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GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The front axle consists of front hubs, knuckles, wheel bearings and drive shafts, and has the following features:

- The wheel bearing incorporates double-row angular contact ball bearing <2.4L>, a unit ball bearing (double-row angular contact ball bearing)
 <3.8L>for reduced friction.
- The front wheel hub assembly combines the hub, wheel bearing, and oil seal in a single unit for fewer parts, better durability, improved assembly precision, and better structural organization.
 <3.8L>
- The driveshaft incorporates BJ-TJ type constant velocity joints <2.4L> and BJ-PTJ type constant velocity joints <3.8L> with high transmission efficiency for low vibration and noise.

- Due to the use of the inner shaft and bracket assembly, the right and left drive shafts are approximately the same in length. This reduces noise, vibration and torque steer.<3.8L-RH>
- The dynamic damper is mounted on the LH driveshaft <2.4L, 3.8L> and on the RH driveshaft <2.4L> to reduce differential gear noise.
- ABS rotor for detecting the wheel speed is press-fitted to the BJ.

NOTE:

- TJ: Tripod Joint
- PTJ: Pillow Tripod Joint
- BJ: Birfield Joint

CONSTRUCTION DIAGRAM



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FRONT AXLE DIAGNOSIS

TROUBLESHOOTING STRATEGY

Use these steps to plan your diagnostic strategy. If you follow them carefully, you will be sure that you have exhausted most of the possible ways to find a front axle fault.

1. Gather information from the customer.

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- 2. Verify that the condition described by the customer exists.
- 3. Find the malfunction by following the Symptom Chart.
- 4. Verify malfunction is eliminated.

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SYMPTOM CHART

SYMPTOM	_	INSPECTION PROCEDURE	REFERENCE PAGE
Drive shaft	Noise during wheel rotation	1	P.26-4
	Noise due to excessive play of wheel in turning direction	2	P.26-5

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SYMPTOM PROCEDURES

INSPECTION PROCEDURE 1: Noise during Wheel Rotation

DIAGNOSIS

STEP 1. Check the wheel bearing end play.

- (1) Remove the caliper assembly and suspend it with a wire.
- (2) Remove the brake disc from the front hub.
- (3) Attach a dial gauge as shown in the illustration, and then measure the end play while moving the hub in the axial direction.

Limit: 0.05 mm (0.002 inch)

Q: Is the wheel bearing end play within the limit?

- YES : Go to step 2.
- **NO :** Replace the part, then go to Step 5.

STEP 2. Check the drive shaft and inner shaft for bending.

Q: Is the drive shaft and inner shaft bent?

YES : Replace the part. Then go to Step 5. **NO :** Go to step 3.

STEP 3. Check the center bearing for wear.

Q: Is the center bearing worn?

YES : Replace the bearing. Then go to Step 5. **NO** : Go to step 4

NO: Go to step 4.

STEP4. Check the drive shaft assembly for wear or damage.

Q: Is the drive shaft assembly worn or damaged?

YES : Replace the drive shaft assembly. Then go to Step 5. **NO :** There is no action to be taken.

STEP 5. Retest the system.

Q: Is the abnormal noise eliminated?

- **YES** : The procedure is complete.
- **NO :** Repeat from Step 1.



DIAGNOSIS

STEP 1. Check for play in the inner shaft and side gear serration, the drive shaft and side gear serration, or the drive shaft and front hub serration.

Q: Is the play found?

YES : Replace the part. Then go to Step 2.

NO: The procedure is complete.

STEP 2. Retest the system.

Q: Is the abnormal noise eliminated? YES : The procedure is complete. NO : Repeat from Step 1.

SPECIAL TOOLS

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TOOL	TOOL NUMBER	SUPERSESSION	APPLICATION
B990767	MB990767 Front hub and flange yoke holder	MB990767-01	Fixing of the hub
MB991618	MB991618 Hub bolt remover	General service tool	Removal of the hub bolt
AC106827	MB991897 Ball joint remover	MB991113-01, MB990635-01 or General service tool	Knuckle and tie rod end ball joint disconnection <i>NOTE: Steering linkage puller</i> <i>(MB990635 or MB991113)is also used</i> <i>to disconnect knuckle and tie rod end</i> <i>ball joint.</i>
A B MB990241AB	MB990241 Axle shaft puller A: MB990242 Puller shaft B: MB990244 Puller bar	MB990241-01 or General service tool	Removal of the drive shaft
MB991354	MB991354 Puller body	General service tool	

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FRONT AXLE SPECIAL TOOLS

TOOL	TOOL NUMBER AND NAME	SUPERSESSION	APPLICATION
В А МВ990590	MB990590 Rear axle shaft oil seal remover A: MB990212 Adapter B: MB990211 Slide hammer		Removal of the front wheel hub
AC100320 AE	A: MB991017 B: MB990998 C: MB991000 A, B: Front hub remover and installer C: Spacer	MB990998-01	 Removal of the hub Provisional holding of the wheel bearing Measurement of hub starting torque Measurement of wheel bearing end play NOTE: MB991000, which belongs to MB990998, should be used as a spacer.
	MB990685 Torque wrench	General service tool	Measurement of hub starting torque
MB990326	MB990326 Preload socket	General service tool	
МВ990810	MB990810 Side bearing puller	General service tool	 Removal of the center bearing bracket Removal of the wheel bearing inner race (outside)
	MB991172 Inner shaft installer base		Press-fitting of the inner shaft
MB991248	MB991248 Inner shaft remover	MD998348-01 or General service tool	Removal of the inner shaft

TOOL	TOOL NUMBER	SUPERSESSION	APPLICATION	
	AND NAME			
MB991561	MB991561 Boot band crimping tool	MB991561	BJ boot (resin boot) band installation	
СС ^{СС}	MB990925 Bearing and oil seal installer set	MB990925-01 or General service tool	 Removal and installation of the center bearing Press-fitting of the dust seal outer, inner 	
МВ990890	MB990890 Rear suspension bushing base	MB990890-01	Press-fitting of the dust seal outer, inner	
TOOL	TYPE 1		O D mm (in)	
MB990925	A MB990925		39.0 (1.54)	
	Ν	//B990927	45.0 (1.77)	
(TTTTT	MB990928		49.5 (1.95)	
	Ν	//B990929	51.0 (2.00)	
	Ν	AB990930	54.0 (2.13)	
INSTALLER ADAPTER	Ν	AB990931	57.0 (2.24)	
	Ν	AB990932	61.0 (2.40)	
C BRASS BAR	Ν	AB990933	63.5 (2.50)	
	Ν	//B990934	67.5 (2.66)	
В	Ν	AB990935	71.5 (2.81)	
BAR (SNAP-IN TYPE)	Ν	//B990936	75.5 (2.97)	
	Ν	AB990937	79.0 (3.11)	
	B	AB990938	-	
TOOL BOX ACX02372 AC	C	ИВ 990939	_	

FRONT AXLE ON-VEHICLE SERVICE

ON-VEHICLE SERVICE WHEEL BEARING END PLAY CHECK

2. Remove the brake disc from the front hub.



direction. Limit: 0.05 mm (0.002 inch) 4. If end play exceeds the limit, disassemble the front hub assembly and check the parts. 5. Install the brake disc, caliper assembly and tighten the caliper assembly mounting bolts to the specified torque. Tightening torque: 100 ± 10 N m (74 \pm 7 ft-lb)

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Required Special Tools:

- MB990767: Front Hub and Flange Yoke Holder
- MB991618: Hub Bolt Remover

HUB BOLT REPLACEMENT

1. Remove the caliper assembly and suspend it with wire so that it does not fall.

1. Remove the caliper assembly and suspend it with a wire.

3. Attach a dial gauge as shown in the illustration, and then measure the end play while moving the hub in the axial

- 2. Remove the brake disc.
- 3. Use special tool MB991618 to remove the hub bolts.





- 4. Install the plain washer to the new hub bolt, and install the bolt with a nut while holding the hub with special tool MB990767.
- 5. Install the brake disc, caliper assembly and tighten the caliper assembly mounting bolts to the specified torque. Tightening torque: 100 ± 10 N m (74 \pm 7 ft-lb)

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FRONT AXLE HUB ASSEMBLY

REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION

Post-installation Operation

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- For vehicles with ABS, do not strike the ABS rotors installed to the BJ outer race of drive shaft against other parts when removing or installing the drive shaft. Otherwise the ABS rotors will be damaged.
- For vehicles with ABS, be careful not to strike the pole piece at the tip of the front wheel speed sensor with tools during servicing work.



- MB990767: Front Hub and Flange Yoke Holder
- MB990242: Puller Shaft
- MB990244: Puller Bar

- MB990211: Slide Hammer
- MB991897:Ball Joint Remover

REMOVAL SERVICE POINTS

<<A>> DRIVE SHAFT NUT REMOVAL

Do not apply pressure to wheel bearing by the vehicle weight to avoid possible damage when drive shaft nut is loosened.

Use special tool MB990767 to fix the hub and remove the drive shaft nut.



<> CALIPER ASSEMBLY REMOVAL

Secure the removed caliper assembly with wire, etc.

<<C>> BRAKE DISC REMOVAL

If the brake disc is seized, install a M8 x 1.25 bolts as shown, and remove the disc by tightening the bolts evenly and gradually.



<<D>> SELF LOCKING NUT (CONNECTION FOR LOWER ARM BALL JOINT AND TIE ROD END) REMOVAL

- Do not remove the nut from ball joint. Loosen it and use the special tool to avoid possible damage to ball joint threads.
- Hang the special tool with cord to prevent it from falling.
- 1. Replace the self locking nut for lower arm ball joint with a regular nut, because the original one is a little bit large to install the special tool. Install special tool MB991897 as shown in the figure.

2. Turn the bolt and knob as necessary to make the jaws of special tool parallel, tighten the bolt by hand and confirm that the jaws are still parallel.

NOTE: When adjusting the jaws in parallel, make sure the knob is in the position shown in the figure.

3. Tighten the bolt with a wrench to disconnect the lower arm ball joint, tie rod end and remove the self locking nut.



<<E>> FRONT WHEEL HUB ASSEMBLY REMOVAL

- 1. Use special tools MB990242, MB990244, MB991354 and MB990767 to push out the drive shaft from the hub and knuckle.
- 2. If the front wheel hub is seized, remove the knuckle together with front wheel hub and fix them with a vise.
- 3. Hang the drive shaft on the vehicle body with a rope.



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4. Use special tools MB990244, MB991354 and MB990211 to pull out the front wheel hub from the knuckle.





INSTALLATION SERVICE POINT

>>A<<WASHER/ DRIVE SHAFT NUT INSTALLA-TION

Before securely tightening the drive shaft nuts, make sure there is no load on the wheel bearings. Otherwise the wheel bearings will be damaged.

- 1. Be sure to install the drive shaft washer in the specified direction.
- 2. Using special tool MB990767, tighten the drive shaft nut to the specified torque.

Tightening torque: 226 \pm 29 N·m (167 \pm 21 ft-lb)

INSPECTION

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WHEEL BEARING ROTATION STARTING TORQUE AND AXIAL PLAY CHECK

Required Special Tools:

- MB990998: Front Hub Remover and Installer
- MB991000: Spacer
- MB990326: Preload Socket
- MB990685: Torque Wrench
- 1. Install special tools MB991000, MB990998 and tighten them to the specified torque.

Tightening torque: 226 \pm 29 N m (167 \pm 21 ft-lb)

- 2. Hold front wheel hub assembly in a vice, using wooden blocks.
- 3. Rotate the hub in order to seat the bearing.







4. Measure the wheel bearing rotation starting torque by using the special tools MB990326 and MB990685.

Limit: 1.4 N·m (12 in-lb)

- 5. If the rotation starting torque is not within the limit when the nut is tightened to 226 ± 29 N·m (167 ± 21 ft-lb), replace the front wheel bearing assembly. If there is any signs of binding or tight spots when the wheel bearing turns, replace it.
- 6. Measure to determine whether the wheel bearing axial play is within the specified limit or not.

Limit: 0.05 mm (0.002 inch)

7. If the play exceeds the limit when the nut is tightened to 226 \pm 29 N·m (167 \pm 21 ft-lb), replace the front wheel hub assembly.

DRIVE SHAFT ASSEMBLY

REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION

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- For vehicles with ABS, do not strike the ABS rotors installed to the BJ outer race of drive shaft against other parts when removing or installing the drive shaft. Otherwise the ABS rotors will be damaged.
- For vehicles with ABS, be careful not to strike the pole piece at the tip of the front wheel speed sensor with tools during servicing work.

Pr	e-installation Operation	Pc	ost-installation Operation
•	Front Under Cover, Side Under Cover Removal	•	Front Exhaust Pipe Installation <3.8L-RH side>
•	Transmission Fluid Draining (Refer to GROUP		(Refer to GROUP 15, Exhaust Pipe and Muffler
	23A, On-vehicle Service – Transmission Fluid		P.15-20).
	Change P.23A-367).	•	Check the ball joint dust cover for cracks or
•	Front Exhaust Pipe Removal <3.8L-RH side>		damage by pushing it with your finger.
	(Refer to GROUP 15, Exhaust Pipe and Muffler	•	Transmission Fluid Filling (Refer to GROUP
	P.15-20).		23A, On-vehicle Service – Transmission Fluid
			Change P.23A-367).
		•	Front Under Cover, Side Under Cover
			Installation

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FRONT AXLE DRIVE SHAFT ASSEMBLY



<< A >>	≫B<<	1. 2.	REMOVAL STEPS SPLIT PIN DRIVE SHAFT NUT	< <c>> >></c>
		3.	WASHER	
		4.	FRONT WHEEL SPEED SENSOR BRACKET <vehicles with<br="">ABS></vehicles>	Required • MB990
		5.	FRONT WHEEL SPEED SENSOR <vehicles abs="" with=""></vehicles>	 MB991 MB990
		6.	BRAKE HOSE BRACKET	• MB990
< >>		7.	SELF LOCKING NUT (LOWER ARM BALL JOINT CONNECTION)	MB991MB990
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REMOVAL STEPS (Continued)
A<< 10. DRIVE SHAFT AND INNER
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SHAFTASSEMBLY<3.8L-RH>
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11. CIRCLIP

Required Special Tools:

- MB990767: Front Hub and Flange Yoke Holder
- MB991897: Ball Joint Remover
- MB990242: Puller Shaft Puller
- MB990244: Puller Bar
- MB991354: Puller Body
- MB990998: Front Hub Remover and Installer
- MB991000: Spacer

REMOVAL SERVICE POINTS

<<A>> DRIVE SHAFT NUT REMOVAL

Do not apply pressure to the wheel bearing by the vehicle weight to avoid possible damage when the drive shaft nut is loosened.

Use special tool MB990767 to fix the hub and remove the drive shaft nut.



<SELF LOCKING NUT (LOWER ARM BALL JOINT/TIE ROD END CONNECTION) REMOVAL

- Do not remove the nut from ball joint. Loosen it and use the special tool to avoid possible damage to ball joint threads.
- Hang the special tool with cord to prevent it from falling.
- 1. Replace the self locking nut with a regular nut, because the original one is a little bit large to install the special tool. Install special tool MB991897 as shown in the figure.





2. Turn the bolt and knob as necessary to make the jaws of special tool MB991897 parallel, tighten the bolt by hand and confirm that the jaws are still parallel.

NOTE: When adjusting the jaws in parallel, make sure the knob is in the position shown in the figure.

3. Tighten the bolt with a wrench to disconnect the tie rod end and remove the self locking nut.

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FRONT AXLE DRIVE SHAFT ASSEMBLY

<<C>> DRIVE SHAFT/DRIVE SHAFT AND INNER SHAFT ASSEMBLY <3.8L-RH> REMOVAL

1. Use special tools MB990242, MB990244, MB991354 and MB990767 to push out the drive shaft or the drive shaft and inner shaft assembly from the hub.

2. Remove the drive shaft from the hub by pulling the bottom of the brake disc towards you.

- Do not pull on the drive shaft; doing so will damage the TJ or PTJ; be sure to use the pry bar.
- When pulling the drive shaft out from the transaxle, be careful that the spline part of the drive shaft does not damage the oil seal.
- 3. Insert a pry bar between the transaxle case and the drive shaft, and then pry and remove the drive shaft from the transaxle.

NOTE: Insert a pry bar, taking care not to damage the protrusion of transaxle case when removing the drive shaft LH.





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 If the inner shaft is hard to remove from the transaxle, strike the bracket assembly lightly with a plastic hammer and remove the inner shaft.



Do not apply pressure to the wheel bearing by the vehicle weight to avoid possible damage when the drive shaft is removed. If, however, vehicle weight must be applied to the bearing to move the vehicle, temporarily secure the wheel bearing by using special tools MB991000 and MB990998.

INSTALLATION SERVICE POINTS

>>A<< DRIVE SHAFT AND INNER SHAFT ASSEM-BLY <3.8L-RH>/DRIVE SHAFT INSTALLATION

When installing the drive shaft or the drive shaft and inner shaft assembly, be careful that the spline part of the drive shaft or the drive shaft and inner shaft assembly do not damage the oil seal.

>>B<< DRIVE SHAFT NUT INSTALLATION

1. Be sure to install the drive shaft washer in the specified direction.

Before securely tightening the drive shaft nuts, make sure there is no load on the wheel bearings. Otherwise the wheel bearing will be damaged.

2. Using special tool MB990767, tighten the drive shaft nut to the specified torque.

Tightening torque: 226 \pm 29 N·m (167 \pm 21 ft-lb)



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DISASSEMBLY AND ASSEMBLY

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- For vehicles with ABS, be careful not to damage the ABS rotor, which is attached to the BJ outer race during disassembly and reassembly.
- Never disassemble the BJ assembly except when replacing the BJ boot.



<3.8L-RH> 12. CIRCLIP 13. SNAP RING

<3.8L>

3.8L-LH> >>A<</td>17. DAMPER BAND <2.4L-RH>

14. SPIDER ASSEMBLY

15. TJ BOOT <2.4L>, PTJ BOOT

16. DYNAMIC DAMPER <2.4L-LH,

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≫G≪	2.	TJ BOOT BAND (SMALL) <2.4L>,	
		PTJ BOOT BAND (SMALL) <3.8L>	
	3.	PTJ CASE AND INNER SHAFT	
		ASSEMBLY <3.8L-RH>	
≫F<<	4.	TJ CASE <2.4L>, PTJ CASE	< <a>>
		<3.8L>	< <d></d>
≫Е ≪	5.	INNER SHAFT <3.8L-RH>	
	6.	DUST COVER <3.8L-RH>	
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[→]D<< 8. DUST SEAL OUTER <3.8L-RH>

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DISASSEMBLY STEPS

- >>A<< 18. DYNAMIC DAMPER <2.4L-RH>
 - 19. BJ ASSEMBLY
 - 20. BJ BOOT BAND (SMALL)
 - 21. BJ BOOT BAND (LARGE)
 - 22. BJ BOOT

NOTE:

- TJ: Tripod Joint
- PTJ: Pillow Tripod Joint
- BJ: Birfield Joint
- For BJ boot removal and installation, refer to P.26-26.

Required Special Tools:

- MB991248: Inner Shaft Remover
- MB990810: Side Bearing Puller
- MB990930: Installer Adapter
- MB990932: Installer Adapter
- MB990934: Installer Adapter
- MB990938: Bar (snap-in type)
- MB990890: Rear Suspension Bushing Base
- MB991172: Inner Shaft Installer Base

LUBRICATION POINTS



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DISASSEMBLY SERVICE POINTS

<<A>> TJ CASE <2.4L>/PTJ CASE <3.8L>/SPIDER ASSEMBLY REMOVAL

Do not disassemble the spider assembly.

- 1. Wipe off grease from the spider assembly and the inside of the TJ case or PTJ case.
- 2. Clean the spider assembly if water or foreign material is observed.

<>INNER SHAFT <3.8L-RH> REMOVAL

1. Use special tool MB991248 to remove the inner shaft assembly from the PTJ case.



- MB990810
- 2. Use special tool MB990810 to remove the center bearing bracket from the inner shaft.

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<<C>>CENTER BEARING <3.8L-RH> REMOVAL

MB990938 MB990930 CENTER BEARING BRACKET AC102652 AC

Use special tools MB990938 and MB990930 to remove the center bearing from the center bearing bracket.

<<D>> TJ BOOT <2.4L>/PTJ BOOT <3.8L> REMOVAL

- 1. Wipe off grease from the shaft spline.
- 2. When reusing the TJ boot or PTJ boot, wrap plastic tape around the shaft spline to avoid damaging the boot.

ASSEMBLY SERVICE POINTS

>>A<< DYNAMIC DAMPER <2.4L-LH, 2.4L-RH, 3.8L-LH>/DAMPER BAND <2.4L-RH>/TJ BOOT <2.4L>/PTJ BOOT <3.8L> INSTALLATION

There should be no grease adhered to the rubber part of the dynamic damper.

- 1. Install the dynamic damper in the position (L) shown in the illustration.
 - L: $260 \pm 3 \text{ mm} (10.2 \pm 0.12 \text{ inches}) < 2.4L-LH>$ L: $406 \pm 3 \text{ mm} (16.0 \pm 0.12 \text{ inches}) < 2.4L-RH>$ L: $260.5 \pm 3 \text{ mm} (10.3 \pm 0.12 \text{ inches}) < 3.8L-LH>$
- 2. Secure the damper bands.
- 3. Wrap plastic tape around the shaft spline, and then install the TJ boot band (small) and TJ boot, or PTJ boot band (small) and PTJ boot.

>>B<< SPIDER ASSEMBLY INSTALLATION

- The drive shaft joint use special grease. Do not mix old and new or different types of grease.
- If the spider assembly has been cleaned, take special care to apply the specified grease.
- 1. Apply the specified grease furnished in the repair kit to the spider assembly between the spider axle and the roller.

Specified grease: Repair kit grease

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2. Install the spider assembly to the shaft from the direction of the spline chamfered side.

>>C<<CENTER BEARING <3.8L-RH> INSTALLATION

Use special tools MB990938 and MB990932 to press-fit the center bearing into the center bearing bracket.



>>D<<DUST SEAL INNER <3.8L-RH> /DUST SEAL OUTER <3.8L-RH> INSTALLATION

When applying grease, make sure that it does not adhere to anything outside the lip.

- 1. Apply the specified grease to the rear surface of all dust seals.
 - Specified grease: Repair kit grease
 - Amount used (Dust seal inner): 14 20 g (0.5 0.7 ounce)
 - Amount used (Dust seal outer): 8 12 g (0.3 0.4 ounce)

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- 2. Use special tools MB990890, MB990938, and MB990934 to press the dust seals into the center bearing bracket until they are flush with each other.
- 3. Apply repair kit grease to the lip of each dust seal.







- >>E<<INNER SHAFT <3.8L-RH> INSTALLATION
- 1. Use special tool MB991172 to hold the center bearing inner race, and then press-in the inner shaft.

2. Apply repair kit grease to the inner shaft spline, then press fit it into the PTJ case.

NOTE: When press-fitting the inner shaft into the PTJ case, apply a thin coat of repair kit grease to the dust seal outer lip part and the outside edge of the PTJ axial part.

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>>F<< TJ CASE <2.4L>/PTJ CASE <3.8L> INSTALLATION

The drive shaft joint use special grease. Do not mix old and new or different types of grease.

After applying the specified grease to the TJ case or PTJ case, insert the drive shaft and apply grease again.

Specified grease: Repair kit grease Amount to use <2.4L-LH>: 140 ± 10 g (4.9 ± 0.3 ounces) Amount to use <2.4L-RH>: 130 ± 10 g (4.6 ± 0.3 ounces)

Amount to use <3.8L>: 220 ± 10 g (7.8 ± 0.3 ounces)

NOTE: The grease in the repair kit should be divided in half for use, respectively, at the joint and inside the boot.

>>G<< TJ BOOT BAND (SMALL) <2.4L>/PTJ BOOT BAND (SMALL) <3.8L>/TJ BOOT BAND (LARGE) <2.4L>/PTJ BOOT BAND (LARGE) <3.8L> INSTALLATION

Set the TJ boot bands or PTJ boot bands at the specified distance in order to adjust the amount of air inside the TJ boot or PTJ boot, and then tighten the TJ boot band (small) or PTJ boot band (small), TJ boot band (large) or PTJ boot band (large) securely.

Standard value (A): 85 \pm 3 mm (3.35 \pm 0.12 inches)





INSPECTION

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- Check the drive shaft for damage, bending or corrosion.
- Check the inner shaft for damage, bending or corrosion.
- Check the drive shaft spline part for wear or damage.
- Check the inner shaft spline part for wear or damage.
- Check the spider assembly for roller rotation, wear or corrosion.
- Check the groove inside TJ case or PTJ case for wear or corrosion.
- Check the boots for deterioration, damage or cracking.
- Check the center bearing for seizure, discoloration or roughness of rolling surface.
- Check the dust cover for damage or deterioration.

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FRONT AXLE DRIVE SHAFT ASSEMBLY

BJ BOOT REPLACEMENT

Required Special Tool:

MB991561:Boot Band Crimping Tool

- 1. Remove the boot bands (large and small). NOTE: The boot bands cannot be re-used.
- 2. Remove the BJ boot.
- 3. Wrap a plastic tape around the shaft spline, and assemble the boot band and BJ boot.
- 4. Align the center groove on the BJ boot small end with the shaft groove.

MB991561 STOPPER W ADJUSTING BOLT AC102660 AC

AC102659



- 5. Turn the adjusting bolt on special tool MB991561 so that the size of the opening (W) is at the standard value.
 - Standard value (W): 2.9 mm (0.11 inch) <If it is larger than 2.9 mm (0.11 inch)> Tighten the adjusting bolt.
 - If it is smaller than 2.9 mm (0.11 inch)> Loosen the adjusting bolt.

NOTE: The value of W will change by approximately 0.7 mm (0.03 inch) for each turn of the adjusting bolt.

NOTE: The adjusting bolt should not be turned more than once.

6. Position the BJ boot band (small) so that there is even clearance at either end (A and B).

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- Secure the drive shaft in an upright position and clamp part of the boot band to be crimped securely in the jaws of special tool MB991561.
- Crimp the boot band until the special tool touches the stopper.
- 7. Use special tool MB991561 to crimp the boot band (small).
- 8. Check that the crimping amount (C) of the boot band is at the standard value.

Standard value (D): 2.4 – 2.8 mm (0.09 – 0.11 inch) <If the crimping amount is larger than 2.8 mm (0.11 inch)>

Readjust the value of (W) in step 5 according to the following formula, and then repeat the operation in step 7.

W = 5.5 mm (0.22 inch) – D

- Example: If D = 2.9 mm (0.11 inch), then W = 2.6 mm (0.10 inch).
- <If the crimping amount is smaller than 2.4 mm (0.09
 inch)>

Remove the EBJ boot band, readjust the value of (W) in step 5 according to the following formula, and then repeat the operations in steps 6 and 7 using a new EBJ boot band.

Example: If D = 2.3 mm (0.09 inch), then W = 3.2 mm (0.13 inch).

9. Check that the boot band is not sticking out past the place where it has been installed. If the boot band is sticking out, remove it and then repeat steps 6 to 8, using a new boot band.

The drive shaft joint uses special grease. Do not mix old and new or different types of grease.

10.Fill the inside of the boot with the specified amount of the specified grease.

Specified grease: Repair kit grease

Amount to use <2.4L>: 120 \pm 10 g (4.2 \pm 0.3 ounces) Amount to use <3.8L>: 165 \pm 10 g (5.8 \pm 0.3 ounces)





11.Align the center groove on the BJ boot big end with the BJ case groove.

12.Follow the same procedure as in step 5 to adjust the size of the opening (W) on special tool so that it is at the standard value.

Standard value (W): 2.9 mm (0.11 inch)

13.Position the BJ boot band (large) so that there is even clearance at either end (D and E).



- 14.Use special tool to crimp the BJ boot band (large) in the same way as in step 7.
- 15.Check that the crimping amount (F) of the boot band is at the standard value.
 - Standard value (F): 2.4 2.8 mm (0.09 0.11 inch)
 - <If the crimping amount is larger than 2.8 mm (0.11
 inch)>
 - Readjust the value of (W) in step 12 according to the following formula, and then repeat the operation in step 14.

W = 5.8 mm (0.23 inch) - F

- Example: If F = 2.9 mm (0.11 inch), then W = 2.9 mm (0.11 inch).
- def the crimping amount is smaller than 2.4 mm (0.09 inch)>

Remove the EBJ boot band, readjust the value of (W) in step 12 according to the following formula, and then repeat the operations in steps 13 and 14 using a new EBJ boot band.

W = 5.8 mm (0.23 inch) - F

Example: If F = 2.3 mm (0.09 inch), then W = 3.5 mm (0.14 inch).

16.Check that the boot band is not sticking out past the place where it has been installed. If the boot band is sticking out, remove it and then repeat steps 13 to 15, using a new boot band.





SPECIFICATIONS

FASTENER TIGHTENING SPECIFICATIONS

M1261005400309

ITEM	SPECIFICATION
Caliper assembly bolt	100 ± 10 N⋅m (74 ± 7 ft-lb)
Center bearing bracket bolt <3.8L-RH>	4 1± 4 N⋅m (30 ± 3 ft-lb)
Drive shaft nut	226 ± 29 N·m (167 ± 21 ft-lb)
Dust cover bolt	9.0±2.0 N⋅m (80±17 in-lb)
Front strut nut	305±25 N⋅m (225±18 ft-lb)
Front wheel hub bolt	90±10 N·m (67±7 ft-lb)
Self-locking nut (lower arm ball joint connection)	65±6 N·m (48±4 ft-lb)
Self-locking nut (tie rod end connection)	29±4 N·m (21±3 ft-lb)

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

M1261000200311

ITEM			SPECIFICATION
Wheel bearing	Туре		Double-row angular contact ball bearing <2.4L>, Unit ball bearing (Double-row angular contact ball bearing) <3.8L>
Drive shaft	Joint type	Outer	Birfield joint
		Inner	Tripod joint <2.4L>, Pillow Tripod joint <3.8L>

SERVICE SPECIFICATIONS

M1261000300426

ITEM		STANDARD VALUE	LIMIT
Wheel bearing end play mm (in)		-	0.05 (0.002)
Wheel bearing rotation starting torque N·m (in-lb)		-	1.4 (12)
Setting of TJ boot length mm (in)	2.4L	85 ± 3 (3.35±0.12)	_
Setting of PTJ boot length mm (in)	3.8L	85 ± 3 (3.35±0.12)	_
Opening dimension of the special tool (MB991561) mm	When the BJ boot band (small) is crimped	2.9 (0.11)	_
(in)	When the BJ boot band (large) is crimped	2.9 (0.11)	_
Crimped width of the BJ boot band mm (in)		2.4 – 2.8 (0.09 – 0.11)	-

FRONT AXLE SPECIFICATIONS

LUBRICANTS

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ITEM	SPECIFIED LUBRICANT		QUANTITY
TJ boot grease	Repair kit grease	2.4L-LH	140 ± 10 g (4.9 ± 0.3 oz)
		2.4L-RH	130 ± 10 g (4.6 ± 0.3 oz)
PTJ boot grease	Repair kit grease	3.8L	220 ± 10 g (7.8 ± 0.3 oz)
BJ boot grease	Repair kit grease	2.4L	120 ± 10 g (4.2 ± 0.3 oz)
		3.8L	165 ± 10 g (5.8 ± 0.3 oz)
Dust seal inner grease	Repair kit grease		14 – 20 g (0.5 – 0.7 oz)
Dust seal outer grease	Repair kit grease		8 – 12 g (0.3 – 0.4 oz)