## **STEERING SYSTEM**

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#### Precautions

#### SUPPLEMENTAL RESTRAINT SYSTEM "AIR BAG"

The Supplemental Restraint System "Air Bag", used along with a seat belt, helps to reduce the risk or severity of injury to the driver and front passenger in a frontal collision. The Supplemental Restraint System consists of air bag modules (located in the center of the steering wheel and on the instrument panel on the passenger side), a diagnosis sensor unit, warning lamp, wiring harness and spiral cable. Information necessary to service the system safely is included in the **BF section** of this Service Manual. **WARNING:** 

- To avoid rendering the SRS inoperative, which could increase the risk of personal injury or death in the event of a collision which would result in air bag inflation, all maintenance must be performed by an authorized NISSAN dealer.
- Improper maintenance, including incorrect removal and installation of the SRS, can lead to personal injury caused by unintentional activation of the system.
- All SRS air bag electrical wiring harnesses and connectors are covered with yellow outer insulation. Do not use electrical test equipment on any circuit related to the "Air Bag".

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

#### Tool number (Kent-Moore No.) Description Tool name KV48103400 Measuring pinion rotating torque (See J26364) Torque adapter NT236 KV48102500 Measuring oil pressure PF3/8 (--)Pressure gauge adapter M16 x 1.5 pitch PF3/8" M16 x 1.5 pitch NT542 Removing and installing steering wheel ST27180001 M10 x 1.25 pitch M മ (J25726-A) Steering wheel puller M8 x 1.25 pitch 29 mm മ NT544 (1.14 in)

#### **Special Service Tools**

#### PRECAUTIONS AND PREPARATION

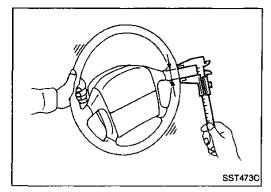
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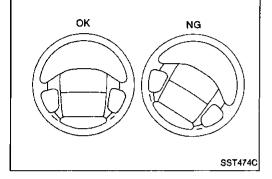
Tool number (Kent-Moore No.) Tool name	Description	
HT72520000 (J25730-A) Ball joint remover	Removing ball jo	GI
	a: 33 mm (1.30 in) b: 50 mm (1.97 in) r: R11.5 mm (0.453	MA In)
ST27091000 (J26357)	To oil pump outlet PF3/8" (female)	essure EM
Pressure gauge	PF3/8" (male)	LC
<u></u>	NT547 Shut-off valve	EC
KV48104400 ( — ) Rack seal ring reformer	Reforming teflon	ring 序图
	a: 50 mm (1.97 in)	
	b: 36 mm (1.42 in) Fine finishing c: 100 mm (3.94 in)	dia.
ST3127S000 (See J25765-A) ① GG91030000	Measuring turnin	ng torque MT
(J25765-A) Torque wrench ② HT62940000	2 1/4" Torque wrench with range of 2.9 N·m	AT
( — ) Socket adapter ③ HT62900000	(3) kg-cm, 3/8" to 1/2" (30 kg-cm, 26 in-lb)	FA
( — ) Socket adapter	NT541	RA

#### **Commercial Service Tools**

Tool name	Description		
Rear oil seal drift		Installing rear oil seal	ST
	a		BF
	NT063	a : 28 mm (1.10 in) dia.	A
Pinion oil seal drift		Installing pinion oil seal	- HA
	a		EL
	NT063	a : 35 mm (1.38 in) dia.	_ IDX
Oil pump attachment	R21 (0.83) 11 (0.43) dia. 42 (1.65) 95 (3.74) Welding 12 (0.47) 40 (1.5) 90 (3.54)		- 1974
	62 (2.44) 15 (0.59) NT179	Unit: mm (in)	

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#### **Checking Steering Wheel Play**

 With wheels in a straight-ahead position, check steering wheel play.

#### Steering wheel play: 35 mm (1.38 in) or less

 If not within specification, check steering gear assembly. Front suspension and axle, steering gear assembly and steering column should be mounted correctly when checking.

#### **Checking Neutral Position on Steering Wheel**

#### Pre-checking

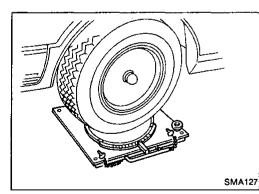
Make sure that wheel alignment is correct.
Wheel alignment:

#### Refer to SDS in FA section.

 Verify that the steering gear is centered before removing the steering wheel.

#### Checking

- 1. Check that the steering wheel is in the neutral position when driving straight ahead.
- 2. If it is not in the neutral position, remove the steering wheel and reinstall it correctly.
- If the neutral position is between two serrated teeth of steering column shaft, correct position as follows. Loosen tie-rod lock nuts and adjust tie-rods. Turn the tie-rods by the same amount on both left and right sides.



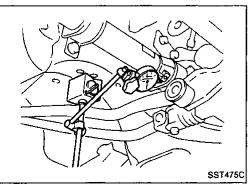
#### **Front Wheel Turning Angle**

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

#### Turning angle of full turns: Refer to SDS in FA section.

2. If it is not within specification, check rack stroke. Rack stroke "S":

Refer to SDS (ST-25).



#### **Checking Gear Housing Movement**

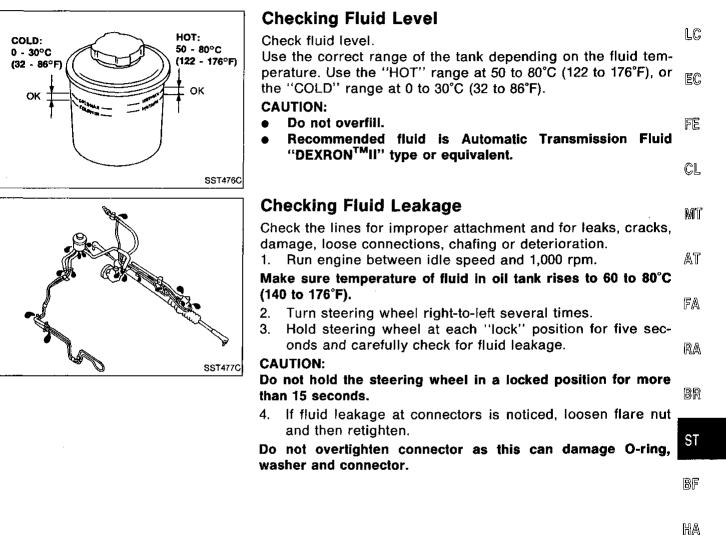
- 1. Check the movement of steering gear housing during stationary steering on a dry paved surface.
- Apply a force of 49 N (5 kg, 11 lb) to steering wheel to check the gear housing movement. Turn off ignition key while checking. Movement of gear housing: ±2 mm (±0.08 in) or less
- 2. If movement exceeds the limit, replace mount insulator after confirming proper installation of gear housing clamps.

## Checking and Adjusting Drive Belts (For power steering)

Refer to "Checking Drive Belts" for "ENGINE MAINTENANCE" in MA section.

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#### Bleeding Hydraulic System

- 1. Raise front end of vehicle until wheels are clear of the ground.
- Add fluid into oil tank to specified level. Then quickly turn steering wheel fully to right and left and lightly touch steering stoppers.

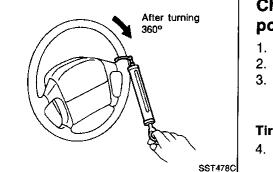
Repeat steering wheel operation until fluid level no longer decreases.

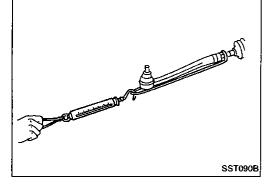
3. Start engine. Repeat step 2 above. 宮し

#### Bleeding Hydraulic System (Cont'd)

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

Fluid noise may occur in the valve or oil pump in the following situations: While the vehicle is stationary or while turning steering wheel slowly. This noise is inherent in this steering system. It will not affect performance or durability of the system.





## Checking Steering Wheel Turning Force (For power steering)

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

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

4. Check steering wheel turning force when steering wheel has been turned 360° from the neutral position.

#### Steering wheel turning force:

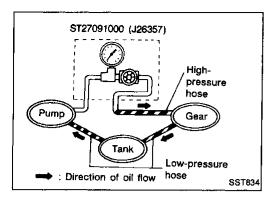
- 39 N (4 kg, 9 lb) or less If out of specifications, check rack sliding force to detect
- If out of specifications, check rack sliding force to detect condition of steering gear assembly.
- a. Disconnect steering column lower joint and knuckle arms from the gear.
- b. Start and run engine at idle to make sure steering fluid has reached normal operating temperature.
- c. Pull tie-rod slowly to move it from neutral position to  $\pm 11.5$  mm ( $\pm 0.453$  in) at speed of 3.5 mm (0.138 in)/s. Check that rack sliding force is within specification.

#### Rack sliding force:

- 186 284 N (19 29 kg, 42 64 lb)
- d. Check sliding force outside above range. Rack sliding force:

#### Not more than 294 N (30 kg, 66 lb)

6. If rack sliding force is not within specification, overhaul steering gear assembly.



#### **Checking Hydraulic System**

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

- 1. Set Tool. Open shut-off valve. Then bleed air. (See "Bleeding Hydraulic System" ST-5.)
- 2. Run engine.

Make sure temperature of fluid in tank rises to 60 to 80°C (140  $$\rm MA$$  to 176°F).

#### WARNING:

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

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

#### CAUTION:

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

Oil pump maximum standard pressure:

8,140 - 8,728 kPa (83 - 89 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>, 1,180 - 1,266 psi)

- 4. If oil pressure is below the standard pressure, slowly close shut-off valve and check pressure.
- When pressure reaches standard pressure, gear is damaged.
  When pressure reaches standard pressure, gear is damaged.
- When pressure remains below standard pressure, pump is damaged.

#### CAUTION:

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

- 5. If oil pressure is higher than standard pressure, check oil pump flow control valve.
- After checking hydraulic system, remove Tool and add fluid as necessary. Then completely bleed air out of system.

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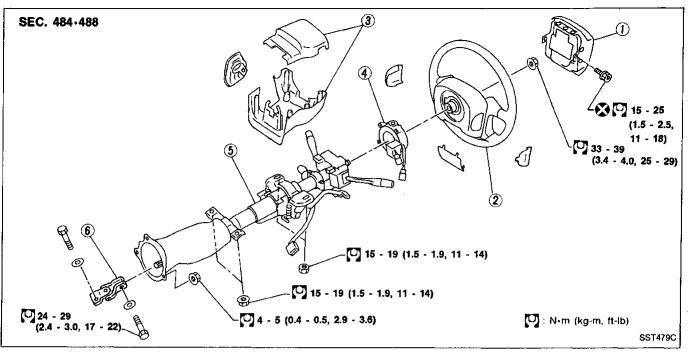
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#### **Removal and Installation**



- (1) Air bag module
- 2 Steering wheel

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- 3 Column cover
- Spiral cable
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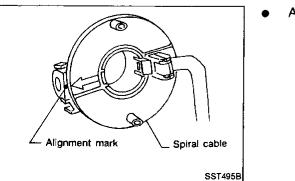
6 Lower joint

(5) Steering column assembly

- The rotation of the spiral cable (SRS "Air bag" component part) is limited. If the steering gear must be removed, set the front wheels in the straight-ahead direction. Do not rotate the steering column while the steering gear is removed.
- Remove the steering wheel before removing the steering lower joint to avoid damaging the SRS spiral cable.

#### STEERING WHEEL

 Remove air bag module and spiral cable.
Refer to "Removal — Air Bag Module and Spiral Cable", "SUPPLEMENTAL RESTRAINT SYSTEM" in BF section.



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• Align spiral cable correctly when installing steering wheel.

# STEERING WHEEL AND STEERING COLUMN **Removal and Installation (Cont'd)** Remove steering wheel with Tool.

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- STEERING COLUMN Remove key interlock cable (A/T models).
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- When installing steering column, fingertighten all lower MT bracket and clamp retaining bolts; then tighten them securely. Do not apply undue stress to steering column.
- When attaching coupling joint, be sure tightening bolt faces AT cutout portion.
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- Align slit of lower joint with projection on dust cover. Insert BR joint until surface A contacts surface B.

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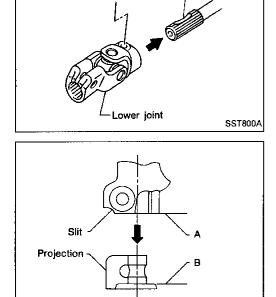
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ST After installation, turn steering wheel to make sure it moves smoothly. Ensure the number of turns from the straight forward position to left and right locks are the same. Be sure that the BF steering wheel is in a neutral position when driving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

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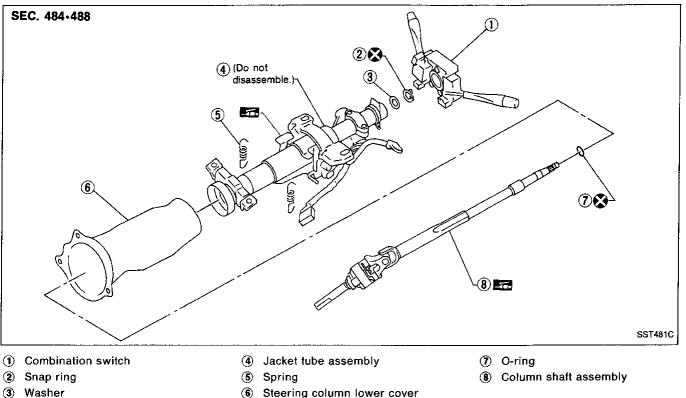
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Steering lock

Lock plate

#### **Disassembly and Assembly**



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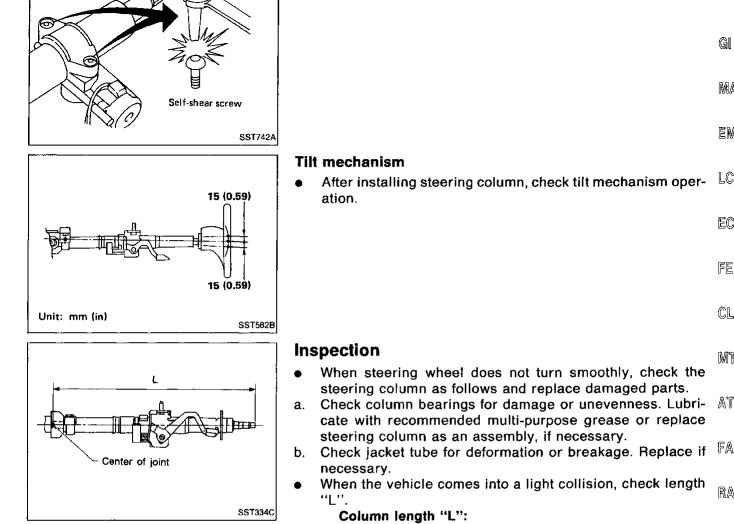
- Upper shaft Snap ring SST670B
- Self-shear type screw SST741A

- When disassembling and assembling, unlock steering lock with key.
- Remove combination switch.
- Ensure that rounded surface of snap ring faces toward bearing when snap ring is installed.
- Install snap ring on upper shaft with a suitable tool.
- Steering lock
- Break self-shear type screws with a drill or other appropria. ate tool.

#### STEERING WHEEL AND STEERING COLUMN

#### **Disassembly and Assembly (Cont'd)**

b. Install new self-shear type screws and then cut off selfshear type screw heads.



#### 525.9 - 528.1 mm (20.70 - 20.79 in)

BR If out of the specifications, replace steering column as an assembly.

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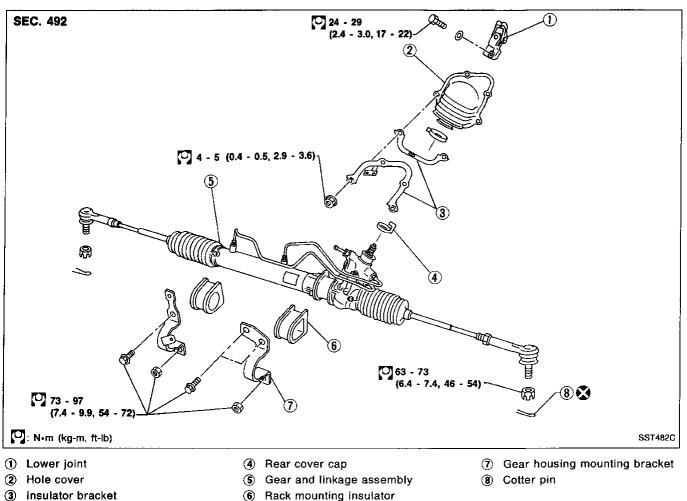
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#### Removal and Installation

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### CAUTION:

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- Remove the steering wheel before removing the steering lower joint to avoid damaging the SRS spiral cable.
- Detach tie-rod outer sockets from knuckle arms with Tool.
- When disconnecting steering shaft lower joint, follow the • procedure shown below.
- Remove carbon canister, engine mounting center member 1) and front suspension stabilizer bar. Refer to FA section.
- 2) Remove nuts for fitting the hole cover.
- Disconnect the lower joint while shifting the hole cover. 3)

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

- Install pipe connector.
- Observe specified tightening torque when tightening highpressure and low-pressure pipe connectors. Excessive tightening will damage threads of connector or O-ring. Connector tightening torque: Low-pressure side "1" 27 - 39 N·m (2.8 - 4.0 kg-m, 20 - 29 ft-lb) High-pressure side "2" 15 - 25 N·m (1.5 - 2.5 kg-m, 11 - 18 ft-lb)
- The O-ring in low-pressure pipe connector is larger than that in high-pressure connector. Take care to install the EM proper O-ring.

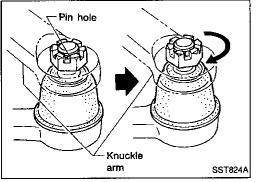
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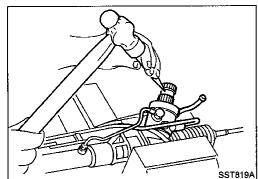
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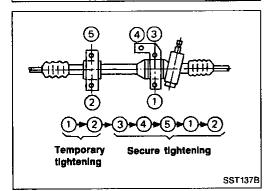


Initially, tighten nut on tie-rod outer socket and knuckle arm to 63 to 82 N·m (6.4 to 8.4 kg-m, 46 to 61 ft-lb). Then tighten further to align nut groove with first pin hole so that cotter pin can be installed.

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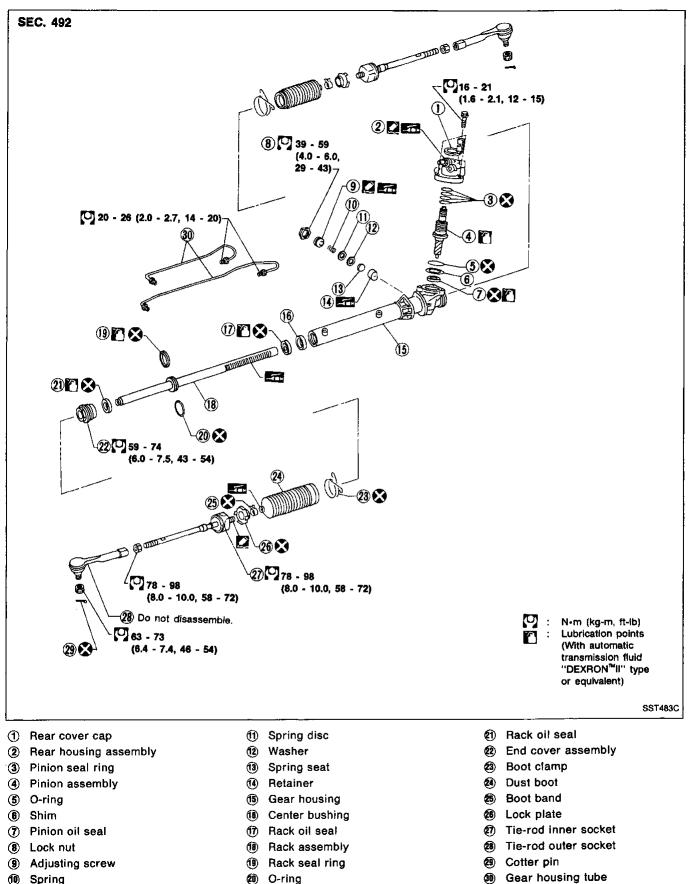


- Before removing lower joint from gear, set gear in neutral (wheels in straight-ahead position). After removing lower joint, put matching mark on pinion shaft and pinion housing to record neutral position.
- To install, set left and right dust boots to equal deflection. Attach lower joint by aligning matching marks of pinion shaft and pinion housing.

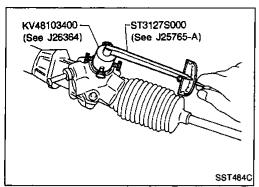
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 Tighten gear housing mounting bracket bolts in the order EL shown.

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(1) Spring



#### Disassembly

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

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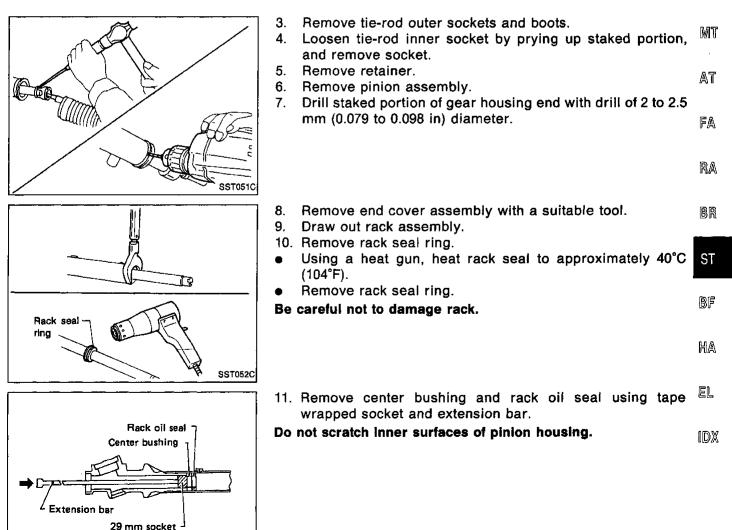
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#### Inspection

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

#### BOOT

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

#### RACK

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

#### **PINION ASSEMBLY**

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

#### GEAR HOUSING CYLINDER

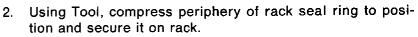
Check gear housing cylinder bore for scratches or other damage. Replace if necessary.

#### TIE-ROD OUTER AND INNER SOCKETS

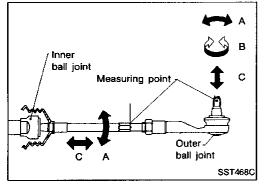
- Check ball joints for swinging force.
- Tie-rod outer and inner ball joints swinging force "A": Refer to SDS (ST-25).
- Check ball joint for rotating torque. **Tie-rod outer ball joint rotating torque "B": Refer to SDS (ST-25).**
- Check ball joints for axial end play. Tie-rod outer and inner ball joints axial end play "C": Refer to SDS (ST-25).
- Check condition of dust cover. If cracked excessively, replace outer tie-rod.

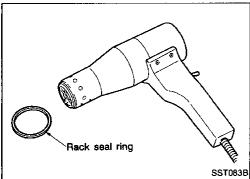
#### Assembly

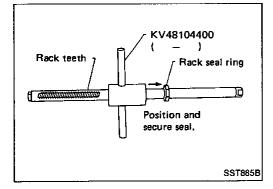
1. Using a heat gun, heat new rack seal ring (made of Teflon) to approximately 40°C (104°F). Then install it onto rack with your hand.



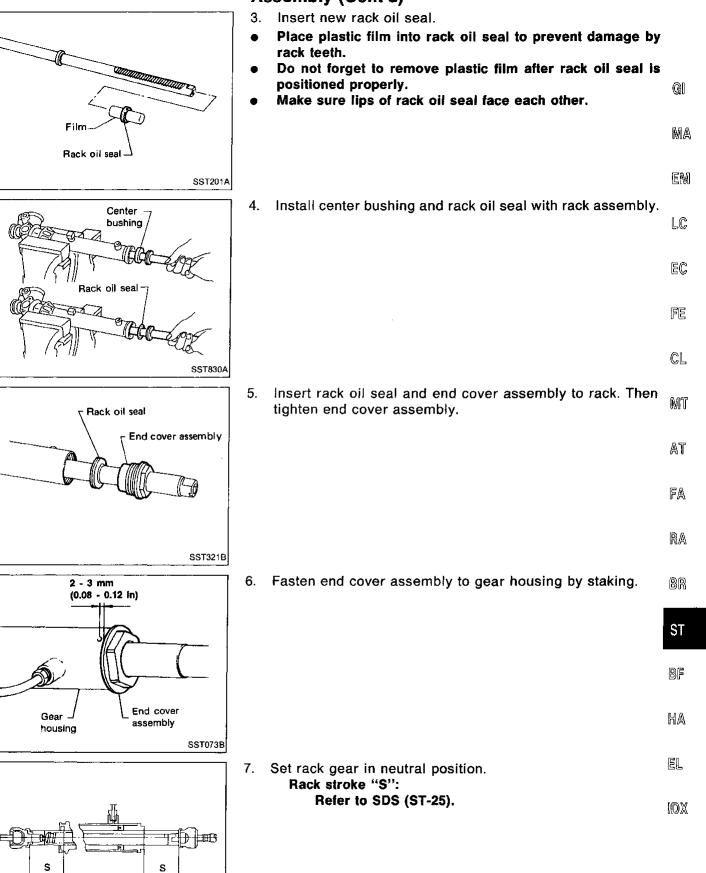
Always insert Tool from the rack gear side.







#### Assembly (Cont'd)



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#### Assembly (Cont'd)

- Suitable tool Oil seal SST381A 9. Gear housing Oil seal Shim Rack assembly SST074B S\$T085B Gear housing -Rack assembly Needle bearing SST075B
  - 8. Coat seal lip of new pinion oil seal with multi-purpose grease. Then install it to pinion housing of gear housing with a suitable tool.

Make sure lip of oil seal faces up when installed.

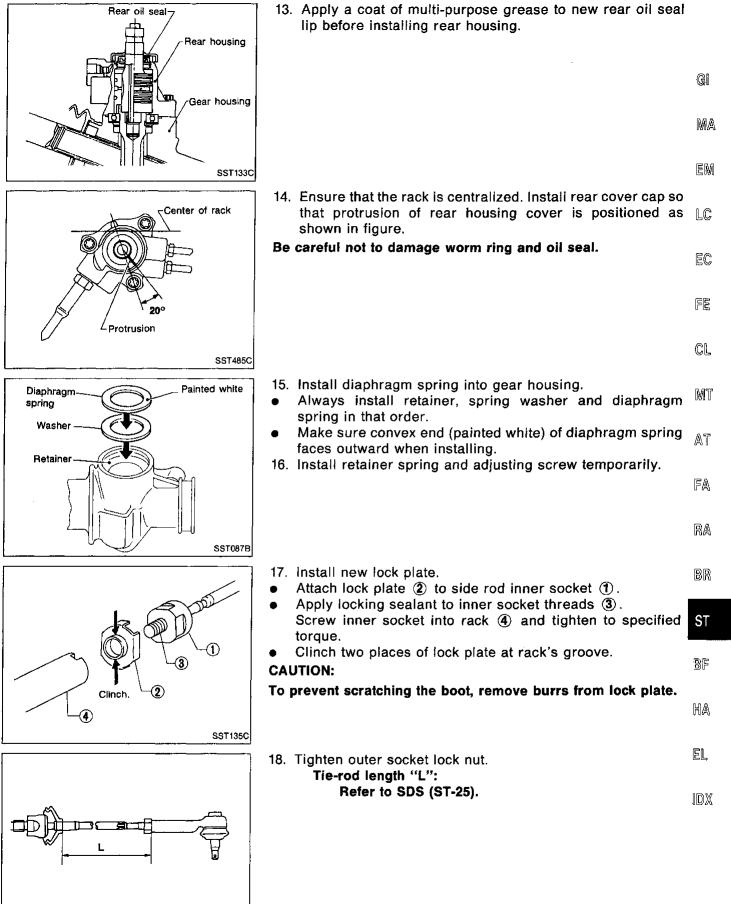
- 9. Install pinion bearing adjusting shim(s).
- Whenever pinion assembly, gear housing and rear housing are disassembled, replace shim(s) with new ones. Always use the same number of shim(s) when replacing.

- 10. Install new pinion seal ring (made of Teflon) on pinion gear assembly.
- Using a heat gun, heat pinion seal ring to approximately 40°C (104°F) before installing it onto pinion gear assembly.
- Make sure pinion seal ring is properly settled in valve groove.
- 11. Apply a coat of multi-purpose grease to needle bearing roller and oil seal lip.

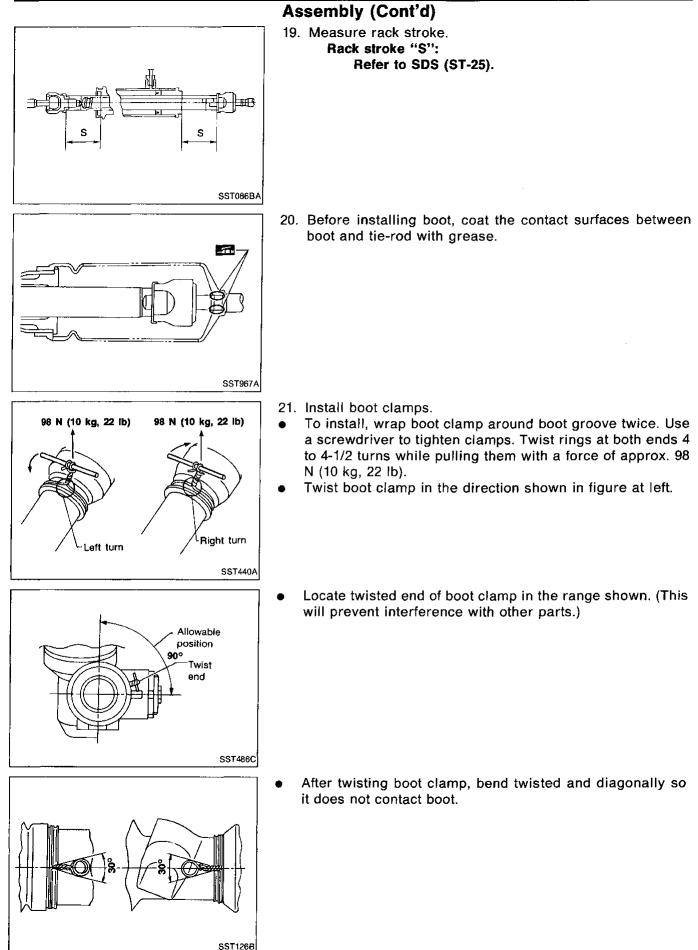
12. Install pinion assembly to rear housing. Be careful not to damage pinion oil seal.

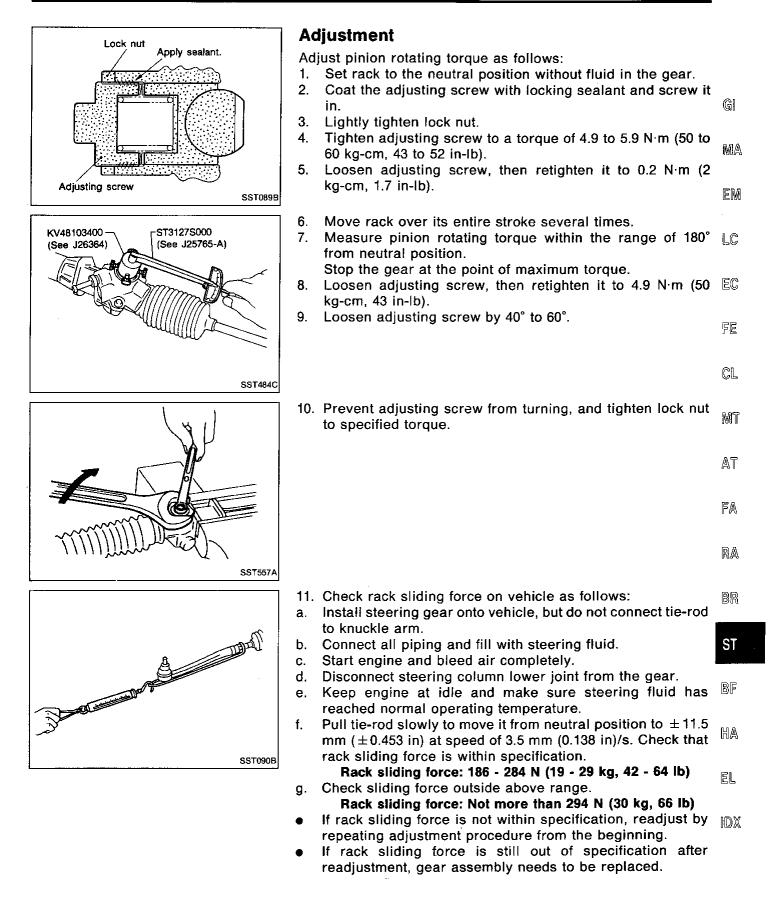
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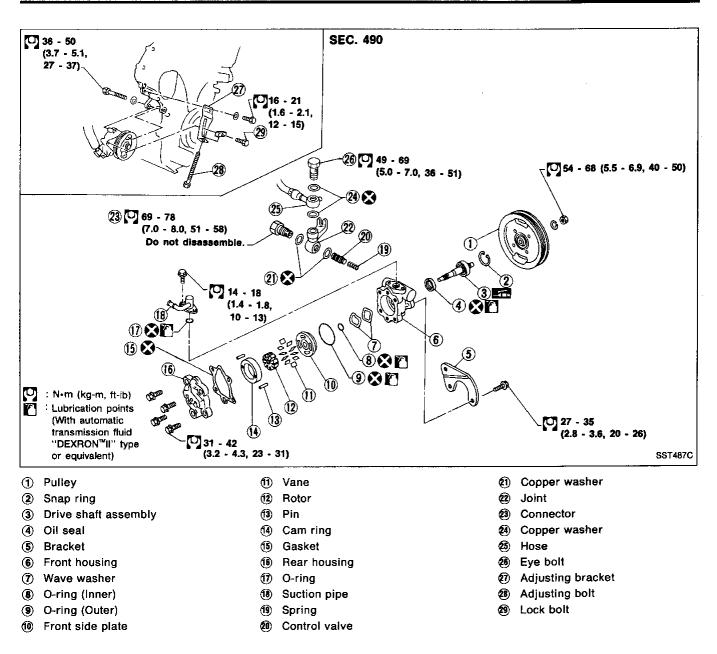
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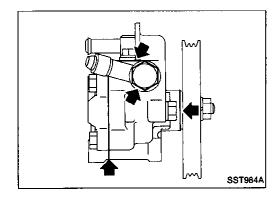


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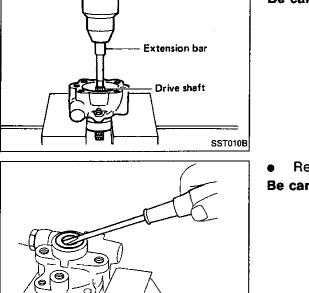
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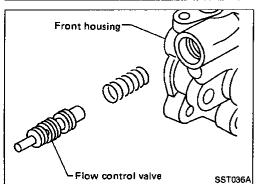
Disassemble the power steering oil pump only if the following items are found.

- Oil leak from any point shown in the figure
- Deformed or damaged pulley
  - Poor performance

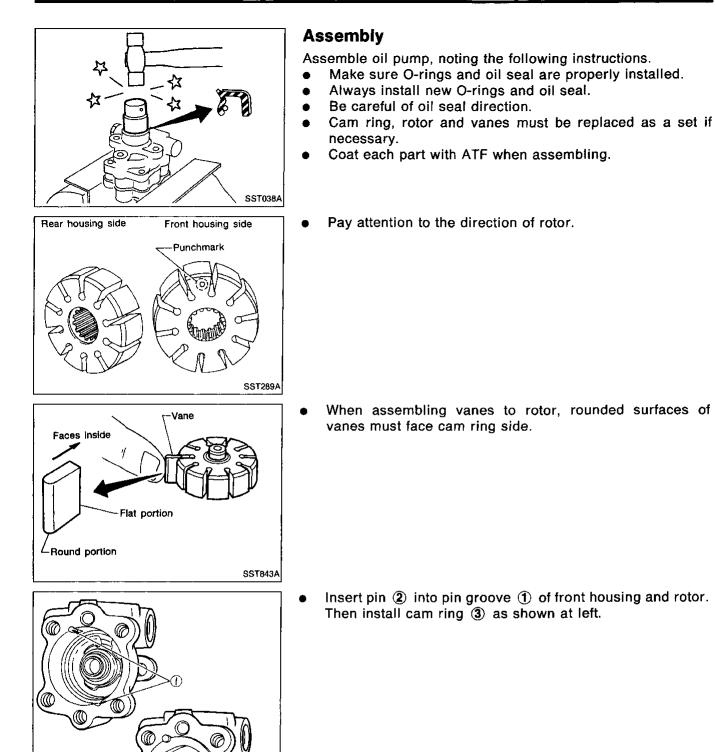
### Disassembly

**CAUTION:** Parts which can be disassembled are strictly limited. Never • disassemble parts other than those specified. GI Disassemble in as clean a place as possible. • Clean your hands before disassembly. • Do not use rags; use nylon cloths or paper towels. • MA Follow the procedures and cautions in the Service Manual. When disassembling and reassembling, do not let foreign matter enter or contact the parts. EM Remove snap ring, then draw drive shaft out. . LC Be careful not to drop drive shaft. EC FE CL SST010B Remove oil seal. MT Be careful not to damage front housing. AT FA RA SST034A Remove connector. BR Be careful not to drop flow control valve. ST BF HA SST036A EL Inspection Inspect each component part for wear, deformation, scratches and cracks. If damage is found, replace the part.





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Front housing side

Rear housing side

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#### **General Specifications**

Applied model	All
Steering model	Power steering
Steering gear type	PR26AC
Steering overall gear ratio	16.7
Turns of steering wheel (Lock to lock)	2.95
Steering column type	Collapsible, tilt

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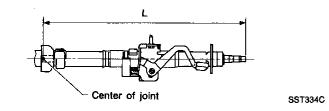
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#### GENERAL

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

#### **STEERING COLUMN**

Applied model	All
Steering column	525.9 - 528.1
length "L" mm (ir	n) (20.70 - 20.79)



#### Inspection and Adjustment STEERING GEAR AND LINKAGE

Steering gear type		PR26AC
Tie-rod outer ball joint "A"		
Swinging force at cotter pin hole	N (kg, İb)	6.59 - 63.7 (0.672 - 6.497, 1.481 - 14.320)
Rotating torque ''B'' N·m (kg	-cm, in-lb)	0.3 - 2.9 (3 - 30, 2.6 - 26.0)
Axial end play "C"	mm (in)	0.5 (0.020) or less
Tie-rod inner ball joint "A"		
Swinging force*	N (kg, lb)	6.4 - 50.0 (0.65 - 5.10, 1.44 - 11.24)
Axial end play "C"	mm (in)	0 (0)
Tie-rod standard length "L"	mm (in)	202.7 (7.98)

\*: Measuring point [1: 156 mm (6.14 in)]

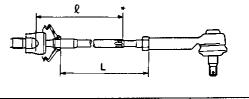
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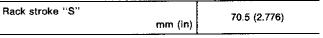
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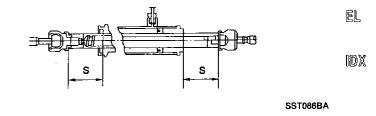
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#### Inspection and Adjustment (Cont'd)

#### **POWER STEERING**

Rack sliding force N (kg, lb) Under normal operating oil pressure at rack speed of 3.5 mm (0.138 in)/s	
Range within $\pm$ 11.5 mm ( $\pm$ 0.453 in) from the neutral position	186 - 284 (19 - 29, 42 - 64)
Except above range	Not more than 294 (30, 66)
Retainer adjustment	
Adjusting screw	
Initial tightening torque N·m (kg-cm, in-lb)	4.9 - 5.9 (50 - 60, 43 - 52)
Retightening torque after loosening	0.2 (2, 1.7)
Tightening torque after gear has settled	4.9 (50, 43)
Returning angle degree	40° - 60°
Steering wheel turning force (Measured at one full turn from the neutral position) N (kg, lb)	39 (4, 9) or less
Fluid capacity (Approximate) ℓ (US qt, Imp qt)	1.1 (1-1/8, 1)
Oil pump maximum pressure kPa (kg/cm <sup>2</sup> , psi)	8,140 - 8,728 (83 - 89, 1,180 - 1,266)