

GENERAL DIAGNOSTIC TABLE

POWER ASSISTED SYSTEM (POWER STEERING)

10. General Diagnostic Table

A: INSPECTION

Trouble	Possible cause	Corrective action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heavy steering effort in all ranges • Heavy steering effort at stand still • Steering wheel surges when turning. 	1. Pulley belt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unequal length of pulley belts • Adhesion of oil and grease • Loose or damage of pulley belt • Poor uniformity of pulley belt cross section • Pulley belt touches to pulley bottom • Poor revolution of pulleys except oil pump pulley • Poor revolution of oil pump pulley 	Adjust or replace.
	2. Tire and rim <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improper tires out of specification • Improper rims out of specification • Tires not properly inflated*1 	Replace or reinflate.
	3. Fluid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low fluid level • Aeration • Dust mix • Deterioration of fluid • Poor warming-up of fluid *2 	Refill, bleed air, replace or instruct customer.
	4. Idling speed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower idling speed • Excessive drop of idling speed at start or at turning steering wheel *3 	Adjust or instruct customer.
	5. Measure hydraulic pressure.<Ref. to PS-54, INSPECTION, Oil Pump.>	Replace problem parts.
	6. Measure steering effort.<Ref. to PS-61, INSPECTION, General Diagnostic Table.>	Adjust or replace.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicle leads to one side or the other. • Poor return of steering wheel to center • Steering wheel surges when turning. 	1. Fluid line <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Folded hose • Flattened pipe 	Reform or replace.
	2. Tire and rim <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flat tire • Mix use of different tires • Mix use of different rims • Abnormal wear of tire • Unbalance of remained grooves • Unbalance of tire pressure 	Fix or replace.
	3. Front alignment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improper or unbalance caster • Improper or unbalance toe-in • Loose connection of suspension 	Adjust or retighten.
	4. Others <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Damaged joint assembly • Unbalanced height • One-sided weight 	Replace, adjust or instruct customer.
	5. Measure steering effort.<Ref. to PS-61, INSPECTION, General Diagnostic Table.>	Adjust or replace.

*1 If tires and/or rims are wider, the load to power steering system is the more. Accordingly, in a condition, for example before fluid warms-up, relief valve may work before maximum turning angle. In this case, steering effort may be heavy. When measured hydraulic pressure is normal, there is no abnormal thing.

*2 In cold weather, steering effort may be heavy due to increased flow resistance of cold fluid. After warming-up engine, turn steering wheel from stop to stop several times to warm-up fluid. Then if steering effort reduces normally, there is no abnormal thing.

*3 In cold weather or with insufficient warm-up of engine, steering effort may be heavy due to excessive drop of idling when turning steering wheel. In this case, it is recommended to start the vehicle with increasing engine speed than usual. Then if steering effort reduces normally, there is no abnormal thing.

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1. NOISE AND VIBRATION

CAUTION:

Don't keep the relief valve operated over 5 seconds at any time or inner parts of the oil pump may be damaged due to rapid increase of fluid temperature.

NOTE:

- Grinding noise may be heard immediately after the engine start in extremely cold condition. In this case, if the noise goes off during warm-up there is no abnormal function in the system. This is due to the fluid characteristic in extremely cold condition.
 - Oil pump makes whine or growl noise slightly due to its mechanism. Even if the noise can be heard when steering wheel is turned at stand still there is no abnormal function in the system provided that the noise eliminates when the vehicle is running.
 - When stopping with service brake and/or parking brake applied, power steering can be operated easily due to its light steering effort. If doing so, the disk rotates slightly and makes creaking noise. The noise is generated by creaking between the disk and pads. If the noise goes off when the brake is released, there is no abnormal function in the system.
 - There may be a little vibration around the steering devices when turning steering wheel at standstill, even though the component parts are properly adjusted and have no defects.
- Hydraulic systems are likely to generate this kind of vibration as well as working noise and fluid noise because of combined conditions, i.e., road surface and tire surface, engine speed and turning speed of steering wheel, fluid temperature and braking condition.

This phenomena does not indicate there is some abnormal function in the system.

The vibration can be known when steering wheel is turned repeatedly at various speeds from slow to rapid step by step with parking brake applied on concrete road and in "D" range for automatic transmission vehicle.

Trouble	Possible cause	Corrective action
Hiss noise (continuous) While engine is running.	Relief valve emits operating sound when steering wheel is completely turned in either direction. (Don't keep this condition over 5 seconds.)	Normal
	Relief valve emits operating sound when steering wheel is not turned. This means that the relief valve is faulty.	Defective Replace oil pump.
Rattling noise (intermittent) While engine is running.	Interference with adjacent parts	Check clearance. Correct if necessary. <Ref. to PS-46, INSPECTION, Pipe Assembly.>
	Loosened installation of oil pump, oil tank, pump bracket, gearbox or crossmember	Retighten.
	Loosened installation of oil pump pulley or other pulley(s)	Retighten.
	Loosened linkage or play of steering or suspension Loosened tightening of joint or steering column	Retighten or replace.
	Sound generates from the inside of gearbox or oil pump.	Replace bad parts of the gearbox or oil pump.
Knocking When turning steering wheel in both direction with small angle repeatedly at engine ON or OFF.	Excessive backlash Loosened lock nut for adjusting backlash	Adjust and retighten.
	Loosened tightening or play of tie-rod, tie-rod end	Retighten or replace.
Grinding noise (continuous) While engine is running.	Vane pump aeration	Inspect and retighten fluid line connection. Refill fluid and vent air.
	Vane pump seizing	Replace oil pump.
	Pulley bearing seizing of oil pump	Replace oil pump.
	Folded hose, flat pipe	Replace.
Squeal, squeak (intermittent or continuous) While engine is running.	Maladjustment of pulley belt Damaged or charged pulley belt Unequal length of pulley belts	Adjust or replace. (Replace two belts as a set.)
	Run out or soilage of V-groove surface of oil pump pulley	Clean or replace.

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Sizzling noise (continuous) While engine is running.	Fluid aeration	Fix wrong part causing aeration. Replace fluid and vent air.
	Damaged pipe of gearbox	Replace pipe.
	Abnormal inside of hose or pipe Flat hose or pipe	Rectify or replace.
	Abnormal inside of oil tank	Replace.
	Removed oil tank cap	Install cap.
Whistle (continuous) While engine is running.	Abnormal pipe of gearbox or abnormal inside of hose	Replace bad parts of gearbox or hose.
Whine or growl (continuous or intermittent) While engine is running with/ without steering turned.	Loosened installation of oil pump, oil pump bracket	Retighten.
	Abnormal inside of oil pump, hose	Replace oil pump, hose, if the noise can be heard when running as well as stand still.
	Torque converter growl, air conditioner compression growl	Remove power steering pulley belt and confirm.
Creaking noise (intermittent) While engine is running with steering turned.	Abnormal inside of gearbox	Replace bad parts of gearbox.
	Abnormal bearing for steering shaft	Apply grease or replace.
	Generates when turning steering wheel with brake (service or parking) applied.	If the noise goes off when brake is released, it is normal.
Vibration While engine is running with/ without steering turned.	Too low engine speed at start	Adjust and instruct customers.
	Vane pump aeration	Fix wrong part. Vent air.
	Damaged valve in oil pump, gearbox	Replace oil pump, bad parts of gearbox.
	Looseness of play of steering, suspension parts	Retighten.

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2. MEASUREMENT OF STEERING EFFORT

Step	Check	Yes	No
1 CHECK STEERING EFFORT. 1) Stop the vehicle on a concrete road. 2) Start the engine. 3) Idle the engine. 4) Install spring scale on the steering wheel. 5) Pull spring scale at an right angle to the steering wheel, and measure both right and left steering wheel effort. NOTE: When turning steering more quickly than necessary from a direction to the other direction at an engine speed over 2,000 rpm, steering effort may be heavy. This is caused by flow characteristic of oil pump and is not a problem.	Is the steering effort less than 29.4 N (3.0 kgf, 6.6 lb)?	Go to step 2.	Adjustment backlash.
2 CHECK STEERING EFFORT. 1) Stop the engine. 2) Pull spring scale at an right angle to the steering wheel, and measure both right and left steering wheel effort.	Is the steering effort less than 29.4 N (3.0 kgf, 6.6 lb)?	Go to step 3.	Adjustment.
3 CHECK STEERING WHEEL EFFORT. 1) Remove universal joint. 2) Measure steering wheel effort.	Is the maximum force steering wheel effort less than 2.26 N (0.23 kgf, 0.51 lb)?	Go to step 4.	Check, adjust and replace if necessary.
4 CHECK STEERING WHEEL EFFORT. Measure steering wheel effort.	Is the fluctuation width less than 1.08 N (0.11 kgf, 0.24 lb)?	Go to step 5.	Check, adjust and replace if necessary.
5 CHECK UNIVERSAL JOINT. Measure folding torque of the joint (short yoke). <Ref. to PS-19, INSPECTION, Universal Joint.>	Is the fluctuation width less than 8.43 N (0.86 kgf, 1.90 lb)?	Go to step 6.	Replace with new one.
6 CHECK UNIVERSAL JOINT. Measure folding torque of the joint (long yoke). <Ref. to PS-19, INSPECTION, Universal Joint.>	Is the folding torque less than 5.49 N (0.56 kgf, 1.23 lb)?	Go to step 7.	Replace with new one.
7 CHECK FRONT WHEEL.	Are there unsteady revolution or rattling of front wheels and dragging of brake?	Inspect, readjust and replace if necessary.	Go to step 8.
8 CHECK TIE-ROD ENDS. Remove the tie-rod ends.	Are there unsteady revolution or rattling of tie-rod ends of suspension?	Inspect and replace if necessary.	Go to step 9.
9 CHECK BALL JOINT.	Are there unsteady revolution or rattling of ball joints of suspension?	Inspect and replace if necessary.	Go to step 10.
10 CHECK GEARBOX. Measure rotating of gearbox. <Ref. to PS-40, OIL LEAKING, INSPECTION, Steering Gearbox.>	Is the measured rotating resistance the same as the following values: 11.18 N (1.14 kgf, 2.51 lb) or less at straight position / 15.79 N (1.61 kgf, 3.55 lb) or less at any other positions within 20% difference between clockwise and counterclockwise?	Go to step 11.	Readjust backlash, and if ineffective, replace bad parts.
11 CHECK GEARBOX. Measure sliding of gearbox. <Ref. to PS-38, RACK SHAFT PLAY IN RADIAL DIRECTION, INSPECTION, Steering Gearbox.>	Is the measured sliding resistance within the following value: 304 N (31 kgf, 68 lb) or less within 20% difference between left and right directions?	Steering effort is normal.	Readjust backlash, and if ineffective, replace bad parts.