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NISSAN SENTRA

MODEL B16 SERIES

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FOREWORD

This manual contains maintenance and repair procedures for the 2012 NISSAN SENTRA.

In order to assure your safety and the efficient functioning of the vehicle, this manual should be read thoroughly. It is especially important that the PRECAUTIONS in the GI section be completely understood before starting any repair task.

All information in this manual is based on the latest product information at the time of publication. The right is reserved to make changes in specifications and methods at any time without notice.

IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

The proper performance of service is essential for both the safety of the technician and the efficient functioning of the vehicle.

The service methods in this Service Manual are described in such a manner that the service may be performed safely and accurately. Service varies with the procedures used, the skills of the technician and the tools and parts available. Accordingly, anyone using service procedures, tools or parts which are not specifically recommended by NISSAN must first be completely satisfied that neither personal safety nor the vehicle's safety will be jeopardized by the service method selected.



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Engine Tune-up Data: MR20DE

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GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

Engine type	MR20DE	
Cylinder arrangement	In-line 4	
Displacement	cm ³ (cu in)	1,997 (121.86)
Bore and stroke	mm (in)	84.0 x 90.1 (3.307 x 3.547)
Valve arrangement	DOHC	
Firing order	1-3-4-2	
Number of piston rings	Compression	2
	Oil	1
Compression ratio	10.2	
Compression pressure kPa (kg/cm ² , psi) / 250 rpm	Standard	1,390 (14.2, 202)
	Minimum	1,140 (11.6, 165)
	Differential limit between cylinders	100 (1.0, 15)

DRIVE BELT

Tension of drive belt	Auto adjustment by auto-tensioner
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SPARK PLUG

Unit: mm (in)

Application	Except for California	For California
Make	NGK	Denso
Standard type*	PLZKAR6A-11	FXE20HR-11
Spark plug gap	Nominal: 1.1 (0.043)	

*: Always check with the Parts Department for the latest parts information.

Engine Tune-up Data:: QR25DE

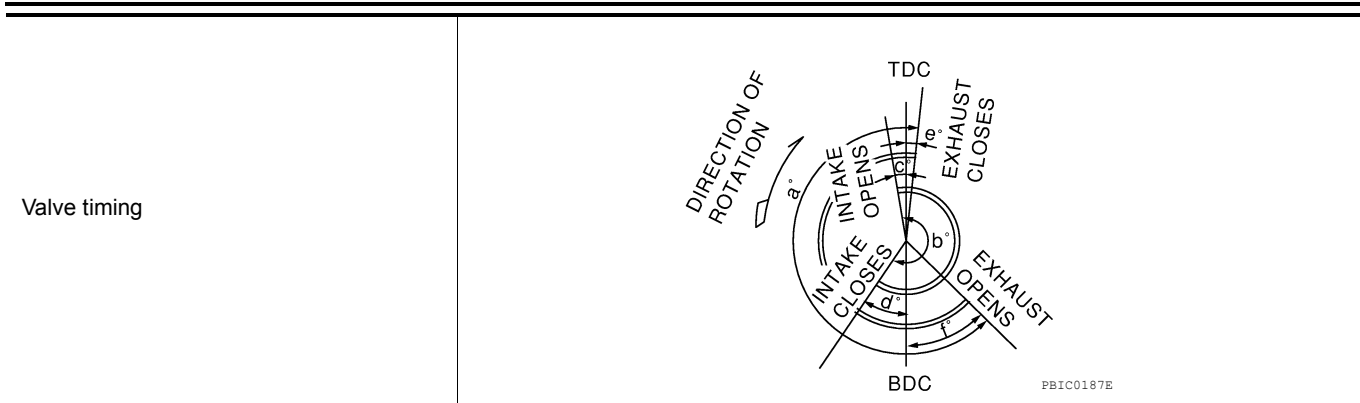
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GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

Model	SE-R	SE-R Spec V
Cylinder arrangement	In-line 4	
Displacement	cm ³ (in ³) 2,488 (151.82)	
Bore and stroke	mm (in) 89.0 x 100 (3.50 x 3.94)	
Valve arrangement	DOHC	
Firing order	1-3-4-2	
Number of piston rings	Compression	2
	Oil	1
Compression ratio	9.5:1	10.5:1
Compression pressure kPa (kg/cm ² , psi) / 250 rpm	Standard	1,250 (12.8, 181.3)
	Minimum	1,060 (10.8, 153.7)
	Differential limit between cylinders	100 (1.0, 14)

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Unit: degree					
a	b	c	d	e	f
224°	244°	0°	64°	3°	41°

DRIVE BELTS

Tension of drive belts	Auto adjustment by auto-tensioner
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SPARK PLUG

Unit: mm (in)		
Make	NGK	
Type*	Standard	DILKAR6A-11
Gap (nominal)	1.1 (0.043)	

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Front Wheel Alignment (Unladen*)

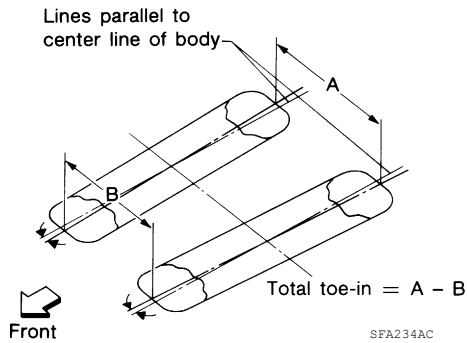
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Model			MR20DE	QR25DE	QR25DE
				SE-R	SE-R SPEC-V
Camber Degree minute (Decimal degree)	LH	Minimum	-0° 37' (-0.62°)		-0° 42' (-0.70°)
		Nominal	-0° 10' (-0.17°)		-0° 15' (-0.25°)
		Maximum	0° 29' (0.48°)		0° 24' (0.40°)
	RH	Minimum	-0° 49' (-0.82°)		-0° 54' (-0.90°)
		Nominal	-0° 10' (-0.17°)		-0° 15' (-0.25°)
		Maximum	0° 17' (0.28°)		0° 12' (0.20°)
	LH - RH	Minimum	-0° 22' (-0.37°)		-0° 22' (-0.37°)
		Nominal	0° 0' (0.0°)		0° 0' (0.0°)
		Maximum	0° 46' (0.77°)		0° 46' (0.77°)
Caster Degree minute (Decimal degree)	LH	Minimum	4° 15' (4.25°)		4° 30' (4.50°)
		Nominal	4° 48' (4.80°)		5° 3' (5.05°)
		Maximum	5° 21' (5.35°)		5° 36' (5.60°)
	RH	Minimum	4° 29' (4.48°)		4° 44' (4.73°)
		Nominal	5° 02' (5.03°)		5° 17' (5.28°)
		Maximum	5° 35' (5.58°)		5° 50' (5.83°)
	LH - RH	Minimum	-0° 48' (-0.80°)		-0° 48' (-0.80°)
		Nominal	-0° 14' (-0.23°)		-0° 14' (-0.23°)
		Maximum	0° 20' (0.33°)		0° 20' (0.33°)

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Kingpin inclination Degree minute (Decimal degree)	LH	10° 58' (10.97°)	11° 13' (11.22°)
	RH	11° 12' (11.20°)	11° 27' (11.45°)

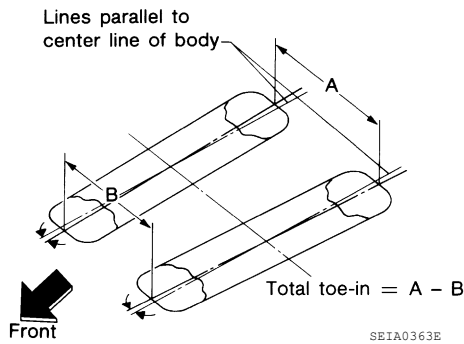


Toe-in	Distance (A - B)	Minimum	Out 2.0 mm (Out 0.07 in)	Out 2 mm (Out 0.07 in)
		Nominal	0.0 mm (0.00 in)	0.0 mm (0.00 in)
		Maximum	In 2.0 mm (In 0.07 in)	In 2 mm (In 0.07 in)
	Angle Degree minute (Decimal degree)	Minimum	Out 0° 9' 36" (Out 0.16°)	Out 0° 9' 36" (Out 0.16°)
		Nominal	In 0° 0' 0" (In 0.00°)	In 0° 0' 0" (In 0.00°)
		Maximum	In 0° 9' 36" (In 0.16°)	In 0° 9' 36" (In 0.16°)

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

Rear Wheel Alignment (Unladen*)

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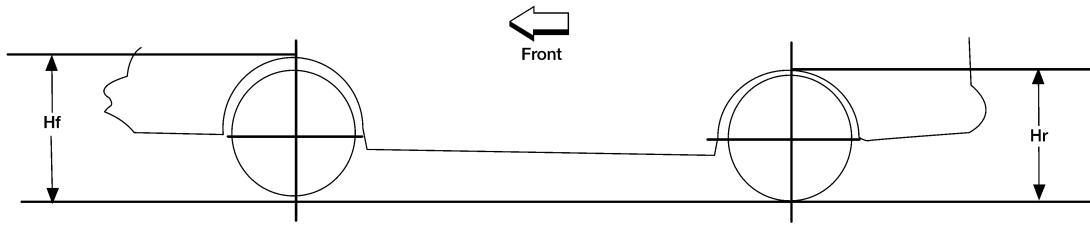


Model			MR20DE	QR25DE	
				SE-R	SE-R SPEC-V
Camber Degree minute (Decimal degree)	Minimum	- 2° 00' (- 2.00°)	- 2° 00' (- 2.00°)	- 2° 00' (- 2.00°)	
	Nominal	- 1° 30' (- 1.50°)	- 1° 30' (- 1.50°)	- 1° 30' (- 1.50°)	
	Maximum	- 1° 00' (- 1.00°)	- 1° 00' (- 1.00°)	- 1° 00' (- 1.00°)	
Toe-in	Distance (A - B)	Minimum	- 3.0 mm (- 0.118 in)	- 2.0 mm (- 0.079 in)	- 1.0 mm (- 0.039 in)
		Nominal	1.0 mm (0.039 in)	2.0 mm (0.079 in)	3.0 mm (0.118 in)
		Maximum	5.0 mm (0.197 in)	6.0 mm (0.236 in)	7.0 mm (0.276 in)
	Angle Degree minute (Decimal degree)	Minimum	Out 0° 6' (Out 0.10°)	Out 0° 1' 12" (Out 0.02°)	In 0° 4' 48" (Out 0.08°)
		Nominal	In 0° 6' (In 0.10°)	In 0° 10' 48" (In 0.18°)	In 0° 16' 48" (In 0.28°)
		Maximum	In 0° 18' (In 0.30°)	In 0° 22' 48" (In 0.38°)	In 0° 28' 48" (In 0.48°)

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

Wheelarch Height (Unladen*)

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Engine	MR20DE		QR25DE	
Tire Size	P205/60HR15	P205/55HR16	P225/45VR17	P225/45WR17
Front (Hf) mm (in)	689 (27.13)	692 (27.24)	690 (27.17)	679 (26.73)
Rear (Hr) mm (in)	688 (27.09)	692 (27.24)	690 (27.17)	677 (26.65)

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

Brake Specifications

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Unit: mm (in)

Applied model		MR20DE	QR25DE	
		Base, S, SR, SL	SE-R	SE-R SPEC-V
Front disc brake	Brake model	CLZ25VB	CLZ25VJ	AD25
	Cylinder bore diameter	57.2 (2.252)	57.2 (2.252)	57.15 (2.250)
	Pad thickness	11 (0.433)	11 (0.433)	11 (0.433)
	Rotor outer diameter × thickness	280 × 24.0 (11.02 × 0.945)	296 × 26.0 (11.65 × 1.024)	320 × 28.0 (12.60 × 1.102)
Rear disc brake	Brake model	—	AD9A/DS17	
	Cylinder bore diameter	—	34.93 (1.375)	
	Pad thickness	—	8.5 (0.335)	
	Rotor outer diameter × thickness	—	292 × 9.0 (11.50 × 0.354)	
Rear drum brake	Brake model	LT23E	—	—
	Cylinder bore diameter	19.05 (0.750)	—	—
	Lining Length × width × thickness	194.1 × 35 × 2.9 (7.642 × 1.378 × 0.114)	—	—
	Drum inner diameter	228.6 (9.000)	—	—
Master cylinder	Cylinder bore diameter	23.81 (0.937)		
Brake booster	Booster model	C255		
	Diaphragm diameter	255 (10.04)		
Recommended brake fluid		DOT 3		

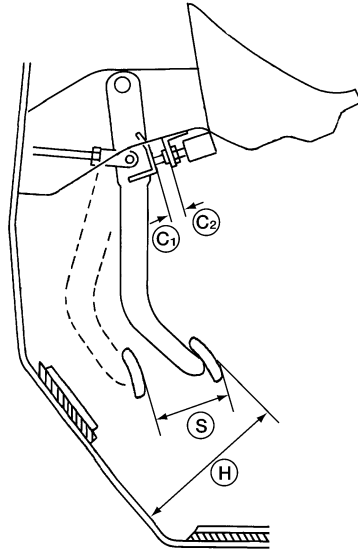
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Brake Pedal

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Unit: mm (in)



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Brake pedal height (H) (from dash lower panel top surface)	164.0 +10.0/-0.0 (6.46 +39.0/-0.0)
Brake pedal full stroke (S)	135.1 (5.32)
Clearance between pedal stopper bracket and threaded end of the stop lamp switch (C1) and ASCD cancel switch (C2), if equipped.	0.74 - 1.96 (0.0291 - 0.0772)

Front Disc Brake

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CLZ25VB

Unit: mm (in)

Brake pad	Standard thickness (new)	11 (0.433)
	Repair limit thickness	2.0 (0.079)
Disc rotor	Standard thickness (new)	24.0 (0.945)
	Repair limit thickness	22.0 (0.866)
	Runout limit	0.035 (0.0014)
	Maximum uneven wear (measured at 8 positions)	0.02 (0.0008) or less

CLZ25VJ

Unit: mm (in)

Brake pad	Standard thickness (new)	11 (0.433)
	Repair limit thickness	2.0 (0.079)
Disc rotor	Standard thickness (new)	26.0 (1.024)
	Repair limit thickness	24.0 (0.945)
	Runout limit	0.035 (0.0014)
	Maximum uneven wear (measured at 8 positions)	0.02 (0.0008) or less

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Unit: mm (in)

Brake pad	Standard thickness (new)	11 (0.433)
	Repair limit thickness	2.0 (0.079)
Disc rotor	Standard thickness (new)	28.0 (1.102)
	Repair limit thickness	26.0 (1.024)
	Runout limit	0.035 (0.0014)
	Maximum uneven wear (measured at 8 positions)	0.02 (0.0008) or less

Rear Disc Brake

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AD9A/DS17

Unit: mm (in)

Brake pad	Standard thickness (new)	8.5 (0.335)
	Repair limit thickness	2.0 (0.079)
Disc rotor	Standard thickness (new)	9.0 (0.354)
	Repair limit thickness	8.0 (0.315)
	Runout limit	0.07 (0.0028)
	Maximum uneven wear (measured at 8 positions)	0.015 (0.0006) or less

Rear Drum Brake

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LT23E

Unit: mm (in)

Brake lining	Standard thickness (new)	2.9 (0.114)
	Repair limit thickness	1.5 (0.059)
Drum	Standard inner diameter (new)	228.6 (9.000)
	Repair limit inner diameter	230.0 (9.055)

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Description	Capacity (Approximate)		
	Liter	US measure	Imp measure
Fuel	55.0	14 1/2 gal	12 1/8 gal
Engine oil Drain and refill	With oil filter change	3.9	4 1/8 qt
	Without oil filter change	3.6	3 7/8 qt
Dry engine (engine overhaul)	4.4	4 5/8 qt	3 7/8 qt
Cooling system (with reservoir at MAX level)	7.0	7 3/8 qt	6 1/8 qt
Manual transaxle fluid (MTF)	2.0	4 1/4 pt	3 1/2 pt
CVT fluid	7.3	7 3/4 qt	6 3/8 qt
Brake and clutch fluid	—	—	—
Multi-purpose grease	—	—	—
Windshield washer fluid	3.5	3 3/4 qt	3 1/8 qt
Air conditioning system refrigerant	0.50 ± 0.025 kg	1.10 ± 0.055 lb	1.10 ± 0.055 lb
Air conditioning system oil	150 mℓ	5.03 fl oz	5.3 fl oz

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QR25DE

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Description		Capacity (Approximate)		
		Liter	US measure	Imp measure
Fuel		55.0	14 1/2 gal	12 1/8 gal
Engine oil Drain and refill	With oil filter change	4.3	4 1/2 qt	3 3/4 qt
	Without oil filter change	4.0	4 1/4 qt	3 1/2 qt
Dry engine (engine overhaul)		5.1	5 3/8 qt	4 1/2 qt
Cooling system (with reservoir at MAX level)	M/T models	6.9	7 1/4 qt	6 1/8 qt
	CVT models	7.1	7 1/2 qt	6 1/4 qt
Manual transaxle fluid (MTF)		1.7	3 5/8 pt	3 pt
CVT fluid		7.5	7 7/8 qt	6 5/8 qt
Brake and clutch fluids		—	—	—
Multi-purpose grease		—	—	—
Windshield washer fluid		3.5	3 3/4 qt	3 1/8 qt
Air conditioning system refrigerant		0.50 ± 0.025 kg	1.10 ± 0.055 lb	1.10 ± 0.055 lb
Air conditioning system oil		150 m ℓ	5.03 fl oz	5.3 fl oz