turning torque.

Standard value:
- When a new clutch plate is used
  65-100 Nm (47-72 ft.lbs.)
- When an old clutch plate is used
  35-100 Nm (25-72 ft.lbs.)

NOTE

Measure the turning torque after rotating slightly. When measuring the torque, do so at the beginning of movement.