# SECTION REAR SUSPENSION

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# PRECAUTIONS

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

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 harnesses or harness connectors.

#### **Precautions**

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• When installing rubber parts, final tightening must be carried out under unladen condition\* with tires on ground.

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

# PREPARATION

#### PREPARATION PFP:00002 А **Commercial Service Tools** EES001KS Tool name Description В Power tool Removing nuts and bolts æ. Contraction of the second С 9 PBIC0190E D

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# NOISE VIBRATION AND HARSHNESS (NVH) TROUBLESHOOTING

# NVH Troubleshooting Chart

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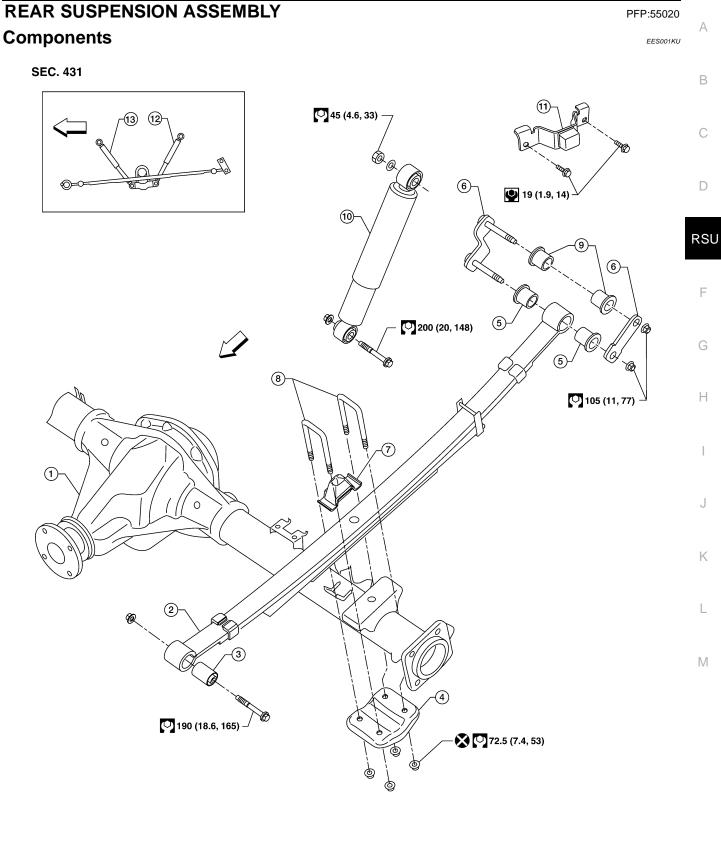
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Use the chart below to help you find the cause of the symptom. If necessary, repair or replace the parts.

Reference page		RSU-5	RSU-7	<u>RSU-5</u>	<u>RSU-5</u>	<u>RSU-10</u>	<u>RSU-5</u>	PR-3, "NVH Troubleshooting Chart"	RFD-8 (C200), RFD-42 (M226 without LD), RFD-76 (M226 with LD)	<u>RAX-5</u> (C200), <u>RAX-17</u> (M226)	WT-4, "NVH Troubleshooting Chart"	WT-4, "NVH Troubleshooting Chart"	BR-5, "NVH Troubleshooting Chart"	PS-5, "NVH Troubleshooting Chart"
Possible cause and SUSPECTED PARTS		Improper installation, looseness	Shock absorber deformation, damage or deflection	Bushing or mounting deterioration	Parts interference	Spring fatigue	Suspension looseness	PROPELLER SHAFT	REAR FINAL DRIVE	AXLE	TIRES	ROAD WHEEL	BRAKES	STEERING
Symptoms	Noise	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
	Shake	×	×	×	×		×	×		×	×	×	×	×
	Vibration	×	×	×	×	×		×		×	×			×
	Shimmy	×	×	×	×					×	×	×	×	×
	Shudder	×	×	×						×	×	×	×	×
Poor quality ride or handling		×	×	×	×	×	×			×	×	×		

 $\times$ : Applicable

## **REAR SUSPENSION ASSEMBLY**



- 1. Rear final drive
- 4. Rear spring pad
- 7. Bumper

- 2. Rear leaf spring
- 5. Rear spring bushing (rear)
- 8. Rear spring clip U-bolts

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- 3. Rear spring bushing (front)
- 6. Rear spring shackle
- 9. Rear spring shackle bushing

- 10. Shock absorber
- 11. Bumper ← Front
- 13. Shock absorber (right side)

#### **CAUTION:**

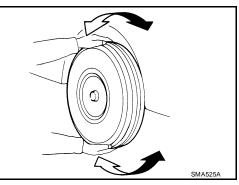
When installing the components with rubber bushings, the final tightening of the nuts and bolts must be done with the vehicle in an unladen condition (the fuel, engine coolant, and engine oil full; the spare tire, jack, hand tools and mats in their designated positions) with the tires on the ground.

#### **On-Vehicle Inspection and Service**

- Check the rear suspension parts for any excessive play, cracks, wear, and other damage.
- Shake each rear wheel to check for any excessive play as shown.
- Tighten all of the nuts and bolts to the specified torque.
  CAUTION:

When installing the components with rubber bushings, the final tightening of the nuts and bolts must be done with the vehicle in an unladen condition (the fuel, engine coolant, and engine oil full; the spare tire, jack, hand tools and mats in their designated positions) with the tires on the ground.

- Check the shock absorbers for oil leaks, deformation, and other damage.
- Check the shock absorber bushings for excessive wear and other damage.



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12. Shock absorber (left side)

# SHOCK ABSORBER

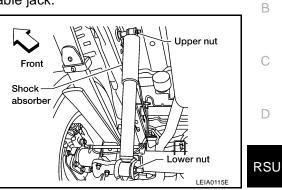
# SHOCK ABSORBER

#### **Removal and Installation** REMOVAL

3. Remove the shock absorber.

**INSPECTION AFTER REMOVAL** 

- Support the rear final drive and suspension assembly using a suitable jack. 1.
- 2. Remove the shock absorber upper and lower nuts and bolts using power tool.



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#### **INSTALLATION**

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Installation is in the reverse order of removal.

Shock absorber upper and lower nuts : Refer to RSU-5, "Components" .

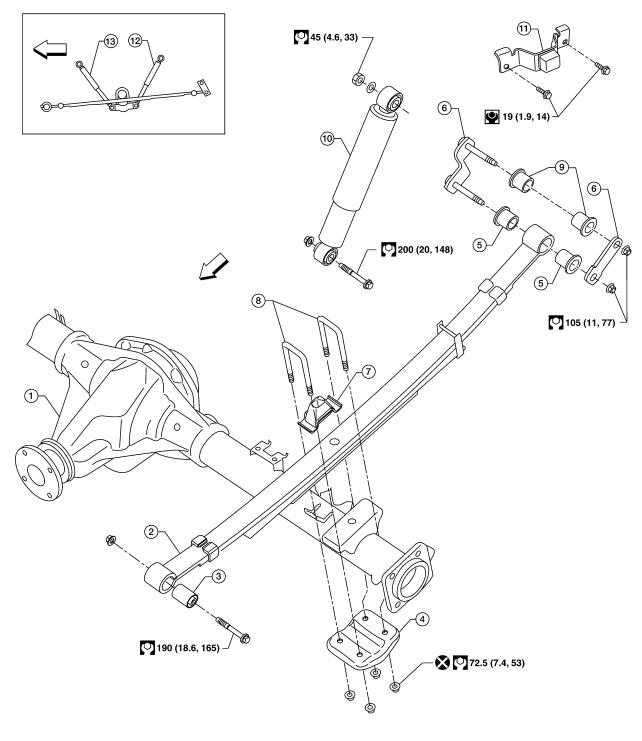
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# LEAF SPRING Removal and Installation

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- 1. Rear final drive
- 4. Rear spring pad
- 7. Bumper

- 2. Rear leaf spring
- 5. Rear spring bushing (rear)
- 8. Rear spring clip U-bolts

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- 3. Rear spring bushing (front)
- 6. Rear spring shackle
- 9. Rear spring shackle bushing

- 10. Shock absorber
- 11. Bumper ← Front
- 13. Shock absorber (right side) ←
- **CAUTION:**

When installing the components with rubber bushings, the final tightening of the nuts and bolts must be done with the vehicle in an unladen condition (the fuel, engine coolant, and engine oil full; the spare tire, jack, hand tools and mats in their designated positions) with the tires on the ground.

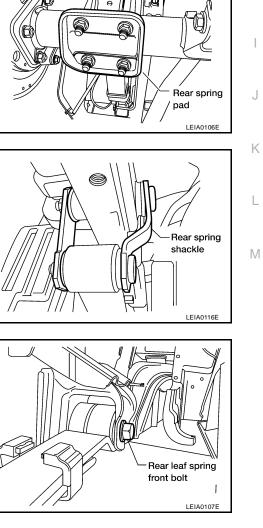
#### REMOVAL

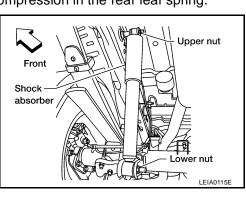
- 1. Support the rear final drive assembly with a suitable jack to relieve the tension from the rear leaf spring.
  - The axle weight should be supported, but there should be no compression in the rear leaf spring.
- 2. Remove the shock absorber lower nut and bolt using power tool.

3. Remove the four rear spring clip U-bolt nuts using power tool, then remove the rear spring pad.

4. Remove the rear spring shackle and bushings using power tool.

- 5. Remove the rear leaf spring front nut and bolt using power tool.
- 6. Remove the rear leaf spring.





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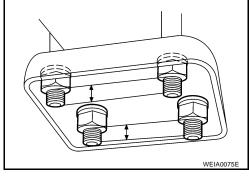
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#### INSPECTION AFTER REMOVAL

- Check the rear leaf spring for any cracks or damage. Replace the rear leaf spring if necessary.
- Check the rear spring shackle, rear spring clip U-bolts, bumper, and rear spring pad for excessive wear, cracks, straightness, and damage. Replace any components if necessary.
- Check all bushings for deformation and cracks. Replace any bushings if necessary.

#### INSTALLATION

- 1. Apply soapsuds to all of the rubber bushings.
- 2. Install the rear spring shackle and rear leaf spring front nut and bolt. Finger-tighten the nuts.
- 3. Install the rear spring clip U-bolts and bumper on top of the rear leaf spring.
- 4. Install the rear spring pad, and nuts under the axle case.
- 5. Tighten the rear spring clip U-bolt nuts diagonally and evenly to specification.
  - Tighten the rear spring clip U-bolt nuts so the lengths of all the exposed rear spring clip U-bolt threads under spring pad are equal in length within a tolerance of 3 mm (0.12 in), as shown.

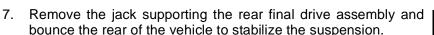


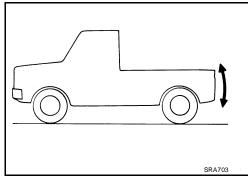
Front Shock absorber Upper nut

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6. Install the shock absorber, and finger-tighten the nuts.

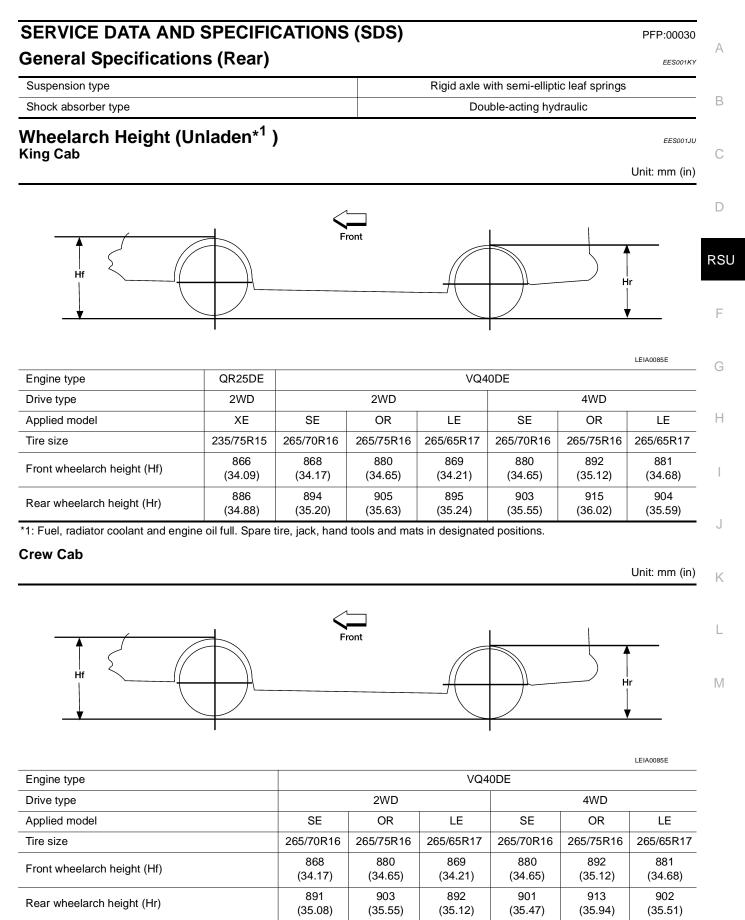




- 8. Tighten the rear spring shackle nuts, rear leaf spring front nut, and shock absorber nuts to specification.
  - When installing the components with rubber bushings, the final nut tightening must be carried out under unladen\* conditions with the tires on level ground.

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

# SERVICE DATA AND SPECIFICATIONS (SDS)



\*1: Fuel, radiator coolant and engine oil full. Spare tire, jack, hand tools and mats in designated positions.