

5. Front Drive Shaft

A: REMOVAL

- 1) Disconnect the ground cable from battery.
- 2) Jack-up the vehicle, support it with safety stands (rigid racks), and remove the front wheel cap and wheels.
- 3) Unlock the axle nut.
- 4) Depress the brake pedal and remove the axle nut using a socket wrench.

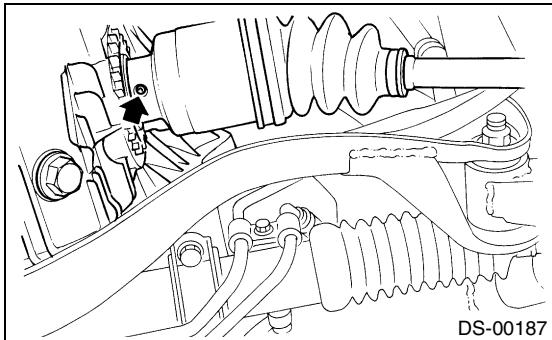
CAUTION:

Be sure to loosen and retighten axle nut after removing wheel from vehicle. Failure to follow this rule may damage wheel bearings.

- 5) Remove the stabilizer link from the transverse link.
- 6) Disconnect the transverse link from the housing.
- 7) Remove the spring pin which secures transmission spindle to SFJ.

CAUTION:

Use a new spring pin.

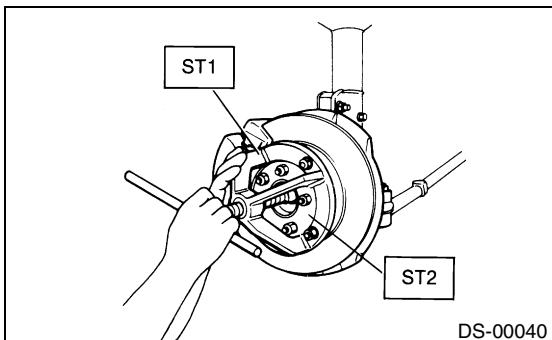


- 8) Remove the front drive shaft assembly. If it is hard to remove, use ST1 and ST2.

ST1 926470000 AXLE SHAFT PULLER
ST2 927140000 AXLE SHAFT PULLER PLATE

CAUTION:

- **Be careful not to damage the oil seal lip and tone wheel when removing front drive shaft.**
- **When front drive shaft is to be replaced, also replace inner oil seal.**



B: INSTALLATION

- 1) Insert the BJ into hub splines.

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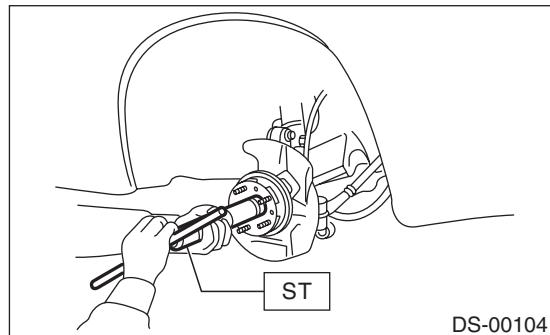
Be careful not to damage inner oil seal lip and tone wheel.

- 2) Using ST1 and ST2, pull the drive shaft into place.

ST1 922431000 AXLE SHAFT INSTALLER
ST2 927390000 ADAPTER

CAUTION:

Do not hammer drive shaft when installing it.

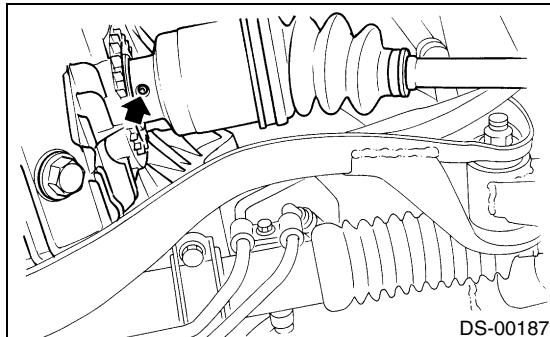


- 3) Tighten the axle nut temporarily.

- 4) Install the SFJ on transmission spindle and drive spring pin into place.

CAUTION:

Always use a new spring pin.



- 5) Connect the transverse link to the housing.

Tightening torque (self-locking nut):
49 N·m (5.0 kgf-m, 36 ft-lb)

CAUTION:

Use a new self-locking nut.

- 6) Install the stabilizer bracket.

7) While depressing brake pedal, tighten the axle nut to the specified torque.

Tightening torque:

190 N·m (19 kgf·m, 140 ft·lb)

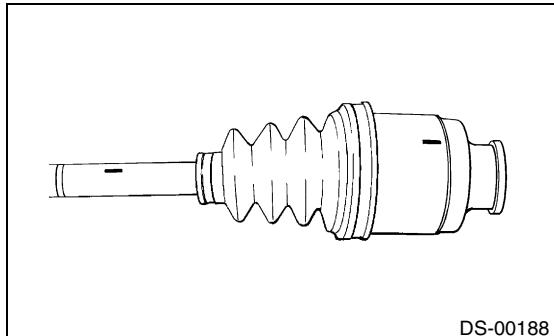
CAUTION:

- Use a new axle nut.
- Always tighten axle nut before installing wheel on vehicle. If wheel is installed and comes in contact with ground when axle nut is loose, wheel bearings may be damaged.
- Be sure to tighten axle nut to specified torque. Do not overtighten it as this may damage wheel bearing.

8) After tightening axle nut, lock it securely.

C: DISASSEMBLY

1) Place alignment marks on the shaft and outer race.

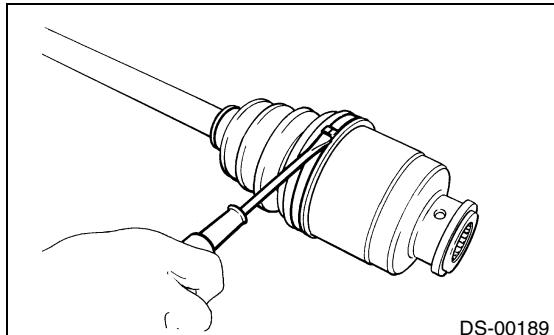


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2) Remove the SFJ boot band and boot.

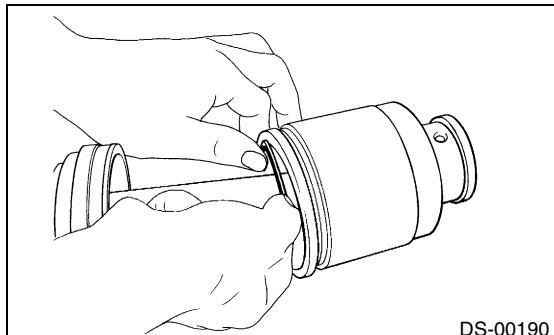
CAUTION:

Be careful not to damage boot.



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3) Remove the circlip from SFJ outer race using screwdriver.



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4) Remove the SFJ outer race from shaft assembly.

5) Wipe off grease.

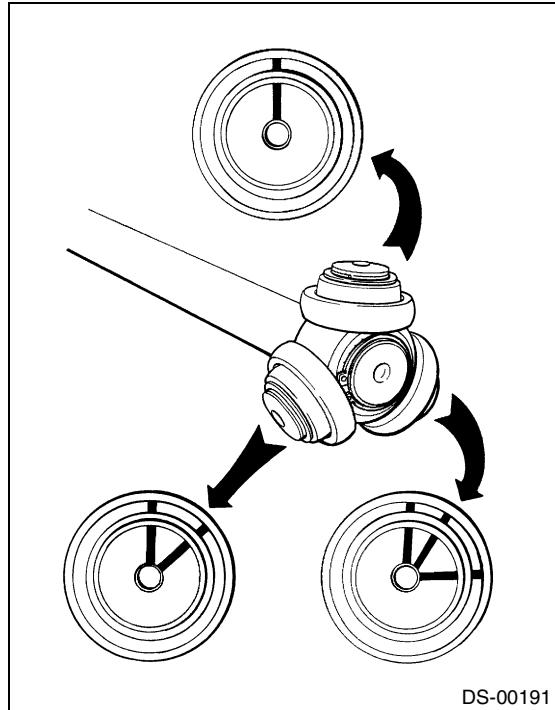
CAUTION:

The grease is a special grease. Do not confuse with other greases.

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6) Place alignment mark on free ring and trunnion.

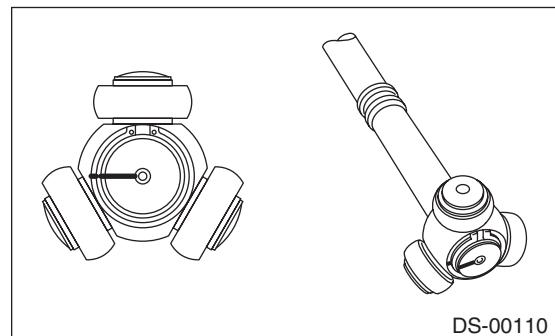


7) Remove the free ring from trunnion.

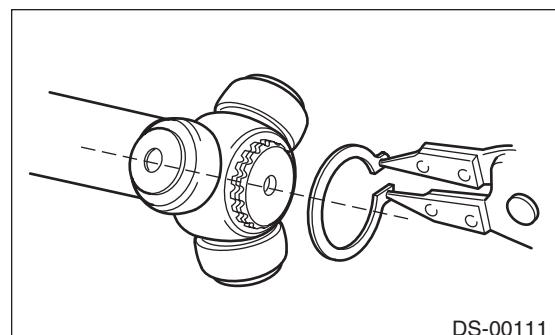
CAUTION:

Be careful with the free ring position.

8) Place alignment mark on trunnion and shaft.



9) Remove the snap ring and trunnion.



CAUTION:

Be sure to wrap shaft splines with vinyl tape to prevent boot from scratches.

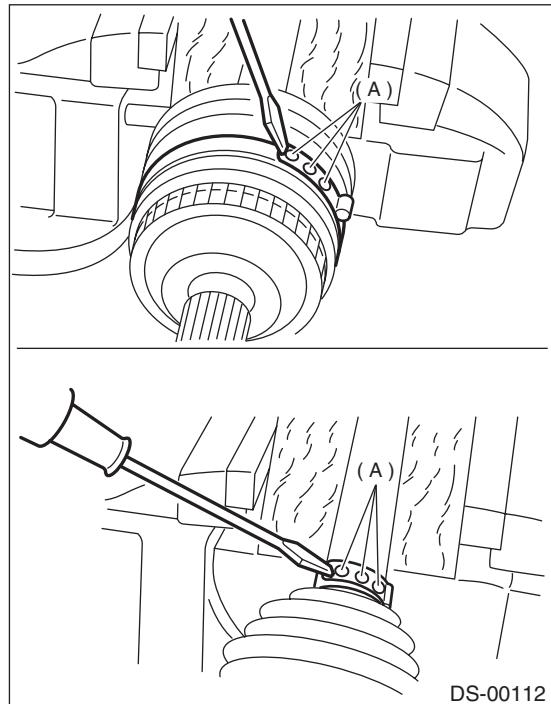
10) Remove the SFJ boot.

11) Place the drive shaft in a vise between wooden blocks.

CAUTION:

Do not place drive shaft directly in the vise; use wooden block.

12) Raise the boot band claws by means of screwdriver and hammer.

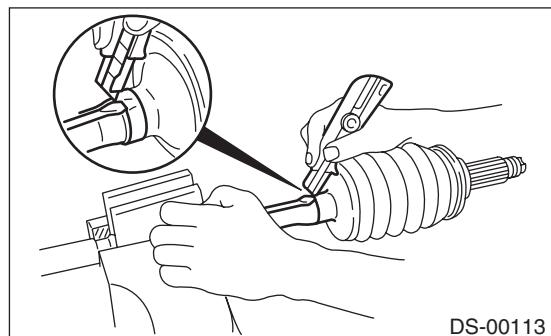


(A) Boot band claws

13) Cut and remove the boot.

CAUTION:

The boot must be replaced with a new one whenever it is removed.



14) Thus, disassembly of axle is completed, but BJ cannot be disassembled.

D: ASSEMBLY**CAUTION:****Use specified grease.****EBJ side:****NTG2218 (Part No. 28093AA000)****SFJ side:****SSG6003 (Part No. 28093TA000)**

- 1) Place the EBJ boot and small boot band on the BJ side of shaft.

CAUTION:**Be sure to wrap shaft splines with vinyl tape to prevent boot from scratches.**

- 2) Place the drive shaft in a vise.

CAUTION:**Do not place drive shaft directly in the vise; use wooden blocks.**

- 3) Apply a coat of specified grease [60 to 70 g (2.12 to 2.47 oz)] to EBJ.

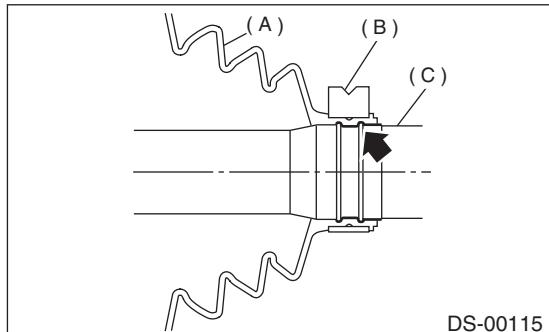
- 4) Apply an even coat of specified grease [20 to 30 g (0.71 to 1.06 oz)] to the entire inner surface of boot. Also apply the grease to the shaft.

NOTE:

The inside of the larger end of BJ boot and the boot groove shall be cleaned so as to be free from grease and other foreign substances.

- 5) Install the boot projecting portion to the EBJ groove.

- 7) Install the boot projecting portion to shaft groove.

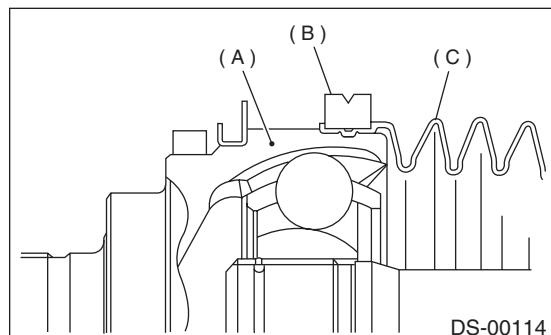


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(A) Boot

(B) Small boot band

(C) Shaft



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(A) EBJ

(B) Large boot band

(C) Boot

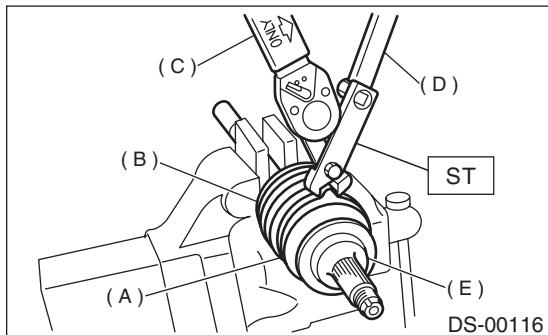
- 6) Set the large boot band in place.

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8) Tighten the boot bands using ST, torque wrench and socket flex handle.

ST 28099AC000 BOOT BAND PLIER



- (A) Large boot band
- (B) Boot
- (C) Torque wrench
- (D) Socket flex handle
- (E) BJ

Tightening torque:

Large boot band

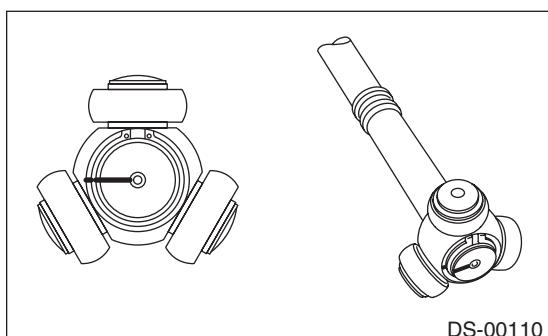
157 N·m (16.0 kgf-m, 116 ft-lb) or more

Small boot band

133 N·m (13.6 kgf-m, 98 ft-lb) or more

9) Place the SFJ boot at the center of shaft.

10) Align alignment marks and install the trunnion on the shaft.



11) Install the snap ring to the shaft.

CAUTION:

Confirm that the snap ring is completely fitted in the shaft groove.

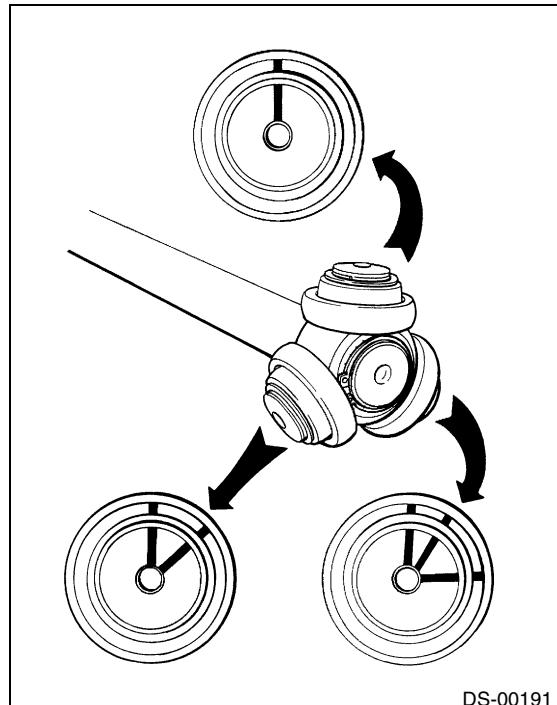
12) Fill 100 to 110 g (3.53 to 3.88 oz) of specified grease into the interior of SFJ outer race.

13) Apply a coat of specified grease to the free ring and trunnion.

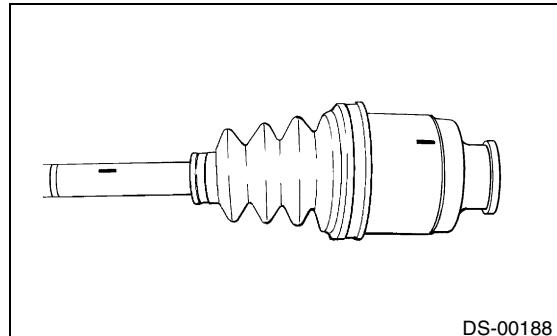
14) Align alignment marks on free ring and trunnion and install the free ring.

CAUTION:

Be careful with the free ring position.



15) Align alignment marks on shaft and outer race, and install outer race.



16) Install the circlip in the groove on the SFJ outer race.

CAUTION:

Pull the shaft lightly and assure that the circlip is completely fitted in the groove.

17) Apply an even coat of the specified grease 30 to 40 g (1.06 to 1.41 oz) to the entire inner surface of boot.

18) Install the SFJ boot taking care not to twist it.

CAUTION:

- The inside of the larger end of SFJ boot and the boot groove shall be cleaned so as to be free from grease and other foreign substances.
- When installing SFJ boot, position outer race of SFJ at center of its travel.

19) Put a band through the clip and wind twice in alignment with band groove of boot.

CAUTION:

Use a new band.

20) Pinch the end of band with pliers. Hold the clip and tighten securely.

NOTE:

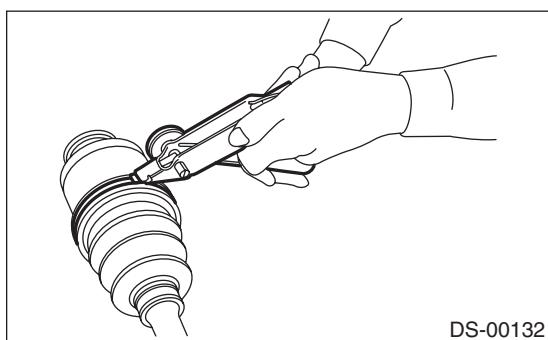
When tightening boot, exercise care so that the air within the boot is appropriate.

21) Tighten the band by using ST.

ST 925091000 BAND TIGHTENING TOOL

NOTE:

Tighten the band until it cannot be moved by hand.

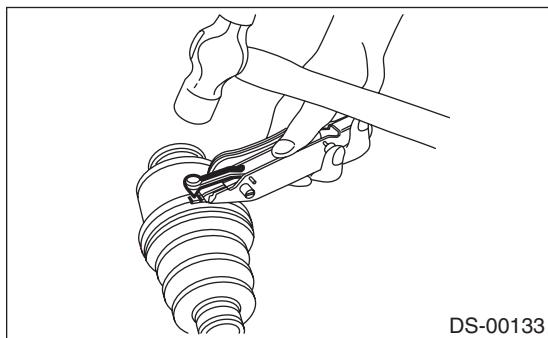


22) Tap on the clip with the punch provided at the end of ST.

ST 925091000 BAND TIGHTENING TOOL

CAUTION:

Tap to an extent that the boot underneath is not damaged.



23) Cut off band with an allowance of about 10 mm (0.39 in) left from the clip and bend this allowance over the clip.

CAUTION:

Be careful so that the end of the band is in close contact with clip.

24) Fix up boot on the EBJ in the same manner.

NOTE:

Extend and retract the SFJ to provide equal grease coating.

E: INSPECTION

Check the removed parts for damage, wear, corrosion etc. If faulty, repair or replace.

1) SFJ (Shudder-less Freering tripod Joint)

Check seizure, corrosion, damage and excessive play.

2) Shaft

Check excessive bending, twisting, damage and wear.

3) EBJ (Bell Joint)

Check seizure, corrosion, damage and excessive play.

4) Boot

Check for wear, warping, breakage or scratches.

5) Grease

Check for discoloration or fluidity.