SECTION FSU
FRONT SUSPENSION

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Precaution 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 AIR BAG” and “SEAT BELT” of this Service Manual.

WARNING:

Always observe the following items for preventing accidental activation.

- **To avoid rendering the SRS inoperative, which could increase the risk of personal injury or death in the event of a collision that 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 “SRS AIR BAG”.**
- **Never 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 WHEN USING POWER TOOLS (AIR OR ELECTRIC) AND HAMMERS

WARNING:

Always observe the following items for preventing accidental activation.

- **When working near the Air Bag Diagnosis Sensor Unit or other Air Bag System sensors with the ignition ON or engine running, never use air or electric power tools or strike near the sensor(s) with a hammer. Heavy vibration could activate the sensor(s) and deploy the air bag(s), possibly causing serious injury.**
- **When using air or electric power tools or hammers, always switch the ignition OFF, disconnect the battery, and wait at least 3 minutes before performing any service.**

Precaution for Procedure without Cowl Top Cover

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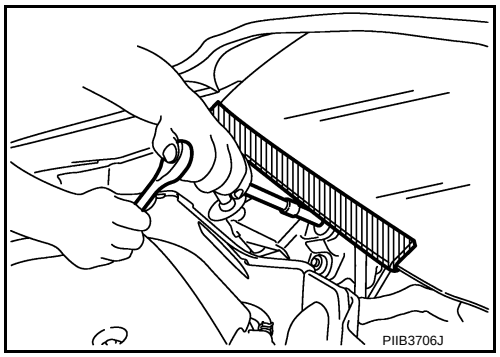
When performing the procedure after removing cowl top cover, cover the lower end of windshield with urethane, etc to prevent damage to windshield.



Precautions for Suspension

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- When installing rubber bushings, the final tightening must be carried out under unladen conditions with tires on ground. Spilled oil might shorten the life of rubber bushings. Be sure to wipe off any spilled oil.
- Unladen conditions mean that fuel, engine coolant and lubricant are full. Spare tire, jack, hand tools and mats are in designated positions.
- After servicing suspension parts, be sure to check wheel alignment.
- Self-lock nuts are not reusable. Always use new ones when installing. Since new self-lock nuts are pre-oiled, tighten as they are.

PREPARATION

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Special Service Tools

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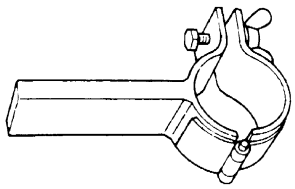
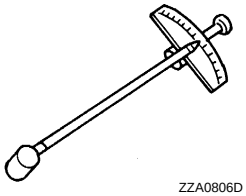
The actual shapes of Kent-Moore tools may differ from those of special service tools illustrated here.

Tool number (Kent-Moore No.) Tool name		Description
ST35652000 (–) Shock absorber attachment	 ZZA0807D	Disassembling and assembling shock absorber
ST3127S000 (J-25765-A) Preload gauge	 ZZA0806D	Measuring rotating torque of ball joint

Commercial Service Tools

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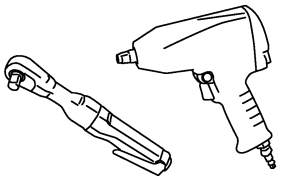
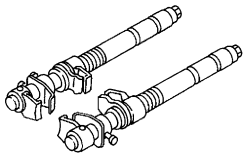
Tool name		Description
Power tool	 PBIC0190E	Loosening bolts and nuts
Spring compressor	 S-NT717	Removing and installing coil spring

SYMPTOM DIAGNOSIS

NOISE, VIBRATION AND HARSHNESS (NVH) TROUBLESHOOTING

NVH Troubleshooting Chart

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

Reference			FSU-9, FSU-13, FSU-15, FSU-17, FSU-18	FSU-12	—	—	FSU-12	FSU-9, FSU-13, FSU-15, FSU-17, FSU-18	FSU-7	FSU-17	NVH in DLN section	NVH in FAX and FSU section	NVH in WT section	NVH in BR section	NVH in ST section
Possible cause and SUSPECTED PARTS			Improper installation, looseness	Shock absorber deformation, damage or deflection	Bushing or mounting deterioration	Parts interference	Spring fatigue	Suspension looseness	Incorrect wheel alignment	Stabilizer bar fatigue	PROPELLER SHAFT	FRONT AXLE AND FRONT SUSPENSION	ROAD WHEEL	BRAKE	STEERING
Symptom	FRONT SUSPENSION	Noise	×	×	×	×	×	×			×	×	×	×	×
		Shake	×	×	×	×		×			×	×	×	×	×
		Vibration	×	×	×	×	×				×	×			×
		Shimmy	×	×	×	×			×			×	×	×	×
		Judder	×	×	×							×	×	×	×
		Poor quality ride or handling	×	×	×	×	×		×	×		×	×		

×: Applicable

PERIODIC MAINTENANCE

FRONT SUSPENSION ASSEMBLY

Inspection

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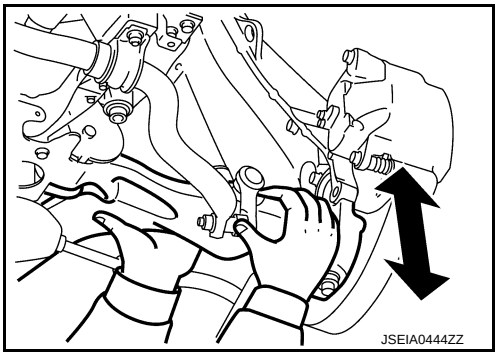
COMPONENT PART

Check the mounting conditions (looseness, backlash) of each component and component conditions (wear, damage) are normal.

Ball Joint Axial End Play

1. Set front wheels in a straight-ahead position.
2. Move axle side of transverse link and upper link in the axial direction by hand. Check there is no end play.

Axial end play : Refer to FSU-20, "Ball Joint".



CAUTION:

- **Never depress brake pedal when measuring.**
- **Never perform with tires on level ground.**
- **Be careful not to damage ball joint boot. Never damage the installation position by applying excessive force.**

Shock absorber

Check for oil leakage, damage. Replace it if necessary.

WHEEL ALIGNMENT

Inspection

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DESCRIPTION

CAUTION:

- **Camber, caster, kingpin inclination angles cannot be adjusted.**
- **If camber, caster, or kingpin inclination angle is outside the standard, check front suspension parts for wear and damage. Replace suspect parts if a malfunction is detected.**
- **Kingpin inclination angle is reference value, no inspection is required.**

Measure wheel alignment under unladen conditions.

NOTE:

“Unladen conditions” means that fuel, engine coolant, and lubricant are full. Spare tire, jack, hand tools and mats are in designated positions.

PRELIMINARY CHECK

Check the following:

- Tires for improper air pressure and wear. Refer to WT-63, "Tire Air Pressure".
- Road wheels for runout.
- Wheel bearing axial end play. Refer to FAX-7, "Inspection".
- Transverse link or upper link ball joint axial end play. Refer to FSU-6, "Inspection".
- Shock absorber operation.
- Each mounting part of axle and suspension for looseness and deformation.
- Each of suspension member, shock absorber, upper link and transverse link for cracks, deformation and other damage.
- Vehicle height (posture).

GENERAL INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- A four-wheel thrust alignment should be performed.
  - This type of alignment is recommended for any NISSAN/INFINITI vehicle.
  - The four-wheel “thrust” process helps ensure that the vehicle is properly aligned and the steering wheel is centered.
  - The alignment rack itself should be capable of accepting any NISSAN/INFINITI vehicle.
  - The rack should be checked to ensure that it is level.
- Make sure the machine is properly calibrated.
  - Your alignment equipment should be regularly calibrated in order to give correct information.
  - Check with the manufacturer of your specific equipment for their recommended Service/Calibration Schedule.

ALIGNMENT PROCESS

IMPORTANT:

Use only the alignment specifications listed in this Service Manual.

- When displaying the alignment settings, many alignment machines use “indicators”: (Green/red, plus or minus, Go/No Go). **Never use these indicators.**
  - The alignment specifications programmed into your machine that operate these indicators may not be correct.
  - This may result in an ERROR.
- Most camera-type alignment machines are equipped with both “Rolling Compensation” method and optional “Jacking Compensation” method to “compensate” the alignment targets or head units. “Rolling Compensation” is the preferred method.
  - If using the “Rolling Compensation” method, after installing the alignment targets or head units, push or pull on the rear wheel to move the vehicle. **Do not push or pull on the vehicle body.**
  - If using the “Jacking Compensation” method, after installing the alignment targets or head units, raise the vehicle and rotate the wheels 1/2 turn both ways.

    NOTE:

    Do not use the “Rolling Compensation” method if you are using sensor-type alignment equipment.
  - Follow all instructions for the alignment machine you're using for more information.

Adjustment

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TOE-IN

- Loosen the steering outer socket, and then adjust the length using steering inner socket.

Toe-in : Refer to FSU-20, "Wheel Alignment".

CAUTION:

- **Always evenly adjust both toe-in alternately and adjust the difference between the left and right to the standard.**
- **Always fix the steering inner socket when tightening the steering outer socket.**

- After toe-in adjustment, adjust neutral position of steering angle sensor. Refer to BRC-60, "Work Procedure".
- After toe-in adjustment, adjust neutral position of 4WAS front actuator. (With 4WAS) Refer to STC-73, "Work Procedure (Pattern 2)".

REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION

FRONT COIL SPRING AND SHOCK ABSORBER

Exploded View

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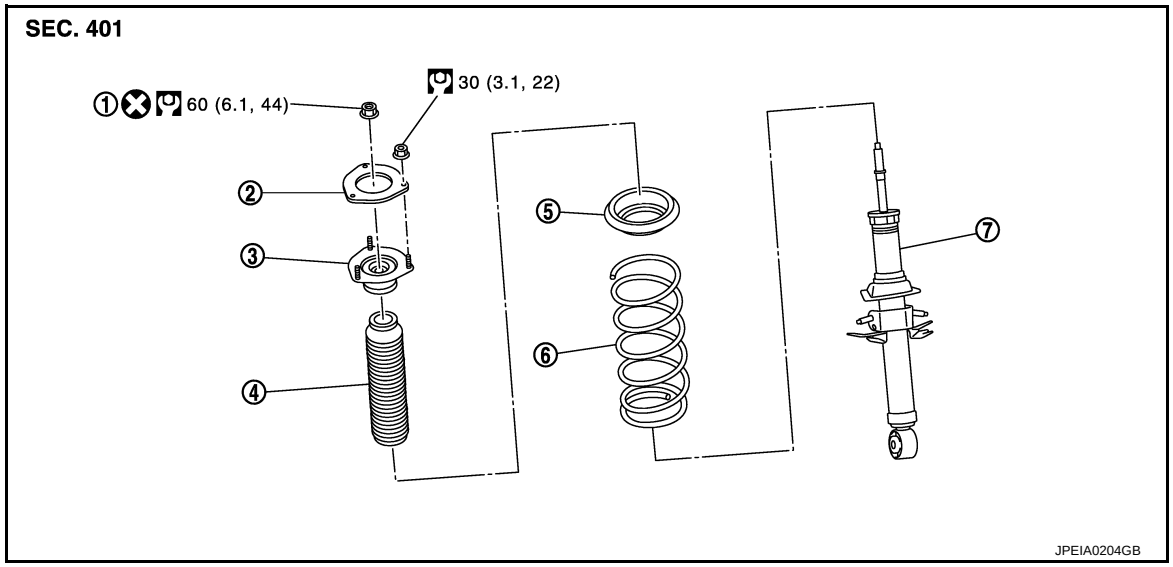

1. Piston rod lock nut
2. Mounting seal
3. Shock absorber mounting bracket
4. Bound bumper
5. Rubber seat
6. Coil spring
7. Shock absorber

Refer to GI-4, "Components" for symbols in the figure.

Removal and Installation

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REMOVAL

1. Perform adjustment before removal. (With 4WAS) Refer to FSU-12, "Inspection and Adjustment".
2. Remove tires with power tool. Refer to WT-57, "Exploded View".
3. Remove wheel sensor harness from shock absorber. Refer to BRC-138, "FRONT WHEEL SENSOR : Removal and Installation".
   CAUTION:
   Never pull on wheel sensor harness.
4. Remove brake hose mounting nut, and separate brake hose from shock absorber. Refer to BR-24, "FRONT : Removal and Installation".
5. Remove stabilizer connecting rod from transverse link. Refer to FSU-17, "Removal and Installation".
6. Separate upper link from steering knuckle. Refer to FSU-15, "Removal and Installation".
7. Remove shock absorber mounting bracket mounting nuts, and remove shock absorber assembly.

INSTALLATION

Note the following, and install in the reverse order of removal.

- Never tap on the ball joint cap of the stabilizer connecting rod with a hammer or a similar item when inserting the stabilizer connecting rod into the transverse link.
- Perform final tightening of bolts and nuts at the shock absorber lower side (rubber bushing), under unladen conditions with tires on level ground.
- Perform inspection after installation. Refer to FSU-12, "Inspection and Adjustment".
- After replacing the shock absorber, always follow the disposal procedure to discard the shock absorber. Refer to FSU-12, "Disposal".

Disassembly and Assembly

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DISASSEMBLY

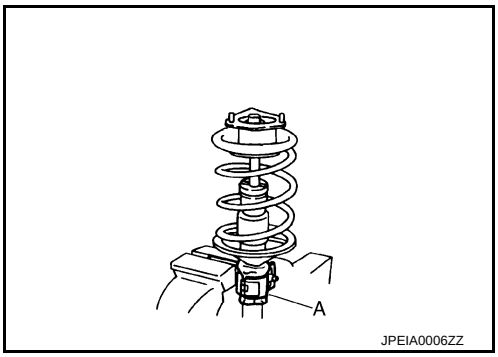
CAUTION:

Never damage shock absorber piston rod when removing components from shock absorber.

1. Install shock absorber attachment (A) [SST: ST35652000 (–)] to shock absorber and secure it in a vise.

   CAUTION:

   When installing the shock absorber attachment to shock absorber, wrap a shop cloth around shock absorber to protect it from damage.



2. Using a spring compressor (A) (commercial service tool), compress coil spring between rubber seat and shock absorber until coil spring with a spring compressor is free.

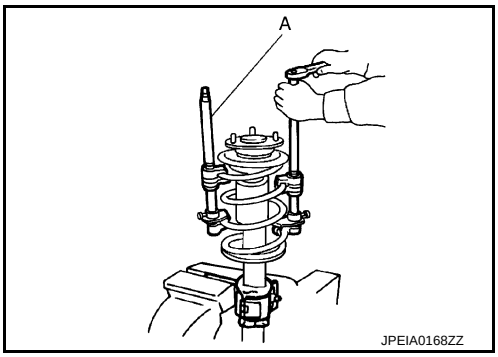
   CAUTION:

   Be sure a spring compressor is securely attached coil spring. Compress coil spring.

3. Make sure coil spring with a spring compressor between rubber seat and shock absorber is free. And then remove piston rod lock nut while securing the piston rod tip so that piston rod does not turn.

   CAUTION:

   Start compressing the coil spring after checking that the spring compressor is completely attached.



4. Remove mounting seal, shock absorber mounting bracket, rubber seat, bound bumper from shock absorber.
5. After remove coil spring with a spring compressor (commercial service tool), and then gradually release a spring compressor.

   CAUTION:

   Loosen while making sure coil spring attachment position does not move.

6. Remove the shock absorber attachment [SST: ST35652000 (–)] from shock absorber.
7. Perform inspection after disassembly. Refer to FSU-12, "Inspection and Adjustment".

ASSEMBLY

CAUTION:

Never damage shock absorber piston rod when installing components from shock absorber.

1. Install shock absorber attachment [SST: ST35652000 (–)] to shock absorber and secure it in a vise.

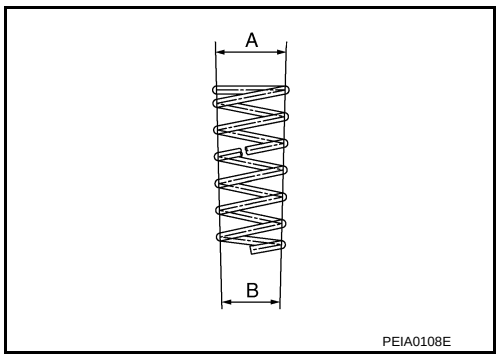
   CAUTION:

   When installing the shock absorber attachment to shock absorber, wrap a shop cloth around shock absorber to protect it from damage.

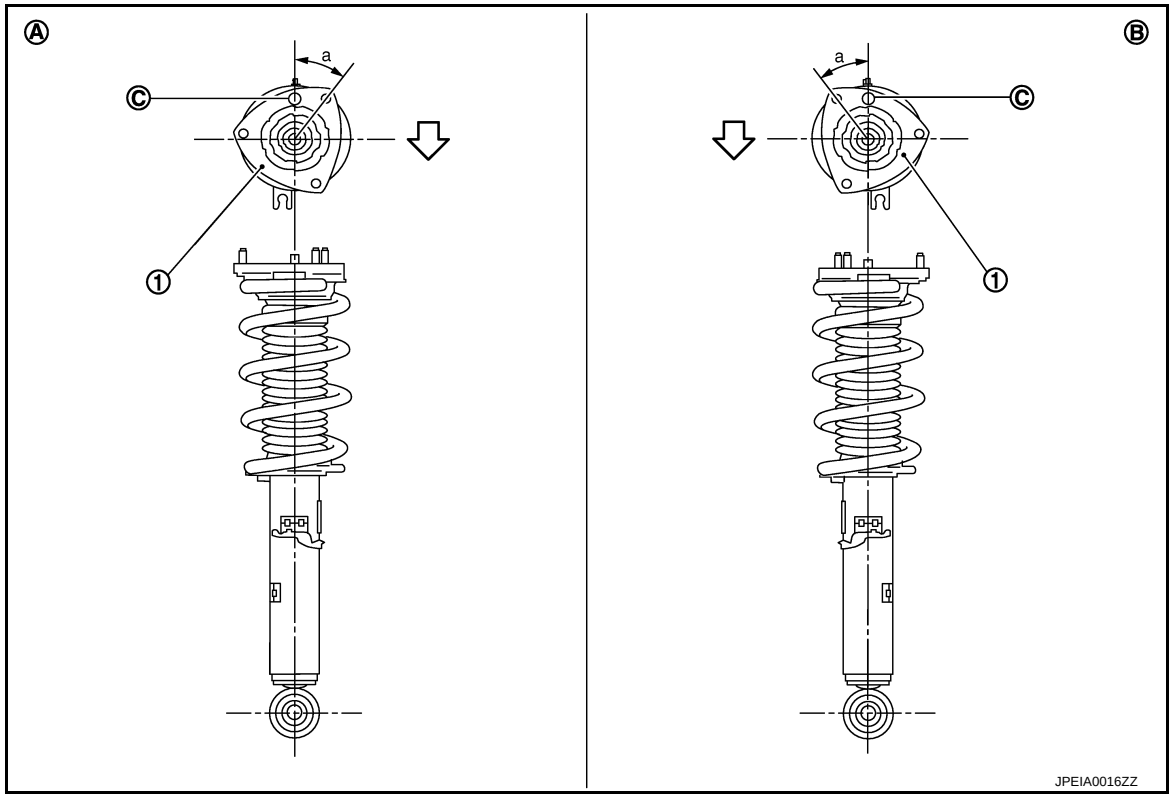
2. Compress coil spring using a spring compressor (commercial service tool), and install it onto shock absorber.

   CAUTION:

- **Install with the large-diameter side (A) facing up and the small-diameter side (B) facing down.**
- **Be sure a spring compressor is securely attached to coil spring. Compress coil spring.**



3. Install the shock absorber mounting bracket and rubber seat.
4. Apply soapy water to bound bumper.
   CAUTION:
   Never use machine oil.
5. Insert bound bumper into shock absorber mounting bracket, and then install it to shock absorber together with rubber seat.



1. Shock absorber mounting bracket

A. Right side B. Left side C. Coil spring lower end position

⇦: Vehicle front

- Install the shock absorber mounting bracket as shown in the figure.

Angle (a) : 35.4°

- Check that the lower end of the coil spring (C) is positioned at the spring lower seat of the shock absorber.

6. Secure piston rod tip so that piston rod does not turn, then tighten piston rod lock nut with specified torque.
   CAUTION:
   Never reuse piston rod lock nut.
7. Gradually release a spring compressor (commercial service tool), and remove coil spring.
   CAUTION:
   Loosen while making sure coil spring attachment position does not move.
8. Remove the shock absorber attachment [SST: ST35652000 (–)] from shock absorber.
9. Install the mounting seal to shock absorber mounting bracket.

Inspection and Adjustment

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ADJUSTMENT BEFORE REMOVAL

Adjust neutral position of 4WAS front actuator. (With 4WAS) Refer to STC-73, "Work Procedure (Pattern 1)".

INSPECTION AFTER DISASSEMBLY

Shock absorber

Check the following items, and replace the part if necessary.

- Shock absorber for deformation, cracks or damage.
- Piston rod for damage, uneven wear or distortion.
- Oil leakage.

Shock absorber Mounting Bracket and Rubber Parts Inspection

Check shock absorber mounting bracket for cracks and rubber parts for wear. Replace it if necessary.

Coil Spring

Check coil spring for cracks, wear or damage. Replace it if necessary.

INSPECTION AFTER INSTALLATION

1. Check wheel sensor harness for proper connection. Refer to BRC-138, "FRONT WHEEL SENSOR : Exploded View".
2. Check wheel alignment. Refer to FSU-7, "Inspection".

Disposal

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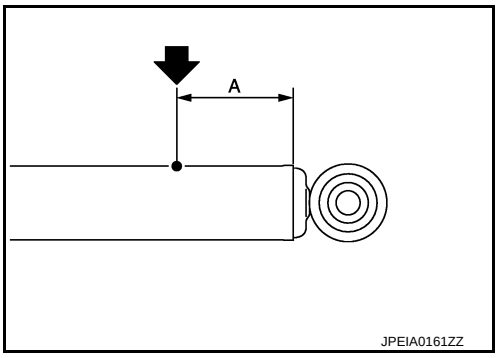
1. Set shock absorber horizontally with the piston rod fully extended.
2. Drill 2 – 3 mm (0.08 – 0.12 in) hole at the position (●) from top as shown in the figure to release gas gradually.

   CAUTION:
   - **Wear eye protection (safety glasses).**
   - **Wear gloves.**
   - **Be careful with metal chips or oil blown out by the compressed gas.**

   NOTE:
   - Drill vertically in this direction (⬅).
   - Directly to the outer tube avoiding brackets.
   - The gas is clear, colorless, odorless, and harmless.



   A : 20 – 30 mm (0.79 – 1.18 in)

3. Position the drilled hole downward and drain oil by moving the piston rod several times.

   CAUTION:
   Dispose of drained oil according to the law and local regulations.

TRANSVERSE LINK

Exploded View

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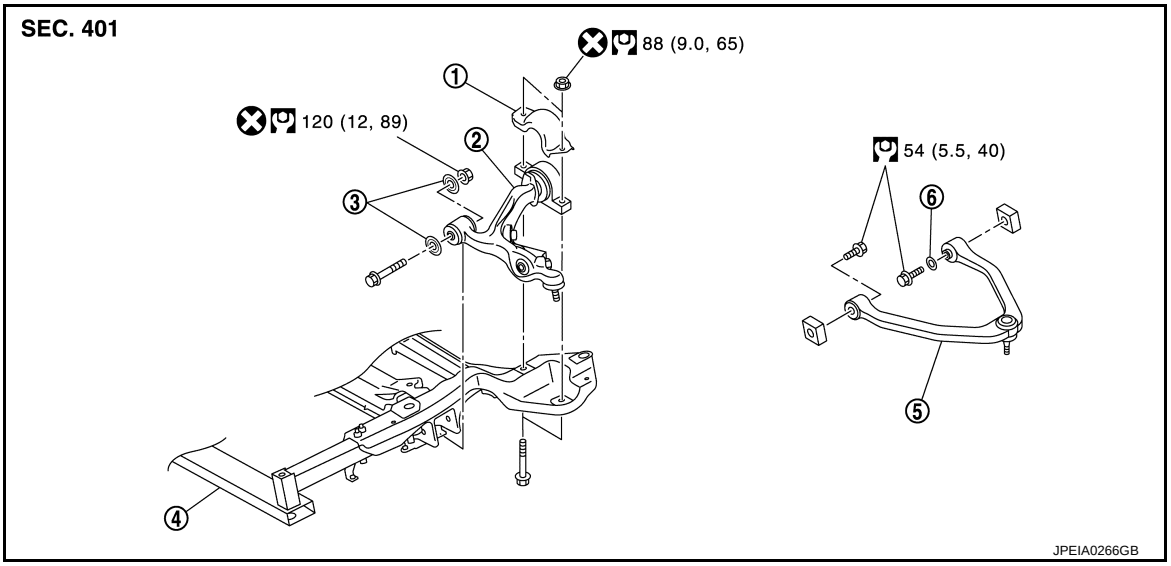

1. Insulator (VK56VD)
2. Transverse link
3. Stopper bushing
4. Front suspension member
5. Upper link
6. Stopper rubber

Refer to GI-4, "Components" for symbols in the figure.

Removal and Installation

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REMOVAL

1. Perform adjustment before removal. (With 4WAS) Refer to FSU-13, "Inspection and Adjustment".
2. Remove tires with power tool. Refer to WT-57, "Exploded View".
3. Remove engine under cover with power tool. Refer to EXT-28, "ENGINE UNDER COVER : Removal and Installation".
4. Remove stabilizer connecting rod and shock absorber from transverse link. Refer to FSU-17, "Removal and Installation".
5. Separate steering outer socket from steering knuckle. Refer to ST-43, "2WD : Removal and Installation".
6. Remove transverse link from steering knuckle.
7. Set suitable jack under transverse link.
   CAUTION:
   Check that jack supporting status is stable.
8. Remove insulator from transverse link. (VK56VD)
9. Remove mounting bolts, nuts, and stopper bushing, and then remove transverse link from front suspension member.
10. Perform inspection after removal. Refer to FSU-13, "Inspection and Adjustment".

INSTALLATION

Note the following, and install in the reverse order of removal.

- Never tap on the ball joint cap of the stabilizer connecting rod with a hammer or a similar item when inserting the stabilizer connecting rod into the transverse link.
- Perform final tightening of bolts and nuts at the front suspension member installation and shock absorber lower side (rubber bushing), under unladen conditions with tires on level ground.
- Perform inspection after installation. Refer to FSU-13, "Inspection and Adjustment".

Inspection and Adjustment

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ADJUSTMENT BEFORE REMOVAL

Adjust neutral position of 4WAS front actuator. (With 4WAS) Refer to STC-73, "Work Procedure (Pattern 1)".

INSPECTION AFTER REMOVAL

Appearance

Check the following items, and replace the part if necessary.

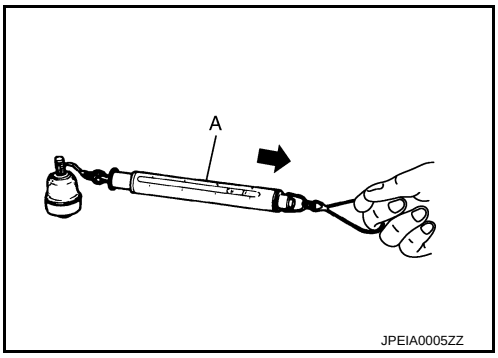
- Transverse link and bushing for deformation, cracks or damage.
- Ball joint boot for cracks or other damage, and also for grease leakage.

Ball Joint Inspection

Manually move ball stud to confirm it moves smoothly with no binding.

Swing Torque Inspection

1. Move the ball stud at least ten times by hand to check for smooth movement.
2. Hook a spring balance (A) at cotter pin mounting hole. Confirm spring balance measurement value is within specifications when ball stud begins moving.

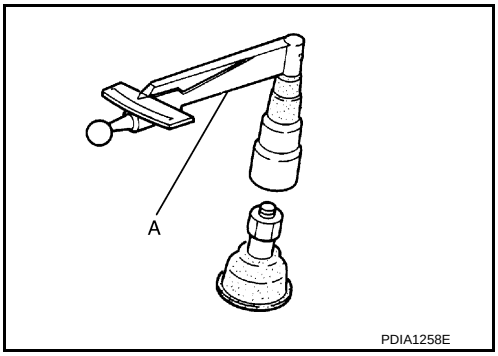


Swing toque : Refer to FSU-20, "Ball Joint".

- If swing torque exceeds standard range, replace transverse link assembly.

Rotating Torque Inspection

1. Move the ball stud at least ten times by hand to check for smooth movement.
2. Attach mounting nut to ball stud. Make sure that rotating torque is within specifications with a preload gauge (A) [SST: ST3127S000 (J-25765-A)].



Rotating toque : Refer to FSU-20, "Ball Joint".

- If rotating torque exceeds standard range, replace transverse link assembly.

Axial End Play Inspection

1. Move the ball stud at least ten times by hand to check for smooth movement.
2. Move tip of ball stud in axial direction to check for looseness.

Axial end play : Refer to FSU-20, "Ball Joint".

- If axial end play exceeds standard range, replace transverse link assembly.

INSPECTION AFTER INSTALLATION

1. Check wheel sensor harness for proper connection. Refer to BRC-138, "FRONT WHEEL SENSOR : Exploded View".
2. Check wheel alignment. Refer to FSU-7, "Inspection".

UPPER LINK

Exploded View

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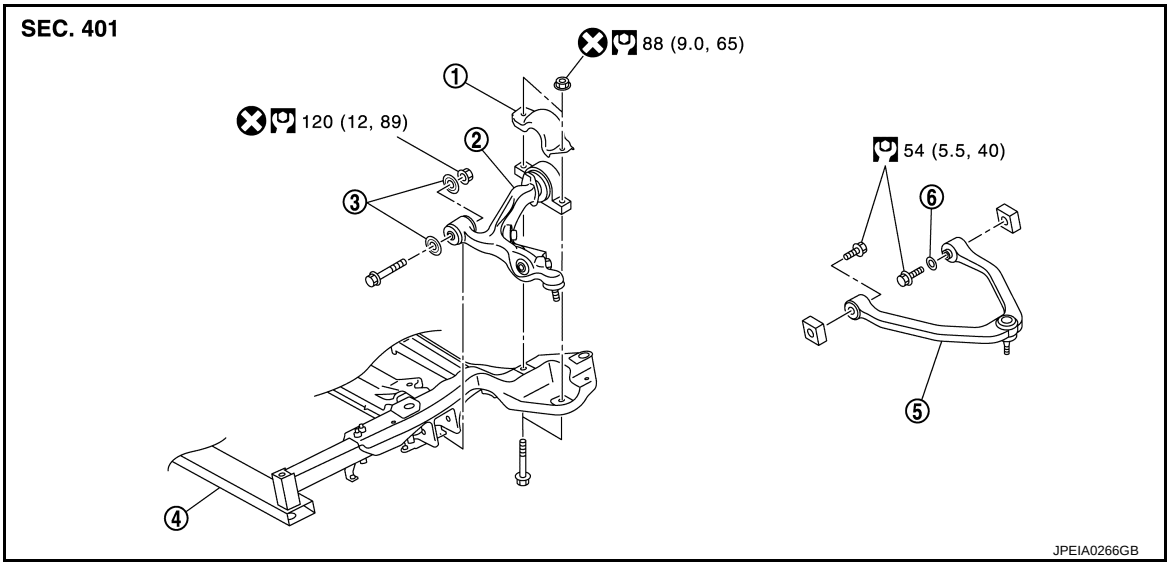

1. Insulator (VK56VD)
2. Transverse link
3. Stopper bushing
4. Front suspension member
5. Upper link
6. Stopper rubber

Refer to GI-4, "Components" for symbols in the figure.

Removal and Installation

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REMOVAL

1. Perform adjustment before removal. (With 4WAS) Refer to FSU-15, "Inspection and Adjustment".
2. Remove tires with power tool. Refer to WT-57, "Exploded View".
3. Remove shock absorber. Refer to FSU-9, "Removal and Installation".
4. Remove mounting bolts and stopper rubber, and then remove upper link from vehicle.
5. Perform inspection after removal. Refer to FSU-15, "Inspection and Adjustment".

INSTALLATION

Note the following, and install in the reverse order of removal.

- Perform final tightening of bolts and nuts at the vehicle installation position (rubber bushing), under unladen conditions with tires on level ground.
- Perform inspection after installation. Refer to FSU-15, "Inspection and Adjustment".

Inspection and Adjustment

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ADJUSTMENT BEFORE REMOVAL

Adjust neutral position of 4WAS front actuator. (With 4WAS) Refer to STC-73, "Work Procedure (Pattern 1)".

INSPECTION AFTER REMOVAL

Appearance

Check the following items, and replace the part if necessary.

- Upper link and bushing for deformation, cracks or damage.
- Ball joint boot for cracks or other damage, and also for grease leakage.

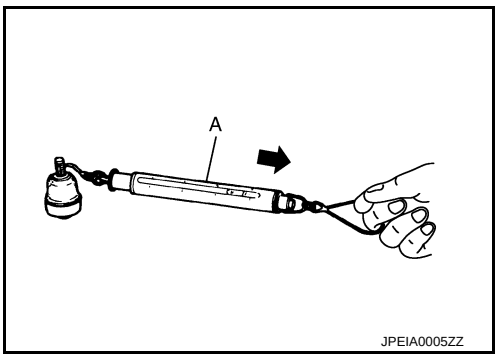
Ball Joint Inspection

Manually move ball stud to confirm it moves smoothly with no binding.

Swing Torque Inspection

1. Move the ball stud at least ten times by hand to check for smooth movement.

2. Hook a spring balance (A) at cutout on ball stud. Confirm spring balance measurement value is within specifications when ball stud begins moving.



Swing torque **: Refer to FSU-20, "Ball Joint".**

- f swing torque exceeds standard range, replace upper link assembly.

Axial End Play Inspection

1. Move the ball stud at least ten times by hand to check for smooth movement.
2. Move tip of ball stud in axial direction to check for looseness.

Axial end play **: Refer to FSU-20, "Ball Joint".**

- If axial end play exceeds standard range, replace upper link assembly.

INSPECTION AFTER INSTALLATION

1. Check wheel sensor harness for proper connection. Refer to BRC-138, "FRONT WHEEL SENSOR : Exploded View".
2. Check wheel alignment. Refer to FSU-7, "Inspection".

FRONT STABILIZER

Exploded View

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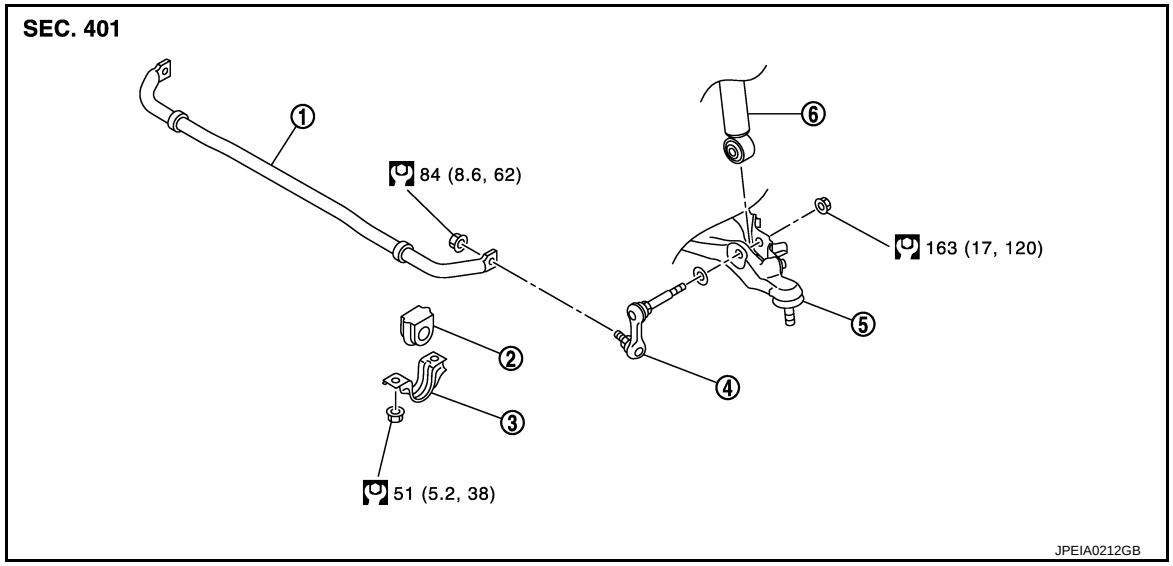

1. Stabilizer bar
2. Stabilizer bushing
3. Stabilizer clamp
4. Stabilizer connecting rod
5. Transverse link
6. Shock absorber

Refer to GI-4, "Components" for symbols in the figure.

Removal and Installation

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REMOVAL

1. Remove tires with power tool. Refer to WT-57, "Exploded View".
2. Remove engine under cover with power tool. Refer to EXT-28, "ENGINE UNDER COVER : Removal and Installation".
3. Remove stabilizer connecting rods.
   CAUTION:
   Apply a matching mark to identify the installation position.
4. Remove stabilizer clamps and stabilizer bushings.
5. Remove stabilizer bar.
6. Perform inspection after removal. Refer to FSU-17, "Inspection".

INSTALLATION

Note the following, and install in the reverse order of removal.

- Check the matching mark when installing.
- Tighten the mounting nut to the specified torque while holding a hexagonal part of stabilizer connecting rod side.

Inspection

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INSPECTION AFTER REMOVAL

Check stabilizer bar, stabilizer connecting rod, stabilizer bushing and stabilizer clamp for deformation, cracks or damage. Replace it if necessary.

FRONT SUSPENSION MEMBER

Exploded View

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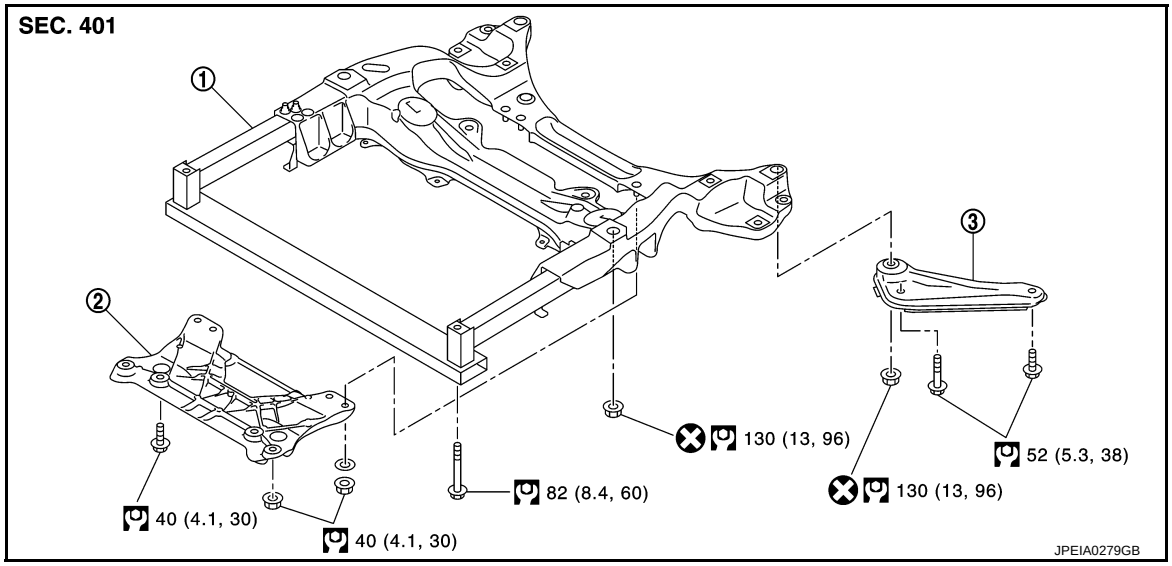

1. Front suspension member
2. Suspension member stay
3. Front suspension member stay

Refer to GI-4, "Components" for symbols in the figure.

Removal and Installation

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REMOVAL

1. Perform adjustment before removal. (With 4WAS) Refer to FSU-19, "Inspection and Adjustment".
2. Remove tires with power tool. Refer to WT-57, "Exploded View".
3. Remove front under cover with power tool. Refer to EXT-29, "FRONT UNDER COVER : Removal and Installation".
4. Remove engine under cover with power tool. Refer to EXT-28, "ENGINE UNDER COVER : Removal and Installation".
5. Remove suspension member stay with power tool.
6. Separate steering gear assembly and lower joint. Refer to ST-37, "WITHOUT 4WAS : Removal and Installation" (without 4WAS), ST-39, "WITH 4WAS : Removal and Installation" (with 4WAS).
7. Separate steering outer socket from steering knuckle. Refer to ST-43, "2WD : Removal and Installation".
8. Remove wheel sensor and sensor harness from steering knuckle. Refer to BRC-138, "FRONT WHEEL SENSOR : Removal and Installation".
9. Remove stabilizer connecting rod and shock absorber from transverse link. Refer to FSU-17, "Removal and Installation".
10. Remove stabilizer bar. Refer to FSU-17, "Removal and Installation".
11. Install engine slinger, and then hoist engine. Refer to EM-71, "2WD : Removal and Installation" (VQ37VHR), EM-212, "2WD : Removal and Installation" (VK56VD).
12. Remove transverse link from front suspension member. Refer to FSU-13, "Removal and Installation".
13. Remove steering hydraulic piping bracket and steering gear from front suspension member. Refer to ST-77, "2WD : Exploded View" and ST-43, "2WD : Removal and Installation".
14. Set suitable jack front suspension member.
    CAUTION:
    Check that jack supporting status is stable.
15. Remove mounting nuts between engine mounting insulator and from front suspension member. Refer to EM-71, "2WD : Removal and Installation" (VQ37VHR), EM-212, "2WD : Removal and Installation" (VK56VD).

16. Remove front suspension member stay.
17. Remove suspension member mounting bolts and nuts, and then remove front suspension member.
    CAUTION:
    Operate while checking that jack supporting status is stable.
18. Perform inspection after removal. Refer to FSU-19, "Inspection and Adjustment".

INSTALLATION

Note the following, and install in the reverse order of removal.

- Perform final tightening of bolts and nuts at the vehicle installation position (rubber bushing), under unladen condition with tires on level ground.
- Perform inspection after installation. Refer to FSU-19, "Inspection and Adjustment".

Inspection and Adjustment

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ADJUSTMENT BEFORE REMOVAL

Adjust neutral position of 4WAS front actuator. (With 4WAS) Refer to STC-73, "Work Procedure (Pattern 1)".

INSPECTION AFTER REMOVAL

Check the front suspension member for significant deformation, cracks, or damages. Replace if necessary.

INSPECTION AFTER INSTALLATION

1. Check wheel sensor harness for proper connection. Refer to BRC-138, "FRONT WHEEL SENSOR : Exploded View".
2. Check wheel alignment. Refer to FSU-7, "Inspection".

SERVICE DATA AND SPECIFICATIONS (SDS)

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Wheel Alignment

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Item			Standard	
Wheel size			18 inch	20 inch
Camber Degree minute (Decimal degree)		Minimum	–0° 55′ (–0.91°)	–1° 00′ (–1.00°)
		Nominal	–0° 10′ (–0.17°)	–0° 15′ (–0.25°)
		Maximum	0° 35′ (0.58°)	0° 30′ (0.50°)
		Left and right difference	0° 33′ (0.55°) or less	
Caster Degree minute (Decimal degree)		Minimum	3° 10′ (3.17°)	
		Nominal	4° 30′ (4.50°)	
		Maximum	5° 50′ (5.83°)	
		Left and right difference	0° 39′ (0.65°) or less	
Kingpin inclination Degree minute (Decimal degree)		Minimum	6° 25′ (6.42°)	6° 30′ (6.50°)
		Nominal	7° 10′ (7.17°)	7° 15′ (7.25°)
		Maximum	7° 55′ (7.91°)	8° 00′ (8.00°)
Toe-in	Total toe-in Distance	Minimum	Out 1 mm (Out 0.03 in)	
		Nominal	In 1 mm (In 0.04 in)	
		Maximum	In 3 mm (In 0.11 in)	
	Total toe-angle Degree minute (Decimal degree)	Minimum	Out 0° 04′ 48″ (Out 0.08°)	
		Nominal	In 0° 04′ 48″ (In 0.08°)	
		Maximum	In 0° 14′ 24″ (In 0.24°)	

Measure value under unladen* conditions.

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

Ball Joint

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Item		Standard
Swing torque	Transverse link	0.5 – 3.6 N·m (0.06 – 0.36 kg-m, 5 – 31 in-lb)
	Upper link	0 – 2.0 N·m (0 – 0.20 kg-m, 0 – 17 in-lb)
Measurement on spring balance	Transverse link	7.8 – 56.3 N (0.8 – 5.7 kg, 1.8 – 12.6 lb)
	Upper link	0 – 61.5 N (0 – 6.2 kg, 0 – 13.8 lb)
Rotating torque	Transverse link	0.5 – 3.9 N·m (0.06 – 0.39 kg-m, 5 – 34 in-lb)
Axial end play		0 mm (0 in)

Wheelarch Height

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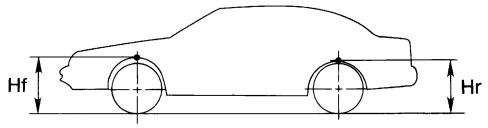
VQ37VHR

Item	Standard	
Wheel size	18 inch	20 inch
Front (Hf)	752 mm (29.61 in)	751 mm (29.57 in)

Item	Standard	
Wheel size	18 inch	20 inch
Rear (Hr)	743 mm (29.25 in)	742 mm (29.21 in)



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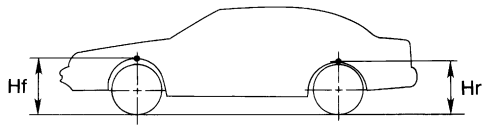
Measure value under unladen* conditions

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

VK56VD

Item	Standard	
Wheel size	18 inch	20 inch
Front (Hf)	751 mm (29.57 in)	750 mm (29.53 in)
Rear (Hr)	743 mm (29.25 in)	741 mm (29.17 in)



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Measure value under unladen* conditions

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

PRECAUTION

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Precaution 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 AIR BAG” and “SEAT BELT” of this Service Manual.

WARNING:

Always observe the following items for preventing accidental activation.

- **To avoid rendering the SRS inoperative, which could increase the risk of personal injury or death in the event of a collision that 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 “SRS AIR BAG”.**
- **Never 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 WHEN USING POWER TOOLS (AIR OR ELECTRIC) AND HAMMERS

WARNING:

Always observe the following items for preventing accidental activation.

- **When working near the Air Bag Diagnosis Sensor Unit or other Air Bag System sensors with the ignition ON or engine running, never use air or electric power tools or strike near the sensor(s) with a hammer. Heavy vibration could activate the sensor(s) and deploy the air bag(s), possibly causing serious injury.**
- **When using air or electric power tools or hammers, always switch the ignition OFF, disconnect the battery, and wait at least 3 minutes before performing any service.**

Precaution for Procedure without Cowl Top Cover

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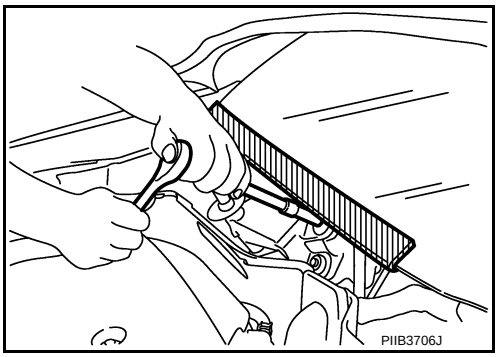
When performing the procedure after removing cowl top cover, cover the lower end of windshield with urethane, etc to prevent damage to windshield.



Precautions for Suspension

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- When installing rubber bushings, the final tightening must be carried out under unladen conditions with tires on ground. Spilled oil might shorten the life of rubber bushings. Be sure to wipe off any spilled oil.
- Unladen conditions mean that fuel, engine coolant and lubricant are full. Spare tire, jack, hand tools and mats are in designated positions.
- After servicing suspension parts, be sure to check wheel alignment.
- Self-lock nuts are not reusable. Always use new ones when installing. Since new self-lock nuts are pre-oiled, tighten as they are.

PREPARATION

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Special Service Tools

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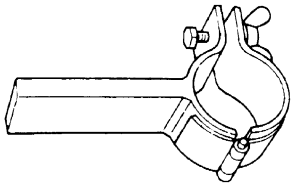
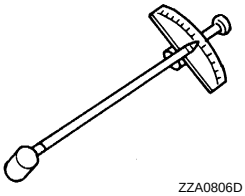
The actual shapes of Kent-Moore tools may differ from those of special service tools illustrated here.

Tool number (Kent-Moore No.) Tool name		Description
ST35652000 (–) Shock absorber attachment	 ZZA0807D	Disassembling and assembling shock absorber
ST3127S000 (J-25765-A) Preload gauge	 ZZA0806D	Measuring rotating torque of ball joint

Commercial Service Tools

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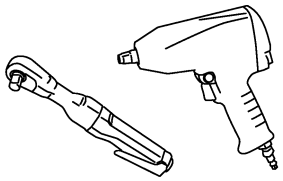
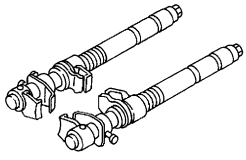
Power tool	 PBIC0190E	Loosening bolts and nuts
Spring compressor	 S-NT717	Removing and installing coil spring

SYMPTOM DIAGNOSIS

NOISE, VIBRATION AND HARSHNESS (NVH) TROUBLESHOOTING

NVH Troubleshooting Chart

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

			Reference	FSU-28, FSU-32, FSU-34, FSU-36, FSU-37	FSU-31	—	—	FSU-31	FSU-28, FSU-32, FSU-34, FSU-36, FSU-37	FSU-26	FSU-36	NVH in DLN section.	NVH in DLN section.	NVH in FAX and FSU sections.	NVH in WT section.	NVH in WT section.	NVH in FAX section.	NVH in BR section.	NVH in ST section.
			Possible cause and SUSPECTED PARTS	Improper installation, looseness	Strut deformation, damage or deflection	Bushing or mounting deterioration	Parts interference	Spring fatigue	Suspension looseness	Incorrect wheel alignment	Stabilizer bar fatigue	PROPELLER SHAFT	DIFFERENTIAL	FRONT AXLE AND FRONT SUSPENSION	TIRE	ROAD WHEEL	DRIVE SHAFT	BRAKE	STEERING
Symptom	FRONT SUSPENSION	Noise		×	×	×	×	×	×			×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
		Shake		×	×	×	×		×			×		×	×	×	×	×	×
		Vibration		×	×	×	×	×				×		×	×		×		×
		Shimmy		×	×	×	×			×				×	×	×		×	×
		Judder		×	×	×								×	×	×		×	×
		Poor quality ride or handling		×	×	×	×	×		×	×			×	×	×			

×: Applicable

PERIODIC MAINTENANCE

FRONT SUSPENSION ASSEMBLY

Inspection

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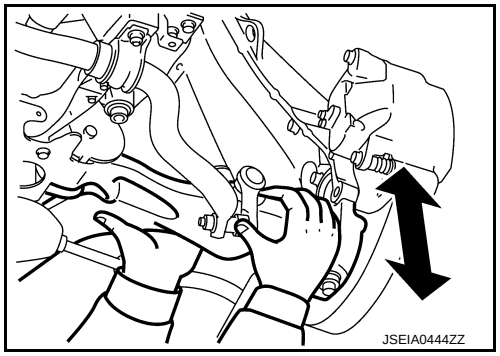
COMPONENT PART

Check the mounting conditions (looseness, backlash) of each component and component conditions (wear, damage) are normal.

Ball Joint Axial End Play

1. Set front wheels in a straight-ahead position.
2. Move axle side of transverse link and upper link in the axial direction by hand. Check there is no end play.



Axial end play : Refer to FSU-39, "Ball Joint".

CAUTION:

- **Never depress brake pedal when measuring.**
- **Never perform with tires on level ground.**
- **Be careful not to damage ball joint boot. Never damage the installation position by applying excessive force.**

Shock absorber

Check for oil leakage, damage. Replace it if necessary.

WHEEL ALIGNMENT

Inspection

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DESCRIPTION

CAUTION:

- **Camber, caster, kingpin inclination angles cannot be adjusted.**
- **If camber, caster, or kingpin inclination angle is outside the standard, check front suspension parts for wear and damage. Replace suspect parts if a malfunction is detected.**
- **Kingpin inclination angle is reference value, no inspection is required.**

Measure wheel alignment under unladen conditions.

NOTE:

“Unladen conditions” means that fuel, engine coolant, and lubricant are full. Spare tire, jack, hand tools and mats are in designated positions.

PRELIMINARY CHECK

Check the following:

- Tires for improper air pressure and wear. Refer to WT-63, "Tire Air Pressure".
- Road wheels for runout.
- Wheel bearing axial end play. Refer to FAX-16, "Inspection".
- Transverse link or upper link ball joint axial end play. Refer to FSU-25, "Inspection".
- shock absorber operation.
- Each mounting part of axle and suspension for looseness and deformation.
- Each of suspension member, shock absorber, upper link and transverse link for cracks, deformation and other damage.
- Vehicle height (posture).

GENERAL INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- A four-wheel thrust alignment should be performed.
  - This type of alignment is recommended for any NISSAN/INFINITI vehicle.
  - The four-wheel “thrust” process helps ensure that the vehicle is properly aligned and the steering wheel is centered.
  - The alignment rack itself should be capable of accepting any NISSAN/INFINITI vehicle.
  - The rack should be checked to ensure that it is level.
- Make sure the machine is properly calibrated.
  - Your alignment equipment should be regularly calibrated in order to give correct information.
  - Check with the manufacturer of your specific equipment for their recommended Service/Calibration Schedule.

ALIGNMENT PROCESS

IMPORTANT:

Use only the alignment specifications listed in this Service Manual.

- When displaying the alignment settings, many alignment machines use “indicators”: (Green/red, plus or minus, Go/No Go). **Never use these indicators.**
  - The alignment specifications programmed into your machine that operate these indicators may not be correct.
  - This may result in an ERROR.
- Most camera-type alignment machines are equipped with both “Rolling Compensation” method and optional “Jacking Compensation” method to “compensate” the alignment targets or head units. “Rolling Compensation” is the preferred method.
  - If using the “Rolling Compensation” method, after installing the alignment targets or head units, push or pull on the rear wheel to move the vehicle. **Do not push or pull on the vehicle body.**
  - If using the “Jacking Compensation” method, after installing the alignment targets or head units, raise the vehicle and rotate the wheels 1/2 turn both ways.

    NOTE:

    Do not use the “Rolling Compensation” method if you are using sensor-type alignment equipment.
  - Follow all instructions for the alignment machine you're using for more information.

Adjustment

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TOE-IN

- Loosen the steering outer socket, and then adjust the length using steering inner socket.

Toe-in : Refer to FSU-39, "Wheel Alignment".

CAUTION:
- **Always evenly adjust both toe-in alternately and adjust the difference between the left and right to the standard.**
- **Always fix the steering inner socket when tightening the steering outer socket.**

- After toe-in adjustment, adjust neutral position of steering angle sensor. Refer to BRC-60, "Work Procedure".

REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION

FRONT COIL SPRING AND SHOCK ABSORBER

Exploded View

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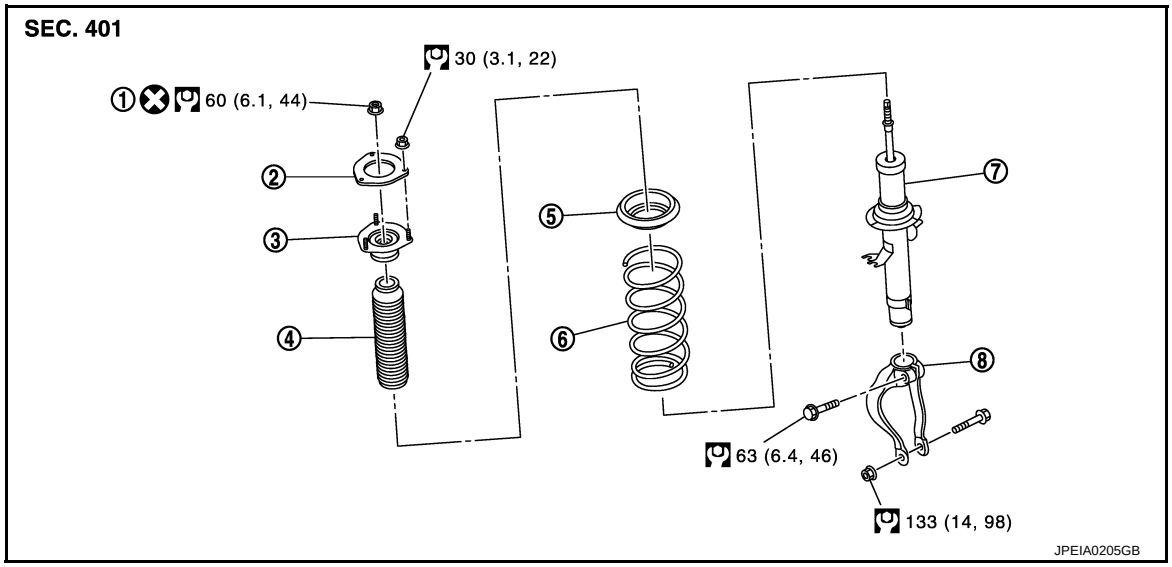

1. Piston rod lock nut
2. Mounting seal
3. Shock absorber mounting bracket
4. Bound bumper
5. Rubber seat
6. Coil spring
7. Shock absorber
8. Shock absorber arm

Refer to GI-4, "Components" for symbols in the figure.

Removal and Installation

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REMOVAL

1. Remove tires with power tool. Refer to WT-57, "Exploded View".
2. Remove wheel sensor harness from shock absorber. Refer to BRC-138, "FRONT WHEEL SENSOR : Removal and Installation".
   CAUTION:
   Never pull on wheel sensor harness.
3. Remove brake hose mounting nut, and separate brake hose from shock absorber. Refer to BR-24, "FRONT : Removal and Installation".
4. Remove stabilizer connecting rod from transverse link. Refer to FSU-36, "Removal and Installation".
5. Separate upper link from steering knuckle. Refer to FSU-34, "Removal and Installation".
6. Remove cotter pin, and then loosen wheel hub lock nut with power tool.
7. Patch wheel hub lock nut with a piece of wood. Hammer the wood to disengage wheel hub and bearing assembly from drive shaft.
   CAUTION:
   - **Never place drive shaft joint at an extreme angle. Also be careful not to overextend slide joint.**
   - **Never allow drive shaft to hang down without support for or joint sub-assembly, shaft and the other parts.**

   NOTE:
   Use suitable puller, if wheel hub and bearing assembly and drive shaft cannot be separated even after performing the above procedure.
8. Remove shock absorber from transverse link with power tool.
9. Remove shock absorber mounting bracket nuts, and then remove shock absorber assembly.

INSTALLATION

Note the following, and install in the reverse order of removal.

- Never tap on the ball joint cap of the stabilizer connecting rod with a hammer or a similar item when inserting the stabilizer connecting rod into the transverse link.
- Perform final tightening of bolts and nuts at the shock absorber lower side (rubber bushing), under unladen conditions with tires on level ground.
- Perform inspection after installation. Refer to FSU-31, "Inspection".
- After replacing the shock absorber, always follow the disposal procedure to discard the shock absorber. Refer to FSU-31, "Disposal".

Disassembly and Assembly

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DISASSEMBLY

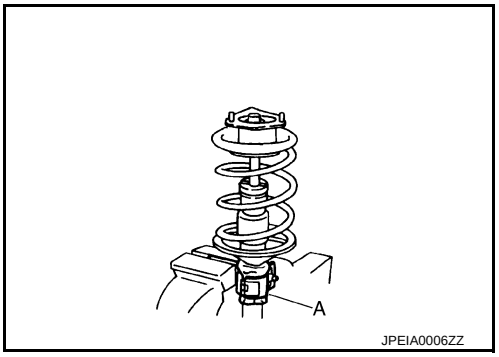
CAUTION:

Never damage shock absorber piston rod when removing components from shock absorber.

1. Remove the shock absorber arm from shock absorber.
2. Install shock absorber attachment (A) [SST: ST35652000 (–)] to shock absorber and secure it in a vise.

   CAUTION:

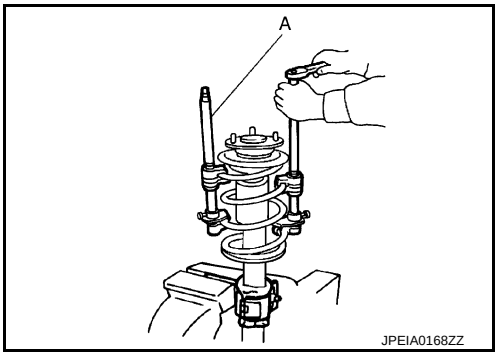
   When installing the shock absorber attachment to shock absorber, wrap a shop cloth around shock absorber to protect it from damage.



3. Using a spring compressor (A) (commercial service tool), compress coil spring between rubber seat and shock absorber until coil spring with a spring compressor is free.

   CAUTION:

   Be sure a spring compressor is securely attached coil spring. Compress coil spring



4. Make sure coil spring with a spring compressor between rubber seat and shock absorber is free. And then remove piston rod lock nut while securing the piston rod tip so that piston rod does not turn.
5. Remove mounting seal, shock absorber mounting bracket, rubber seat, bound bumper from shock absorber.
6. After remove coil spring with a spring compressor (commercial service tool), and then gradually release a spring compressor.

   CAUTION:

   Loosen while making sure coil spring attachment position does not move.
7. Remove the shock absorber attachment [SST: ST35652000 (–)] from shock absorber.
8. Perform inspection after disassembly. Refer to FSU-31, "Inspection".

ASSEMBLY

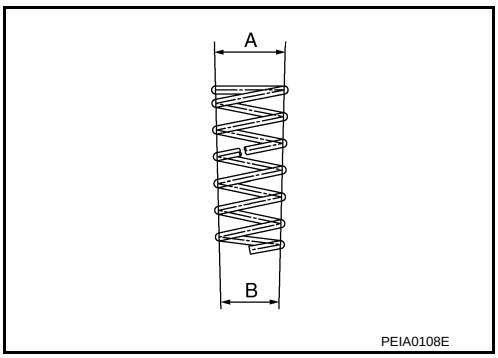
1. Install shock absorber attachment [SST: ST35652000 (–)] to shock absorber and secure it in a vise.

   CAUTION:

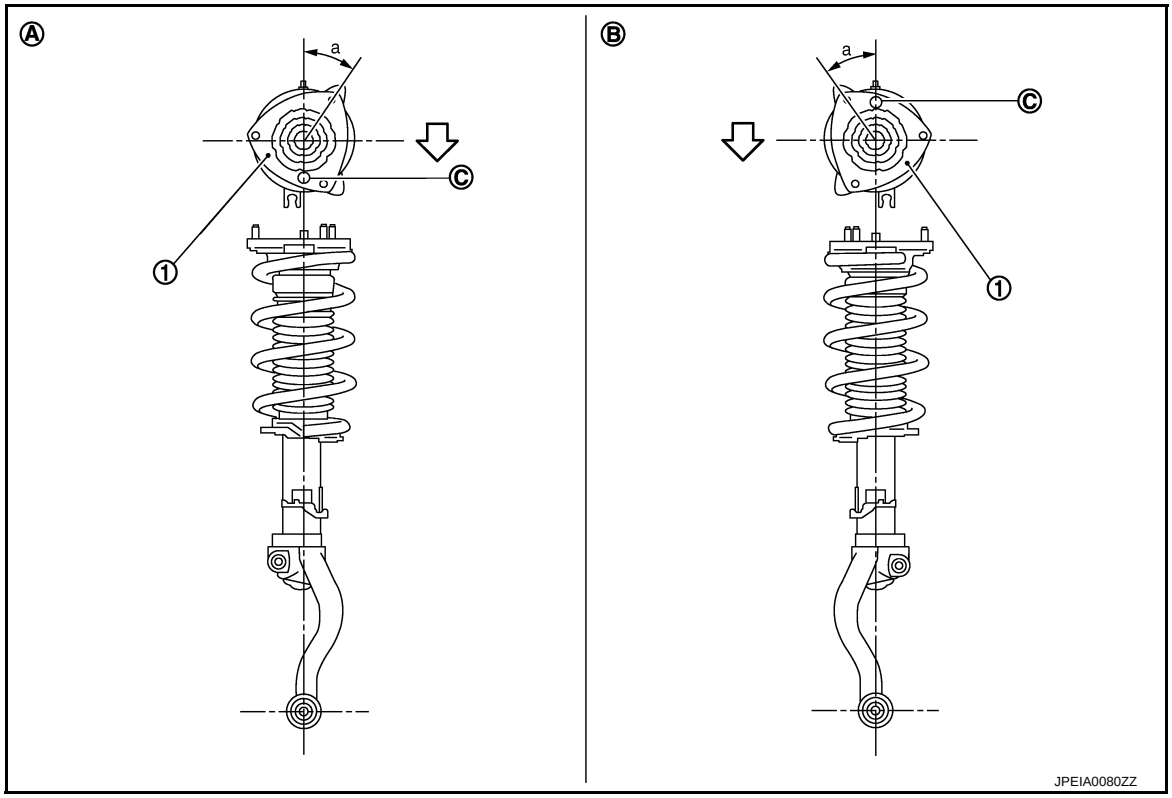
   When installing the shock absorber attachment to shock absorber, wrap a shop cloth around shock absorber to protect it from damage.
2. Compress coil spring using a spring compressor (commercial service tool), and install it onto shock absorber.

   CAUTION:

- **Install with the large-diameter side (A) facing up and the small-diameter side (B) facing down.**
- **Be sure a spring compressor is securely attached to coil spring. Compress coil spring.**



3. Install the shock absorber mounting bracket and rubber seat.
4. Apply soapy water to bound bumper.
   CAUTION:
   Never use machine oil.
5. Insert bound bumper into shock absorber mounting bracket, and then install it to shock absorber together with rubber seat.



1. Shock absorber mounting bracket

A. Right side B. Left side C. Coil spring lower end position

⇦: Vehicle front

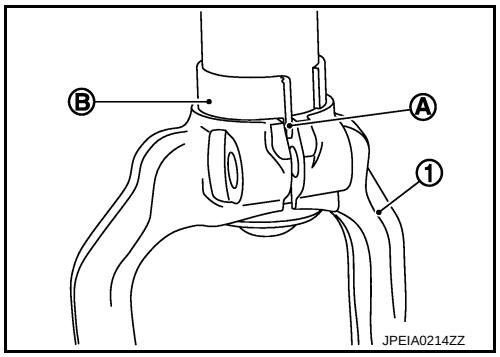
- Install the shock absorber mounting bracket as shown in the figure.

Angle (a) : 25.1°

- Check that the lower end of the coil spring (C) is positioned at the spring lower seat of the shock absorber.

6. Secure piston rod tip so that piston rod does not turn, then tighten piston rod lock nut with specified torque.
   CAUTION:
   Never reuse piston rod lock nut.
7. Gradually release a spring compressor (commercial service tool), and remove coil spring.
   CAUTION:
   Loosen while making sure coil spring attachment position does not move.
8. Remove the shock absorber attachment [SST: ST35652000 (–)] from shock absorber.
9. Install the shock absorber arm to shock absorber.

CAUTION:
Align the shock absorber protrusion (A) with the groove of the shock absorber arm (1). The upper surface of the shock absorber arm must be in full contact with the lower surface of locating bracket (B).



10. Install the mounting seal to shock absorber mounting bracket.

Inspection

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INSPECTION AFTER DISASSEMBLY

Shock absorber

Check the following items, and replace the part if necessary.
- Shock absorber for deformation, cracks or damage.
- Piston rod for damage, uneven wear or distortion.
- Oil leakage.

Shock absorber Mounting Bracket and Rubber Parts Inspection

Check shock absorber mounting bracket for cracks and rubber parts for wear. Replace it if necessary

Coil Spring

Check coil spring for cracks, wear or damage. Replace it if necessary.

INSPECTION AFTER INSTALLATION

1. Check wheel sensor harness for proper connection. Refer to BRC-138, "FRONT WHEEL SENSOR : Exploded View".
2. Check wheel alignment. Refer to FSU-26, "Inspection".

Disposal

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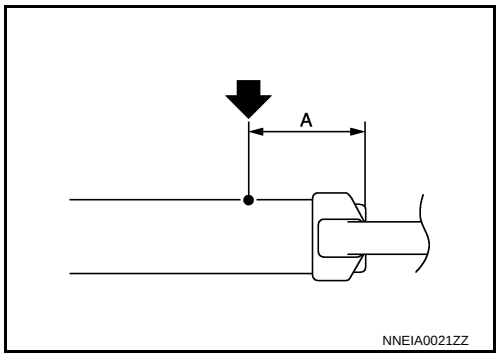
1. Set shock absorber horizontally with the piston rod fully extended.
2. Drill 2 – 3 mm (0.08 – 0.12 in) hole at the position (●) from top as shown in the figure to release gas gradually.



CAUTION:
- **Wear eye protection (safety glasses).**
- **Wear gloves.**
- **Be careful with metal chips or oil blown out by the compressed gas.**

NOTE:
- Drill vertically in this direction (⬅).
- Directly to the outer tube avoiding brackets.
- The gas is clear, colorless, odorless, and harmless.

A : 20 – 30 mm (0.79 – 1.18 in)

3. Position the drilled hole downward and drain oil by moving the piston rod several times.

CAUTION:
Dispose of drained oil according to the law and local regulations.

TRANSVERSE LINK

Exploded View

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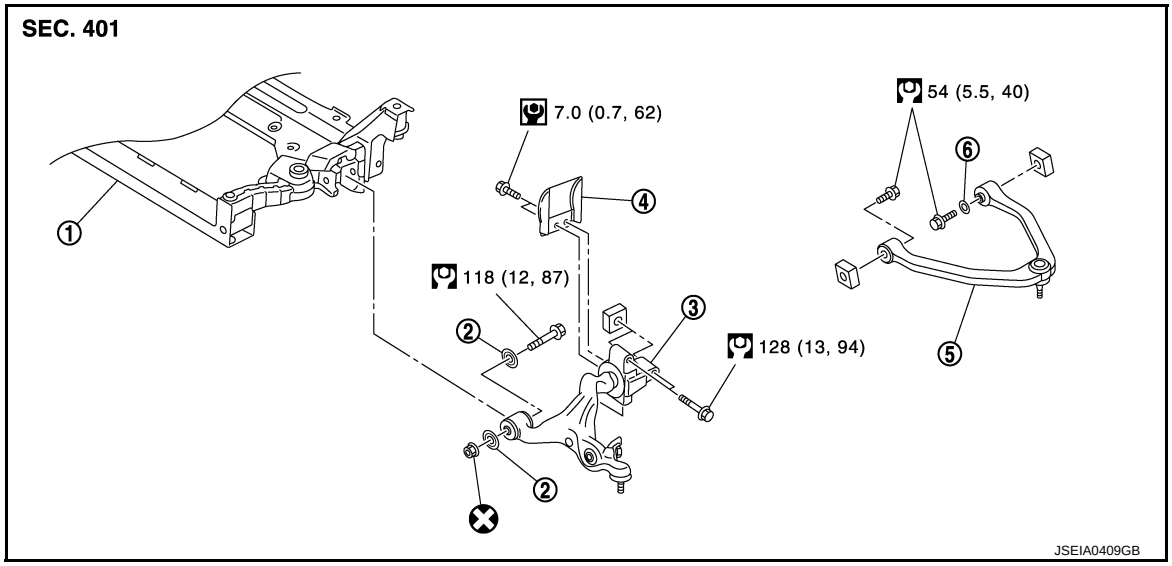

1. Front suspension member
2. Stopper bushing
3. Transverse link
4. Insulator (VK56VD)
5. Upper link
6. Stopper rubber

Refer to GI-4, "Components" for symbols in the figure.

Removal and Installation

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REMOVAL

1. Remove tires with power tool. Refer to WT-57, "Exploded View".
2. Remove engine under cover with power tool. Refer to EXT-28, "ENGINE UNDER COVER : Removal and Installation".
3. Remove shock absorber assembly. Refer to FSU-28, "Removal and Installation".
4. Remove front crossbar. Refer to FSU-37, "Removal and Installation".
5. Separate steering outer socket from steering knuckle. Refer to ST-53, "AWD : Removal and Installation".
6. Remove transverse link from steering knuckle.
7. Set suitable jack under transverse link.
   CAUTION:
   Check that jack supporting status is stable.
8. Remove insulator form transverse link. (VK56VD)
9. Remove mounting bolts, nuts, and stopper bushings, and then remove transverse link from suspension and vehicle.
10. Perform inspection after removal. Refer to FSU-32, "Inspection".

INSTALLATION

Note the following, and install in the reverse order of removal.

- Never tap on the ball joint cap of the stabilizer connecting rod with a hammer or a similar item when inserting the stabilizer connecting rod into the transverse link.
- Perform final tightening of bolts and nuts at the front suspension member installation and shock absorber lower side (rubber bushing), under unladen conditions with tires on level ground.
- Perform inspection after installation. Refer to FSU-32, "Inspection".

Inspection

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INSPECTION AFTER REMOVAL

Appearance

Check the following items, and replace the part if necessary.

- Transverse link and bushing for deformation, cracks or damage.
- Ball joint boot for cracks or other damage, and also for grease leakage.

Ball Joint Inspection

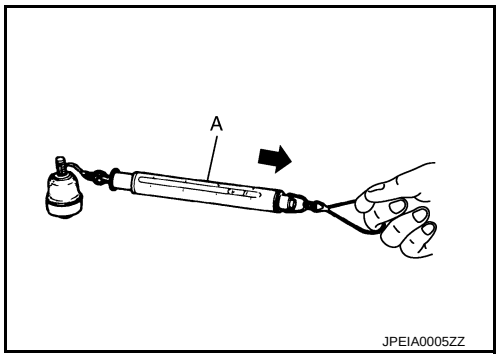
Manually move ball stud to confirm it moves smoothly with no binding.

Swing Torque Inspection

1. Move the ball stud at least ten times by hand to check for smooth movement.
2. Hook a spring balance (A) at cotter pin mounting hole. Confirm spring balance measurement value is within specifications when ball stud begins moving.

Swing toque :Refer to FSU-39, "Ball Joint".

- If swing torque exceeds standard range, replace transverse link assembly.

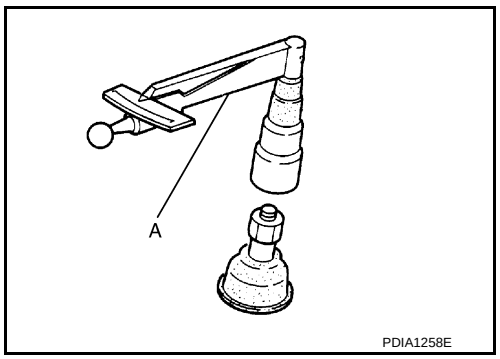


Rotating Torque Inspection

1. Move the ball stud at least ten times by hand to check for smooth movement.
2. Attach mounting nut to ball stud. Make sure that rotating torque is within specifications with a preload gauge (A) [SST: 3127S000 (J-25765-A)].

Rotating toque : Refer to FSU-39, "Ball Joint".

- If rotating torque exceeds standard range, replace transverse link assembly.



Axial End Play Inspection

1. Move the ball stud at least ten times by hand to check for smooth movement.
2. Move tip of ball stud in axial direction to check for looseness.

Axial end play :Refer to FSU-39, "Ball Joint".

- If axial end play exceeds standard range, replace transverse link assembly.

INSPECTION AFTER INSTALLATION

1. Check wheel sensor harness for proper connection. Refer to BRC-138, "FRONT WHEEL SENSOR : Exploded View".
2. Check wheel alignment. Refer to FSU-26, "Inspection".

UPPER LINK

Exploded View

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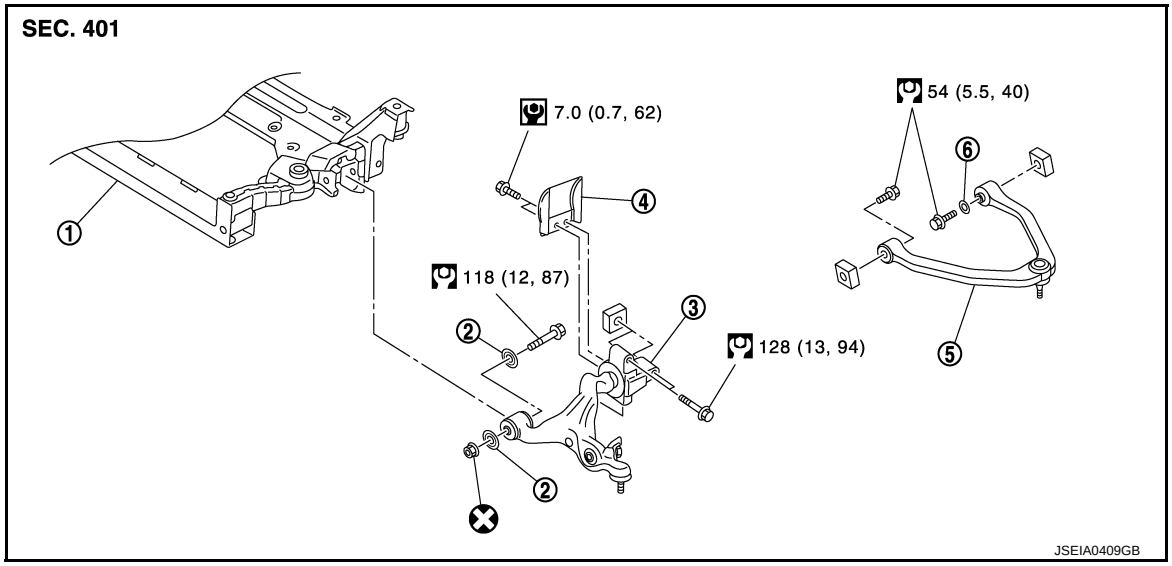

1. Front suspension member
2. Stopper bushing
3. Transverse link
4. Insulator (VK56VD)
5. Upper link
6. Stopper rubber

Refer to GI-4, "Components" for symbols in the figure.

Removal and Installation

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REMOVAL

1. Remove tires from with power tool. Refer to WT-57, "Exploded View".
2. Remove shock absorber assembly. Refer to FSU-28, "Removal and Installation".
3. Remove mounting bolts and stopper rubber, and then remove upper link from vehicle.
4. Perform inspection after removal. Refer to FSU-34, "Inspection".

INSTALLATION

Note the following, and install in the reverse order of removal.

- Perform final tightening of bolts and nuts at the vehicle installation position (rubber bushing), under unladen conditions with tires on level ground.
- Perform inspection after installation. Refer to FSU-34, "Inspection".

Inspection

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INSPECTION AFTER REMOVAL

Appearance

Check the following items, and replace the part if necessary.

- Upper link and bushing for deformation, cracks or damage.
- Ball joint boot for cracks or other damage, and also for grease leakage.

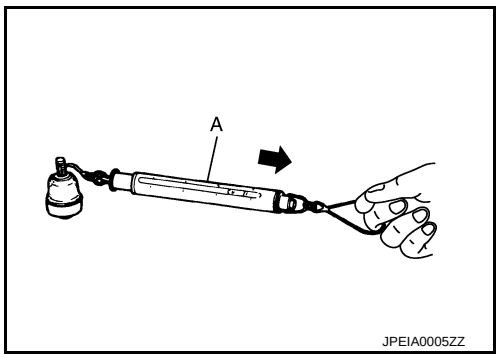
Ball Joint Inspection

Manually move ball stud to confirm it moves smoothly with no binding.

Swing Torque Inspection

1. Move the ball stud at least ten times by hand to check for smooth movement.

2. Hook a spring balance (A) at cutout on ball stud. Confirm spring balance measurement value is within specifications when ball stud begins moving.



Swing torque : Refer to FSU-39, "Ball Joint".

- If swing torque exceeds standard range, replace upper link assembly.

Axial End Play Inspection

1. Move the ball stud at least ten times by hand to check for smooth movement.
2. Move tip of ball stud in axial direction to check for looseness.

Axial end play : Refer to FSU-39, "Ball Joint".

- If axial end play exceeds standard range, replace upper link assembly.

INSPECTION AFTER INSTALLATION

1. Check wheel sensor harness for proper connection. Refer to BRC-138, "FRONT WHEEL SENSOR : Exploded View".
2. Check wheel alignment. Refer to FSU-26, "Inspection".

FRONT STABILIZER

Exploded View

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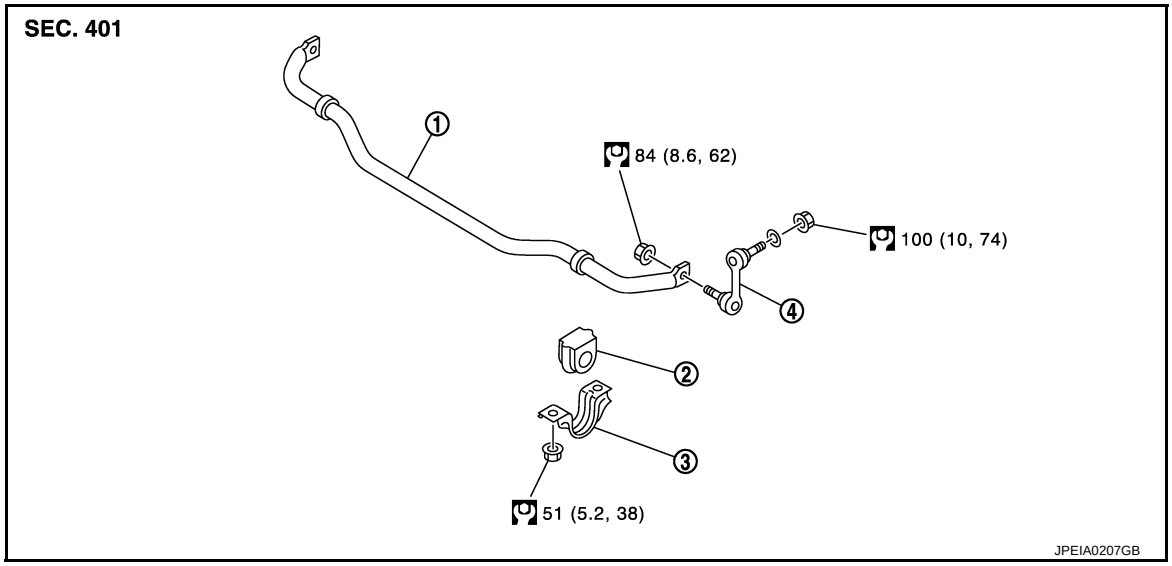

1. Stabilizer bar
2. Stabilizer bushing
3. Stabilizer clamp
4. Stabilizer connecting rod

Refer to GI-4, "Components" for symbols in the figure.

Removal and Installation

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REMOVAL

1. Remove tires with power tool. Refer to WT-57, "Exploded View".
2. Remove engine under cover with power tool. Refer to EXT-28, "ENGINE UNDER COVER : Removal and Installation".
3. Remove stabilizer connecting rod.
   CAUTION:
   Apply a matching mark to identify the installation position.
4. Remove stabilizer clamp and stabilizer bushing.
5. Remove stabilizer bar.
6. Perform inspection after removal. Refer to FSU-36, "Inspection".

INSTALLATION

Note the following, and install in the reverse order of removal.

- Check the matching mark when installing.
- Tighten the mounting nut to the specified torque while holding a hexagonal part of stabilizer connecting rod side.

Inspection

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INSPECTION AFTER REMOVAL

Check stabilizer bar, stabilizer connecting rod, stabilizer bushing and stabilizer clamp for deformation, cracks or damage. Replace it if necessary.

FRONT SUSPENSION MEMBER

Exploded View

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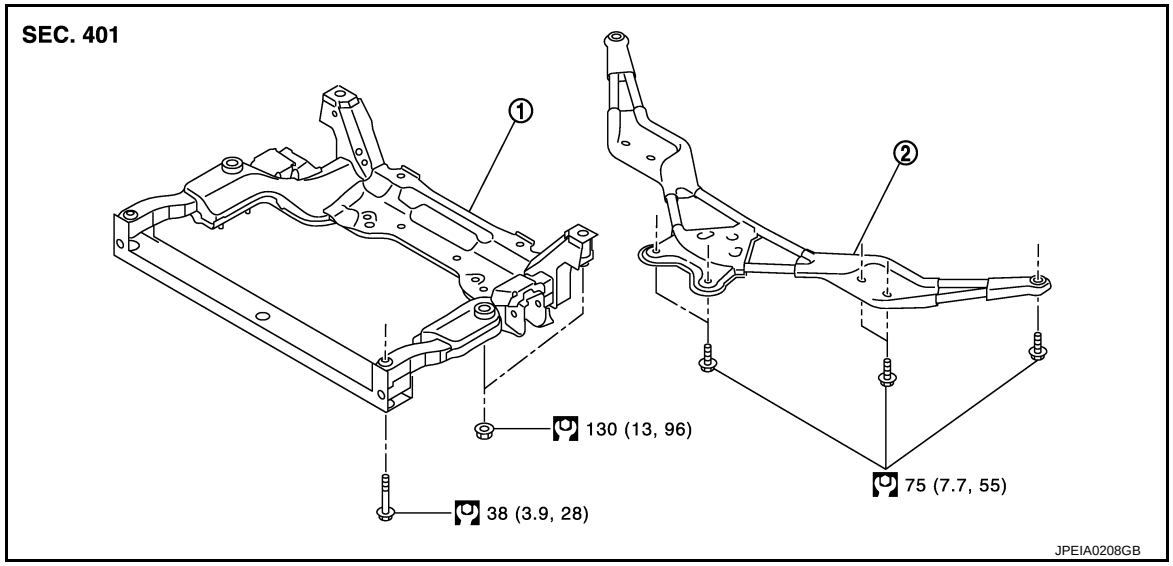

1. Front suspension member
2. Front cross bar

Refer to GI-4, "Components" for symbols in the figure.

Removal and Installation

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REMOVAL

1. Remove tires with power tool. Refer to WT-57, "Exploded View".
2. Remove front under cover with power tool. Refer to EXT-29, "FRONT UNDER COVER : Removal and Installation".
3. Remove engine under cover with power tool. Refer to EXT-28, "ENGINE UNDER COVER : Removal and Installation".
4. Remove front cross bar with power tool.
5. Separate steering gear assembly and lower joint. Refer to ST-37, "WITHOUT 4WAS : Removal and Installation".
6. Separate steering outer sockets from steering knuckles. Refer to ST-53, "AWD : Removal and Installation".
7. Remove wheel sensors and sensor harness from steering knuckles. Refer to BRC-138, "FRONT WHEEL SENSOR : Removal and Installation".
8. Remove shock absorber from transverse link. Refer to FSU-28, "Removal and Installation".
9. Remove stabilizer. Refer to FSU-36, "Removal and Installation".
10. Install engine slinger, and then hoist engine. Refer to EM-76, "AWD : Removal and Installation" (VQ37VHR), EM-212, "2WD : Removal and Installation" (VK56VD).
11. Remove transverse link from front suspension member. Refer to FSU-32, "Removal and Installation".
12. Remove steering hydraulic piping bracket and steering gear from front suspension member. Refer to ST-79, "AWD : Exploded View" and ST-53, "AWD : Removal and Installation".
13. Set suitable jack front suspension member.
    CAUTION:
    Check that jack supporting status is stable.
14. Remove mounting nuts between engine mounting insulator and from front suspension member. Refer to EM-76, "AWD : Removal and Installation" (VQ37VHR), EM-217, "AWD : Removal and Installation" (VK56VD).
15. Remove suspension member mounting bolts and nuts, and then remove suspension member.

CAUTION:
Operate while checking that jack supporting status is stable.

16. Perform inspection after removal. Refer to FSU-38, "Inspection".

INSTALLATION

Note the following, and install in the reverse order of removal.

- Perform final tightening of bolts and nut at the vehicle installation position (rubber bushing), under unladen condition with tires on level ground.
- Perform inspection after installation. Refer to FSU-38, "Inspection".

Inspection

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INSPECTION AFTER REMOVAL

Check the front suspension member for significant deformation, cracks, or damages. Replace if necessary.

INSPECTION AFTER INSTALLATION

1. Check wheel sensor harness for proper connection. Refer to BRC-138, "FRONT WHEEL SENSOR : Exploded View".
2. Check wheel alignment. Refer to FSU-26, "Inspection".

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Wheel Alignment

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Item			Standard
Camber Degree minute (Decimal degree)		Minimum	–0° 50′ (–0.83°)
		Nominal	–0° 05′ (–0.08°)
		Maximum	0° 40′ (0.66°)
		Left and right difference	0° 33′ (0.55°) or less
Caster Degree minute (Decimal degree)		Minimum	2° 40′ (2.67°)
		Nominal	4° 00′ (4.00°)
		Maximum	5° 20′ (5.33°)
		Left and right difference	0° 39′ (0.65°) or less
Kingpin inclination Degree minute (Decimal degree)		Minimum	6° 20′ (6.34°)
		Nominal	7° 05′ (7.08°)
		Maximum	7° 50′ (7.83°)
Toe-in	Total toe-in Distance	Minimum	Out 1 mm (Out 0.03 in)
		Nominal	In 1 mm (In 0.04 in)
		Maximum	In 3 mm (In 0.11 in)
	Total toe-angle Degree minute (Decimal degree)	Minimum	Out 0° 04′ 48″ (Out 0.08°)
		Nominal	In 0° 04′ 48″ (In 0.08°)
		Maximum	In 0° 14′ 24″ (In 0.24°)

Measure value under unladen* conditions.

*Fuel, engine coolant and lubricant are full. Spare tire, jack, hand tools and mats are in designated positions.

Ball Joint

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Item		Standard
Swing torque	Transverse link	0.5 – 3.6 N·m (0.06 – 0.36 kg-m, 5 – 31 in-lb)
	Upper link	0 – 2.0 N·m (0 – 0.20 kg-m, 0 – 17 in-lb)
Measurement on spring balance	Transverse link	7.8 – 56.3 N (0.8 – 5.7 kg, 1.8 – 12.6 lb)
	Upper link	0 – 61.5 N (0 – 6.2 kg, 0 – 13.8 lb)
Rotating torque	Transverse link	0.5 – 3.9 N·m (0.06 – 0.39 kg-m, 5 – 34 in-lb)
Axial end play		0 mm (0 in)

Wheelarch Height

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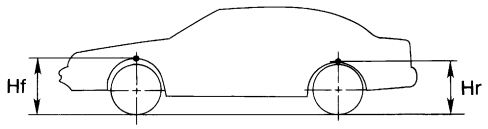
VQ37VHR

Item	Standard
Front (Hf)	765 mm (30.12 in)

Item	Standard
Rear (Hr)	757 mm (29.80 in)



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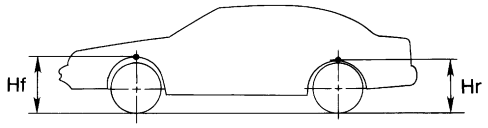
VK56VD

Item	Standard
Front (Hf)	763 mm (30.04 in)
Rear (Hr)	757 mm (29.80 in)



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