



SERVICE BULLETIN

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REVISED MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

APPLIED VEHICLE(S):	2000 - 2001 Maxima	(A33)
	1995 - 1999 Maxima	(A32)
	1996 - 2001 Pathfinder	(R50)
	1998 - 2001 Altima	(L30)
	1999 - 2001 Quest	(V41)
	2000 - 2001 Sentra	(B15)
	1995 - 1999 Sentra	(B14)
	1998 - 2001 Frontier	(D22)
	1995 - 1997 Truck	(D21) with KA24 engine
	1994 - 1995 Truck	(D21) with VG30 engine
	2000 - 2001 Xterra	(WD22)

SERVICE INFORMATION

Starting with the 2002 model year, some vehicle maintenance procedures have been changed from similar procedures in past model years. The revisions have been integrated into the appropriate 2002 model year Service Manuals.

These revised maintenance procedures have also been adopted for all of the Applied Models listed above.

The revised procedures are intended to:

- Standardize vehicle maintenance over all model lines
- Parallel, where possible, standard shop maintenance and check practices.

The changed maintenance procedures are generically described and illustrated in the following section. The procedures are organized by component area (Engine Maintenance, Chassis and Body Maintenance) just as they are in a typical Service Manual Maintenance (MA) section.

NOTES:

- If a topic or area of vehicle maintenance for the Applied Models is not addressed in the following section, it has not changed.
- Only some of the Periodic Scheduled Maintenance Procedures have been revised. The General Maintenance Procedures remains the same.
- Some Reference Sections (for maintenance procedures) have been moved from their previous Sections (AX for axle and suspension, EL for ASCD) into the Maintenance Section (MA).

REVISED PERIODIC MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

The six sub-sections below contain revised service procedures. In cases where specifications are required (capacities, standard thickness, wear limits, etc.) refer to the appropriate Service Manual for the vehicle you are servicing.

Engine Maintenance

Cooling System Maintenance

1. During standard scheduled maintenance:
 - Now only the radiator is to be drained.
 - Draining the engine block is no longer part of standard scheduled maintenance.
2. If drained engine coolant contains contaminants such as rust, corrosion, or discoloration, draining the block or flushing the cooling system may be indicated.
3. Refer to the appropriate Service Manual for model-specific cooling system layout instructions and refill directions.

Chassis and Body Maintenance

Brake Inspection

1. Perform brake system overall inspection:
 - Check brake fluid level and fluid lines for leaks, chafing, abrasions, deterioration, etc
 - Check parking brake cables chafing, wear, and for improper attachment.

CAUTION: If brake fluid level is extremely low, system may be leaking.
2. Check the following components for leaks, damage, and wear:
 - Disc rotor condition, wear and damage.
 - Disc caliper for leakage.
 - Disc pads for wear (see Figure 1) or damage.

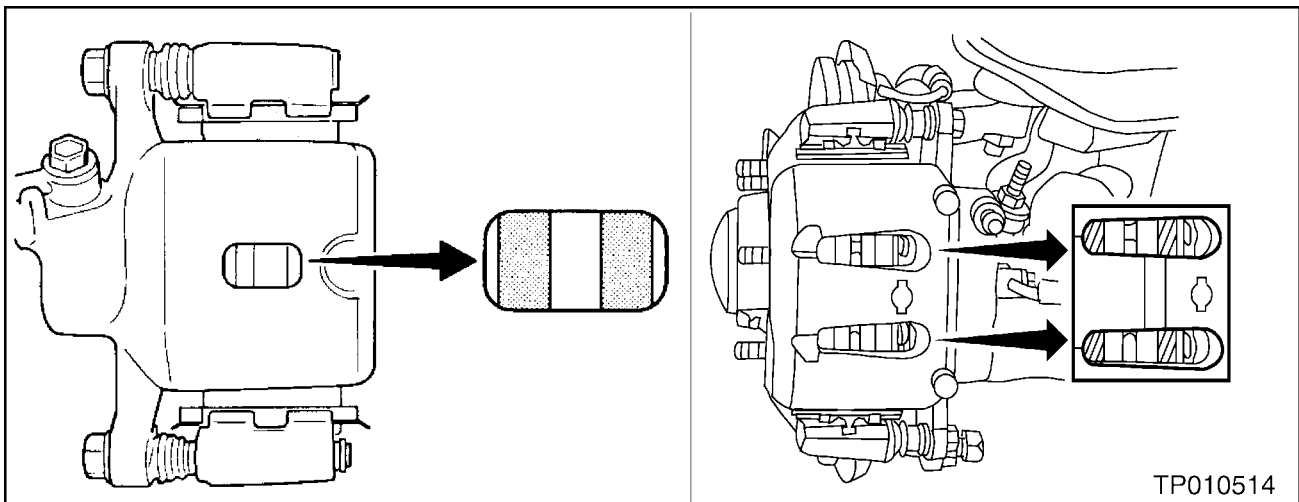


Figure 1 (examples only, your vehicle may differ)

- Drum brake (if equipped) wheel cylinder for leakage and boot condition.
- Brake drum and shoe lining (if equipped) for wear, damage, and condition of surface (see Figure 2).

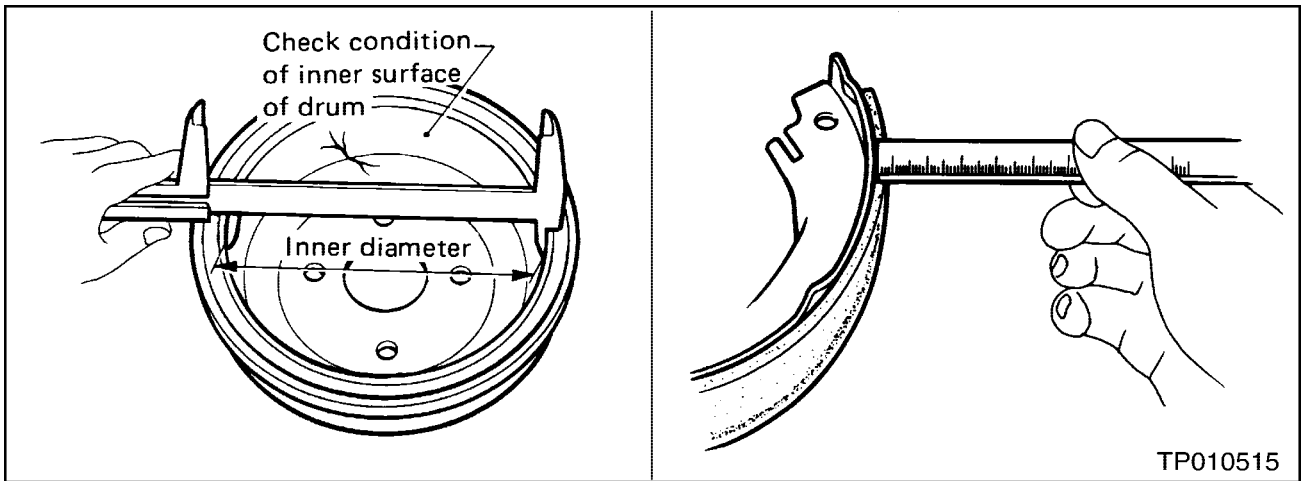


Figure 2

NOTE: After inspection of brakes, re-install wheel and tire, and torque lug nuts to specification.

Axle and Suspension

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

1. Shake each wheel to check for excessive play, then rotate each wheel to check for excessive noise (see Figure 3).
2. Check under-vehicle suspension components:
 - Where applicable, check suspension ball joint for grease leakage and ball joint dust cover for cracks or other damages (see Figure 3).
 - Check strut (shock absorber) for oil leakage or other damages (see Figure 3).
 - Check axle and suspension nuts and bolts for looseness.

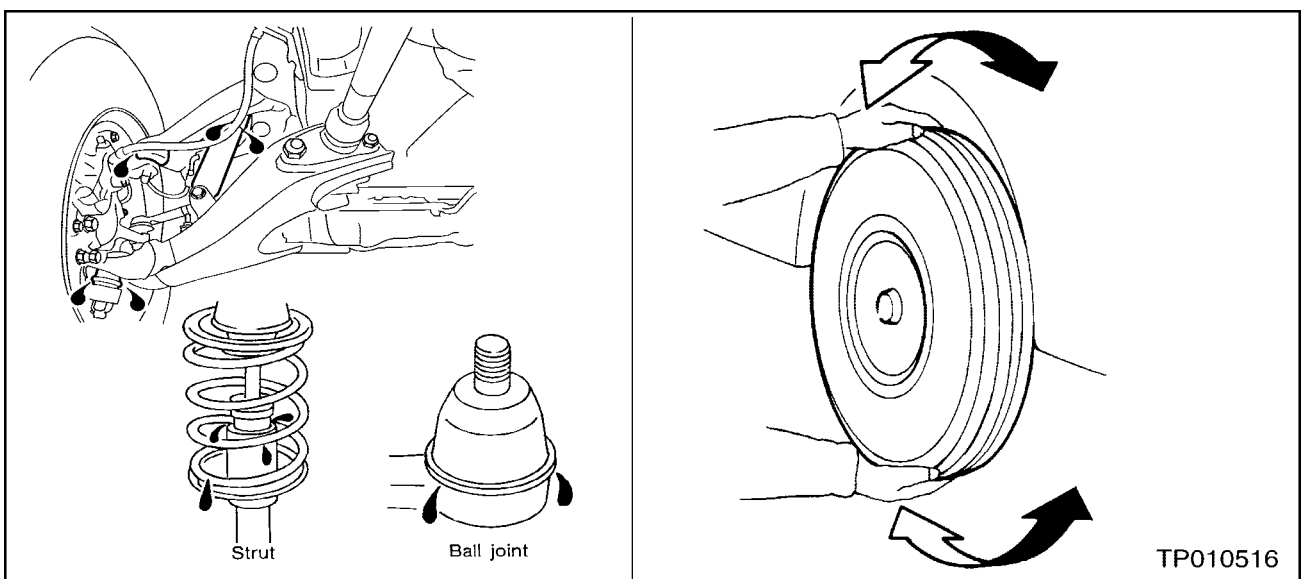


Figure 3

Propeller Shaft (4WD)

1. Propeller shaft inspection has been added to periodic maintenance chart on four-wheel drive (4x4) vehicles.
 - For Schedule 1, inspect every 7500 miles or 6 months.
 - For Schedule 2, inspect every 15,000 miles or 12 months.
2. Check the propeller shaft(s) for damage, looseness, or grease leakage (see Figure 4).

NOTE: The propeller shaft should be re-greased after being immersed in water.

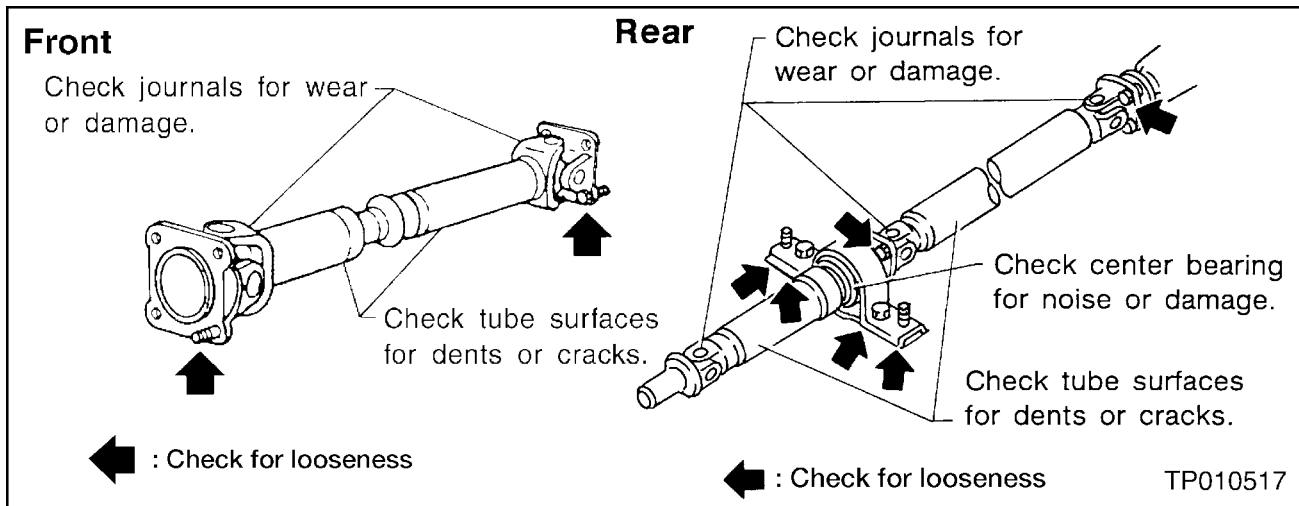


Figure 4

SRS Air Bag Inspection

For standard scheduled maintenance, the SRS air bag 10 year inspection (from the date of manufacture) has been deleted.

ASCD Inspection

When equipped, inspect the ASCD hoses and components (see Figure 5).

NOTE: This inspection was originally located in the EL section of the Service Manual.

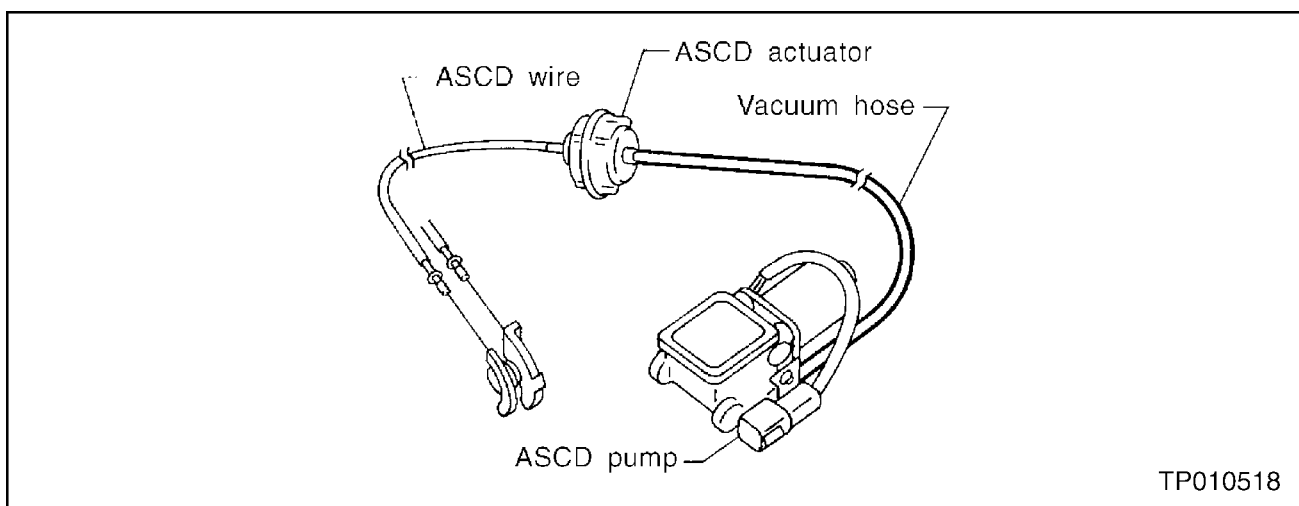


Figure 5