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 REAR SUSPENSION

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NOISE, VIBRATION AND HARSHNESS (NVH) TROUBLESHOOTING

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SYMPTOM DIAGNOSIS

NOISE, VIBRATION AND HARSHNESS (NVH) TROUBLESHOOTING

NVH Troubleshooting Chart

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

Reference page		RSU-7, RSU-9, RSU-11	RSU-7	—	—	—	RSU-7, RSU-9, RSU-11	RSU-6	NVH in RAX and RSU sections	NVH in WT section	NVH in WT section	NVH in BR section	
Possible cause and SUSPECTED PARTS		Improper installation, looseness	Shock absorber deformation, damage or deflection	Bushing or mounting deterioration	Parts interference	Spring fatigue	Suspension looseness	Incorrect wheel alignment	REAR AXLE AND REAR SUSPENSION	TIRE	ROAD WHEEL	BRAKE	
Symptom	REAR SUSPENSION	Noise	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	
		Shake	x	x	x	x		x		x	x	x	x
		Vibration	x	x	x	x	x			x	x		
		Shimmy	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x
		Judder	x	x	x					x	x	x	x
		Poor quality ride or handling	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	

x: Applicable

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Precautions for Suspension

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- When installing rubber bushings, the final tightening must be carried out under unladen conditions with tires on ground. Spilled oil might shorten the life of rubber bushings. Be sure to wipe off any spilled oil.
- Unladen conditions mean that fuel, engine coolant and lubricant are full. Spare tire, jack, hand tools and mats are in designated positions.
- After servicing suspension parts, be sure to check wheel alignment.
- Self-lock nuts are not reusable. Always use new ones when installing. Since new self-lock nuts are pre-oiled, tighten as they are.

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PREPARATION

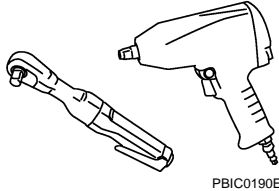
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Commercial Service Tool

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Tool name	Description
Power tool  PBIC0190E	Loosening bolts and nuts

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REAR SUSPENSION ASSEMBLY

Inspection

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COMPONENT PART

Check the mounting conditions (looseness, backlash) of each component and component conditions (wear, damage) are normal.

SHOCK ABSORBER ASSEMBLY

Check for oil leakage, damage, and replace if necessary.

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WHEEL ALIGNMENT

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WHEEL ALIGNMENT

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DESCRIPTION

- Camber, toe-in inclination angles cannot be adjusted.
- If camber, toe-in inclination angle is outside the standard, check front suspension parts for wear and damage. Replace suspect parts if a malfunction is detected.
- Measure wheel alignment under unladen conditions.

NOTE:

“Unladen conditions” means that fuel, engine coolant, and lubricant are full. Spare tire, jack, hand tools and mats are in designated positions.

PRELIMINARY CHECK

Check the following:

- Tires for improper air pressure and wear.
- Road wheels for runout. Refer to [WT-90, "Inspection"](#).
- Wheel bearing axial end play. Refer to [RAX-4, "Inspection"](#).
- Shock absorber operation.
- Each mounting point of axle and suspension for looseness and deformation.
- Each of rear suspension beam and shock absorber for cracks, deformation, and other damage.
- Vehicle height (posture).

GENERAL INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- A four-wheel thrust alignment should be performed.
- This type of alignment is recommended for any NISSAN/INFINITI vehicle.
- The four-wheel “thrust” process helps ensure that the vehicle is properly aligned and the steering wheel is centered.
- The alignment rack itself should be capable of accepting any NISSAN/INFINITI vehicle.
- The rack should be checked to ensure that it is level.
- Check the machine is properly calibrated.
- Your alignment equipment should be regularly calibrated in order to give correct information.
- Check with the manufacturer of your specific equipment for their recommended Service/Calibration Schedule.

ALIGNMENT PROCESS

IMPORTANT:

Use only the alignment specifications listed in this Service Manual.

- When displaying the alignment settings, many alignment machines use “indicators”: (Green/red, plus or minus, Go/No Go). **Never use these indicators.**
- The alignment specifications programmed into your machine that operate these indicators may not be correct.
- This may result in an ERROR.
- Some newer alignment machines are equipped with an optional “Rolling Compensation” method to “compensate” the sensors (alignment targets or head units). **Never use this “Rolling Compensation” method.**
- Use the “Jacking Compensation Method”. After installing the alignment targets or head units, raise the vehicle and rotate the wheels 1/2 turn both ways.
- See Instructions in the alignment machine you're using for more information on this.

REAR SHOCK ABSORBER

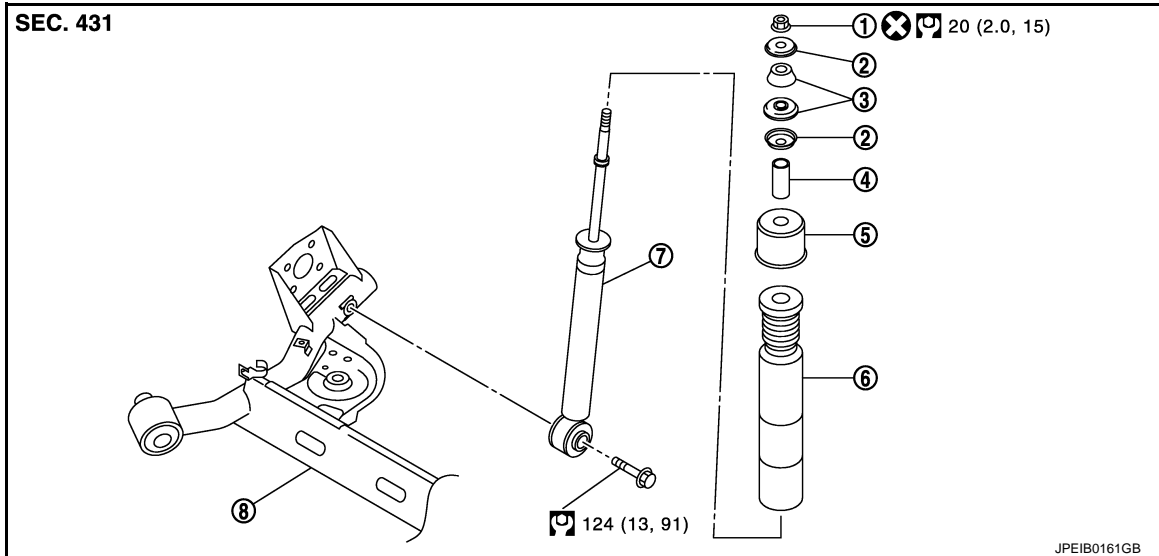
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REAR SHOCK ABSORBER

Exploded View

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| 1. Piston rod lock nut | 2. Washer | 3. Bushing |
| 4. Distance tube | 5. Bound bumper cover | 6. Bound bumper |
| 7. Shock absorber | 8. Rear suspension beam | |

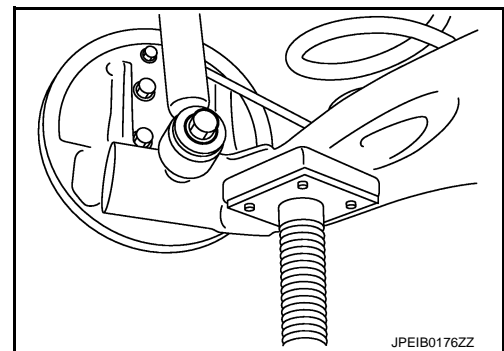
Refer to [GI-4, "Components"](#) for symbols in the figure.

Removal and Installation

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REMOVAL

1. Remove tires with power tool. Refer to [WT-91, "Exploded View"](#).
2. Set suitable jack under rear suspension beam.
CAUTION:
Check the stable condition when using a jack.
3. Remove shock absorber mounting bolt (lower side) with power tool.
4. Remove luggage lid from luggage side finisher. Refer to [INT-23, "Exploded View"](#).
5. Remove shock absorber mounting nut (upper side), and then remove washer and bushing.
6. Remove shock absorber assembly.



INSTALLATION

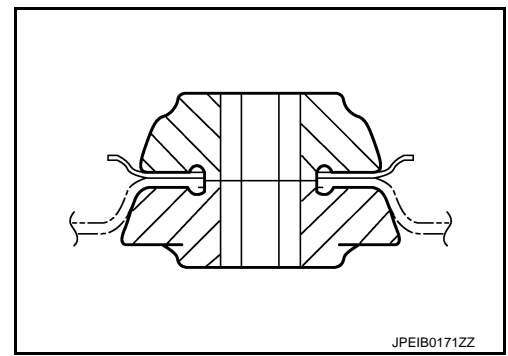
Note the following, and install in the reverse order of removal.

- Perform final tightening of bolts and nuts at the shock absorber lower side (rubber bushing), under unladen conditions with tires on level ground.

REAR SHOCK ABSORBER

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- Install projection surely into the hole on the vehicle side as shown in the figure, when installing bushing.
- Hold a head of shock absorber piston rod not to have it rotate, then tighten piston rod lock nut with a standard tightening torque value.



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Inspection

INSPECTION AFTER REMOVAL

Shock Absorber

Check the following items, and replace the part if necessary.

- Shock absorber for deformation, cracks, and other damage.
- Piston rod for damage, uneven wear, and distortion.

Bound Bumper, Bushing

Check for cracks and damage. Replace it if necessary.

Washer, Bound Bumper Cover, Distance Tube

- Check for cracks and damage. Replace it if necessary.

INSPECTION AFTER INSTALLATION

Check wheel alignment. Refer to [RSU-6, "Inspection"](#).

Disposal

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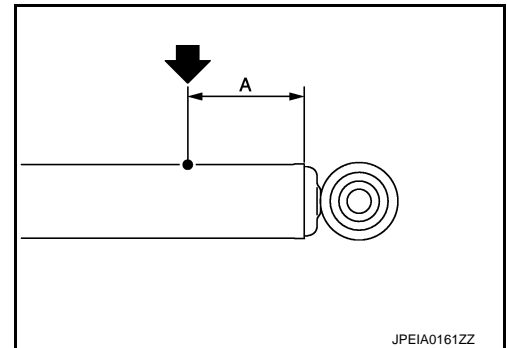
1. Set shock absorber horizontally to the ground with the piston rod fully extracted.
2. Drill 2 – 3 mm (0.08 – 0.12 in) hole at the position (●) from top as shown in the figure to release gas gradually.

CAUTION:

- Wear eye protection (safety glass).
- Wear gloves.
- Be careful with metal chips or oil blown out by the compressed gas.

NOTE:

- Drill vertically in this direction (←).
- Directly to the outer tube avoiding brackets.
- The gas is clear, colorless, odorless, and harmless.



A : 20 – 30 mm (0.79 – 1.18 in)

3. Position the drilled hole downward and drain oil by moving the piston rod several times.

CAUTION:

Handle drained oil appropriately to the law and other local regulations.

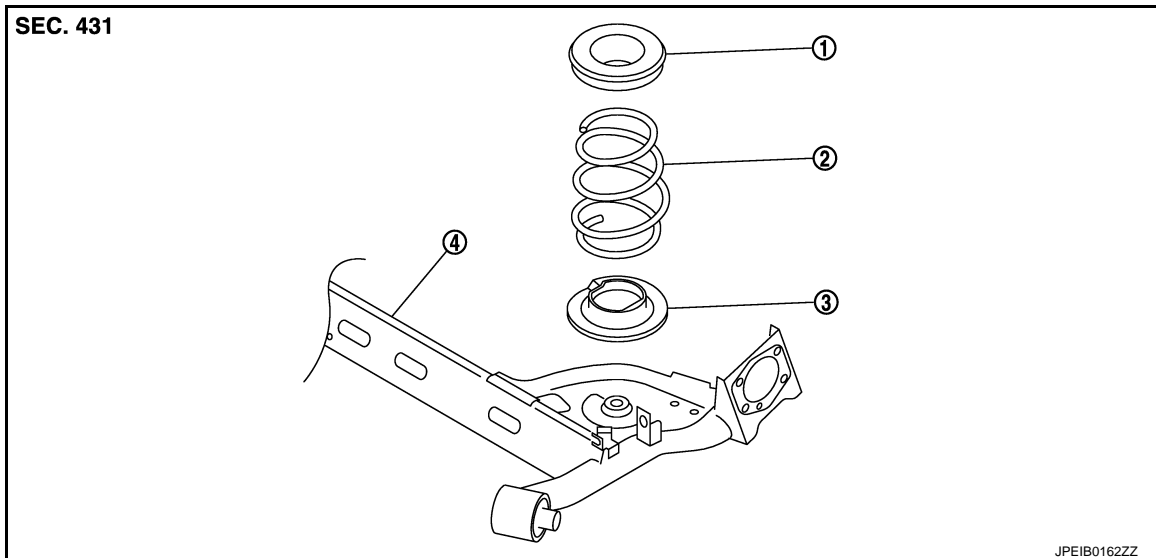
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COIL SPRING

Exploded View

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1. Upper rubber seat
2. Coil spring
3. Lower rubber seat
4. Rear suspension beam

Refer to [GI-4, "Components"](#) for symbols in the figure.

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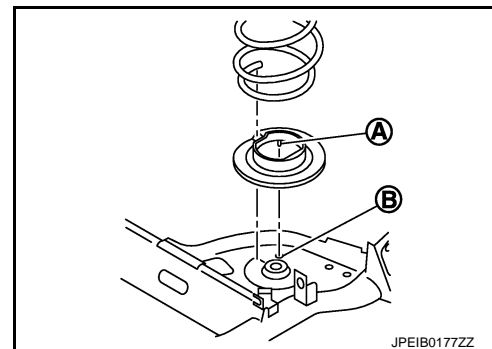
REMOVAL

1. Remove tires with power tool. Refer to [WT-91, "Exploded View"](#).
2. Set jack under rear suspension beam.
CAUTION:
Check the stable condition when using a jack.
3. Remove right and left rear shock absorber mounting bolts (lower side). Refer to [RSU-7, "Exploded View"](#).
4. Slowly lower jack, then remove upper rubber seat, coil spring and lower rubber seat from rear suspension beam.
CAUTION:
Check the stable condition when using a jack.

INSTALLATION

Note the following, and install in the reverse order of removal.

- Install the lower rubber seat a projection (A) is attached as rear suspension beam mounting hole (B).
- Match up lower rubber seat indentions and rear suspension beam grooves and attach.



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INSPECTION AFTER REMOVAL

Check lubber seat and coil spring for deformation, crack, and damage. Replace it if necessary.

COIL SPRING

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INSPECTION AFTER INSTALLATION

Check wheel alignment. Refer to [RSU-6, "Inspection"](#).

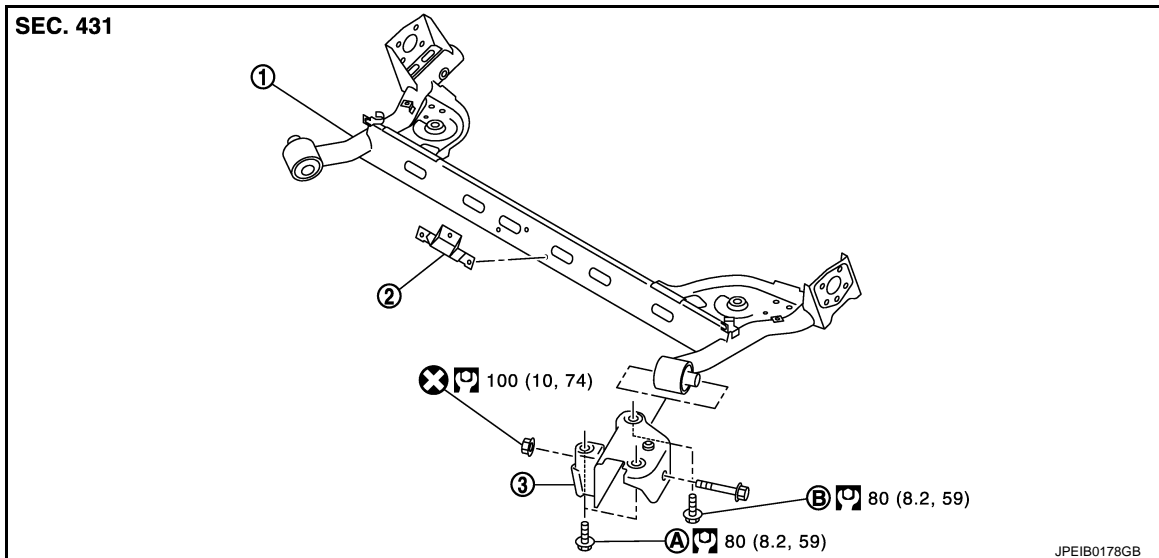
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REAR SUSPENSION BEAM

Exploded View

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| 1. Rear suspension beam | 2. Brake tube protector | 3. Rear suspension arm bracket |
| A. Flange bolt | B. Except flange bolt | |

Refer to [GI-4, "Components"](#) for symbols in the figure.

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REMOVAL

1. Remove tires with power tool. Refer to [WT-91, "Exploded View"](#).
2. Drain brake fluid. Refer to [BR-10, "Draining"](#).
3. Remove parking brake cable and brake drum from rear suspension beam. Refer to [PB-4, "Exploded View"](#), [BR-39, "Exploded View"](#).
4. Remove wheel sensor and sensor harness. Refer to [BRC-99, "REAR WHEEL SENSOR : Exploded View"](#).
5. Set suitable jack under rear suspension beam.
CAUTION:
Check the stable condition when using a jack.
6. Remove shock absorber mounting bolts (lower side). Refer to [RSU-7, "Exploded View"](#).
7. Remove coil springs. Refer to [RSU-9, "Exploded View"](#).
8. Separate brake hose and brake tube. Refer to [BR-22, "REAR : Exploded View"](#).
9. Remove suspension arm bracket mounting bolts.
10. Slowly lower jack, remove suspension arm bracket and rear suspension beam from vehicle body.
CAUTION:
Check the stable condition when using a jack.
11. Remove wheel hub and bearing assembly. Refer to [RAX-5, "Exploded View"](#).
12. Remove drum brake assembly. Refer to [BR-39, "Exploded View"](#).
13. Remove suspension arm bracket from rear suspension beam.
14. Remove brake tube protector from rear suspension beam.

INSTALLATION

Note the following, and install in the reverse order of removal.

- Perform final tightening of rear suspension beam installation position (rubber bushing), under unladen conditions with tires on level ground.
- Refill with new brake fluid and perform the air bleeding. Refer to [BR-10, "Refilling"](#).

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INSPECTION AFTER REMOVAL

Check rear suspension beam and rear suspension beam bracket for deformation, cracks or damage. Replace the part if necessary.

INSPECTION AFTER INSTALLATION

1. Check wheel sensor harness for proper connection. Refer to [BRC-99, "REAR WHEEL SENSOR : Exploded View"](#).
2. Adjust parking brake. Refer to [PB-3, "Inspection and Adjustment"](#).
3. Check wheel alignment. Refer to [RSU-6, "Inspection"](#).
4. Adjust neutral position of steering angle sensor. Refer to [BRC-8, "ADJUSTMENT OF STEERING ANGLE SENSOR NEUTRAL POSITION : Special Repair Requirement"](#).

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Wheel Alignment

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Item		Standard	
Camber Degree minute (Decimal degree)	Minimum	-2° 00' (-2.01°)	
	Nominal	-1° 31' (-1.51°)	
	Maximum	-1° 01' (-1.01°)	
Toe-in	Total toe-in Distance	Minimum	Out 1.0 mm (Out 0.039 in)
		Nominal	In 3.0 mm (In 0.118 in)
		Maximum	In 7.0 mm (In 0.275 in)
	Toe angle (left wheel or right wheel) Degree minute (Decimal degree)	Minimum	Out 0° 02' (Out 0.04°)
		Nominal	In 0° 08' (In 0.13°)
		Maximum	In 0° 19' (In 0.32°)

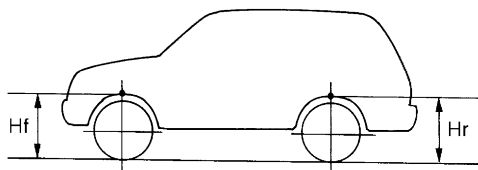
Measure value under unladen* conditions.

*: Fuel, engine coolant and lubricant are full. Spare tire, jack, hand tools and mats are in designated positions.

Wheelarch Height

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Item	Standard			
	USA		CANADA	
Destination				
Tire size	195/60R15	195/55R16	195/60R15	195/55R16
Front (Hf)	679 mm (26.73 in)	684 mm (26.93 in)	679 mm (26.73 in)	684 mm (26.93 in)
Rear (Hr)		683 mm (26.89 in)		



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Measure value under unladen* conditions.

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