

VDC Control Module and Hydraulic Control Unit (VDCCM&H/U)

VEHICLE DYNAMICS CONTROL (VDC)

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A: REMOVAL

- 1) Disconnect the ground cable from battery.
- 2) Remove the air intake duct and air cleaner case.
- 3) Use compressed air to remove moisture and dust around the VDCCM&H/U.

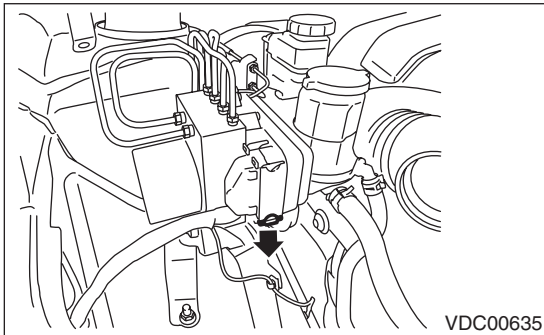
NOTE:

If the terminals become dirty, it may cause improper contact.

- 4) Pull down the lock lever and disconnect the VDCCM&H/U connector.

CAUTION:

Do not pull on the harness when disconnecting the connector.

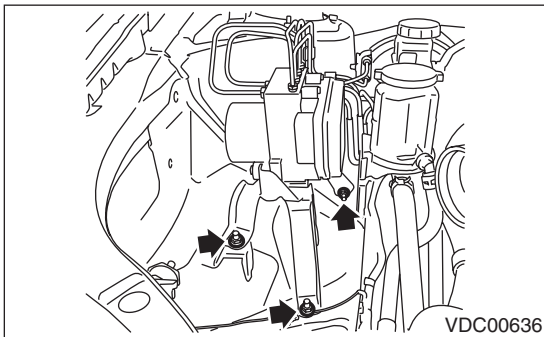


- 5) Disconnect the brake pipes from the VDCCM&H/U.
- 6) Wrap the brake pipe with a vinyl bag so as not to spill the brake fluid on the vehicle body.

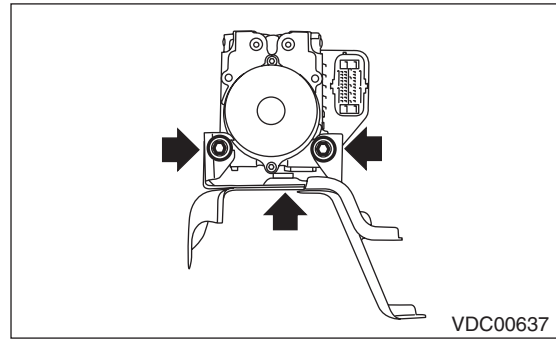
CAUTION:

If brake fluid is spilled on the vehicle body, wash it off immediately with water and wipe clean.

- 7) Remove the nuts and remove the VDCCM&H/U with the bracket as a unit.



- 8) Remove the bolts and remove the VDCCM&H/U.



CAUTION:

- The VDCCM&H/U cannot be disassembled. Do not attempt to loosen the bolts and nuts.
- Do not drop or bump the VDCCM&H/U.
- Do not turn the VDCCM&H/U upside down or place it sideways for storage.
- Be careful not to let foreign matter enter the VDCCM&H/U.
- Be careful that no water enters the connectors.

B: INSTALLATION

- 1) Install the VDCCM&H/U to the bracket.

Tightening torque:

7.5 N·m (0.76 kgf-m, 5.53 ft-lb)

- 2) Install the VDCCM&H/U bracket.

Tightening torque:

33 N·m (3.3 kgf-m, 24.3 ft-lb)

- 3) Connect the brake pipes to their correct VDCCM&H/U positions.

Tightening torque:

<Ref. to BR-6, FRONT BRAKE PIPES AND HOSES, COMPONENT, General Description.>

- 4) Connect the VDCCM&H/U connector.

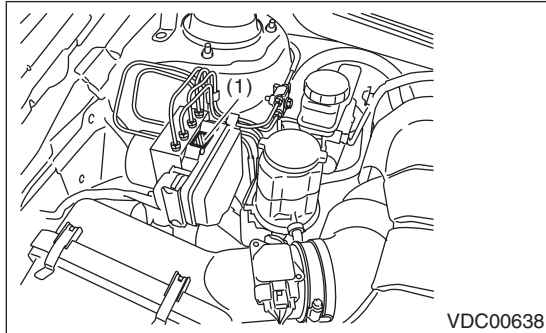
NOTE:

- Be sure to remove all foreign matter from inside the connector before connecting.
- Make sure the VDCCM&H/U connector is securely locked.
- 5) Bleed air from the brake system.

C: INSPECTION

- 1) Check the condition of connection and settlement of connector.
- 2) Check the mark used for VDCCM&H/U identification.

Refer to "SPECIFICATION" for the identification mark. <Ref. to VDC-2, SPECIFICATION, General Description.>



(1) Identification mark

1. CHECKING THE HYDRAULIC UNIT ABS OPERATION BY PRESSURE GAUGE

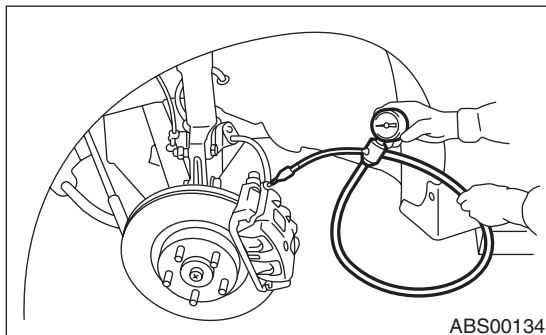
- 1) Lift up the vehicle and remove the wheel.
- 2) Remove the air bleeder screws from FL and FR caliper bodies.
- 3) Connect two pressure gauges to FL and FR caliper bodies.

CAUTION:

- Use a pressure gauge used exclusively for brake fluid measurement.
- Do not use the pressure gauge used for the measurement of transmission oil. Doing so will cause the piston seal to expand and deform.

NOTE:

Wrap sealing tape around the pressure gauge.



- 4) Bleed air from the pressure gauges and the FL and FR caliper bodies.
- 5) Perform ABS sequence control.
<Ref. to VDC-11, ABS Sequence Control.>
- 6) When the hydraulic unit begins to work, first the FL side performs decompression, hold and compression, and then the FR side performs decompression, hold and compression.

- 7) Read values indicated on the pressure gauge and check if the fluctuation of the values between decompression and compression meets the standard values. Depress the brake pedal and check that the kick-back is normal, and tightness is normal.

	Front wheel	Rear wheel
Initial value	3,500 kPa (36 kgf/cm ² , 511 psi)	3,500 kPa (36 kgf/cm ² , 511 psi)
When depressurized	500 kPa (5 kgf/cm ² , 73 psi) or less	500 kPa (5 kgf/cm ² , 73 psi) or less
When pressurized	3,500 kPa (36 kgf/cm ² , 511 psi) or more	3,500 kPa (36 kgf/cm ² , 511 psi) or more

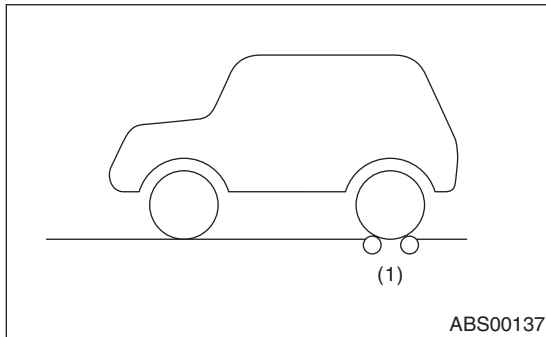
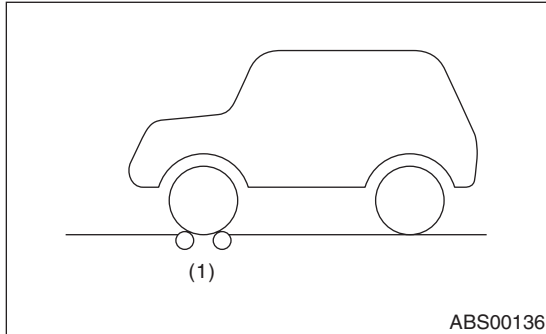
- 8) Disconnect the pressure gauges from FL and FR caliper bodies.
- 9) Install the air bleeder screws of FL and FR caliper bodies.
- 10) Remove the air bleeder screws from RL and RR caliper bodies.
- 11) Connect two pressure gauges to RL and RR caliper bodies.
- 12) Bleed air from the brake system.
- 13) Bleed air from RL and RR caliper bodies, and pressure gauge.
- 14) Perform ABS sequence control.
<Ref. to VDC-11, ABS Sequence Control.>
- 15) When the hydraulic unit begins to work, first the RR side performs decompression, hold and compression, and then the RL side performs decompression, hold and compression.
- 16) Read values indicated on the pressure gauge and check if the fluctuation of the values between decompression and compression meets specification. Depress the brake pedal and check that the kick-back is normal, and tightness is normal.
- 17) Disconnect the pressure gauge from the RL and RR caliper bodies.
- 18) Install the air bleeder screws of RL and RR caliper bodies.
- 19) Bleed air from the brake system.

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2. CHECKING THE HYDRAULIC UNIT ABS OPERATION WITH THE BRAKE TESTER

- 1) Set wheels other than the one to measure on free rollers.
- 2) Prepare for the ABS sequence control operation.
<Ref. to VDC-11, ABS Sequence Control.>
- 3) Set the front wheels or rear wheels on the brake tester and set the select lever position to the "N" range.



(1) Brake tester

- 4) Operate the brake tester.
- 5) Perform ABS sequence control.
<Ref. to VDC-11, ABS Sequence Control.>
- 6) When the hydraulic unit begins to work, check the following work sequence.
 - (1) The FL wheel performs decompression, hold and compression in sequence, and subsequently the FR wheel repeats the cycle.
 - (2) The RR wheel performs decompression, hold and compression in sequence, and subsequently the RL wheel repeats the cycle.

7) Read values indicated on the brake tester and check if the fluctuation of the values between decompression and compression meets specification.

	Front wheel	Rear wheel
Initial value	2,000 N (204 kgf, 450 lb)	2,000 N (204 kgf, 450 lb)
When depressurized	500 N (51 kgf, 112 lb) or less	500 N (51 kgf, 112 lb) or less
When pressurized	2,000 N (204 kgf, 450 lb) or more	2,000 N (204 kgf, 450 lb) or more

8) After the inspection, depress the brake pedal and check that it is not abnormally hard, and tightness is normal.

3. CHECKING THE HYDRAULIC UNIT VDC OPERATION USING A PRESSURE GAUGE

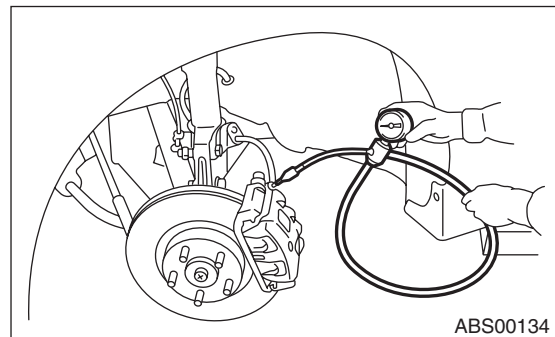
- 1) Lift up the vehicle and remove the wheel.
- 2) Remove the air bleeder screws from FL and FR caliper bodies.
- 3) Connect two pressure gauges to FL and FR caliper bodies.

CAUTION:

- Use a pressure gauge used exclusively for brake fluid measurement.
- Do not use a pressure gauge used for the measuring transmission oil pressure, as the piston seal may expand and deform.

NOTE:

Wrap sealing tape around the pressure gauge.



- 4) Bleed air from the pressure gauge.
- 5) Perform VDC sequence control.
<Ref. to VDC-14, VDC Sequence Control.>
- 6) When the hydraulic unit begins to work, first the FL side performs compression, hold, and decompression, and then the FR side performs compression, hold, and decompression.

7) Read values indicated on the pressure gauge and check if the fluctuation of the values between decompression and compression meets specification. Depress the brake pedal and check that it is not abnormally hard, and tightness is normal.

	Front wheel	Rear wheel
When pressurized	3,000 kPa (31 kgf/cm ² , 441 psi) or more	3,000 kPa (31 kgf/cm ² , 441 psi) or more
When depressurized	500 kPa (5 kgf/cm ² , 73 psi) or less	500 kPa (5 kgf/cm ² , 73 psi) or less

8) Disconnect the pressure gauges from FL and FR caliper bodies.

9) Install the air bleeder screws of FL and FR caliper bodies.

10) Remove the air bleeder screws from RL and RR caliper bodies.

11) Connect two pressure gauges to RL and RR caliper bodies.

12) Bleed air from RL and RR caliper bodies, and pressure gauge.

13) Perform VDC sequence control.

<Ref. to VDC-14, VDC Sequence Control.>

14) When the hydraulic unit begins to work, first the RR side performs compression, hold, and decompression, and then the RL side performs compression, hold, and decompression.

15) Read the values indicated on the pressure gauges and check if it is within specification. Depress the brake pedal and check that it is not abnormally hard, and tightness is normal.

16) Disconnect the pressure gauge from the RL and RR caliper bodies.

17) Install the air bleeder screws of RL and RR caliper bodies.

18) Bleed air from the brake line.

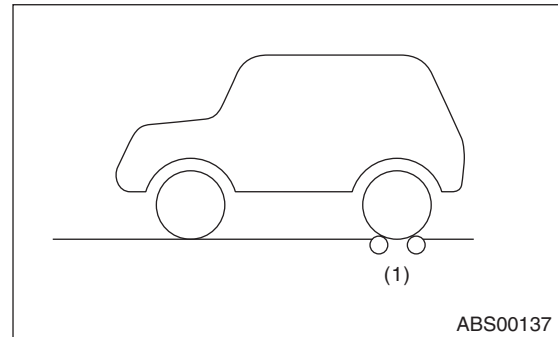
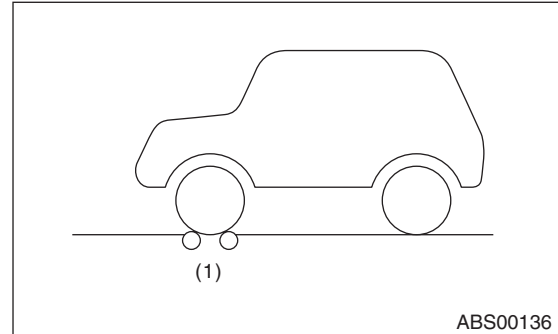
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1) Set wheels other than the one to measure on free rollers.

2) Prepare to operate the VDC sequence control.

<Ref. to VDC-14, VDC Sequence Control.>

3) Set the front wheels or rear wheels on the brake tester and set the select lever position to the "N" range.



(1) Brake tester

4) Operate the brake tester.

5) Perform VDC sequence control.

<Ref. to VDC-14, VDC Sequence Control.>

6) When the hydraulic unit begins to work, check the following work sequence.

(1) The FL wheel performs compression, hold and decompression in sequence, and subsequently the FR wheel repeats the cycle.

(2) The RR wheel performs compression, hold and decompression in sequence, and subsequently the RL wheel repeats the cycle.

7) Read values indicated on the brake tester and check if the fluctuation of the values between decompression and compression meets specification.

	Front wheel	Rear wheel
When pressurized	2,000 N (204 kgf, 450 lb) or more	2,000 N (204 kgf, 450 lb) or more
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D: ADJUSTMENT

When the following replacement, removal and installation are performed, be sure to perform the centering of the steering angle sensor and zero point setting of the yaw rate & lateral G sensor.

- VDCCM&H/U
- Steering angle sensor
- Yaw rate & lateral G sensor
- Steering wheel parts (Including airbag)
- Suspension parts
- Wheel alignment adjustment

1) Park the vehicle straight on a level surface. (Engine operation in the “P” or “N” range)

2) Check that steering wheel is positioned at the center. (When the center position is not correct, adjust the wheel alignment.)

3) Set the Subaru Select Monitor III to the vehicle, and select {Set up mode for Neutral of Steering Angle Sensor & Lateral G Sensor 0 point} in the “Function check sequence” screen. (Follow the steps on the display.)

4) On the “Brake Control System” display screen, select {Current Data Display & Save}, and check that the steering angle sensor shows “0 deg”.

5) When the “0 deg” is not displayed, repeat the above steps and check that the “0 deg” is displayed.

6) Drive the vehicle for 10 minutes, and check that the ABS and VDC warning light is not illuminated.

7) Check that there is no unnecessary VDC operation or steering control loss. If there is a problem, repeat the steps above.