# REAR AXLE & REAR SUSPENSION

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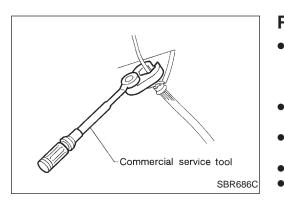
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#### **Precautions**

- When installing rubber parts, final tightening must be carried out under unladen condition\* with tires on ground.
  - \* Fuel, radiator coolant and engine oil full. Spare tire, jack, hand tools and mats in designated positions.
- Use flare nut wrench when removing or installing brake lines.
- After installing removed suspension parts, check wheel alignment and adjust if necessary.
- Always torque brake lines when installing.
- Do not jack up at the lower arm.

#### **Special Service Tools**

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	NT145		Fixing strut assembly
ST30031000 (J22912-01) Bearing puller	6	a	Removing inner race of wheel bearing
	NT412		a: 50 mm (1.97 in) dia.
ST38280000 ( — ) Arm bushing remover	NT157	Jana J	Removing and installing rear axle housing bushing
IM23600800		<b>e</b>	Measure rear wheel alignment
( — ) Attachment	NT148	d the c	a: Screw M24 x 1.5 b: 35 mm (1.38 in) dia. c: 65 mm (2.56 in) dia. d: 56 mm (2.20 in) e: 12 mm (0.47 in)
ST29020001 (24319-01) Pitman arm puller	NT694		Removing lower ball joint a: 34 mm (1.34 in) b: 6.5 mm (0.256 in) c: 61.5 mm (2.421 in)

Tool name	Description		
<ol> <li>Flare nut crowfoot</li> <li>Torque wrench</li> </ol>	<u>G</u>	Removing and installing each brake piping	G]
	NT223		MA
Rear wheel bearing drift		Installing wheel bearing	EM
	NT065	a: 76 mm (2.99 in) dia. b: 68.5 mm (2.697 in) dia.	LC
Rear drive shaft plug seal drift		Installing rear drive shaft plug seal	EC
	NT065	a: 78 mm (3.07 in) dia. b: 72 mm (2.83 in) dia.	FE
Rear axle housing ball joint drift		Removing ball joint	- At
	NT164	a: 28 mm (1.10 in) dia. b: 20 mm (0.79 in) dia. c: 43 mm (1.69 in) dia. d: 40 mm (1.57 in) dia.	PD FA
Rear axle housing ball joint drift		Installing ball joint	
Journ 2007		a: 43 mm (1.69 in) dia. b: 33 mm (1.30 in) dia. c: 40 mm (1.57 in) dia.	RA
	NT164	d: 30 mm (1.18 in) dia.	BR
Spring compressor	A DE TRE	Removing and installing coil spring	ST
	NT717		RS
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#### **Commercial Service Tools**

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#### **NVH Troubleshooting Chart**

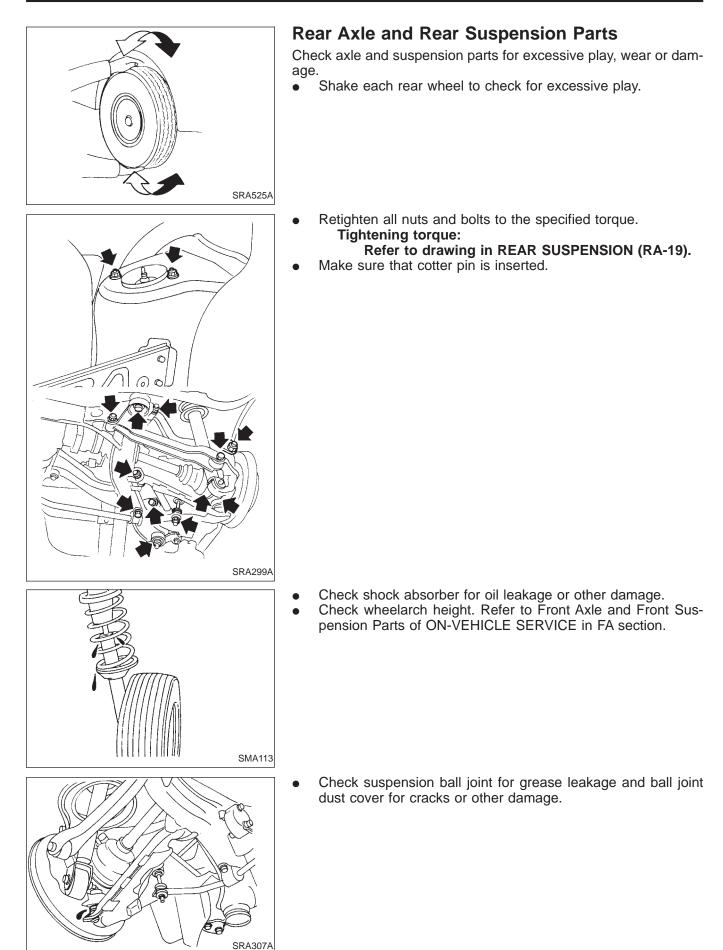
Use the chart below to help you find the cause of the symptom. If necessary, repair or replace these parts.

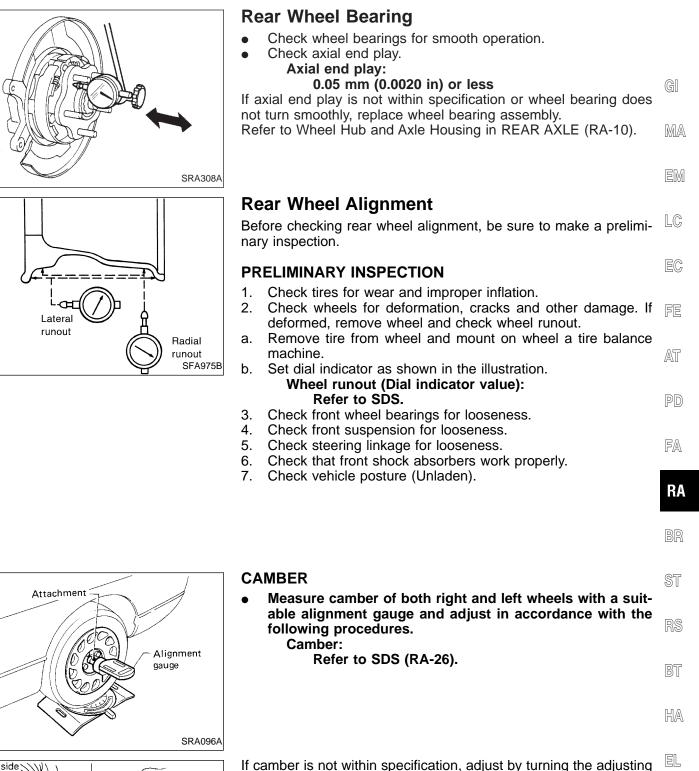
Possible cause and SUSPECTED PARTS         Noise, Vibration         X <thx< th="">         X</thx<>	Reference page		1	RA-17	1	RA-6	RA-21	1		I	RA-5, 19	RA-7	RA-25	RA-9	NVH in PD section	NVH in PD section	NVH in FA section	Refer to REAR AXLE AND REAR SUSPENSION in this chart.	NVH in FA section	NVH in FA section	Refer to DRIVE SHAFT in this chart.	NVH in BR section	NVH in ST section	
SHAFT         Shake         X				Excessive joint angle	Joint sliding resistance	Imbalance	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	Wheel bearing damage		DIFFERENTIAL	FRONT AXLE AND FRONT SUSPENSION	EAR AXLE AND REAR	TIRES	ROAD WHEEL	DRIVE SHAFT	BRAKES	STEERING
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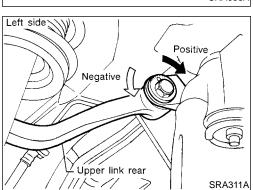
X: Applicable

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If camber is not within specification, adjust by turning the adjusting bolt.

a. Turn the adjusting bolt to adjust.

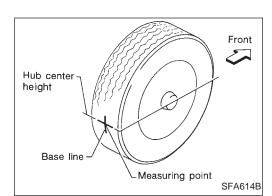
Camber changes about 5′ with each graduation of the adjusting bolt.

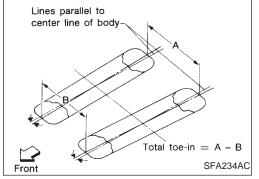
b. Tighten to the specified torque.

🖸: 69 - 88 N·m

(7.0 - 9.0 kg-m, 51 - 65 ft-lb)

#### **ON-VEHICLE SERVICE**





#### Rear Wheel Alignment (Cont'd) TOE-IN

Measure toe-in using following procedure. If out of specification, inspect and replace any damaged or worn rear suspension parts. **WARNING:** 

- Always perform following procedure on a flat surface.
- Make sure that no person is in front of the vehicle before pushing it.
- 1. Bounce rear of vehicle up and down to stabilize the posture.
- 2. Push the vehicle straight ahead about 5 m (16 ft).
- Put a mark on base line of the tread (rear side) of both tires at the same height of hub center. This mark is a measuring point.
   Measure distance "A" (rear side).
- 5. Push the vehicle slowly ahead to rotate the wheels 180 degrees (1/2 turn).

If the wheels have rotated more than 180 degrees (1/2 turn), try the above procedure again from the beginning. Never push vehicle backward.

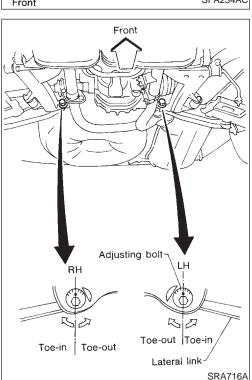
6. Measure distance "B" (front side). Total toe-in:

Refer to SDS (RA-26).

7. Adjust toe-in by turning adjusting bolts.

Toe changes about 1.5 mm (0.059 in) [One side] with each graduation of the adjusting bolt.

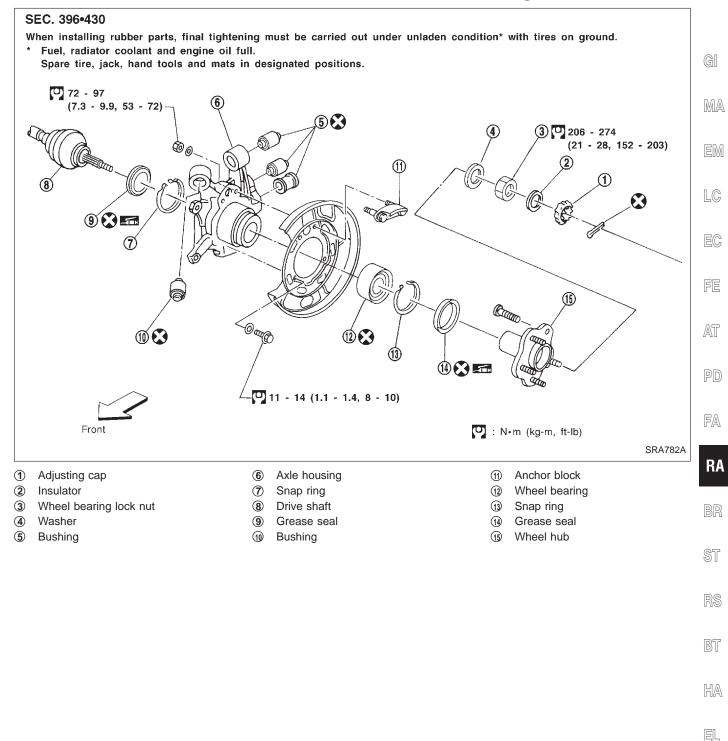
- 8. Tighten to the specified torque.
  - (7.0 9.0 kg-m, 51 65 ft-lb)

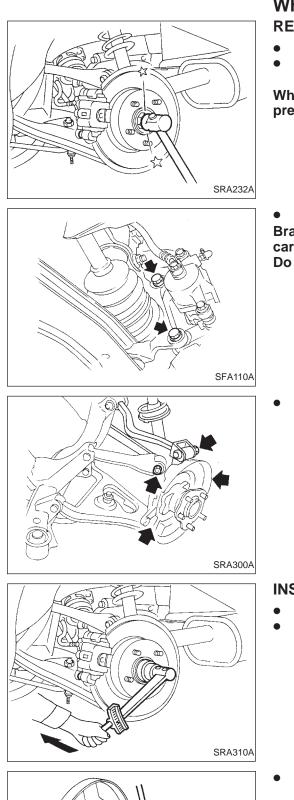


#### **Drive Shaft**

Check boot and drive shaft for cracks, wear, damage or grease leakage.

#### Wheel Hub and Axle Housing





#### Wheel Hub and Axle Housing (Cont'd) REMOVAL

- Remove wheel bearing lock nut.
- Separate drive shaft from axle housing by lightly tapping it. If it is hard to remove use puller.

When removing drive shaft, cover boots with shop towel to prevent them from being damaged.

Remove brake caliper assembly and rotor.

Brake line need not be disconnected from brake caliper. Be careful not to depress brake pedal, or piston will pop out. Do not pull or twist brake hose.

Remove axle housing.

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#### INSTALLATION

- Install axle housing with wheel hub.
  - Tighten wheel bearing lock nut.
     Before tightening, apply oil to threaded portion of rear spindle and both sides of plain washer.

(◯): 206 - 274 N·m

(21 - 28 kg-m, 152 - 203 ft-lb)

- Check wheel bearing axial end play. Axial end play: 0.05 mm (0.0020 in) or less
- Make sure that wheel bearings operate smoothly.
- Check toe-in Refer to ON-VEHICLE SERVICE (RA-8).

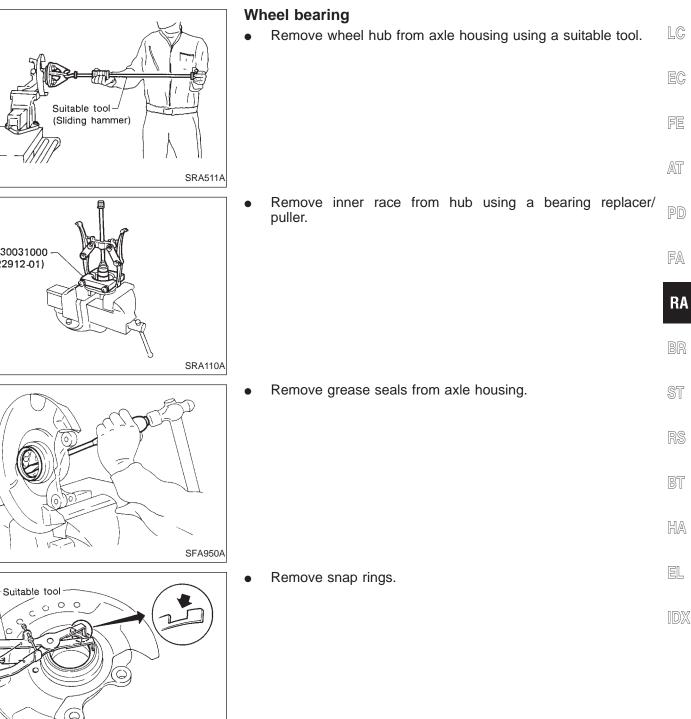
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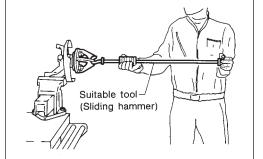
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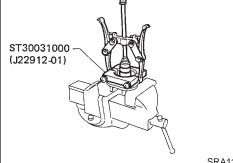
Wheel bearing does not require maintenance. If any of the following symptoms are noted, replace wheel bearing assembly.

- Growling noise is emitted from wheel bearing during • GI operation.
- Wheel hub bearing drags or turns roughly. This occurs when turning hub by hand after bearing lock nut is tight-MA ened to specified torque.
- After wheel bearing is removed from hub.

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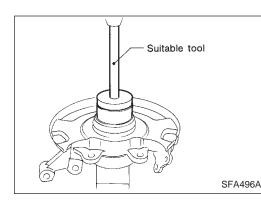




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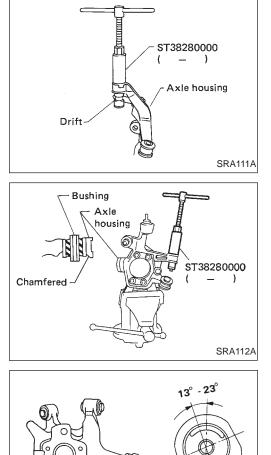
#### Wheel Hub and Axle Housing (Cont'd)

• Press out bearing outer race.



#### CAUTION:

Do not reuse old inner race although it is of the same brand as the bearing assembly.



Locating boss

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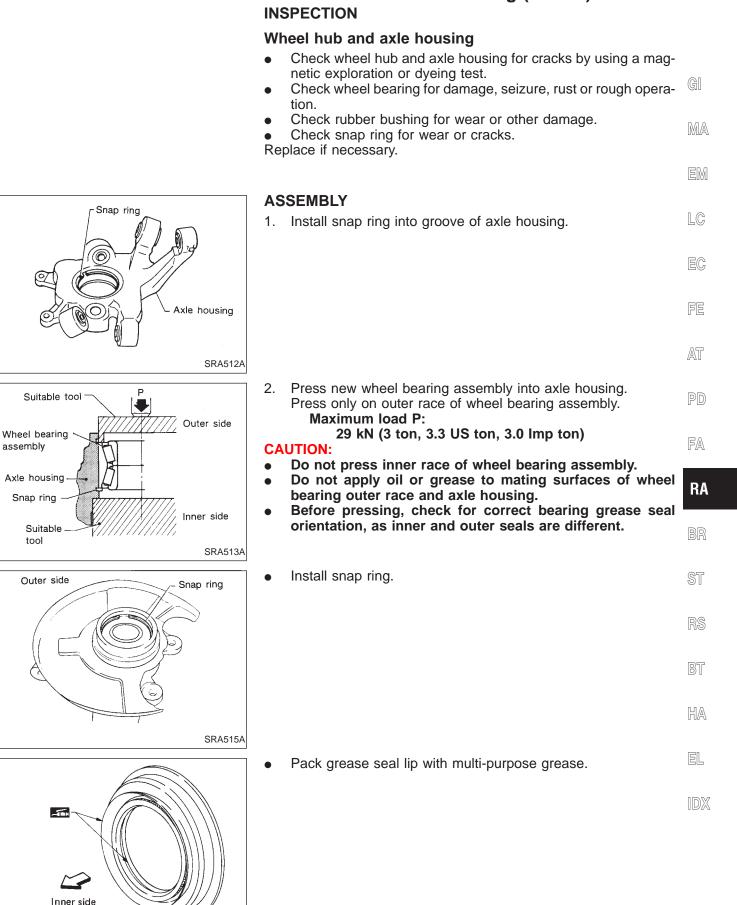
#### Axle housing

• Attach a drift on outer shell of bushing as shown in figure at left, remove bushing using arm bushing remover.

When placing axle housing in a vise, use wooden blocks or copper plates as pads.

- Ensure axle housing bore is free from scratches or deformities before pressing bushing into it.
- Attach bushing to chamfered bore end of axle housing and press it until it is flush with end face of axle housing.

• When installing shock absorber bushing, make sure that it is positioned as shown.



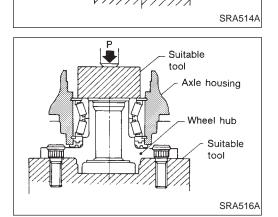
#### REAR AXLE Wheel Hub and Axle Housing (Cont'd)

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#### Wheel Hub and Axle Housing (Cont'd)

• Install outer grease seal.



Grease seal

Suitable

Suitable tool

> Press wheel hub into axle housing with suitable tool. Maximum load P: 29 kN (3 ton, 3.3 US ton, 3.0 Imp ton)
>  Be careful not to damage grease seal.

49,000 N (5,000 kg, 11,000 lb) (5,000 kg, 11,000 lb) (clockwis Attach s of 10 rpi L Measure while keeping this upper side horizontal.

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With wheel hub pressed into axle housing, apply 49,000 N (5,000 kg, 11,000 lb) to wheel hub and rotate both clockwise and counterclockwise 10 times to minimize resistance.

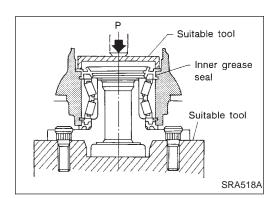
Attach spring scale in the position shown at left and pull at a rate of 10 rpm to measure rotating torque.

Load:

49,000 N (5,000 kg, 11,000 lb) Rotating torque: 0.2 - 2.4 N·m (2.3 - 24.3 kg-cm, 2.0 - 21.1 in-lb) Spring scale reading:

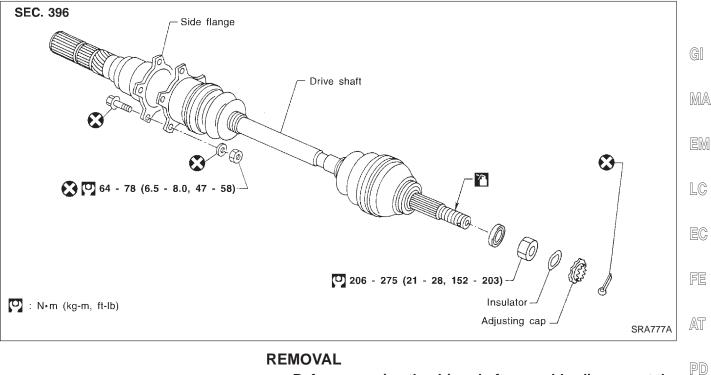
2.0 - 20.6 N (0.2 - 2.1 kg, 0.4 - 4.6 lb)

If measured value is outside specifications, replace wheel bearing. Also make sure axial play does not exist in wheel hub when a 49,000 N (5,000 kg, 11,000 lb) load is applied.



• Install inner grease seal.

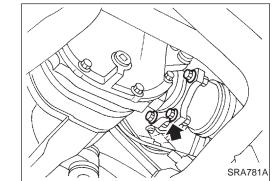
#### **Drive Shaft**



- Before removing the drive shaft assembly, disconnect the ABS wheel sensor to prevent the damage of the sensor.
- Cover boots with shop towel so as not to damage them FA when removing drive shaft.

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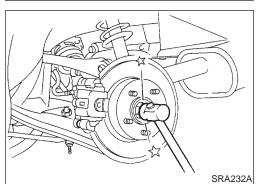


#### Final drive side

Remove side flange mounting bolt and separate shaft.

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#### Wheel side

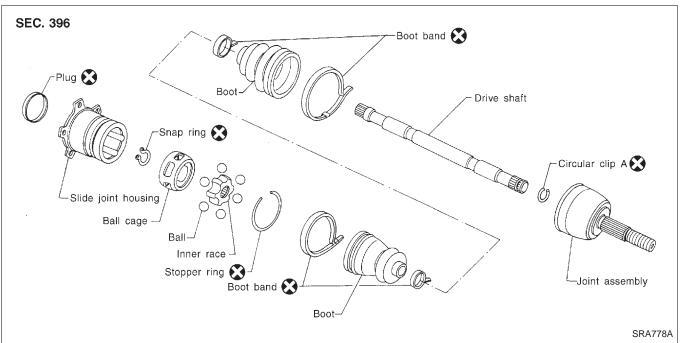
Remove drive shaft by lightly tapping it with a copper hammer. If it is hard to remove, use a puller.

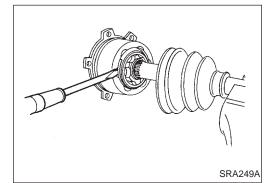
To avoid damaging threads of drive shaft, install a nut while removing drive shaft.

#### INSTALLATION

- 1. Insert drive shaft from wheel hub and temporarily tighten wheel bearing lock nut.
- 2. Tighten side flange mounting bolts to specified torque.
- 3. Tighten wheel bearing lock nut to specified torque.

#### REAR AXLE Drive Shaft (Cont'd) COMPONENTS



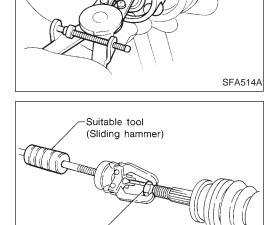


#### DISASSEMBLY

#### Final drive side

- 1. Remove boot bands.
- 2. Put matching marks on slide joint housing and inner race, before separating joint assembly.
- 3. Remove stopper ring with a screwdriver, and pull out slide joint housing.
- 4. Put matching marks on inner race and drive shaft.
- 5. Remove snap ring, then remove ball cage, inner race and balls as a unit.
- 6. Draw out boot.

Cover drive shaft serration with tape to prevent damage to the boot.



Wheel bearing

lock nut

Wheel side

#### **CAUTION:**

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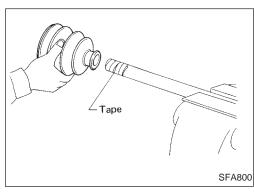
The joint on the wheel side cannot be disassembled.

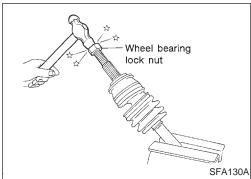
- 1. Before separating joint assembly, put matching marks on drive shaft and joint assembly.
- 2. Separate joint assembly with a suitable tool.
- Be careful not to damage threads on drive shaft.
- 3. Remove boot bands.
- 4. Draw out boot.

#### Drive Shaft (Cont'd) INSPECTION

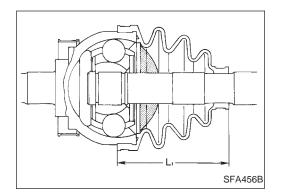
Thoroughly clean all parts in cleaning solvent, and dry with compressed air. Check parts for evidence of deformation or other damage.

	otr	ier damage.	GI
		ive shaft place drive shaft if it is twisted or cracked.	
	Bo		MA
	Ch	eck boot for fatigue, cracks, or wear. Replace boot with new boot nds.	EM
	Jo • •	int assembly (Final drive side) Replace any parts of double offset joint which show signs of scorching, rust, wear or excessive play. Check serration for deformation. Replace if necessary. Check slide joint housing for any damage. Replace if neces- sary.	LC EC FE
		nt assembly (Wheel side) place joint assembly if it is deformed or damaged.	
	AS •	SEMBLY After drive shaft has been assembled, ensure that it moves smoothly over its entire range without binding.	PD
	٠	Use NISSAN GENUINE GREASE or equivalent after every overhaul.	FA
			RA
			BR
	<b>W</b> ł	<b>neel side</b> Install boot and new small boot band on drive shaft.	ST
Y	Co	ver drive shaft serration with tape so as not to damage boot ring installation.	RS
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FA800	2.	Set joint assembly onto drive shaft by lightly tapping it. Install joint assembly securely, ensuring marks which were	EL
		made during disassembly are properly aligned.	IDX





#### Drive Shaft (Cont'd)



Suitable tool

3. Pack drive shaft with specified amount of grease. **Specified amount of grease:** 

#### 113 - 123 g (3.99 - 4.34 oz)

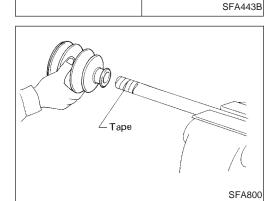
4. Make sure that boot is properly installed on the drive shaft groove.

Set boot so that it does not swell and deform when its length is " $L_1$ ".

Length "L<sub>1</sub>":

96 - 98 mm (3.78 - 3.86 in)

5. Lock new larger and smaller boot bands securely with a suitable tool.



Boot band

#### Final drive side

1. Install boot and new small boot band on drive shaft. Cover drive shaft serration with tape so as not to damage boot during installation.

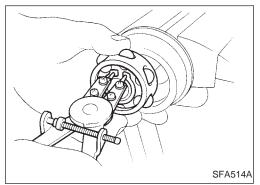
- Install ball cage, inner race and balls as a unit, making sure the marks which were made during disassembly are properly aligned.
   Install new snap ring.
  - Pack drive shaft with specified amount of grease.
     Specified amount of grease: 165 - 175 g (5.82 - 6.17 oz)
  - 5. Install slide joint housing, then install new stopper ring.
- 6. Make sure that boot is properly installed on the drive shaft groove.

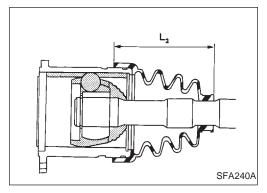
Set boot so that it does not swell and deform when its length is " $L_2$ ".

Length "L<sub>2</sub>":

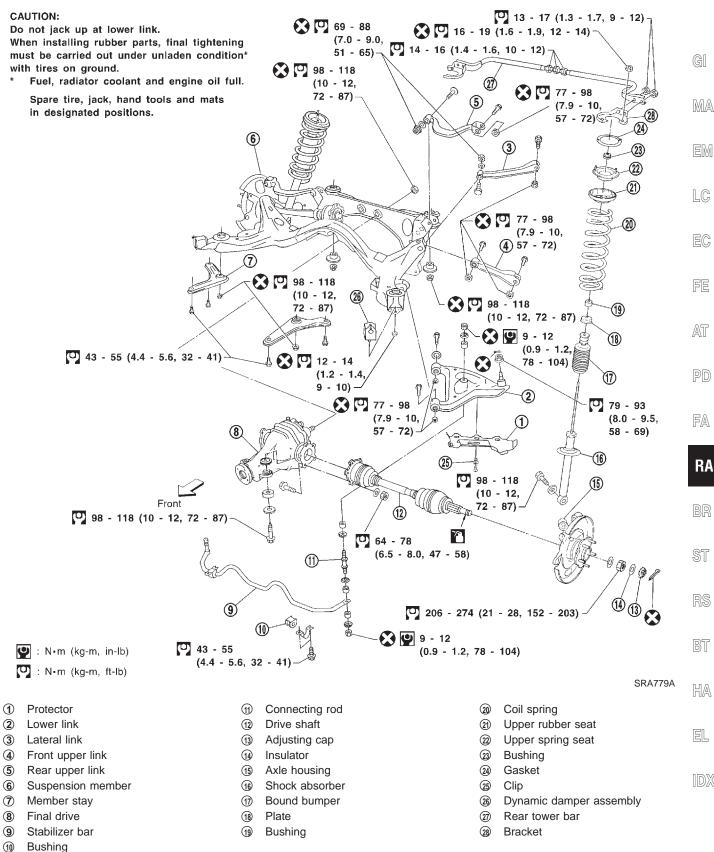
#### 93 - 95 mm (3.66 - 3.74 in)

7. Lock new larger and smaller boot bands securely with a suitable tool.

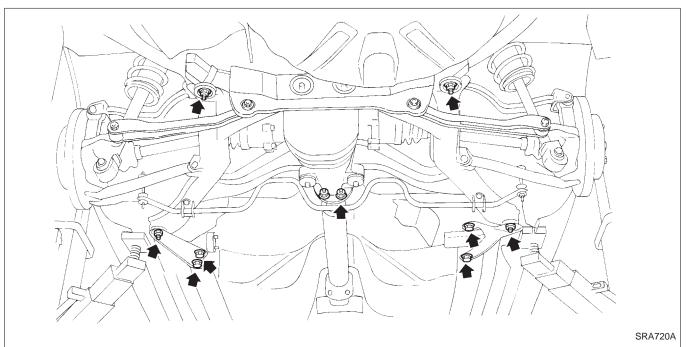


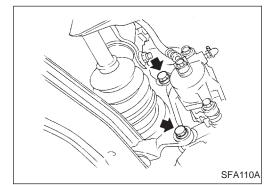


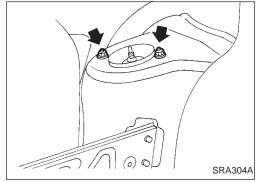
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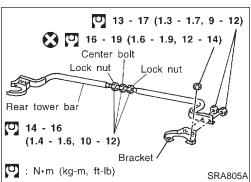


#### **Removal and Installation**









#### **CAUTION:**

Before removing the rear suspension assembly, disconnect the ABS wheel sensor from the assembly. Then move it away from the rear suspension assembly.

Failure to do so may result in the sensor wires being damaged and the sensor becoming inoperative.

- Remove exhaust tube.
- Disconnect propeller shaft rear end.
- Disconnect hand brake wire front end.
- Remove brake caliper assembly.

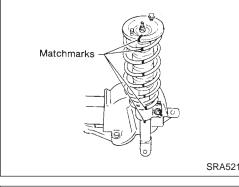
Brake line need not be disconnected from brake caliper. Be careful not to depress brake pedal, or piston will pop out. Do not pull or twist brake hose.

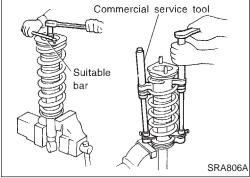
• Remove upper end nuts of shock absorber.

- Do not remove piston rod lock nut.
- Remove suspension member fixing nuts. Then draw out rear axle and rear suspension assembly.
- To install the rear tower bar, proceed as follows:
- 1. Install the left and right brackets to the top of their corresponding shock absorbers.
- 2. Install the tower bar to the left and right brackets.
- 3. Adjust the tower bar position by tightening the center bolt to the specified torque. This will extend the tower bar length. (Center bolt may rotate about one full turn.)
- 4. Tighten the lock nut.

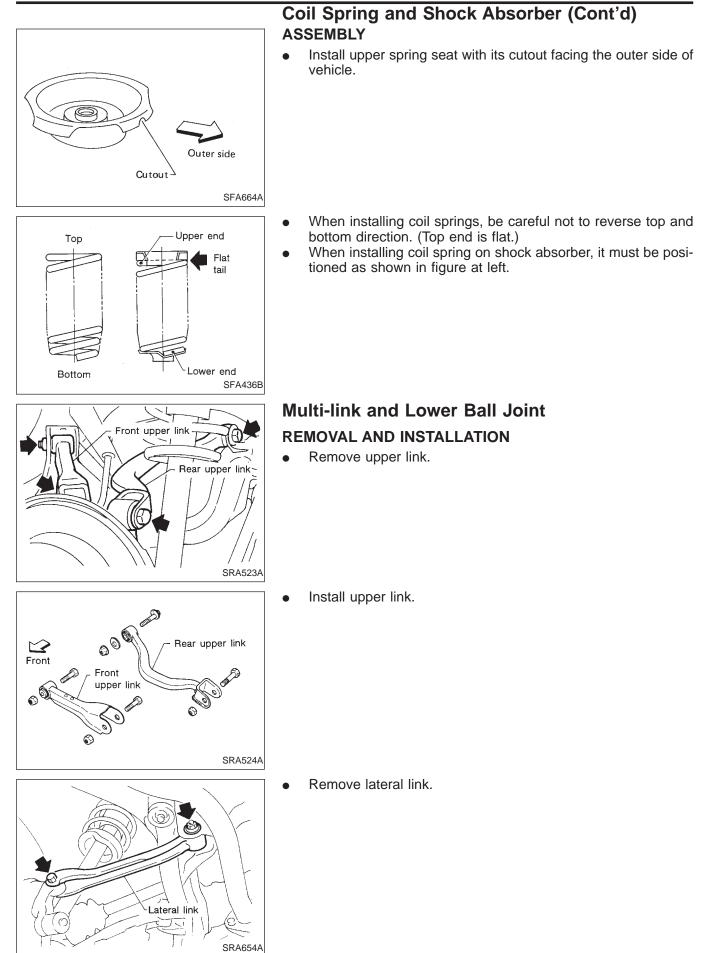
#### **Coil Spring and Shock Absorber**

	NOTE: For removal and installation procedures of active damper sus- pension-related parts, refer to "Removal and Installation", "ACTIVE DAMPER SUSPENSION" in FA section. REMOVAL	GI
	Remove shock absorber upper and lower fixing nuts. Do not remove piston rod lock nut on vehicle.	MA
		EM
2	DISASSEMBLY	
	<ul> <li>Put matchmarks on coil spring and shock absorber.</li> </ul>	LC EC
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service tool	<ol> <li>Set shock absorber in vise with attachment, then <b>loosen</b> piston rod lock nut.</li> <li>WARNING:</li> </ol>	PD
	<ul> <li>Do not remove piston rod lock nut at this time.</li> <li>2. Compress spring with tool so that the shock absorber upper spring seat can be turned by hand.</li> </ul>	FA
	WARNING: Make sure that the pawls of the two spring compressors are	RA
SRA806A	<ul><li>firmly hooked on the spring. The spring compressors must be tightened alternately so as not to tilt the spring.</li><li>3. Remove piston rod lock nut.</li></ul>	BR
	INSPECTION	ST
	Shock absorber assembly	
	• Check for smooth operation through a full stroke, both compression and extension.	RS
	Check for oil leakage occurring on welded or gland packing portions.	BT
	<ul> <li>Check piston rod for cracks, deformation or other damage. Replace if necessary.</li> </ul>	
	Upper rubber seat and bushing	HA
	Check rubber parts for deterioration or cracks. Replace if necessary.	EL
	<b>Coil spring</b> Check for cracks, deformation or other damage. Replace if necessary.	IDX

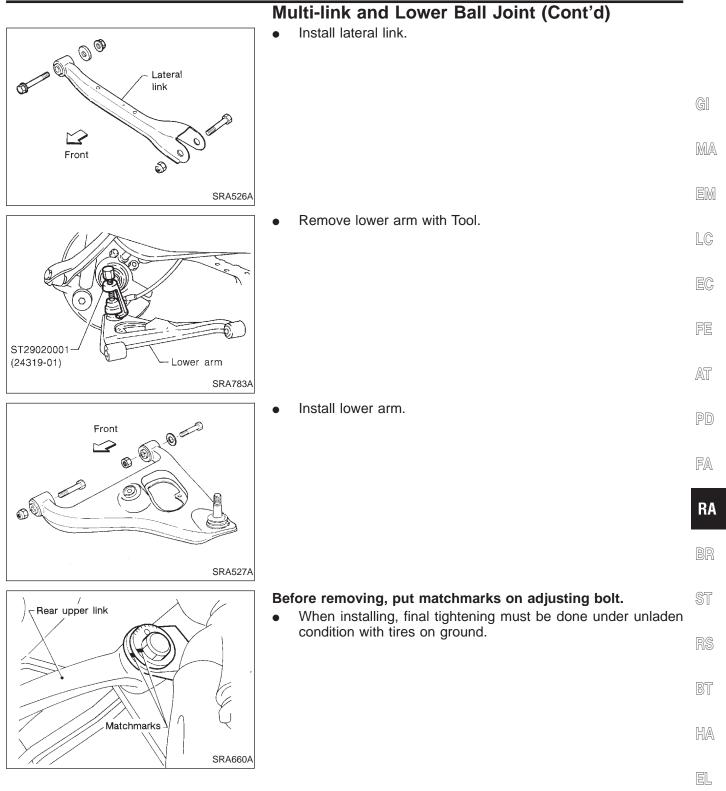




#### **REAR SUSPENSION**

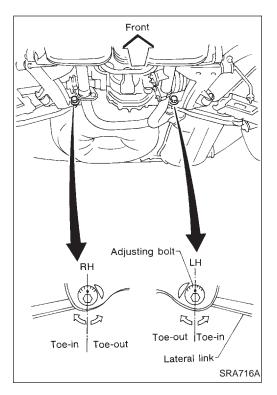


#### **REAR SUSPENSION**



#### REAR SUSPENSION

#### Multi-link and Lower Ball Joint (Cont'd)



• After installation, check wheel alignment. Refer to Rear Wheel Alignment in ON-VEHICLE SERVICE (RA-7).

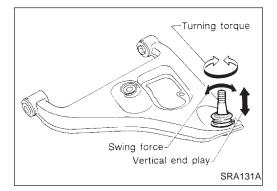
#### INSPECTION

#### **Rear suspension member**

Replace suspension member assembly if cracked or deformed or if any part (insulator, for example) is damaged.

#### Upper, lower and lateral links

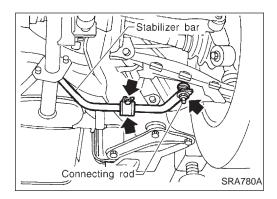
Replace upper, lower or lateral link as required if cracked or deformed or if bushing is damaged.



#### Suspension lower ball joint

- Measure swing force, turning torque and vertical end play in axial direction. (Use same measurement procedures as that of FA section.)
- If ball stud is worn, play in axial direction is excessive, or joint is hard to swing, replace lower arm.

	Swing force	7.8 - 78.5 N (0.8 - 8.0 kg, 1.8 - 17.6 lb)
Ball joint specifications	Turning torque	0.5 - 4.9 N⋅m (5 - 50 kg-cm, 4.3 - 43.4 in-lb)
	Vertical end play	0 mm (0 in)



#### **Stabilizer Bar**

REMOVAL

Remove connecting rod and clamp.

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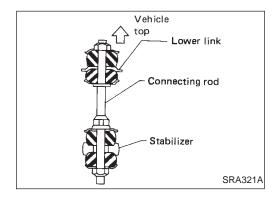
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#### INSPECTION

- Check stabilizer bar for deformation or cracks. Replace if necessary.
- Check rubber bushings for deterioration or cracks. Replace if necessary.

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#### INSTALLATION

When installing connecting rod, make sure direction is correct (as shown at left).	PD
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#### **General Specifications**

Suspension type	Independent multi-link with coil spring
Shock absorber type	Standard: Double-acting hydraulic Optional: Adjusting hydraulic (Active damper suspension)
Stabilizer	Standard equipment

### Inspection and Adjustment WHEEL RUNOUT (Radial and lateral)

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Wheel type		Radial runout	Lateral runout
Aluminum wheel	mm (in)	0.3 (0.01	2) or less

#### LOWER BALL JOINT

Swing force (Measuring point: co stud)	otter pin hole of ball N (kg, lb)	7.8 - 78.5 (0.8 - 8.0, 1.8 - 17.6)
Turning torque	N·m (kg-cm, in-lb)	0.5 - 4.9 (5 - 50, 4.3 - 43.4)
Vertical end play	mm (in)	0 (0)

WHEEL ALIGNMENT (Unladen\*)

Camber		Minimum	-0°15′ (-0.25°)
	Degree minute (Decimal degree)	Nominal	-0°45′ (-0.75°)
		Maximum	-1°15′ (-1.25°)
Total toe-in		Minimum	0 (0)
	Distance (A – B) mm (in)	Nominal	2.5 (0.098)
		Maximum	5 (0.20)
	Angle (left plus right)	Minimum	0′ (0.00°)
	Degree minute (Decimal degree)	Nominal	14′ (0.23°)
		Maximum	28′ (0.47°)

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

#### WHEEL BEARING

Wheel bearing axial end play mm (in)	0.05 (0.0020) or less
Wheel bearing lock nut Tightening torque N·m (kg-m, ft-lb)	206 - 274 (21 - 28, 152 - 203)

#### **DRIVE SHAFT**

Joi	nt type	
	Final drive side	DS90
	Wheel side	ZF100
Grease		Nissan genuine grease or equivalent
Specified amount of grease g (oz)		z)
	Final drive side	165 - 175 (5.82 - 6.17)
	Wheel side	113 - 123 (3.99 - 4.34)
Boot length mm (in)		n)
	Final drive side $(L_2)$	93 - 95 (3.66 - 3.74)
	Wheel side (L1)	96 - 98 (3.78 - 3.86)

