

TROUBLESHOOTING

PROBLEM SYMPTOMS TABLE

Use the table below to help you find the cause of the problem. The numbers indicate the priority of the likely cause of the problem. Check each part in the order shown. If necessary, repair or replace these parts.

Symptom	Suspect Area	See page
Hard steering	1. Tires (Improperly inflated) 2. Power steering fluid level (Low) 3. Drive belt (Loose) 4. Front wheel alignment (Incorrect) 5. Steering system joints (Worn) 6. Suspension arm ball joints (Worn) 7. Steering column (Binding) 8. Power steering gear	SA-3 SR-5 – SA-5 – SA-68 SA-73 – SR-36
Poor return	1. Tires (Improperly inflated) 2. Front wheel alignment (Incorrect) 3. Steering column (Binding) 4. Power steering gear	SA-3 SA-5 – SR-36
Excessive play	1. Steering system joints (Worn) 2. Suspension arm ball joints (Worn) 3. Intermediate shaft, Universal joint, Sliding yoke (Worn) 4. Front wheel bearing (Worn) 5. Power steering gear	– SA-68 SA-73 – SA-9 SR-36
Abnormal noise	1. Power steering fluid level (Low) 2. Steering system joints (Worn) 3. Power steering gear	SR-5 – SR-36

HINT:

- When the problem occurs on the power tilt and telescopic steering system, refer to the DI section (See page [DI-586](#)).
- When the problem occurs on the variable gear ratio steering (VGRS) system, refer to the DI section (See page [DI-647](#)).