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NOISE, VIBRATION AND HARSHNESS (NVH) TROUBLESHOOTING

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NOISE, VIBRATION AND HARSHNESS (NVH) TROUBLESHOOTING

NVH Troubleshooting Chart

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Use the chart below to help you find the cause of the symptom. The numbers indicate the order of the inspection. If necessary, repair or replace these parts.

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SUSPECTED PARTS (Possible cause)		CLUTCH PEDAL (Free play out of adjustment)	CLUTCH LINE (Air in line)	MASTER CYLINDER PISTON CUP (Damaged)	OPERATING CYLINDER PISTON CUP (Damaged)	ENGINE MOUNTING (Loose)	RELEASE BEARING (Worn, dirty or damaged)	CLUTCH DISC (Out of true)	CLUTCH DISC (Runout is excessive)	CLUTCH DISC (Lining broken)	CLUTCH DISC (Dirty or burned)	CLUTCH DISC (Oily)	CLUTCH DISC (Worn out)	CLUTCH DISC (Hardened)	CLUTCH DISC (Lack of spline grease)	DIAPHRAGM SPRING (Damaged)	DIAPHRAGM SPRING (Out of tip alignment)	PRESSURE PLATE (Distortion)	FLYWHEEL (Distortion)
Symptom	Clutch grabs/chatters					1			2			2	2	2			2		
	Clutch pedal spongy		1	2	2														
	Clutch noisy						1												
	Clutch slips	1										2	2			3		4	5
	Clutch does not disengage	1	2	3	4			5	5	5	5	5			5	6	6	7	

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Precaution for Supplemental Restraint System (SRS) "AIR BAG" and "SEAT BELT PRE-TENSIONER"

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The Supplemental Restraint System such as "AIR BAG" and "SEAT BELT PRE-TENSIONER", used along with a front seat belt, helps to reduce the risk or severity of injury to the driver and front passenger for certain types of collision. This system includes seat belt switch inputs and dual stage front air bag modules. The SRS system uses the seat belt switches to determine the front air bag deployment, and may only deploy one front air bag, depending on the severity of a collision and whether the front occupants are belted or unbelted. Information necessary to service the system safely is included in the SR and SB section of this Service Manual.

WARNING:

- To avoid rendering the SRS inoperative, which could increase the risk of personal injury or death in the event of a collision which would result in air bag inflation, all maintenance must be performed by an authorized NISSAN/INFINITI dealer.
- Improper maintenance, including incorrect removal and installation of the SRS, can lead to personal injury caused by unintentional activation of the system. For removal of Spiral Cable and Air Bag Module, see the SR section.
- Do not use electrical test equipment on any circuit related to the SRS unless instructed to in this Service Manual. SRS wiring harnesses can be identified by yellow and/or orange harnesses or harness connectors.

PRECAUTIONS WHEN USING POWER TOOLS (AIR OR ELECTRIC) AND HAMMERS

WARNING:

- When working near the Airbag Diagnosis Sensor Unit or other Airbag System sensors with the Ignition ON or engine running, DO NOT use air or electric power tools or strike near the sensor(s) with a hammer. Heavy vibration could activate the sensor(s) and deploy the air bag(s), possibly causing serious injury.
- When using air or electric power tools or hammers, always switch the Ignition OFF, disconnect the battery, and wait at least 3 minutes before performing any service.

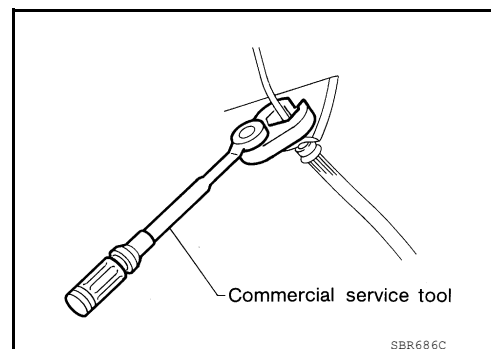
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- Always use recommended fluid. Refer to [MA-13, "Fluids and Lubricants"](#).
- Do not reuse drained fluid.
- Be careful not to splash fluid on painted areas.
- When removing and installing clutch piping, use tool.
- Use new fluid to clean or wash all parts of master cylinder.
- Do not use mineral oils such as gasoline or kerosene. It will ruin the rubber parts of the hydraulic system.

WARNING:

After cleaning clutch disc, wipe it with a dust collector. Do not use compressed air.



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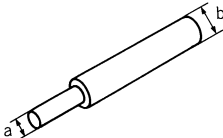
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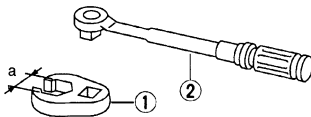
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The actual shapes of Kent-Moore tools may differ from those of special service tools illustrated here.

Tool number (Kent-Moore No.) Tool name	Description
ST20050240 (—) Diaphragm adjusting wrench	Adjusting unevenness of diaphragm spring of clutch cover
 ZZA0508D	
ST20630000 (J-26366) Clutch aligning bar	Installing clutch disc a: 15.8 mm (0.622 in) dia. b: 22.9 mm (0.902 in) dia.
 ZZA1178D	

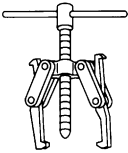
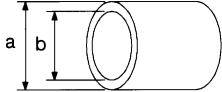
Commercial Service Tool

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Tool name	Description
Power tool	Loosening nuts, screws and bolts
 PIIB1407E	
1. Flare nut crowfoot 2. Torque wrench	Removing and installing clutch piping a: 10 mm (0.39 in)
 S-NT360	

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Tool name	Description
Bearing puller  NT077	Removing release bearing
Bearing drift  NT474	Installing release bearing a: 52 mm (2.05 in) dia. b: 45 mm (1.77 in) dia.

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CLUTCH PEDAL

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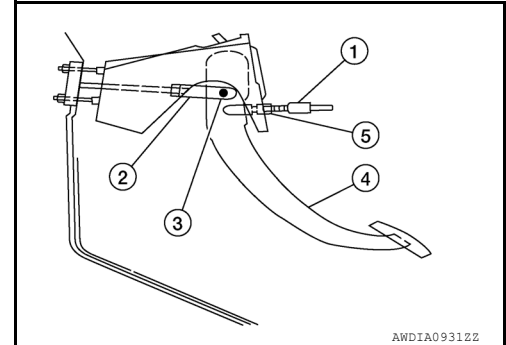
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CLUTCH PEDAL

On-Vehicle Inspection and Adjustment

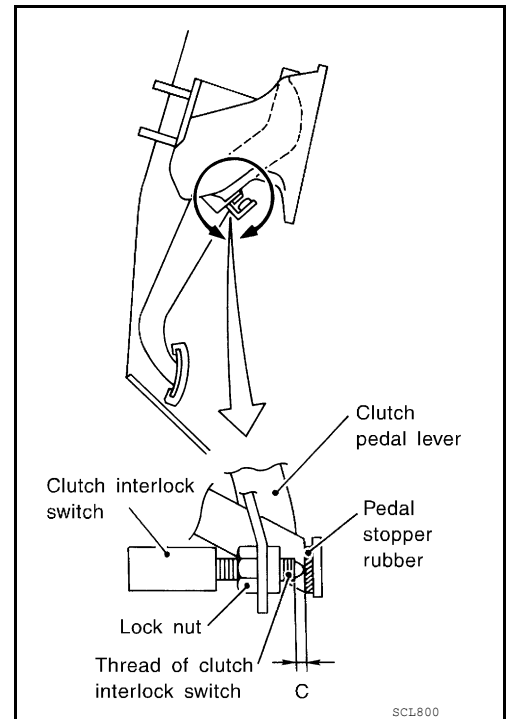
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1. Check to see if the clevis pin (3) floats freely in the bore of the clutch pedal (4). It should not be bound by the clevis (2) or clutch pedal (4).
 - a. If the clevis pin (3) is not free, check that the ASCD clutch switch (1) is not applying pressure to the clutch pedal (4) causing the clevis pin (3) to bind. To adjust, loosen the lock nut (5) and turn the ASCD clutch switch (1).
 - b. Tighten the lock nut (5) to the specified torque. Refer to [CL-8, "Exploded View"](#).
 - c. Verify that the clevis pin (3) floats in the bore of the clutch pedal (4). It should not be bound by the clutch pedal (4).
 - d. If the clevis pin (3) is still not free, remove the clevis pin (3) and check for deformation or damage. Replace clevis pin (3) if necessary. Leave clevis pin (3) removed for step 2.
2. Check clutch pedal stroke for free range of movement.
 - a. With the clevis pin removed, manually move the clutch pedal up and down to determine if it moves freely.
 - b. If any sticking is noted, replace the assembly.
3. Adjust clearance (C) while depressing clutch pedal fully.



Clearance (C) : 0.1 - 1.0 mm (0.004 - 0.039 in)

4. Check clutch hydraulic and system components (clutch master cylinder, clutch operating cylinder, clutch withdrawal lever and clutch release bearing) for sticking or binding.
 - a. If any sticking or binding noted, repair or replace related parts as necessary.
 - b. If hydraulic system repair was necessary, bleed the clutch hydraulic system. Refer to [CL-7, "Bleeding"](#).



CLUTCH FLUID

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CLUTCH FLUID

Bleeding

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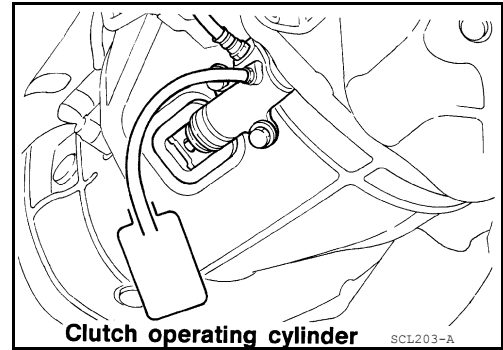
CAUTION:

Do not spill clutch fluid onto painted surfaces. If it spills, wipe up immediately and wash the affected area with water.

NOTE:

Monitor the fluid level in the reservoir tank to make sure it does not empty.

1. Top off reservoir with new recommended brake fluid. Refer to [MA-13, "Fluids and Lubricants"](#).
2. Connect a transparent vinyl tube and container to the air bleeder valve on the clutch operating cylinder.
3. Fully depress the clutch pedal several times.
4. With the clutch pedal depressed, open the bleeder valve to release the air.
5. Close the bleeder valve.
6. Repeat steps 3 to 5 until clear brake fluid comes out of the air bleeder valve.
7. Tighten the air bleeder to the specified torque. Refer to [CL-10, "Exploded View"](#).



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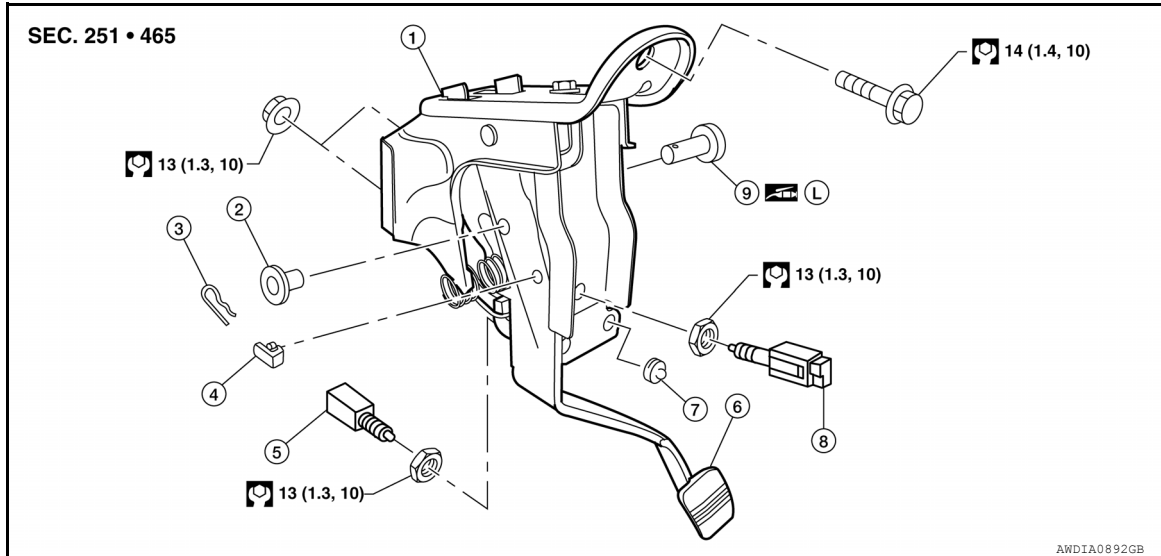
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CLUTCH PEDAL

Exploded View

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| 1. Bracket | 2. Bushing | 3. Snap pin |
| 4. Pedal stopper rubber | 5. Clutch interlock switch | 6. Clutch pedal |
| 7. Stopper rubber | 8. ASCD clutch switch | 9. Clevis pin |
| L. Apply wheel bearing grease | | |

Removal and Installation

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REMOVAL

1. Remove the clutch pedal bracket nuts from inside the engine compartment.
2. Disconnect the clutch interlock switch and ASCD clutch switch, then remove the wiring harness from the pedal assembly.
3. Remove the snap pin and clevis pin.
4. Remove the pedal bracket bolt and then remove the clutch pedal assembly.

INSTALLATION

Installation is in the reverse order of removal.

NOTE:

Tighten the ASCD clutch switch lock nut to the specified torque after installing the clutch pedal assembly in the vehicle and adjusting the pedal free play.

Inspection

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INSPECTION AFTER REMOVAL

- Inspect the clutch pedal for bends, damage, or cracked welds. Replace if necessary.
- Make sure that the assist spring and return spring have not lost their tension. Replace if necessary.

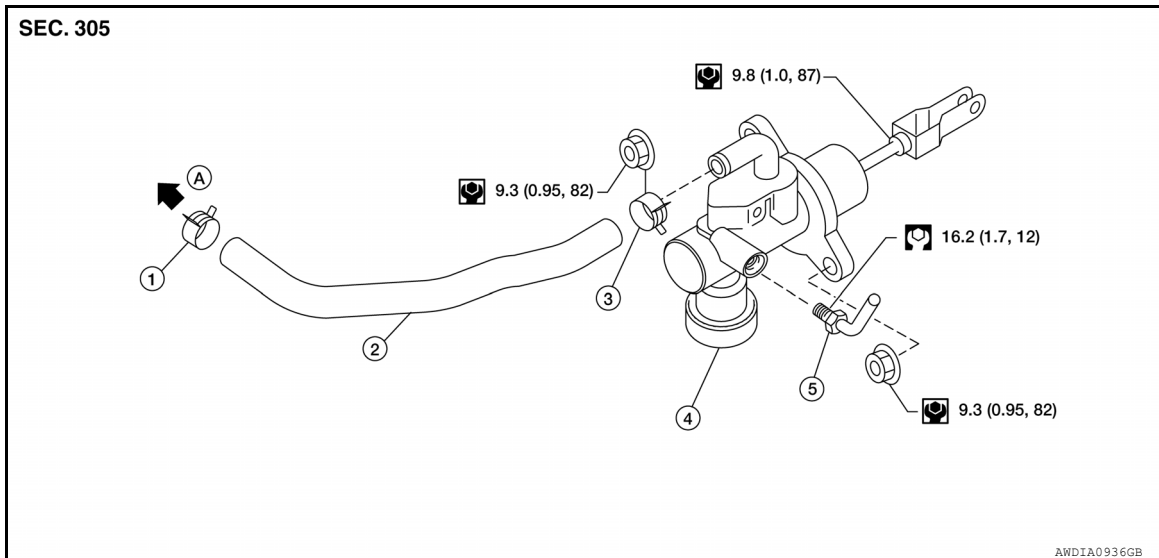
CLUTCH MASTER CYLINDER

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CLUTCH MASTER CYLINDER

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| 1. Clamp | 2. Reservoir hose | 3. Clamp |
| 4. Cylinder body | 5. Clutch tube | A. To reservoir tank |

Removal and Installation

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CAUTION:

Do not spill brake fluid onto painted surfaces. If it spills, wipe up immediately and wash the affected area with water.

NOTE:

When removing components such as hoses, tubes/lines, etc., cap or plug openings to prevent fluid from spilling.

REMOVAL

1. Remove the snap pin and clevis pin from the clevis, and separate it from the clutch pedal. Refer to [CL-8, "Removal and Installation"](#).
2. Remove the hose clamp and reservoir hose from the clutch master cylinder.
3. Remove the clutch tube using suitable tool.
4. Remove the clutch master cylinder nuts, and remove the clutch master cylinder from the vehicle.

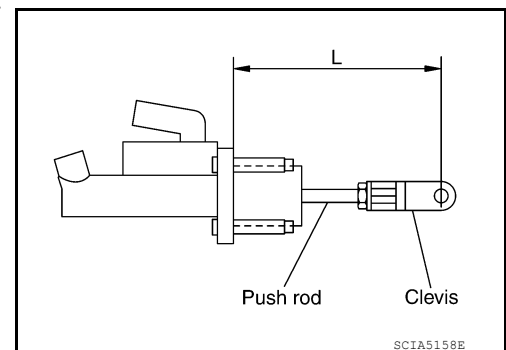
INSTALLATION

Installation is in the reverse order of removal.

- Before installation, check the position of the clevis and push rod. If (L) is outside standard length, adjust the position of the clevis and push rod.

Length (L) : 120.5 mm (4.74 in)

- After installation, inspect and adjust the clutch pedal as necessary, then bleed the clutch hydraulic system. Refer to [CL-6, "On-Vehicle Inspection and Adjustment"](#) and [CL-7, "Bleeding"](#).



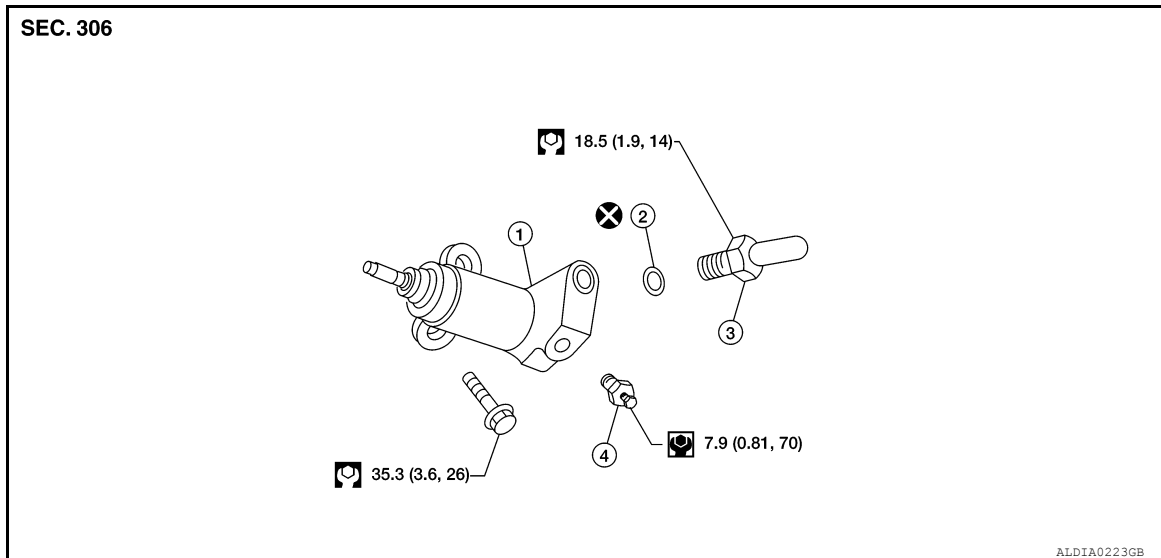
OPERATING CYLINDER

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OPERATING CYLINDER

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| 1. Cylinder body | 2. Copper sealing washer | 3. Clutch tube |
| 4. Air bleeder | | |

Removal and Installation

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CAUTION:

Do not spill brake fluid on painted surfaces. If it spills, wipe up immediately and wash the affected area with water.

NOTE:

When removing components such as hoses, tubes/lines, etc., cap or plug openings to prevent fluid from spilling.

REMOVAL

1. Remove the clutch hose and copper sealing washer from the operating cylinder.

CAUTION:

Do not reuse copper sealing washer.

2. Remove the operating cylinder bolts, and remove the operating cylinder from the vehicle.

INSTALLATION

Installation is in the reverse order of removal.

- Tighten the clutch hose fitting to the specified torque. Refer to [CL-11, "Exploded View"](#).

CAUTION:

- **Make sure the clutch hose is not bent or twisted.**
- **Do not reuse copper sealing washer.**
- After installation, bleed the clutch hydraulic system. Refer to [CL-7, "Bleeding"](#).

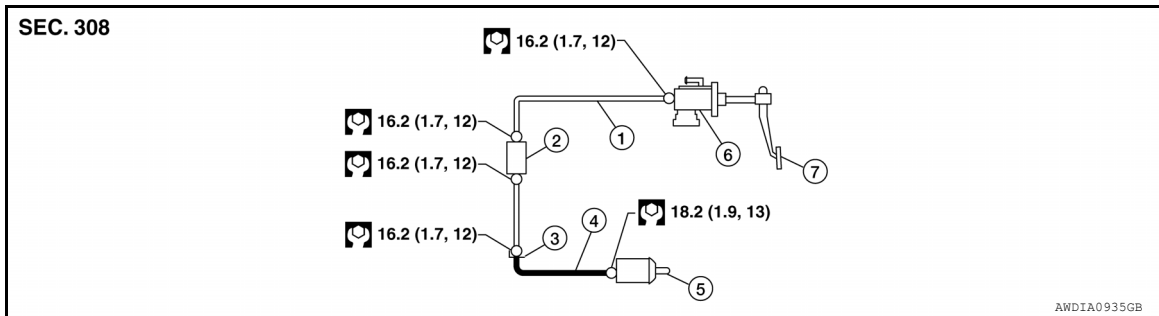
CLUTCH PIPING

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CLUTCH PIPING

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| 1. Clutch tube | 2. Clutch orifice | 3. Lock plate |
| 4. Clutch hose | 5. Operating Cylinder | 6. Master cylinder |
| 7. Clutch pedal | | |

Removal and Installation

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Carefully observe the following during clutch tube removal and installation.

CAUTION:

Do not spill brake fluid onto painted surfaces. If it spills, wipe up immediately and wash the affected area with water.

NOTE:

When removing components such as hoses, tubes/lines, etc., cap or plug openings to prevent fluid from spilling.

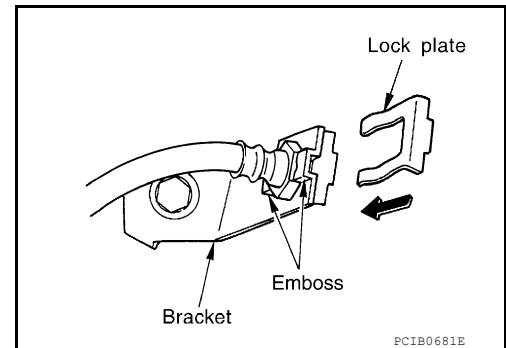
- When installing the clutch hose to the bracket, align the clutch hose metal fittings with the bracket positioning emboss, then install the lock plate to secure.

CAUTION:

- Do not damage the clutch hose.
- Make sure the clutch hose is not bent or twisted.
- Tighten the clutch tube and hose fittings to the specified torque.

CAUTION:

- Do not reuse the copper sealing washer.
- Do not damage the clutch tube fittings or clutch tube.
- After installation, bleed the air from the clutch hydraulic system. Refer to [CL-7, "Bleeding"](#).



CLUTCH RELEASE MECHANISM

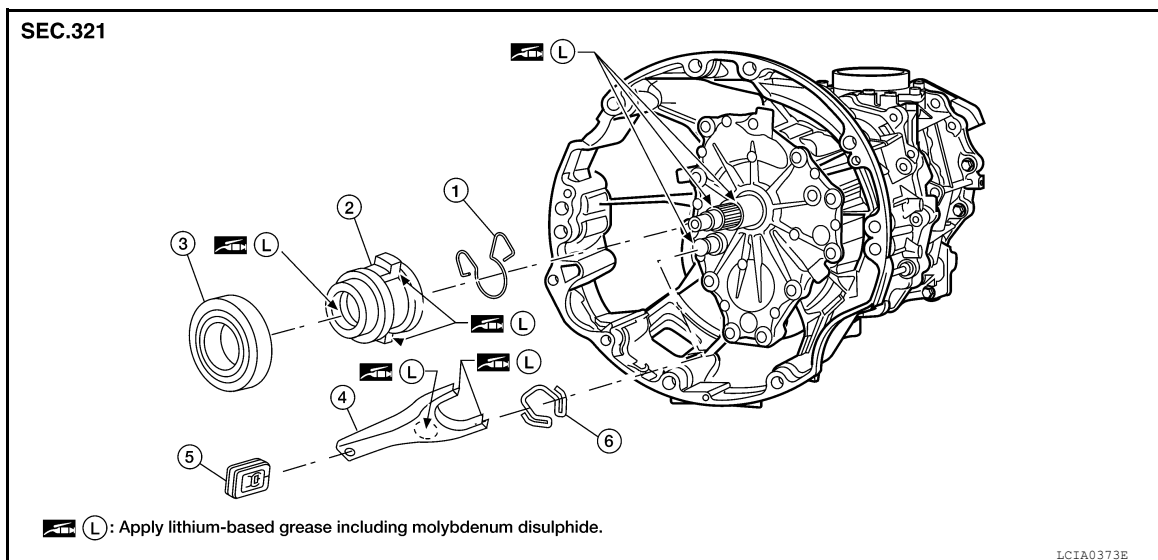
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CLUTCH RELEASE MECHANISM

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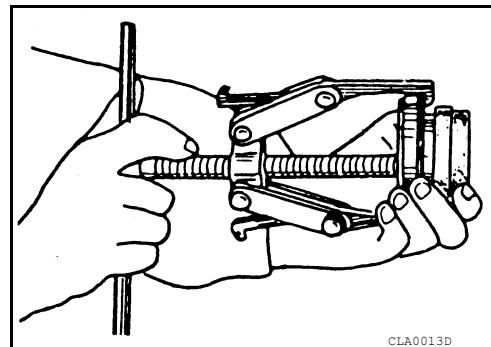
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| 1. Holder spring | 2. Release bearing sleeve | 3. Release bearing |
| 4. Withdrawal lever | 5. Dust cover | 6. Snap spring |

Removal and Installation

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REMOVAL

1. Remove the manual transmission from the vehicle. Refer to [TM-21, "Removal and Installation from Vehicle"](#).
2. Remove the release bearing sleeve assembly, holder spring, and withdrawal lever from inside the clutch housing.
3. Remove the dust cover.
4. Remove the snap spring from the withdrawal lever.
5. Remove the release bearing from release bearing sleeve using suitable tool.



INSTALLATION

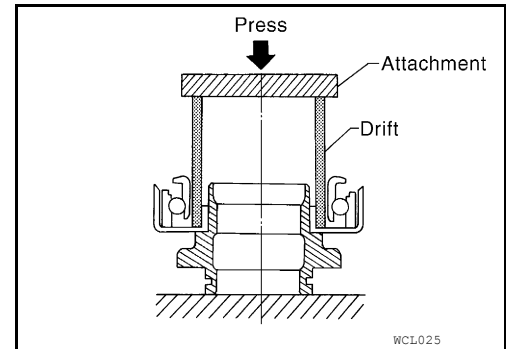
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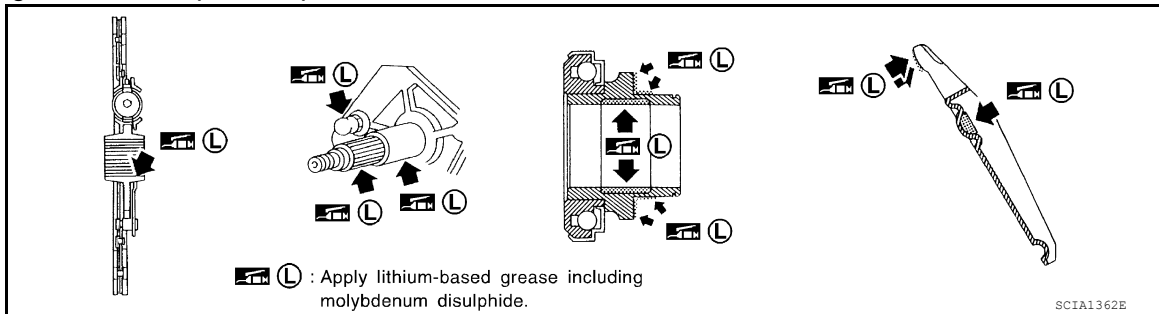
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- Install the release bearing to release bearing sleeve using suitable tool, as shown.



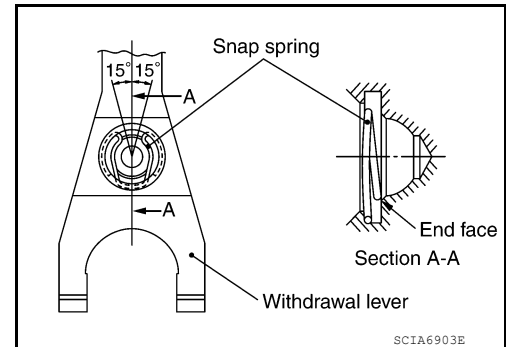
- Clean old grease and abrasive materials off the grease application areas.
- Apply grease to the specified points as shown.



- Apply approximately 1 mm (0.04 in) thick coat of clutch sleeve grease to withdrawal lever and holder spring frictional surfaces.
- Apply a coat of clutch sleeve grease to ball pin contact surface of the withdrawal lever and inner slots of the release bearing. The grease surface should be level with the surrounding area.
- Apply a thin coat of clutch sleeve grease to the release bearing frictional surface. After grease application, install release bearing. Wipe off excess grease forced out during bearing installation.

CAUTION:

- Before installing the manual transmission to the vehicle, check that each sliding surface slides smoothly by operating withdrawal lever.
- Be careful not to bring any grease into contact with the clutch disc facing, pressure plate surface, or flywheel surface.
- When assembling, make sure that both ends of the snap spring touch the end face of the withdrawal lever.
- Be careful with the orientation of the installation.



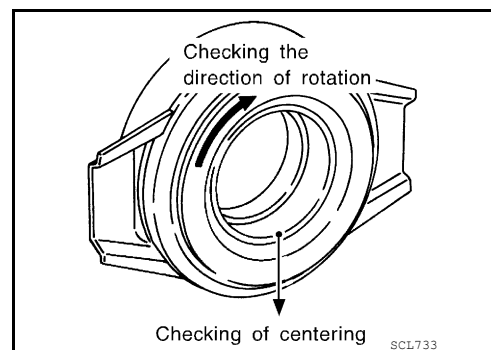
Inspection

INSPECTION AFTER REMOVAL

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- Replace the release bearing if it is seized, damaged, faulty in rotation direction, or has poor aligning function.
- Replace the withdrawal lever if its contact surface is worn abnormally.
- Replace the dust seal if it is deformed or cracked.



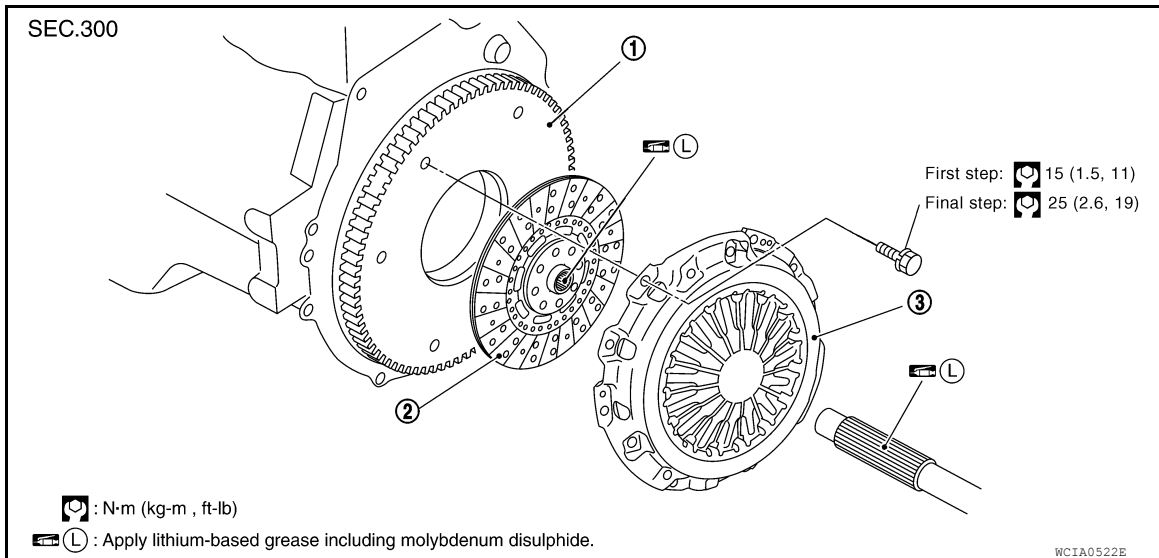
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CLUTCH DISC, CLUTCH COVER

Exploded View

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1. Flywheel

2. Clutch disc

3. Clutch cover

Removal and Installation

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CAUTION:

- Do not clean the clutch disc with solvent.
- When installing, do not get grease from the main drive shaft onto the clutch disc friction surface.
- If the flywheel is removed, align the dowel pin with the smallest hole of flywheel. Refer to [EM-103, "Disassembly and Assembly"](#).

REMOVAL

1. Remove the manual transmission from the vehicle. Refer to [TM-21, "Removal and Installation from Vehicle"](#).
2. Remove the clutch cover bolts using power tool. Remove the clutch cover and clutch disc.

INSTALLATION

1. Apply recommended grease to clutch disc and main drive shaft spline.

CAUTION:

Do not allow grease to contaminate the clutch facing.

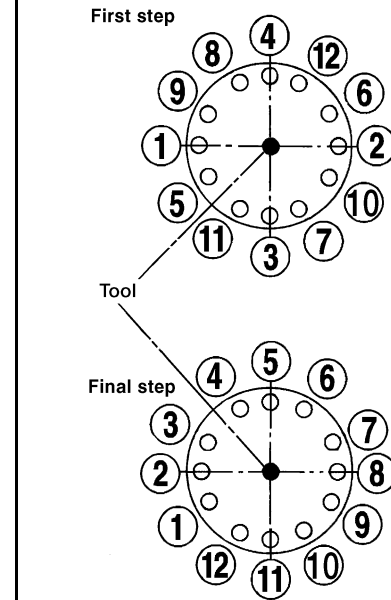
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2. Install clutch disc and clutch cover. Pre-tighten the bolts and install Tool. Then tighten the clutch cover bolts evenly in two steps to the specified torque in the order shown. Refer to [CL-15, "Exploded View"](#).

Tool number : ST20630000 (J-26366)

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3. Install the manual transmission. Refer to [TM-21, "Removal and Installation from Vehicle"](#).

Inspection and Adjustment

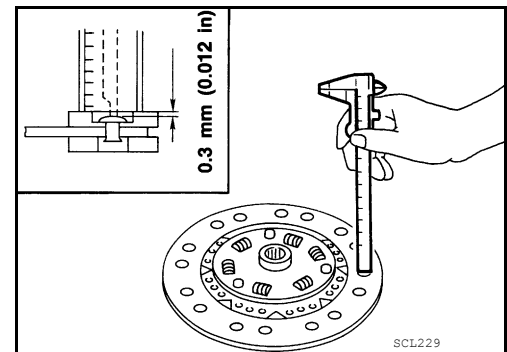
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Clutch Disc

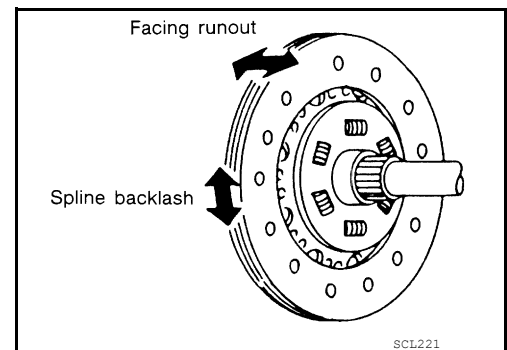
- Check the wear of the clutch disc facing.

Clutch disc facing wear : Refer to [CL-18, "Clutch Disc"](#).



- Check the runout and backlash of the clutch disc. If the measurement exceeds the specification, replace the clutch disc.

Runout and backlash : Refer to [CL-18, "Clutch Disc"](#).



Clutch Cover

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With the clutch cover installed on the vehicle, check the diaphragm spring toe height for unevenness. If unevenness exceeds the limit, adjust the diaphragm spring toe height using Tool.

Uneven limit of diaphragm spring toe height : Refer to [CL-18, "Clutch Cover"](#).

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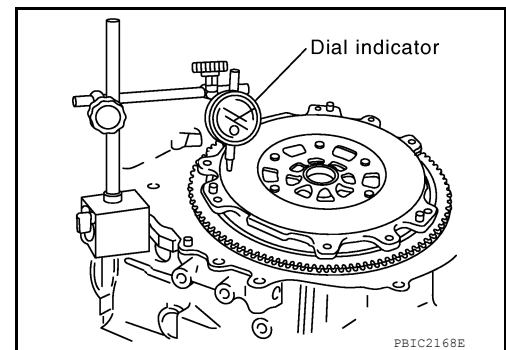
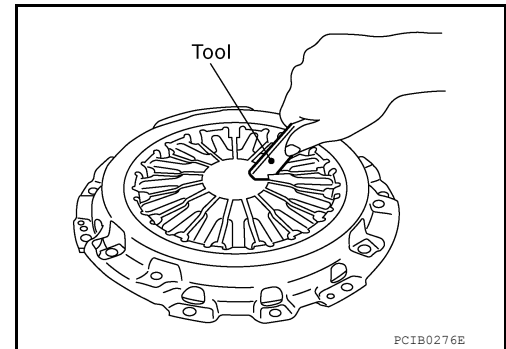
- Check clutch cover thrust ring for wear or damage. If wear or damage is found, replace clutch cover assembly.

NOTE:

- Worn thrust ring will generate a beating noise when tapped at the rivet with a hammer.
- Broken thrust ring will make a clinking sound when cover is shaken up and down.
- If a trace of burn or discoloration is found on the clutch cover pressure plate to clutch disc contact surface, repair the surface with emery paper. If surface is damaged or distorted, replace the assembly.

Flywheel

- Check contact surface of flywheel for slight burns or discoloration. If any are found, repair flywheel with emery paper.
- Check the flywheel runout. Refer to [EM-112, "Inspection After Dis-assembly"](#).



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Clutch Control System

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Type of clutch control	Hydraulic
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Clutch Master Cylinder

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Unit: mm (in)

Inner diameter	15.87 (5/8)
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Clutch Operating Cylinder

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Unit: mm (in)

Inner diameter	19.05 (3/4)
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Clutch Disc

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Unit: mm (in)

Engine model	VQ40DE
Model	260
Facing size (Outer dia. × inner dia. × thickness)	260 × 190 × 3.2 (10.24 × 7.48 × 0.126)
Wear limit (depth to rivet head)	0.3 (0.012)
Runout limit/diameter of the area to be measured	1.0 (0.039) or less/250 (9.84) dia.
Maximum backlash of spline (at outer disc edge)	1.0 (0.039)

Clutch Cover

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Unit: mm (in)

Engine model	VQ40DE
Set-load	8340 N (850 kg, 1875 lb)
Diaphragm spring lever height	44.0 - 46.0 (1.732 - 1.811)
Uneven limit of diaphragm spring toe height	0.7 (0.028)

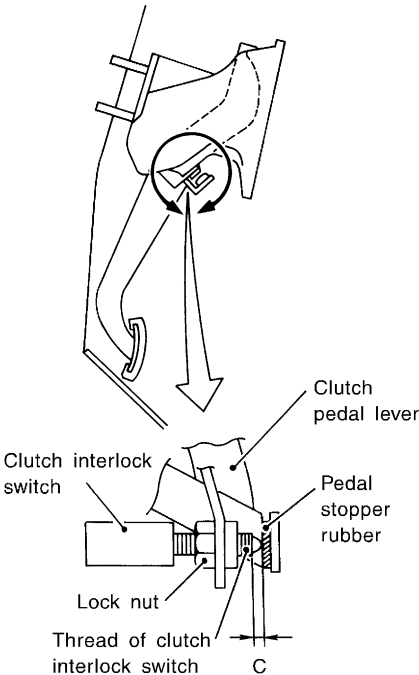
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Clutch Pedal

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Unit: mm (in)



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Clearance (C) between pedal stopper rubber and clutch interlock switch threaded end while clutch pedal is fully depressed.

0.1 - 1.0 (0.004 - 0.039)