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**350Z**  
**MODEL Z33 SERIES**

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# FOREWORD

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This manual contains maintenance and repair procedure for the 2003 NISSAN 350Z.

In order to assure your safety and the efficient functioning of the vehicle, this manual should be read thoroughly. It is especially important that the PRECAUTIONS in the GI section be completely understood before starting any repair task.

All information in this manual is based on the latest product information at the time of publication. The right is reserved to make changes in specifications and methods at any time without notice.

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## IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

The proper performance of service is essential for both the safety of the technician and the efficient functioning of the vehicle.

The service methods in this Service Manual are described in such a manner that the service may be performed safely and accurately. Service varies with the procedures used, the skills of the technician and the tools and parts available. Accordingly, anyone using service procedures, tools or parts which are not specifically recommended by NISSAN must first be completely satisfied that neither personal safety nor the vehicle's safety will be jeopardized by the service method selected.

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## INCH TO METRIC CONVERSION TABLE

(Rounded-off for automotive use)

inches	mm	inches	mm
.100	<b>2.54</b>	.610	<b>15.49</b>
.110	<b>2.79</b>	.620	<b>15.75</b>
.120	<b>3.05</b>	.630	<b>16.00</b>
.130	<b>3.30</b>	.640	<b>16.26</b>
.140	<b>3.56</b>	.650	<b>16.51</b>
.150	<b>3.81</b>	.660	<b>16.76</b>
.160	<b>4.06</b>	.670	<b>17.02</b>
.170	<b>4.32</b>	.680	<b>17.27</b>
.180	<b>4.57</b>	.690	<b>17.53</b>
.190	<b>4.83</b>	.700	<b>17.78</b>
.200	<b>5.08</b>	.710	<b>18.03</b>
.210	<b>5.33</b>	.720	<b>18.29</b>
.220	<b>5.59</b>	.730	<b>18.54</b>
.230	<b>5.84</b>	.740	<b>18.80</b>
.240	<b>6.10</b>	.750	<b>19.05</b>
.250	<b>6.35</b>	.760	<b>19.30</b>
.260	<b>6.60</b>	.770	<b>19.56</b>
.270	<b>6.86</b>	.780	<b>19.81</b>
.280	<b>7.11</b>	.790	<b>20.07</b>
.290	<b>7.37</b>	.800	<b>20.32</b>
.300	<b>7.62</b>	.810	<b>20.57</b>
.310	<b>7.87</b>	.820	<b>20.83</b>
.320	<b>8.13</b>	.830	<b>21.08</b>
.330	<b>8.38</b>	.840	<b>21.34</b>
.340	<b>8.64</b>	.850	<b>21.59</b>
.350	<b>8.89</b>	.860	<b>21.84</b>
.360	<b>9.14</b>	.870	<b>22.10</b>
.370	<b>9.40</b>	.880	<b>22.35</b>
.380	<b>9.65</b>	.890	<b>22.61</b>
.390	<b>9.91</b>	.900	<b>22.86</b>
.400	<b>10.16</b>	.910	<b>23.11</b>
.410	<b>10.41</b>	.920	<b>23.37</b>
.420	<b>10.67</b>	.930	<b>23.62</b>
.430	<b>10.92</b>	.940	<b>23.88</b>
.440	<b>11.18</b>	.950	<b>24.13</b>
.450	<b>11.43</b>	.960	<b>24.38</b>
.460	<b>11.68</b>	.970	<b>24.64</b>
.470	<b>11.94</b>	.980	<b>24.89</b>
.480	<b>12.19</b>	.990	<b>25.15</b>
.490	<b>12.45</b>	1.000	<b>25.40</b>
.500	<b>12.70</b>	2.000	<b>50.80</b>
.510	<b>12.95</b>	3.000	<b>76.20</b>
.520	<b>13.21</b>	4.000	<b>101.60</b>
.530	<b>13.46</b>	5.000	<b>127.00</b>
.540	<b>13.72</b>	6.000	<b>152.40</b>
.550	<b>13.97</b>	7.000	<b>177.80</b>
.560	<b>14.22</b>	8.000	<b>203.20</b>
.570	<b>14.48</b>	9.000	<b>228.60</b>
.580	<b>14.73</b>	10.000	<b>254.00</b>
.590	<b>14.99</b>	20.000	<b>508.00</b>
.600	<b>15.24</b>		

## METRIC TO INCH CONVERSION TABLE

(Rounded-off for automotive use)

mm	inches	mm	inches
<b>1</b>	.0394	<b>51</b>	2.008
<b>2</b>	.079	<b>52</b>	2.047
<b>3</b>	.118	<b>53</b>	2.087
<b>4</b>	.157	<b>54</b>	2.126
<b>5</b>	.197	<b>55</b>	2.165
<b>6</b>	.236	<b>56</b>	2.205
<b>7</b>	.276	<b>57</b>	2.244
<b>8</b>	.315	<b>58</b>	2.283
<b>9</b>	.354	<b>59</b>	2.323
<b>10</b>	.394	<b>60</b>	2.362
<b>11</b>	.433	<b>61</b>	2.402
<b>12</b>	.472	<b>62</b>	2.441
<b>13</b>	.512	<b>63</b>	2.480
<b>14</b>	.551	<b>64</b>	2.520
<b>15</b>	.591	<b>65</b>	2.559
<b>16</b>	.630	<b>66</b>	2.598
<b>17</b>	.669	<b>67</b>	2.638
<b>18</b>	.709	<b>68</b>	2.677
<b>19</b>	.748	<b>69</b>	2.717
<b>20</b>	.787	<b>70</b>	2.756
<b>21</b>	.827	<b>71</b>	2.795
<b>22</b>	.866	<b>72</b>	2.835
<b>23</b>	.906	<b>73</b>	2.874
<b>24</b>	.945	<b>74</b>	2.913
<b>25</b>	.984	<b>75</b>	2.953
<b>26</b>	1.024	<b>76</b>	2.992
<b>27</b>	1.063	<b>77</b>	3.031
<b>28</b>	1.102	<b>78</b>	3.071
<b>29</b>	1.142	<b>79</b>	3.110
<b>30</b>	1.181	<b>80</b>	3.150
<b>31</b>	1.220	<b>81</b>	3.189
<b>32</b>	1.260	<b>82</b>	3.228
<b>33</b>	1.299	<b>83</b>	3.268
<b>34</b>	1.339	<b>84</b>	3.307
<b>35</b>	1.378	<b>85</b>	3.346
<b>36</b>	1.417	<b>86</b>	3.386
<b>37</b>	1.457	<b>87</b>	3.425
<b>38</b>	1.496	<b>88</b>	3.465
<b>39</b>	1.535	<b>89</b>	3.504
<b>40</b>	1.575	<b>90</b>	3.543
<b>41</b>	1.614	<b>91</b>	3.583
<b>42</b>	1.654	<b>92</b>	3.622
<b>43</b>	1.693	<b>93</b>	3.661
<b>44</b>	1.732	<b>94</b>	3.701
<b>45</b>	1.772	<b>95</b>	3.740
<b>46</b>	1.811	<b>96</b>	3.780
<b>47</b>	1.850	<b>97</b>	3.819
<b>48</b>	1.890	<b>98</b>	3.858
<b>49</b>	1.929	<b>99</b>	3.898
<b>50</b>	1.969	<b>100</b>	3.937

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**ENGINE TUNE-UP DATA (VQ35DE)**

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Engine model		VQ35DE				
Firing order		1-2-3-4-5-6				
Idle speed	rpm	650±50				
A/T (In "P" or "N" position)						
M/T (In "Neutral" position)						
Ignition timing (BTDC at idle speed)		15°± 5°				
A/T (In "P" or "N" position)						
M/T (In "Neutral" position)						
CO% at idle		0.7 - 9.9 % and engine runs smoothly				
Drive belt	Deflection adjustment		Unit: mm (in)	Tension adjustment		Unit: N (kg, lb)
	Used belt		New belt	Used belt		New belt
	Limit	After adjustment		Limit	After adjustment	
Alternator, power steering oil pump and fan belt	7 (0.28)	4 - 5 (0.16 - 0.20)	3.5 - 4.5 (0.138 - 0.177)	294 (30, 66)	730 - 818 (74.5 - 83.5, 164 - 184)	838 - 926 (85.5 - 94.5, 188 - 208)
Air conditioner compressor	12 (0.47)	9 - 10 (0.35 - 0.39)	8 - 9 (0.31 - 0.35)	196 (20, 44)	348 - 436 (35.5 - 44.5, 78 - 98)	470 - 559 (48 - 57, 106 - 126)
Applied pushing force	98N (10kg, 22lb)			—		
Radiator cap relief pressure		kPa (kg/cm <sup>2</sup> , psi)		78 - 98 (0.8 - 1.0, 11 - 14)		
Standard						
Limit				59 (0.6, 9)		
Cooling system leakage testing pressure		kPa (kg/cm <sup>2</sup> , psi)		157(1.6, 23)		
Compression pressure		kPa (kg/cm <sup>2</sup> , psi)/rpm		1,275 (13.0, 185) /300		
Standard						
Minimum				981 (10.0, 142)/300		
Spark plug		Standard type		PLFR5A - 11		
		Hot type		PLFR4A - 11		
		Cold type		PLFR6A - 11		
		Gap (Nominal) mm (in)		1.1 ( 0.043 )		

**FRONT WHEEL ALIGNMENT (Unladen\* )**

ELS0003X

Camber	Degree minute (Decimal degree)	Minimum	- 1° 20' ( - 1.33° )
		Nominal	- 0° 35' ( - 0.58° )
		Maximum	0° 10' ( 0.17° )
		Left and right difference	45' ( 0.75° )
Caster	Degree minute (Decimal degree)	Minimum	7° 25' ( 7.42° )
		Nominal	8° 10' ( 8.17° )
		Maximum	8° 55' ( 8.92° )
		Left and right difference	45' ( 0.75° )
Kingpin inclination	Degree minute (Decimal degree)	Minimum	4° 20' ( 4.33° )
		Nominal	5° 05' ( 5.08° )
		Maximum	5° 50' ( 5.83° )
Total toe-in Distance ( A – B )	mm (in)	Minimum	0 ( 0 )
		Nominal	1 ( 0.04 )
		Maximum	2 ( 0.08 )
Wheel turning angle (Full turn)	Inside Degree minute (Decimal degree)	Minimum	35° 55' ( 35.9° )
		Nominal	38° 55' ( 38.9° )
		Maximum	39° 55' ( 39.9° )
	Outside Degree minute (Decimal degree)	Nominal	30° 40' ( 30.7° )

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

**REAR WHEEL ALIGNMENT (Unladen\*)**

ELS0003Y

Camber	Degree minute (Decimal degree)	Minimum	- 2° 05' ( - 2.08° )
		Nominal	- 1° 35' ( - 1.58° )
		Maximum	- 1° 05' ( - 1.08° )
Total-in Distance ( A – B )	mm (in)	Minimum	0.2 mm ( 0.008 in ) [ 17 inch tire ] 1.1 mm ( 0.043 in ) [ 18 inch tire ]
		Nominal	1.0 mm ( 0.039 in ) [ 17 inch tire ] 1.9 mm ( 0.075 in ) [ 18 inch tire ]
		Maximum	1.8 mm ( 0.071 in ) [ 17 inch tire ] 2.7 mm ( 0.106 in ) [ 18 inch tire ]

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

**BRAKE**

ELS0003Z

Unit : mm ( in )

Front brake	Pad wear limit	2.0 ( 0.079 )
	Rotor repair limit	CLZ25VD : 22.0 ( 0.866 ) OPB27VA : 28.4 ( 1.118 )
Rear brake	Pad wear limit	2.0 ( 0.079 )
	Rotor repair limit	AD14VE : 14.0 ( 0.551 ) OPB13VB : 20.2 ( 0.795 )
Pedal free height		M/T : 154 - 164 ( 6.06 - 6.46 ) A/T : 162 - 172 ( 6.38 - 6.77 )
Pedal depressed height*		M/T : More than 90 ( 3.54 ) A/T : More than 95 ( 3.74 )

\* : Under force of 490 N( 50 kg, 110 lb ) with engine running.

REFILL CAPACITIES

ELS00040

UNIT		Liter	US measure
Fuel tank		76	20 - 1/8 gal
Engine coolant ( With reservoir tank )		8.7	9 - 1/4 qt
Engine	Drain and refill		
	With oil filter change	4.7	5 qt
	Without oil filter change	4.4	4 - 5/8 qt
Dry engine (Overhaul)		5.4	5 - 3/4 qt
Transmission	A/T	10.3	10 - 7/8 qt
	M/T	2.9	3 - 1/4 qt
Differential carrier		1.4	3 pt
Power steering system		1.0	1 - 1/8 qt
Air conditioning system	Compressor oil	0.18	6.0 fl oz
	Refrigerant	0.55 kg	1.21 lb