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Caution

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Observe the following precautions when disassembling and servicing drive shaft.

- Perform work in a location which is as dust-free as possible.
- Before disassembling and servicing, clean the outside of parts.
- Prevention of the entry of foreign objects must be taken into account during disassembly of the service location.
- Disassembled parts must be carefully reassembled in the correct order. If work is interrupted, a clean cover must be placed over parts.
- Paper shop cloths must be used. Fabric shop cloths must not be used because of the danger of lint adhering to parts.
- Disassembled parts (except for rubber parts) should be cleaned with kerosene which shall be removed by blowing with air or wiping with paper shop cloths.

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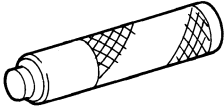
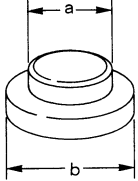
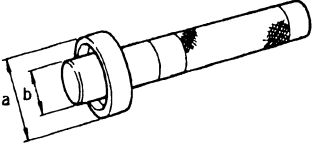
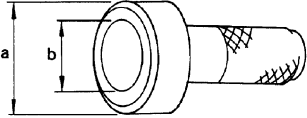
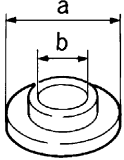
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Special Service Tool

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

Tool number (Kent-Moore No.) Tool name	Description
ST33251000 (—) Drift  ZZA0982D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removing wheel hub • Removing wheel bearing outer side inner race • Installing wheel hub • Inspection of wheel bearing rotating torque
ST35300000 (—) Drift a: 45 mm (1.77 in) dia. b: 59 mm (2.32 in) dia.  ZZA0881D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installing wheel hub • Inspection of wheel bearing rotating torque
KV40100900 (—) Drift a: 52 mm (2.05 in) dia. b: —  ZZA0539D	Wheel bearing rotating torque inspection
KV38100500 (—) Drift a: 80 mm (3.15 in) dia. b: 60 mm (2.36 in) dia.  ZZA0701D	Installing drive shaft plug
KV38102200 (—) Drift a: 90 mm (3.54 in) dia. b: 31 mm (1.22 in) dia.  ZZA0920D	Installing drive shaft plug

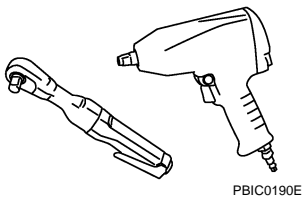
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Commercial Service Tool

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Tool name	Description
Power tool  PBIC0190E	Loosening bolts and nuts

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NOISE, VIBRATION AND HARSHNESS (NVH) TROUBLESHOOTING

NVH Troubleshooting Chart

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

Reference page		Possible cause and SUSPECTED PARTS													
		Excessive joint angle	Joint sliding resistance	Imbalance	Improper installation, looseness	Parts interference	PROPELLER SHAFT	DIFFERENTIAL	REAR AXLE AND REAR SUSPENSION	REAR AXLE	TIRE	ROAD WHEEL	DRIVE SHAFT	BRAKE	STEERING
DRIVE SHAFT	Noise	x	x				x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
	Shake	x		x			x		x	x	x		x	x	
REAR AXLE	Noise				x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	
	Shake				x	x	x		x		x	x	x	x	
	Vibration				x	x	x		x		x		x		x
	Shimmy				x	x			x		x	x		x	x
	Judder				x				x		x	x		x	x
	Poor quality ride or handling				x	x			x		x	x			

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9. Remove parking brake cable and parking brake shoe from back plate. Refer to [PB-6](#) and [PB-4](#).
10. Remove fixing nuts of anchor block with power tool, then remove anchor block and back plate from axle.
11. Loosen fixing bolts and nuts of front lower link, radius rod, and rear lower link in side of suspension member.
12. Set jack under rear lower link. Then remove fixing bolt in front lower link side of shock absorber with power tool.
13. Remove bolt and nut in axle side of rear lower link with power tool. Then remove coil spring. Refer to [RSU-15](#).
14. Remove fixing bolts and nuts in axle side of front lower link, radius rod with power tool.
15. Remove suspension arm and cotter pin at axle, then loosen mounting nut.
16. Use a ball joint remover (suitable tool) to remove suspension arm from axle. Be careful not to damage ball joint boot.
CAUTION:
Tighten temporarily mounting nut to prevent damage to threads and to prevent ball joint remover (suitable tool) from coming off.
17. Remove axle from vehicle.

INSPECTION AFTER REMOVAL

Check for deformity, cracks and damage on each parts, replace if necessary.

Ball Joint Inspection

Check for boot breakage, axial looseness, and torque of suspension arm ball joint. Refer to [RSU-11. "Removal and Installation"](#).

INSTALLATION

- Refer to "Removal and Installation" for tightening torque. Install in the reverse order of removal.
NOTE:
Refer to component parts location and do not reuse non-reusable parts.
- Perform final tightening of installation position of suspension links (rubber bushing) under unladen conditions with tires on level ground, Check wheel alignment. Refer to [RSU-5. "Wheel Alignment Inspection"](#).
- After adjusting wheel alignment, adjust neutral position of steering angle sensor. Refer to [BRC-8. "Adjustment of Steering Angle Sensor Neutral Position"](#).

Disassembly and Assembly

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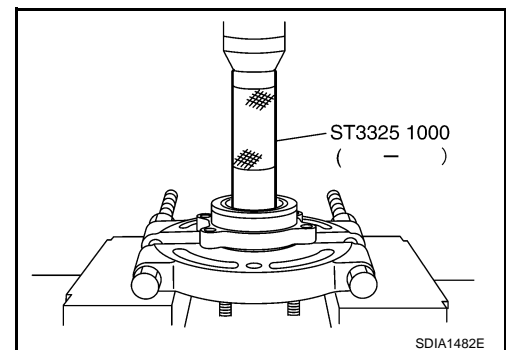
DISASSEMBLY

Wheel Bearing

CAUTION:

Do not disassemble if wheel bearing has no trouble.

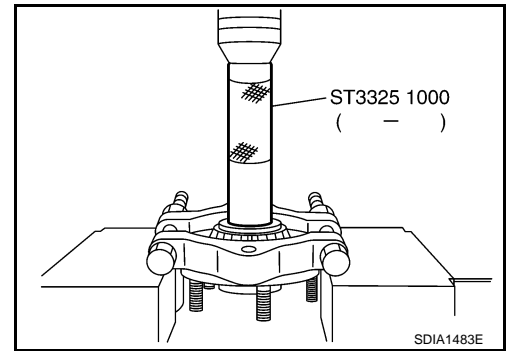
1. Remove wheel bearing fixing bolts and anchor block fixing nuts, and remove wheel hub and bearing assembly, back plate and anchor block from axle.
2. Using a drift (SST) and a puller (suitable tool), press wheel hub out to remove from wheel bearing.



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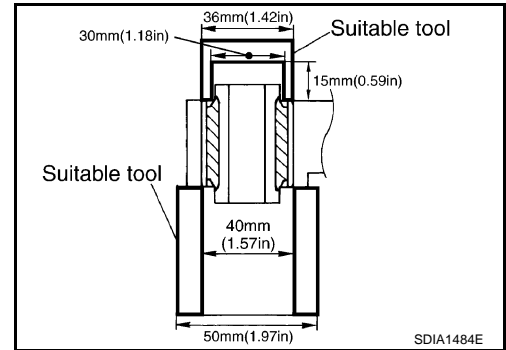
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- Using a drift (SST) and a puller (suitable tool), press wheel bearing outer side inner race out to remove from wheel hub.



Bushing

Using a suitable drift, remove each bushing from axle.



INSPECTION AFTER DISASSEMBLY

Check for deformity, cracks and damage of each parts, replace if necessary.

Wheel Hub

Inspect wheel hub for deformation, cracks, and other damage. If any irregular conditions are found, replace wheel hub.

Axle

Inspect axle for deformation, cracks, and other damage. If any irregular conditions are found, replace axle.

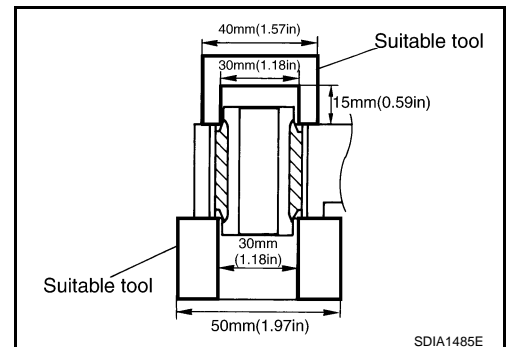
Back Plate

Inspect back plate for deformation, cracks, and other damage. If any irregular conditions are found, replace back plate.

ASSEMBLY

Bushing

Using a suitable drift to install each bushing onto axle.



Wheel Bearing

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1. Press fit a wheel hub into wheel bearing with a drift (SST).

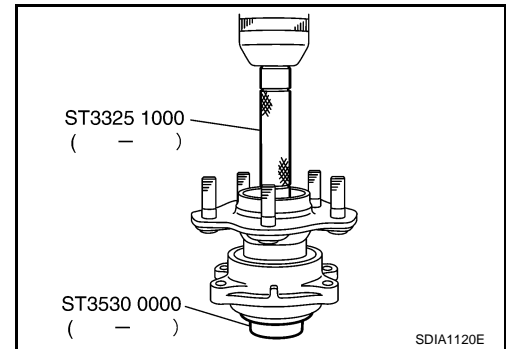
CAUTION:

- Press fit a drift (SST) while holding it against wheel bearing inner side inner race.
- Wheel bearing cannot be reused. Do not attempt to reuse it.

NOTE:

Final press load guideline 49,033 N (5,000 kg, 11,000 lb)

2. Install back plate and wheel hub and bearing assembly.
3. Install anchor block onto axle.



INSPECTION AFTER ASSEMBLY

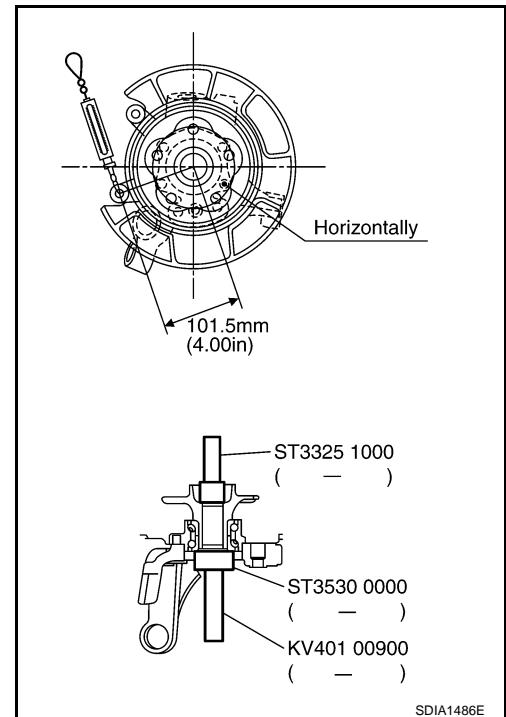
1. With wheel bearing pressed into axle housing, apply 49,033 N (5,000 kg, 11,000 lb) to wheel hub and rotate both clockwise and counterclockwise 10 times to minimize resistance.
2. Attach spring scale in the position shown in illustration and pull at a rate of 10 ± 2 rpm to measure rotating torque.

Rotating torque:

Less than 2.7 N-m (0.28 kg-m, 24 in-lb)

Spring scale reading:

Less than 26.6 N (2.7 kg, 5.97 lb)



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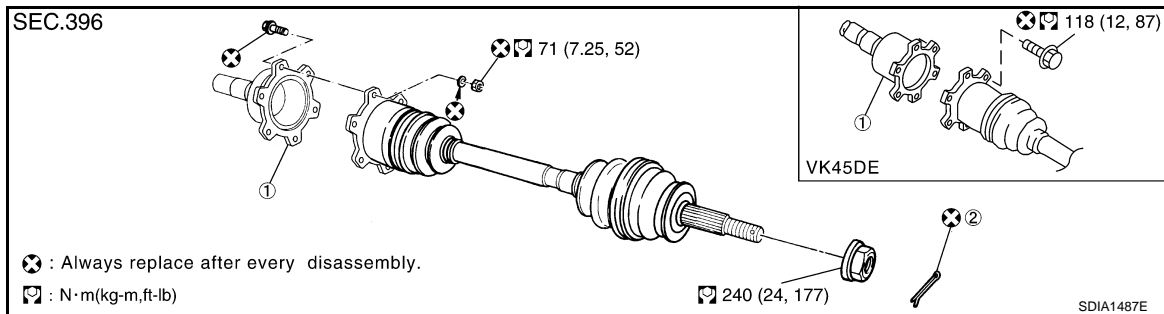
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Removal and Installation

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COMPONENTS



1. Side flange

2. Cotter pin

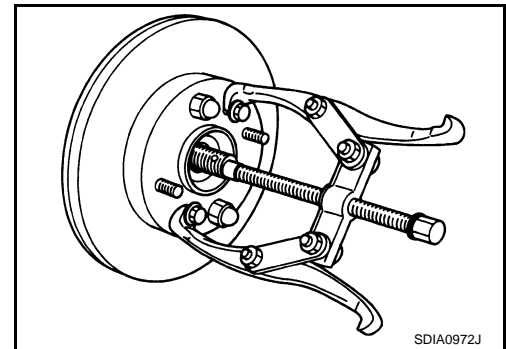
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1. Remove tires from vehicle with power tool.
2. Remove cotter pin. Then remove lock nut from drive shaft.
3. Remove fixing nuts and bolts between side flange and drive shaft with power tool.
4. Using a puller (suitable tool), remove drive shaft from steering knuckle.

CAUTION:

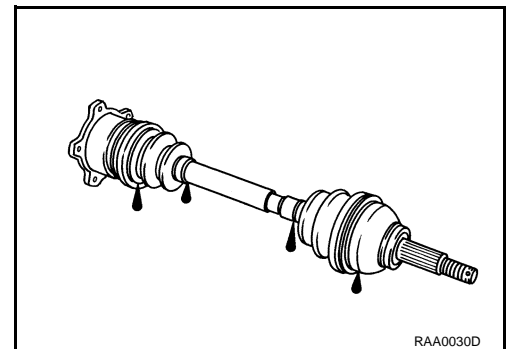
When removing drive shaft, do not apply an excessive angle to drive shaft joint. Also be careful not to excessively extend slide joint.

5. Remove drive shaft from axle.



INSPECTION AFTER REMOVAL

- Move joint up/down, left/right, and in the axial direction. Check for any rough movement or significant looseness.
- Check boot for cracks or other damage, and also for grease leakage.
- If a trouble is found, disassemble drive shaft, and then replace with new one.



INSTALLATION

Refer to "Removal and Installation" for tightening torque. Install in the reverse order of removal.

NOTE:

Refer to component parts location and do not reuse non-reusable parts.

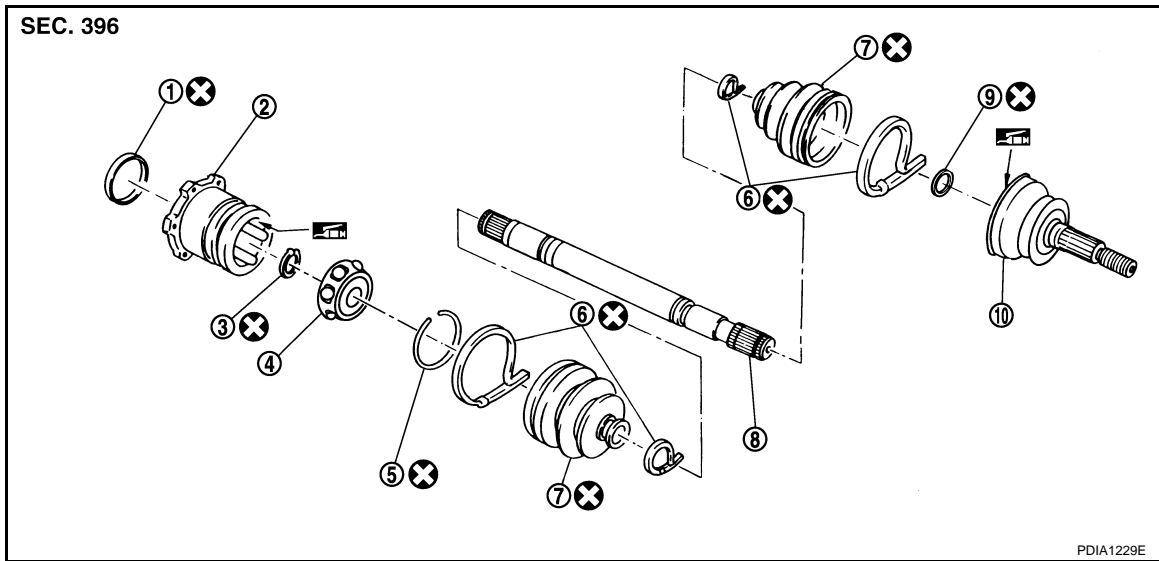
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COMPONENTS


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| 1. Plug | 2. Housing | 3. Snap ring |
| 4. Ball cage/Steel ball/Inner race assembly | 5. Stopper ring | 6. Boot band |
| 7. Boot | 8. Shaft | 9. Circular clip |
| 10. Joint sub-assembly | | |

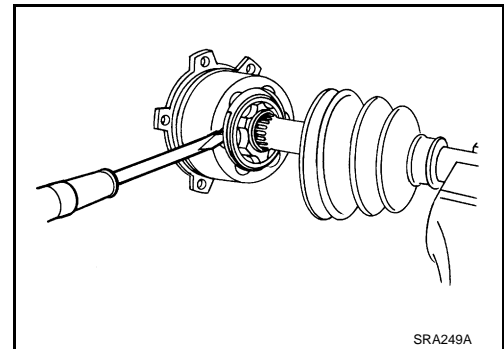
Refer to [GI-8, "Component"](#), for the symbols in the figure.

: Apply Nissan genuine grease or equivalent.

DISASSEMBLY

Final Drive Side

1. Press shaft in a vice.
CAUTION:
When retaining drive shaft in a vise, always use copper or aluminum plates between vise and shaft.
2. Remove boot bands.
3. If plug needs to be removed, move boot to wheel side, and drive it out with a plastic hammer.
4. Remove stopper ring with a flat-bladed screwdriver, and pull out housing.

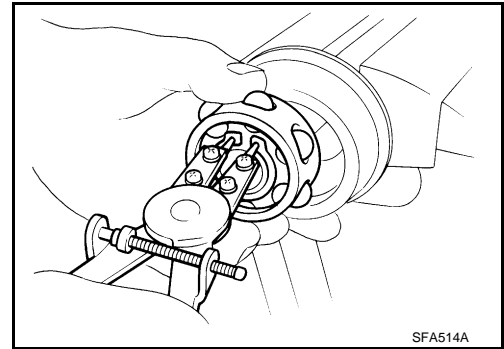


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5. Remove snap ring, then remove ball cage/steel ball/inner race assembly from shaft.
6. Remove boot from shaft.
7. Remove old grease on housing with paper towels.



Wheel Side

1. Place shaft in a vice.

CAUTION:

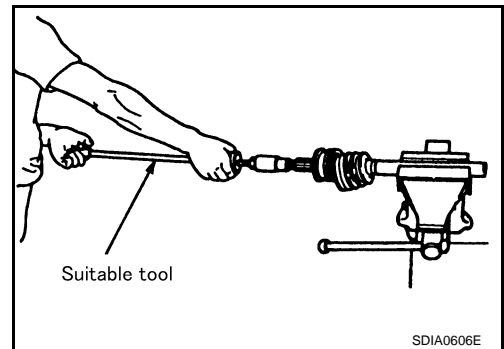
When retaining drive shaft in a vise, always use copper or aluminum plates between vise and shaft.

2. Remove boot bands. Then remove boot from joint sub-assembly.
3. Screw a drive shaft puller 30 mm (1.18 in) or more into threaded part of joint sub-assembly. Pull joint sub-assembly out of shaft.

CAUTION:

- If joint sub-assembly cannot be removed after five or more unsuccessful attempts, replace shaft and joint sub-assembly as a set.
- Align sliding hammer and drive shaft and remove them by pulling directly.

4. Remove boot from shaft.
5. Remove circular clip from shaft.
6. While rotating ball cage, remove old grease on joint sub-assembly with paper towels.



INSPECTION AFTER DISASSEMBLY

Shaft

Replace shaft if there is any runout, cracking, or other damage.

Joint Sub-Assembly

- Make sure there is no rough rotation or unusual axial looseness.
- Make sure there is no foreign material inside joint.
- Check joint sub-assembly for compression scars, cracks, or fractures.

CAUTION:

If there are any irregular conditions of joint sub-assembly components, replace the entire joint sub-assembly.

Sliding Joint Side (Housing)

- Make sure there are no compression scars, cracks, fractures or unusual wear of ball rolling surface.
- Make sure there is no damage to shaft screws.
- Make sure there is no deformation of boot installation parts.

Ball Cage

Make sure there are no compression scars, cracks, fractures of sliding surface.

Steel Ball

Make sure there are no compression scars, cracks, fractures or unusual wear.

Inner Race

- Check ball sliding surface for compression scars, cracks, or fractures.
- Make sure there is no damage to serrated part.

CAUTION:

If there are any irregular conditions in the component, replace with a new set of housing, ball cage, steel ball and inner race.

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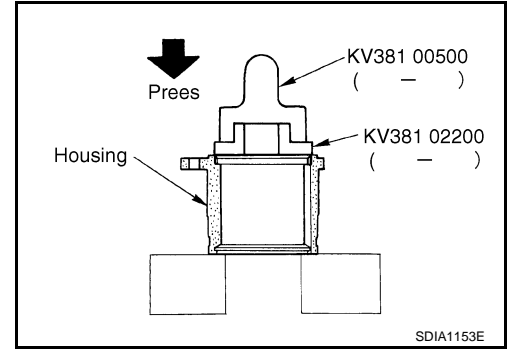
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1. If plug has been removed, use a drift (SST) to press in a new one.

NOTE:

Discard old plug; replace with new one.

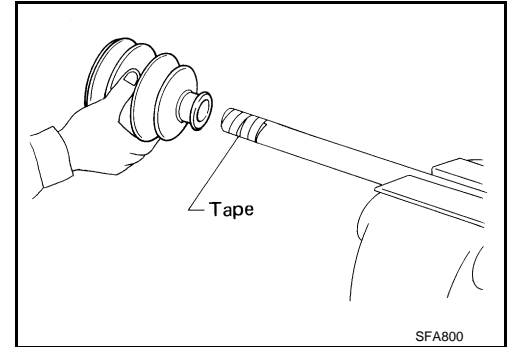


2. Wind serrated part of shaft with tape. Install boot band and boot to shaft. Be careful not to damage boot.

NOTE:

Discard old boot band and boot; replace with each new one.

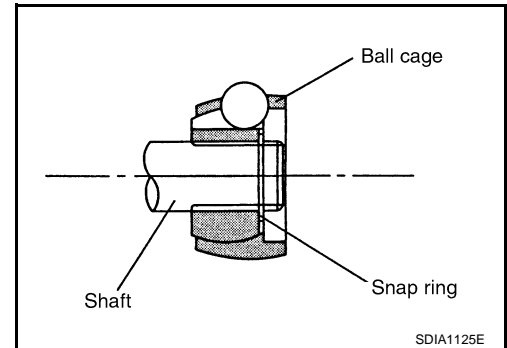
3. Remove protective tape wound around serrated part of shaft.



4. Install ball cage/steel ball/inner race assembly to shaft, and secure them tightly with a snap ring.

NOTE:

Discard old snap ring; replace with new one.



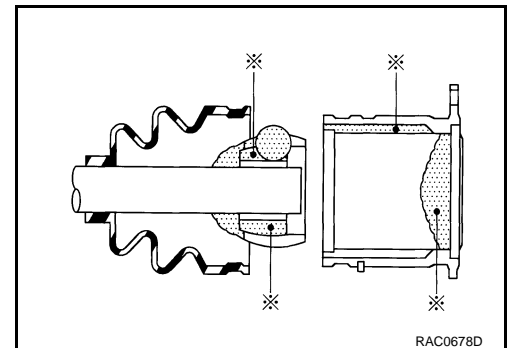
5. Insert the amount of grease (NISSAN genuine grease or equivalent) onto housing (* point) to the quantity mentioned below, and install it to shaft.

Grease amount

VK45DE : 175 – 195 g (6.17 – 6.87 oz)

VQ35DE : 124 – 134 g (4.37 – 4.72 oz)

6. Install stopper ring to housing.
7. After installed, pull shaft to check engagement between joint sub-assembly and stopper ring.



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8. Install boot securely into grooves (indicated by * marks) shown in the figure.

CAUTION:

If there is grease on boot mounting surfaces (indicated by * marks) of shaft and housing, boot may come off. Remove all grease from surfaces.

9. Make sure boot installation length "L" is the length indicated below. Insert a flat-bladed screwdriver or similar tool into smaller side of boot. Bleed air from boot to prevent boot deformation.

Boot installation Length "L"

VK45DE : 147.9 mm (5.82 in)

VQ35DE : 93.9 mm (3.697 in)

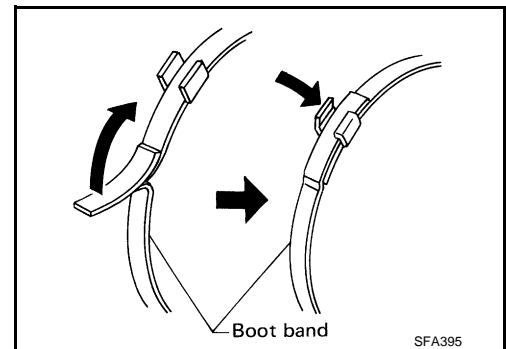
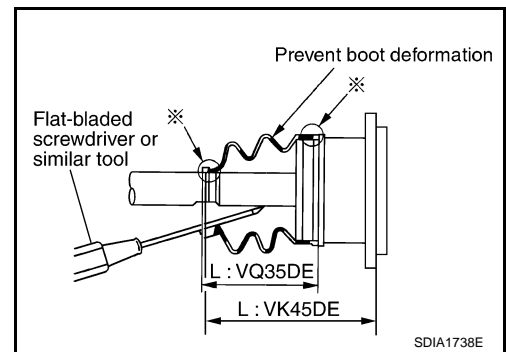
CAUTION:

- **Boot may break if boot installation length is less than standard value.**
- **Take care not to touch the tip of screwdriver to inside of boot.**

10. Secure big and small ends of boot with new boot bands as shown in the figure. (VK45DE)

NOTE:

Discard old boot bands; replace with new ones.



11. Secure big and small ends of boot with new boot bands. (VQ35DE)

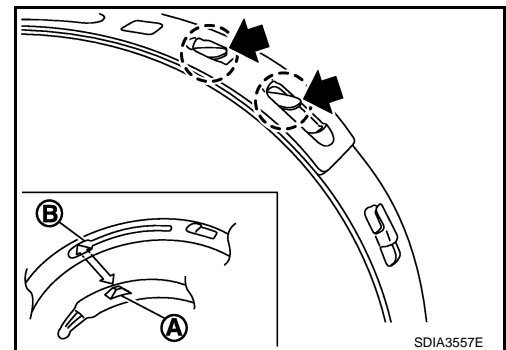
NOTE:

Discard old boot bands; replace with new ones.

- a. Put boot band in the groove on drive shaft boot. Then fit pawls (←) into holes to temporary installation.

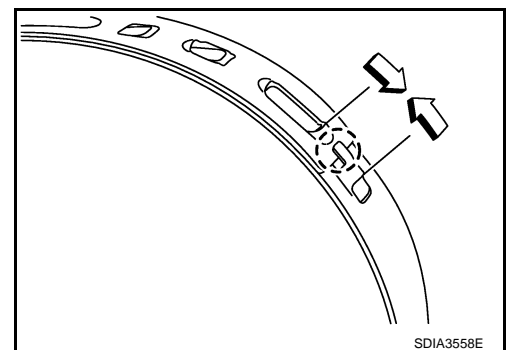
NOTE:

For the large diameter side, fit projection (A) and guide slit (B) at first.



- b. Pinch projection on the band with suitable pliers to tighten band.
c. Insert tip of band below end of the pawl.

12. After installing housing and shaft, rotate boot to check whether or not the actual position is correct. If boot position is not correct, secure boot with new boot band again.

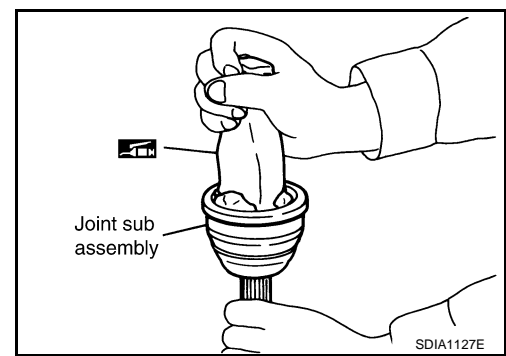


Wheel Side

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1. Insert the amount of grease (NISSAN genuine grease or equivalent) into joint sub-assembly serration hole until grease begins to ooze from ball groove and serration hole. After insert grease, use a shop cloth to wipe off old grease that has oozed out.

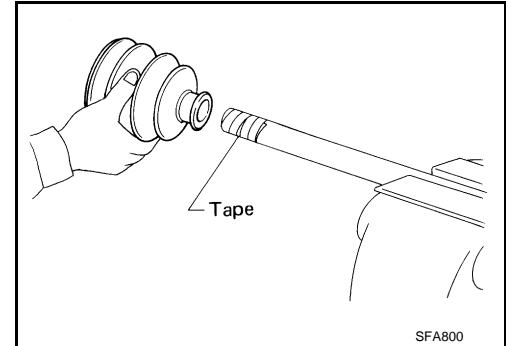


2. Wind serrated part of shaft with tape. Install boot band and boot to shaft. Be careful not to damage boot.

NOTE:

Discard old boot band and boot; replace with each new one.

3. Remove protective tape wound around serrated part of shaft.

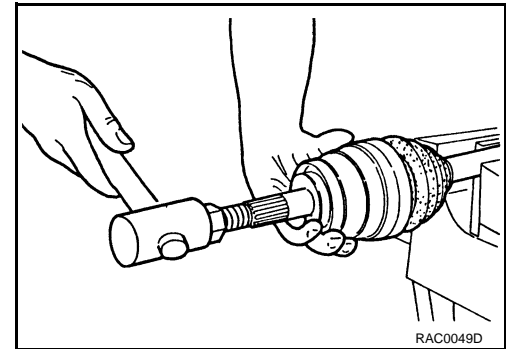


4. Attach circular clip to shaft. At this time, circular clip must fit securely into shaft groove. Attach nut to joint sub-assembly. Use a wooden hammer to press-fit.

NOTE:

Discard old circular clip; replace with new one.

5. Insert the amount of grease (NISSAN genuine grease or equivalent) listed below into housing from large end of boot.



Grease amount

VK45DE : 140 – 160 g (4.93 – 5.64 oz)

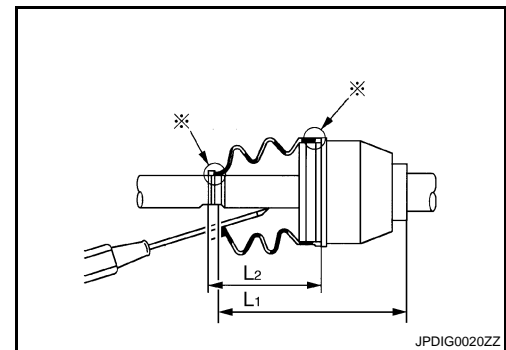
VQ35DE : 86 – 96 g (3.03 – 3.38 oz)

6. Install boot securely into grooves (indicated by * marks) shown in the figure.

CAUTION:

If there is grease on boot mounting surfaces (indicated by * marks) of shaft and housing, boot may come off. Remove all grease from surfaces.

7. Make sure boot installation length “L” is the length indicated below. Insert a flat-bladed screwdriver or similar tool into smaller side of boot. Bleed air from boot to prevent boot deformation.



Boot installation length “L”

L1 (VK45DE) : 141.5 mm (5.57 in)

L2 (VQ35DE) : 97 mm (3.82 in)

CAUTION:

- Boot may break if boot installation length is less than standard value.
- Be careful that screwdriver tip does not contact inside surface of boot.

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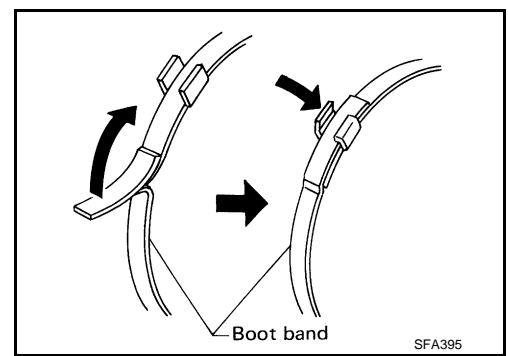
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- Secure big and small ends of boot with new boot bands as shown in the figure.

NOTE:

Discard old boot bands; replace with new ones.

- After installing joint sub-assembly and shaft, rotate boot to check whether or not the actual position is correct. If boot position is not correct, secure boot with new boot bands again.



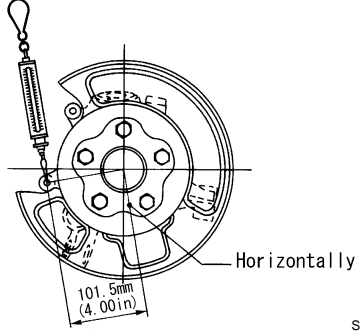
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Wheel Bearing

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Axial end play	0.05 mm (0.002 in) or less
Rotational torque	At a load of 49,033 N (5,000 kg, 11,000 lb) Less than 2.7 N-m (0.28 kg-m, 24 in-lb)
Measurement of spring scale	Less than 26.6 N (2.7 kg, 5.95 lb)
Measuring point (Brake caliper installation points)	 <p style="text-align: right;">SDIA0801E</p>

Drive Shaft

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Joint	Wheel side		Final drive side	
	VQ35DE	VK45DE	VQ35DE	VK45DE
Grease quantity	86 – 96 g (3.03 – 3.38 oz)	140 – 160 g (4.93 – 5.64 oz)	124 – 134 g (4.37 – 4.72 oz)	175 – 195 g (6.17 – 6.87 oz)
Boots installed length	97 mm (3.82 in)	141.5 mm (5.57 in)	93.9 mm (3.697 in)	147.9 mm (5.82 in)