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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. 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.

Precautions for Removing of Battery Terminal

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- When removing the 12V battery terminal, turn OFF the ignition switch and wait at least 30 seconds.

**NOTE:**

ECU may be active for several tens of seconds after the ignition switch is turned OFF. If the battery terminal is removed before ECU stops, then a DTC detection error or ECU data corruption may occur.

- For vehicles with the 2-batteries, be sure to connect the main battery and the sub battery before turning ON the ignition switch.

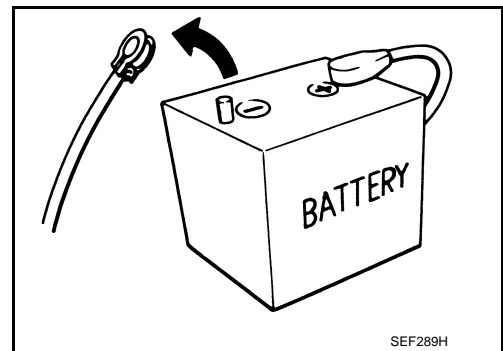
**NOTE:**

If the ignition switch is turned ON with any one of the terminals of main battery and sub battery disconnected, then DTC may be detected.

- After installing the 12V battery, always check "Self Diagnosis Result" of all ECUs and erase DTC.

**NOTE:**

The removal of 12V battery may cause a DTC detection error.



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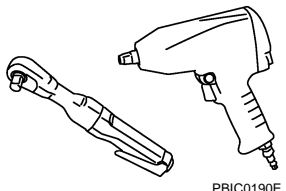
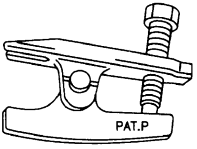
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#### Commercial Service Tools

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Tool name	Description
<p data-bbox="162 415 267 441">Power tool</p>  <p data-bbox="820 630 901 651">PBIC0190E</p>	<p data-bbox="1006 415 1258 441">Loosening bolts and nuts</p>
<p data-bbox="162 667 341 693">Ball joint remover</p>  <p data-bbox="787 819 836 840">PAT.P</p> <p data-bbox="820 882 868 903">NT146</p>	<ul data-bbox="1006 667 1429 724" style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Removing ball joint for steering knuckle</li><li>• Removing hub bolt</li></ul>

# NOISE, VIBRATION AND HARSHNESS (NVH) TROUBLESHOOTING

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## 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										
		FAX-7	—	FAX-6	NVH in FAX and FSU sections	NVH in WT section	NVH in WT section	NVH in BR section	NVH in ST section	
Possible cause and SUSPECTED PARTS		Improper installation, looseness	Parts interference	Wheel bearing damage	FRONT AXLE AND FRONT SUSPENSION	TIRE	ROAD WHEEL	BRAKE	STEERING	
Symptom	FRONT AXLE	Noise	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
		Shake	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
		Vibration	x	x	x	x	x			x
		Shimmy	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
		Judder	x			x	x	x	x	x
		Poor quality ride or handling	x	x		x	x	x		

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## PERIODIC MAINTENANCE

### FRONT WHEEL HUB AND KNUCKLE

#### Inspection

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#### MOUNTING INSPECTION

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

#### WHEEL BEARING INSPECTION

- Move wheel hub and bearing assembly in the axial direction by hand. Make sure there is no looseness of wheel hub and bearing assembly.

**Axial end play** : Refer to [FAX-9, "Wheel Hub and Bearing Assembly"](#).

- Rotate wheel hub and bearing assembly and make sure that is no unusual noise or other irregular conditions. If there is any of irregular conditions, replace wheel hub and bearing assembly.

# FRONT WHEEL HUB AND KNUCKLE

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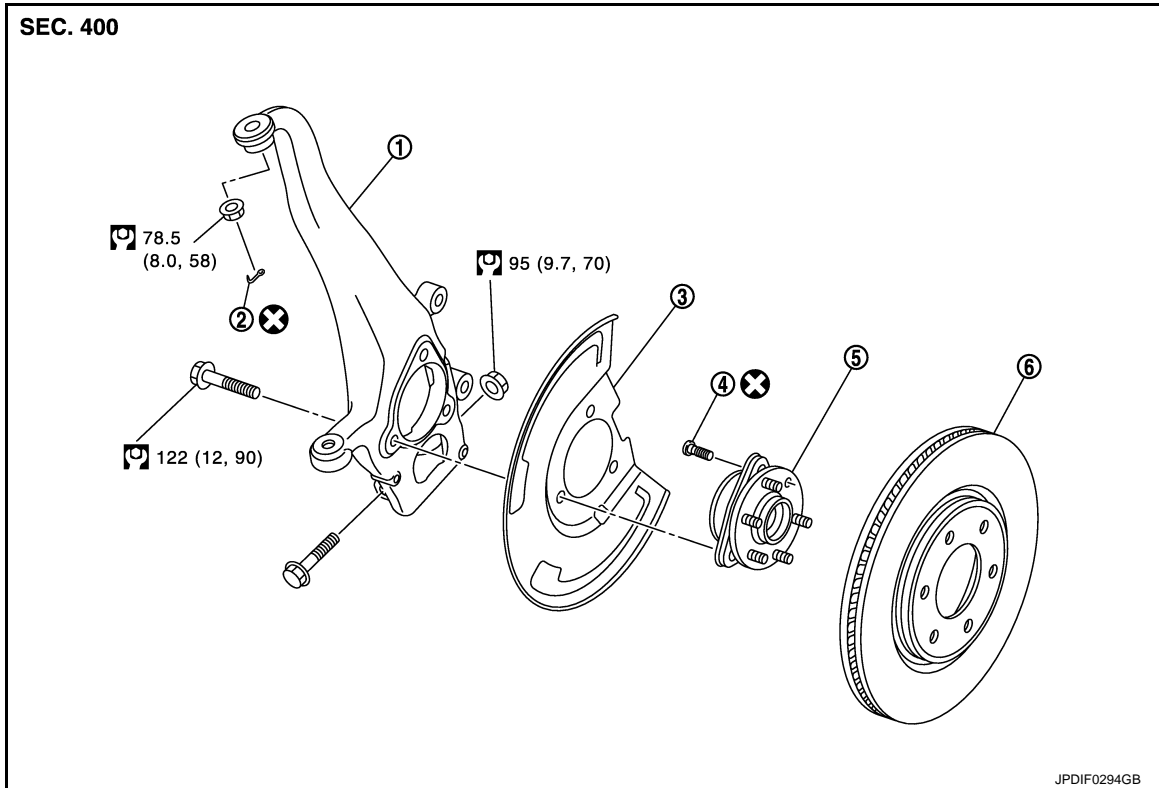
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## REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION

### FRONT WHEEL HUB AND KNUCKLE

Exploded View

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| 1. Steering knuckle | 2. Cotter pin                     | 3. Splash guard |
| 4. Hub bolt         | 5. Wheel hub and bearing assembly | 6. Disc rotor   |

Refer to [GI-4, "Components"](#) for symbols in the figure.

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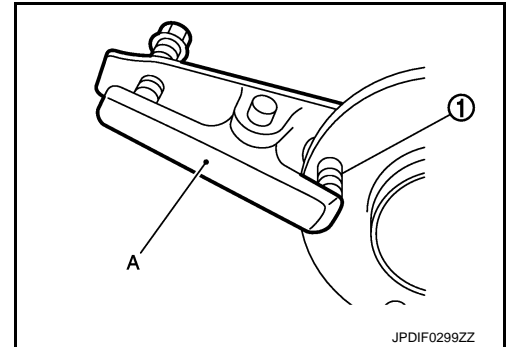
1. Remove tires with power tool. Refer to [WT-63, "Removal and Installation"](#).
2. Remove brake hose bracket. Refer to [BR-23, "FRONT : Removal and Installation"](#).
3. Remove caliper assembly mounting bolts. Hang caliper assembly in a place where it will not interfere with work. Refer to [BR-37, "BRAKE CALIPER ASSEMBLY : Removal and Installation"](#).  
**CAUTION:**  
**Never depress brake pedal while brake caliper is removed.**
4. Remove disc rotor.  
**CAUTION:**
  - Put matching marks on the wheel hub and bearing assembly and the disc rotor before removing the disc rotor.
  - Never drop disc rotor.
5. Remove wheel sensor harness. Refer to [BRC-143, "FRONT WHEEL SENSOR : Removal and Installation"](#).  
**CAUTION:**  
**Never pull on wheel sensor harness.**
6. Remove steering outer socket. Refer to [ST-42, "Removal and Installation"](#).
7. Set suitable jack under lower link.

# FRONT WHEEL HUB AND KNUCKLE

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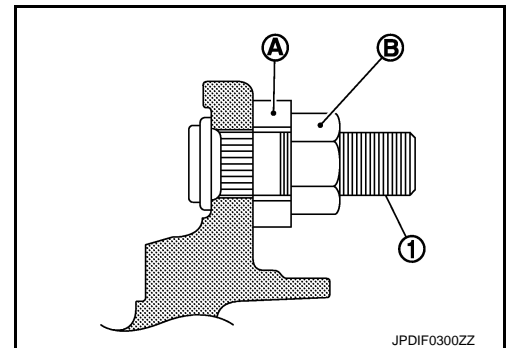
8. Remove shock absorber mounting bolt from lower link. Refer to [FSU-11, "Removal and Installation"](#).
9. Separate upper link from steering knuckle, using the ball joint remover (commercial service tool), and remove upper link.  
**CAUTION:**
  - Temporarily tighten the nut to prevent damage to threads and to prevent the ball joint remover from suddenly coming off.
  - Never damage ball joint boot.
10. Remove wheel hub and bearing assembly, and then remove splash guard.
11. Remove lower link from steering knuckle.  
**CAUTION:**  
**Never damage ball joint boot.**
12. Remove steering knuckle.
13. Remove hub bolts (1) from wheel hub and bearing assembly, using the ball joint remover (A) (commercial service tool).  
**CAUTION:**
  - Remove hub bolt only when necessary.
  - Never hammer the hub bolt to avoid impact to the wheel hub and bearing assembly.
  - Pull out the hub bolt in a direction perpendicular to the wheel hub and bearing assembly.
14. Perform inspection after removal. Refer to [FAX-8, "Inspection"](#).



## INSTALLATION

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

- Place a suitable washer (A) as shown in the figure to install the hub bolts (1) by using the tightening force of the nut (B).
- CAUTION:**
- Check that there is no clearance between wheel hub and bearing assembly, and hub bolt.
  - Never reuse hub bolt.
  - Perform the final tightening of each of parts under unladen conditions, which were removed when removing wheel hub and bearing assembly and steering knuckle.
  - Never reuse cotter pin.
  - Perform inspection after installation. Refer to [FAX-8, "Inspection"](#).



## Inspection

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## INSPECTION AFTER REMOVAL

Check components for deformation, cracks, and other damage. Replace it if necessary.

### Ball Joint Inspection

Check boots of lower link and steering outer socket ball joint for breakage, axial play, and torque. Refer to [FSU-16, "Inspection"](#) and [ST-46, "Inspection"](#).

## INSPECTION AFTER INSTALLATION

1. Check wheel sensor harness for proper connection. Refer to [BRC-143, "FRONT WHEEL SENSOR : Exploded View"](#).
2. Check the wheel alignment. Refer to [FSU-7, "Inspection"](#).
3. Adjust neutral position of steering angle sensor. Refer to [BRC-62, "Work Procedure"](#).



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## SERVICE DATA AND SPECIFICATIONS (SDS)

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Wheel Hub and Bearing Assembly

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Item	Standard
Axial end play	0.05 mm (0.002 in) or less

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- 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.

#### Precautions for Drive Shaft

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- Observe the following precautions when disassembling and assembling drive shaft.
  - Never disassemble joint sub-assembly because it is non-overhaul parts.
  - Perform work in a location which is as dust-free as possible.
  - Clean the parts, before disassembling and assembling.
  - Prevent the entry of foreign objects during disassembly of the service location.
  - Reassemble disassembled parts carefully in the correct order. If work is interrupted, a clean cover must be placed over parts.
  - Use paper waste. Fabric shop cloths must not be used because of the danger of lint adhering to parts.
  - Clean disassembled parts (except for rubber parts) with kerosene which shall be removed by blowing with air or wiping with paper waste.

#### Precautions for Removing of Battery Terminal

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- When removing the 12V battery terminal, turn OFF the ignition switch and wait at least 30 seconds.

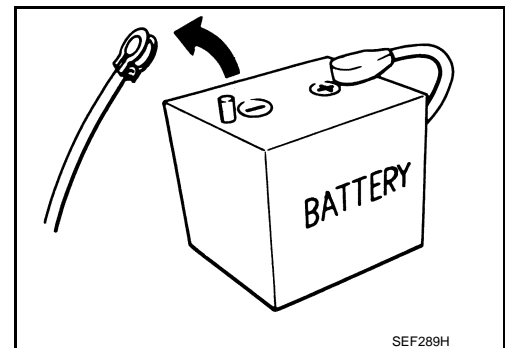
#### **NOTE:**

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#### **NOTE:**

If the ignition switch is turned ON with any one of the terminals of main battery and sub battery disconnected, then DTC may be detected.



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- After installing the 12V battery, always check "Self Diagnosis Result" of all ECUs and erase DTC.

**NOTE:**

The removal of 12V battery may cause a DTC detection error.

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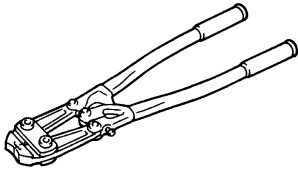

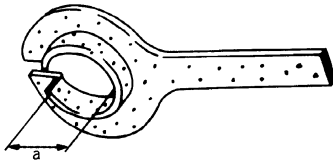
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#### Special Service Tools

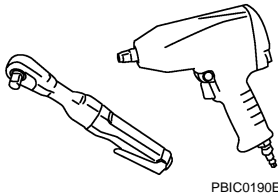
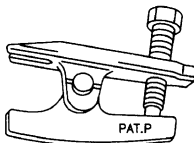
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The actual shapes of Kent-Moore tools may differ from those of special service tools illustrated here.

Tool number (Kent-Moore No.) Tool name	Description
KV40107300 ( - ) Boot band crimping tool	Installing boot band
 ZZA1229D	
KV40107500 ( - ) Drive shaft attachment	Removing drive shaft
 ZZA1230D	
KV38106300 ( - ) Protector a: 35 mm (1.38 in) dia.	Installing drive shaft
 PDIA1183J	

#### Commercial Service Tools

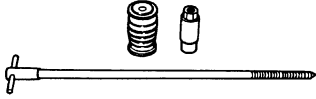
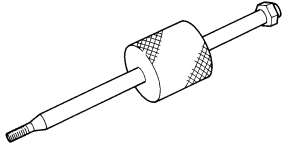
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Tool name	Description
Power tool	Loosening bolts and nuts
 PBIC0190E	
Ball joint remover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removing ball joint for steering knuckle</li> <li>• Removing hub bolt</li> </ul>
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Tool name	Description
<p>Drive shaft puller</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>JPDIG0152ZZ</p> </div>	<p>Removing drive shaft joint sub assembly</p>
<p>Sliding hummer</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>ZZA0023D</p> </div>	<p>Removing drive shaft</p>

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# NOISE, VIBRATION AND HARSHNESS (NVH) TROUBLESHOOTING

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## 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		—	<a href="#">FAX-2Z</a>	—	<a href="#">FAX-1Z</a>	—	<a href="#">FAX-15</a>	NVH in FAX and FSU sections	Refer to FRONT AXLE in this chart.	NVH in WT section	NVH in WT section	Refer to DRIVE SHAFT in this chart.	NVH in BR section	NVH in ST section	
Possible cause and SUSPECTED PARTS		Excessive joint angle	Joint sliding resistance	Imbalance	Improper installation, looseness	Parts interference	Wheel bearing damage	FRONT AXLE AND FRONT SUSPENSION	FRONT AXLE	TIRE	ROAD WHEEL	DRIVE SHAFT	BRAKE	STEERING	
Symptom	DRIVE SHAFT	Noise	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
		Shake	x		x			x	x	x	x		x	x	
	FRONT AXLE	Noise				x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
		Shake				x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
		Vibration				x	x	x	x		x		x		x
		Shimmy				x	x		x		x	x		x	x
		Judder				x			x		x	x		x	x
Poor quality ride or handling				x	x		x		x	x					

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# FRONT WHEEL HUB AND KNUCKLE

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## PERIODIC MAINTENANCE

### FRONT WHEEL HUB AND KNUCKLE

#### Inspection

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#### MOUNTING INSPECTION

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

#### WHEEL BEARING INSPECTION

- Move wheel hub and bearing assembly in the axial direction by hand. Make sure there is no looseness of wheel hub and bearing assembly.

**Axial end play** : Refer to [FAX-28, "Wheel Hub and Bearing Assembly"](#).

- Rotate wheel hub and bearing assembly and make sure that is no unusual noise or other irregular conditions. If there is any of irregular conditions, replace wheel hub and bearing assembly.

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### FRONT DRIVE SHAFT

#### Inspection

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

- Check drive shaft mounting point and joint for looseness and other damage.

**CAUTION:**

**Replace entire drive shaft assembly when noise or vibration occurs from drive shaft.**

- Check boot for cracks and other damage.



# FRONT WHEEL HUB AND KNUCKLE

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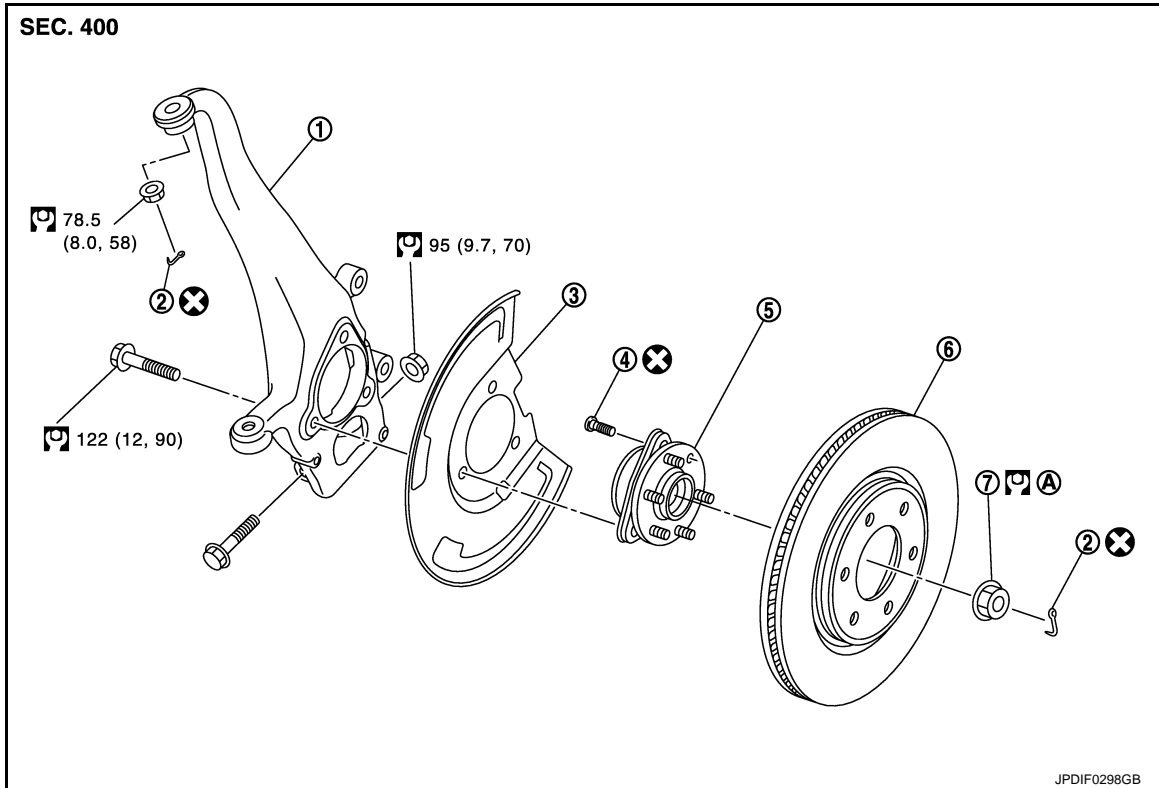
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## REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION

### FRONT WHEEL HUB AND KNUCKLE

Exploded View

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| 1. Steering knuckle   | 2. Cotter pin                     | 3. Splash guard |
| 4. Hub bolt           | 5. Wheel hub and bearing assembly | 6. Disc rotor   |
| 7. Wheel hub lock nut |                                   |                 |
- A. Tightening must be done following the installation procedure. Refer to [FAX-17, "Removal and Installation"](#).  
Refer to [GI-4, "Components"](#) for symbols in the figure.

## Removal and Installation

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### REMOVAL

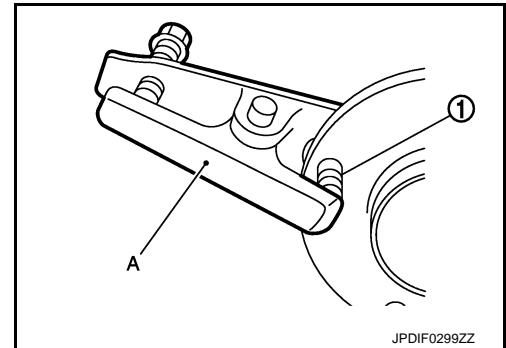
1. Remove tires.
2. Remove brake hose bracket. Refer to [BR-23, "FRONT : Removal and Installation"](#).
3. Remove caliper assembly mounting bolts. Hang caliper assembly in a place where it will not interfere with work. Refer to [BR-37, "BRAKE CALIPER ASSEMBLY : Removal and Installation"](#).  
**CAUTION:**  
**Never depress brake pedal while brake caliper is removed.**
4. Remove disc rotor.  
**CAUTION:**
  - Put matching marks on the wheel hub and bearing assembly and the disc rotor before removing the disc rotor.
  - Never drop disc rotor.
5. Remove wheel sensor harness. Refer to [BRC-143, "FRONT WHEEL SENSOR : Removal and Installation"](#).  
**CAUTION:**  
**Never pull on wheel sensor harness.**
6. Remove steering outer socket. Refer to [ST-42, "Removal and Installation"](#).

# FRONT WHEEL HUB AND KNUCKLE

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7. Set suitable jack under lower link.
8. Remove shock absorber mounting bolt from lower link. Refer to [FSU-11, "Removal and Installation"](#).
9. Separate upper link from steering knuckle, using the ball joint remover (commercial service tool), and remove upper link.  
**CAUTION:**
  - Temporarily tighten the nut to prevent damage to threads and to prevent the ball joint remover from suddenly coming off.
  - Never damage ball joint boot.
10. Remove cotter pin, and then loosen wheel hub lock nut.
11. Put matching mark on drive shaft and wheel hub and bearing assembly.  
**CAUTION:**  
**Use paint or similar substance for matching marks. Never scratch the surface.**
12. 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.
13. Remove wheel hub lock nut.
14. Remove wheel hub and bearing assembly, and then remove splash guard.
15. Remove lower link from steering knuckle.  
**CAUTION:**  
**Never damage ball joint boot.**
16. Remove steering knuckle.
17. Remove hub bolts (1) from wheel hub and bearing assembly, using the ball joint remover (A) (commercial service tool).  
**CAUTION:**
  - Remove hub bolt only when necessary.
  - Never hammer the hub bolt to avoid impact to the wheel hub and bearing assembly.
  - Pull out the hub bolt in a direction perpendicular to the wheel hub and bearing assembly.
18. Perform inspection after removal. Refer to [FAX-19, "Inspection"](#).



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## INSTALLATION

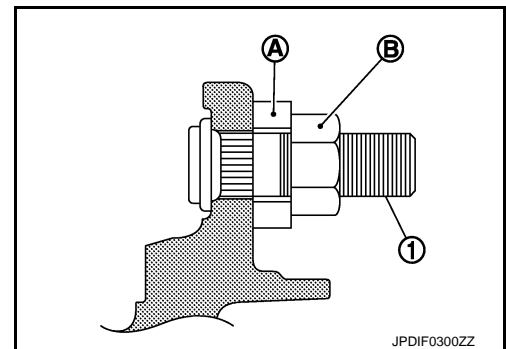
Note the following, and install in the reverse order of removal.

- Place a suitable washer (A) as shown in the figure to install the hub bolts (1) by using the tightening force of the nut (B).
- CAUTION:**
- Check that there is no clearance between wheel hub and bearing assembly, and hub bolt.
  - Never reuse hub bolt.
- Use the following torque range for tightening the wheel hub lock nut.

 : 118 – 123 N·m (12.1 – 12.5 kg·m, 87 – 90 ft·lb)

### **CAUTION:**

- Since the drive shaft is assembled by press-fitting, use the tightening torque range for the wheel hub lock nut.
- Be sure to use torque wrench to tighten the wheel hub lock nut. Never use a power tool.
- Perform the final tightening of each of parts under unladen conditions, which were removed when removing wheel hub and bearing assembly and steering knuckle.



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# FRONT WHEEL HUB AND KNUCKLE

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- Never reuse cotter pin.
- Perform inspection after installation. Refer to [FAX-19, "Inspection"](#).

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### Inspection

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#### INSPECTION AFTER REMOVAL

Check components for deformation, cracks, and other damage. Replace it if necessary.

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#### Ball Joint Inspection

Check boots of lower link and steering outer socket ball joint for breakage, axial play, and torque. Refer to [FSU-16, "Inspection"](#) and [ST-46, "Inspection"](#).

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#### INSPECTION AFTER INSTALLATION

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1. Check wheel sensor harness for proper connection. Refer to [BRC-143, "FRONT WHEEL SENSOR : Exploded View"](#).
2. Check the wheel alignment. Refer to [FSU-7, "Inspection"](#).
3. Adjust neutral position of steering angle sensor. Refer to [BRC-62, "Work Procedure"](#).

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# FRONT DRIVE SHAFT BOOT

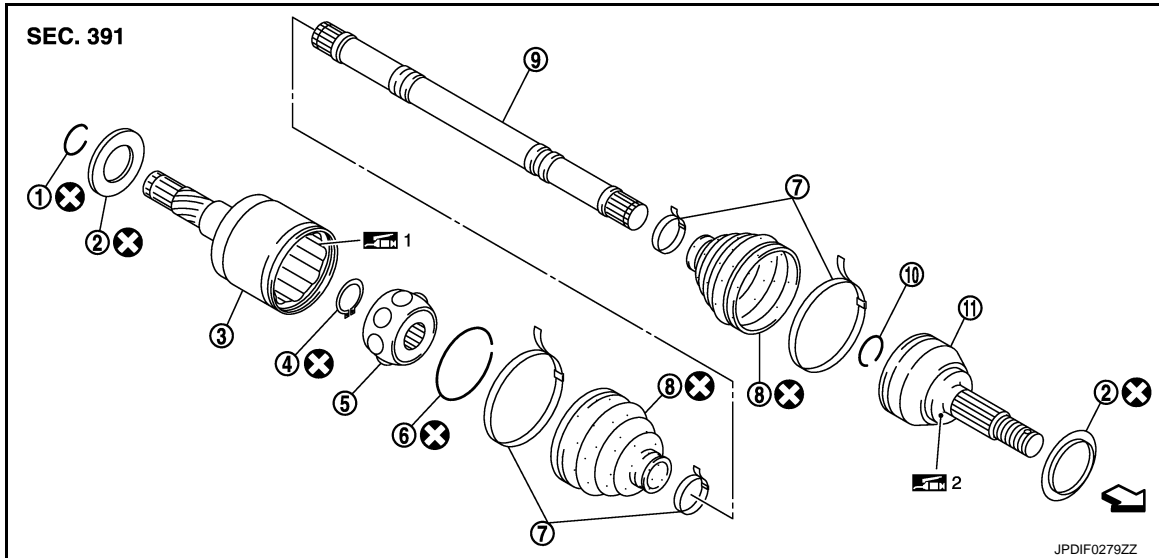
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## FRONT DRIVE SHAFT BOOT

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| 1. Circular clip  | 2. Dust shield                              | 3. Housing      |
| 4. Snap ring      | 5. Ball cage/steel ball/inner race assembly | 6. Stopper ring |
| 7. Boot band      | 8. Boot                                     | 9. Shaft        |
| 10. Circular clip | 11. Joint sub-assembly                      |                 |

↔ : Wheel side

: NISSAN genuine grease or an equivalent.

Refer to [GI-4, "Components"](#) for symbols not described on the above.

## Removal and Installation

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### NOTE:

Remove boot after drive shaft is removed from the vehicle.

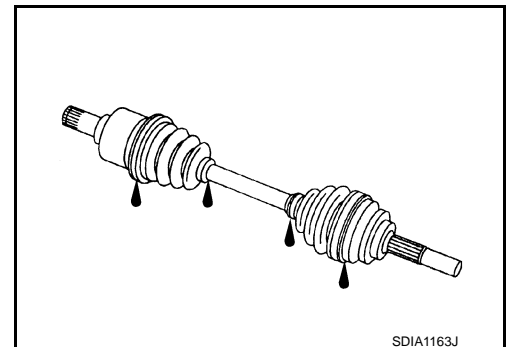
- Remove and install drive shaft. Refer to [FAX-21, "Removal and Installation"](#).
- Disassembly and assembly drive shaft. Refer to [FAX-22, "WHEEL SIDE : Disassembly and Assembly"](#) (wheel side) or [FAX-25, "FINAL DRIVE SIDE : Disassembly and Assembly"](#) (final drive side).

## Inspection

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### INSPECTION AFTER REMOVAL

- Move joint up/down, left/right, and in the axial directions. Check for motion that is not smooth and for significant looseness.
- Check boot for cracks, damage, and leakage of grease.
- Disassemble drive shaft and exchange malfunctioning part if there is a non-standard condition.



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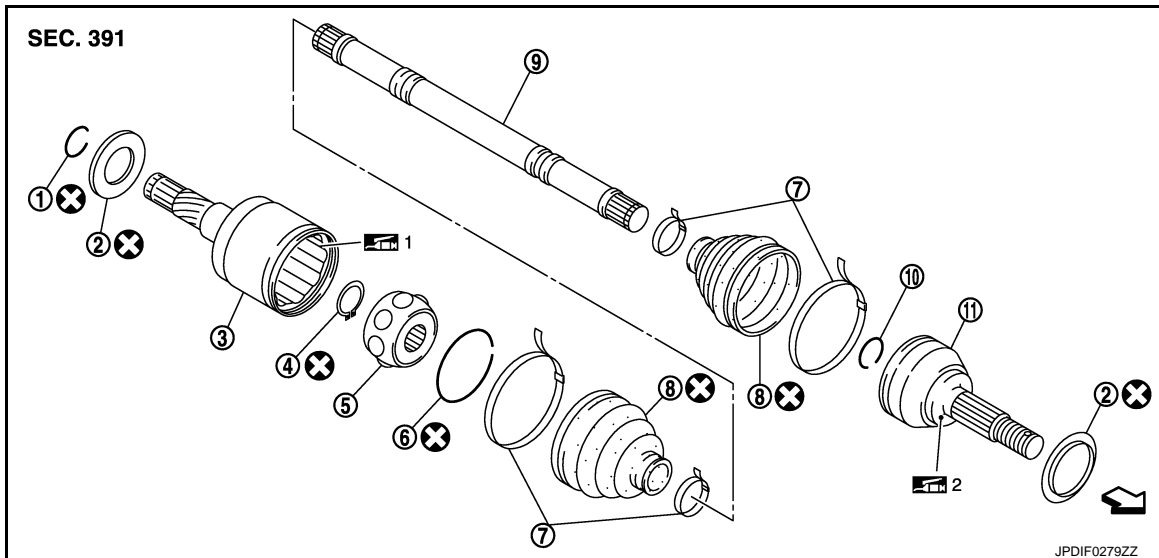
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## FRONT DRIVE SHAFT

### Exploded View

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| 1. Circular clip  | 2. Dust shield                              | 3. Housing      |
| 4. Snap ring      | 5. Ball cage/steel ball/inner race assembly | 6. Stopper ring |
| 7. Boot band      | 8. Boot                                     | 9. Shaft        |
| 10. Circular clip | 11. Joint sub-assembly                      |                 |

↔ : Wheel side

: NISSAN genuine grease or an equivalent.

Refer to [GI-4, "Components"](#) for symbols not described on the above.

## Removal and Installation

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### REMOVAL

1. Remove tires.
2. Remove brake hose bracket. Refer to [BR-23, "FRONT : Removal and Installation"](#).
3. Remove caliper assembly mounting bolts. Hang caliper assembly in a place where it will not interfere with work. Refer to [BR-37, "BRAKE CALIPER ASSEMBLY : Removal and Installation"](#).  
**CAUTION:**  
**Never depress brake pedal while brake caliper is removed.**
4. Remove disc rotor. Refer to [FAX-17, "Removal and Installation"](#).
5. Remove wheel sensor harness. Refer to [BRC-143, "FRONT WHEEL SENSOR : Removal and Installation"](#).  
**CAUTION:**  
**Never pull on wheel sensor harness.**
6. Remove height sensor from upper link (right side). Refer to [EXL-134, "Removal and Installation"](#).
7. Remove steering outer socket. Refer to [ST-42, "Removal and Installation"](#).
8. Set suitable jack under lower link.
9. Remove shock absorber mounting bolt from lower link. Refer to [FSU-11, "Removal and Installation"](#).
10. Separate upper link from steering knuckle, using the ball joint remover (commercial service tool), and remove upper link.  
**CAUTION:**
  - Temporarily tighten the nut to prevent damage to threads and to prevent the ball joint remover from suddenly coming off.

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## < REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION >

- **Never damage ball joint boot.**

11. Remove cotter pin, and then loosen wheel hub lock nut.
12. 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:

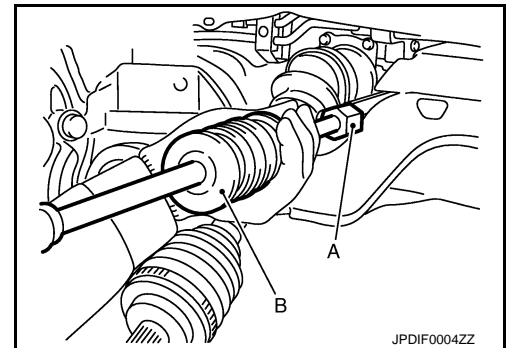
Use suitable puller, if wheel hub and bearing assembly and drive shaft cannot be separated even after performing the above procedure.

13. Remove wheel hub lock nut.
14. Remove fender protector. Refer to [EXT-24, "FENDER PROTECTOR : Removal and Installation"](#).
15. Remove drive shaft from front final drive using the drive shaft attachment [SST: KV40107500 ( - )] (A) and a sliding hammer (commercial service tool) (B) while inserting tip of the drive shaft attachment between housing and front final drive.

### CAUTION:

- **Never place drive shaft joint at an extreme angle when removing drive shaft. Also be careful not to overextend slide joint.**
- **Confirm that the circular clip is attached to the drive shaft.**

16. Perform inspection after removal. Refer to [FAX-27, "Inspection"](#).



## INSTALLATION

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

### CAUTION:

**Always replace final drive side oil seal with new one when installing drive shaft. Refer to [DLN-172, "Removal and Installation"](#).**

- Place the protector [SST: KV38106300 ( - )] (A) onto final drive to prevent damage to the oil seal while inserting drive shaft. Slide drive shaft sliding joint and tap with a hammer to install securely.

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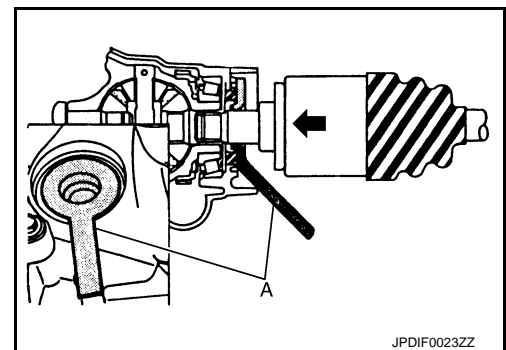
**Check that circular clip is completely engaged.**

- Use the following torque range for tightening the wheel hub lock nut.

 : 118 – 123 N·m (12.1 – 12.5 kg·m, 87 – 90 ft·lb)

### CAUTION:

- **Since the drive shaft is assembled by press-fitting, use the tightening torque range for the wheel hub lock nut.**
- **Be sure to use torque wrench to tighten the wheel hub lock nut. Never use a power tool.**
- Perform the final tightening of each of parts under unladen conditions, which were removed when removing wheel hub and bearing assembly and steering knuckle.
- Never reuse cotter pin.
- Perform inspection after installation. Refer to [FAX-27, "Inspection"](#).



## WHEEL SIDE

### WHEEL SIDE : Disassembly and Assembly

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#### DISASSEMBLY

1. Fix shaft with a vise.  
**CAUTION:**  
**Protect shaft when fixing with a vise using aluminum or copper plates.**
2. Remove dust shield from joint sub-assembly.
3. Remove boot bands and then remove boot from joint sub-assembly.

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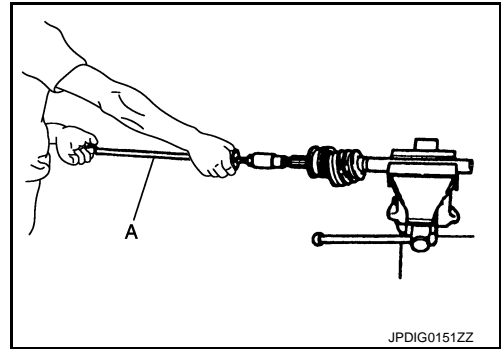
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4. Screw the drive shaft puller (commercial service tool) (A) 30 mm (1.18 in) or more into the thread of joint sub-assembly, and pull joint sub-assembly from shaft.

**CAUTION:**

- If joint sub-assembly cannot be removed after five or more unsuccessful attempts, replace shaft and joint sub assembly as a set.
- Align drive shaft puller and drive shaft and remove them by pulling directory.

5. Remove circular clip from shaft.
6. Remove boot from shaft.
7. Perform inspection after disassembly. Refer to [FAX-27, "Inspection"](#).



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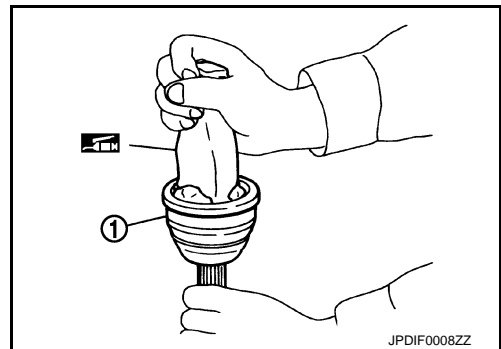
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## ASSEMBLY

1. While rotating ball cage, clean old grease on joint sub-assembly with paper waste.
2. Fill serration slot joint sub-assembly (1) with NISSAN genuine grease or equivalent until the serration slot and ball groove become full to the brim.

**CAUTION:**

After applying grease, use a shop cloth to wipe off old grease that has oozed out.



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3. Install boot and boot bands to shaft.

**CAUTION:**

- Wrap serration on shaft with tape (A) to protect the boot from damage.
- Never reuse boot and boot band.

4. Remove the tape wrapped around the serration on shaft.
5. Position circular clip on groove at the shaft edge.

**CAUTION:**

Never reuse circular clip.

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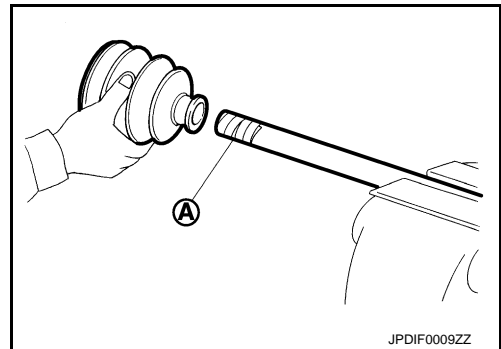
Drive joint inserter is recommended when installing circular clip.

6. Align both center axes of the shaft edge and joint sub-assembly. Then assemble shaft with joint sub-assembly holding circular clip.
7. Install joint sub-assembly to shaft using plastic hammer.

**CAUTION:**

Confirm that joint sub-assembly is correctly engaged while rotating drive shaft.

8. Apply the specified amount of grease into the boot inside from large diameter side of boot.

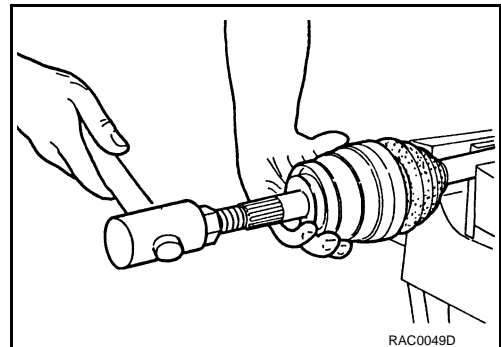


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Grease amount : Refer to [FAX-28, "Drive Shaft"](#).

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9. Install the boot securely into grooves (indicated by "\*" marks) shown in the figure.

**CAUTION:**

If grease adheres to the boot mounting surface (indicated by "\*" mark) on the shaft or housing, boot may come off. Remove all grease from the surfaces.

10. To prevent the deformation of the boot, adjust the boot installation length (L) to the specified value shown below by inserting the suitable tool into inside of the boot from the large diameter side of boot and discharging the inside air.

**L** : Refer to [FAX-28, "Drive Shaft"](#).

**CAUTION:**

- If the boot installation length is outside the standard, it may cause breakage of boot.
- Be careful not to touch the inside of the boot with the tip of tool.

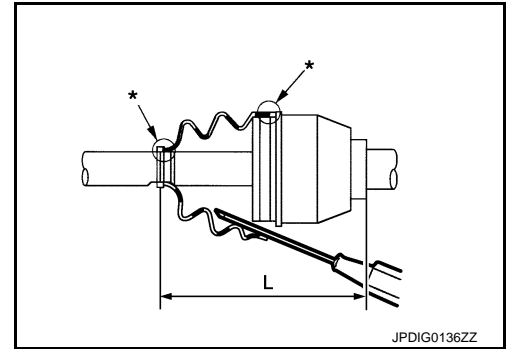
11. Install new boot bands securely.

**CAUTION:**

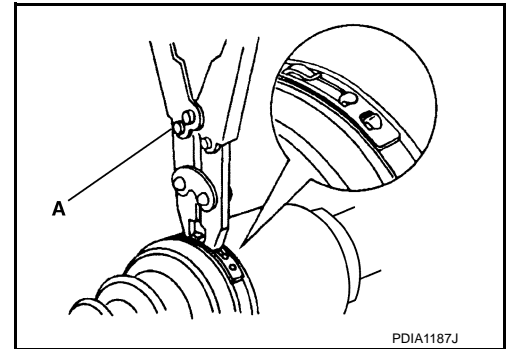
Never reuse boot band.

- a. Small boot band

- i. Secure the ends of the boot with boot bands using the boot band crimping tool [SST: KV40107300 ( - )] (A).



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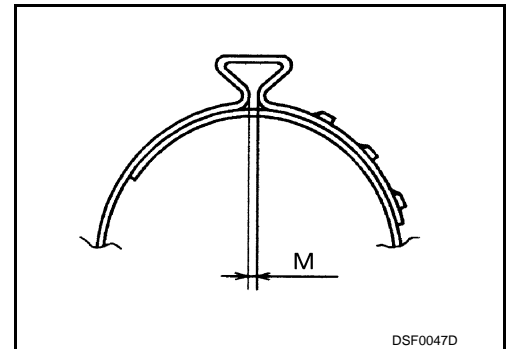


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**CAUTION:**

Secure boot band so that dimension (M) meets the specification as shown in the figure.

**M** : 1.0 – 4.0 mm (0.039 – 0.157 in)



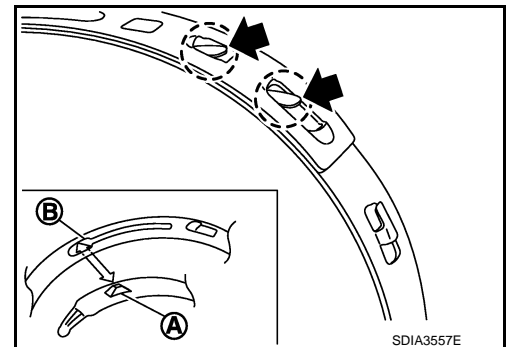
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- b. Large boot band

- i. Put boot band in the groove on drive shaft boot. Then fit pawls (←) into holes to temporary installation.

**NOTE:**

For the large diameter side, fit projection (A) and guide slit (B) at first.



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## < REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION >

- ii. Pinch projection on the band with suitable pliers to tighten band.
- iii. Insert tip of band below end of the pawl.
12. Secure joint sub-assembly and shaft, and then check that they are in the correct position when rotating boot. Install them with boot band when boot installation positions become incorrect.

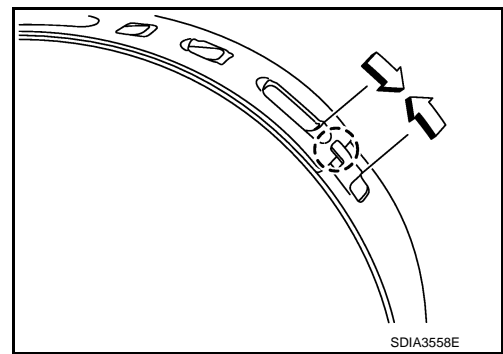
**CAUTION:**

**Never reuse boot band.**

13. Install dust shield to joint sub-assembly.

**CAUTION:**

**Never reuse dust shield.**



## FINAL DRIVE SIDE

### FINAL DRIVE SIDE : Disassembly and Assembly

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#### DISASSEMBLY

1. Fix shaft with a vise.

**CAUTION:**

**Protect shaft when fixing with a vise using aluminum or copper plates.**

2. Remove circular clip from housing.
3. Remove dust shield from housing.
4. Remove boot bands, and then remove boot from housing.
5. Put matching marks on housing and shaft.

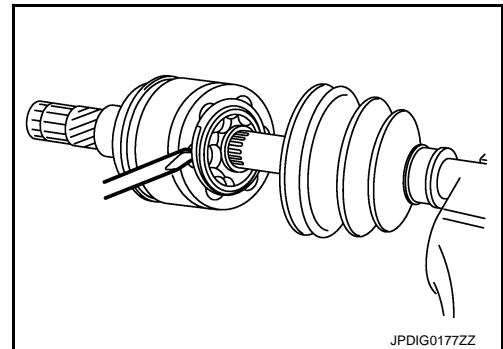
**CAUTION:**

**Use paint or similar substance for matching marks. Never scratch the surface.**

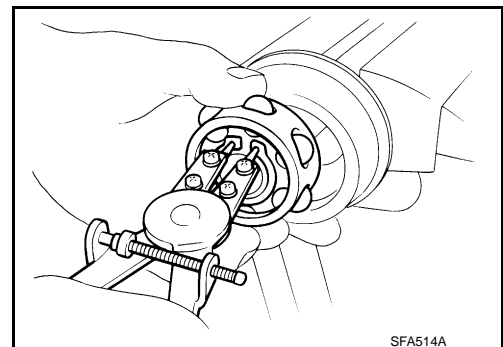
6. Remove stopper ring with suitable tool, and pull out housing.
7. Put matching marks on ball cage/steel ball/inner race assembly and shaft.

**CAUTION:**

**Use paint or similar substance for matching marks. Never scratch the surface.**



8. Remove snap ring, then remove ball cage/steel ball/inner race assembly from shaft.
9. Remove boot from shaft.
10. Perform inspection after disassembly. Refer to [FAX-27. "Inspection"](#).



#### ASSEMBLY

1. Remove old grease on housing with paper waste.

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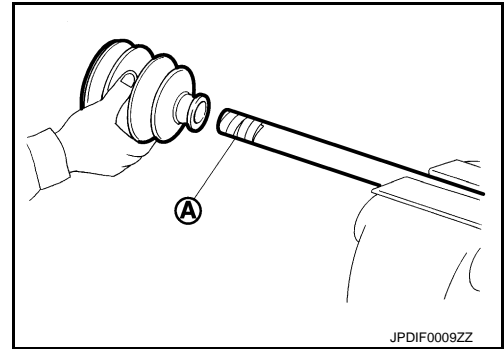
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2. Install boot and boot bands to shaft.

**CAUTION:**

- Wrap serration on shaft with tape (A) to protect the boot from damage.
- Never reuse boot and boot band.

3. Remove the tape wrapped around the serration on shaft.



4. Install ball cage/steel ball/inner race assembly (1), align it with the matching marks on shaft (2) put during the removal.

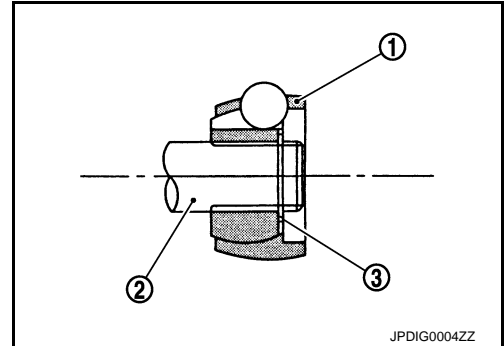
5. Secure ball cage/steel ball/inner race assembly onto shaft with snap ring (3).

**CAUTION:**

**Never reuse snap ring.**

6. Apply the appropriate amount of grease onto housing and sliding surface.

**Grease amount** : Refer to [FAX-28, "Drive Shaft"](#).



7. Install housing to shaft.

8. Install stopper ring to housing.

**CAUTION:**

**Never reuse stopper ring.**

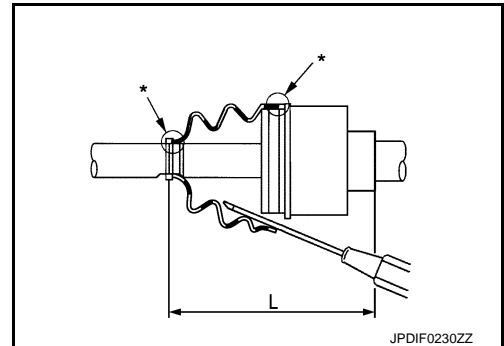
9. After installed, pull shaft to check engagement between housing and stopper ring.

10. Install boot securely into grooves (indicated by "\*" marks) shown in the figure.

**CAUTION:**

**If grease adheres to the boot mounting surfaces (indicated by "\*" marks) on shaft or housing, boot may be removed. Remove all grease from the surfaces.**

11. To prevent deformation of the boot, adjust the boot installation length (L) to the value shown below by inserting the suitable tool into the inside of boot from the large diameter side of boot and discharging inside air.



**L** : Refer to [FAX-28, "Drive Shaft"](#).

**CAUTION:**

- If the boot installation length is outside the standard, it may cause breakage of boot.
- Be careful not to touch the inside of the boot with the tip of tool.

12. Install boot bands securely as shown in the figure.

**CAUTION:**

**Never reuse boot band.**

13. Secure housing and shaft, and then check that they are in the correct position when rotating boot. Install them with boot band when the mounting positions become incorrect.

**CAUTION:**

**Never reuse boot band.**

14. Install dust shield to housing.

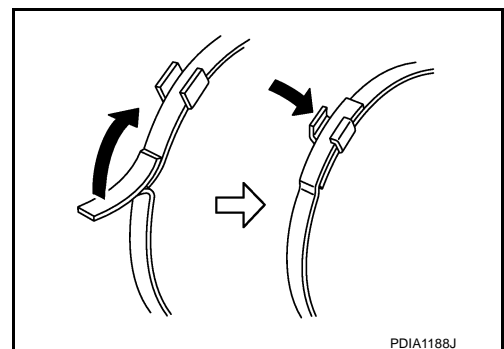
**CAUTION:**

**Never reuse dust shield.**

15. Install circular clip to housing.

**CAUTION:**

**Never reuse circular clip.**



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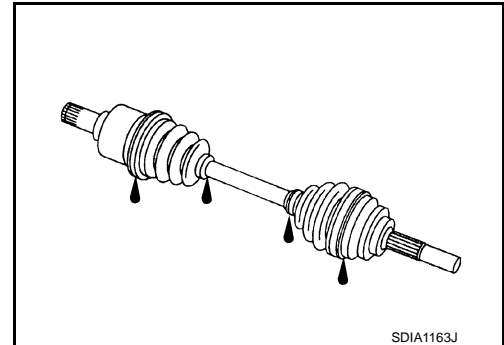
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## Inspection

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### INSPECTION AFTER REMOVAL

- Move joint up/down, left/right, and in the axial directions. Check for motion that is not smooth and for significant looseness.
- Check boot for cracks, damage, and leakage of grease.
- Disassemble drive shaft and exchange malfunctioning part if there is a non-standard condition.



### INSPECTION AFTER DISASSEMBLY

#### Shaft

Check shaft for runout, cracks, or other damage. Replace it if necessary.

#### Joint Sub-Assembly (Wheel Side)

Check the following items, replace the parts if necessary.

- Joint sub-assembly for rough rotation and excessive axial looseness.
  - The inside of the joint sub-assembly for entry of foreign material.
  - Joint sub-assembly for compression scars, cracks, and fractures inside of joint sub-assembly.
- Replace joint sub-assembly if there are any non-standard conditions of components.

#### Housing (Final Drive side)

Replace housing if there is scratching or wear of housing roller contact surface.

### INSPECTION AFTER INSTALLATION

1. Check wheel sensor harness for proper connection. Refer to [BRC-143, "FRONT WHEEL SENSOR : Exploded View"](#).
2. Check the wheel alignment. Refer to [FSU-7, "Inspection"](#).
3. Adjust neutral position of steering angle sensor. Refer to [BRC-62, "Work Procedure"](#).
4. Adjust levelizer adjustment of height sensor. Refer to [EXL-63, "LEVELIZER ADJUSTMENT : Special Repair Requirement"](#).

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#### Wheel Hub and Bearing Assembly

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Item	Standard
Axial end play	0.05 mm (0.002 in) or less

#### Drive Shaft

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Item	Standard	
	Wheel side	Final drive side
Grease quantity	205 – 225 g (7.23 – 7.94 oz)	130 – 150 g (4.59 – 5.29 oz)
Boots installed length	157.8 mm (6.21 in)	196.4 mm (7.73 in)