## STEERING SYSTEM

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### Precautions

### SUPPLEMENTAL RESTRAINT SYSTEM "AIR BAG"

The Supplemental Restraint System "Air Bag", used along with a seat belt, helps to reduce the risk or severity of injury to the driver and front passenger in a frontal collision. The Supplemental Restraint System consists of air bag mcdules (located in the center of the steering wheel and on the instrument panel on the passenger side), a diagnosis sensor unit, warning lamp, wiring harness and spiral cable. Information necessary to service the system safely is included in the **RS 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 dealer.
- Improper maintenance, including incorrect removal and installation of the SRS, can lead to personal injury caused by unintentional activation of the system.
- All SRS electrical wiring harnesses and connectors are covered with yellow outer insulation. Do not use electrical test equipment on any circuit related to the SRS "Air bag".

### **STEERING SYSTEM**

- Before disassembly, thoroughly clean the outside of the unit.
- Disassembly should be done in a clean work area. It is important to prevent the internal parts from becoming contaminated by dirt or other foreign matter.
- Place disassembled parts in order, on a parts rack, for easier and proper assembly.
- Use nylon cloths or paper towels to clean the parts; common shop rags can leave lint that might interfere with their operation.
- Before inspection or reassembly, carefully clean all parts with a general purpose, non-flammable solvent.
- Before assembly, apply a coat of recommended ATF\* to hydraulic parts. Petroleum jelly may be applied to O-rings and seals. Do not use any grease.
- Replace all gaskets, seals and O-rings. Avoid damaging O-rings, seals and gaskets during installation. Perform functional tests whenever designated.

\*: Automatic Transmission Fluid type DEXRON<sup>™</sup> II or equivalent.

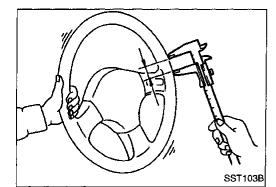
### **Special Service Tools**

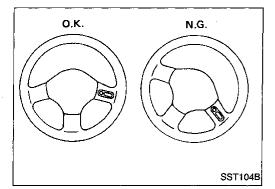
Tool number		
(Kent-Moore No.) Tool name	Description	
KV48100700 (J26364) Torque adapter		Measuring pinion rotating torque
KV48102500 (J26357-10) Pressure gauge adapter		Measuring oil pressure
	PF3/8" M16 x 1.5 pitch M16 x 1.5 pitch	
ST27180001 (J25726-A) Steering wheel puller	9 M10 x 1.25 pitch 29 mm (1.14 in) M8 x 1.25 pitch	Removing and installing steering wheel
1T72520000 J25730-A) 3all joint remover		Removing ball joint a: 33 mm (1.30 in) b: 50 mm (1.97 in) r: R11.5 mm (0.453 in)
ST27091000 J26357) Pressure gauge	To oil pump outlet PF3/8" (female) Shut-off valve	Measuring oil pressure
(V48104400 — ) Rack seal ring reformer		Reforming teflon ring a: 50 mm (1.97 in) dia. b: 36 mm (1.42 in) dia. c: 100 mm (3.94 in)
ST3127S000 See J25765-A)		Measuring turning torque
1)GG91030000 (J25765-A) Torque wrench 2)HT62940000	2 1/4" Torque wrench with range of 2.9 N·m 3 3/8" to 1/2" 26 in-lb)	
( – ) Socket adapter 3)HT62900000	_ <b> </b>	
( — ) Socket adapter		

### PRECAUTIONS AND PREPARATION

### **Commercial Service Tools**

Tool name	Description	
Rear oil seal drift	TO	Installing rear oil seal
	a	a: 28 mm (1.10 in) dia.
Pinion oil seal drift	TO	Installing pinion oil seal
	a	a: 40 mm (1.57 in) dia.
Oil pump attachment	R21 (0.83) 11 (0.43) dla. 42 (1.65) 42 (0.47) 40 (1.57) 42 (0.47)	Disassembling and assembling oil pump
	95 (3.74) 62 (2.44) 90 (3.54) 90 (3.54)	Unit: mm (in)





### **Checking Steering Wheel Play**

- With wheels in a straight-ahead position, check steering wheel play.
   Steering wheel play: 35 mm (1.38 in) or less
  - If it is not within specification, check the following for loose MA or worn components.
    - (1) Steering gear assembly (2) Steering column
  - (2) Steering column(3) Front suspension and axle

### Checking Neutral Position on Steering Wheel

### **Pre-checking**

- Make sure that wheel alignment is correct. Wheel alignment: Refer to FA section ("Inspection and Adjustment", "SERVICE DATA AND SPECIFICA-TIONS").
- Verify that the steering gear is centered before removing the CL steering wheel.

### Checking

1.	Check that the steering wheel is in the neutral position when	
	driving straight ahead.	

- If it is not in the neutral position, remove the steering wheel AT and reinstall it correctly.
- 3. If the neutral position is still not correct:
- a. Loosen tie-rod lock nuts.
- Move tie-rods in the opposite direction by the same amount on both left and right sides. This will compensate for error in the neutral position.

### Front Wheel Turning Angle

1. Rotate steering wheel all the way right and left; measure sturning angle.

Turning angle of full turns:

Refer to FA section ("Inspection and Adjustment", SERVICE DATA AND SPECIFICA-

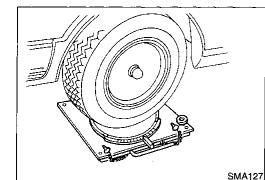
2. If it is not within specification, check rack stroke. Rack stroke "L": Refer to SDS, ST-27.

### **Checking Gear Housing Movement**

- 1. Check the movement of steering gear housing during stationary steering on a dry paved surface.
- Apply a force of 49 N (5 kg, 11 lb) to steering wheel to check the gear housing movement. Turn off ignition key while checking.
   Movement of gear housing:

±2 mm (±0.08 in) or less

2. If movement exceeds the limit, replace mounting insulator after confirming proper installation of gear housing mounting brackets.



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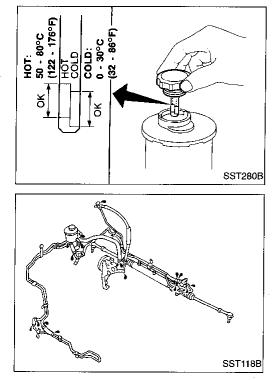
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### **Checking and Adjusting Drive Belts**

Refer to MA section ("Checking Drive Belts", "ENGINE MAIN-TENANCE").



### Checking Fluid Level

Check fluid level with engine off.

Check fluid level with dipstick on reservoir cap.

Use "HOT" range at fluid temperatures of 50 to  $80^{\circ}$ C (122 to 176°F). Use "COLD" range at fluid temperatures of 0 to  $30^{\circ}$ C (32 to  $86^{\circ}$ F).

**CAUTION:** 

- Do not overfill.
- Recommended fluid is Automatic Transmission Fluid type DEXRON<sup>™</sup> II or equivalent.

### **Checking Fluid Leakage**

Check the lines for improper attachment, leaks, cracks, damage, chafing or deterioration.

1. Run engine between idle speed and 1,000 rpm.

### Make sure fluid temperature in reservoir tank rises to 60 to 80°C (140 to 176°F).

- 2. Turn steering wheel right-to-left several times.
- 3. Hold steering wheel at each "lock" position for five seconds and carefully check for fluid leakage.

### **CAUTION:**

Do not hold the steering wheel in a locked position for more than 15 seconds.

4. If fluid leakage at connectors is noticed, loosen flare nut and then retighten.

Do not overtighten connector as this can damage O-ring, washer and connector.

### **Bleeding Hydraulic System**

- 1. Raise front end of vehicle until wheels are clear of the ground.
- Add fluid into oil tank to specified level. Then, quickly turn steering wheel fully to right and left and lightly touch steering stoppers.
   Beneat steering wheel operation until fluid level no longer.

Repeat steering wheel operation until fluid level no longer decreases.

3. Start engine. Repeat step 2 above.

### **ON-VEHICLE SERVICE**

### Bleeding Hydraulic System (Cont'd)

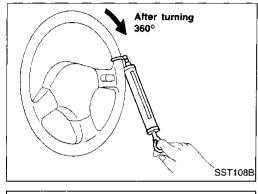
- Incomplete air bleeding will cause the following to occur. When this happens, bleed air again.
- Air bubbles in reservoir tank
- (2) Clicking noise in oil pump
- (3) Excessive buzzing in oil pump

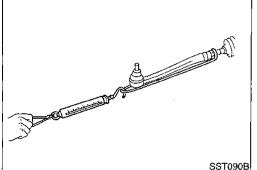
Fluid noise may occur in the valve or oil pump. This is common MA when the vehicle is stationary or while turning slowly. This does not affect performance or durability of the system.

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### Checking Steering Wheel Turning Force

- 1. Park vehicle on a level, dry surface and set parking brake. 2. Start engine.
- EC Bring power steering fluid up to adequate operating tem-3. perature. [Make sure temperature of fluid is approximately FE 60 to 80°C (140 to 176°F).]

### Tires need to be inflated to normal pressure.

Check steering wheel turning force when steering wheel 4. (C[\_ has been turned 360° from neutral position. Steering wheel turning force:

### 39 N (4 kg, 9 lb) or less

- Mt If steering wheel turning force is out of specification, check 5. rack sliding force.
- а. Disconnect steering column lower joint and knuckle arms AT from the gear.
- Start and run engine at idle to make sure steering fluid has b. reached normal operating temperature. FA
- While pulling tie-rod slowly from the neutral position, make C. sure rack sliding force is within specification. **Rack sliding force:**

### 157 - 256 N (16 - 26 kg, 35 - 56 lb)

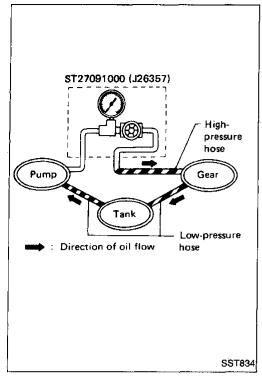
- If rack sliding force is not within specification, service steer-6. ing gear assembly.
  - 7. If rack sliding force is OK, inspect steering column. Refer to ST-12.

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### **Checking Hydraulic System**

Before starting, check belt tension, driving pulley and tire pressure.

Set Tool. Open shut-off valve. Then bleed air. Refer to ST-6.
 Run engine.

Make sure fluid temperature in reservoir tank rises to 60 to  $80^{\circ}$ C (140 to  $176^{\circ}$ F).

### WARNING:

Warm up engine with shut-off valve fully opened. If engine is started with shut-off valve closed, fluid pressure in oil pump increases to maximum. This will raise oil temperature abnormally.

3. Check pressure with steering wheel fully turned to left and right positions with engine idling at 1,000 rpm.

### CAUTION:

Do not hold the steering wheel in a locked position for more than 15 seconds.

Oil pump maximum standard pressure:

7,649 - 8,238 kPa (78 - 84 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>, 1,109 - 1,194 psi)

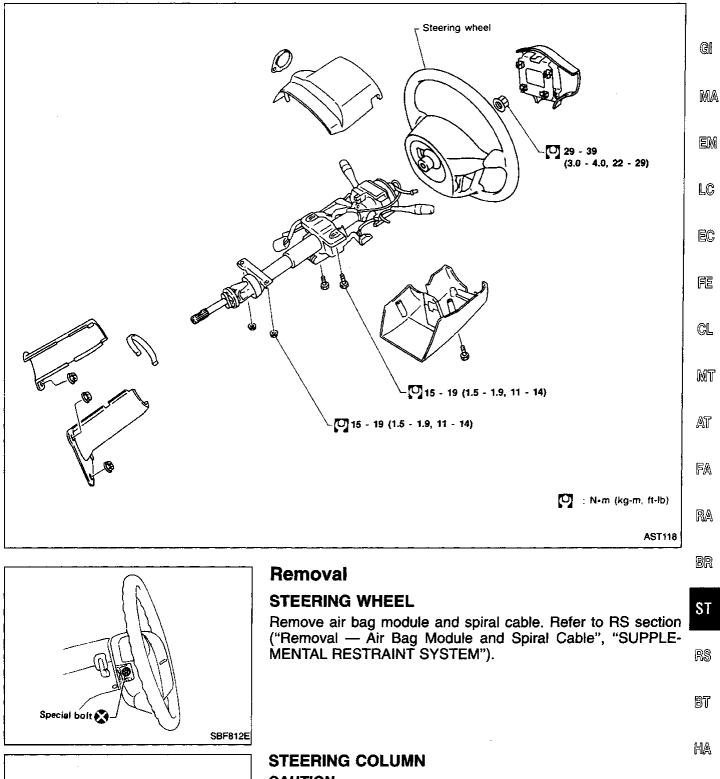
4. If oil pressure is below the standard pressure, slowly close shut-off valve and check pressure.

### CAUTION:

### Do not close shut-off valve for more than 15 seconds.

- When pressure reaches standard pressure, gear is damaged.
- When pressure remains below standard pressure, pump is damaged.
- 5. If oil pressure is higher than standard pressure, check oil pump flow control valve.
- 6. After checking hydraulic system, remove Tool and add fluid as necessary. Then completely bleed air out of system. Refer to ST-6.

### STEERING WHEEL AND STEERING COLUMN



CAUTION: The rotation of the spiral cable (SRS "Airbag" component part) is limited. If the steering gear must be removed, set the front wheels in the straight-ahead direction. Do not rotate the steering column while the steering gear is removed.

Spiral cable

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Alignment mark

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### Installation

### STEERING WHEEL

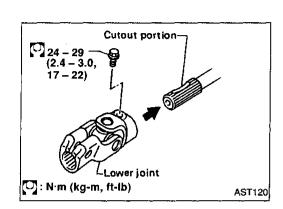
Refer to RS section ("Installation — Air Bag Module and Spiral Cable", "SUPPLEMENTAL RESTRAINT SYSTEM").

### **STEERING COLUMN**

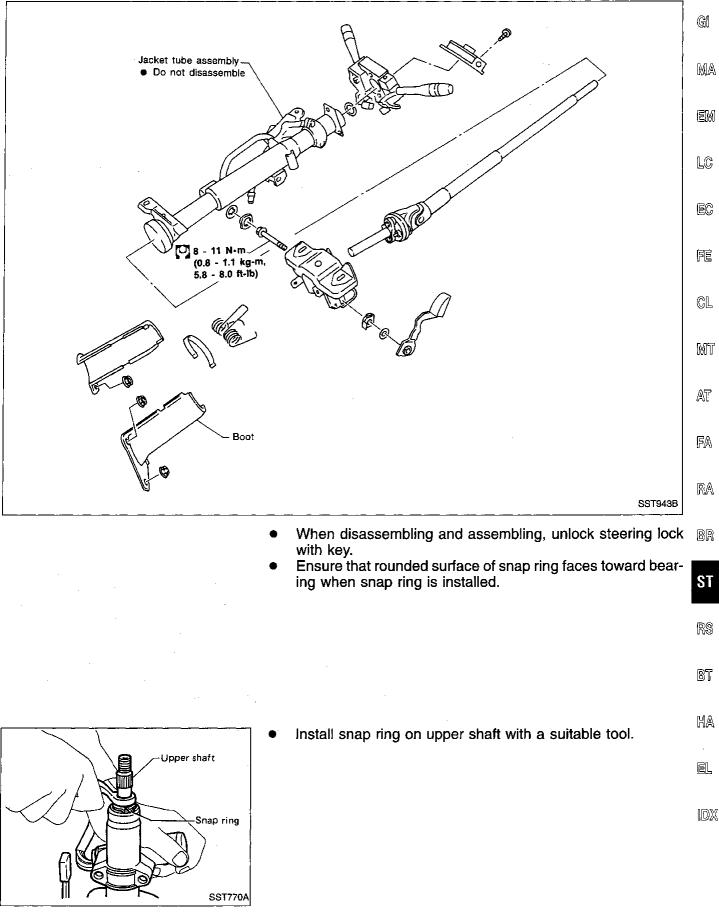
- When installing steering column, fingertighten all lower bracket and clamp retaining bolts; then tighten them securely. Do not apply undue stress to steering column.
- When attaching lower coupling joint, be sure tightening bolt faces cutout portion.

### CAUTION:

After installation, turn steering wheel to make sure it moves smoothly. Ensure the number of turns are the same from the straight forward position to left and right locks. Be sure that the steering wheel is in a neutral position when driving straight ahead.



**Disassembly and Assembly** 

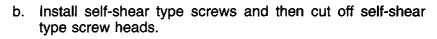


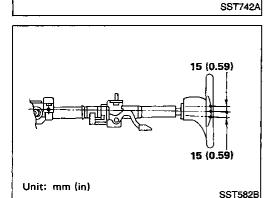
### STEERING WHEEL AND STEERING COLUMN

# Self-shear type screw

### Disassembly and Assembly (Cont'd)

- Steering lock
- a. Break self-shear type screws with a drill or other appropriate tool.

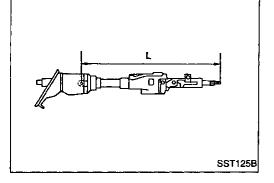




Self-shear screw

### Tilt mechanism

After installing steering column, check tilt mechanism operation.

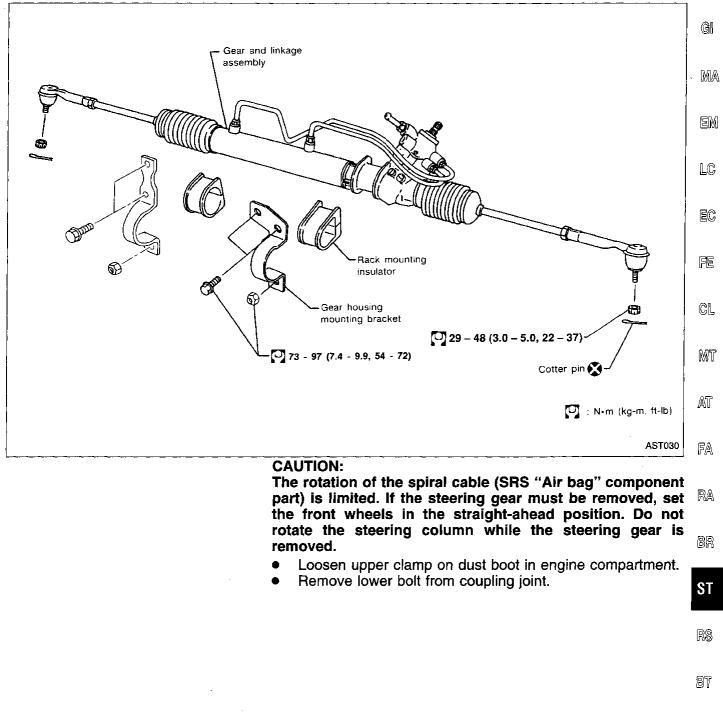


### Inspection

- When steering wheel does not turn smoothly, check the steering column as follows and replace damaged parts.
- a. Check column bearings for damage or unevenness. Lubricate with recommended multi-purpose grease or replace steering column as an assembly, if necessary.
- b. Check jacket tube for deformation or breakage.
- When the vehicle is involved in a light collision, check column length "L". If it is not within specifications, replace steering column as an assembly.

#### Column length "L": 525.6 - 528.4 mm (20.69 - 20.80 in)

### **Removal and Installation**



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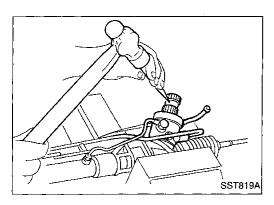
Detach tie-rod outer sockets from knuckle arms with Tool.

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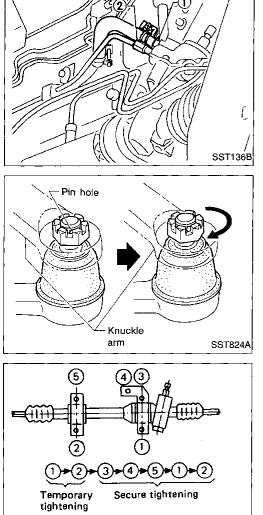
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### **Removal and Installation (Cont'd)**



 After removing steering gear from vehicle, put matching marks on pinion shaft and pinion housing to record neutral position.

• To install, set left and right dust boots to equal deflection, and align matching marks on pinion shaft and pinion housing.



- The O-ring in low-pressure pipe connector ① is larger than that in high-pressure connector ②. Take care to install the proper O-ring.
- Observe specified tightening torque when tightening highpressure and low-pressure pipe connectors. Excessive tightening can damage threads or connector O-ring.
   Connector tightening torque:

Low-pressure side ① 27 - 39 N·m (2.8 - 4.0 kg-m, 20 - 29 ft-lb) High-pressure side ② 15 - 25 N·m (1.5 - 2.5 kg-m, 11 - 18 ft-lb)

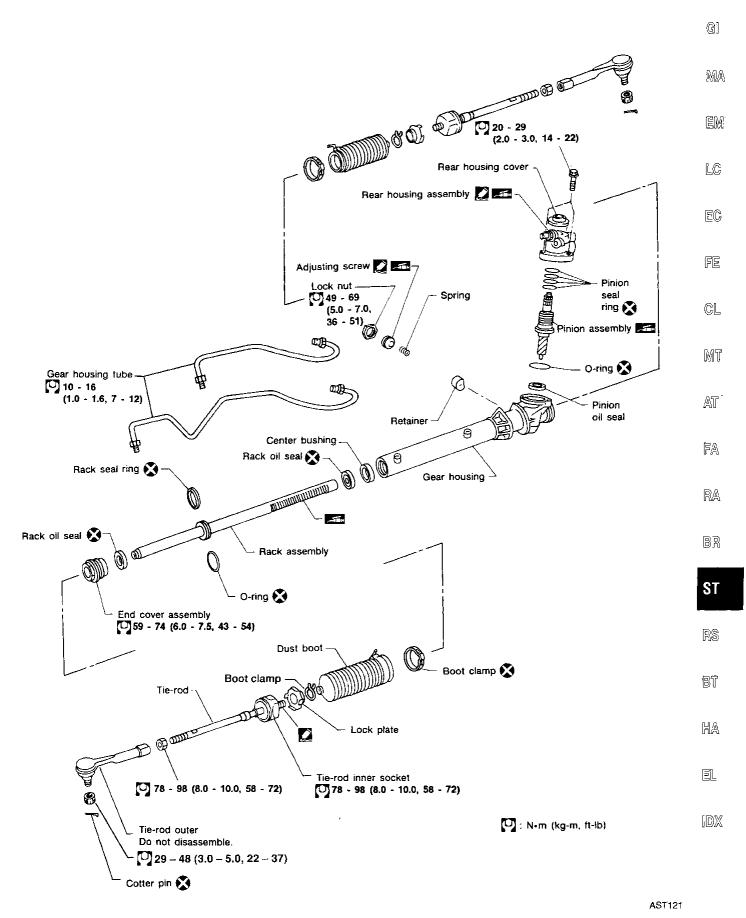
 Initially, tighten nut on tie-rod outer socket and knuckle arm to 29 to 39 N·m (3 to 4 kg-m, 22 to 29 ft-lb). Then tighten further to align nut groove with first pin hole so that cotter pin can be installed.

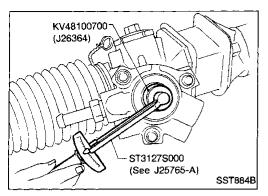
### CAUTION:

Tightening torque must not exceed 49 N·m (5 kg-m, 36 ft-lb).

• Tighten gear housing mounting bracket bolts in the order shown.

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### Disassembly

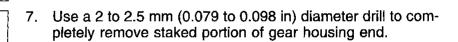
- 1. Prior to disassembling, measure pinion rotating torque. Record the pinion rotating torque as a reference.
- Before measuring, disconnect gear housing tubes and drain fluid.
- Use soft jaws when holding steering gear housing. Handle gear housing carefully, as it is made of aluminum. Do not grip cylinder in a vise.
- 2. Remove pinion gear.

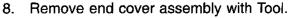
Be careful not to damage pinion gear when removing pinion seal ring.



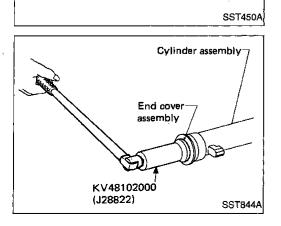
- 4. Loosen tie-rod inner socket by prying up staked portion, and remove socket.
- 5. Remove lock nut, adjusting screw, spring, and retainer.
- 6. Remove pinion assembly.

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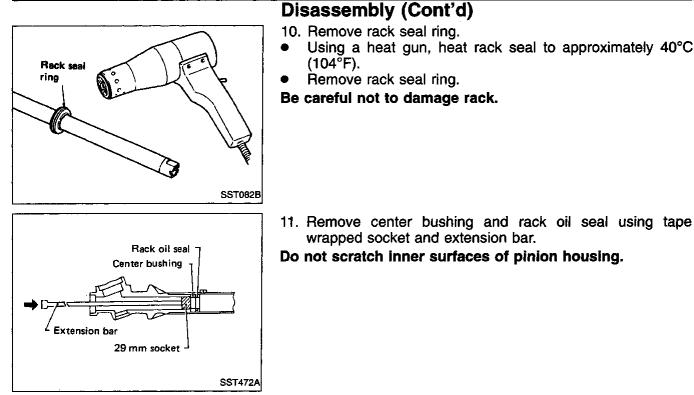




9. Draw out rack assembly.



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### Inspection

Thoroughly clean all parts in cleaning solvent or automatic transmission fluid type DEXRON<sup>TM</sup> II or equivalent. Blow dry  $\mathbb{AT}$  with compressed air, if available.

### BOOT

Check condition of boot. If cracked excessively, replace it.

### RACK

Thoroughly examine rack gear. If damaged, cracked or worn, replace it.

### PINION ASSEMBLY

- Thoroughly examine pinion gear. If pinion gear is damaged, cracked or worn, replace it.
- Check that all bearings roll freely. Ensure that balls, rollers, and races are not cracked, pitted or worn.

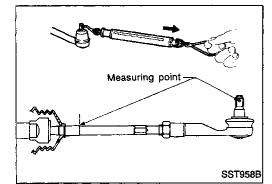
### **GEAR HOUSING CYLINDER**

Check gear housing cylinder bore for scratches or other damage. Replace if necessary.

### TIE-ROD OUTER AND INNER SOCKET

Check ball joint for swinging force.

 Tie-rod outer ball joint:
 6.9 - 64.7 N
 (0.7 - 6.6 kg, 1.5 - 14.6 lb)
 Tie-rod inner ball joint:
 15.7 - 140.2 N
 (1.6 - 14.3 kg, 3.5 - 31.5 lb)



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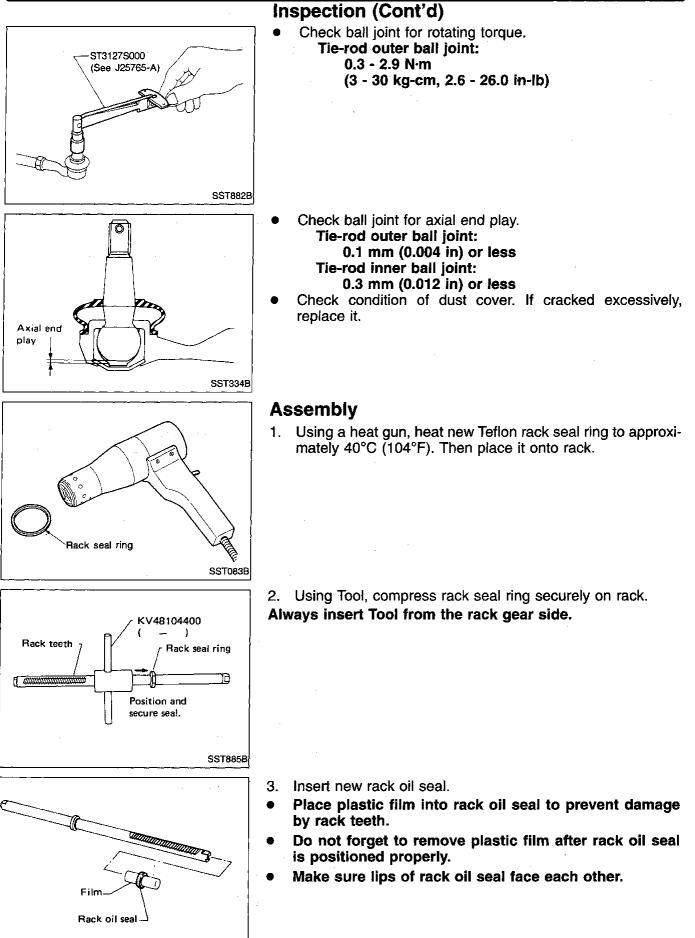
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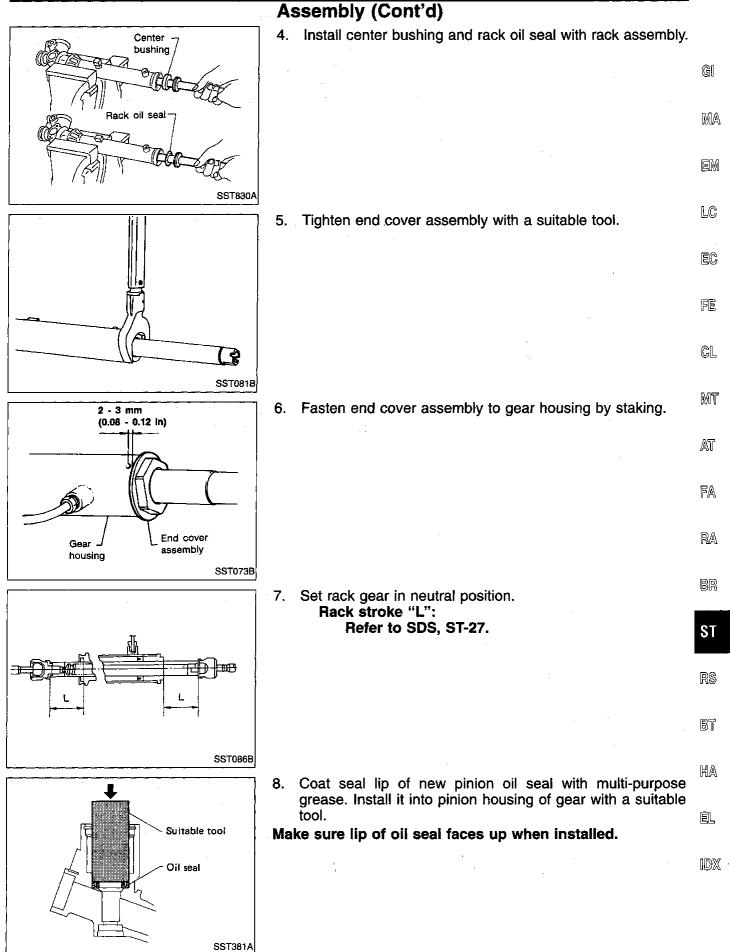
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### Assembly (Cont'd)

- 9. Install new pinion seal ring (made of Teflon) on pinion gear assembly.
- Using a heat gun, heat pinion seal ring to approximately 40°C (104°F) before installing it onto pinion gear assembly.
- Make sure pinion seal ring is properly settled in valve groove.
- Gear housing 7 Rack assembly Needle bearing SST075B

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Rear oil seal

Rear housing

Gear housing

Rear cover cap

Protrusion

Rack center

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10. Apply a coat of multi-purpose grease to needle bearing roller and oil seal lip.

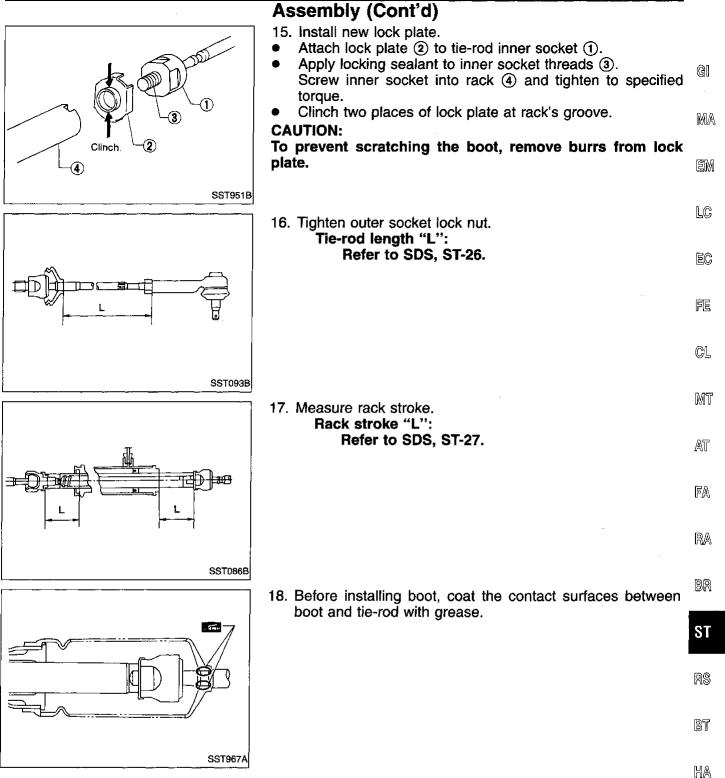
11. Install pinion assembly to pinion housing. **Be careful not to damage pinion oil seal.** 

12. Apply a coat of multi-purpose grease to new rear oil seal lip before installing rear housing.

13. Ensure that the rack is centered. Install rear cover cap so that protrusion of rear housing cover is positioned as shown in figure.

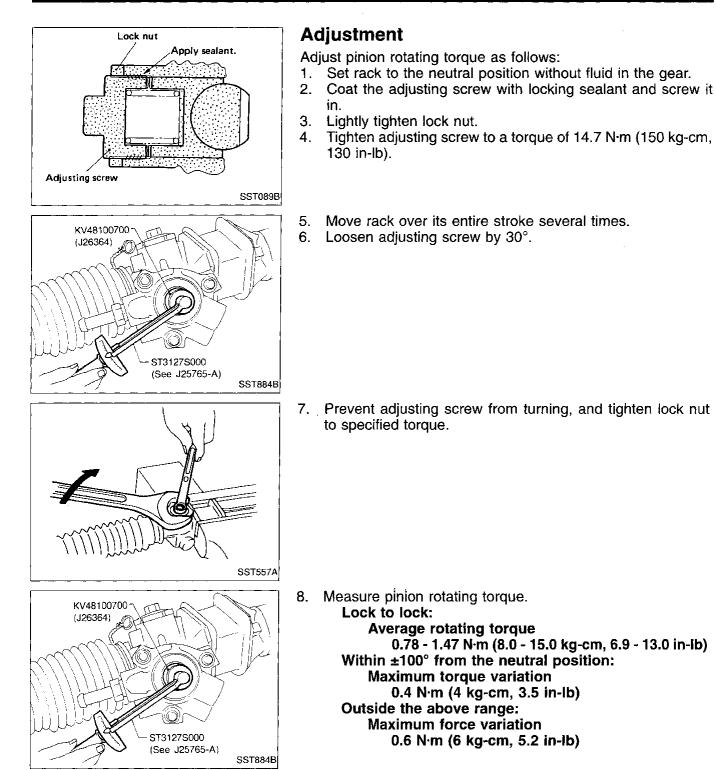
### Be careful not to damage worm ring and oil seal.

14. Install retainer, spring and adjusting screw temporarily.



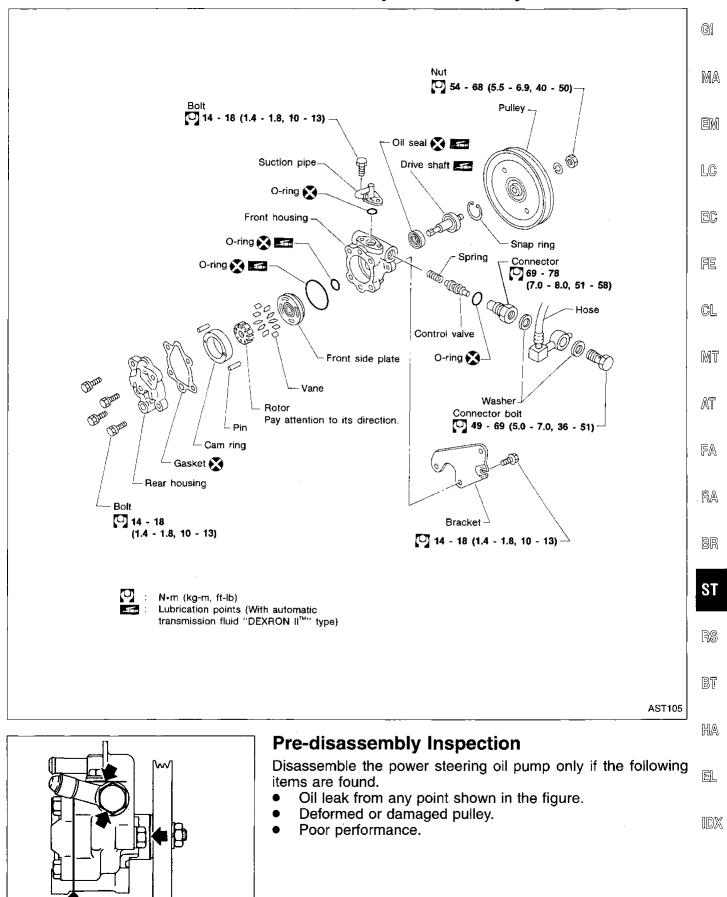
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• If pinion rotating torque is not within specifications, readjust it starting from step 4. If pinion rotating torque is still out of specifications after readjustment, replace steering gear assembly.

**Disassembly and Assembly** 



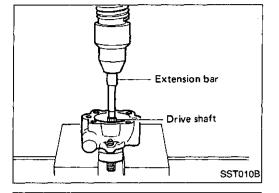
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### Disassembly

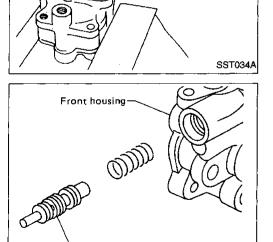
CAUTION:

- Parts which can be disassembled are strictly limited. Never disassemble parts other than those specified.
- Disassemble in as clean a place as possible.
- Clean your hands before disassembly.
- Do not use rags; use nylon cloths or paper towels.
- Follow the procedures and cautions in the Service Manual.
- When disassembling and reassembling, do not let foreign matter enter or contact the parts.
- Remove snap ring, then draw drive shaft out.

Be careful not to drop drive shaft.



• Remove oil seal. Be careful not to damage front housing.



-Flow control valve

• Remove connector and control valve with spring. **Be careful not to drop control valve.** 

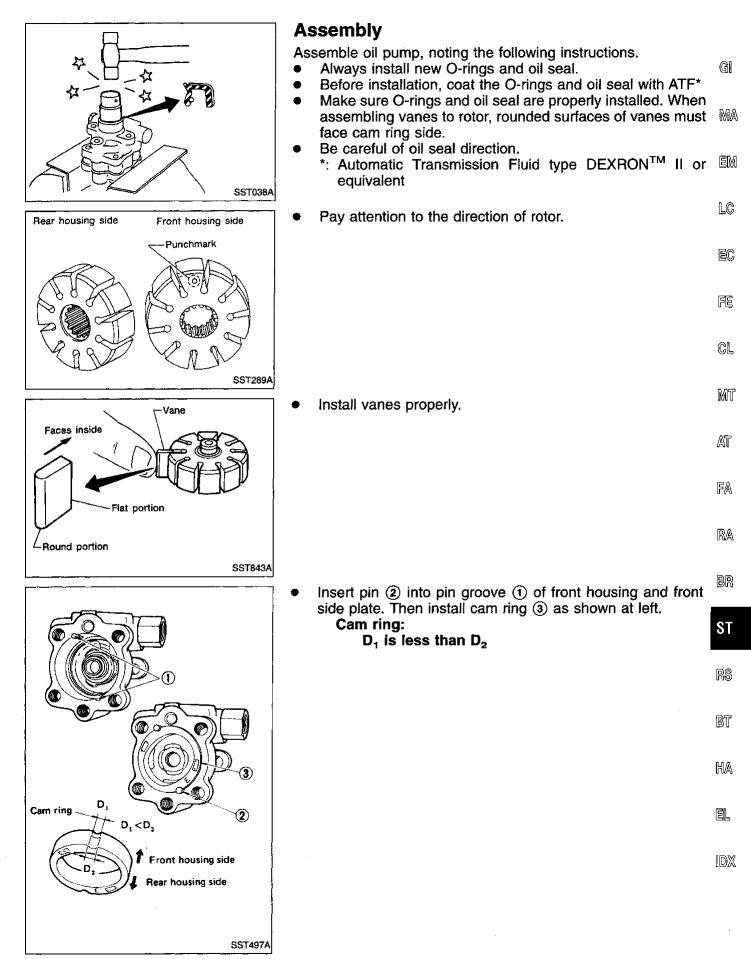
### Inspection

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### PULLEY AND PULLEY SHAFT

- If pulley is cracked or deformed, replace it.
- If an oil leak is found around pulley shaft oil seal, replace the seal.
- If serration on pulley or pulley shaft is deformed or worn, replace it.

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### **General Specifications**

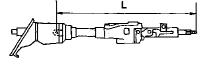
Applied model	All
Steering model	Power steering
Steering gear type	PR26K
Steering overall gear ratio	17.2
Turns of steering wheel (Lock to lock)	2.83
Steering column type	Collapsible, tilt

### GENERAL

Steering wheel axial play mm (in)	0 (0)
Steering wheel play mm (in)	35 (1.38) or less
Movement of gear housing mm (in)	±2 (±0.08) or less

### **STEERING COLUMN**

Steering column length "L" mm (in)	525.6 - 528.4 (20.69 - 20.80)

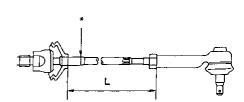


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### Inspection and Adjustment STEERING GEAR AND LINKAGE

Steering	gear type	PR26K
Tie-rod outer ball joint		
Swinging force at cotter pin hole	N (kg, lb)	6.9 - 64.7 (0.7 - 6.6, 1.5 - 14.6)
Rotating torque N·m (kg	g-cm, in-lb)	0.3 - 2.9 (3 - 30, 2.6 - 26.0)
Axial end play	mm (in)	0.1 (0.004) or less
Tie-rod inner ball joint		
Swinging force*	N (kg, ib)	15.7 - 140.2 (1.6 - 14.3, 3.5 - 31.5)
Axial end play	mm (in)	0.3 (0.012) or less
Tie-rod standard length "L"	mm (in)	136.8 (5.39)

\*: Measuring point



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### SERVICE DATA AND SPECIFICATIONS (SDS)

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0.78 - 1.47

(8.0 - 15.0, 6.9 - 13.0)

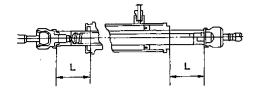
0.4 (4, 3.5)

0.6 (6, 5.2)

### Inspection and Adjustment (Cont'd) Cont'd) POWER STEERING

### STEERING GEAR AND LINKAGE (Cont'd)

	Steering gear type	PR26K
Rack stroke "L"	mm (in)	66 (2.60)



Pinion gear preload without gear

Average rotating torque

Within ±100° from the neutral

Maximum torque variation

Maximum torque variation

Outside the above range

N·m (kg-cm, in-lb)

fluid

Lock to lock

position

Rack sliding force N (kg, lb	)
Under normal operating oil pressure	157 - 256 (16 - 26, 35 - 56)
Retainer adjustment	
Adjusting screw	
Initial tightening torque N·m (kg-cm, in-lb	) 14.7 (150, 130)
Returning angle degree	e 30°
Steering wheel turning force (Measured at one full turn from the neutral position) N (kg, Ib	39 (4, 9) or less
Fluid capacity (Approximate) t (US qt, Imp qt)	) 0.9 (1, 3/4)
Oil pump maximum pressure kPa (kg/cm <sup>2</sup> , psi	7,649 - 8,238 ) (78 - 84, 1,109 - 1,194)

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