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Precautions 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 SRS 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 SRS 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 harness connectors.

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PREPARATION

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Special Service Tool

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The actual shapes of Kent-Moore to Tool number (Kent-Moore No.) Tool name	ools may differ from those of special service tool	s illustrated here. Description	
KV10115801 (J38956) Oil filter cap wrench	a + O	Removing oil filter a: 64.3 mm (2.531 in)	

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Commercial Service Tool

Tool name (Kent-Moore No.)		Description
Belt tension gauge (BT3373-F)	AMA126	Checking drive belt tension
Spark plug wrench	AMATZO	Removing and installing spark plugs
	16 mm (0.63 in)	
Coolant Refill Tool (J-45695)	LMA053	For refilling engine cooling system
Power Tool		Loosening bolts and nuts
	PBICO190E	

GENERAL MAINTENANCE

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Explanation of General Maintenance

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General maintenance includes those items which should be checked during the normal day-to-day operation of the vehicle. They are essential if the vehicle is to continue operating properly. The owners can perform checks and inspections themselves or have their NISSAN dealers do them.

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OUTSIDE THE VEHICLE

The maintenance items listed here should be performed from time to time, unless otherwise specified.

Item		Reference page
Tires	Check the pressure including the spare, at least once a month and always prior to a long distance trip with a gauge. Adjust to the specified pressure if necessary. Check carefully for damage, cuts or excessive wear.	_
Wheel nuts	When checking the tires, make sure no nuts are missing, and check for any loose nuts. Tighten if necessary.	_
Windshield	Clean the windshield on a regular basis. Check windshield at least every six months for cracks or other damage. Repair as necessary.	_
Tire rotation	Tires should be rotated every 12,000 km (7,500 miles).	<u>MA-33</u>
Wheel alignment and balance	If the vehicle pulls to either side while driving on a straight and level road, or if you detect uneven or abnormal tire wear, there may be a need for wheel alignment. If the steering wheel or seat vibrates at normal highway speeds, wheel balancing may be needed.	FSU-6, "Front Wheel Alignment" and MA-31, "Balancing Wheels (Bonding Weight Type)"
Windshield wiper blades	Check for cracks or wear if they do not wipe properly.	_
Doors and engine hood	Check that all doors and the engine hood operate smoothly as well as the trunk lid and back hatch. Also make sure that all latches lock securely. Lubricate if necessary. Make sure that the secondary latch keeps the hood from opening when the primary latch is released. When driving in areas using road salt or other corrosive materials, check lubrication frequently.	MA-37
Lamps	Make sure that the headlamps, stop lamps, tail lamps, turn signal lamps, and other lamps are all operating properly and installed securely. Also check headlamp aim. Clean the headlamps on a regular basis.	_

INSIDE THE VEHICLE

The maintenance items listed here should be checked on a regular basis, such as when performing periodic maintenance, cleaning the vehicle, etc.

Item		Reference page
Warning lamps and chimes	Make sure that all warning lamps and chimes are operating properly.	_
Windshield wiper and washer	_	
Windshield defroster	Check that the air comes out of the defroster outlets properly and in sufficient quantity when operating the heater or air conditioner.	_
Steering wheel	Check that it has the specified play. Be sure to check for changes in the steering condition, such as excessive play, hard steering or strange noises. Free play: Less than 35 mm (1.38 in)	_
Seats	Check seat position controls such as seat adjusters, seatback recliner, etc. to make sure they operate smoothly and that all latches lock securely in every position. Check that the head restraints move up and down smoothly and that the locks (if equipped) hold securely in all latched positions. Check that the latches lock securely for folding-down rear seatbacks.	_
Seat belts	Check that all parts of the seat belt system (e.g. buckles, anchors, adjusters and retractors) operate properly and smoothly, and are installed securely. Check the belt webbing for cuts, fraying, wear or damage.	<u>MA-37</u>
Clutch pedal	Make sure the pedal operates smoothly and check that it has proper free play.	_
Accelerator pedal	Check the pedal for smooth operation and make sure the pedal does not catch or require uneven effort. Keep the floor mats away from the pedal.	_

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Item		Reference page
Brakes	_	
Brake pedal and booster	Check the pedal for smooth operation and make sure it has the proper distance under it when depressed fully. Check the brake booster function. Be sure to keep the floor mats away from the pedal.	BR-6, "BRAKE PEDAL" and BR-15, "BRAKE BOOSTER"
Parking brake	Check that the lever has the proper travel and make sure that the vehicle is held securely on a fairly steep hill when only the parking brake is applied.	PB-3, "Inspection"
Automatic transaxle "Park" mechanism	Check that the lock release button on the selector lever operates properly and smoothly. On a fairly steep hill check that the vehicle is held securely with the selector lever in the "P" position without applying any brakes.	_

UNDER THE HOOD AND VEHICLE

The maintenance items listed here should be checked periodically (e.g. each time you check the engine oil or refuel).

Item		Reference page
Windshield washer fluid	Check that there is adequate fluid in the tank.	_
Engine coolant level	Check the coolant level when the engine is cold.	MA-16 QR25DE or MA-23 VQ35DE
Radiator and hoses	Check the front of the radiator and clean off any dirt, insects, leaves, etc., that may have accumulated. Make sure the hoses have no cracks, deformation, deterioration or loose connections.	_
Brake and clutch fluid levels	Make sure that the brake and clutch fluid levels are between the "MAX" and "MIN" lines on the reservoirs.	MA-33 (brakes), MA-29 (clutch)
Battery	Check the fluid level in each cell. It should be between the "MAX" and "MIN" lines. Vehicles operated in high temperatures or under severe conditions require frequent checks of the battery fluid level.	_
Engine drive belts	Make sure that no belt is frayed, worn, cracked or oily.	MA-15 QR25DE or MA-22 VQ35DE
Engine oil level	Check the level on the dipstick after parking the vehicle on a level spot and turning off the engine.	MA-18 QR25DE or MA-25 VQ35DE
Power steering fluid level and lines	Check the level on the dipstick with the engine off. Check the lines for improper attachment, leaks, cracks, etc.	<u>MA-35</u>
Automatic transaxle fluid level	Check the level on the dipstick after putting the selector lever in "P" with the engine idling.	_
Exhaust system	Make sure there are no loose supports, cracks or holes. If the sound of the exhaust seems unusual or there is a smell of exhaust fumes, immediately locate the trouble and correct it.	MA-29
Underbody	The underbody is frequently exposed to corrosive substances such as those used on icy roads or to control dust. It is very important to remove these substances, otherwise rust will form on the floor pan, frame, fuel lines and around the exhaust system. At the end of winter, the underbody should be thoroughly flushed with plain water, being careful to clean those areas where mud and dirt can easily accumulate.	_
Fluid leaks	Check under the vehicle for fuel, oil, water or other fluid leaks after the vehicle has been parked for a while. Water dripping from the air conditioner after use is normal. If you should notice any leaks or gasoline fumes are evident, check for the cause and correct it immediately.	_

PERIODIC MAINTENANCE

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Introduction of Periodic Maintenance

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Two different maintenance schedules are provided, and should be used, depending upon the conditions in which the vehicle is mainly operated. After 60,000 miles (96,000 km) or 48 months, continue the periodic maintenance at the same mileage/time intervals.

	Follow Periodic Maintenance Schedule 1 if the driving habits frequently include one or more of the following driving conditions:	Emission Control System Maintenance	<u>MA-7</u>	_
	Repeated short trips of less than 5 miles (8 km).	Chassis and Body		-
	 Repeated short trips of less than 10 miles (16 km) with outside temperatures remaining below freezing. 	Maintenance		
Schedule 1	Operating in hot weather in stop-and-go "rush hour" traffic.			
	 Extensive idling and/or low speed driving for long distances, such as police, taxi or door-to-door delivery use. 		<u>MA-9</u>	
	Driving in dusty conditions.			
	Driving on rough, muddy, or salt spread roads.			
	Towing a trailer, using a camper or a car-top carrier.			
Schedule 2	Follow Periodic Maintenance Schedule 2 if none of driving conditions shown in Schedule 1 apply to the driving habits.	Emission Control System Maintenance	<u>MA-10</u>	_
oriedule 2		Chassis and Body Maintenance	MA-11	_

SCHEDULE 1 EMISSION CONTROL SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

Abbreviations: R = Replace. I = Inspect. Correct or replace if necessary. []: At the mileage intervals only

MAINTENANCE OPERATION	MAINTENANCE OPERATION			MAIN	TENANC	E INTER	RVAL			Reference
Perform at number of miles, kilometers or months, whichever comes first.	Miles x 1,000 (km x 1,000) Months	3.75 (6) 3	7.50 (12) 6	11.25 (18) 9	15 (24) 12	18.75 (30) 15	22.5 (36) 18	26.25 (42) 21	30 (48) 24	Section - Page or - Content Title
Drive belts	NOTE (1)									MA- 15(QR25DE) or MA-22 (VQ35DE)
Air cleaner filter	NOTE (2)								[R]	MA- 18(QR25DE) or MA-25 (VQ35DE)
EVAP vapor lines									 *	MA-21 (QR25DE) or MA-28 (VQ35DE)
Fuel lines									 *	MA- 17(QR25DE) or MA-25 (VQ35DE)
Fuel filter	NOTE (3)									_
Engine coolant	NOTE (4)									MA- 15(QR25DE) or MA-23 (VQ35DE)
Engine oil		R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	MA-18 (QR25DE) or (VQ35DE)

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Engine oil filter (Use part No. 15208 9E000 (for QR25DE engine), 15208 65F01 (for VQ35DE engine) or equivalent.)		R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	MA-19 (QR25DE) or MA-26 (VQ35DE)
Spark plugs (PLATINUM- TIPPED type)			Repla	ace every	105,00	0 miles (1	169,000	km).		MA-19 (QR25DE) or MA-27 (VQ35DE)
Intake & exhaust valve clear- ance*	NOTE (5)									EM-101. "Valve Clear- ance" (QR25DE) or EM-229, "Valve Clear- ance" (VQ35DE)
MAINTENANCE OPERATION				MAIN	TENAN	CE INTE	RVAL			Reference
Perform at number of miles, kilometers or months, whichever comes first.	Miles x 1,000 (km x 1,000) Months	33.75 (54) 27	37.5 (60) 30	41.25 (66) 33	45 (72) 36	48.75 (78) 39	52.5 (84) 42	56.25 (90) 45	60 (96) 48	Section - Page or - Content Title
Drive belts	NOTE (1)								 *	MA-15 (QR25DE) or MA-22 (VQ35DE)
Air cleaner filter	NOTE (2)								[R]	MA-18 (QR25DE) or MA-25 (VQ35DE)
EVAP vapor lines									[*	MA-21 (QR25DE) or MA-28 (VQ35DE)
Fuel lines									[*	MA-17 (QR25DE) or MA-25 (VQ35DE)
Fuel filter	NOTE (3)									-
Engine coolant	NOTE (4)								R*	MA-15 (QR25DE) or MA-23 (VQ35DE)
Engine oil		R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	MA-18 (QR25DE) or MA-25 (VQ35DE)
Engine oil filter (Use part No. 15208-9E000 (for QR25DE engine), 15208 65F01 (for VQ35DE engine) or equivalent.		R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	MA-19 (QR25DE) or MA-26 (VQ35DE)

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Spark plugs (PLATINUM- TIPPED type)			Replace every 105,000 miles (169,000 km).							MA-19 (QR25DE) or MA-27 (VQ35DE)	
Intake & exhaust valve clear- ance*	NOTE (5)									EM-101, "Valve Clear- ance" (QR25DE) or EM-229, "Valve Clear- ance" (VQ35DE)	

NOTE:

- (1) After 60,000 miles (96,000 km) or 48 months, inspect every 15,000 miles (24,000 km) or 12 months. Replace the drive belts if found damaged or if the auto belt tensioner reading of QR25DE engine reaches the maximum limit.
- (2) If operating mainly in dusty conditions, more frequent maintenance may be required.
- (3) Maintenance-free item. For service procedures, go to the FL section.
- (4) After 60,000 miles (96,000 km) or 48 months, replace every 30,000 miles (48,000 km) or 24 months.
- (5) If valve noise increases, inspect valve clearance.
- * Maintenance items and intervals with "*" are recommended by NISSAN for reliable vehicle operation. The owner need not perform such maintenance in order to maintain the emission warranty or manufacturer recall liability. Other maintenance items and intervals are required.

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Abbreviations: R = Replace. I = Inspect. Correct or replace if necessary.

MAINTENANCE OPERAT	TON			MAIN	TENAN	CE INTE	RVAL			Reference
Perform at number of miles, kilometers or months, whichever comes first.	Miles x 1,000 (km x 1,000) Months	3.75 (6) 3	7.50 (12) 6	11.25 (18) 9	15 (24) 12	18.75 (30) 15	22.5 (36) 18	26.25 (42) 21	30 (48) 24	Section - Page or - Content Title
Brake lines & cables					I				I	MA-33
Brake pads & rotors			ļ		ı		ı		I	MA-34
Automatic transaxle fluid & manual transaxle gear oil	NOTE (1)				I				I	MA-30 (A/T) or MA-29 (M/T)
Steering gear & linkage, axle & suspension parts			I		I		I		I	MA-35, MA- 35
Tire rotation	NOTE (2)		!			!				MA-33
Exhaust system			I		I		I		I	MA-29
Front drive shaft boot			I		I		I		1	MA-36
In-cabin microfilter					R				R	ATC-110 (ATC), MTC- 72 (MTC)

MAINTENANCE OPERA	TION		MAINTENANCE INTERVAL							
Perform at number of miles, kilometers or months, whichever comes first.	Miles x 1,000 (km x 1,000) Months	33.75 (54) 27	37.5 (60) 30	41.25 (66) 33	45 (72) 36	48.75 (78) 39	52.5 (84) 42	56.25 (90) 45	60 (96) 48	Reference Section - Page or - Content Title
Brake lines & cables					ı				I	MA-33
Brake pads & rotors			ļ		ı		I		ļ	MA-34

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Automatic transaxle fluid & manual transaxle gear oil	NOTE (1)				I				I	MA-30 (A/T) or MA-29 (M/T)
Steering gear & linkage, axle & suspension parts			I		I		I		I	MA-35, MA- 35
Tire rotation	NOTE (2)									MA-33
Exhaust system			I		I		I		I	MA-29
Front drive shaft boots			I		ı		I		I	MA-36
In-cabin microfilter					R				R	ATC-110 (ATC), MTC- 72 (MTC)

NOTE:

SCHEDULE 2 EMISSION CONTROL SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

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MAINTENANCE OPERATION				MAII	NTENA	NCE IN	ΓERVAL	-		Reference
Perform at number of miles, kilometers or months, whichever comes first.	Miles x 1,000 (km x 1,000) Months	7.5 (12) 6	15 (24) 12	22.5 (36) 18	30 (48) 24	37.5 (60) 30	45 (72) 36	52.5 (84) 42	60 (96) 48	Section - Page or - Content Title
Drive belts	NOTE (1)								l*	MA-15 (QR25DE) or MA-22 (VQ35DE)
Air cleaner filter					[R]				[R]	MA-18 (QR25DE) or MA-25 (VQ35DE)
EVAP vapor lines					[*				l*	MA-21 (QR25DE) or MA-28 (VQ35DE)
Fuel lines					 *				 *	MA-17 (QR25DE) or MA-25 (VQ35DE)
Fuel filter	NOTE (2)									-
Engine coolant	NOTE (3)								R*	MA-15 (QR25DE) or MA-23 (VQ35DE)
Engine oil		R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	MA-18 (QR25DE) or MA-25 (VQ35DE)
Engine oil filter (Use part No. 15208-9E000 (for QR25DE engine), 15208 65F01 (for VQ35DE engine) or equivalent.		R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	MA-19 (QR225DE) or MA-26 (VQ35DE)

⁽¹⁾ If towing a trailer, using a camper or a car-top carrier, or driving on rough or muddy roads, change (not just inspect) oil at every 30,000 miles (48,000 km) or 24 months.

⁽²⁾ Refer to MA-5, "GENERAL MAINTENANCE".

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Spark plugs (PLATINUM- TIPPED type)		Replace every 105,000 miles (169,000 km).					MA-19 (QR25DE) or MA-27 (VQ35DE)					
Intake & exhaust valve clear- ance*	NOTE (4)									EM-101, "CYL- INDER HEAD" (QR25DE) or EM-229, "CYL- INDER HEAD" (VQ35DE)		

NOTE:

- (1) After 60,000 miles (96,000 km) or 48 months, inspect every 15,000 miles (24,000 km) or 12 months. Replace the drive belts if found damaged or if the auto belt tensioner reading of QR25DE engine reaches the maximum limit.
- (2) Maintenance-free item. For service procedures, go to FL section.
- (3) After 60,000 miles (96,000 km) or 48 months, replace every 30,000 miles (48,000 km) or 24 months.
- (4) If valve noise increases, inspect valve clearance.

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Brake lines & cables			I		I		I		I	MA-33	
Brake pads & rotors			I		ı		I		I	<u>MA-34</u>	
Automatic transaxle fluid & man- ual transaxle gear oil			I		I		I		I	MA-30 (A/T) or MA-29 (M/T)	
Steering gear & linkage, axle & suspension parts					I				I	MA-35, MA-35	
Tire rotation	NOTE (1)									MA-33	
Exhaust system					I				I	MA-29	
Front drive shaft boots			I		I		I		I	MA-36	
In-cabin microfilter			R		R		R		R	ATC-110 (ATC), MTC-72 (MTC)	

NOTE:

(1) Refer to MA-5, "GENERAL MAINTENANCE"

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RECOMMENDED FLUIDS AND LUBRICANTS

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Fluids and Lubricants QR25DE

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		С	apacity (Approxima	te)	December and definite // whatever
		US measure	Imp measure	Liter	Recommended Fluids/Lubricants
Engine oil	With oil filter change	4 1/2 qt	3 3/4 qt	4.2	API Certification Mark*1
Drain and refill	Without oil filter change	4 1/4 qt	3 1/2 qt	4.0	API grade SL, Energy Conserving*1
Dry engine (engir	ne overhaul)	4 7/8 qt	4 qt	4.6	ILSAC grade GF-III*1
Capling aveters	Without reservoir	7 1/4 qt	6 1/8 qt	6.9	Genuine NISSAN Long Life Anti-
Cooling system	Reservoir	3/4 qt	5/8 qt	0.7	freeze coolant or equivalent
Manual transaxle	fluid	2 3/8 qt	2 qt	2.3	Genuine NISSAN Manual Trans- mission Fluid (MTF) HQ multi 75W- 85
Automatic transaxle fluid		9 3/4 qt	8 1/8 qt	9.2	NISSAN Matic "D" (Continental US and Alaska) or Canada NISSAN Automatic Transmission Fluid *2
Power steering flu	uid (PSF)	2 1/8 pt	1 3/4 pt	1.0	Genuine NISSAN PSF or equivalent*3
Brake and clutch	fluids	_	_	_	Genuine NISSAN Super Heavy Duty Brake Fluid*4 or equivalent DOT 3 (US FMVSS No. 116)
Multi-purpose gre	ease	_	_	_	NLGI No. 2 (Lithium soap base)
Windshield wash	er fluid	_	_	_	Genuine NISSAN Windshield Washer Concentrate Cleaner & Anti-freeze or equivalent
Air conditioning s	ystem refrigerant	1.045 - 1.155 lb	1.045 - 1.155 lb	0.475 - 0.525 kg	HFC-134a (R-134a)*5
Air conditioning system lubricant		5.01 fl oz	5.03 fl oz	150 m ℓ	Genuine NISSAN A/C System Lubricant Type DH-PS or equiva- lent

^{*1:} For further details, see "SAE Viscosity Number".

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		С	apacity (Approximat	e)	Recommended Fluids/Lubricants		
			US measure Imp measure Liter		- Recommended Fluids/Eubricants		
Engine oil	With oil filter change	4 1/4 qt	3 1/2 qt	4.0	API Certification Mark*1		
Drain and refill	Without oil filter change	3 7/8 qt	3 1/4 qt	3.7	API grade SL, Energy Conserving*1 If SAC grade CE III*1		
Dry engine (engin	Dry engine (engine overhaul)		4 3/8 qt	5.0	ILSAC grade GF-III*1		
Cooling system	Without reservoir	7 7/8 qt	6 5/8 qt	7.5	Genuine NISSAN Long Life Anti-		
Cooling System	Reservoir	3/4 qt	5/8 qt	0.7	freeze coolant or equivalent		
Manual transaxle fluid		4 7/8 pt	4 pt	2.3	Genuine NISSAN Manual Trans- mission Fluid (MTF) HQ multi 75W-85		

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 $^{^*}$ 3: Genuine NISSAN PSF, Canada NISSAN Automatic Transmission Fluid, Dexron III / Mercon , or equivalent ATF may also be used.

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^{*5:} For further details, see "Air conditioner specification label".

RECOMMENDED FLUIDS AND LUBRICANTS

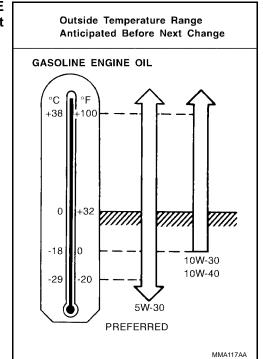
	C	apacity (Approxima	te)	Recommended Fluids/Lubricants
	US measure	Imp measure	Liter	Recommended Fluids/Lubricants
Automatic transaxle fluid	9 3/4 qt	8 1/8 qt	9.2	NISSAN Matic "D" (Continental US and Alaska) or Canada NISSAN Automatic Transmission Fluid *2
Power steering fluid (PSF)	2 1/8 pt	1 3/4 pt	1.0	Genuine NISSAN PSF or equivalent*3
Brake and clutch fluids	_	_	_	Genuine NISSAN Super Heavy Duty Brake Fluid*4 or equivalent DOT 3 (US FMVSS No. 116)
Multi-purpose grease	_	_	_	NLGI No. 2 (Lithium soap base)
Windshield washer fluid	_	_	_	Genuine NISSAN Windshield Washer Concentrate Cleaner & Anti-freeze or equivalent
Air conditioning system refrigerant	1.045 - 1.155 lb	1.045 - 1.155 lb	0.475 - 0.525 kg	HFC-134a (R-134a)*5
Air conditioning system lubricant	5.01 fl oz	5.03 fl oz	150 m ℓ	Genuine NISSAN A/C System Lubricant Type DH-PS or equiva- lent

^{*1:} For further details, see "SAE Viscosity Number".

SAE Viscosity Number GASOLINE ENGINE OIL

SAE 5W-30 viscosity oil is preferred for all temperatures. SAE 10W-30 and 10W-40 viscosity oil may be used if the ambient temperature is above -18 $^{\circ}$ C (0 $^{\circ}$ F).

Use of 5W-30 viscosity oil will increase fuel economy.



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ANTI-FREEZE COOLANT MIXTURE RATIO

The engine cooling system is filled at the factory with a high-quality, long life, year-round, anti-freeze coolant solution. The anti-freeze solution contains rust and corrosion inhibitors. Therefore, additional cooling system additives are not necessary.

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RECOMMENDED FLUIDS AND LUBRICANTS

Protection for outside	temperature down to:	Genuine NISSAN Long Life Anti-freeze	Demineralized water or distilled water
°C	°F	coolant or equivalent	
-35°	-30°	50%	50%

CAUTION:

- When adding or replacing coolant, be sure to use only Genuine NISSAN Long Life Anti-freeze coolant or equivalent with the proper mixture ratio of 50% anti-freeze and 50% demineralized water or distilled water.
- Other types of coolant solutions may damage your cooling system.

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Checking Drive Belts

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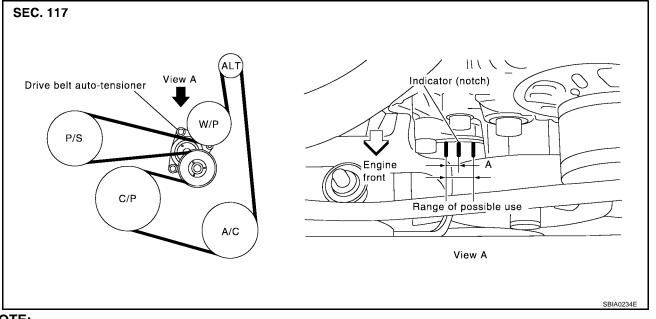
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NOTE:

On vehicles not equipped with A/C, there is an idler pulley in the position for the drive belt routing.

WARNING:

Be sure to perform engine maintenance when the engine is stopped.

- Remove the under cover using power tool, when inspecting the power steering pump belt.
- Make sure that the indicator (single line notch) of each automatic tensioner is within the allowable working range (between the three line notches).

NOTE:

- Check the drive belt auto-tensioner indicator when the engine is cold.
- When the new drive belt is installed, the range should be A.
- The indicator notch is located on the moving side of the tensioner.
- Visually check the entire belt for wear, damage or cracks.
- If the indicator is out of allowable working range or belt is damaged, replace the belt. Refer to <u>EM-13</u>, <u>"Removal and Installation"</u>.
- Belt tension adjustment is not necessary, as it is automatically adjusted by the drive belt auto-tensioner.

Changing Engine Coolant

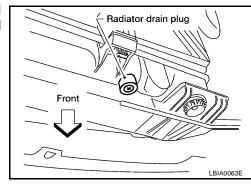
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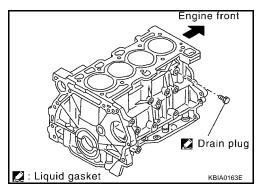
- To avoid being scalded, never change the coolant when the engine is hot.
- Wrap a thick cloth around cap and carefully remove the cap. First, turn the cap a quarter of a turn to release built-up pressure. Then push down and turn the cap all the way to remove.

DRAINING ENGINE COOLANT

- Remove the engine undercover using power tool.
- Open the radiator drain plug at the bottom of the radiator, and remove the radiator filler cap. This is the only step required when partially draining the cooling system (radiator only).
 - Do not to allow the coolant to contact the drive belts.



- Follow this step for heater core removal/replacement only. Disconnect the upper heater hose at the engine side and apply moderate air pressure [103.46 kPa (15 psi, 1.055 kg/cm²) maximum air pressure] into the hose for 30 seconds to blow the excess coolant out of the heater core.
- 4. When draining all of the coolant in the system, remove the reservoir tank and drain the coolant, then clean the reservoir tank before installation.
- When draining all of the coolant in the system for engine removal or repair, open the drain plug on the cylinder block.



6. Check the drained coolant for contaminants such as rust, corrosion or discoloration. If the coolant is contaminated, flush the engine cooling system. Refer to MA-17, "FLUSHING COOLING SYSTEM".

REFILLING ENGINE COOLANT

- 1. Install the radiator drain plug. Install the reservoir tank and cylinder block drain plug, if removed for a total system drain or for engine removal or repair.
 - The radiator must be completely empty of coolant and water.
 - Apply sealant to the threads of the cylinder block drain plugs. Use Genuine High Performance Thread Sealant or equivalent. Refer to GI-43, "RECOMMENDED CHEMICAL PRODUCTS AND SEALANTS".

Radiator drain plug : 7.8 - 11.8 N·m (0.8 - 1.2 kg-m , 69 - 104 in-lb) Cylinder block drain plug : 34 - 44 N·m (3.5 - 4.5 kg-m, 25 - 33 ft-lb)

- 2. If disconnected, reattach the upper radiator hose at the engine side.
- 3. Set the vehicle heater controls to the full HOT and heater ON position. Turn the vehicle ignition ON with the engine OFF as necessary to activate the heater mode.
- Install the Tool by installing the radiator cap adapter onto the radiator neck opening. Then attach the gauge body assembly with the refill tube and the venturi assembly to the radiator cap adapter.
- 5. Insert the refill hose into the coolant mixture container that is placed at floor level. Make sure the ball valve is in the closed position.
 - Use Genuine NISSAN Long Life Anti-freeze coolant or equivalent, mixed 50/50 with distilled water or demineralized water.

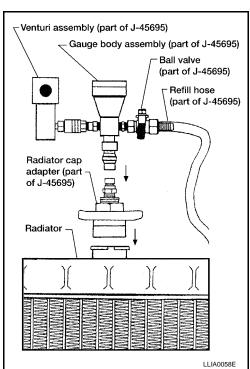
Refer to MA-13. "ANTI-FREEZE COOLANT MIXTURE RATIO".

Engine coolant capacity : 6.9 ℓ (7 1/4 US qt, (without reservoir tank) 6 1/8 Imp qt) Reservoir tank : 0.7 ℓ (3/4 US qt, 5/8 Imp qt)

Install an air hose to the venturi assembly, the air pressure must be within specification.

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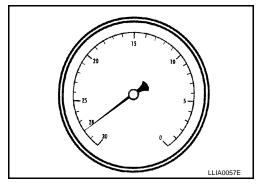
Compressed air : 5.7 - 8.5 kPa (5.6 - 8.4 kg/cm² , 80 - 120 psi)



CAUTION:

The compressed air supply must be equipped with an air dryer.

- 7. The vacuum gauge will begin to rise and there will be an audible hissing noise. During this process open the ball valve on the refill hose slightly. Coolant will be visible rising in the refill hose. Once the refill hose is full of coolant, close the ball valve. This will purge any air trapped in the refill hose.
- 8. Continue to draw the vacuum until the gauge reaches 28 inches of vacuum. The gauge may not reach 28 inches in high altitude locations, refer to the vacuum specifications based on the altitude above sea level.



- 9. When the vacuum gauge has reached the specified amount, disconnect the air hose and wait 20 seconds to see if the system loses any vacuum. If the vacuum level drops, perform any necessary repairs to the system and repeat steps 6 8 to bring the vacuum to the specified amount. Recheck for any leaks.
- 10. Place the coolant container (with the refill hose inserted) at the same level as the top of the radiator. Then open the ball valve on the refill hose so the coolant will be drawn up to fill the cooling system. The cooling system is full when the vacuum gauge reads zero.

CAUTION:

Do not allow the coolant container to get too low when filling, to avoid air from being drawn into the cooling system.

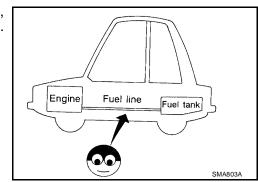
- 11. Remove the Tool from the radiator neck opening.
- 12. Fill the cooling system reservoir tank to the specified level and install the radiator cap. Run the engine to warm up the cooling system and top up the system as necessary.

FLUSHING COOLING SYSTEM

- Fill the radiator from the filler cap above the radiator upper hose and reservoir tank, with water and reinstall the filler cap above the radiator upper hose.
- 2. Run the engine until it reaches normal operating temperature.
- 3. Press the engine accelerator two or three times under no-load.
- 4. Stop the engine and wait until it cools down.
- 5. Drain the water.
- Repeat steps 1 through 5 until clear water begins to drain from the radiator.

Checking Fuel Lines

Inspect the fuel lines and fuel tank for improperly attached hoses, leaks, cracks, damage, loose connections, chafing, or deterioration. If necessary, repair or replace any damaged parts.



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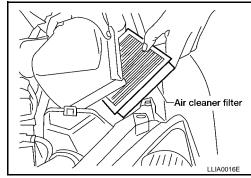
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Changing Air Cleaner Filter VISCOUS PAPER TYPE

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The viscous paper type filter does not need cleaning between specified replacement intervals. Refer to $\underline{\text{MA-7, "PERIODIC MAINTENANCE"}}$.

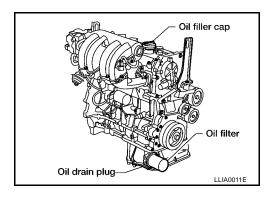


Changing Engine Oil

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WARNING:

- Be careful not to burn yourself, as the engine oil is hot.
- Prolonged and repeated contact with used engine oil may cause skin cancer; try to avoid direct skin contact with used oil. If skin contact is made, wash thoroughly with soap or hand cleaner as soon as possible.
- 1. The vehicle must be level on the hoist.
- 2. Warm up the engine, and check for oil leaks from the engine.
- 3. Stop the engine and wait at least 10 minutes.
- 4. Remove the drain plug and oil filler cap.



- 5. Drain the engine oil.
- 6. Install the drain plug and refill the engine with new engine oil.

Oil Specification and Viscosity

Refer to MA-12, "Fluids and Lubricants".

Oil Capacity (Approximate)

Unit: ℓ (US qt, Imp qt)

Drain and refill	With oil filter change	4.2 (4 1/2, 3 3/4)		
	Without oil filter change	4.0 (4 1/4, 3 1/2)		
Dry engine (engine overhaul)		4.6 (4 7/8, 4)		

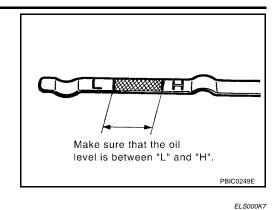
CAUTION:

• Be sure to clean the drain plug and install it with a new washer.

Oil pan drain plug : 29 - 39 N·m (3.0 - 4.0 kg-m, 22 - 29 ft-lb)

- The refill capacity depends on the oil temperature and drain time. Use these specifications for reference only.
- Always use the dipstick to determine when the proper amount of oil is in the engine.
- 7. Warm up the engine and check the area around the drain plug and oil filter for any oil leaks.
- 8. Stop the engine and wait at least 10 minutes.

Check the oil level.



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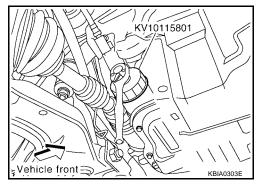
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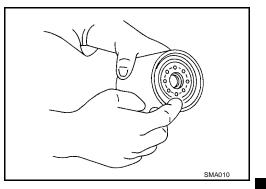
Changing Oil Filter

1. Use an oil filter wrench to remove the oil filter as shown.

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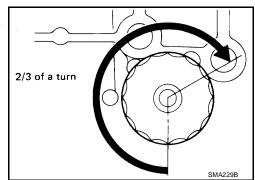
- The oil filter contains an internal relief valve.
 Use a genuine NISSAN oil filter.
- Be careful not to get burned as the engine and engine oil are hot.
- When removing the oil filter, position a shop cloth to absorb any oil leakage or spillage.
- Do not allow the engine oil to spill on the drive belts.
- Completely wipe off any oil that spills on the engine or on the vehicle.
- 2. Clean the oil filter mounting surface on the cylinder block.
 - Coat the oil filter rubber seal of new oil filter with engine oil as shown.





3. Screw the oil filter manually until it touches the engine block installation surface, then tighten it by turning another 2/3 turn, or tighten to specification.

Oil filter : 14.7 - 20.5 N-m (1.5 - 2.1 kg-m, 11 - 15 ft-lb)



- 4. Check the oil level and add engine oil as necessary.
- 5. After warming up the engine, check for engine for oil leaks, correct as necessary.

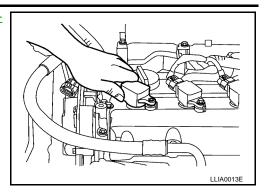
Changing Spark Plugs (Platinum - Tipped Type)

1. Remove the engine cover using power tool.

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2. Remove the ignition coils. Refer to <u>EM-29</u>, "Removal and Installation".



3. Remove the spark plugs.

4. Install the new spark plugs, check that the gap is within specification before installing. The gap is not adjustable, replace the spark plug as necessary.

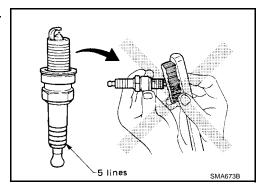
Spark plug : 20 - 29 N·m (2.0 - 3.0 kg-m, 14 - 22 ft-lb)

Gap (nominal) : 1.1 mm (0.043 in)

Spark Plug Types

Standard type	PLFR5A-11
Hot type	PLFR4A-11
Cold type	PLFR6A-11

- Use the standard type spark plug for normal driving conditions.
- The hot type spark plug is suitable (when fouling occurs with the standard type spark plug) under conditions such as:
- frequent engine starts
- low ambient temperatures
- The cold type spark plug is suitable (when engine spark knock occurs with the standard type spark plug) under conditions such as:
- extended highway driving
- frequent high engine revolution
- Do not use a wire brush for cleaning the spark plug electrode.

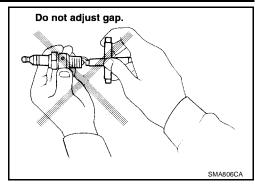


• If the spark plug electrode is covered with carbon, a spark plug cleaner may be used.

Cleaner air pressure : Less than 588 kPa (6 kg/cm², 85 psi)

Cleaning time : Less than 20 seconds

 Checking and adjusting the spark plug gap is not required between change intervals, replace the spark plug as necessary.



5. Install the ignition coils. Refer to EM-29, "Removal and Installation".

Ignition coil bolt : 5.4 - 7.3 N·m (0.55 - 0.75 kg-m, 48 - 65 in-lb)

Checking EVAP Vapor Lines

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1. Visually inspect EVAP vapor lines for improper attachment and for cracks, damage, loose connections, chafing and deterioration.

2. Inspect fuel tank filler cap vacuum relief valve for clogging and sticking.

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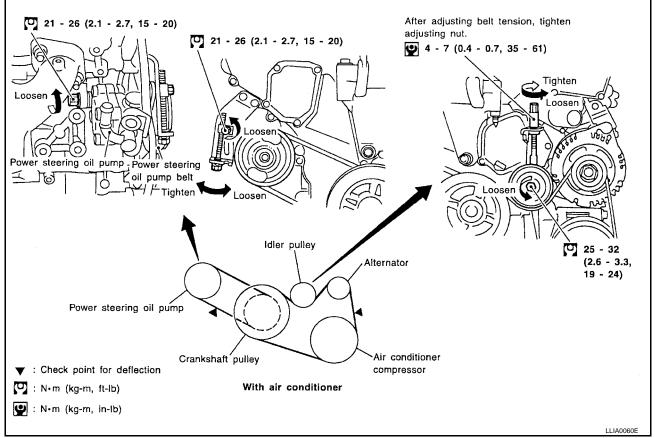
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ENGINE MAINTENANCE (VQ35DE ENGINE)

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Checking Drive Belts

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WARNING:

Inspect and check drive belts with the engine off.

- 1. Inspect belt for cracks, fraying, wear or oil adhesion. If necessary, replace with a new one.
- 2. Inspect drive belt deflections by pushing on the belt midway between pulleys.
- 3. Check belt tension using belt tension gauge (BT3373-F or equivalent).

NOTE:

- Inspect drive belt deflection and tension when the engine is cold.
- Adjust if belt deflections exceed the limit or if belt tension is not within specifications.

Belt Deflection and Tension

	Deflection adjustment		Unit: mm (in)	Tension adjustment*		Unit: N (kg, lb)
	Used belt		N. 1. 1/	Used belt		NI bla
	Limit	After adjustment	New belt	Limit	After adjustment	New belt
Alternator, Air conditioner compressor oil pump	7.0 (0.28)	4.2 - 4.6 (0.17 - 0.18)	3.7 - 4.1 (0.15 - 0.16)	294 (30, 66)	730 -818 (74.5 - 83.5, 164 - 184)	838 - 926 (85.5 - 94.5, 188 - 208)
Power steering oil pump	11.0 (0.43)	7.3 - 8.0 (0.29 - 0.32)	6.5 - 7.2 0.26 - 0.28)	196 (20, 44)	495 - 583 (50.5 - 59.5, 111.3 - 131.1)	603 - 691 (61.5 - 70.5, 135.6 - 155.4)
Applied pushing force	98 N (10 kg, 22 lb))		_	

^{*:} If belt tension gauge cannot be installed at check points shown, check drive belt tension at different location on the belt.

NOTE:

Inspect drive belt deflection and tension when the engine is cold.

Changing Engine Coolant

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WARNING:

- To avoid being scalded, never change the coolant when the engine is hot.
- Wrap a thick cloth around cap and carefully remove the cap. First, turn the cap a quarter of a turn to release built-up pressure. Then turn the cap all the way.

DRAINING ENGINE COOLANT

- 1. Remove engine undercover, using power tools.
- Open radiator drain plug at the bottom of radiator and remove the radiator filler cap. This is the only step required for a partial cooling system drain.
- 3. If removing the heater core, remove the upper heater hose from the engine coolant outlet and apply moderate air pressure of 15 psi (103.46 kPa, 1.055 kg-cm²) maximum for 30 seconds into the hose to blow out excess coolant from the core.
- 4. For a complete cooling system drain, remove the reservoir tank and drain the coolant, and then clean the reservoir tank before installation.
 - Do not allow coolant to spill on the drive belts.
- 5. When performing a complete cooling system drain (to remove the engine or for engine repair), remove the cylinder block front drain plug and the cylinder block RH drain plug.
- 6. Check the drained coolant for contaminants such as rust, corrosion or discoloration.
 - If contaminated, flush the engine cooling system. Refer to MA-24, "FLUSHING COOLING SYSTEM".

REFILLING ENGINE COOLANT

- Install the radiator drain plug. If the cooling system was drained completely, install the reservoir tank and the cylinder block drain plugs.
 - The radiator must be completely empty of coolant and water.
 - Apply sealant to the threads of the cylinder block drain plugs. Use Genuine High Performance Thread Sealant or equivalent. Refer to GI-43, "RECOMMENDED CHEMICAL PRODUCTS AND SEALANTS".

Radiator drain plug : 7.8 - 11.8 N·m (0.8 - 1.2 kg-m , 69 - 104 in-lb)

Cylinder block front drain plug : 8 - 11 N·m (0.8 - 1.2 kg-m, 70 - 104 in-lb)

Cylinder block RH drain plug : 18 - 21 N·m (1.8 - 2.2 kg-m, 13 - 15 ft-lb)

- 2. If disconnected, reattach the upper radiator hose at the engine side.
- 3. Set the vehicle heater controls to the full HOT and heater ON position. Turn the vehicle ignition ON with the engine OFF as necessary to activate the heater mode.

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- Install the Tool by installing the radiator cap adapter onto the radiator neck opening. Then attach the gauge body assembly with the refill tube and the venturi assembly to the radiator cap adapter.
- Insert the refill hose into the coolant mixture container that is placed at floor level. Make sure the ball valve is in the closed position.
 - Use Genuine NISSAN Long Life Anti-freeze coolant or equivalent, mixed 50/50 with distilled water or demineralized water. Refer to MA-13, "ANTI-FREEZE COOLANT MIXTURE RATIO".

Engine coolant capacity : 7.5 ℓ (7 7/8 US qt, (without reservoir tank) 6 5/8 Imp qt)

Reservoir tank : 0.7 ℓ (3/4 US qt,

5/8 Imp qt)

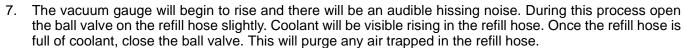
Install an air hose to the venturi assembly, the air pressure must be within specification.

> Compressed air : 5.7 - 8.5 kPa (5.6 - 8.4 kg/cm² supply pressure

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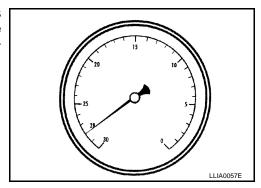
The compressed air supply must be equipped with an air

, 80 - 120 psi)



Continue to draw the vacuum until the gauge reaches 28 inches of vacuum. The gauge may not reach 28 inches in high altitude locations, refer to the vacuum specifications based on the altitude above sea level.

> Altitude above sea level Vacuum gauge reading 0 - 100 m (328 ft) : 28 inches of vacuum 300 m (984 ft) : 27 inches of vacuum 500 m (1,641 ft) : 26 inches of vacuum : 24 - 25 inches of vacuum 1,000 m (3,281 ft)



Venturi assembly (part of J-45695)

Radiator cap adapter (part

of J-45695)

Radiator

Gauge body assembly (part of J-45695)

Ball valve

(part of J-45695)

Refill hose

(part of J-45695)

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- 9. When the vacuum gauge has reached the specified amount, disconnect the air hose and wait 20 seconds to see if the system loses any vacuum. If the vacuum level drops, perform any necessary repairs to the system and repeat steps 6 - 8 to bring the vacuum to the specified amount. Recheck for any leaks.
- 10. Place the coolant container (with the refill hose inserted) at the same level as the top of the radiator. Then open the ball valve on the refill hose so the coolant will be drawn up to fill the cooling system. The cooling system is full when the vacuum gauge reads zero.

Do not allow the coolant container to get too low when filling, to avoid air from being drawn into the cooling system.

- 11. Remove the Tool from the radiator neck opening.
- 12. Fill the cooling system reservoir tank to the specified level and install the radiator cap. Run the engine to warm up the cooling system and top up the system as necessary.

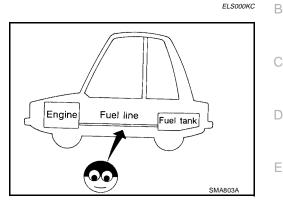
FLUSHING COOLING SYSTEM

- Fill the radiator from the filler neck above the radiator upper hose and reservoir tank with clean water and reinstall radiator filler cap.
- 2. Run the engine and warm it up to normal operating temperature.
- Rev the engine two or three times under no-load.

- 4. Stop the engine and wait until it cools down.
- 5. Drain the water from the system. Refer to MA-23, "DRAINING ENGINE COOLANT".
- 6. Repeat steps 1 through 5 until clear water begins to drain from the radiator.

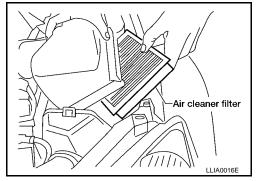
Checking Fuel Lines

Inspect the fuel lines and fuel tank for improper hose attachment, leaks, cracks, damage, loose connections, chafing, or deterioration. If necessary, repair or replace faulty parts.



Changing Air Cleaner Filter VISCOUS PAPER TYPE

The viscous paper type filter does not need cleaning between replacement intervals. Refer to MA-7, "PERIODIC MAINTENANCE"



Changing Engine Oil

WARNING:

- Be careful not to burn yourself, as the engine oil is hot.
- Prolonged and repeated contact with used engine oil may cause skin cancer; try to avoid direct skin contact with used oil. If skin contact is made, wash thoroughly with soap or hand cleaner as soon as possible.
- 1. Position the vehicle so it is level on the hoist.
- 2. Warm up the engine, and check for oil leaks from the engine.
- 3. Stop the engine and wait at least 10 minutes.
- 4. Remove the oil drain plug and oil filler cap.
- Drain the engine oil.
- 6. Install the oil drain plug and refill the engine with new engine oil.

Oil Specification and Viscosity

Refer to MA-12, "Fluids and Lubricants".

Oil Capacity (Approximate)

Oil drain plug

Oil filter

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Unit: (! (US	qt,	Imp	qt)
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Drain and refill	With oil filter change	4.0 (4 1/4, 3 1/2)	
	Without oil filter change	3.7 (3 7/8, 3 1/4)	
Dry engine (engine overhaul)		5.0 (5 1/4, 4 3/8)	

CAUTION:

Be sure to clean the drain plug and install using a new washer.

Oil pan drain plug: : 29 - 39 N·m (3.0 - 4.0 kg-m, 22 - 29 ft-lb)

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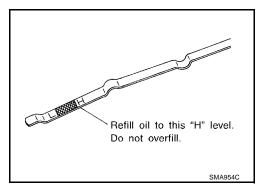
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- The refill oil capacity depends on the oil temperature and drain time. Use these specifications for reference only.
- Always use the dipstick to determine when the proper amount of oil is in the engine.
- 7. Warm up the engine and check the oil drain plug and oil filter for oil leaks.
- 8. Stop engine and wait at least 10 minutes.
- 9. Check engine oil level.



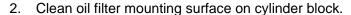
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Changing Oil Filter

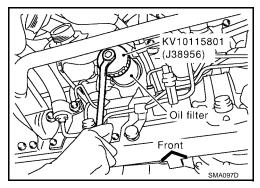
1. Using an oil filter wrench, remove the oil filter.

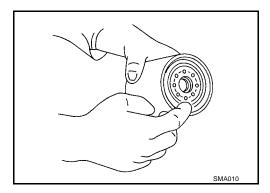
CAUTION:

- The oil filter is provided with a relief valve.
 Use genuine NISSAN oil filter.
- Be careful not to get burned when the engine and engine oil are hot.
- When removing, prepare a shop cloth to absorb any oil leakage or spillage.
- Do not allow engine oil to adhere to the drive belts.
- Completely wipe off any oil that adheres to the engine and the vehicle.



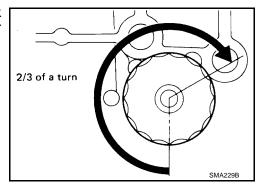
• Coat rubber seal of new oil filter with engine oil.





 Screw the oil filter manually until it touches the engine block installation surface, then tighten it by turning another 2/3 turn, or tighten to specification.

Oil filter : 14.7 - 20.5 N·m (1.5 - 2.1 kg-m, 11 - 15 ft-lb)



- 4. Check engine oil level and add engine oil as necessary.
- 5. After warming up the engine, check for engine oil leaks, correct as necessary.

Changing Spark Plugs (Platinum - Tipped Type)

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Remove the engine cover using power tool.

- 2. Remove the intake manifold collector. Refer to EM-122, "REMOVAL".
- Remove the ignition coils. Refer to EM-136, "Removal and Installation". 3.
- Remove the spark plugs.
- Install the new spark plugs. Check the gap before installing the new spark, the gap is not adjustable, replace the spark plug as necessary.

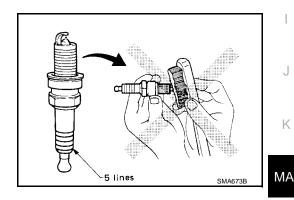
: 20 - 29 N·m (2.0 - 3.0 kg-m, 14 - 22 ft-lb) Spark plug

Gap (nominal) : 1.1 mm (0.043 in)

Spark Plug Types

Standard type	PLFR5A-11
Hot type	PLFR4A-11
Cold type	PLFR6A-11

- Use the standard type spark plugs for normal driving conditions.
- The hot type spark plug is suitable when fouling occurs with the standard type spark plug under conditions such as:
- frequent engine starts
- low ambient temperatures
- The cold type spark plug is suitable when spark knock occurs with the standard type spark plug under conditions such as:
- extended highway driving
- frequent high engine revolution
- Do not use a wire brush for cleaning the spark plug tip.

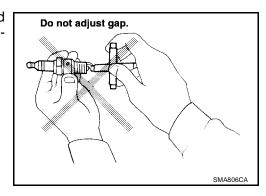


If the spark plug tip is covered with carbon, a spark plug cleaner may be used.

Cleaner air pressure : Less than 588 kPa (6 kg/cm², 85 psi)

: Less than 20 seconds Cleaning time

 Checking and adjusting the spark plug gap is not required between change intervals, replace the spark plug as necessary.



Install the ignition coils. Refer to EM-136, "Removal and Installation".

Ignition coil bolt : 6.37 - 7.54 N·m (0.65 - 0.77 kg-m, 56 - 67 in-lb)

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Checking EVAP Vapor Lines

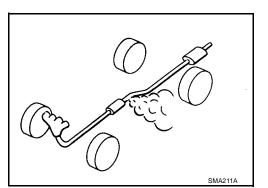
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- 1. Visually inspect EVAP vapor lines for improper attachment and for cracks, damage, loose connections, chafing and deterioration.
- 2. Inspect fuel tank filler cap vacuum relief valve for clogging, and sticking.

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Checking Exhaust System

Check the exhaust pipes, muffler, and exhaust mounts for improper attachment, leaks, cracks, damage, chafing, or deterioration.



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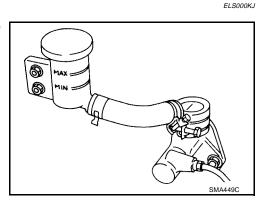
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Checking Clutch Fluid Level and Leaks

If the clutch fluid level is extremely low or below the "MIN" level in the reservoir, check the clutch system for leaks.

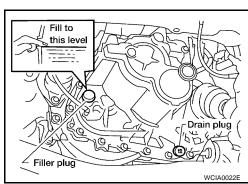


Checking M/T Oil

Check for oil leaks. Check that the oil level is at the correct level through the filler plug hole as shown.

Never start the engine while checking the oil level.

Filler plug : 30 - 39 N·m (3.1 - 4.0 kg-m, 23 - 28 ft-lb)



Changing M/T Oil

- Drain the oil by removing the drain plug.
- Install the drain plug using a new washer.

Drain plug : 30 - 39 N·m (3.1 - 4.0 kg-m, 23 - 28 ft-lb)

3. Remove the filler plug and fill the transaxle with new gear oil through the filler plug hole. Check the oil level as shown.

Oil grade and viscosity : Refer to MA-12, "Fluids and

Lubricants".

Capacity (RS5F51A) : 2.3 ℓ (2 3/8 US qt, 2 Imp qt)

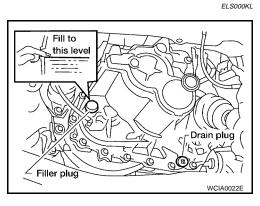
4. Install the filler plug using a new washer.

Filler plug : 30 - 39 N·m (3.1 - 4.0 kg-m, 23 - 28 ft-lb)

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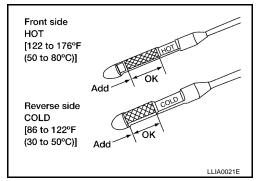
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Checking A/T Fluid

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- 1. Warm up the engine.
- 2. Check for any transaxle fluid leaks.
- 3. Before driving, the fluid level can be checked at fluid temperatures of 30° 50°C (86° 122°F) using the "COLD" range on the A/T fluid level gauge.



Stopper

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charging pipe SMA051D

A/T fluid

(when fixing)

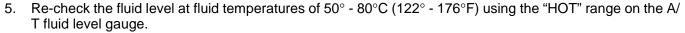
(when releasing)

- a. Park the vehicle on a level surface and set parking brake.
- b. Start the engine and move the transaxle selector lever through each gear position. Leave the selector lever in the "P" park position.
- c. Check the fluid level with the engine idling.
- d. Remove the A/T fluid level gauge and wipe it clean with a lint-free paper.
- e. Re-insert the A/T fluid level gauge into the charging pipe as far as it will go.
- f. Remove the A/T fluid level gauge and note the reading. If the reading is at or below the low side of the range, add the necessary specified A/T fluid through the A/T fluid charging pipe.

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Do not overfill the transaxle.





CAUTION:

Firmly fix the A/T fluid level gauge into the A/T fluid charging pipe using the attached stopper, this will provide an accurate reading on the gauge, and will keep the gauge in position while driving.

- 6. Check the fluid for the following conditions:
- If the fluid is very dark or smells burned, refer to the AT section for checking the operation of the transaxle. Flush the cooling system after repairing the transaxle.
- If the fluid contains frictional material (from the clutches or bands), replace the radiator and flush the cooler lines using a cleaning solvent and compressed air after completing repairs to the transaxle. Refer to <u>CO-31</u>, "<u>RADIATOR</u>".



A/T fluid level

gauge

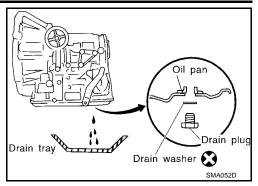
Changing A/T Fluid

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- Run the engine to warm up the transaxle until the fluid is at full operating temperature of 50° 80°C (122° 176°F).
- 2. Stop the engine.

3. Drain the A/T fluid by removing the drain plug. Reinstall the drain plug to the specified tightness using a new drain washer.

Drain plug : 29 - 39 N·m (3.0 - 4.0 kg-m, 22 - 29 ft-lb)



4. Refill the transaxle with new specified A/T fluid through the A/T fluid charging pipe. Always refill the transaxle with the same volume amount that was drained out.

CAUTION:

Do not overfill the transaxle.

Fluid grade :NISSAN Matic "D" (Continental U.S. and Alaska) or Canada

NISSAN Automatic Transmission Fluid Refer to MA-12, "REC-

OMMENDED FLUIDS AND LUBRICANTS".

Fluid capacity (with torque converter)
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: 9.2 ℓ (9 3/4 US qt, 8 1/8 Imp qt)

5. Run the engine at idle speed for five minutes.

6. Check fluid level and condition. Refer to MA-30, "Checking A/T Fluid" . If the fluid is still contaminated, repeat step 2 through 5.

Balancing Wheels (Bonding Weight Type) REMOVAL

1. Remove the inner and outer balance weights from the road wheel.

CAUTION:

Be careful not to scratch the road wheel during removal.

2. Use a releasing agent to remove the double-faced adhesive tape from the road wheel.

CAUTION:

- Be careful not to scratch the road wheel during removal.
- After removing the double-faced adhesive tape, wipe off any traces of the releasing agent from the road wheel.

WHEEL BALANCE ADJUSTMENT

NOTE:

If a tire balance machine has an adhesion balance weight mode setting and drive-in weight mode setting, select and adjust in the drive-in weight mode suitable for the road wheels.

1. Set the road wheel on the wheel balancer using the center hole as a guide. Start the tire balance machine.

When the inner and outer unbalance values are shown on the wheel balancer indicator, multiply outer unbalance value by 1.6 to determine balance weight that should be used. Select the outer balance weight with a value closest to the calculated value, then install it at the designated outer position of, or at the designated angle position on the road wheel.

Outer balance weight calculation:

Indicated unbalance value \times 1.6 = outer balance weight

Calculation example:

23 g $(0.81 \text{ oz}) \times 1.6 = 38.33 \text{ g} (1.35 \text{ oz}) = 40 \text{ g} (1.41 \text{ oz})$ outer balance weight (closer to calculated balance weight value)

NOTE:

The selected balance weight value must be the closest balance weight available to the calculated balance weight value.

Example:

Inner side

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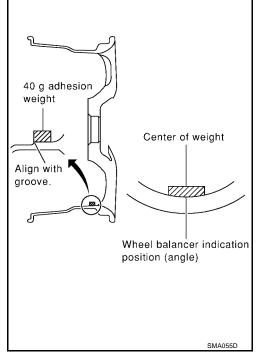
37.4 = 35 g (1.23 oz)37.5 = 40 g (1.41 oz)

CAUTION:

- Do not install the inner balance weight before installing the outer balance weight.
- Before installing the balance weight, be sure to clean the mating surface of the road wheel.
- a. Install the balance weight in the position as shown.
- b. When installing the balance weight to the road wheels, set it into the grooved area on the inner wall of the road wheel as shown, so that the balance weight center is aligned with the wheel balancer indication position (angle).

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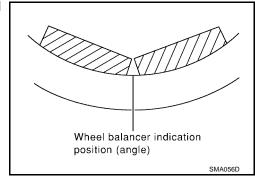
- Always use genuine NISSAN adhesion balance weights.
- Balance weights are not reusable; always replace with new ones.
- Do not install more than three sheets of balance weight.



 If calculated balance weight value exceeds 50 g (1.76 oz), install two balance weight sheets in line with each other.

CAUTION:

Do not install one balance weight sheet on top of another.



- Start the wheel balancer.
- 4. Install the drive-in balance weight on the inner side of the road wheel in the wheel balancer indication position (angle).

CAUTION:

Do not install more than two balance weights in one position (angle).

- 5. Start the wheel balancer. Make sure that the inner and outer residual unbalance values are 10 g (0.35 oz) each or less.
 - If either residual unbalance value exceeds 10 g (0.35 oz), repeat the installation procedures.

Wheel balance (maximum allowable unbalance):

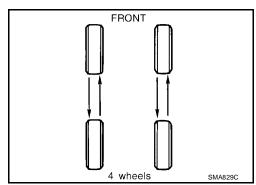
Maximum allowable unbalance	Dynamic (at rim flange)	10 g (0.35 oz) (one side)	
Waximum allowable unbalance	Static	20 g (0.71 oz)	

Tire Rotation

After rotating the tires as shown, adjust the tire pressure to specification.

 Retighten the wheel nuts after the vehicle has been driven the first 1,000 km (600 miles). Also retighten the wheel nuts after a flat tire repair, or any type of service where the wheels have been removed and installed.

Wheel nuts : 98 - 117 N·m (10 - 12 kg-m, 73 - 86 ft-lb)



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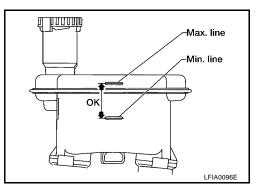
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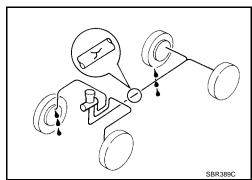
Checking Brake Fluid Level and Leaks

- Check the brake fluid level in the reservoir tank. It should be between the "MAX" and "MIN" lines on the reservoir tank.
- If the brake fluid level is extremely low or below the "MIN" level, check the brake system for leaks.
- Release the parking brake lever and check that the brake warning lamp goes off. If not, check the brake system for leaks.



Checking Brake Lines and Cables

Check the brake fluid lines and parking brake cables for improper attachment, leaks, chafing, abrasions, deterioration, and damage. Repair or replace parts as necessary.



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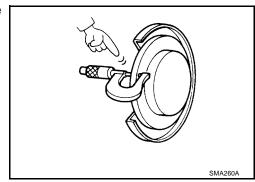
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Checking Disc Brake ROTOR

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Check the rotor condition and thickness. Resurface or replace the rotor as necessary.



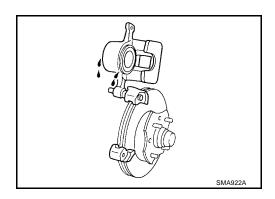
Brake Rotor Specifications

Unit: mm (in)

	Front	Rear
Brake model	CLZ25VD	AD9V
Standard thickness	26 (1.02)	9 (0.35)
Maximum runout	0.07 (0.0028)	0.07 (0.0028)
Minimum thickness (Wear limit)	22.0 (0.866)	8.0 (0.315)

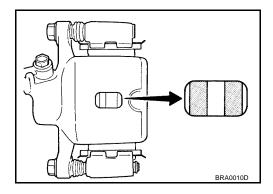
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Check the caliper for leakage.



PAD

Check the brake pads for wear or damage.



Brake Pad Specifications

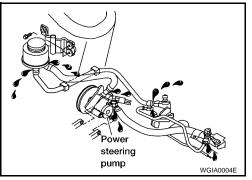
Unit: mm (in)

	Front brake pad	Rear brake pad
Brake model	CLZ25VD	AD9V
Standard thickness	11 (0.43)	10 (0.39)
Minimum thickness (wear limit)	2.0 (0.079)	1.5 (0.059)

Checking Steering Gear and Linkage STEERING GEAR

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- Check the gear housing and boots for looseness, damage and power steering fluid leaks.
- Check the power steering hose connections for leaks.
- Check the steering column for looseness.



STEERING LINKAGE

Check the ball joint, dust cover and other component parts for looseness, wear, damage and grease leakage.

Checking Power Steering Fluid and Lines

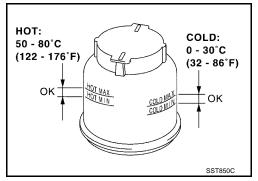
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Check the power steering fluid level in the reservoir tank with the engine off.

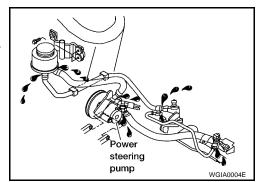
Use the "HOT" range at fluid temperatures of 50° - 80° C (122° - 176° F) or the "COLD" range at fluid temperatures of 0° - 30° C (32° - 86° F).

CAUTION:

Do not overfill the power steering reservoir tank.



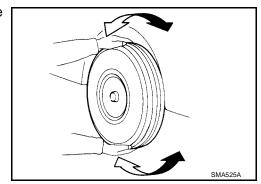
- Use the recommended power steering fluid, Genuine NISSAN PSF or equivalent.
 Refer to MA-12, "RECOMMENDED FLUIDS AND LUBRICANTS".
- Check the power steering hoses for improper attachment, leaks, cracks, damage, loose connections, chafing and deterioration.
- Check the steering rack boots for accumulation of power steering fluid indicating an internal leak.



Axle and Suspension Parts

Check the front and rear axle and suspension parts for excessive play, cracks, wear, or other damage.

- Shake each wheel as shown to check for excessive play.
- Rotate each wheel to check for abnormal noise.



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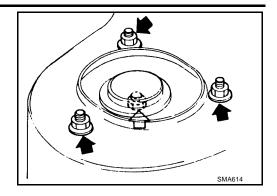
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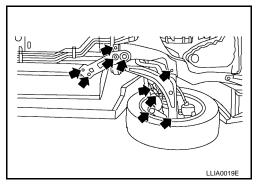
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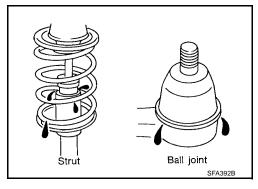
Check the strut mount nuts for looseness.



Check the axle and suspension nuts and bolts for looseness.



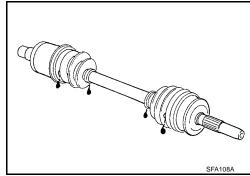
- Check the struts for oil leakage or other damage.
- Check suspension ball joint for grease leakage and ball joint dust cover for cracks or other damage.



Drive Shaft

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 Check the boot and drive shaft for cracks, wear, damage and grease leakage as shown.



Lubricating Locks, Hinges and Hood Latch



Checking Seat Belts, Buckles, Retractors, Anchors and Adjusters

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CAUTION:

 After any collision, inspect all seat belt assemblies, including retractors and other attached hardwares (i.e. anchor bolt, guide rail set). Nissan recommends to replace all seat belt assemblies in use during a collision, unless not damaged and properly operating after minor collision. Also inspect seat belt assemblies not in use during a collision, and replace if damaged or improperly operating. Seat belt pre-tensioner should be replaced even if the seat belts are not in use during a frontal collision where the driver and passenger air bags are deployed.

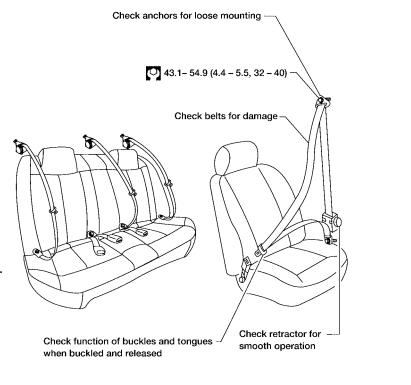
- If any component of seat belt assembly is questionable, do not repair. Replace as seat belt assembly.
- If webbing is cut, frayed, or damaged, replace belt assembly.
- Never oil tongue and buckle.
- Use a genuine NISSAN seat belt assembly.

For details, refer to "Seat Belt Inspection" in SB section.

Anchor bolt

43.1 - 54.9 (4.4 - 5.5, 32 - 40)

N·m (kg-m, ft-lb)



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Engine Maintenance (QR25DE) SPARK PLUGS (PLATINUM - TIPPED TYPE)

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	Standard	PLFR5A-11
Type	Hot	PLFR4A-11
	Cold	PLFR6A-11
Plug gap		Nominal: 1.1 mm (0.043 in)

BELT DEFLECTION AND TENSION

Tension of drive belts		Auto-adjustment by auto tensioner	
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	Standard	PLFR5A-11	
Туре	Hot	PLFR4A-11	
	Cold	PLFR6A-11	

BELT DEFLECTION AND TENSION

Plug gap

	Deflection adjust	ment	Unit: mm (in)	Tension adjustme	ent	Unit: N (kg, lb)
	Used belt		Now bolt	Used belt		New belt
	Limit	After adjustment	New belt	Limit	After adjustment	new beit
Alternator, Air conditioner compressor	7.0 (0.28)	4.2 - 4.6 (0.17 - 0.18)	3.7 - 4.1 (0.15 - 0.16)	294 (30, 66)	730 - 818 (74.5 - 83.5, 164 - 184)	838 - 926 (85.5 - 94.5, 188 - 208)
Power steering oil pump	11.0 (0.43)	7.3 - 8.0 (0.29 - 0.32)	6.5 - 7.2 (0.26 - 0.28)	196 (20, 44)	495 - 583 (50.5 - 59.5, 111.3 - 131.1)	603 - 691 (61.5 - 70.5, 135.6 - 155.4)

Chassis and Body Maintenance WHEEL BALANCE

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Nominal: 1.1 mm (0.043 in)

Maximum allowable unbalance	Dynamic (at rim flange) g (oz)	10 (0.35) (one side)	
waxiinum allowable unbalance	Static g (oz)	20 (0.71)	