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POWER STEERING SYSTEM

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PRECAUTIONS

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Precautions for Supplemental Restraint System (SRS) “AIR BAG” and “SEAT BELT PRE-TENSIONER”

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The Supplemental Restraint System such as “AIR BAG” and “SEAT BELT PRE-TENSIONER”, used along with a front seat belt, helps to reduce the risk or severity of injury to the driver and front passenger for certain types of collision. Information necessary to service the system safely is included in the SRS and SB section of this Service Manual.

WARNING:

- To avoid rendering the SRS inoperative, which could increase the risk of personal injury or death in the event of a collision which would result in air bag inflation, all maintenance must be performed by an authorized NISSAN/INFINITI dealer.
- Improper maintenance, including incorrect removal and installation of the SRS, can lead to personal injury caused by unintentional activation of the system. For removal of Spiral Cable and Air Bag Module, see the SRS section.
- Do not use electrical test equipment on any circuit related to the SRS unless instructed to in this Service Manual. SRS wiring harnesses can be identified by yellow and/or orange harnesses or harness connectors.

Caution:

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- Always follow the warnings and the cautions below in disassembly procedures:
 - Work in a clean, dust-free place. No dustproof device is necessary.
 - Clean the outside of the unit before disassembly.
 - Clean the parts to be disassembled. Care must be taken not to allow any dirt or other foreign materials to enter or come in contact with the parts.
 - Assemble the disassembled parts properly, following the order shown in the manual. If work has been suspended in the middle of assembly, place a clean cover over the parts to prevent them from being contaminated.
 - Use paper towels when removing dirt and other foreign materials. Cloth shop towels can leave lint on the cleaned parts that might affect the operation of the parts.
 - Clean disassembled parts with kerosene (except rubber parts), and then dry them thoroughly with an air blower or paper towels.

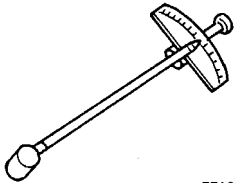
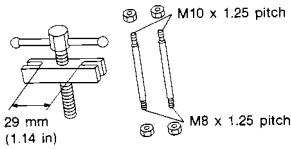
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Special Service Tools

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Description	Application
Preload gauge ST3127S000  ZZA0806D	● Checking steering torque ● Pinion gear rotating torque measurement for steering gear
ST27180001 Steering wheel puller  S-NT544	Removing steering wheel

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STEERING WHEEL

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On Board Inspection and Service PLAY INSPECTION

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1. Turn steering wheel to the straight-ahead position. Start engine and lightly turn steering wheel clockwise and counterclockwise until the front wheels start moving. Measure the travel to the starting point on the circumference of steering wheel. If play is outside the specified range, check steering gear assembly, front suspension, axles, and steering column for proper installation.

Steering wheel play inspection standard : 0 - 35 mm (0 - 1.38 in)

2. Check steering wheel for vertical, horizontal, or axial play.

Steering wheel axial end play : 0 mm (0 in)

- Lift vehicle and check steering gear nuts and bolts for looseness.

Tightening torque : 94 N·m (9.6 kg-m, 69 ft-lb)

NEUTRAL POSITION INSPECTION

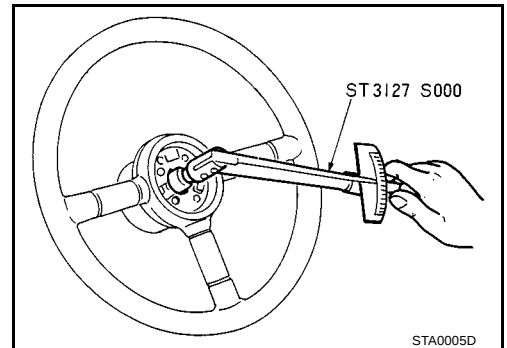
- After wheel alignment inspection, perform neutral position inspection. Refer to [FSU-6, "Wheel Alignment"](#).
- Set vehicle to the straight-ahead position and confirm steering wheel is in the neutral position.
- If it is not in the neutral position, loosen lock nut on tie-rod. Then adjust until the amount of left and right becomes equal.

STEERING TORQUE INSPECTION

1. Stop vehicle on a dry flat paved road and apply parking brake.
2. Remove air bag module. Refer to [SRS-36, "DRIVER AIR BAG MODULE"](#).
3. Start engine and use a preload gauge (SST) to check steering wheel torque.

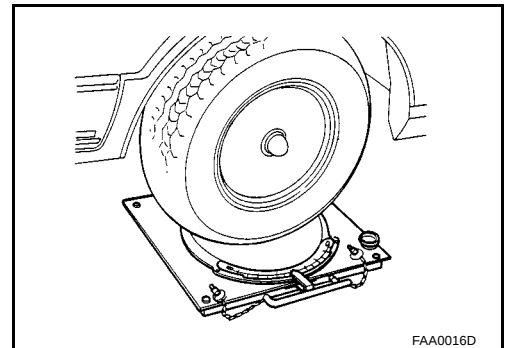
Steering torque : 5.9 N·m (0.60 kg-m, 52 in-lb) or less

4. When torque is outside the standard, check steering column and steering gear. If any non-standard condition is detected, replace if necessary.



STEERING ANGLE INSPECTION

- After toe-in inspection, check the steering angle. Place the front wheels on turning radius gauges and the rear wheels on stands so that the vehicle can be level. Check the maximum inner and outer wheel steering angles for LH and RH road wheels.



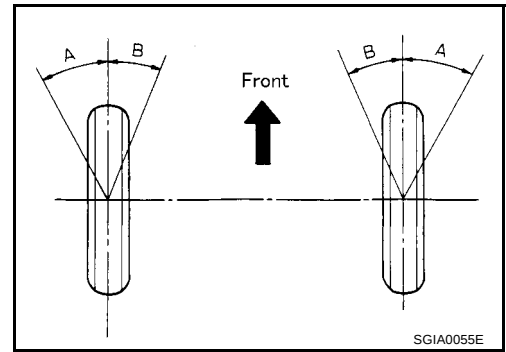
STEERING WHEEL

- With the engine at idle, turn steering wheel from stop to stop and measure the steering angles.

Inner wheel : 38° +1°
-3°

Outer wheel : 33°

- Steering angles are not adjustable. If any of the steering angles is different from the specified value, check steering gear, column and front suspension components for wear or damage. If any non-standard condition exists, replace if necessary.



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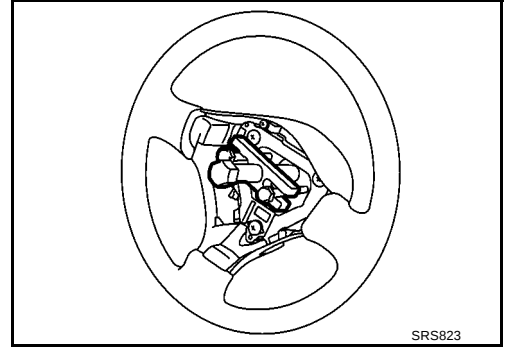
Removal and Installation

REMOVAL

NOTE:

When reconnecting spiral cable, fix cable with a tape so that fixing case and rotating part keep aligned. this will omit neutral position alignment procedure during spiral installation.

- Set vehicle to the straight-ahead position.
- Remove driver air bag module. Refer to [SRS-36, "DRIVER AIR BAG MODULE"](#).
- Remove steering wheel lock bolt after steering is locked.
- Remove steering wheel using the steering wheel puller (SST: ST27180001).



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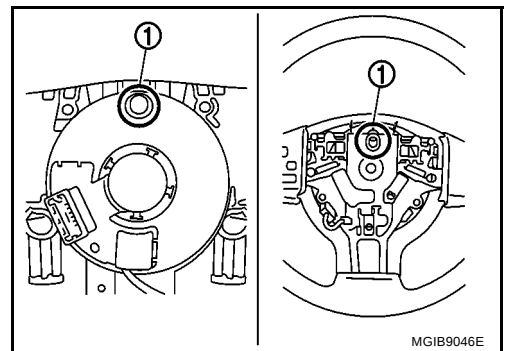
Reverse the removal procedure for installation attentive to the following operation.

NOTE:

Make sure that the spiral cable is in the neutral position. The neutral position is detected by turning left 2.6 revolutions from the right end position and ending with the locating pin (1) at the top.

CAUTION:

Do not run spiral cable idle needlessly. And do not turn it more than necessary (or it leads to disconnection of the cable).



STEERING COLUMN

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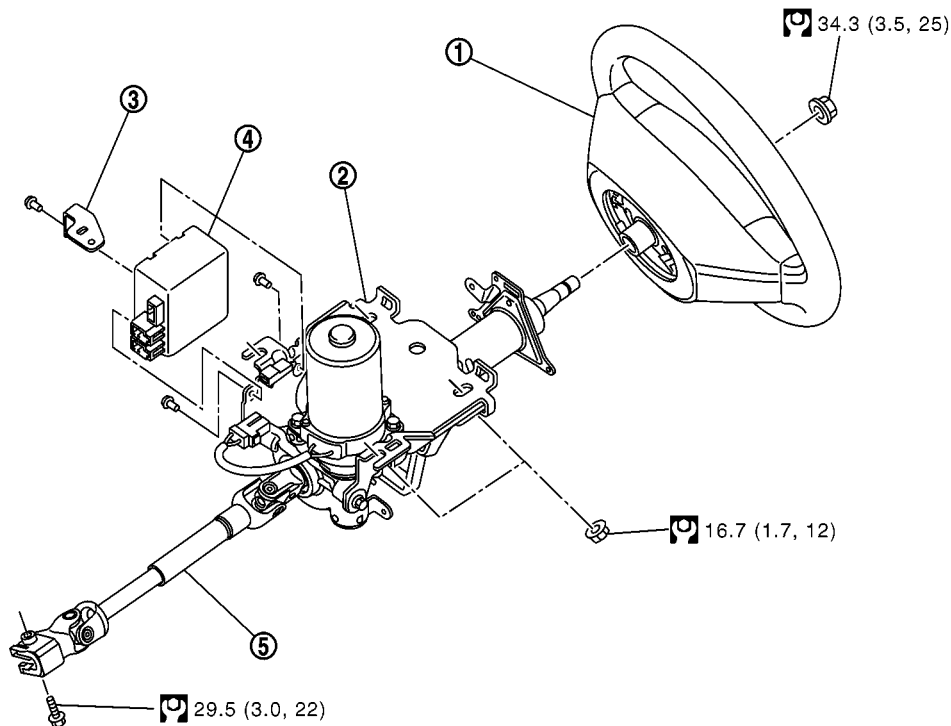
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| 1. Steering wheel | 2. Steering column assembly | 3. Bracket plate |
| 4. EPS control unit | 5. Intermediate shaft | |

CAUTION:

- Care must be taken not to give axial impact to the steering column assembly during removal and installation.
- When steering wheel is turned repeatedly with the vehicle stopped, care must be taken because motor and control unit may get too hot.
- Steering column assembly is heavy (approximately 10 kg). Care must be taken when removing column from vehicle.
- Steering column assembly cannot be disassembled. If any non-standard condition exists, replace column assembly as a unit.

REMOVAL OF STEERING COLUMN ASSEMBLY

1. Remove driver air bag module. Refer to [SRS-36, "DRIVER AIR BAG MODULE"](#).
2. Remove steering wheel and spiral cable. Refer to [SRS-38, "SPIRAL CABLE"](#).
3. Remove column cover and instrument panel & pad. Refer to [IP-4, "INSTRUMENT PANEL ASSEMBLY"](#).
4. Remove front wiper and washer switch and light and turn signal lamp switch. Refer to [SRS-38, "Removal and Installation"](#) in "Light and Turn Signal Switch", and [SRS-38, "Removal and Installation"](#).
5. Disconnect all the clamps and harness connectors from steering column assembly. Refer to [PG-48, "Harness Layout"](#).
6. Remove intermediate shaft mounting bolt on steering gear, and disconnect the shaft from steering gear.
7. Remove harness connector of electric power steering. Refer to [PG-48, "Harness Layout"](#).
8. Remove nut on steering column assembly, and make sure steering column moves freely.
9. Remove steering column assembly from vehicle.

STEERING COLUMN

CAUTION:

- Be sure not to rotate column shaft by 360° or more. (Doing this causes error in steering angle value memorized in electric power steering.)
- Do not disconnect intermediate shaft and steering column.

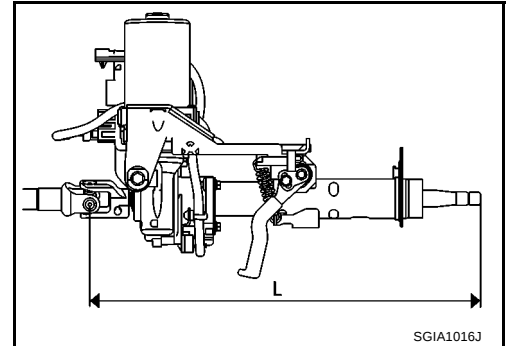
INSPECTION AFTER REMOVAL OF STEERING COLUMN ASSEMBLY

- Check each part of column assembly and intermediate shaft for damage or other malfunctions. If any non-standard condition exists, replace if necessary.
- If vehicle has been involved in a minor collision, measure length L as shown. If outside the standard, replace steering column assembly.

Length L : 464 mm (18.3 in)

- Using preload gauge, measure steering column rotating torque. If outside the standard, replace steering column assembly.

Rotating torque : 0 - 2.1 N·m (0 - 0.21 kg·m, 0 - 18 in-lb)



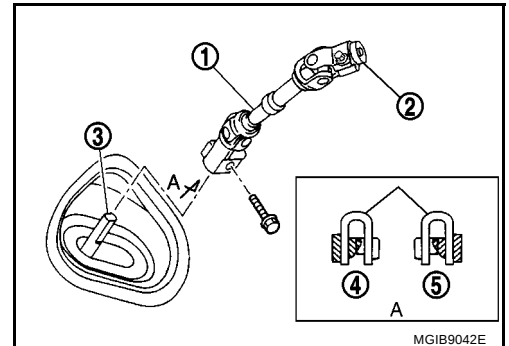
INSTALLATION OF STEERING COLUMN ASSEMBLY

Note the following, and install in the reverse order of removal. Tighten bolts and nuts to the specified torque.

- Connect Pinion shaft (3) to yoke of intermediate shaft (1) and Steering column (2) assembly [RHD (4); LHD (5)], and tighten bolt to the specified torque.

CAUTION:

- When tightening bolts, tighten them by hand first, and make sure there is no feeling of sticking or galling before final tightening.
- Insert bolts in the proper direction. (Do not insert them from the other side.)
- Tighten bolts at connecting pinion shaft and intermediate shaft side. Make sure there is no space between pinion shaft and yoke, and between pinion shaft and cam nut.



CHECK AFTER STEERING COLUMN ASSEMBLY INSTALLATION

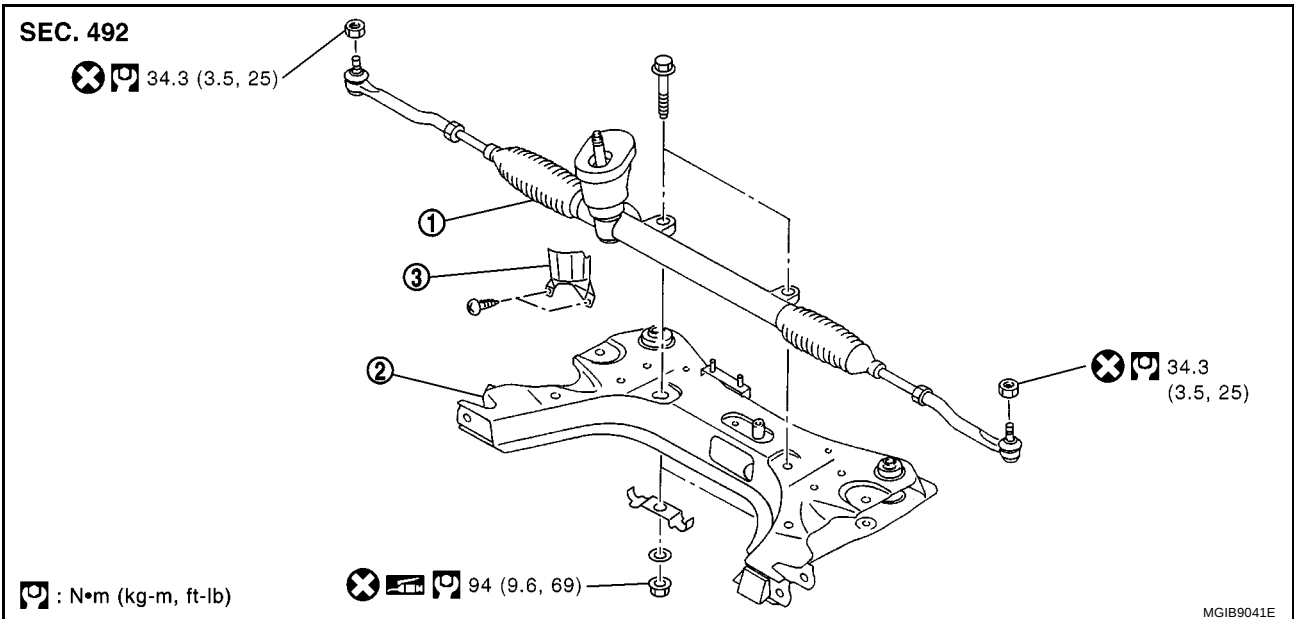
- Rotating steering wheel, check for decentered condition, binding, noise or excessive steering effort.

POWER STEERING GEAR AND LINKAGE

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Removal and Installation

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1. Steering gear assembly
2. Suspension member
3. Heat insulator

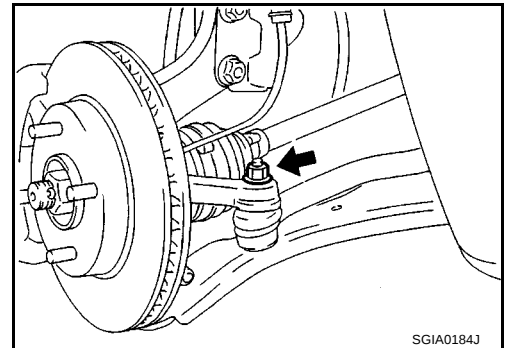
REMOVAL

1. Lift vehicle and remove tyres.
2. Activate key lock of steering column.
3. Remove intermediate shaft mounting bolt on steering gear, and disconnect the shaft.
4. Remove tie-rod from steering knuckle. If tie-rod could not be removed easily, use ball joint remover (commercial service tool).

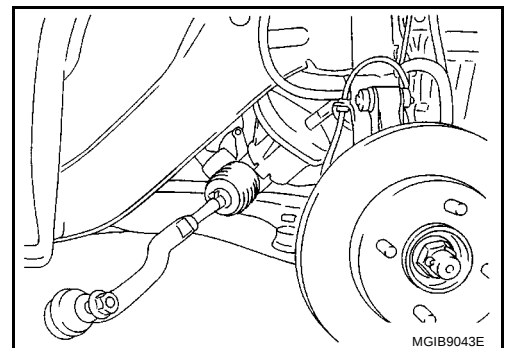
CAUTION:

To avoid damage to threads and sudden disconnection of ball joint remover (commercial service tool), temporarily tighten lock nut.

5. Remove the exhaust front tube (CR engine models). Refer to [EX-3, "EXHAUST SYSTEM"](#).



6. Remove steering gear mounting nuts and bolts, and remove the steering gear through the right side of vehicle. (Remove from left side for LHD models and from right side for RHD models.)



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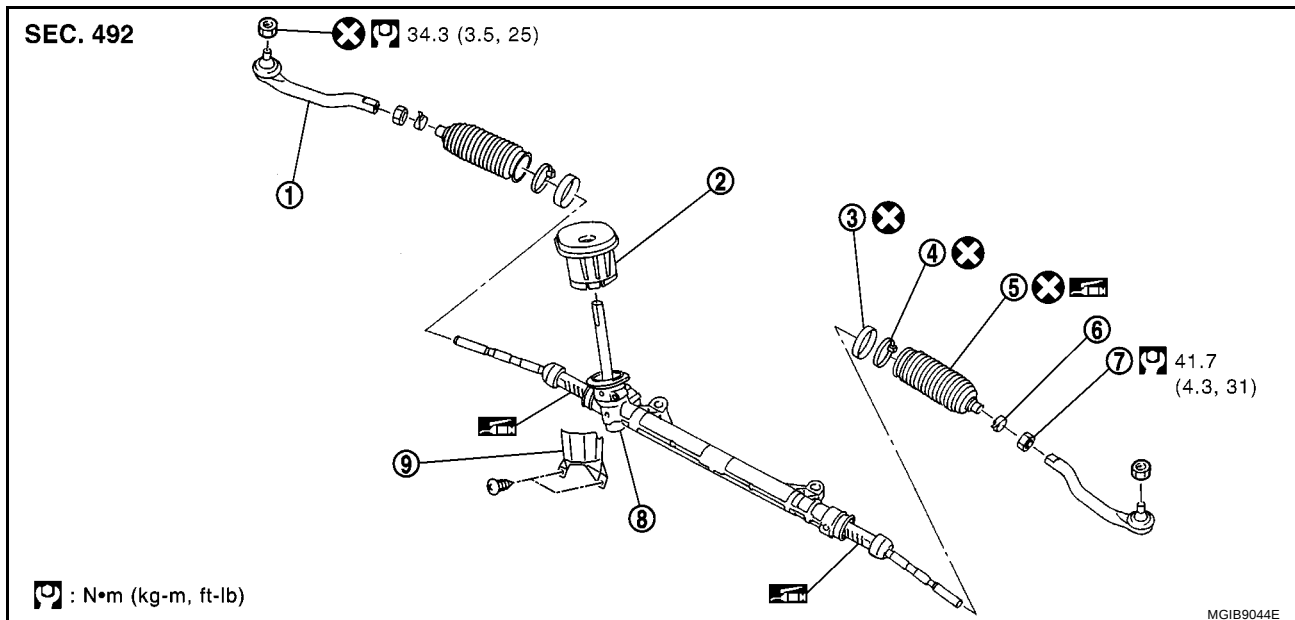
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- Refer to [PS-7, "Removal and Installation"](#).

POWER STEERING GEAR AND LINKAGE

Disassembly and Assembly COMPONENT PARTS LOCATION (R24T TYPE)

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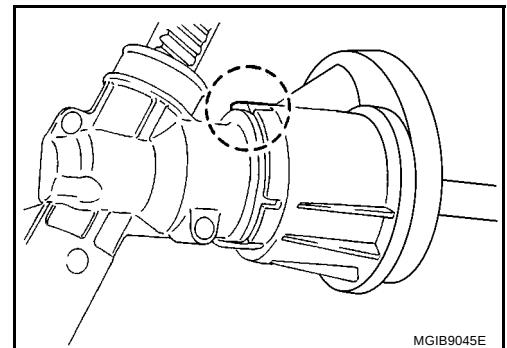
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| 1. Outer socket | 2. Bulkhead sealing | 3. Seal ring |
| 4. Strap | 5. Dust boot | 6. Spring clip |
| 7. Lock nut | 8. Steering gear assembly | 9. Heat shield |

DISASSEMBLY

- Disengage the tab of bulkhead seal, and remove it from steering gear.
- Loosen lock nut of tie-rod outer socket, and remove it from steering gear.
- Remove spring clip and strap (cutting off), and remove dust boot and seal ring.

CAUTION:

When removing dust boot, be careful not to damage inner socket and gear housing assembly.



INSPECTION AFTER DISASSEMBLY

Rack

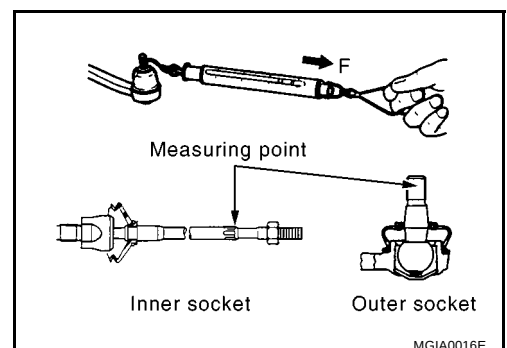
Check rack gear, and, if any damage or wear exists, replace steering gear assembly.

Bulkhead Sealing

In case of broken tab, or torn sealing in bulkhead seal, replace the damaged part.

Tie-Rod Ball Joint

- Tensile force
 - Hook a spring balance onto the point shown in the figure and pull the balance. Make sure the balance reads the specified value when ball stud and the inner socket start to move. If it is outside the standard, replace both outer socket and steering gear assembly.



POWER STEERING GEAR AND LINKAGE

	Outer socket	Inner socket
Measuring point of spring balance	Edge of stud bolt	Measuring point
Tensile force N·m (kg-m, in-lb)	0.3 - 2.9 (0.03 - 0.29, 3 -25)	0.5 - 5.0 (0.05 - 0.51, 5 - 44)
Spring balance mea- surement N (kg, lb)	5 - 54 (0.51 - 5.5, 1.1 - 12.1)	4 - 43 (0.41 - 4.4, 0.9 - 9.7)

2. Axial end play

- Apply 490 N (50 kg, 110 lb) of load to the ball stud axially and use a dial gauge to measure the amount of movement the stud makes. Make sure the reading is within the range specified. If outside the standard, replace outer socket and steering assembly.

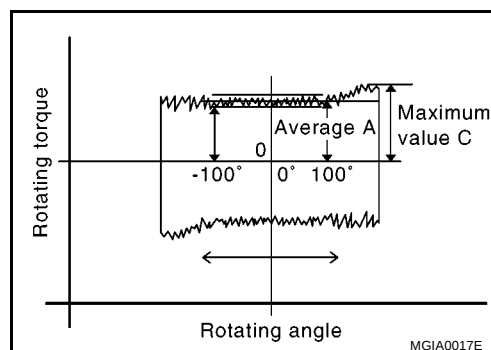
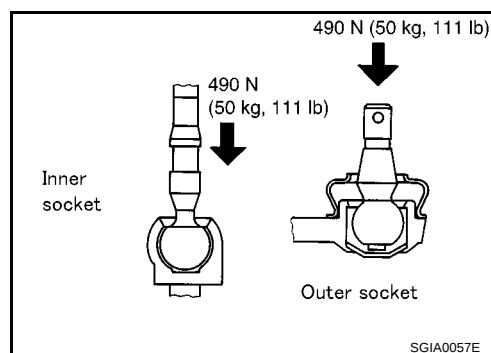
Outer socket	No Free Play
Inner socket	No Free Play

- Using preload gauge (SST), measure rotating torque of pinion gear. If the measurement is outside of the specified range, replace steering gear.

Rotating torque of pinion gear

Around neutral position (Within $\pm 100^\circ$) Average A : 0.7 - 1.2 N·m (0.07 - 0.12 kg-m, 6 - 11 in-lb)

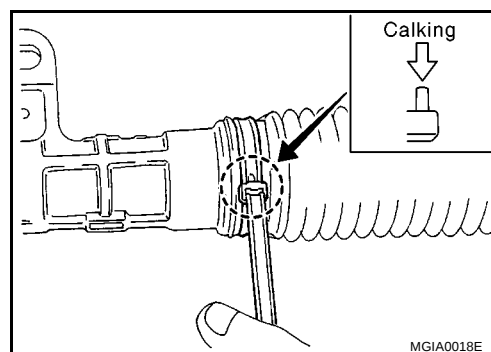
Other than the above: Maximum value C : 1.6 N·m (0.16 kg-m, 14 in-lb)



ASSEMBLY

Note the following, and assemble in the reverse order of disassembly

- Apply multi-purpose grease to the sliding part of rack.
- Securely fix dust boot and seal ring with strap. Caulk the strap, and cut the excess of strap off.
- Engage the tab of bulkhead seal to steering gear.



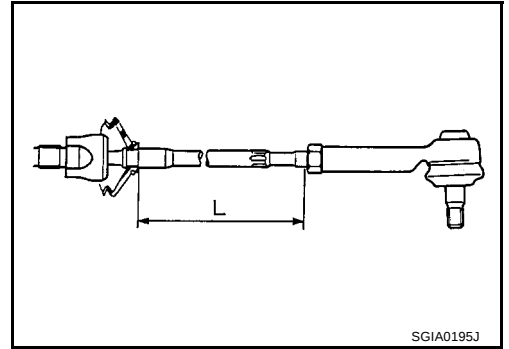
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- Install lock nut and the outer socket to the inner socket and tighten lock nut until the length of the tie-rod is within the standard (length before toe-in adjustment.)

Length of tie-rod (L) : 57.8 mm (2.28 in)

CAUTION:

Perform toe-in adjustment after this procedure. Length achieved after toe-in adjustment is not necessarily the value given here.



SERVICE DATA AND SPECIFICATIONS (SDS)

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Wheel

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Steering wheel axial end play	0 mm (0 in)
Steering wheel free play	0 - 35 mm (0 - 138 in)

Steering Angle

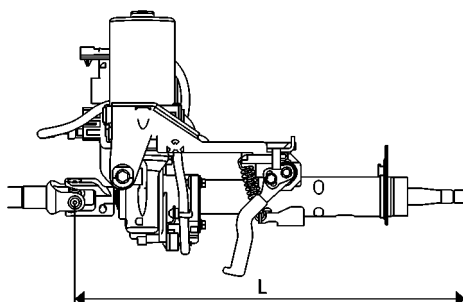
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Inner wheel	38° +1° -3°
Outer wheel	33°

Steering Column

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Steering column length L	464 mm (18.3 in)
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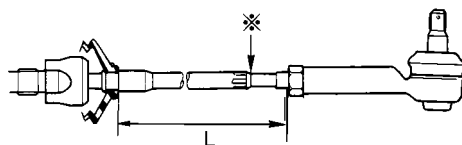


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Steering Linkage

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Steering gear type		R24T
Tie-rod ball joint outer socket	Tensile force	0.3 - 2.9 N·m (0.03 - 0.29 kg-m, 3 - 25 in-lb)
	Spring balance measurement (Upper edge of stud bolt)	5 - 54 N (0.51 - 5.5 kg, 1.1 - 12.1 lb)
	Axial end play	No Free Play
Tie-rod ball joint inner socket	Tensile force	0.5 - 5.0 N·m (0.05 - 0.51 kg-m, 5 - 44 in-lb)
	Spring Balance measurement (measured at * mark)	4 - 43 N (0.41 - 4.4 kg, 0.9 - 9.7 lb)
	Axial end play	No Free Play
Tie-rod length L		57.8 mm (2.28 in)



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SERVICE DATA AND SPECIFICATIONS (SDS)

Tightening Torque

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Unit: N·m (kg-m, ft-lb)

Steering wheel bolt	34.5 (3.5, 25)
Steering column to intermediate shaft to Steering gear	29.5 (3.0, 22)
Steering gear to Suspension member	94 (9.6, 69)
Outer socket to Steering knuckle	34.3 (3.5, 25)
Tie-rod outer socket lock nut	41.7 (4.3, 31)