

OUTSIDE VEHICLE

GENERAL MAINTENANCE

MA001-21

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2. TIRES

- (a) Check the pressure with a gauge. If necessary, adjust.
- (b) Check for cuts, damage or excessive wear.

3. WHEEL NUTS

When checking the tires, check the nuts for looseness or for missing nuts. If necessary, tighten them.

4. TIRE ROTATION

It is recommended that the tires be rotated every 6,200 miles (10,000 km).

5. WINDSHIELD WIPER BLADES

Check for wear or cracks whenever they do not wipe clean. If necessary, replace.

6. FLUID LEAKS

- (a) Check underneath for leaking fuel, oil, water or other fluid.
- (b) If you smell gasoline fumes or notice any leak, have the cause found and corrected.

7. DOORS AND ENGINE HOOD

- (a) Check that all doors and the tailgate operate smoothly, and that all latches lock securely.
- (b) Check that the engine hood secondary latch secures the hood from opening when the primary latch is released.

INSIDE VEHICLE

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2. LIGHTS

- (a) Check that the headlights, stop lights, taillights, turn signal lights, and other lights are all working.
- (b) Check the headlight aim.

3. WARNING LIGHTS AND BUZZERS

Check that all warning lights and buzzers function properly.

4. HORN

Check that it is working.

5. WINDSHIELD GLASS

Check for scratches, pits or abrasions.

6. WINDSHIELD WIPER AND WASHER

- (a) Check operation of the wipers and washer.
- (b) Check that the wipers do not streak.

7. WINDSHIELD DEFROSTER

Check that air comes out from the defroster outlet when operating the heater or air conditioner.

8. REAR VIEW MIRROR

Check that it is mounted securely.

9. SUN VISORS

Check that they move freely and are mounted securely.

10. STEERING WHEEL

Check that it has the specified freeplay. Be alert for changes in steering condition, such as hard steering, excessive freeplay or strange noises.

11. SEATS

- (a) Check that the seat adjusters operate smoothly.
- (b) Check that all latches lock securely in any position.
- (c) Check that the head restraints move up and down smoothly and that the locks hold securely in any latch position.
- (d) For fold-down seat backs, check that the latches lock securely.

12. SEAT BELTS

- (a) Check that the seat belt system such as the buckles, retractors and anchors operate properly and smoothly.
- (b) Check that the belt webbing is not cut, frayed, worn or damaged.

13. ACCELERATOR PEDAL

Check the pedal for smooth operation and uneven pedal effort or catching.

14. BRAKE PEDAL (See page BR-9)

- (a) Check the pedal for smooth operation.
- (b) Check that the pedal has the proper reserve distance and freeplay.
- (c) Check the brake booster function.

15. BRAKES

At a safe place, check that the brakes do not pull to one side when applied.

16. PARKING BRAKE (See page BR-11)

- (a) Check that the lever has the proper travel.
- (b) On a safe incline, check that the vehicle is held securely with only the parking brake applied.

17. AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION "PARK" MECHANISM

- (a) Check the lock release button of the selector lever for proper and smooth operation.
- (b) On a safe incline, check that the vehicle is held securely with the selector lever in "P" position and all brakes released.

UNDER HOOD

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2. WINDSHIELD WASHER FLUID

Check that there is sufficient fluid in the tank.

3. ENGINE COOLANT LEVEL

Check that the coolant level is between the "FULL" and "LOW" lines on the see-through reservoir.

4. RADIATOR AND HOSES

- Check that the front of the radiator is clean and not blocked with leaves, dirt or bugs.
- Check the hoses for cracks, kinks, rot or loose connections.

5. BATTERY ELECTROLYTE LEVEL

Check that the electrolyte level of all battery cells is between the upper and lower level lines on the case.

6. BRAKE FLUID LEVEL

Check that the brake fluid level is near the upper level line on the see-through reservoir.

7. ENGINE DRIVE BELTS

Check all drive belts for fraying, cracks, wear or oiliness.

8. ENGINE OIL LEVEL

Check the level on the dipstick with the engine turned off.

9. POWER STEERING FLUID LEVEL

- Check the level on the dipstick.
- The level should be in the "HOT" or "COLD" range depending on the fluid temperature.

10. AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION FLUID LEVEL

- Park the vehicle on a level surface.
- With the engine idling and the parking brake applied, shift the selector into all positions from "P" to "L", and then shift into "P" position.
- Pull out the dipstick and wipe off the fluid with a clean rag. Re-insert the dipstick and check that the fluid level is in the HOT range.
- Do this check with the fluid at normal driving temperature (70 - 80°C, 158 - 176°F).

HINT:

Wait until the engine cools down (approx. 30 min.) before checking the fluid level after extended driving at high speeds, in hot weather, in heavy traffic or pulling a trailer.

11. EXHAUST SYSTEM

If any change in the sound of the exhaust or smell of the exhaust fumes is noticed, have the cause located and corrected.

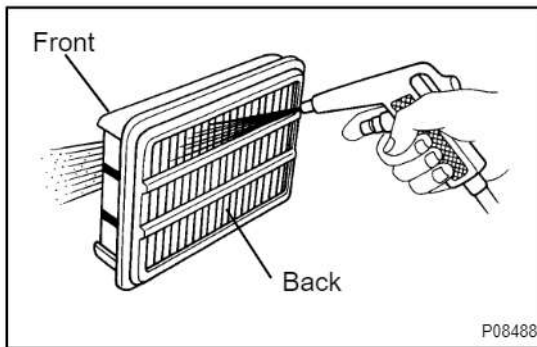
ENGINE INSPECTION

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HINT:

Inspect these items when the engine is cold.

1. **REPLACE TIMING BELT**
(See page [EM-11](#))
2. **INSPECT DRIVE BELTS**
(See page [CH-1](#))
3. **REPLACE SPARK PLUGS**
(See page [IG-1](#))



4. **INSPECT AIR FILTER**

- (a) Visually check that the air cleaner element is not excessively dirty, damaged or oily.

HINT:

Oiliness may indicate a stuck PCV valve.

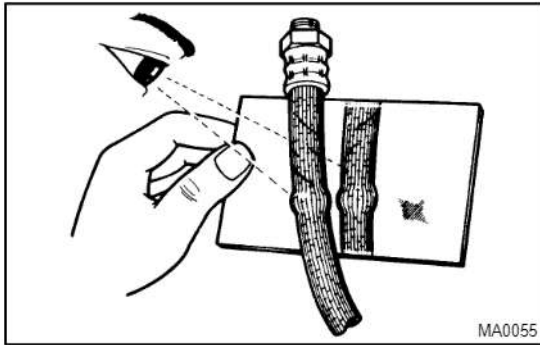
If necessary, replace the air cleaner element.

- (b) Clean the element with compressed air.
First blow from back side thoroughly, then blow off the front side of the element.

5. **REPLACE AIR FILTER**

Replace the used air cleaner element with a new one.

6. **REPLACE ENGINE OIL AND OIL FILTER**
(See page [LU-3](#))
7. **REPLACE ENGINE COOLANT**
(See page [CO-2](#))
8. **REPLACE GASKET IN FUEL TANK CAP**
(See page [EC-6](#))
9. **INSPECT FUEL LINES AND CONNECTIONS**
(See page [SF-26](#))
10. **INSPECT EXHAUST PIPES AND MOUNTINGS**
(See page [EM-105](#))
11. **INSPECT VALVE CLEARANCE**
(See page [EM-4](#))



BRAKE INSPECTION

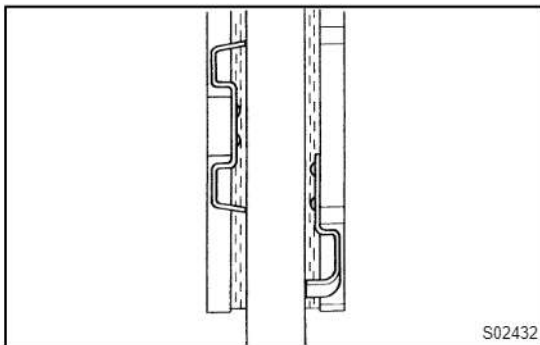
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1. INSPECT BRAKE LINE PIPES AND HOSES

HINT:

Inspect in a well-lighted area. Inspect the entire circumference and length of the brake hoses using a mirror as required. Turn the front wheels fully right or left before inspecting the front brake.

- (a) Check the all brake lines and hoses for the Damage.
- (b) Check the all brake lines and hoses for the Wear.
- (c) Check the all brake lines and hoses for the Deformation.
- (d) Check the all brake lines and hoses for the Cracks.
- (e) Check the all brake lines and hoses for the Corrosion.
- (f) Check the all brake lines and hoses for the Leaks.
- (g) Check the all brake lines and hoses for the Bends.
- (h) Check the all brake lines and hoses for the Twists.
- (i) Check all clamps for tightness and connections for leakage.
- (j) Check that the hoses and lines are clear of sharp edges, moving parts and the exhaust system.
- (k) Check that the lines installed in grommets pass through the center of the grommets.



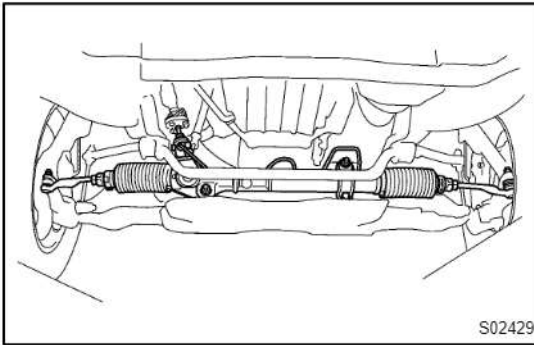
2. INSPECT FRONT BRAKE PADS AND DISCS (See page [BR-13](#) and [BR-18](#))

HINT:

If a squealing or scraping noise occurs from the brake during driving, check the pad wear indicator.

If there are traces of the indicator contacting the disc rotor, the disc pad should be replaced.

3. INSPECT REAR BRAKE LININGS AND DRUMS (See page [BR-24](#))



CHASSIS INSPECTION

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1. INSPECT STEERING LINKAGE

- Check the steering wheel freeplay (See page [SR-8](#)).
- Check the steering linkage for looseness or damage.

Check that:

- Tie rod ends do not have excessive play.
- Dust seals and boots are not damaged.
- Boot clamps are not loose.

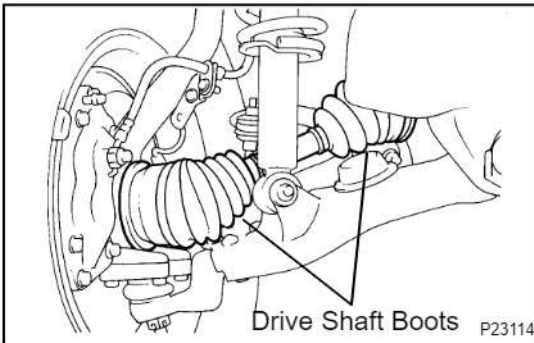
2. INSPECT STEERING GEAR HOUSING

Check the steering gear housing for oil leaks.
If leakage is found, check for cause and repair.

3. 4WD:

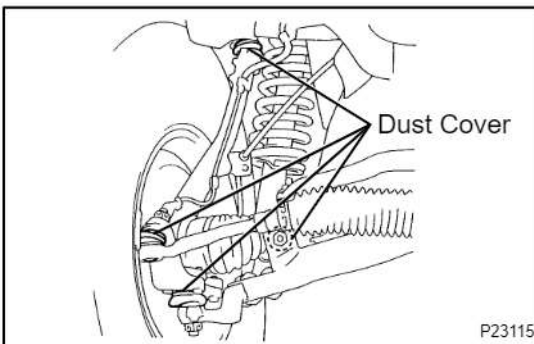
INSPECT DRIVE SHAFT BOOTS

Inspect the drive shaft boots for clamp looseness, grease leakage or damage.



4. INSPECT BALL JOINTS AND DUST COVERS

- Inspect the ball joints for excessive looseness (See page [SA-74](#)).
- Inspect the dust cover for damage.



5. 2WD:

CHECK OIL LEVEL IN AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION AND DIFFERENTIAL

- Automatic transmission:
Check that the fluid level is in the "HOT" range at the normal operating temperature (70 - 80°C or 158 - 176°F) and add as necessary.

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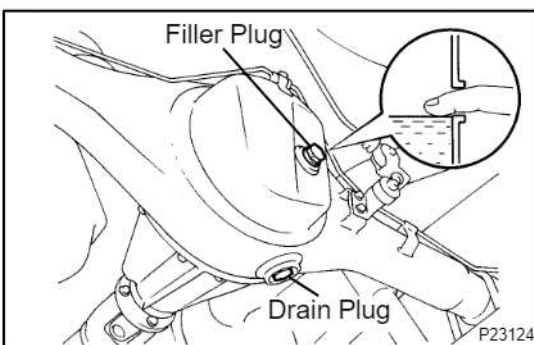
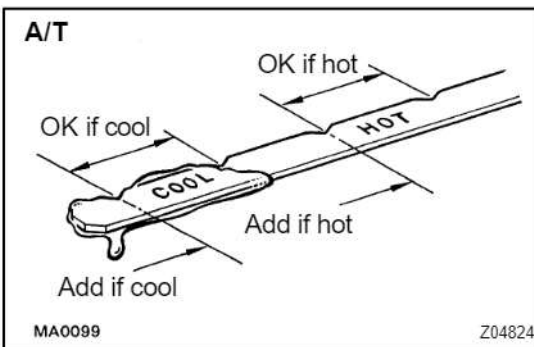
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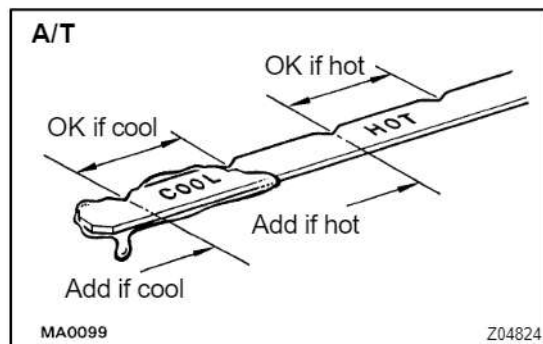
Transmission fluid (A/T): See page [DI-159](#) .

- Differential:

Remove the filler plug and feel inside the hole with your finger. Check that the oil comes to within 5 mm (0.20 in.) of the bottom edge of the hole. If the level is low, add oil until it begins to run out of the filler hole.

Differential oil: See page [DI-159](#)



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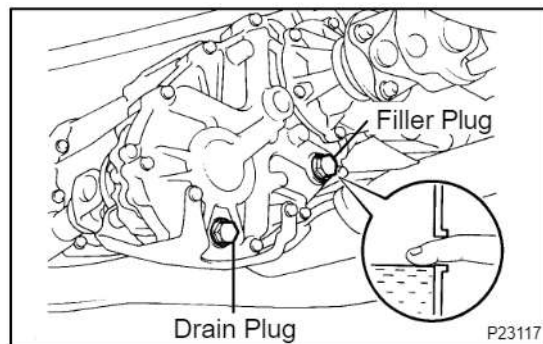
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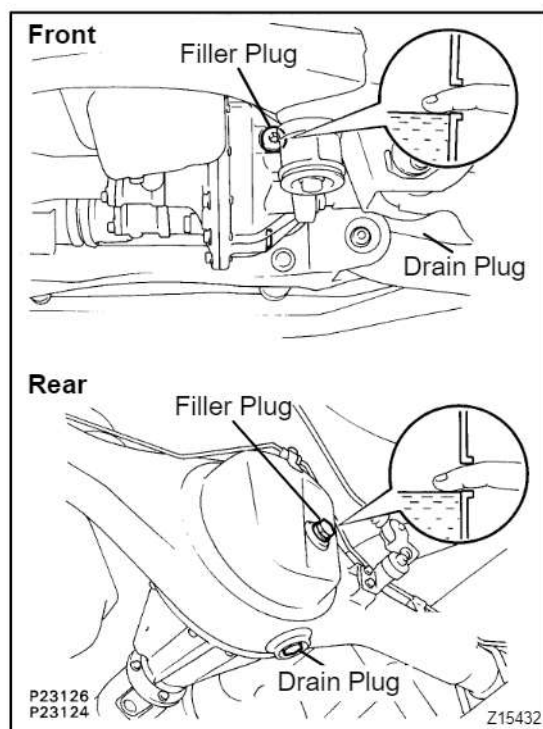
Transfer oil: See page [TR-4](#)

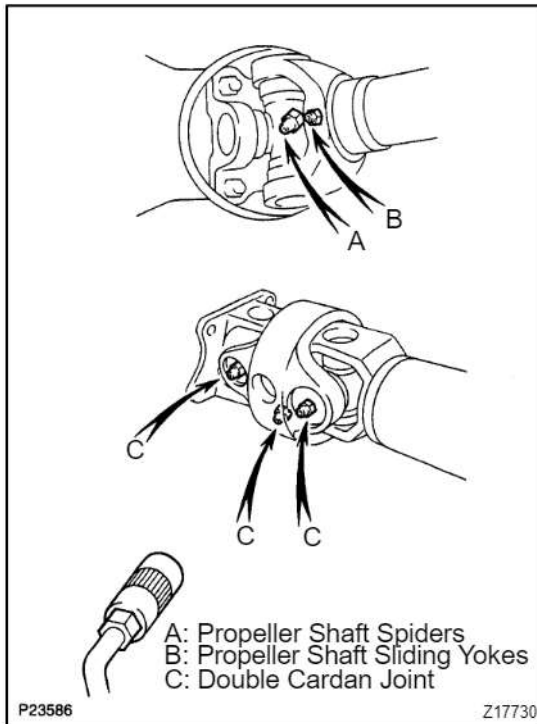
**(c) Differential:**

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Front differential: See page [SA-24](#)

Rear differential oil: See page [SA-88](#)



**7. 4WD:****LUBRICATE PROPELLER SHAFT**

Lubricate propeller shaft, referring to the lubrication chart. Before pumping in grease, wipe off any mud and dust on the grease fitting.

Grease grade:

Spiders: Lithium base chassis grease NLGI No.2

Slide yoke and double-cardan joint:

Molybdenum-disulphidelithium base chassis grease NLGI No.2

8. ROTATE TIRE (See page SA-4)**9. TIGHTEN BOLTS AND NUTS ON CHASSIS AND BODY**

- Tighten these parts:
Seat mounting bolts
Torque: 37 N·m (375 kgf·cm, 27 ft·lbf)
- Under severe conditions:
In addition to the above maintenance items, check for loose or missing bolts and nuts on the following.
 - Steering system
 - Drive train
 - Suspension system
 - Fuel tank mounts
 - Engine mounts, etc.