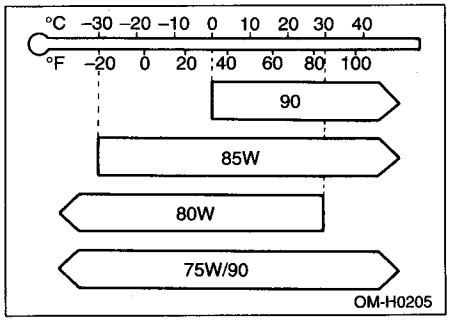
Remove the plug from the filler hole and check the oil level. The oil level should be kept even with the bottom of the filler hole. If the oil level is below the bottom edge of the hole, add oil through the filler hole to raise the level.

■ Recommended grade and viscosity

Each oil manufacturer has its own base oils and additives. Never use different brands together.

Oil grade: API classification GL-5

SAE viscosity No. and Applicable Temperature



Power steering fluid

The power steering fluid expands largely as its temperature rises; the fluid level differs according to fluid temperature. Therefore, the dipstick has two different checking ranges for hot and cold fluids on it.

■ Checking the fluid level when the fluid is hot

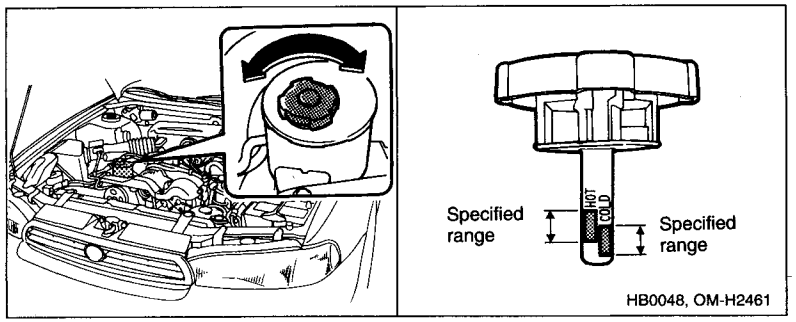
⚠ WARNING
Be careful not to burn yourself because the fluid may be hot.

⚠ CAUTION

- **When power steering fluid is being added, use only clean fluid, and be careful not to allow any dirt into the tank. And never use different brands together.**
- **Avoid spilling fluid when adding it in the tank.**

Check the power steering fluid level monthly.

1. Drive the vehicle several miles to raise the temperature of the power steering fluid up to normal operating temperature, about 140°F (60°C).
2. Park the vehicle on a level surface, and stop the engine.
3. Turn the reservoir cap counterclockwise to remove the fluid level dipstick, wipe the dipstick clean, and reinsert it.



4. Remove the dipstick again and check the fluid level on it. If it is below the lower level of the "HOT" range, add the recommended steering fluid up to the specified range of the dipstick.

If the fluid level is extreme low, it may indicate possible leakage. Consult your SUBARU dealer for inspection.

■ Checking the fluid level when the fluid is cold

When the fluid level has to be checked without warming up the power steering system (approximately 70°F [21°C]), read the fluid level on the "COLD" range.

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■ **Recommended fluid**

"Dexron II", "Dexron IIE" or "Dexron III" Type Automatic Transmission Fluid

Brake fluid

■ **Checking the fluid level**

⚠ WARNING

- **Never let brake fluid contanct your eyes because brake fluid can be harmful to your eyes. If brake fluid gets in your eyes, immediately flush them thoroughly with clean water.**
- **Brake fluid absorbs moisture from the air. Any absorbed moisture can cause a dangerous loss of braking performance.**
- **If the vehicle requires frequent refilling, there may be a leak. If you suspect a problem, have the vehicle checked at your SUBARU dealer.**
- **If your vehicle is equipped with ABS/TCS (anti-lock brakes/traction control system), a different type of brake bleeding procedure is required. For that reason, it is strongly recommended that you have your brake fluid changed only by a SUBARU dealer.**

⚠ CAUTION

- **Never use different brands of brake fluid together.**
- **When adding brake fluid, be careful not to allow any dirt into the reservoir.**
- **Never splash the brake fluid over painted surfaces or rubber parts. Alcohol contained in the brake fluid may damage them.**

Check the fluid level monthly.