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PRECAUTIONS

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Precautions for Servicing Front Final Drive

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- Before starting diagnosis of the vehicle, understand the symptoms well. Perform correct and systematic operations.
- Check for the correct installation status prior to removal or disassembly. When matching marks are required, be certain they do not interfere with the function of the parts they are applied to.
- Overhaul should be done in a clean work area, a dust proof area is recommended.
- Before disassembly, completely remove sand and mud from the exterior of the unit, preventing them from entering into the unit during disassembly or assembly.
- Always use shop paper for cleaning the inside of components.
- Avoid using cotton gloves or a shop cloth to prevent the entering of lint.
- Check appearance of the disassembled parts for damage, deformation, and abnormal wear. Replace them with new ones if necessary.
- Gaskets, seals and O-rings should be replaced any time the unit is disassembled.
- Clean and flush the parts sufficiently and blow them dry.
- Be careful not to damage sliding surfaces and mating surfaces.
- When applying sealant, remove the old sealant from the mating surface; then remove any moisture, oil, and foreign materials from the application and mating surfaces.
- In principle, tighten nuts or bolts gradually in several steps working diagonally from inside to outside. If a tightening sequence is specified, observe it.
- During assembly, observe the specified tightening torque.
- Add new differential gear oil, petroleum jelly, or multi-purpose grease, as specified.

PREPARATION

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pecial Service Tools	EDS003
e actual shapes of Kent-Moore tools may differ from tho	ose of special service tools illustrated here.
Tool number (Kent-Moore No.) Tool name	Description
KV38108300 (J-44195) Flange wrench	Removing and installing drive pinion lock nut
V/204054C0	NT771
(V381054S0 J-34286) Puller	Removing front oil seal
ST30720000	● Installing front oil seal
(J-25405)	Installing side oil seal
Drift	a: 77 mm (3.03 in) dia. b: 55.5 mm (2.185 in) dia.
	ZZA0811D
ST27863000	Installing front oil seal
Orift	• Installing side oil seal a: 74.5 mm (2.933 in) dia. b: 62.5 mm (2.461 in) dia.
	ZZA1003D
ST3127S000 (J-25765-A) Preload gauge	Measuring drive pinion bearing preload torque and total preload torque
1: GG91030000 (J-25765) Torque wrench 2: HT62940000 (—)	
Socket adapter (1/2") 3: HT62900000 (—) Socket adapter (3/8")	NT124
KV10111100 (J-37228) Seal cutter	Removing carrier cover
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	S-NT046

PREPARATION

Tool number (Kent-Moore No.) Tool name		Description
ST3306S001 (—) Differential side bearing puller set 1: ST33051001 (J-22888-20) Puller 2: ST33061000 (J-8107-2) Base	2 - a - b - NT072	Removing and installing side bearing inner race a: 28.5 mm (1.122 in) dia. b: 38 mm (1.50 in) dia.
ST30031000 (J-22912-01) Replacer	ZZA0700D	Removing drive pinion rear bearing inner race
KV38100600 (J-25267) Drift	SDIA0429J	Installing side bearing adjusting washer
ST30613000 (J-25742-3) Drift	ZZA1000D	Installing drive pinion rear bearing outer race a: 72 mm (2.83 in) dia. b: 48 mm (1.89 in) dia.
ST30611000 (J-25742-1) Drift bar	S-NT090	Installing drive pinion rear bearing outer race (Use with ST30613000)
KV38100200 (J-26233) Drift	a b ZZA1143D	Installing drive pinion front bearing outer race a: 65 mm (2.56 in) dia. b: 49 mm (1.93 in) dia.
ST30901000 (J-26010-01) Drift	a b c	Installing drive pinion rear bearing inner race a: 79 mm (3.11 in) dia. b: 45 mm (1.77 in) dia. c: 35.2 mm (1.386 in) dia.

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Tool number		Description	
(Kent-Moore No.) Tool name		Description	/-
ST33200000 (J-26082) Drift	a b ZZA1002D	Installing drive pinion front bearing inner race a: 60 mm (2.36 in) dia. b: 44.5 mm (1.752 in) dia.	E
ST33230000 (J-35867) Drift	ZZA1046D	Installing side bearing inner race a: 51 mm (2.01 in) dia. b: 41 mm (1.61 in) dia. c: 28 mm (1.10 in) dia.	E
(—) (J-34309) Differential shim selector tool	NT134	Adjusting bearing preload and drive pinion height	F
(—) (J-25269-18) Side bearing disc (2 Req'd)		Selecting drive pinion height adjusting washer	
KV10112100 (BT-8653-A) Angle wrench	NT135	Tightening bolts for drive gear	
ommercial Service Tools		EDS00391	ľ
Tool name		Description	
Power tool	PBIC0190E	Loosening nuts and bolts	

NOISE, VIBRATION AND HARSHNESS (NVH) TROUBLESHOOTING

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

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

Reference page		FFD-16	FFD-17	FFD-16	FFD-18	FFD-18	FFD-8	PR-3, "NVH Troubleshooting Chart"	FFD-6, "NVH Troubleshooting Chart"	FSU-4, "NVH Troubleshooting Chart"	WT-4, "NVH Troubleshooting Chart"	WT-4, "NVH Troubleshooting Chart"	FAX-4, "NVH Troubleshooting Chart"	BR-5, "NVH Troubleshooting Chart"	PS-5, "NVH Troubleshooting Chart"
Possible cause and SUSPECTI	ED PARTS	Gear tooth rough	Gear contact improper	Tooth surfaces worn	Backlash incorrect	Companion flange excessive runout	Gear oil improper	PROPELLER SHAFT	FRONT AXLE	FRONT SUSPENSION	TIRES	ROAD WHEEL	DRIVE SHAFT	BRAKES	STEERING
Symptom	Noise	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×

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DESCRIPTION PFP:00000

Cross-Sectional View

PDIAGOSES

- 1. Differential side shaft
- 4. Drive gear
- 7. Side bearing
- 10. Collapsible spacer
- 13. Drive pinion rear bearing
- 2. Differential side shaft bearing
- 5. Pinion mate shaft
- 8. Pinion mate gear
- 11. Companion flange
- 14. Housing spacer

- 3. Side gear
- 6. Differential case
- 9. Drive pinion
- 12. Drive pinion front bearing

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DIFFERENTIAL GEAR OIL

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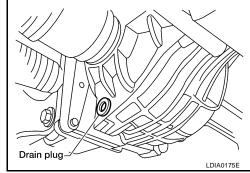
Changing Differential Gear Oil DRAINING

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- 1. Stop the engine.
- Remove the drain plug and gasket from the front final drive assembly to drain the differential gear oil.
- 3. Install the drain plug with a new gasket to the front final drive assembly. Tighten to the specified torque. Refer to FFD-15, "COMPONENTS".

CAUTION:

Do not reuse gasket.



FILLING

- Remove the filler plug and gasket from the front final drive assembly.
- 2. Fill the front final drive assembly with new differential gear oil until the level reaches the specified level near the filler plug hole.

Differential gear oil : Refer to MA-11, "Fluids grade and capacity and Lubricants".

Install the filler plug with a new gasket on it to the front final drive assembly. Tighten to the specified torque. Refer to FFD-15, "COMPONENTS".

Oil level

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CAUTION:

Do not reuse gasket.

Checking Differential Gear Oil DIFFERENTIAL GEAR OIL LEAKAGE AND LEVEL

- Make sure that differential gear oil is not leaking from the front final drive assembly or around it.
- 2. Check the differential gear oil level from the filler plug hole as shown.

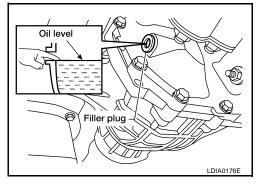
CAUTION:

Do not start engine while checking differential gear oil level.

Install the filler plug with a new gasket on it to the front final drive assembly. Tighten to the specified torque. Refer to FFD-15, "COMPONENTS".

CAUTION:

Do not reuse gasket.



Filler plug

FRONT OIL SEAL PFP:38189

Removal and Installation REMOVAL

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- 1. Remove the drive shafts from the front final drive assembly. Refer to FAX-7, "Removal and Installation".
- 2. Remove the front propeller shaft from the front final drive assembly. Refer to PR-5, "Removal and Installation".
- 3. Measure the total preload torque. Refer to FFD-16, "Total Preload Torque".

NOTE:

Record the total preload torque measurement.

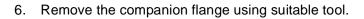
4. Remove the drive pinion lock nut using Tool.

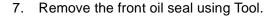
Tool number : KV38108300 (—)

5. Put matching marks on the companion flange and drive pinion using paint.

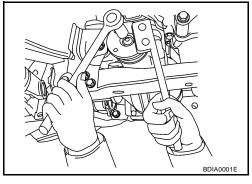
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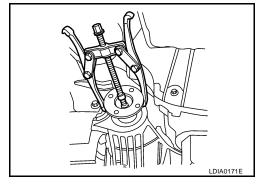
Use paint to make the matching marks. Do not damage the companion flange or drive pinion.

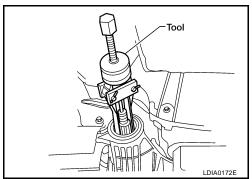




Tool number : KV381054S0 (J-34286)







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FRONT OIL SEAL

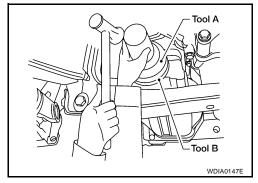
INSTALLATION

 Apply multi-purpose grease to the lips and differential gear oil to the circumference of the new front oil seal. Then drive the new front oil seal in evenly until it becomes flush with the gear carrier using Tools.

Tool number A: ST30720000 (J-25405)
B: ST27863000 (—)

CAUTION:

- Do not reuse front oil seal.
- Do not incline the new front oil seal when installing.
- Apply multi-purpose grease to the lips and differential gear oil to the circumference of the new front oil seal.



- 2. Install the companion flange to the drive pinion while aligning the matching marks.
- Apply anti-corrosive oil to the threads of the drive pinion and the seating surface of the new drive pinion lock nut. Then adjust the drive pinion lock nut tightening torque using Tool A, and check the total preload torque using Tool B.

Tool number A: KV38108300 (—)

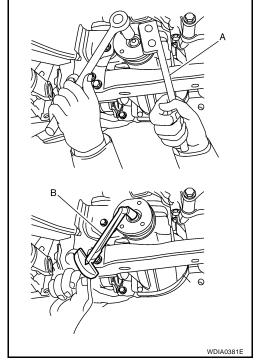
B: ST3127S000 (J-25765-A)

Total preload torque: Refer to <u>FFD-16</u>, "<u>Total Preload Torque</u>".

- The total preload torque should be within the total preload torque specification. When not replacing the collapsible spacer, it should also be equal to the measurement taken during removal plus an additional 0.56 N·m (0.06 Kg-m, 5 in-lb).
- If the total preload torque is low, tighten the drive pinion lock nut in 6.8 N·m (0.69 Kg-m, 5ft-lb) increments until the total preload torque is met.

CAUTION:

- Do not reuse drive pinion lock nut.
- Apply anti-corrosive oil to the threads of the drive pinion and the seating surface of the new drive pinion lock nut.
- Adjust the drive pinion lock nut tightening torque to the lower limit first. Do not exceed the drive pinion lock nut specified torque. Refer to FFD-15, "COMPONENTS"



- Do not loosen drive pinion lock nut to adjust the total preload torque. If the drive pinion lock nut
 torque or the total preload torque exceeds the specifications, replace the collapsible spacer and
 tighten it again to adjust. Refer to FFD-15, "Disassembly and Assembly".
- After adjustment, rotate drive pinion back and forth 2 to 3 times to check for unusual noise, rotation malfunction, and other malfunctions.
- 4. Install new side oil seals into the front final drive assembly. Refer to FFD-11, "Removal and Installation".
- 5. Installation of the remaining components is in the reverse order of removal.

CAUTION:

Check the differential gear oil level after installation. Refer to FFD-8, "Checking Differential Gear Oil".

SIDE OIL SEAL PFP:33142

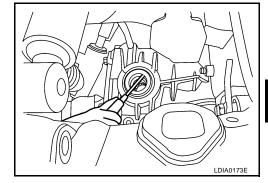
Removal and Installation REMOVAL

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- 1. Remove the drive shafts from the front final drive assembly. Refer to FAX-7, "Removal and Installation".
- 2. Remove the side oil seal using suitable tool.

CAUTION:

Do not reuse the side oil seal.



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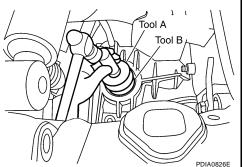
 Apply multi-purpose grease to the lips and differential gear oil to the circumference of the new side oil seal. Then drive the new side oil seal in evenly until it becomes flush with the gear carrier using Tools.

Tool number A: ST30720000 (J-25405)

B: ST27863000 (—)

CAUTION:

- Do not reuse side oil seal.
- Do not incline the new side oil seal when installing.
- Apply multi-purpose grease to the lips and differential gear oil to the circumference of the new side oil seal.



2. Installation of the remaining components is in the reverse order of removal.

CAUTION:

Check the differential gear oil level after installation. Refer to FFD-8, "Checking Differential Gear Oil".

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CARRIER COVER PFP:38351

Removal and Installation REMOVAL

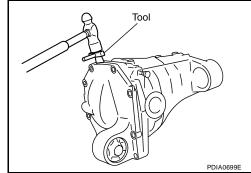
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- 1. Remove the front final drive assembly. Refer to FFD-13, "Removal and Installation".
- 2. Remove the carrier cover bolts and separate the carrier cover from the gear carrier using Tool.

Tool number : KV10111100 (J-37228)

CAUTION:

- Do not damage the mating surface.
- Do not insert flat-bladed screwdriver, this will damage the mating surface.



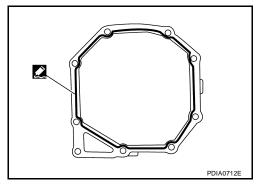
INSTALLATION

- 1. Apply a 3 mm (0.12 in) bead of sealant to the mating surface of the carrier cover as shown.
 - Use Genuine Silicone RTV or equivalent. Refer to <u>GI-47</u>, <u>"Recommended Chemical Products and Sealants"</u>.

CAUTION:

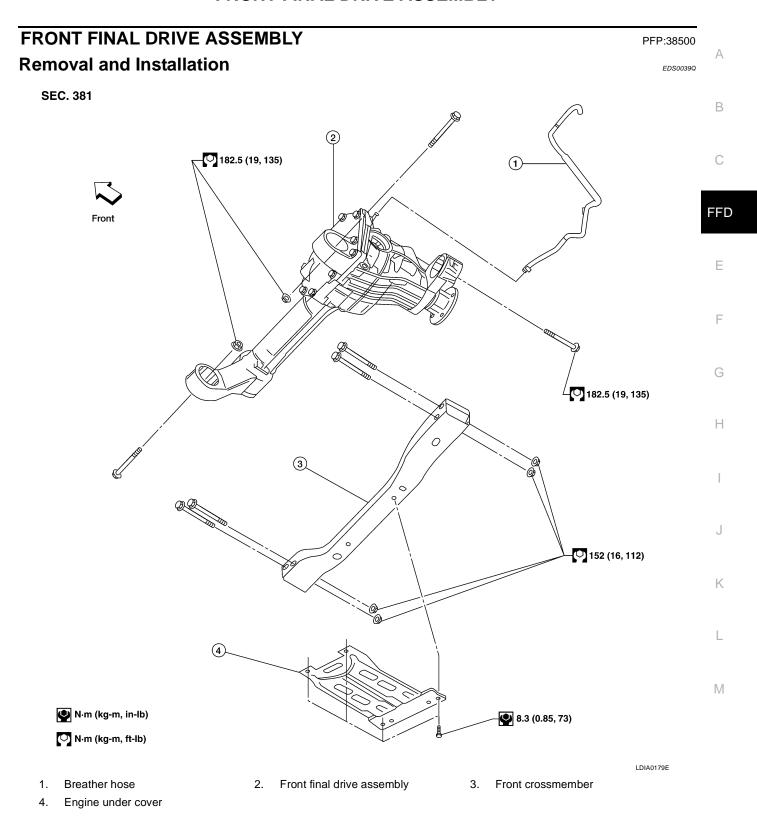
Remove any old sealant adhering to the mating surfaces. Also remove any moisture, oil, or foreign material adhering to the application and mating surfaces.

- 2. Install the carrier cover to the gear carrier. Tighten the bolts to the specified torque. Refer to FFD-15, "COMPONENTS".
- 3. Install the front final drive assembly. Refer to <u>FFD-13</u>, "Removal and Installation".



CAUTION:

Fill the front final drive assembly with recommended differential gear oil. Refer to FFD-8, "DIFFER-ENTIAL GEAR OIL".



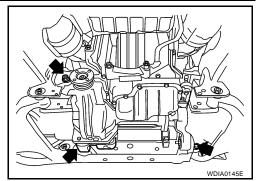
REMOVAL

- 1. Drain the differential gear oil. Refer to FFD-8, "DIFFERENTIAL GEAR OIL" .
- 2. Remove the drive shafts from the front final drive assembly. Refer to FAX-7, "Removal and Installation".
- 3. Remove the front crossmember.
- 4. Remove the front propeller shaft from the front final drive assembly. Refer to PR-5, "Removal and Installation".
- 5. Disconnect the vent hose from the front final drive assembly.
- 6. Support the front final drive assembly using a suitable jack.

7. Remove the front final drive assembly bolts, then remove the front final drive assembly.

CAUTION:

Support the front final drive assembly while removing using a suitable jack.



INSTALLATION

Installation is in the reverse order of removal.

• Install new side oil seals into the front final drive assembly. Refer to FFD-11, "Removal and Installation".

CAUTION:

- Make sure there are no pinched or restricted areas on the breather hose caused by folding or bending when installing it.
- Fill the front final drive assembly with differential gear oil after installation. Refer to <u>FFD-8</u>, "<u>DIF-FERENTIAL GEAR OIL"</u>.

Disassembly and Assembly COMPONENTS

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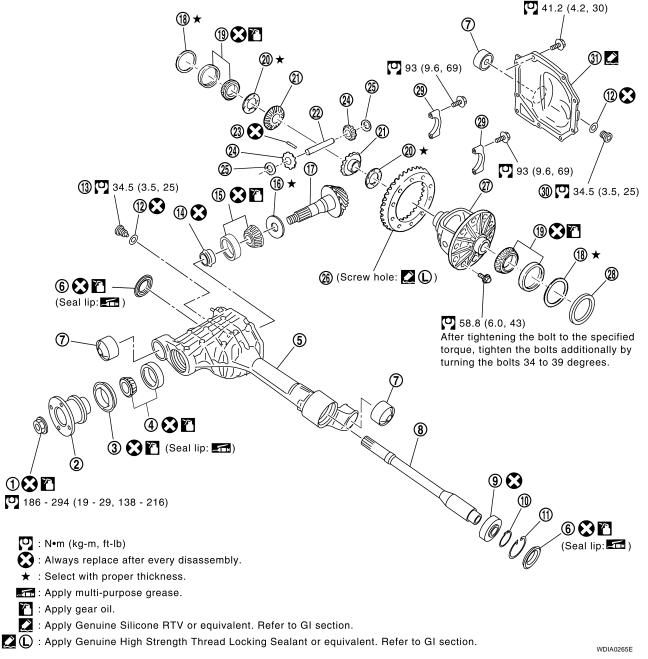
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- 1. Drive pinion lock nut
- 4. Drive pinion front bearing
- 7. Bushing
- Snap ring
- 13. Drain plug
- 16. Drive pinion height adjusting washer 17.
- 19. Side bearing
- 22. Pinion mate shaft
- 25. Pinion mate thrust washer
- 28. Housing spacer
- 31. Carrier cover

- 2. Companion flange
- 5. Gear carrier
- 8. Differential side shaft
- 11. Snap ring
- Collapsible spacer
- 17. Drive pinion
- 20. Side gear thrust washer
- 23. Lock pin
- 26. Drive gear
- 29. Side bearing cap

- Front oil seal
- 6. Side oil seal
- 9. Differential side shaft bearing
- 12. Gasket
- 15. Drive pinion rear bearing
- 18. Side bearing adjusting washer
- 21. Side gear
- 24. Pinion mate gear
- 27. Differential case
- 30. Filler plug

ASSEMBLY INSPECTION AND ADJUSTMENT

- Drain the differential gear oil before inspection and adjustment. Refer to <u>FFD-8</u>, "<u>DIFFERENTIAL GEAR</u> OIL".
- Remove and install the carrier cover as necessary for inspection and adjustment. Refer to <u>FFD-12</u>, "<u>CAR-RIER COVER</u>".

Total Preload Torque

1. Install the differential side shaft if necessary. Refer to FFD-33, "Differential side shaft".

CAUTION:

The differential side shaft must be installed in order to measure total preload torque.

- 2. Rotate the drive pinion back and forth 2 to 3 times to check for unusual noise and rotation malfunction.
- 3. Rotate the drive pinion at least 20 times to check for smooth operation of the bearings.
- 4. Measure total preload torque using Tool.

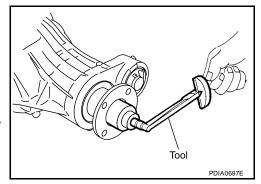
Tool number : ST3127S000 (J-25765-A)

Total preload torque:

1.67 - 2.74 N·m (0.17 - 0.27 kg-m, 15 - 24 in-lb)

NOTE:

Total preload torque = Drive pinion bearing preload torque + Side bearing preload torque



• If the measured value is out of the specification, check and adjust each part. Adjust the drive pinion bearing preload torque first, then adjust the side bearing preload torque.

If the total preload torque is greater than specification

On drive pinion bearings: Replace the collapsible spacer.

On side bearings: Use thinner side bearing adjusting washers by the same

amount on each side. Refer to FFD-35, "Side Bearing Adjusting

Washer".

If the total preload torque is less than specification

On drive pinion bearings: Tighten the drive pinion lock nut.

On side bearings: Use thicker side bearing adjusting washers by the same

amount on each side. Refer to FFD-35, "Side Bearing Adjusting

Washer".

CAUTION:

Select a side bearing adjusting washer for right and left individually.

Drive Gear Runout

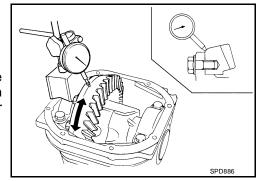
- 1. Fit a dial indicator to the drive gear back face.
- 2. Rotate the drive gear to measure runout.

Runout limit: 0.08 mm (0.0031 in) or less

 If the runout is outside of the limit, check the condition of the drive gear assembly. Foreign material may be caught between the drive gear and differential case, or the differential case or drive gear may be deformed.

CAUTION:

Replace drive gear and drive pinion as a set.

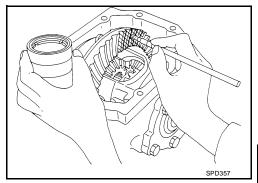


Tooth Contact

1. Apply red lead to the drive gear.

NOTE:

Apply red lead to both faces of three to four gears, at four locations evenly spaced on the drive gear.



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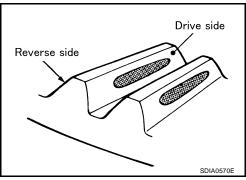
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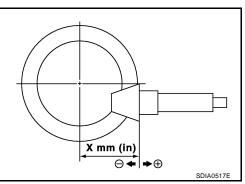
2. Rotate the drive gear back and forth several times. Then check for correct drive pinion to drive gear tooth contact as shown.

CAUTION:

Check tooth contact on drive side and reverse side.



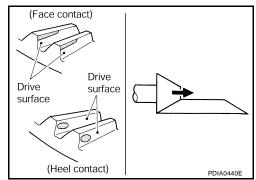
• If the tooth contact is improperly adjusted, adjust the drive pinion height (dimension X).



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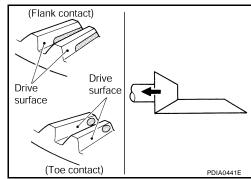
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 If the tooth contact is near the face (face contact), or near the heel (heel contact), use a thicker drive pinion height adjusting washer to move drive pinion closer to the drive gear.
 Refer to FFD-35, "Drive Pinion Height Adjusting Washer".



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If the tooth contact is near the flank (flank contact), or near the toe (toe contact), use a thinner drive pinion height adjusting washer to move the drive pinion farther from the drive gear. Refer to FFD-35, "Drive Pinion Height Adjusting Washer".



Backlash

 Fit a dial indicator to the drive gear face to measure the backlash.

Backlash: 0.10 - 0.15 mm (0.0039 - 0.0059 in)

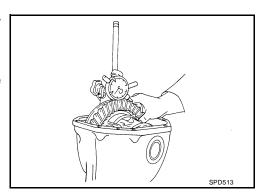
 If the backlash is outside of the specification, change the thickness of the side bearing adjusting washers.

If the backlash is greater than specification:

Make side bearing adjusting washer thicker on drive gear back side, and side bearing adjusting washer thinner on drive gear tooth side by the same amount. Refer to FFD-35, "Side Bearing Adjusting Washer".

If the backlash is less than specification:

Make side bearing adjusting washer thinner on drive gear back side, and side bearing adjusting washer thicker on drive gear tooth side by the same amount. Refer to FFD-35, "Side Bearing Adjusting Washer".



CAUTION:

Do not change the total thickness of side bearing adjusting washers as it will change the side bearing preload torque.

Companion Flange Runout

Rotate companion flange and check for runout on the companion flange face (inner side of the bolt holes) and companion flange inner side (socket diameter) using suitable tool.

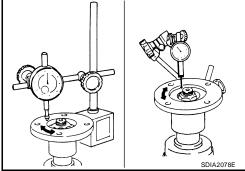
Runout limit: 0.1 mm (0.004 in) or less

- 2. If the runout is outside the runout limit, follow the procedure below to adjust.
- Rotate the companion flange on the drive pinion by 90°, 180° and 270° while checking for the position where the runout is minimum.
- b. If the runout is still outside of the runout limit after the companion flange has been rotated on the drive pinion, possible cause could be an assembly malfunction of drive pinion and drive pinion bearing or a malfunctioning drive pinion bearing.
- c. If the runout is still outside of the runout limit after repair of the assembly of drive pinion and drive pinion bearing or drive pinion bearing, replace the companion flange.

DISASSEMBLY

Differential side shaft

1. Drain the differential gear oil if necessary.

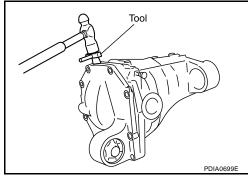


2. Remove the carrier cover bolts and separate the carrier cover from the gear carrier using Tool.

Tool number : KV10111100 (J-37228)

CAUTION:

- Do not damage the mating surface.
- Do not insert flat-bladed screwdriver, this will damage the mating surface.



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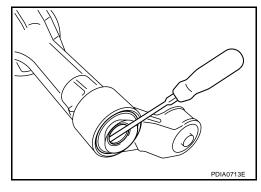
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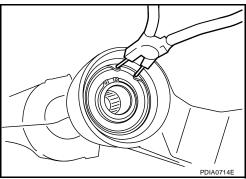
3. Remove side oil seal.

CAUTION:

Do not damage gear carrier.



4. Remove snap ring (hole side) using suitable tool.

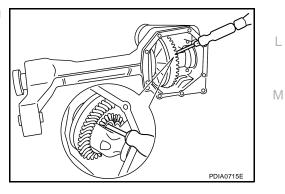


5. Remove differential side shaft assembly out of gear carrier using suitable tool.

NOTE:

Tap on differential side shaft assembly from side gear side.

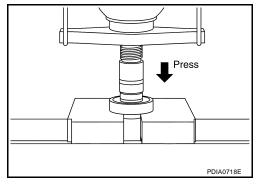
6. Remove snap ring (differential side shaft side).



7. Press differential side shaft out of differential side shaft bearing.

CAUTION:

Do not drop differential side shaft.

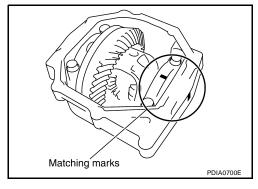


Differential Assembly

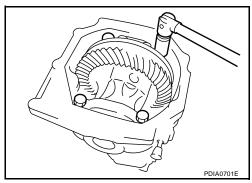
- 1. Remove differential side shaft assembly. Refer to FFD-18, "Differential side shaft".
- 2. Remove side seal from gear carrier using suitable tool.
- 3. For proper reinstallation, paint matching marks on one side of the side bearing cap and gear carrier.

CAUTION:

- For matching marks, use paint. Do not damage side bearing cap or gear carrier.
- Side bearing caps are line-board during manufacture.
 The matching marks are used to reinstall them in their original positions.



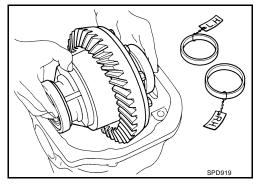
Remove the side bearing caps.



5. Lift the differential case assembly out of the gear carrier.

CAUTION:

- Keep side bearing outer races together with side bearing inner races. Do not mix them up.
- Keep side bearing adjusting washers together with side bearings.



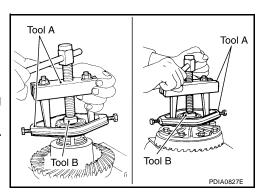
- 6. Remove housing spacer.
- 7. Remove side bearing inner race using Tools as shown.

Tool number A: ST33051001 (J-22888-20)

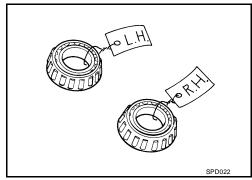
B: ST33061000 (J-8107-2)

CAUTION:

- Do not remove side bearing inner race unless it is being replaced.
- Place copper plates between the vise and the side bearing inner race and drive gear to prevent damage.



 Keep side bearing outer races together with side bearing inner races. Do not mix them up.



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8. For proper reinstallation, paint matching marks on the differential case and drive gear.

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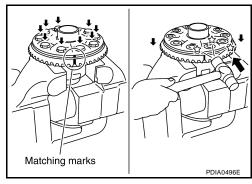
Use paint for matching marks. Do not damage differential case or drive gear.

- 9. Remove the drive gear bolts.
- 10. Tap the drive gear off the differential case using suitable tool.

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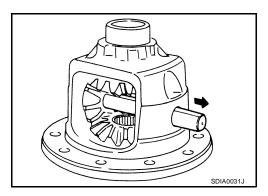
Tap evenly all around to keep drive gear from bending.

11. Remove the lock pin of the pinion mate shaft from the drive gear side using suitable tool.

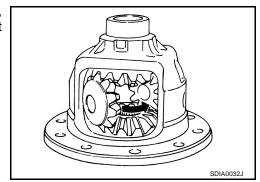


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12. Remove the pinion mate shaft.



13. Turn the pinion mate gear, then remove the pinion mate gear, pinion mate thrust washer, side gear and side gear thrust washer from the differential case.



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Drive Pinion Assembly

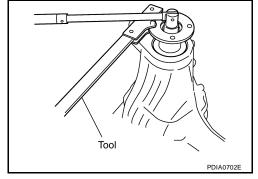
- 1. Remove the differential assembly. Refer to FFD-20, "Differential Assembly".
- 2. Remove the drive pinion lock nut using Tool.

Tool number : KV38108300 (J-44195)

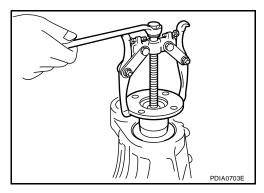
3. Put matching marks on the companion flange and drive pinion using paint.

CAUTION:

Use paint to make the matching marks. Do not damage the companion flange or drive pinion.



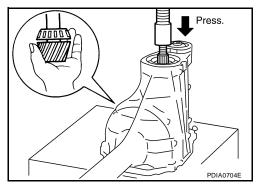
4. Remove the companion flange using suitable tool.



5. Press the drive pinion assembly (with rear inner bearing race and collapsible spacer) out of the gear carrier.

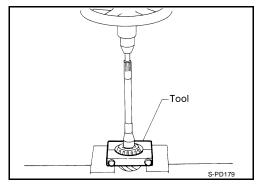
CAUTION:

Do not drop drive pinion assembly.



6. Remove the drive pinion rear bearing inner race and drive pinion height adjusting washer using Tool.

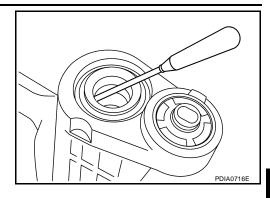
Tool number : ST30031000 (J-22912-01)



7. Remove the front oil seal using suitable tool.

CAUTION:

Do not damage gear carrier.



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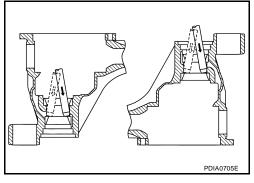
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- 8. Remove the drive pinion front bearing inner race.
- 9. Remove the drive pinion front and rear bearing outer races by tapping them uniformly using suitable tool.

CAUTION:

Do not damage gear carrier.



INSPECTION AFTER DISASSEMBLY

Clean the disassembled parts. Then inspect the parts for wear or damage. If wear or damage are found, follow the measures below.

Drive Pinion and Drive Gear

- If the drive pinion and drive gear teeth do not mesh or line-up correctly, determine the cause and adjust, repair, or replace as necessary.
- If the drive pinion or drive gear are worn, cracked, damaged, pitted or chipped (by friction) noticeably, replace with new drive pinion and drive gear.
- Drive pinion and drive gear are supplied in matched sets only. Matching numbers on both drive pinion and drive gear are etched for verification. If a new drive pinion and drive gear set are being used, verify the numbers of each drive pinion and drive gear before proceeding with assembly.

Bearing

- If bearings are chipped (by friction), pitted, worn, rusted, scratched, or unusual noise is coming from bearing, replace with new bearing assembly (as a new set).
- Bearing must be replaced with a new one whenever disassembled.

Side Gear and Pinion Mate Gear

- If any cracks or damage are found on the surface of the teeth, replace with new one.
- If any worn or chipped marks are found on the side of the side gear and pinion mate gear which contact the thrust washer, replace with new one.
- Replace both side gear and pinion mate gear as a set when replacing side gear or pinion mate gear.

Side Gear Thrust Washer and Pinion Mate Thrust Washer

If any chips (by friction), damage, or unusual wear are found, replace with new one.

Gear Carrier

• If any wear or cracks are found on the contact sides of gear carrier, replace with new one.

Companion Flange

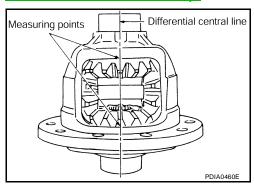
• If any chips (about 0.1mm, 0.004 in) or other damage on the companion flange surface which contacts the front oil seal lips are found, replace with new one.

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ADJUSTING AND SELECTING WASHERS

Side Gear Back Clearance

- Assemble the differential parts if they are disassembled. Refer to FFD-30, "Differential Assembly".
- 1. Place the differential case straight up so that the side gear to be measured is upward.



 Using feeler gauges, measure the clearance between the side gear back and differential case at three different points, while rotating the side gear. Average the three readings to calculate the clearance. (Measure the clearance of the other side as well.)

Side gear back clearance: 0.1 mm (0.004 in) or less.

 If the side gear back clearance is outside of the specification, use a thicker or thinner side gear thrust washer to adjust. Refer to FFD-35, "Side Gear Thrust Washer".

If the side gear back clearance is greater than specification:

Use a thicker side gear thrust washer.

If the side gear back clearance is less than specification:

Use a thinner side gear thrust washer.

CAUTION:

- Insert feeler gauges with the same thickness on both sides to prevent side gear from tilting.
- Each gear should rotate smoothly without excessive resistance during differential motion.
- Select a side gear thrust washer for right and left individually.

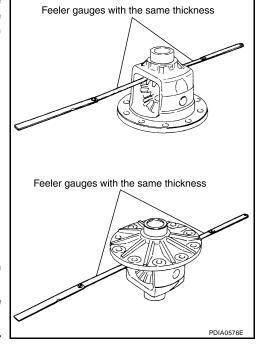


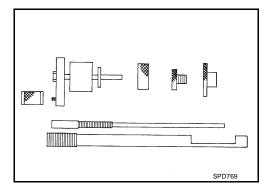
Side gear back clearance is clearance between side gear and differential case for adjusting side gear backlash.

Drive Pinion Height

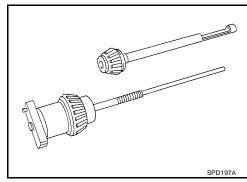
- 1. Make sure all parts are clean and that the bearings are well lubricated.
- 2. Assemble the drive pinion bearings onto the Tool.

Tool number : — (J-34309)



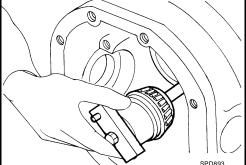


- Drive pinion front bearing; make sure the J-34309-3 drive pinion front bearing seat is secured tightly against the J-34309-2 gauge anvil. Then turn the J-34309-7 drive pinion front bearing pilot to secure the drive pinon front bearing in its proper position.
- Drive pinion rear bearing; the J-34309-8 drive pinion rear bearing pilot is used to center the drive pinion rear bearing only. The J-34309-4 drive pinion rear bearing locking seat is used to lock the drive pinion rear bearing to the assembly.
- Installation of J-34309-9 and J-34309-16; place a suitable 2.5 mm (0.098 in) thick plain washer between J-34309-9 and J-34309-16. Both surfaces of J-34309-9 and J-34309-16 must be parallel with a clearance of 2.5 mm (0.098 in).
- 3. Install the drive pinion rear bearing inner race into the gear carrier. Then insert the drive pinion height adjusting washer selector tool, J-34309-1, gauge screw assembly.

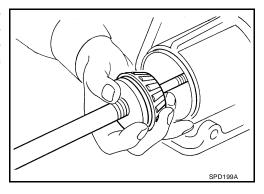


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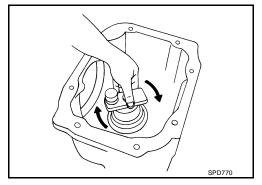
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4. Assemble the drive pinion front bearing inner race and the J-34309-2 gauge anvil. Assemble them together with the J-34309-1 gauge screw in the gear carrier. Make sure that the drive pinion height gauge plate, J-34309-16, will turn a full 360°. Tighten the two sections together by hand.



5. Turn the assembly several times to seat the drive pinon bearings.



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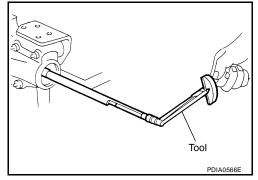
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6. Measure the turning torque at the end of the J-34309-2 gauge anvil using Tool.

Tool number : ST3127S000 (J-25765- A)

Turning torque specification:

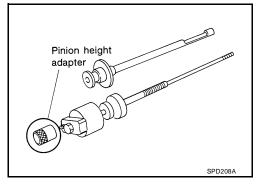
1.0 - 1.6 N·m (0.11 - 0.16 kg-m, 9 - 14 in-lb)



7. Place the J-34309-10 "R180A" drive pinion height adapter onto the gauge plate and tighten it by hand.

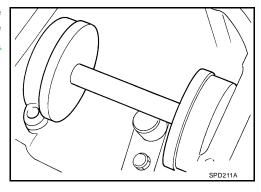
CAUTION:

Make sure all machined surfaces are clean.

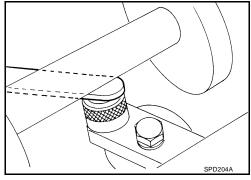


8. Position the side bearing discs, Tool, and arbor firmly into the side bearing bores. Install the side bearing caps and tighten the side bearing cap bolts to the specified torque. Refer to FFD-15, <a href=""COMPONENTS".

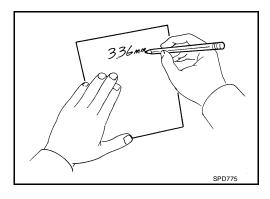
Tool number : — (J-25269-18)



9. Select the correct standard drive pinion height adjusting washer thickness. Select by using a standard gauge of 3 mm (0.12 in) and your J-34309-101 feeler gauge. Measure the distance between the J-34309-10 drive pinion height adapter, including the standard gauge and the arbor.



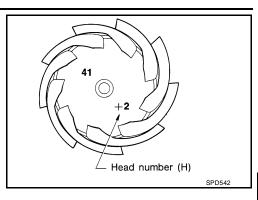
10. Write down the exact measurement (the value of feeler gauge).



11. Correct the drive pinion height adjusting washer size by referring to the drive pinion "head number".

There are two numbers painted on the drive pinion. The first one refers to the drive pinion and drive gear as a matched set. This number should be the same as the number on the drive gear. The second number is the drive pinion "head number". It refers to the ideal drive pinion height from standard for quietest operation. Use the following chart to determine the correct drive pinion height adjusting washer.

determine the correct drive pinion height adjusting washer.						
Head number	Add or remove from the standard drive pinion height adjusting washer thickness measurement					
- 6	Add 0.06 mm (0.0024 in)					
- 5	Add 0.05 mm (0.0020 in)					
- 4	Add 0.04 mm (0.0016 in)					
- 3	Add 0.03 mm (0.0012 in)					
- 2	Add 0.02 mm (0.0008 in)					
- 1	Add 0.01 mm (0.0004 in)					
0	Use the selected washer thickness					
+1	Subtract 0.01 mm (0.0004 in)					
+2	Subtract 0.02 mm (0.0008 in)					
+3	Subtract 0.03 mm (0.0012 in)					
+4	Subtract 0.04 mm (0.0016 in)					



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12. Select the correct drive pinion height adjusting washer. Refer to FFD-35, "Drive Pinion Height Adjusting Washer".

Subtract 0.05 mm (0.0020 in)

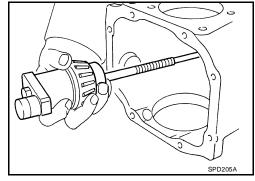
Subtract 0.06 mm (0.0024 in)

13. Remove the Tool from the gear carrier and disassemble to retrieve the drive pinion bearings.

Tool number : — (J-34309)

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ASSEMBLY

Drive Pinion Assembly

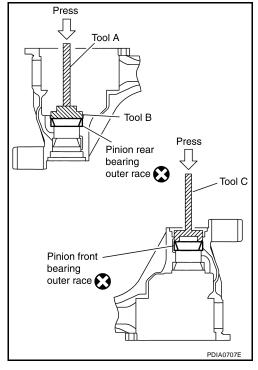
1. Install drive pinion rear bearing outer race and drive pinion front bearing outer race using Tools.

Tool number A: ST30611000 (J-25742-1)

B: ST30613000 (J-25742-3) C: KV38100200 (J-26233)

CAUTION:

- First tap the drive pinion bearing outer race until it becomes flush with the gear carrier.
- Do not reuse drive pinion front and rear bearing outer race.

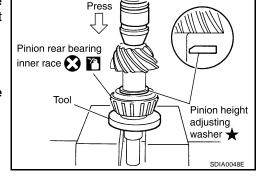


- 2. Select drive pinion height adjusting washer. Refer to FFD-24, "Drive Pinion Height" .
- Install the selected drive pinion height adjusting washer to the drive pinion. Press the drive pinion rear bearing inner race to it using Tool.

Tool number : ST30901000 (J-26010-01)

CAUTION:

- Install the drive pinion height adjusting washer in the proper direction as shown.
- Do not reuse drive pinion rear bearing inner race.



4. Install the collapsible spacer to the drive pinion.

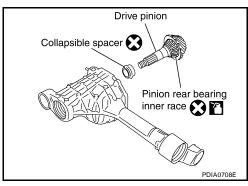
CAUTION:

Do not reuse collapsible spacer.

- 5. Apply differential gear oil to the drive pinion rear bearing, and install the drive pinion assembly to the gear carrier.
- Apply differential gear oil to the drive pinion front bearing, and install the drive pinion front bearing inner race to the drive pinion assembly.

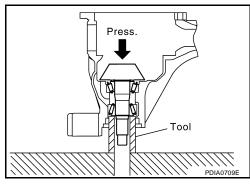
CAUTION:

Do not reuse drive pinion front bearing inner race.



7. Press the drive pinion front bearing inner race to the drive pinion as far as drive pinion lock nut can be tightened using Tool.

Tool number : ST33200000 (J-26082)



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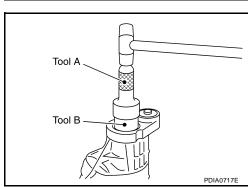
8. Apply multi-purpose grease to the lips and differential gear oil to the circumference of the new front oil seal. Then drive the new front oil seal in evenly until it becomes flush with the gear carrier using Tools.

Tool number A: ST30720000 (J-25405)

B: ST27863000 (—)

CAUTION:

- Do not reuse front oil seal.
- Do not incline the new front oil seal when installing.
- Apply multi-purpose grease to the lips and differential gear oil to the circumference of the new front oil seal.



- 9. Install the companion flange to the drive pinion while aligning the matching marks.
- 10. Apply anti-corrosive oil to the threads of the drive pinion and the seating surface of the new drive pinion lock nut. Then adjust the drive pinion lock nut tightening torque using Tool A, and check the drive pinion bearing preload torque using Tool B.

Tool number A: KV38108300 (J-44195)

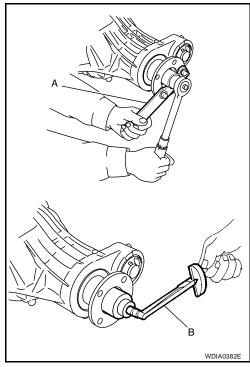
B: ST3127S000 (J-25765-A)

Drive pinion bearing preload torque:

1.08 - 1.66 N·m (0.11 - 0.16 kg-m, 10 - 14 in-lb)

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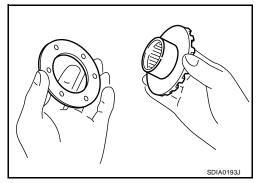
- Do not reuse drive pinion lock nut.
- Apply anti-corrosive oil to the threads of the drive pinion and the seating surface of the new drive pinion lock nut.
- Adjust the drive pinion lock nut tightening torque to the lower limit first. Do not exceed the drive pinion lock nut specified torque. Refer to FFD-15, "COMPONENTS".
- If the drive pinion bearing preload torque exceeds the specified value, replace collapsible spacer and tighten it again to adjust. Do not loosen drive pinion lock nut to adjust the drive pinion bearing preload torque.
- After adjustment, rotate drive pinion back and forth 2 to 3 times to check for unusual noise, rotation malfunction, and other malfunctions.



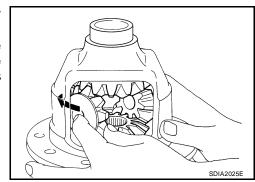
- 11. Check companion flange runout. Refer to FFD-18, "Companion Flange Runout".
- 12. Install the differential case assembly. Refer to FFD-30, "Differential Assembly".

Differential Assembly

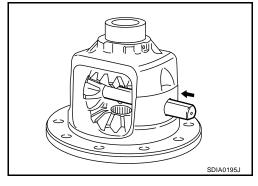
1. Install side gear thrust washers with the same thickness as the ones installed prior to disassembly, or reinstall the old ones on the side gears.



- Install the side gears and side gear thrust washers into the differential case.
- Install the pinion mate thrust washers to the two pinion mate gears. Then install the pinion mate gears with the pinion mate thrust washers by aligning them in diagonally opposite positions and rotating them into the differential case.



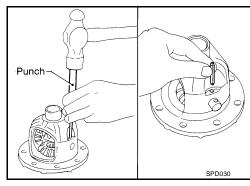
- 4. Install the pinion mate shaft and align the lock pin hole on the pinion mate shaft with the lock pin hole on the differential case.
- 5. Measure the side gear end play. If necessary, select the appropriate side gear thrust washers. Refer to FFD-24, "Side Gear Back Clearance".



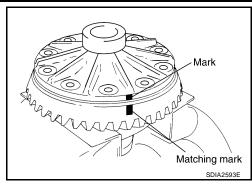
6. Drive a new lock pin into the pinion mate shaft until it is flush with the differential case using suitable tool.

CAUTION:

Do not reuse lock pin.



 Align the matching mark of the differential case with the mark of the drive gear, then place the drive gear onto the differential case.



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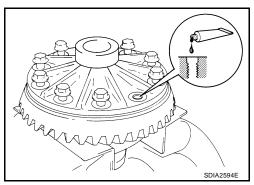
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- 8. Apply thread locking sealant into the threaded holes of the drive gear and install the new drive gear bolts.
 - Use Genuine High Strength Thread Locking Sealant or equivalent. Refer to GI-47, "Recommended Chemical Products and Sealants".

CAUTION:

Make sure the drive gear back and threaded holes are clean.

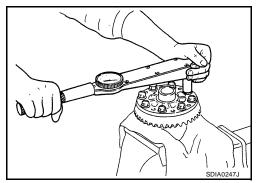


9. Tighten the new drive gear bolts to the specified torque. Refer to FFD-15, "COMPONENTS". After tightening the new drive gear bolts to the specified torque, tighten an additional 34° to 39° using Tool.

Tool number : KV10112100-A (BT-8653-A)

CAUTION:

- Always use Tool. Avoid tightening based on visual check alone.
- Tighten new drive gear bolts in a crisscross pattern.



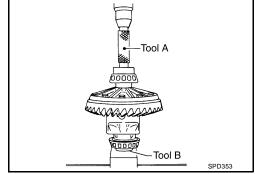
10. Press the new side bearing inner races to the differential case using Tools.

Tool number A: ST33230000 (J-35867)

B: ST33061000 (J-8107-2)

CAUTION:

Do not reuse side bearing inner races.

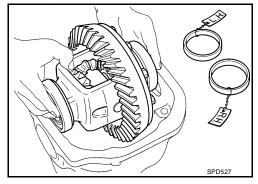


11. Install housing spacer into gear carrier.

12. Apply differential gear oil to the side bearings, and install the differential case assembly with the side bearing outer races into the gear carrier.

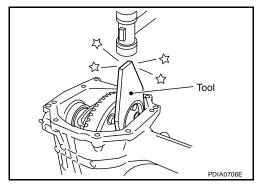
CAUTION:

Do not reuse side bearing outer race when replacing side bearing inner race (replace as a set).

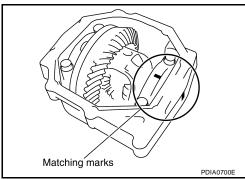


13. Insert left and right original side bearing adjusting washers in place between side bearings and gear carrier using Tool.

Tool number : KV38100600 (J-25267)



14. Install the side bearing caps with the matching marks aligned and tighten the side bearing cap bolts to the specified torque. Refer to FFD-15, "COMPONENTS".



15. Apply multi-purpose grease to the lips and differential gear oil to the circumference of the new side oil seal. Then drive the new side oil seal in evenly until it becomes flush with the gear carrier using Tools.

Tool number A: ST30720000 (J-25405)

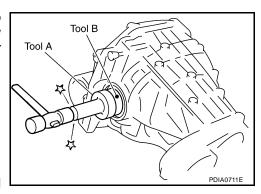
B: ST27863000 (—)

CAUTION:

- Do not reuse side oil seal.
- Do not incline the new side oil seal when installing.
- Apply multi-purpose grease to the lips and differential gear oil to the circumference of the new side oil seal.



Recheck above items.



- 17. Apply a 3 mm (0.12 in) bead of sealant to the mating surface of the carrier cover as shown.
 - Use Genuine Silicone RTV or equivalent. Refer to GI-47, "Recommended Chemical Products and Sealants".

CAUTION:

Remove any old sealant adhering to the mating surfaces. Also remove any moisture, oil, or foreign material adhering to the application and mating surfaces.

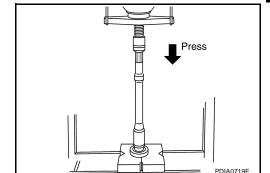
18. Install the carrier cover to the gear carrier. Tighten the bolts to the specified torque. Refer to FFD-15, "COMPONENTS".

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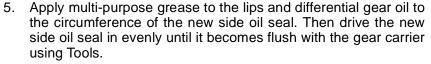
Differential side shaft

1. Press differential side shaft bearing to differential side shaft.

CAUTION:

Do not reuse differential side shaft bearing.

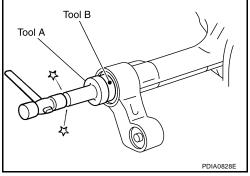
- 2. Install snap ring (differential side shaft side).
- 3. Install differential side shaft assembly into gear carrier.
- 4. Install snap ring (hole side).



Tool number A: ST30720000 (J-25405)
B: ST27863000 (—)

CAUTION:

- Do not reuse side oil seal.
- Do not incline the new side oil seal when installing.
- Apply multi-purpose grease to the lips and differential gear oil to the circumference of the new side oil seal.



SERVICE DATA AND SPECIFICATIONS (SDS)

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General Specifications	ED\$0039
Applied model	VQ40DE
Final drive model	R180A
Gear ratio	3.357
Number of teeth (Drive gear/Drive pinion)	47/14
Differential gear oil capacity (Approx.)	0.85 ℓ (1-3/4 US pt, 1-1/2 Imp pt)
Number of pinion gears	2
Drive pinion adjustment spacer type	Collapsible
Inspection and Adjustment DRIVE GEAR RUNOUT	EDS0039 Unit: mm (in
Item	Runout limit
Drive gear back face	0.08 (0.0031) or less
SIDE GEAR CLEARANCE	Unit: mm (in
Item	Specification
Side gear back clearance (Clearance between side gear and differential case for adjusting side gear backlash)	0.1 (0.004) or less (Each gear should rotate smoothly without excessive resistance during differential motion.)
PRELOAD TORQUE	Unit: N⋅m (kg-m, in-lb)
Item	Specification
Drive pinion bearing preload torque	1.08 - 1.66 (0.11 - 0.16, 10 - 14)
Side bearing preload torque	0.59 - 1.08 (0.06 - 0.11, 6 - 9)
Total preload torque (Total preload torque = drive pinion bearing preload torque + side bearing preload torque).	1.67 - 2.74 (0.17 - 0.27, 15 - 24)
BACKLASH	Unit: mm (in)
Item	Specification
Drive gear to drive pinion backlash	0.10 - 0.15 (0.0039 - 0.0059)
COMPANION FLANGE RUNOUT	Unit: mm (in)
Item	Runout limit
Companion flange face	0.1 (0.004) or less
Companion flange inner side	0.1 (0.004) or less

SERVICE DATA AND SPECIFICATIONS (SDS)

SELECTIVE PARTS Drive Pinion Height Adjusting Washer

Unit: mm (in)

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Part number*	Thickness	Part number*	Thickness
 38154 EA010	3.39 (0.1335)	38154 EA000	3.09 (0.1217)
38154 EA011	3.42 (0.1346)	38154 EA001	3.12 (0.1228)
38154 EA012	3.45 (0.1358)	38154 EA002	3.15 (0.1240)
38154 EA013	3.48 (0.1370)	38154 EA003	3.18 (0.1252)
38154 EA014	3.51 (0.1382)	38154 EA004	3.21 (0.1264)
38154 EA015	3.54 (0.1394)	38154 EA005	3.24 (0.1276)
38154 EA016	3.57 (0.1406)	38154 EA006	3.27 (0.1287)
38154 EA017	3.60 (0.1417)	38154 EA007	3.30 (0.1299)
38154 EA018	3.63 (0.1429)	38154 EA008	3.33 (0.1311)
38154 EA019	3.66 (0.1441)	38154 EA009	3.36 (0.1323)

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Side Gear Thrust Washer

Unit: mm (in)

Thickness	Part number*	Thickness	Part number*
0.75 (0.0295)	38424 W2010	0.87 (0.0343)	38424 W2014
0.78 (0.0307)	38424 W2011	0.90 (0.0354)	38424 W2015
0.81 (0.0319)	38424 W2012	0.93 (0.0366)	38424 W2016
0.84 (0.0331)	38424 W2013	0.96 (0.0378)	38424 W2017

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Side Bearing Adjusting Washer

Unit: mm (in)

Thickness	Part number*	Thickness	Part number*
1.95 (0.0768)	38453 EA000	2.35 (0.0925)	38453 EA008
2.00 (0.0787)	38453 EA001	2.40 (0.0945)	38453 EA009
2.05 (0.0807)	38453 EA002	2.45 (0.0965)	38453 EA010
2.10 (0.0827)	38453 EA003	2.50 (0.0984)	38453 EA011
2.15 (0.0846)	38453 EA004	2.55 (0.1004)	38453 EA012
2.20 (0.0866)	38453 EA005	2.60 (0.1024)	38453 EA013
2.25 (0.0886)	38453 EA006	2.65 (0.1043)	38453 EA014
2.30 (0.0906)	38453 EA007	, ,	

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