# REAR SUSPENSION

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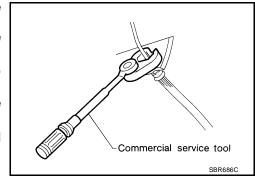
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#### **PRECAUTIONS**

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Precautions

- When installing each rubber part, final tightening must be carried out under unladen condition\* with tires on ground.
   Oil will shorten the life of rubber bushings. Be sure to wipe off any spilled oil.
  - \*: 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 tubes.
- After installing removed suspension parts, check wheel alignment.
- Do not jack up at the trailing arm and lateral link.
- Always torque brake lines when installing.
- Lock nuts are unreusable parts; always use new ones.
   When replacing, do not wipe the oil off of the new lock nut before tightening.



#### **PREPARATION**

Tool name		Description	•
Equivalent to GG94310000 1 Flare nut crowfoot 2 Torque wrench		Removing and installing brake piping a: 10 mm (0.39 in)	(
	S-NT360		
Spring compressor		Removing and installing coil spring	RS
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#### NOISE, VIBRATION, AND HARSHNESS (NVH) TROUBLESHOOTING

## NOISE, VIBRATION, AND HARSHNESS (NVH) TROUBLESHOOTING NVH Troubleshooting Chart

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

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#### **REAR SUSPENSION ASSEMBLY**

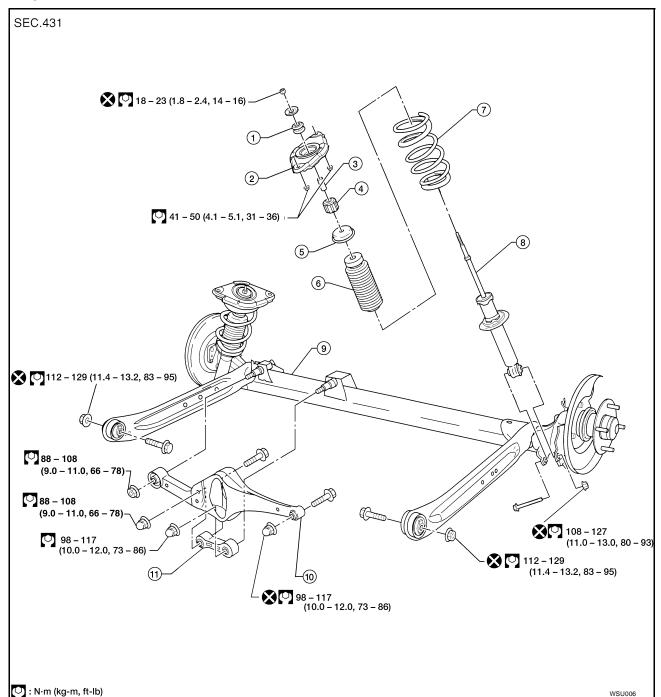
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**Components** 

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- I. Bushing
- 4. Distance tube bushing
- 7. Coil spring
- 10. Lateral link

- 2. Shock absorber mounting bracket
- 5. Bound bumper cover
- 8. Shock absorber
- 11. Control rod

- Distance tube
- 6. Bound bumper
- 9. Torsion beam

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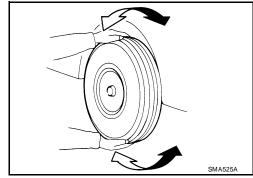
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On-Vehicle Service

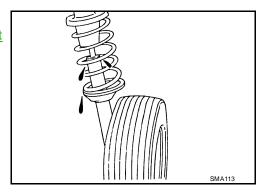
Check axle and suspension parts for excessive play, wear or damage.

- Shake each rear wheel to check for excessive play.
- Retighten all nuts and bolts to the specified torque.

Tightening torque: Refer to RSU-5, "Components".



- Check shock absorber for oil leakage or other damage.
- Check wheelarch height. Refer to <u>RSU-13</u>, "Wheelarch Height (<u>Unladen\*</u>)".



#### **Rear Wheel Alignment**

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Before checking rear wheel alignment, be sure to make a preliminary inspection (Unladen\*).

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

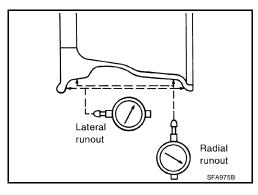
#### PRELIMINARY INSPECTION

- 1. Check tires for wear and improper inflation.
- Check wheels for deformation, cracks and other damage. If deformed, remove wheel and check wheel runout.
- a. Remove tire from wheel and mount wheel on a tire balance machine.
- b. Set dial indicator as shown.

Wheel runout (dial indicator value) : Re

: Refer to WT-6, "Road Wheel" .

- Check front wheel bearings for looseness.
- 4. Check front suspension for looseness.
- Check steering linkage for looseness.
- 6. Check that front shock absorbers work properly.
- Check vehicle wheelarch height (unladen\*). Refer to RSU-13, <u>"Wheelarch Height (Unladen\*)"</u>.
  - \*: Fuel, radiator coolant and engine oil full. Spare tire, jack, hand tools and mats in designated positions.



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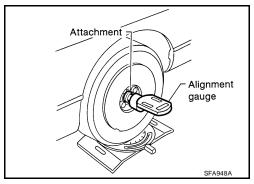
#### **CAMBER**

#### NOTE:

Camber is preset at factory and cannot be adjusted.

Camber : Refer to RSU-13, "Rear Wheel Alignment (Unladen\*)".

- 1. Measure camber of both right-hand and left-hand wheels with a suitable alignment gauge.
- 2. If the camber is not within specification, inspect and replace any damaged or worn rear suspension parts.

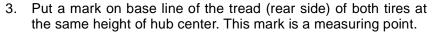


#### TOE-IN

Toe-in is preset at factory and cannot be adjusted. Measure toe-in using following procedure. If out of specification, inspect and replace any damaged or worn rear suspension parts.

#### **WARNING:**

- Always perform the 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).



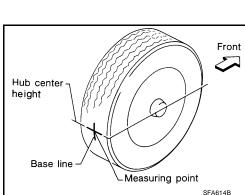
- 4. Measure distance "A" (rear side).
- 5. Push the vehicle slowly ahead to rotate the wheels 180 degrees (1/2 turn).

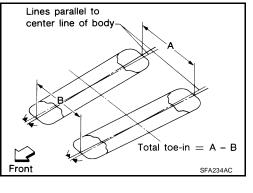
#### **CAUTION:**

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 : The sum of (A - B). Refer to <u>RSU-13.</u> <u>"Rear Wheel Alignment (Unladen\*)"</u>.





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#### **REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION**

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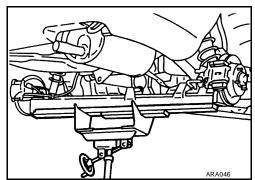
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## Removal and Installation REMOVAL

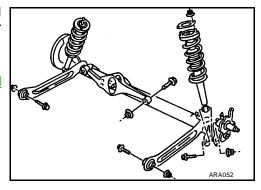
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#### **CAUTION:**

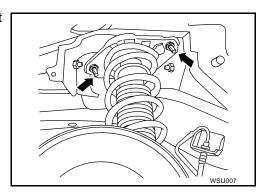
- Before removing the rear suspension assembly, disconnect the ABS wheel sensor from the assembly. Failure to do so may result in damaged sensor wires and sensor becoming inoperative.
- Drain brake fluid before disconnecting brake lines.
- 1. Disconnect brake hydraulic lines and parking brake cables at toggle levers. (Models with drum brakes.)
- 2. Disconnect brake hydraulic lines and parking brake cables from calipers and remove brake calipers and rotors. (Models with disc brakes.)



- 3. Disconnect ABS wheel sensor, if equipped.
- 4. Using a transmission jack, raise torsion beam a little, and remove nuts and bolts from the trailing arms, shock absorber assemblies (lower side) and lateral link.
- 5. Lower transmission jack and remove suspension.
- 6. Remove luggage compartment trim. Refer to <u>EI-33, "Removal and Installation"</u>.



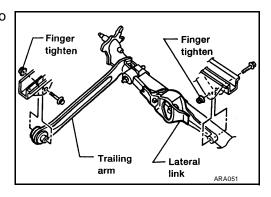
7. Remove shock absorber fixing nuts (upper side). Then pull out shock absorber assemblies.



#### **INSTALLATION**

#### **CAUTION:**

- Refill with new brake fluid DOT 3.
- Never reuse drained brake fluid.
- 1. Attach torsion beam at trailing arm and lateral link to vehicle. Do not tighten bolts at this time.

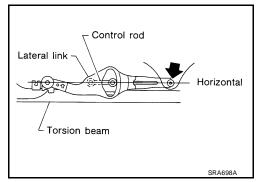


#### REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION

- 2. Using a transmission jack, place lateral link and control rod horizontally against torsion beam. Tighten lateral link on vehicle.
- 3. Attach shock absorber assembly to vehicle. Then tighten the lower side of shock absorber assembly.
- 4. Lower torsion beam to fully extended position. Remove transmission jack and tighten torsion beam, at trailing arm, to specified torque. Refer to <a href="RSU-5">RSU-5</a>, "Components"</a>.
- 5. Install brake hydraulic lines and tighten flare nuts.

Flare nut tightening : 15 - 18 N·m (1.5 - 1.8 kg-m, torque 11 - 13 ft-lb)

- 6. Connect ABS wheel sensor, if equipped.
- 7. Bleed air. Refer to BR-7, "Bleeding Brake System".
- 8. Install ABS wheel sensor.



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#### **COIL SPRING AND SHOCK ABSORBER**

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#### Removal and Installation

Remove shock absorber upper and lower fixing nuts.

Do not remove piston rod lock nut on vehicle.

Disassembly

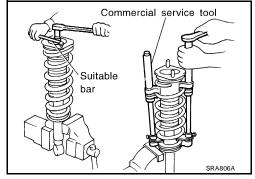
Set shock absorber in vise, then loosen piston rod lock nut.
 Do not remove piston rod lock nut at this time.

2. Compress spring with Tool so that the shock absorber upper spring seat can be turned by hand.

#### **WARNING:**

Make sure that the pawls of the two spring compressors are firmly hooked on the spring. The spring compressors must be tightened alternately so as not to tilt the spring.

3. Remove piston rod lock nut.



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## Inspection SHOCK ABSORBER ASSEMBLY

- Check for smooth operation through a full stroke, both compression and extension.
- Check for oil leakage on welded or gland packing portions.
- Check piston rod for cracks, deformation or other damage.
   Replace if necessary.

#### **UPPER RUBBER SEAT AND BUSHING**

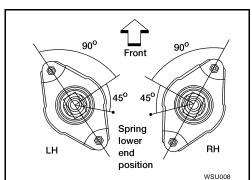
Check rubber parts for deterioration or cracks. Replace if necessary.

#### **COIL SPRING**

Check for cracks, deformation or other damage. Replace if necessary.

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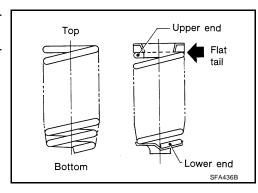
Locate upper spring seat as shown.



- When installing coil spring, be careful not to reverse top and bottom direction. (Top end is flat.)
- When installing coil spring on shock absorber, it must be positioned as shown.

#### **CAUTION:**

Do not reuse piston rod lock nut.



#### TORSION BEAM, LATERAL LINK AND CONTROL ROD

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Disassembly

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- Remove torsion beam assembly. Refer to <u>RSU-8</u>, "<u>REMOVAL</u>".
- Remove lateral link and control rod from torsion beam.

#### Inspection

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Check for cracks, distortion or other damage. Replace if necessary.

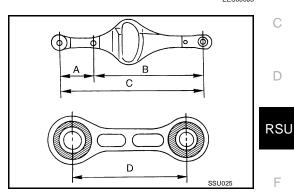
Standard length : "A" 207 - 208 mm (8.15 - 8.19 in)

"B" 394 - 395 mm (15.51 - 15.55 in)

"C" 601 - 603 mm (23.66 - 23.74 in)

"D" 106 - 108 mm (4.17 - 4.25 in)

 Check all rubber parts for wear, cracks or deformation. Replace if necessary.



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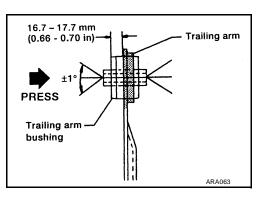
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## Rubber Bushing Replacement TRAILING ARM

Trailing arm bushings are press fit and must be centered properly in trailing arm collars.

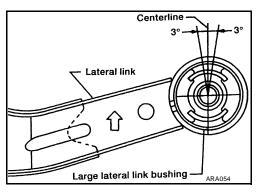
- 1. Press out old bushing from trailing arm collar.
- 2. Press in new bushing until inside edge of bushing is 16.7 to 17.7 mm (0.66 to 0.70 in) from inside edge of trailing arm.
- Do not allow bushing to incline more than 1 degree.
- During installation, do not allow trailing arm to bend or twist.



#### LATERAL LINK

Lateral link bushings are press fit. The large lateral link bushing is directional and must be installed in a specific position.

- Remove lateral link.
- Press out bushings. Note installation position of large bushing before removing.
- 3. Press in small bushing until bushing is centered in lateral link collar.
- 4. Press in large bushing until bushing is centered in lateral link collar.
- a. Position bushing on lateral link collar.
- b. Angle between bushing centerline and collar centerline must be within 3 degrees as shown in illustration.



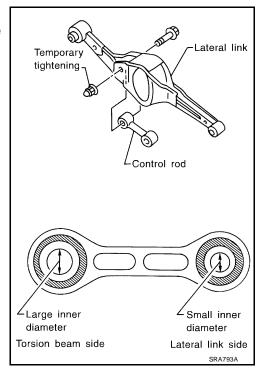
#### **CONTROL ROD**

Control rod bushings are not replaceable. If bushings are worn or damaged, replace control rod.

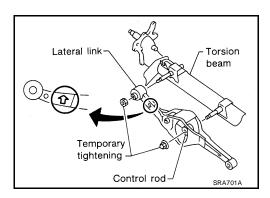
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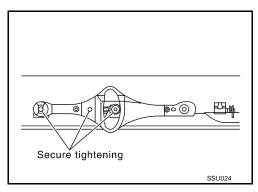
- 1. Temporarily assemble lateral link and control rod.
  - When installing the control rod, connect the bushing with the smaller inner diameter to the lateral link.



- 2. Temporarily install lateral link and control rod on torsion beam.
  - When installing, place lateral link with the arrow topside.



- 3. Place lateral link and control rod horizontally against torsion beam, and tighten to the specified torque.
- 4. Install torsion beam assembly. Refer to  $\underline{\text{RSU-8, "INSTALLA-TION"}}$  .



#### SERVICE DATA AND SPECIFICATIONS (SDS)

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**General Specifications (Rear)** 

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Suspension type	Multi-link beam suspension
Shock absorber type	Double-acting hydraulic

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#### Rear Wheel Alignment (Unladen\*)

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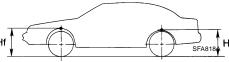
Camber		Minimum	-1°45′ (-1.75°)
Degree minute (Decimal degree)		Nominal	-1°00′ (-1.00°)
		Maximum	-0°15′ (-0.25°)
Total toe-in	Distance (A – B)	Minimum	-3 (-0.12)
	mm (in)	Nominal	1 (0.04)
		Maximum	5 (0.20)
	Angle (left plus right)	Minimum	-16' (-0.27°)
	Degree minute (Decimal degree)	Nominal	5′30″ (0.09°)
		Maximum	26′ (0.43°)

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#### Wheelarch Height (Unladen\*)

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Engine	QG <sup>2</sup>	18DE	QR2	25DE
Model	1.8	1.8S	SE-R	SPEC-V
Tire Size	195/60HR15	195/55HR16	195/55HR16	215/45ZR17
Front (Hf) mm (in)	664 (26.14)	666 (26.22)	660 (25.98)	664 (26.14)
Rear (Hr) mm (in)	658 (25.91)	659 (25.94)	652 (25.67)	655 (25.79)

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