

# BRAKES AND WHEELS

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## BRAKE DIAGNOSIS

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### GENERAL

In most instances, the customer will describe the difficulty as one or more of the conditions listed in the diagnosis charts. Road test the vehicle with the customer to confirm the difficulty and obtain additional information. Follow procedures listed in the diagnosis charts to pinpoint the cause of the problem.

### ADJUSTMENTS

#### Brake Pedal and Linkage

The one-piece suspended brake pedal is connected to the support bracket by the brake pedal shaft. The shaft serves both as an attaching part and as a pivot for the brake pedal.

The power pedal linkage to the master cylinder piston (or power unit push rod, if equipped with power brakes) should be lubricated and inspected regularly for binding, looseness, or excessive play. Binding can cause improper pedal release which may result in brake drag and rapid lining wear. Worn pedal linkage may cause low pedal or frequent need for brake adjustment.

Pedal free play should be 1/16 to 1/4 inch. Inadequate free play can result in brake drag or grab. Excessive free play can result in a low brake pedal. Pedal free play on models with nonpower brakes is governed by the brake pedal push rod length which is preset at manufacture. Push rod length is not adjustable on these models and, under normal circumstances, should not require further attention. Power

brake equipped vehicles utilize a single push rod in the power unit which is not adjustable. When replacing power brake units, use the push rod supplied with the replacement power unit as it has been properly gauged and preset for use with the replacement unit. Pedal free play for power brake equipped vehicles is the same as for vehicles with manual brakes (1/16 inch to 1/4 inch).

#### Parking Brake Adjustment—All Models

**NOTE:** *Wheel brakes must be adjusted prior to adjusting parking brakes.*

- (1) Release parking brake.
- (2) Loosen locknuts at equalizer and relieve tension on cables.
- (3) Inspect all cables for binds, kinks, or frayed condition. Replace defective cables.
- (4) Tighten cables until slight drag is produced at wheels.
- (5) Loosen cables until wheels rotate freely and no drag is felt.
- (6) Tighten locknuts at equalizer.
- (7) Check operation of parking brake.

#### Stoplamp Switch—All Models

The stoplamp switch is mounted on a flange attached to the brake pedal support bracket (fig. 9-1). A spring-loaded plunger in the switch makes and breaks the stoplamp circuit.



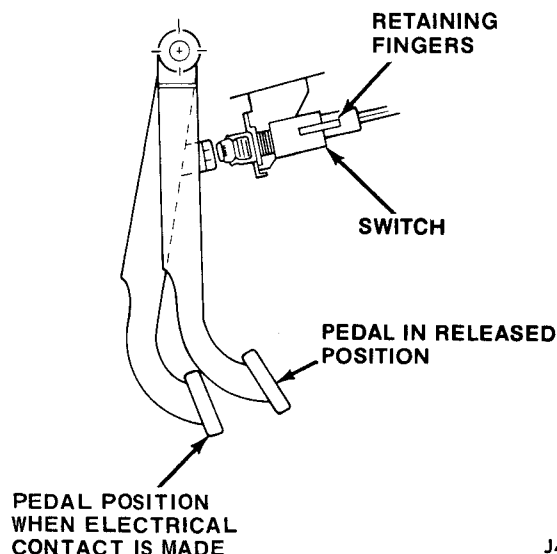
When the brake pedal is in the released position, the pedal arm contacts the switch plunger, holding it in the off position. When the brake pedal is depressed, the spring-loaded plunger extends with brake pedal movement until the switch is in the on position (fig. 9-1).

## Switch Adjustment

(1) Release brake pedal to its normal position. On Cherokee, Wagoneer, and Truck models, unhook retaining fingers that secure wire harness plug to switch. On all models, disconnect wire at rear of switch.

(2) Adjust switch by turning in or out of mounting bracket. Switch plunger should be in ON position and activate stop lamps after 3/8 to 5/8 inch of brake pedal travel. Measure pedal travel from center of pedal pad.

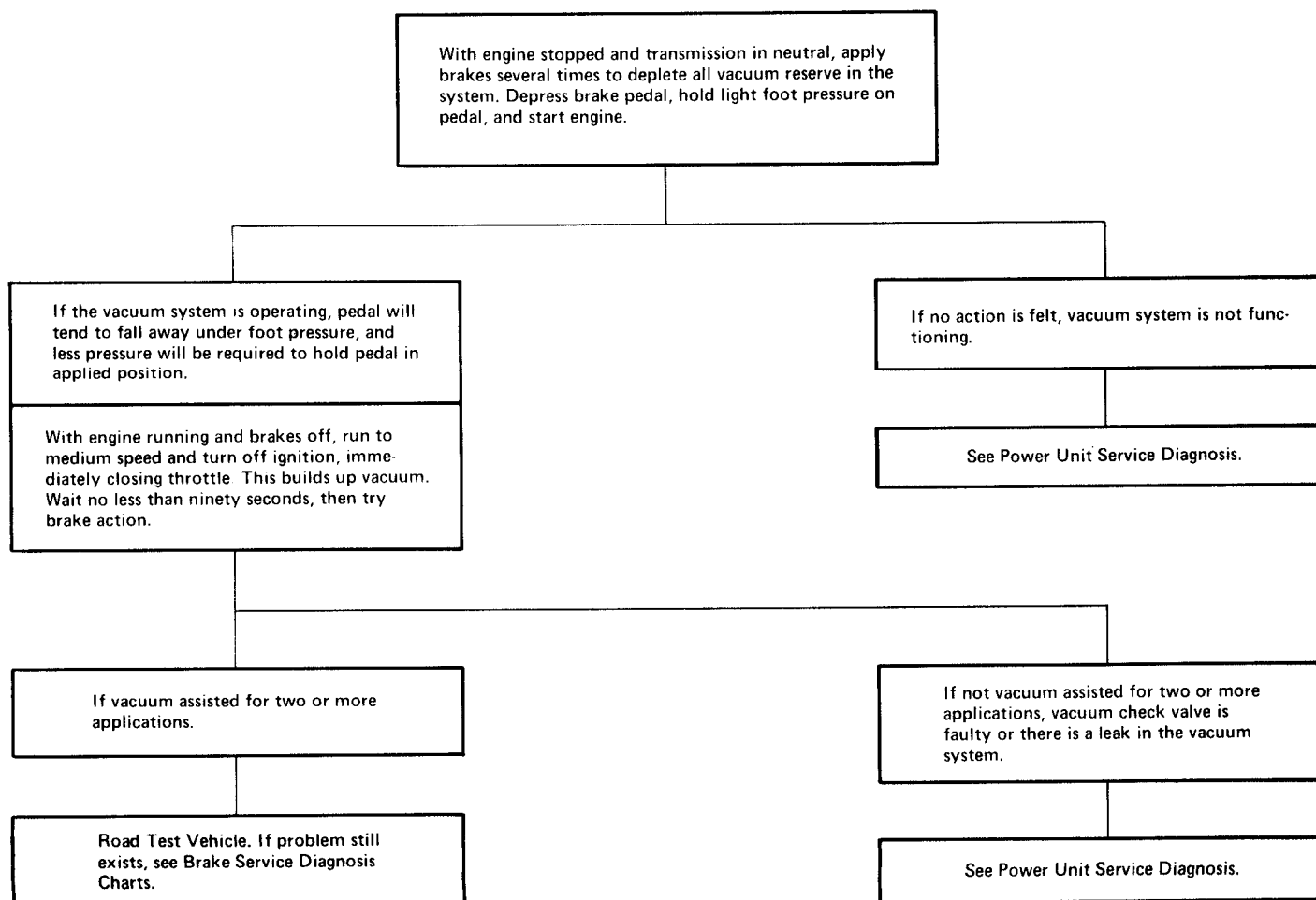
(3) Connect wire or harness plug to switch.



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Fig. 9-1 Stoplamp Switch Operation

## Power Brake Diagnosis Procedure



**Power Unit Service Diagnosis**

Condition	Possible Cause	Correction
HARD PEDAL (NO POWER ASSIST)	(1) Refer to EXCESSIVE PEDAL EFFORT.	(1) Refer to EXCESSIVE PEDAL EFFORT.
	(2) Loss of vacuum to power unit.	(2) Check for loose hose or check valve seal. Check for collapsed or damaged hose. Inspect vacuum check valve for damage or leak. Replace parts as required.
	(3) Internal malfunction in power unit.	(3) Replace power unit.
SLOW RETURN OF BRAKE PEDAL	(1) Bellcrank pivot pins binding (CJ only) or, pedal linkage binding. See PULLS and GRABBING BRAKES in Brake Service Diagnosis Charts.	(1) Lube all pedal pivot points. Remove, clean, lube and install pivot pins.
	(2) Internal malfunction in power unit.	(2) Replace power unit.
GRABBING OR DRAGGING BRAKES	(1) Bellcrank pivot pins binding (CJ only).	(1) Remove, clean, lubricate, and install pivot pins.
	(2) Refer to PULLS and GRABBING BRAKES in Brake Service Diagnosis Charts.	(2) See PULLS and GRABBING BRAKES in Brake Service Diagnosis Charts.
	(3) Push rod (in power unit) binding due to corrosion or burrs on push rod.	(3) Check and correct as required. Do not lube push rod. Clean push rod with brake fluid and clean cloth only.
	(4) Internal malfunction in power unit.	(4) Replace power unit.

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**Drum Brakes Service Diagnosis—All Models**

LOW PEDAL OR PEDAL GOES TO TOE BOARD	(1) Low fluid level.	(1) Fill reservoir with approved brake fluid.
	(2) Excessive clearance between lining and drums.	(2) Adjust brakes.
	(3) Automatic adjusters not working.	(3) Make forward and reverse stops; if pedal stays low, repair faulty adjusters.
	(4) Leaking brake lines.	(4) Repair or replace faulty parts.

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### Drum Brakes Service Diagnosis (Continued)

Condition	Possible Cause	Correction
LOW PEDAL OR PEDAL GOES TO TOE BOARD (Continued)	(5) Leaking wheel cylinders.	(5) Overhaul wheel cylinder.
	(6) Internal leak in master cylinder.	(6) Overhaul master cylinder.
	(7) Air in system.	(7) Bleed system.
	(8) Improper brake fluid.	(8) Flush system and refill with approved fluid.
SPRINGY, SPONGY PEDAL	(1) Air trapped in hydraulic system.	(1) Remove air by bleeding.
	(2) Improper brake fluid.	(2) Flush and bleed system; use approved brake fluid.
	(3) Improper lining thickness or location.	(3) Install new lining or replace shoe and lining.
	(4) Drums worn too thin, (beyond 0.060 inch oversize specification)	(4) Replace drum(s) as required.
	(5) Master cylinder filler vent clogged	(5) Clean vent or replace cap; bleed brakes.
	(6) Hoses-lines collapsed, kinked, leaking.	(6) Replace as required.
	(7) Master cylinder compensator port blocked.	(7) Disassemble master cylinder. Repair as required.
EXCESSIVE PEDAL PRESSURE REQUIRED TO STOP VEHICLE	(1) Brake adjustment not correct.	(1) Adjust brakes.
	(2) Incorrect lining.	(2) Install new linings.
	(3) Grease or fluid-soaked lining.	(3) Repair grease seal or wheel cylinder. Install new linings.
	(4) Improper fluid.	(4) Flush system; use approved brake fluid.
	(5) Frozen master or wheel cylinder pistons.	(5) Overhaul master or wheel cylinders.
	(6) Brake pedal binding on shaft.	(6) Lubricate pivot points.
	(7) Linings watersoaked.	(7) Drive with brakes lightly applied to dry linings.
	(8) Glazed linings.	(8) Replace linings.
	(9) Bell-mouthed, barrel-shaped, or scored drums.	(9) Replace or resurface drums in left and right hand pairs.

### Drum Brakes Service Diagnosis (Continued)

Condition	Possible Cause	Correction
LIGHT PEDAL PRESSURE-BRAKES TOO SEVERE	(1) Brake adjustment not correct.	(1) Adjust brakes.
	(2) Loose support plates.	(2) Tighten support plates.
	(3) A small amount of grease or fluid on linings.	(3) Replace the linings.
	(4) Pedal linkage binding, or power unit bellcrank pivot pins binding (CJ only).	(4) Lube linkage and bellcrank pivot pins.
	(5) Internal bind in power unit.	(5) Replace power unit.
	(6) Incorrect lining.	(6) Install new linings.
	(7) Lining loose on shoe.	(7) Replace lining or shoe and lining.
	(8) Bell-mouthed, barrel-shaped, or scored drums.	(8) Turn drums in pairs or replace.
	(9) Combination valve faulty.	(9) Replace combination valve.
PULSATING BRAKE PEDAL	(1) Drums out-of-round.	(1) Refinish drums.
	(2) Loose brake drum on hub.	(2) Tighten.
	(3) Worn or loose wheel bearings.	(3) Replace or adjust.
	(4) Bent shoes or linings.	(4) Replace shoe-lining assembly as required.
	(5) Bent rear axle shaft.	(5) Replace axle shaft.
	(6) Loose or bent support plate.	(6) Tighten or replace support plate.
BRAKE FADE	(1) Incorrect lining.	(1) Replace lining.
	(2) Air in lines or improper brake fluid.	(2) Bleed system. Drain and flush if fluid is improper type.
	(3) Master cylinder primary piston worn, or bore scored, corroded.	(3) Disassemble master cylinder. Repair as required.
ALL BRAKES DRAG (ADJUSTMENT IS KNOWN TO BE CORRECT)	(1) Pedal bellcrank pivot pins binding (CJ only).	(1) Lubricate pedal pivot or bellcrank pivot pins.
	(2) Improper fluid.	(2) Replace rubber parts and fill.
	(3) On power brakes (CJ only) push rod height is incorrect.	(3) Adjust push rod height.



### Drum Brakes Service Diagnosis (Continued)

Condition	Possible Cause	Correction
ALL BRAKES DRAG (ADJUSTMENT IS KNOWN TO BE CORRECT (Continued))	(4) Compensating or bypass port of master cylinder closed. (5) Use of inferior hydraulic fluid or rubber parts. (Swollen cups, corroded wheel or master cylinder bores.	(4) Open with compressed air. (5) Overhaul wheel and/or master cylinder.
BRAKE PEDAL TRAVEL DE- CREASING	(1) Master cylinder compensating port plugged. (2) Power bellcrank pivot pins binding (CJ only) or pedal pivot binding on manual brakes. (3) Swollen cup in master cylinder. (4) Master cylinder piston not returning. (5) Wheel cylinder pistons sticking.	(1) Use compressed air to unplug. (2) Lube pedal pivot or pivot pins. (3) Replace rubber parts. Flush system. (4) Overhaul master cylinder. (5) Overhaul wheel cylinder.
ONE WHEEL DRAGS	(1) Weak or broken brake shoe retracting springs. (2) Power unit bellcrank pivot pins binding (CJ only) or pedal pivot binding. (3) Insufficient brake shoe-to-drum clearance. (4) Loose wheel bearings. (5) Wheel cylinder piston cups swollen and distorted. (6) Pistons sticking in wheel cylinder. (7) Restriction in brake line. (8) Loose anchor pin. (9) Parking brake components seized or incorrectly adjusted.	(1) Replace the defective brake shoe springs and lubricate the brake shoe ledges. (2) Lube pedal pivot or pivot pins. (3) Adjust brakes. Repair automatic adjusters if necessary. (4) Adjust wheel bearings. (5) Overhaul wheel cylinders. (6) Clean or replace pistons; clean cylinder bore. (7) Clean out or replace. (8) Adjust and tighten lock nut. (9) Repair or replace parts as necessary.
ONE WHEEL LOCKS	(1) Contaminated linings. (2) Tire tread slick.	(1) Replace the linings. (2) Replace tire or, match up tire treads from side to side.



## Drum Brakes Service Diagnosis (Continued)

Condition	Possible Cause	Correction
BRAKES GRAB OR WON'T HOLD IN WET WEATHER	(1) Linings water-soaked.	(1) Dry out linings by driving with brakes lightly applied.
	(2) Dirt, water in drums.	(2) Clean drums.
	(3) Bent support plate allowing excessive water to enter drum.	(3) Replace support plate.
	(4) Scored drums.	(4) Grind or turn in pairs.
BRAKES SQUEAK	(1) Support plate bent or shoes twisted.	(1) Replace damaged parts.
	(2) Metallic particles or dust imbedded in lining.	(2) Sand the surfaces of the linings and drums. Remove all particles of metal that may be found in the surface of the linings.
	(3) Lining rivets loose or lining not held tightly against the shoe at the ends.	(3) Replace rivets. Replace shoe lining assemblies if damaged.
	(4) Drums distorted.	(4) Turn, grind, or replace drums.
	(5) Shoes scraping on support plate ledges.	(5) Lubricate.
	(6) Weak or broken hold-down springs.	(6) Replace defective parts.
	(7) Loose wheel bearings.	(7) Tighten to proper setting.
	(8) Charred lining.	(8) Replace lining.
	(9) Loose support plate, anchor, drum, or wheel cylinder.	(9) Tighten.
	(10) Linings located wrong on shoes.	(10) Install linings correctly.
REAR BRAKES DRAG	(1) Adjustment not correct.	(1) Adjust brake shoes and parking brake mechanism.
	(2) Parking brake cables frozen.	(2) Lubricate or replace as required.
	(3) Dirty lining.	(3) Clean lining.
	(4) Wheel cylinder cups swollen or piston sticking.	(4) Overhaul cylinders.
	(5) Weak retracting springs.	(5) Replace springs.
	(6) Shoes binding on support plate.	(6) Lubricate support plate ledges.



### Drum Brakes Service Diagnosis (Continued)

Condition	Possible Cause	Correction
VEHICLE PULLS TO ONE SIDE	(1) Grease or fluid-soaked lining.	(1) Locate and correct leakage; replace with new linings.
	(2) Adjustment not correct.	(2) Adjust the brakes.
	(3) Loose wheel bearings, loose support plate(s) or loose spring bolts.	(3) Adjust wheel bearing; tighten support plate(s) and tighten spring bolts.
	(4) Linings not of specified kind or primary and secondary shoes reversed.	(4) Install new linings.
	(5) Power unit bellcrank pivot pins binding (CJ only).	(5) Lube pivot pins.
	(6) Tires not properly inflated or unequal wear of tread. Different tread design side to side.	(6) Inflate the tires to recommended pressures. Rotate tires so that tread surfaces of similar design and equal wear will be installed on the front wheels.
	(7) Water, mud, or foreign matter in brakes.	(7) Remove foreign material from brake parts and inside of the drums. Lubricate the shoe ledges and the rear brake cable ramps.
	(8) Wheel cylinder sticking.	(8) Overhaul or replace wheel cylinder.
	(9) Weak or broken retracting springs.	(9) Check springs. Replace bent, opencoiled or cracked springs.
	(10) Out-of-round drums.	(10) Resurface or replace drums in left and right hand pairs (both front and both rear).
	(11) Brake dragging.	(11) Check for loose lining. Repair or replace as required.
	(12) Broken spring or loose U-bolts.	(12) Replace spring or tighten U-bolts.
	(13) Loose steering components.	(13) Tighten or repair and adjust as required.
	(14) Unequal camber.	(14) Replace axle housing.
	(15) Clogged or crimped brake line.	(15) Repair or replace line.
	(16) Wheel cylinder incorrect size.	(16) Replace with correct cylinders.
	(17) Worn steering knuckle bearings.	(17) Replace.

**Drum Brakes Service Diagnosis (Continued)**

Condition	Possible Cause	Correction
BRAKES CHATTER	(1) Incorrect lining-to-drum clearance. (2) Loose brake support plate. (3) Grease, fluid, road dust on lining. (4) Weak or broken retractor spring. (5) Loose wheel bearings. (6) Drums out-of-round. (7) Cocked or distorted shoes. (8) Tapered or barrel-shaped drums.	(1) Adjust to recommended clearances. (2) Tighten support plate. (3) Clean out dust; replace grease and fluid-soaked lining. (4) Replace. (5) Adjust. (6) Grind or replace drums in pairs. (7) Straighten or replace. (8) Turn or replace drums in pairs.
SHOE CLICK	(1) Shoes lift off support plate and snap back. (2) Holddown springs weak. (3) Shoe bent. (4) Grooves in support plate ledges.	(1) Change drums side to side or turn drums (in pairs). (2) Replace springs. (3) Replace shoes on both sides. (4) Replace support plate.
SNAPPING NOISE IN FRONT END	(1) Grooved support plate ledges. (2) Lack of lubrication on support plate ledges. (3) Loose drums or support plates. (4) Loose or worn front end parts.	(1) Replace support plate. (2) Lubricate ledges. (3) Tighten. (4) Tighten or replace defective parts.

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**Disc Brakes Service Diagnosis—Cherokee-Wagoneer-Truck**

Condition	Possible Cause	Correction
BRAKE CHATTER OR ROUGHNESS. BRAKE PEDAL PULSATES	(1) Excessive rotor lateral runout. (2) Excessive thickness variation. (3) Loose or worn wheel bearings.	(1) Check rotor runout. Refinish if not to specs (refer to Rotor Measurements). Replace if unable to refinish. (2) Check thickness variation. Refinish if out of spec. Replace if unable to refinish. (3) Adjust to specs. Replace if worn or damaged.

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## Disc Brakes Service Diagnosis (Continued)

Condition	Possible Cause	Correction
BRAKE CHATTER OR ROUGHNESS; BRAKE PEDAL PULSATES (Continued)	(4) Rear drums out-of-round.	(4) Check runout. If not to specs turn drum. Do not remove more than .060 inch.
	(5) Disc brake shoes reversed (steel side of shoe riding on rotor).	(5) Replace rotor and shoes.
	(6) Shoes bent or linings worn.	(6) Replace shoes.
EXCESSIVE PEDAL EFFORT REQUIRED	(1) Malfunction in power brake unit.	(1) Check operation. Refer to Power Brake Units.
	(2) Malfunction in front or rear brake system (dual master cylinder) such as: wheel cylinder leaks, defective brake lines, caliper piston seal leak, master cylinder piston cups not holding pressure.	(2) Check both brake systems and correct as required. Check for failed brake warning light if brake failure occurred and light did not operate.
	(3) Lining worn.	(3) Check and replace linings as required.
	(4) Caliper piston(s) sticking.	(4) Rebuild caliper(s).
	(5) Brake fade caused by incorrect or non-recommended linings.	(5) Replace with correct or recommended lining.
	(6) Incorrect master cylinder.	(6) Check and replace if required.
EXCESSIVE PEDAL TRAVEL	(1) Low fluid level.	(1) Add fluid as required.
	(2) Leak in system.	(2) Inspect and correct as required.
	(3) Air in system.	(3) Bleed brakes.
	(4) Rear brakes not adjusting properly.	(4) Adjust rear brakes and repair automatic adjusters.
	(5) Worn lining.	(5) Replace linings. If wear is excessive or premature, check for incorrect lining, sticking caliper pistons, binding park brake cables, shoe drag on support plate, weak return springs on drum brakes, improper rear brake adjustment.
	(6) Bent or broken shoe.	(6) Replace as required.
	(7) Master cylinder mounting bolts loose.	(7) Check and retighten.
	(8) Rotor thickness or drum diameter below specification.	(8) Inspect, measure and replace as required.

**Disc Brakes Service Diagnosis (Continued)**

Condition	Possible Cause	Correction
<b>DRAGGING BRAKES</b>  NOTE: A very light drag occurring after releasing the brake pedal is a characteristic of disc brakes.	(1) Master cylinder pistons not returning properly.  (2) Restrictions in brake lines or hoses.  (3) Incorrect parking brake adjustment.  (4) Rear shoes not returning to normal position.  (5) Caliper pistons not releasing. Pistons stuck due to piston scoring or corrosion or piston cocking in bore.  (6) Lines to combination valve installed incorrectly.  (7) Bind in brake pedal or power unit bellcrank pivot pins (CJ only)  (8) Check valve installed in master cylinder outlet port.	(1) Remove cover, check for spurt of fluid at compensator holes as brake pedal is depressed. Rebuild master cylinder if fluid spurt is not observed. Inspect compensator ports for blockage, use compressed air to clear passages.  (2) Check for kinks or dents in steel lines. Check rubber hoses for swelling or restrictions inside hose.  (3) Check and readjust to spec. Inspect cables for bind or frayed conditions.  (4) Return springs weak. Shoes dragging on support plate due to lack of lube or ridges on support plate ledges. Wheel cylinder cups swollen or pistons sticking. Repair or replace faulty parts as required.  (5) Repair or replace pistons or caliper as required.  (6) Check and correct as required. Port marked inlet goes to master cylinder; port marked outlet goes to calipers.  (7) Lube pedal pivot or pivot pins.  (8) Check outlet. Remove valve if present. Bleed brakes.
<b>GRABBING BRAKES</b>	(1) Refer to all conditions listed under PULLS WHEN BRAKES ARE APPLIED.  (2) Power brake unit malfunction or bellcrank pivot pins binding (CJ only).  (3) Combination valve malfunction.  (4) Incorrect power unit.	(1) See PULLS WHEN BRAKES ARE APPLIED.  (2) Check operation and replace or repair as required. Refer to POWER UNIT SERVICE DIAGNOSIS Chart.  (3) Replace valve and bleed system.  (4) Check and replace as required.



## Disc Brakes Service Diagnosis (Continued)

Condition	Possible Cause	Correction
PULLS WHEN BRAKES ARE APPLIED	(1) Incorrect tire pressures.	(1) Inflate to spec.
	(2) Mismatched tires on same axle.	(2) Install equal size, type tires.
	(3) Wheel bearings misadjusted or worn.	(3) Adjust or replace as required.
	(4) Malfunction in caliper.	(4) Check for stuck piston.
	(5) Damaged or contaminated shoe and lining (grease on lining or bent shoe).	(5) Replace shoe and lining on both sides. Replace axle seals, wheel cylinder cups, or caliper piston seals, if leaking.
	(6) Rear brake problem: automatic adjusters inoperable, contaminated lining, defective wheel cylinders, seized or improperly adjusted park brake cables, shoes binding on support plate, linings worn, linings charred or cracked, bent support plate, weak retracting springs, drums out-of-round.	(6) Inspect and repair or replace malfunctioning parts. Check for equal size wheel cylinders on rear brakes.
	(7) Loose calipers.	(7) Check mounting bolt torque, inspect threads on bolts for galling or stripped threads, check support plate for broken welds.
	(8) Loose suspension parts.	(8) Inspect and correct as required.
	(9) Front end out of alignment.	(9) Check and correct as required.
	(10) Lining soaked with water after operation in heavy rains, or flooding conditions.	(10) Allow lining to air dry, or while driving, keep brakes lightly applied to warm up lining and evaporate water.
	(11) Disc brake rotor out of tolerance.	(11) Check and refinish or replace as required.
REAR DRUM BRAKES SKID PREMATURELY ON HARD BRAKE APPLICATION	(1) Combination valve proportioner section malfunctioning.	(1) Replace valve and bleed brakes.
	(2) Check items listed under PULLS and GRABBING.	(2) See PULLS and GRABBING.
SPONGY PEDAL	(1) Air in system.	(1) Bleed brakes. Inspect for broken lines, loose fittings, leaking caliper pistons, or wheel cylinders; check rubber seal on master cylinder cover. Check cover itself for distortion or cracks, check all bleed valves for proper torque.
	(2) Rear drums thin or cracked.	(2) Inspect and correct as required.

### Disc Brakes Service Diagnosis (Continued)

Condition	Possible Cause	Correction
SPONGY PEDAL (Continued)	(3) Calipers loose.	(3) Check mounting bolt torque.
	(4) Loose master cylinder or brake booster attaching parts.	(4) Check and correct as required.
	(5) Compensator port blocked in master cylinder.	(5) Check and correct as required.
	(6) Improper (low quality) brake fluid in system. Fluid boils and becomes aerated.	(6) Drain and flush system.

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## HYDRAULIC SYSTEM

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### GENERAL

When servicing the hydraulic system, prevent the entry of contaminants by capping all lines and ports, and by avoiding the use of mineral-oil based fluids for cleaning system components.

**CAUTION:** *Never use gasoline, kerosene, carbon tetrachloride, paint thinner, alcohol, nor any other fluid containing mineral oil, to clean or lubricate hydraulic system components. These materials will cause swelling, deterioration, and premature aging of rubber parts. Use brake fluid or brake cleaning solvent only.*

To determine if dirt, moisture, or mineral-oil based cleaners have contaminated the hydraulic fluid, drain off a sample and check for suspended particles, discoloration, or separation of the fluid into distinct layers. Layering indicates the presence of water or mineral oil content. If system contamination should occur, drain and flush the system with an approved brake fluid only.

### Approved Brake Fluids

Whenever the hydraulic system is filled, use Jeep Brake Fluid or equivalent marked SAE J1703.

**CAUTION:** *Never fill the hydraulic system with used or reclaimed fluid.*

### Master Cylinder Fill Level

Master cylinder fluid level should be checked at least four times a year or every 5,000 miles. **The master cylinder fluid reservoirs should be filled to within 1/4 inch of the rim of each reservoir.** When checking fluid level, the rubber diaphragm seal on the master cylinder cover should be inspected for cracks, cuts, distortion, or any other condition that might allow air or foreign material to enter the master cylinder. When the cover is removed for any reason, do not allow the rubber diaphragm seal to come in contact with dirt, grease, or other foreign material.

### Hydraulic System Inspection Procedure

(1) Check master cylinder cover retaining spring for proper tension and fit. The spring should provide enough tension on the cover to maintain an airtight seal.

(2) Inspect rubber diaphragm seal for cracks and distortions.

(3) Check master cylinder fill level.

(4) Check for dirt and foreign material in reservoirs. Drain off a sample of brake fluid into a clean glass container and test for contamination as outlined above.

(5) Inspect all fittings and brake lines for leakage, kinks, or other damage.

(6) Inspect condition of front brake hoses. Replace if cut, cracked, swollen, or leaking.

(7) Check for evidence of fluid leakage at all wheel cylinders and front calipers (if equipped with disc brakes).

## POWER BRAKE UNITS

A tandem-diaphragm unit (fig. 9-2) is used on CJ models equipped with power brakes while Cherokee, Wagoneer, and J-10 Truck models use a 9-1/2-inch single diaphragm power unit (fig. 9-3); J-20 truck models (6500 GVW and up) use a 9-1/2-inch tandem-diaphragm power unit.

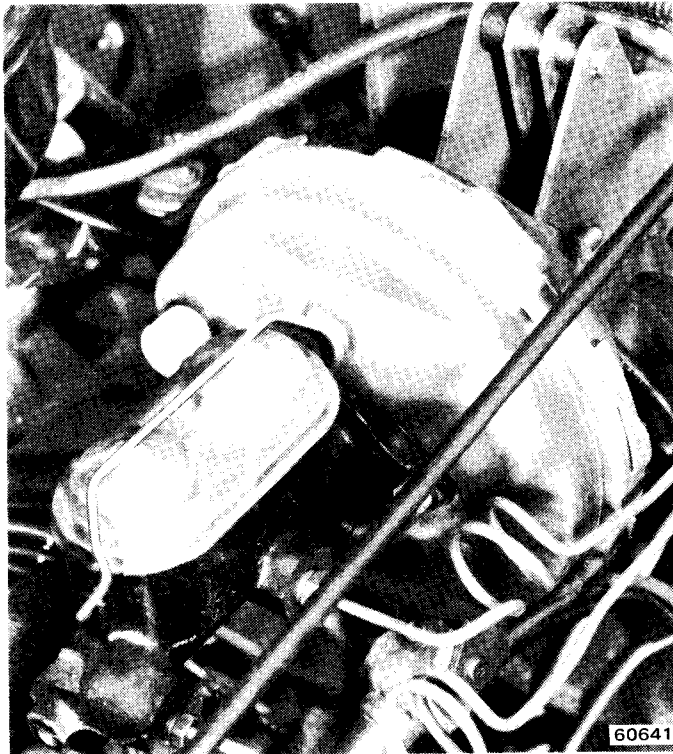


Fig. 9-2 Power Brake Unit, CJ Models

### Power Unit Service

All power brake units are serviced as an assembly. When diagnosis indicates a unit is defective, it should be replaced, not overhauled. The single and tandem diaphragm units have a single push rod (fig. 9-4) of a preset, nonadjustable length. When replacing a power unit, use the push rod supplied with the replacement power unit. This push rod has been correctly gauged and preset to the replacement unit.

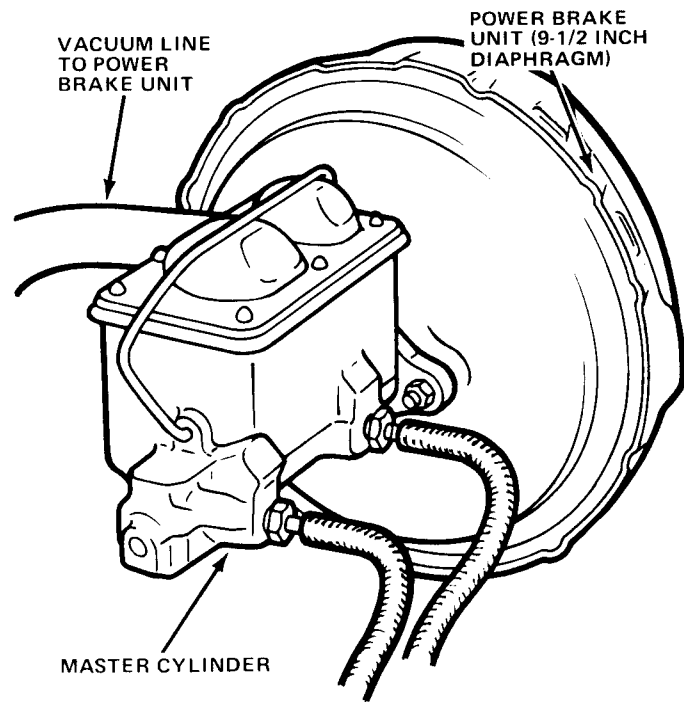


Fig. 9-3 Power Brake Unit, 9-1/2-Inch Diaphragm  
Cherokee-Wagoneer-Truck

## DUAL MASTER CYLINDER—DOUBLE-SAFETY BRAKES

In the Double-Safety brake system, the hydraulic system for the front brakes is completely separate from the rear brakes. In the event of hydraulic brake failure in the front system, the rear hydraulic brakes will still operate. If a failure occurs in the rear brakes, the front brakes will still operate.

A double hydraulic cylinder with two outlets, two fluid reservoirs, and two hydraulic pistons (a primary and secondary) is operated in tandem by a single push rod.

With the master cylinder fluid reservoirs filled and the front and rear brake systems bled, there is a solid column of fluid on the forward side of both the primary and the secondary pistons.

Upon application of the brakes, fluid is displaced by the pistons into the wheel cylinders to activate both front and rear brakes. Upon release of the brakes, fluid returns from the wheel cylinders to the master cylinder.

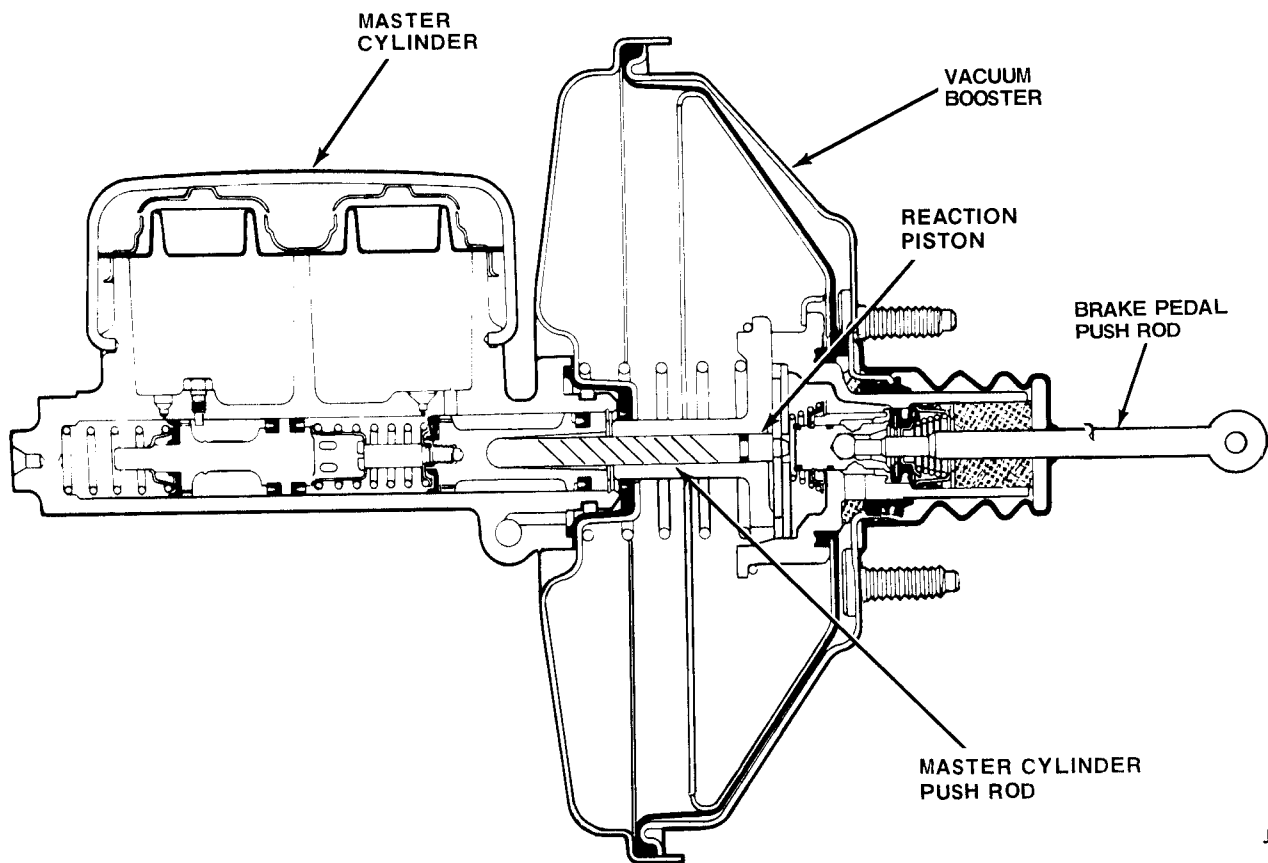
## MASTER CYLINDER—ALL MODELS

### Removal

(1) Disconnect brake lines at master cylinder. Cap or tape outlet ports in master cylinder and open ends of brake lines to prevent entry of dirt.

(2) On vehicles with manual brakes, disconnect master cylinder push rod at brake pedal.

(3) Remove bolts or nuts attaching master cylinder to cowl or power unit and remove master cylinder.



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Fig. 9-4 Single Diaphragm Power Brake Unit

## Disassembly

(1) Remove cover and diaphragm seal and drain fluid from master cylinder. Mount master cylinder in vise.

(2) On vehicles with manual brakes, remove boot, push rod, and push rod retainer (fig. 9-5 and 9-6). On CJ models, remove retainer by straightening lock tab in side of retainer.

(3) On Cherokee, Wagoneer, and Truck models, remove secondary piston stop from bottom of front reservoir using 5/16-inch socket.

(4) Push primary piston inward with phillips screwdriver, remove snap ring from groove in master cylinder bore, and remove primary and secondary piston assemblies. Air pressure applied through piston stop hole will aid in removal of secondary piston assembly.

(5) Remove piston seal and piston cups from secondary piston. It is not necessary to disassemble primary piston assembly. Primary piston is supplied as complete assembly in repair kit.

(6) Clean and inspect master cylinder. Replace if bore is severely scored, corroded, or pitted. Replace if body is cracked, porous, or has sustained other

damage. Check compensator and bypass ports in reservoirs. If plugged or dirty, open them using brake cleaning solvent and air pressure only. Do not use wire as wire may raise a burr in port or push burr into cylinder bore.

**CAUTION:** Clean master cylinder with brake fluid or approved cleaning solvent only. Do not use any solvent containing mineral oil such as gasoline, kerosene, alcohol, or carbon tetrachloride. Mineral oil is very harmful to the rubber piston cups and seals.

(7) Inspect tube seats in outlet ports. Replace seats only if cracked, scored, cocked in bore, or loose. If replacement is necessary, remove seats as follows:

(a) On Cherokee, Wagoneer, and Truck models, thread 6-32 x 5/8-inch long self-tapping screw into tube seat. Using two screwdrivers, pry up on screw to remove seat. Remove chips using brake cleaning solvent.

(b) On CJ models, enlarge hole in tube seats using 13/64-inch drill. Place flat washer on each outlet port and thread 1/4-20 x 3/4-inch long screw into seat. Tighten screw until seat is loosened. Remove seat, screw, and washer. Remove chips using brake cleaning solvent and compressed air.

## Assembly

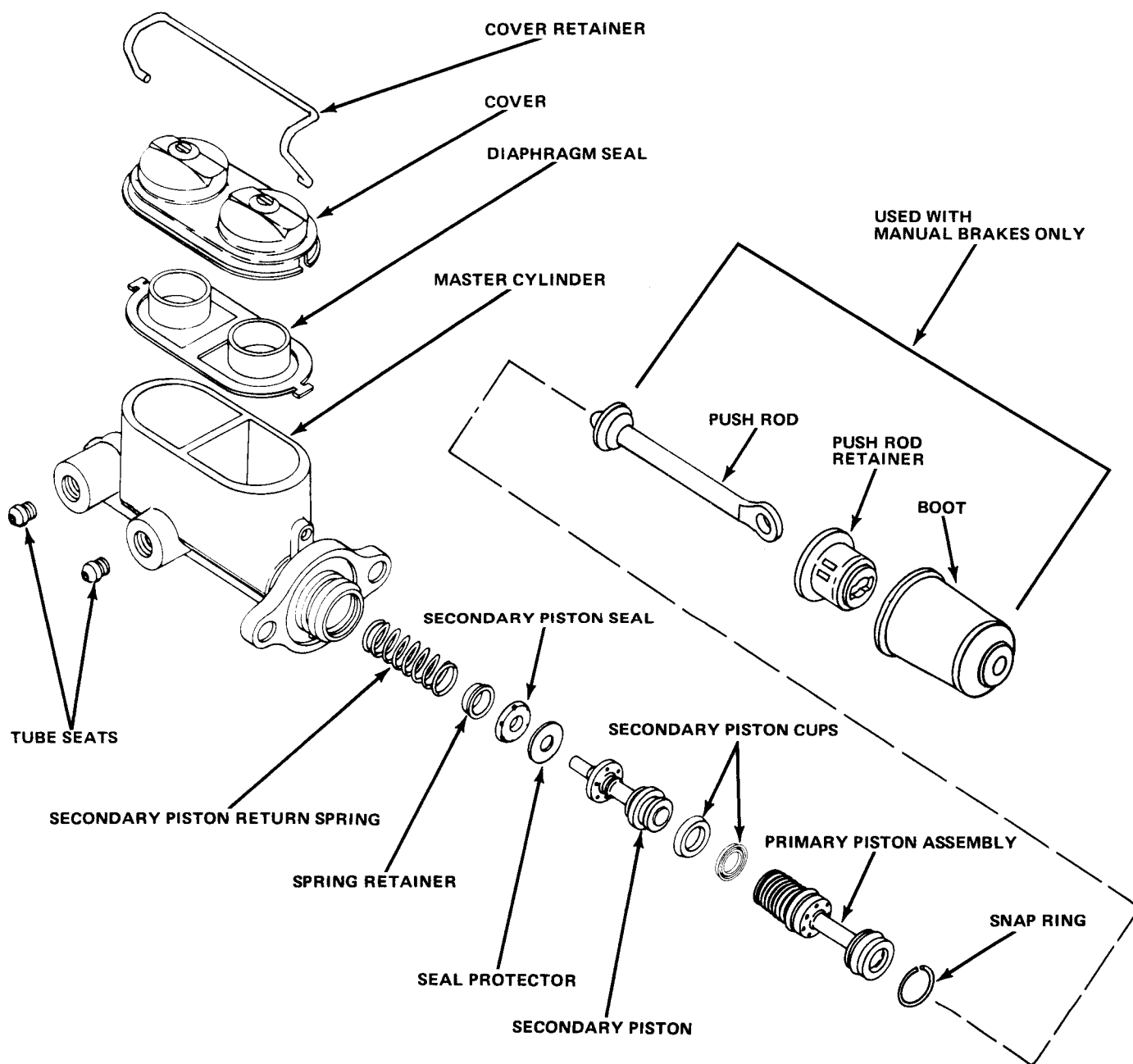
(1) Install replacement tube seats (if removed) using spare tube fitting nuts to press seats into place. Do not allow seats to become cocked during installation. Be sure seats are bottomed. Remove tube fitting nuts and check for burrs or chips. Remove burrs or chips. Rinse master cylinder in brake cleaning solvent and blow out all passages with compressed air.

(2) Install piston cups on secondary piston. Piston cup installed in groove at end of piston should have lip facing away from piston. Install next cup so lip faces piston (fig. 9-5 and 9-6).

(3) Install seal protector, piston seal, spring retainer, and return spring on secondary piston (fig. 9-5 and 9-6). Install piston seal so lip faces interior of master cylinder bore when assembly is installed. Be sure return spring seats against retainer and that retainer is located inside lip of piston seal.

(4) Lubricate master cylinder bore and secondary piston seal and cups with brake fluid and install secondary piston assembly in cylinder bore.

(5) Lubricate seals on primary piston assembly with brake fluid and install assembly in master cylinder bore.



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Fig. 9-5 Master Cylinder—CJ Models

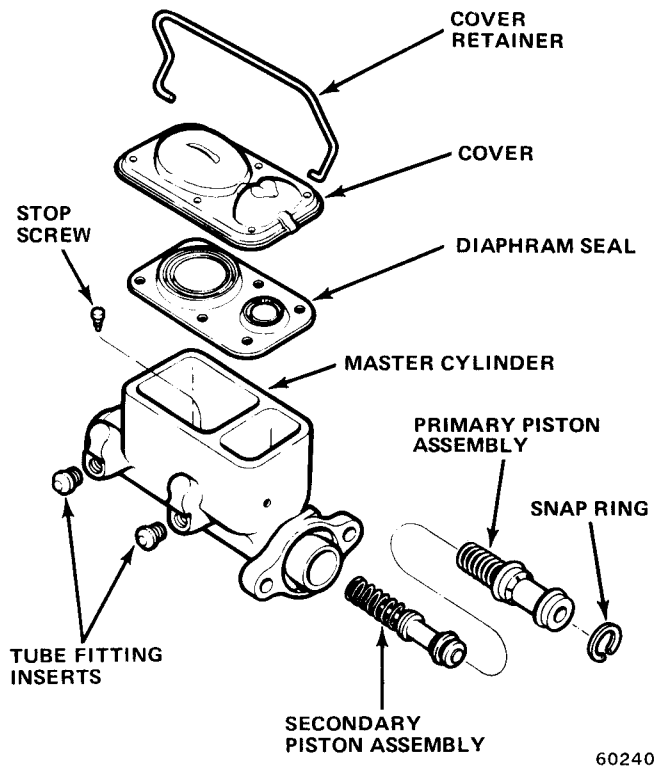


Fig. 9-6 Master Cylinder—Cherokee-Wagoneer-Truck Models

(6) Push primary piston inward with phillips screwdriver and install snap ring in groove of master cylinder bore.

(7) On Cherokee, Wagoneer, and Truck models, push both piston assemblies into cylinder bore and install piston stop in front reservoir. Be sure secondary piston is pushed back far enough to clear piston stop. Tighten stop to 33 inch-pounds torque.

(8) On all vehicles with manual brakes, install push rod, push rod retainer, and boot. On CJ models only, bend small lock tab in side of retainer into groove at end of master cylinder and install boot.

**CAUTION:** Do not install push rod, boot, and retainer on vehicles equipped with power brakes.

(9) Install diaphragm seal on master cylinder cover.

### Installation

(1) Position master cylinder on cowl or power unit and install attaching parts. Tighten nuts or bolts to 30 foot-pounds torque.

(2) Connect brake lines to master cylinder.

(3) Fill master cylinder reservoirs to within 1/4-inch of rim with Jeep Brake Fluid or equivalent and install cover and diaphragm seal.

(4) On vehicles with manual brakes, connect push rod to brake pedal.

(5) Bleed brake systems as outlined under Brake System Bleeding.

### COMBINATION VALVE—CJ MODELS

All CJ Models are equipped with a combination valve (fig. 9-7) which is attached to the inner side of the left frame rail.

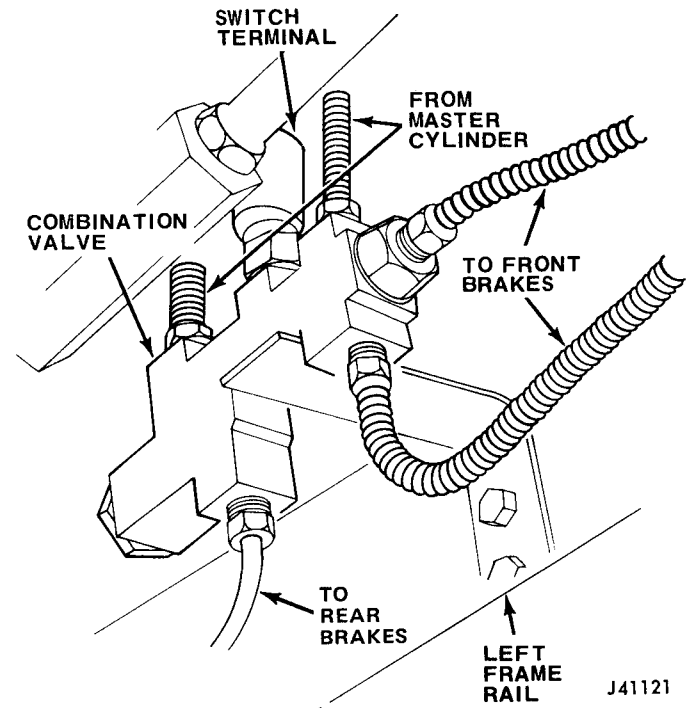


Fig. 9-7 Combination Valve—CJ Models

### Description and Operation

The combination valve used on CJ models contains a brake pressure differential warning section and a proportioning section which are combined into a single assembly. The valve also serves as the front junction block for the brake system.

#### Pressure Differential Warning Switch Section

The switch in the valve is activated when a hydraulic pressure loss occurs in either the front or rear brake systems. When the switch is activated it completes the electrical circuit to the brake warning light on the dash.

Should a failure occur in the rear brake system, the switch piston is forced to the rear of the valve by pressure from the good front brake system. As the piston moves, the piston ramp contacts the switch pin forcing it up into the switch, making contact, and completing the electrical circuit to the warning light on the dash. In the event of front brake failure, the switch is activated in the same manner except that the piston moves in the opposite direction.

**NOTE:** The presence of air in either the front or rear brake system can produce a pressure differential causing the switch to activate the warning light on the dash. Bleeding the system will correct this condition.

### Proportioner Section

The proportioner section provides balanced front-to-rear braking during high speed stops. At high deceleration, rear weight is transferred to the front wheels and must be compensated for to avoid early rear wheel skid. The proportioner section of the valve reduces initial line pressure to the rear wheels, delaying rear brake lockup and avoiding early rear wheel skid.

The proportioner does not operate during normal or light brake application.

### Service

The valve is not repairable. If any section of the valve is found defective, the entire assembly must be replaced.

When bleeding the brake system, the pressure differential switch wire, switch terminal, and contact plunger-spring assembly must be removed. Refer to Brake System Bleeding.

**NOTE:** If any leakage is evident at the switch terminal after reinstallation following brake bleeding, replace the entire valve assembly.

## COMBINATION VALVE—CHEROKEE-WAGONEER-TRUCK

All models are equipped with a combination valve (fig. 9-8) which is attached to the inner side of the left frame rail.

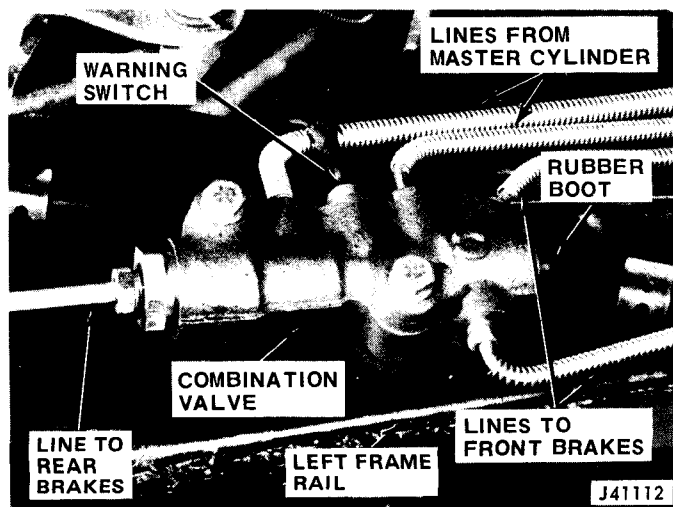


Fig. 9-8 Combination Valve—Cherokee-Wagoneer-Truck

## Description and Operation

The combination valve used on Cherokee, Wagoneer, and Truck models (fig. 9-9) contains a metering valve section, a pressure differential warning switch section, and a proportioner valve section. The combination valve also serves as the front junction block for the brake system.

### Metering Valve Section

The metering valve holds off (delays) full hydraulic fluid pressure to the front brakes until the rear brakes overcome retracting-spring tension and the rear linings make contact with the rear drums.

When the brakes are not applied (fig. 9-10) the metering valve permits free flow of brake fluid. This feature allows the fluid to expand and contract with changes in temperature.

### Pressure Differential Warning Switch Section

The warning switch in the valve is activated when a hydraulic pressure loss occurs in either the front or rear brake systems, and when activated, completes the electrical circuit to the brake warning light on the dash.

Should a failure occur in the rear brake system (fig. 9-10), the switch piston is forced to the right (toward the rear brake outlet port in the valve) by pressure from the good front system. As the piston moves, the piston ramp forces the switch pin up into the switch, making contact and completing the electrical circuit which activates the dash light. In the event of a front brake system failure, the switch is activated in the same manner except that the switch piston will move forward.

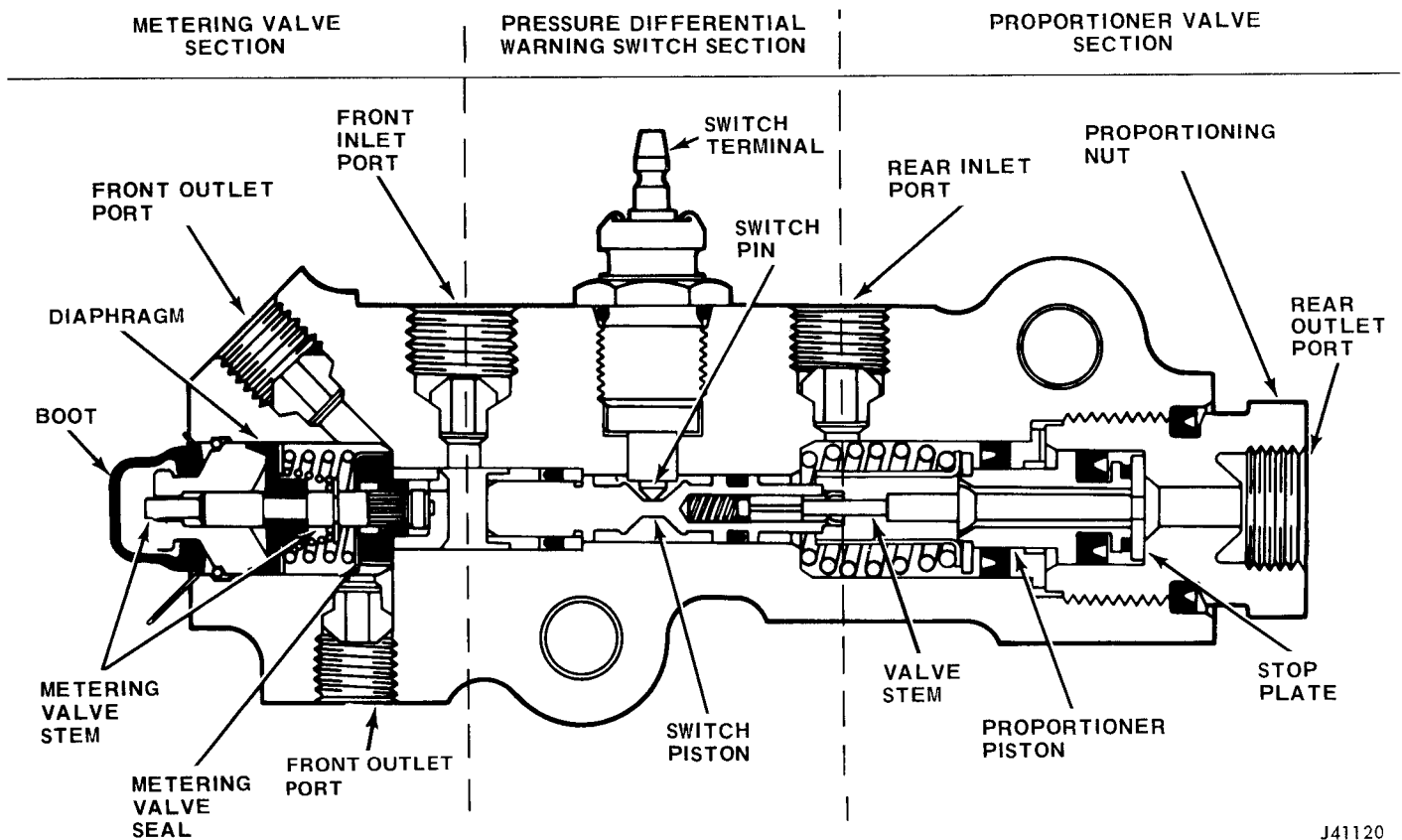
### Proportioner Section

The proportioner section provides balanced front-to-rear braking action during high pedal pressure stops. During light pedal pressure application, the proportioner does not operate. Brake fluid normally flows into the proportioner through the space between the piston center hole and valve stem, then through the stop plate and the rear brakes. Spring pressure loads the piston, holding it against the stop plate for normal brake pressures.

### Service

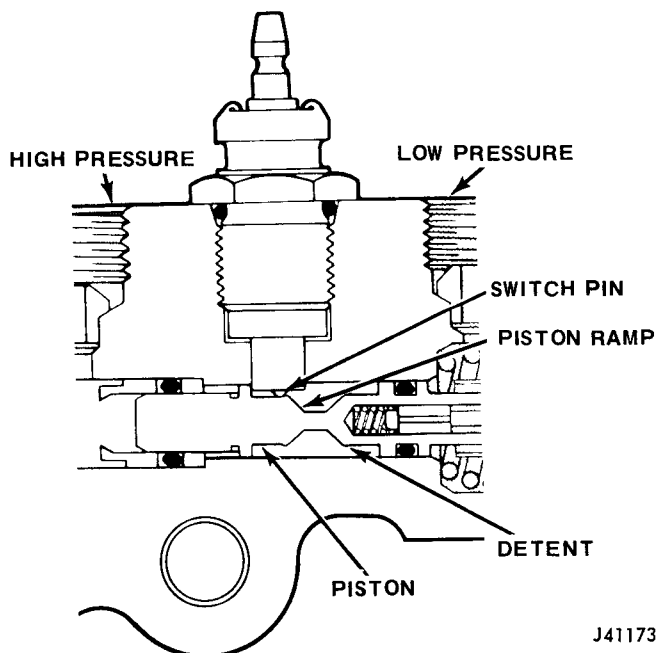
The combination valve is not repairable. If any section of the valve is found defective, the entire valve assembly must be replaced.

When bleeding the brake system, the metering section of the valve must be held open. Refer to Brake System Bleeding for procedure.



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Fig. 9-9 Combination Valve Cross Section—Cherokee-Wagoneer-Truck



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Fig. 9-10 Rear System Failure

## BRAKE SYSTEM BLEEDING

### General

The hydraulic system must be bled whenever a line has been disconnected or if air has entered the system.

Brake system bleeding can be performed manually or with pressure equipment. Bleeder screws are provided at the calipers and wheel cylinders.

### Manual Bleeding Procedure

- (1) Clean any accumulated dirt from master cylinder cover.
- (2) Remove master cylinder cover.
- (3) Fill master cylinder if required and reinstall cover.
- (4) Hold combination metering valve open as follows: On Cherokee, Wagoneer, and Truck models, loosen front mounting bolt on combination valve and insert slotted end of Tool J-23709 under mounting bolt. Push in on metering valve pin to open it and retighten the mounting bolt to hold Tool J-23709 in place (fig. 9-11). On CJ models remove the brake warning switch wire, switch terminal, plunger and spring from the combination valve.
- (5) Bleed brake system in following sequence:
  - (a) Left front wheel
  - (b) Right front wheel
  - (c) Left rear wheel
  - (d) Right rear wheel

**NOTE:** Correct bleeding procedure is as follows. Place wrench on bleeder screw. Install rubber hose on screw with free end of hose **submerged** in a

transparent container partially filled with clean brake fluid. Open screw 3/4 turn. Have helper depress brake pedal. Close bleeder screw before pedal reaches end of travel. Have helper pump up pedal each time bleeder screw is closed to ensure a good surge of fluid at the bleeder screw when valve is reopened. Repeat bleed process until fluid comes out in a solid stream without the presence of air bubbles.

**CAUTION:** Do not allow master cylinder to exhaust its supply of brake fluid. Check fluid level frequently while bleeding, and refill as required. Do not bleed two wheels at a time, and do not bleed system with calipers or drums not in place.

(6) Remove master cylinder cover and refill as required. Fill reservoir to within 1/4 inch of reservoir rim. Install cover. Make sure cover retainer is in place.

(7) For Cherokee, Wagoneer, and Truck, remove combination valve tool. On CJ models, reinstall plunger, spring, and terminal in valve.

(8) Test brake operation before moving vehicle.

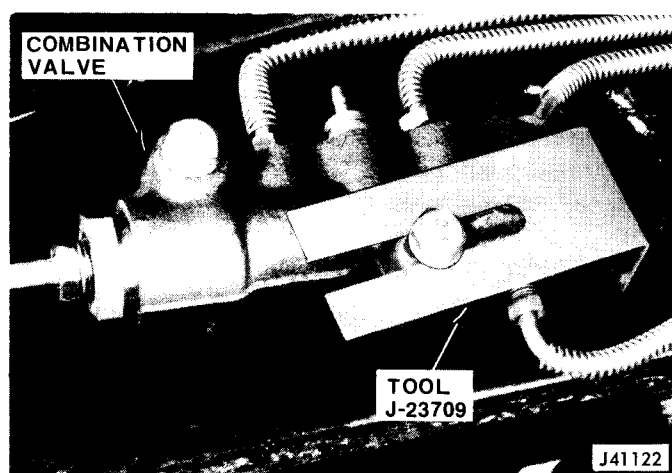


Fig. 9-11 Metering Section Hold-Open Tool Installed

## Pressure Bleeding Procedure

(1) Clean any accumulated dirt from master cylinder cover.

(2) Remove cover and rubber diaphragm seal. Place cover on work bench or on lint-free cloth. Do not allow diaphragm to contact dirt or foreign material.

(3) Fill master cylinder if required.

(4) Install brake bleeder adapter cover on master cylinder (fig. 9-12). Connect hose from pressure bleeder to fitting on adapter and open release valve on pressure bleeder.

(5) Hold combination metering valve open. On Cherokee, Wagoneer, and Truck models, install Tool J-23709 as described in step (4) of Manual Bleeding Procedure (fig. 9-11). On CJ models, remove the brake warning switch wire, switch terminal-plunger-and spring from the combination valve before bleeding the system.

(6) Bleed brake system in following sequence:

- (a) Left front wheel
- (b) Right front wheel
- (c) Left rear wheel
- (d) Right rear wheel

**NOTE:** When using pressure equipment, bleeding procedure is the same as outlined in step (5) of Manual Bleeding Procedure except that a helper is not required to depress the brake pedal. The pressure bleeder develops enough system pressure to permit bleeding without the use of the brake pedal.

(7) When system has been purged of all air, turn off pressure bleeder and close release valve.

(8) Disconnect pressure bleeder hose at adapter fitting and remove master cylinder cover adapter.

(9) Refill master cylinder reservoirs to within 1/4 inch of reservoir rim.

(10) Install cover and rubber diaphragm. Make sure cover retainer is in place.

(11) On Cherokee, Wagoneer, and Truck, remove combination valve tool and tighten mounting bolt. On CJ models, reinstall plunger, spring, and terminal in valve.

(12) Test brake operation before moving vehicle.

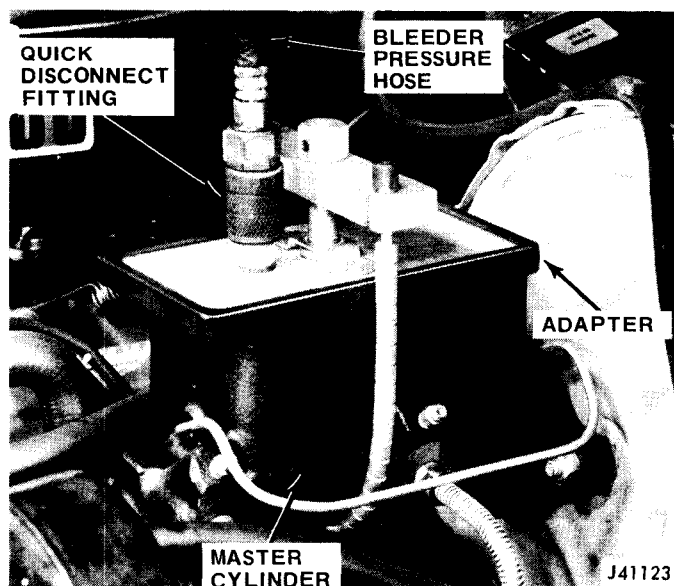


Fig. 9-12 Pressure Bleeder Adapter Installed

## DRUM BRAKES

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### GENERAL

The drum brake units consist of a support plate, two brakeshoes, brakeshoe return springs, adjuster screw, holddown springs, automatic adjuster components, and a wheel cylinder (fig. 9-13 and 9-16).

The automatic adjuster continuously maintains correct operating clearance between the brake linings and the drums by adjusting the brakes in small increments in direct proportion to lining wear. This continuous adjustment prevents gradual increase in the brake pedal travel as the linings wear. The adjuster adds the safety feature of maintaining adequate pedal reserve during the service life of the lining.

After the lining wears enough to require adjustment, the adjusting cable (CJ models) or actuating

lever (Cherokee, Wagoneer, and Truck models) will lift the lever into engagement with the next tooth of the adjusting screw when the brakes are applied. When the brake is released, the shoes return to the anchor.

The automatic-adjuster utilizes movement of the secondary shoes in a reverse brake application to actuate the adjuster mechanism.

This action will repeat on subsequent brake applications until the shoe-to-lining clearance is reduced to a point at which the shoe movement is not enough to cause the automatic adjuster to lift the lever to the next tooth.

The adjusting lever and adjusting screw assembly are left- or right-hand parts, **not** interchangeable, and **must** be kept separated.

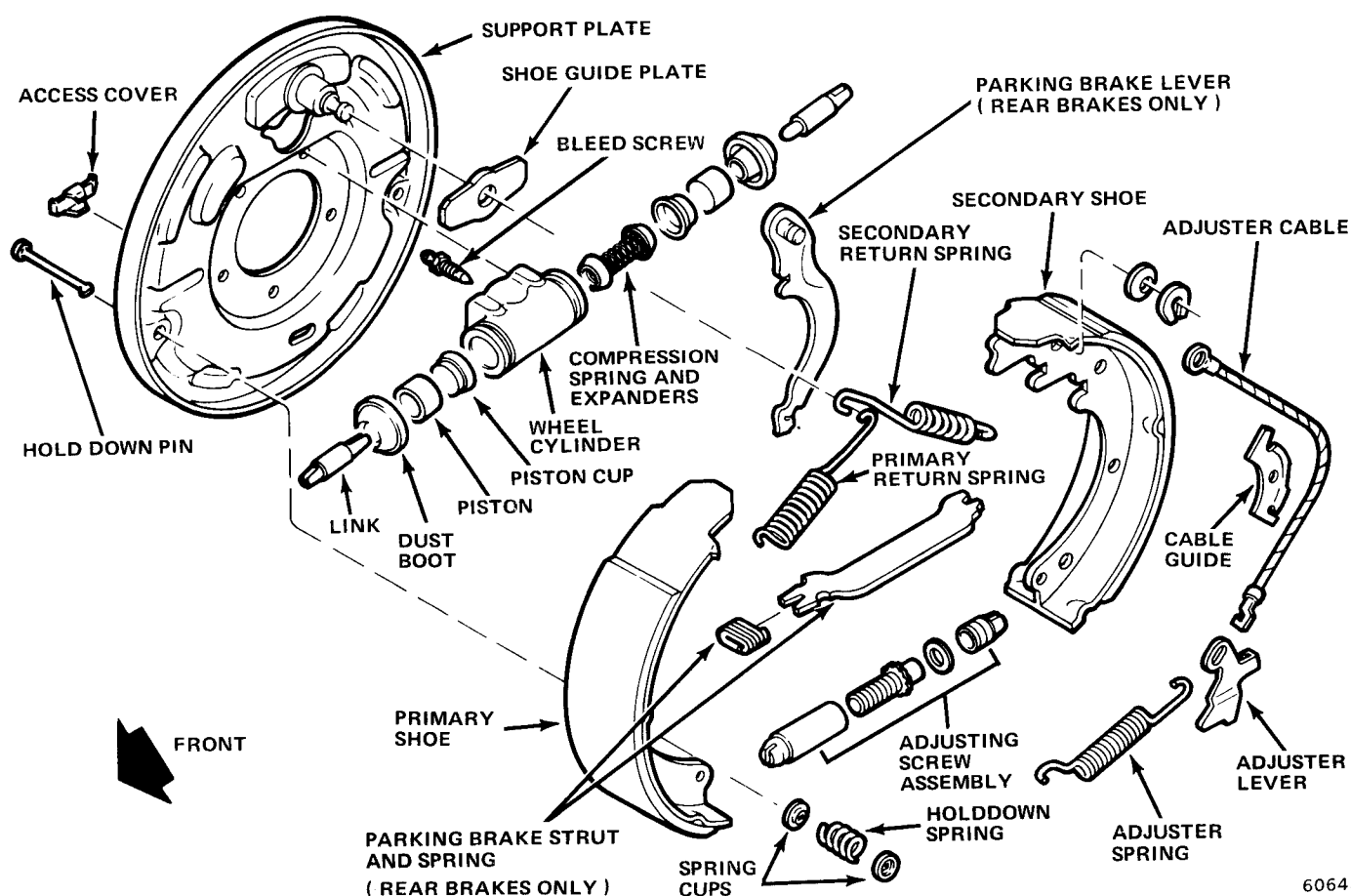


Fig. 9-13 Drum Brake Assembly—CJ Models

**SERVICE—CJ MODELS****Disassembly**

- (1) Raise vehicle.
- (2) Remove wheels and drums.
- (3) Grasp adjusting lever with pliers and remove tang from hole in secondary shoe.
- (4) Place Brake Cylinder Clamps J-8002 over wheel cylinders to hold pistons in place while shoes are removed.
- (5) Remove return springs using Brake Spring Remover Tool J-8057.
- (6) Remove secondary return spring, adjuster cable, primary return spring, cable guide, adjuster lever, and adjuster springs.
- (7) Remove holddown springs and brakeshoes. On rear brakes, disengage parking brake cable from parking brake lever (parking brake strut is removed with brakeshoe assemblies).

**Cleaning and Inspection****Cleaning**

For grease contamination, clean all parts, except brake drums, with a suitable solvent. Clean brake drums with a soap and water solution.

For brake fluid contamination, clean all parts with alcohol. Do not attempt to clean contaminated brake lining.

**Inspection**

Pull back wheel cylinder dust boot to inspect for leakage. If evidence of leakage is observed, the cylinder should be disassembled and inspected as described in Wheel Cylinder.

Polish ledges of the brake support plate with fine sandpaper or emery cloth. If grooves which may restrict shoe movement still exist after polishing, the brake support plate must be replaced. Attempting to remove grooves by grinding may result in improper shoe to drum contact.

Inspect the lining wear pattern. If the wear across the width of the lining is uneven, check drums for bell-mouthed condition, inspect drums for correct position, and inspect support plate for distortion. Inspect all springs for evidence of overheating (discoloration) and fractures. The self-adjusting cable should be inspected for kinks, fraying and an elongated eyelet.

Inspect the adjusting screw for freedom of rotation and the self-adjuster lever for wear and distortion.

**Wheel Cylinders**

- (1) Inspect for evidence of leakage. Pull back dust boot and inspect condition of rubber piston cups and cylinder bore.
- (2) Inspect bleeder screw and hydraulic line connection for evidence of leakage. Check brake lines for swelling, distortion, kinks, and cracks.

(3) If wheel cylinders require overhaul proceed to step (4):

(4) Disconnect brake line. Do not bend line away from wheel cylinder. When cylinder is removed from support plate, line will separate from cylinder easily.

(5) Remove cylinder mounting bolts and remove cylinder.

(6) Remove links and dust boots. Push piston cups, pistons, and expansion spring from cylinder bore. Clean all metal parts with brake fluid.

(7) If bore is corroded or pitted, replace wheel cylinder. If bore is only stained or discolored, it may be polished with crocus cloth. Do not polish in a lengthwise direction; polish by rotating cylinder around crocus cloth supported on fingers.

**CAUTION:** *Do not hone wheel cylinders. If polishing was performed, clean cylinder thoroughly with brake fluid only.*

(8) Inspect pistons. If scored or worn replace. If discolored or stained, pistons may be lightly polished with crocus cloth. Clean pistons thoroughly if they were polished.

(9) Coat cylinder bore with clean brake fluid. Do not lubricate pistons or cups. Assemble wheel cylinder components.

**CAUTION:** *Piston cups should have flat ends facing open ends of cylinder and flared ends of cups facing interior of cylinder.*

(10) Clean wheel cylinder mounting surface on support plate. Clean brake line fitting and threads.

(11) Start brake line fitting in wheel cylinder. Attach wheel cylinder to support plate and tighten brake line fitting. Tighten cylinder mounting bolts to 18 foot-pounds torque.

**Support Plate**

(1) Remove dirt using compressed air or cloth. Polish anchor pin with crocus cloth.

(2) Polish ledges of brake support plate with fine sandpaper or emery cloth. If grooves, which may restrict shoe movement, still exist after polishing, replace support plate.

**CAUTION:** *Attempting to remove grooves by grinding may result in improper shoe-to-drum contact. Do not attempt to reduce ridges or grooves by grinding.*

- (3) Inspect support plate for warpage or cracks.
- (4) Check torque of support plate-to-axle flange bolts.
- (5) Check anchor pin for wear or loose attaching part.
- (6) Replace support plate if inspection reveals non-repairable defect.

## Brake Drums

(1) Clean dirt from drums. Use compressed air and clean cloth. If drums require further cleaning, use soap and water solution only.

**CAUTION:** Do not use brake fluid, gasoline, kerosene, or similar solvents to clean drums.

(2) Inspect for scoring, cracks, heat checking, hard spots, and distortion.

(3) Check drum for excess runout or bell-mouthed condition. Perform this check with drums mounted on brake lathe. Use dial indicator to obtain readings.

**NOTE:** Brake drum radial runout must not exceed 0.005 inch.

(4) Based on findings of steps (1) through (3), replace or recondition drum as required.

**CAUTION:** When machining drums, do not remove more than 0.030 inch. Maximum allowable oversize for any drum is 0.060 inch over original diameter.

**NOTE:** Remove hard spots in drum by grinding. The normal cutting tool will ride over hard spots dulling the tool and leaving high spots on the drum surface.

## Assembly and Adjustment

**IMPORTANT:** When necessary to replace brakelining on one wheel, the brakelining should also be replaced on the opposite wheel to maintain braking balance.

(1) Before assembly, lubricate support plate ledges, anchor pin, self-adjusting cable guide adjuster screw threads, and pivot with molydisulphide grease or chassis lubricant. If servicing rear brakes, lubricate parking brake cable lever located on secondary shoes.

(2) Position brakeshoes on the brake support plate and install holddown springs. On rear brakes, install parking brake lever. Install parking brake cable on lever and install strut and spring.

(3) Place adjuster cable eyelet on anchor pin.

(4) Install primary return spring.

(5) Install cable guide and install secondary return spring (fig. 9-13).

(6) Install adjuster screw assembly. Place small hooked end of adjuster spring in large hole in primary shoe and place large hooked end of adjuster spring in adjuster lever.

(7) Place hooked end of adjuster cable over cable guide (fig. 9-13 and 9-14).

(8) Grasp adjuster lever with pliers and hook adjuster lever tang in large hole in bottom of secondary shoe.

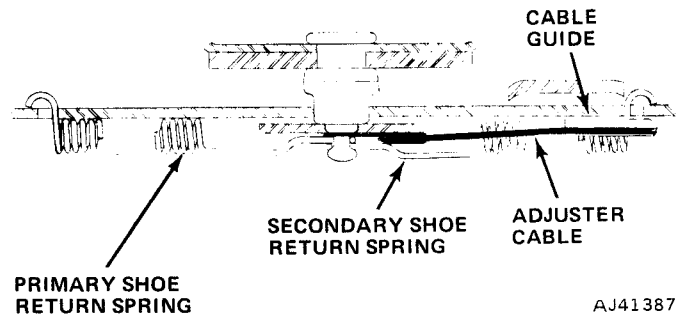


Fig. 9-14 Brakeshoe Spring Installation

(9) Perform initial brake adjustment using clearance gauge or initially adjust adjusting screw assemblies so that approximately 3/8 inch of thread is exposed between adjuster screw and adjuster screw nut.

(10) Install drums.

**CAUTION:** DO NOT attempt to back off on adjuster screw without holding adjuster lever away from screw as adjuster will be damaged.

(11) If any brake lines were disconnected, bleed brakes as described in Brake System Bleeding.

(12) Install wheels and tires and lower vehicle.

(13) After initial adjustment and final assembly, check brake pedal height to ensure brake operation before moving vehicle.

(14) Drive car in reverse and forward, making 10 to 15 brake applications before road testing. This procedure balances adjustment of all brake units and raises brake pedal to satisfactory height.

**NOTE:** If drums were installed before making initial adjustment, adjustment may be made manually by removing access slot cover and using a brake adjusting tool or screwdriver to rotate adjuster screw until wheel is locked (fig. 9-15). To tighten, rotate adjuster screw in clockwise direction. Then back off adjuster screw at least 15 to 20 notches (clicks).

To back off adjuster screw on brake, insert ice pick or thin blade screwdriver in adjuster screw slot to hold lever away from adjuster screw. Back off on adjuster screw until wheel and drum turn freely. Replace adjusting hole cover.

## SERVICE—CHEROKEE-WAGONEER-TRUCK

### Disassembly

(1) Raise vehicle.

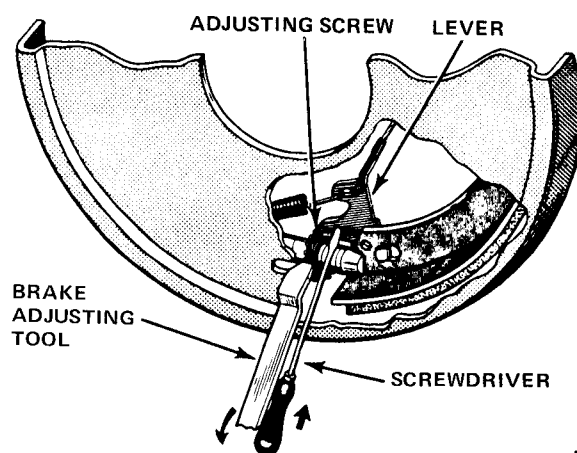
(2) Remove necessary wheels and drums. Release parking brake and loosen locknuts at parking brake equalizer to relieve cable tension before removing rear drums.

**NOTE:** On trucks with Model 60 full-floating rear axle, remove two screws that locate rear drums on hubs (fig. 9-17).

(3) Remove primary shoe return spring (fig. 9-16). Remove automatic adjuster actuating spring and secondary shoe return spring using Spring Remover Tool J-8057.

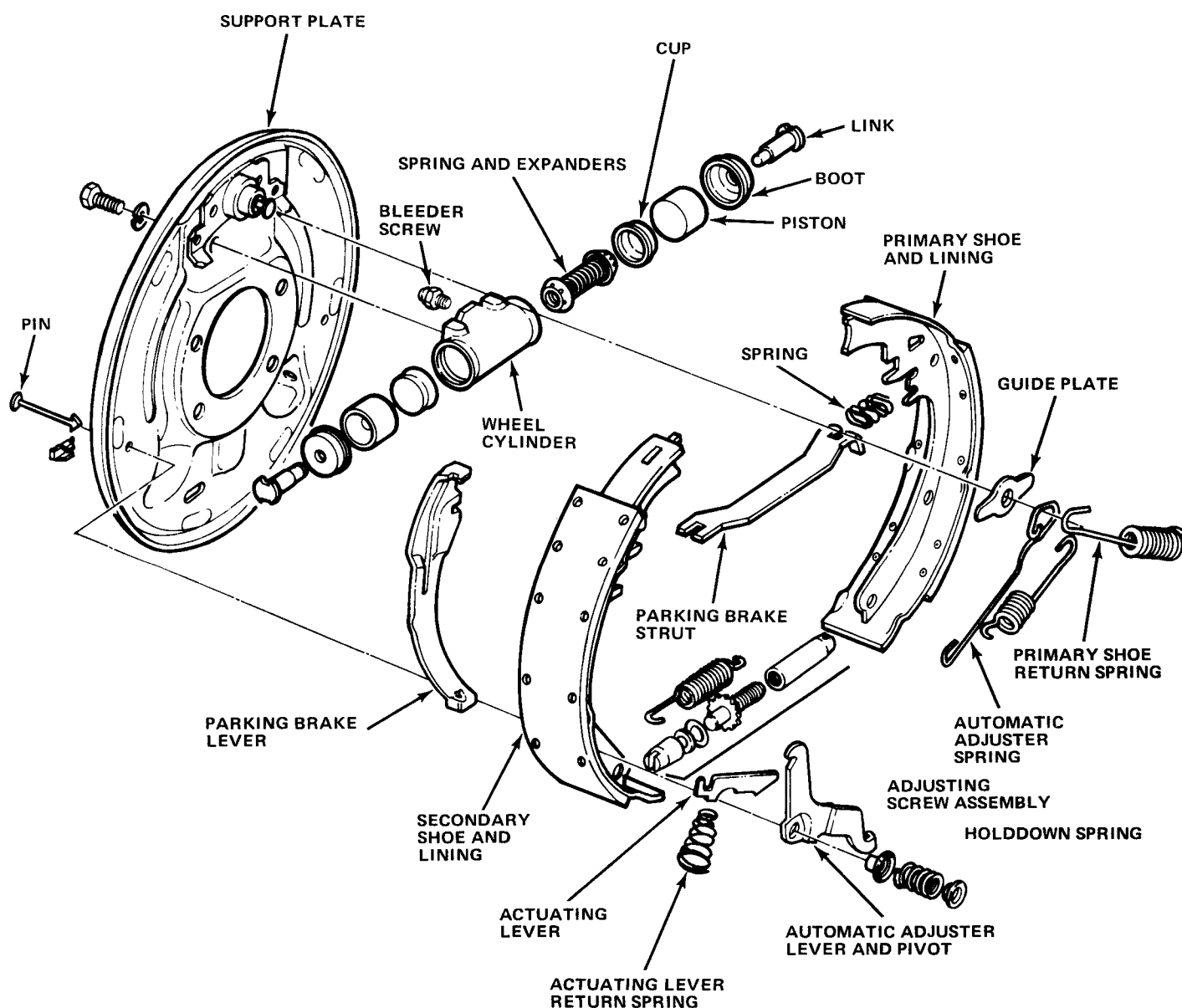
(4) Remove holddown springs and remove brakeshoe assemblies. On rear brakes, disengage parking brake cable from parking brake lever. Parking brake strut is removed with brakeshoe assemblies (fig. 9-16).

(5) Place Wheel Cylinder Clamps J-8002 over wheel cylinders to retain pistons (fig. 9-18).



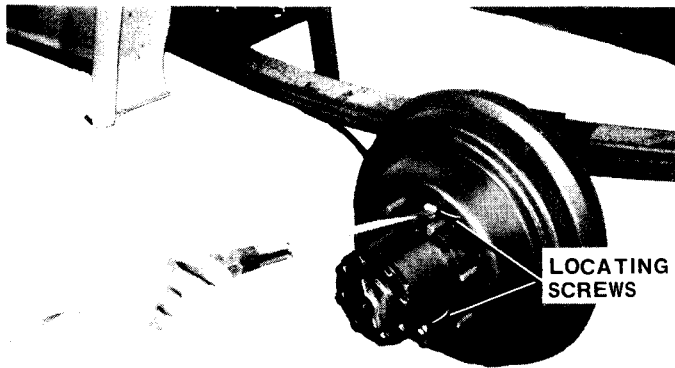
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Fig. 9-15 Brakeshoe Adjustment

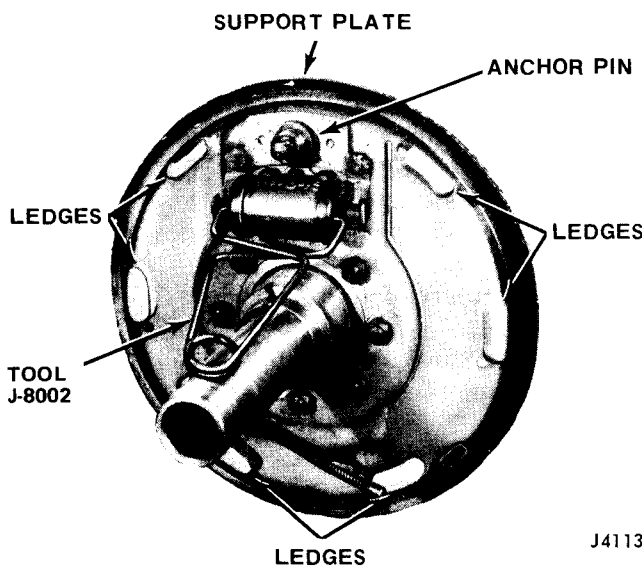


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Fig. 9-16 Drum Brake Assembly—Cherokee-Wagoneer-Truck



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**Fig. 9-17 Locating Screw Removal—Model 60 Axle**


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**Fig. 9-18 Wheel Cylinder Clamp Installed**

## Cleaning and Inspection

### Brakeshoe Assembly

(1) Inspect lining wear. If worn to within 1/32 inch of rivet head, replace lining.

(2) Inspect lining wear pattern. If wear is uneven across width of lining, replace lining and check drum for bell-mouthed condition.

(3) Inspect lining for cracks, charred surface, or broken rivets.

(4) Replace linings if contaminated with brake fluid, axle lubricant, or similar contaminants.

(5) Inspect adjusting screw spring, return springs, holddown springs, actuating lever return spring, and automatic adjuster spring. Replace springs if weakened, broken, or discolored (evidence of overheating causing tension loss).

(6) Inspect parking brake lever, automatic adjuster lever and pivot, and actuating lever for wear and defects. Replace levers if bent, broken, or excessively worn.

(7) Inspect adjuster screw for free operation. Screw should rotate freely. Inspect serrations on adjuster screw for excessive wear (which could effect automatic adjustment).

(8) Inspect parking brake cables for frayed condition. Check for missing or loose cable end retainer button. Inspect parking brake lever for distortion, worn pivot pin, proper cable retention, and proper cable operation.

### Wheel Cylinders

(1) Inspect for evidence of leakage. Pull back dust boot and inspection condition of rubber piston cups and cylinder bore.

(2) Inspect bleeder screw and hydraulic line connection for evidence of leakage. Check brake lines for swelling, distortion, kinks, or cracks.

(3) If wheel cylinders required overhaul proceed to step (4).

(4) Disconnect brake line. Do not bend line away from wheel cylinder. When cylinder is removed, line will separate from cylinder.

(5) Remove cylinder mounting bolts and remove cylinder.

(6) Remove links and dust boots. Remove piston cups, pistons, and compression spring and expanders from cylinder bore. Clean all metal parts with brake fluid.

(7) If bore is corroded or pitted, replace wheel cylinder. If bore is only stained or discolored, it may be polished with crocus cloth. Do not polish in a lengthwise direction; polish by rotating cylinder around crocus cloth wrapped around fingers.

**CAUTION:** Do not hone wheel cylinders. If polishing was performed, clean the cylinder thoroughly with brake fluid only.

(8) Inspect pistons. If scored or worn replace. Pistons may be polished lightly with crocus cloth if discolored or stained. Clean pistons thoroughly if they were polished.

(9) Coat cylinder bore with clean brake fluid. Do not lubricate pistons or cups. Assemble wheel cylinder.

**CAUTION:** Piston cups should have flat ends facing open ends of cylinder and flared ends of cups facing interior of cylinder.

(10) Clean wheel cylinder mounting surface on support plate. Clean brake line fitting and threads.

(11) Start brake line fitting in wheel cylinder. Attach wheel cylinder to support plate and tightening brake line fitting. Tighten cylinder mounting bolts to 18 foot-pounds.

### Support Plate

- (1) Remove dirt using compressed air or cloth. Polish anchor pin with crocus cloth (fig. 9-18).
- (2) Polish support plate ledges (fig. 9-18) with emery cloth. If ledges have deep grooves or ridges which might restrict shoe movement, the support plate should be replaced. Do not attempt to reduce ridges or grooves by grinding.
- (3) Inspect support plate for warpage or cracks.
- (4) Check torque of support plate-to-axle flange bolts.
- (5) Check anchor pin for wear or loose attaching part.
- (6) Replace support plate if inspection reveals non-repairable defect.

### Brake Drums

- (1) Clean dirt from drums. Use compressed air and clean cloth. If drums require further cleaning, use soap and water solution only.

**CAUTION:** Do not use brake fluid, gasoline, kerosene, or similar solvents to clean drums.

- (2) Inspect for scoring, cracks, heat checking, hard spots, and distortion.
- (3) Check drum for excess runout or bell-mouthed condition. Perform this check with drum mounted on brake lathe. Use a dial indicator to obtain readings.

**NOTE:** Brake drum radial runout must not exceed 0.005 inch.

- (4) Based on findings of steps (1) through (3), replace or recondition drum as required.

**CAUTION:** When machining drums, do not remove more than 0.030 inch. Maximum allowable oversize for any drum is 0.060 inch over original diameter.

**NOTE:** Hard spots in a drum should be removed by grinding. The normal cutting tool will ride over hard spots dulling the tool and leaving high spots on the drum surface.

### Assembly and Adjustment

- (1) Apply thin film of molydisulphide grease, or chassis lubricant to following parts (fig. 9-16).
  - (a) Support plate ledges.
  - (b) Anchor pin.
  - (c) Adjuster screw threads and pivot.
  - (d) Adjuster lever-to-secondary brakeshoe contact surface.
- (2) When assembling rear brakes, lubricate parking brake lever pivot and portion of lever that contacts secondary brakeshoe.

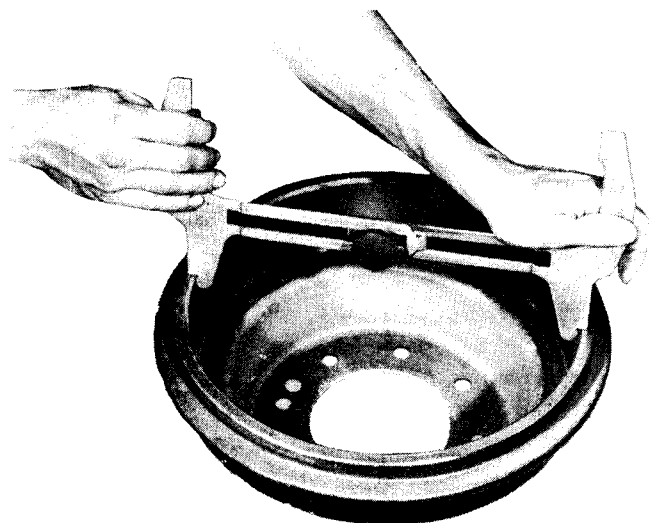
- (3) On rear brakes attach parking brake cable to parking brake lever on secondary shoe.

**NOTE:** When installing parking brake lever on new shoe, pinch C-clip to retain lever on shoe.

- (4) Install secondary shoe and automatic adjuster lever and pivot as an assembly. Secure assembly to support plate with holddown spring.
- (5) Install actuating lever and adjusting lever. Install return spring on actuating lever tang. Large end of tapered spring rests on brakeshoe.
- (6) Install primary shoe and holddown spring. Install guide plate on anchor pin.
- (7) On rear brakes, install parking brake strut.
- (8) Install adjusting screw and spring. Short hooked end of springs goes on primary shoe; long hooked end goes on secondary shoe (fig. 9-16).
- (9) Install return springs and adjuster spring in following sequence (fig. 9-16).
  - (a) Adjuster spring.
  - (b) Secondary shoe return spring (to shoe and adjuster spring).
  - (c) Primary shoe return spring.

**NOTE:** After springs are installed, be sure shoes are properly located on anchor pin.

- (10) Perform initial brake adjustment as follows:
  - (a) Determine drum diameter with drum-to-brakeshoe clearance gauge (fig. 9-19).
  - (b) Reverse gauge and place on brake linings (fig. 9-20). Turn adjuster screw until gauge just slides over brake lining surface.
  - (c) Rotate gauge around lining surface to ensure adequate clearance.



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Fig. 9-19 Using Drum-to-Lining Clearance Gauge

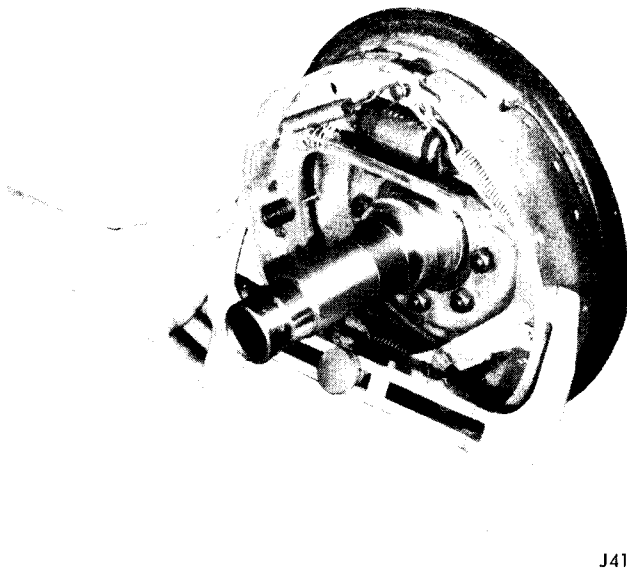


Fig. 9-20 Checking Lining-to-Drum Clearance

(11) If drum-to-shoe gauge is not available, initial brake adjustment may be performed as follows:

(a) Turn adjuster screw until drum slides over shoes with slight drag.

(b) With drum in place, back off adjuster screw 30 notches. Use brake adjusting tool to turn adjuster screw. Use screwdriver to push automatic adjuster lever away from adjuster screw serrations while adjusting. If access hole in support plate has a metal plug in it, knock out the plug to perform adjustment. Be sure to remove loose plug from drum and install rubber or metal plug in access hole to prevent brake contamination after adjustment is completed.

(12) Install brake drums.

(13) If brake lines were disconnected, bleed brakes as described in Brake System Bleeding.

(14) Install wheels and tires and lower vehicle.

(15) Test brake operation before moving vehicle.

(16) Perform final brake adjustment by making 10 to 15 forward and reverse stops until satisfactory brake pedal height is obtained.

**CAUTION:** *If vehicle has automatic transmission, do not use forward range to halt reverse motion of vehicle. This procedure will prevent the automatic adjusters from operating properly, resulting in unsatisfactory pedal heights. All stops must be completed.*

## DISC BRAKES

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### GENERAL

#### Application

Floating caliper-type front disc brakes (fig. 9-21) are standard on Wagoneer and heavy-duty Trucks Model J-20. A common disc brake caliper and 12.0-inch rotor are used on all models. However, heavy-duty Trucks are equipped with a 12.5 inch disc brake rotor.

#### Description

The disc brake system consists of: a caliper assembly, hub and rotor assembly, and support and shield assembly. The caliper (fig. 9-22) is a one-piece casting with the inboard side containing the single piston, the piston bore, the bleeder screw and fluid inlet holes.

The piston bore contains the piston, piston seal, and dust boot. A groove is machined in the sidewall of the piston bore to accept the piston seal. This groove is slightly tapered, and is narrower at the bottom than at

the top. Tapering the groove puts more compression on the edge of the square-cut seal that is exposed to brake fluid pressure (fig. 9-23).

The upper edge of the piston bore is counterbored to accept the dust boot seal retainer. The metal retainer part of the dust boot seal is pressed into the counterbore. The lip portion of the seal fits in a groove machined in the piston outer surface.

The exterior surface of the steel piston is precision ground and nickel-chrome plated to provide a hard, durable surface.

**CAUTION:** *Do not sandpaper or machine the outer surface of the piston. Removal of the protective plating or altering the diameter could cause pitting, rusting, and eventual cocking of the piston in the bore.*

The piston bore does not contain a return spring; lining wear is compensated for by the lateral sliding movement of the caliper and by increased piston extension (fig. 9-24).



Two allen head support bolts attach the caliper to the support bracket. The bolts are inserted through sleeves in inboard mounting ear holes of the caliper, under the ears of the inboard shoe, and through the outboard ears of the caliper. The threaded portion of the bolt heads are tightened against the sleeve ends.

(c) Outboard shoes have a large tap at the bottom of the shoe, which is bent at right angles to the shoe.

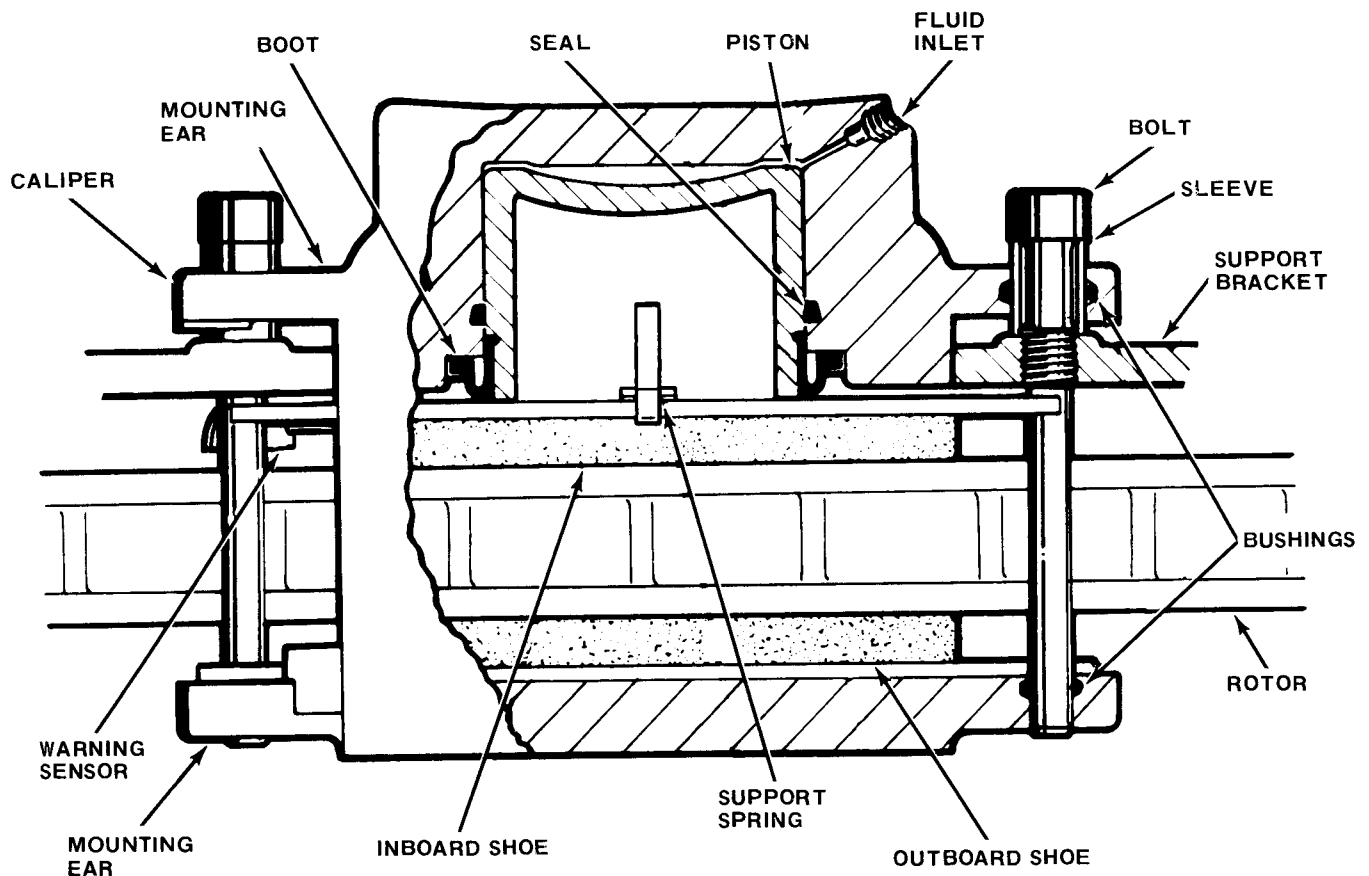


Fig. 9-22 Caliper and Rotor—Single Piston

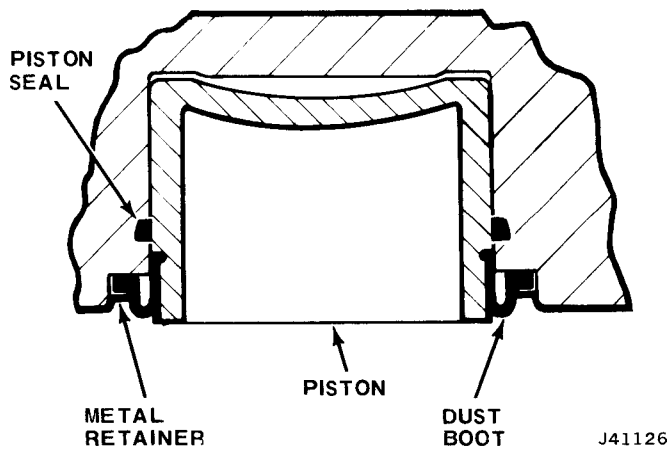


Fig. 9-23 Cross Section of Caliper Cylinder and Piston

(d) Inboard shoe has mounting ears on top which fit over retaining bolts.

(e) Inboard shoe has a notch at the top for the supporting spring.

A wear warning sensor, a strip of flanged metal, is attached to the back of all disc brakeshoes. When brake lining wears to the point of replacement, the sensor contacts the rotor surface making a screeching or scraping noise to warn the driver that the shoe and

lining assemblies are in need of replacement (fig. 9-25).

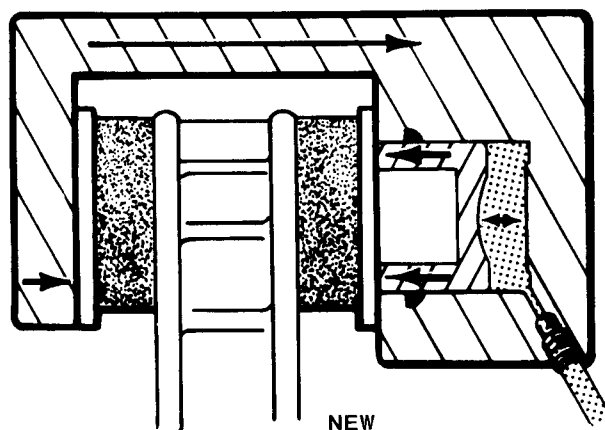
An inspection port is provided at the top center of the caliper casting for visual inspection of lining condition (fig. 9-26).

### Operation

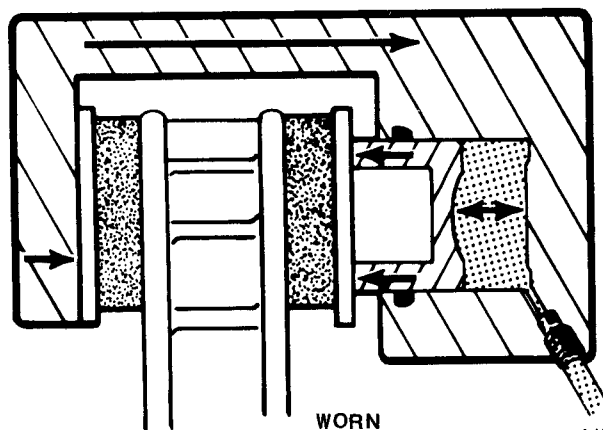
The significant feature of the single-piston caliper operation is that it is free to slide laterally on the two mounting bolts threaded into the support bracket.

Figure 9-27 shows a simplified cross section of the floating caliper and the forces at work when the brakes are applied. During brake application, fluid pressure behind the piston increases. This pressure is exerted equally against the bottom surface of the piston and against the bottom surface of the piston bore.

Pressure applied to the piston is transmitted to the inboard shoe and lining, forcing the lining against the inboard rotor surface. Pressure applied to the bottom of the piston bore forces the caliper to slide on the mounting bolts, toward the inboard side. This inward movement of the caliper causes the outboard section of the caliper to force the outboard shoe and lining assembly against the rotor surfaces.



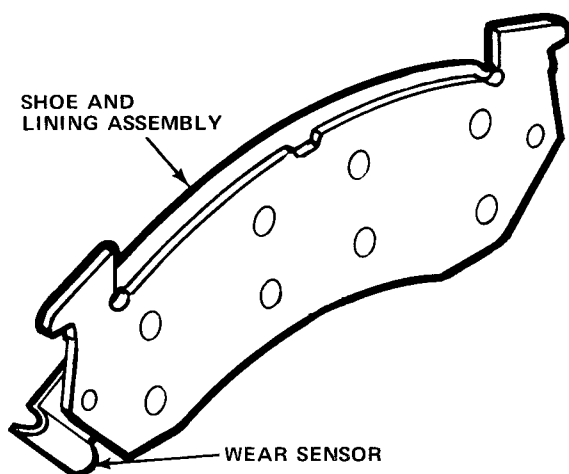
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Fig. 9-24 Piston Travel—New and Worn Linings

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LINING ASSEMBLY

WEAR SENSOR

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Fig. 9-25 Wear Sensor Location

Any application or release of pressure on the brake pedal causes only a very slight movement of the piston and caliper. Upon release of the pedal, the piston and caliper return to an at-rest position; the brake lining does not retract any appreciable distance from the rotor. This provides the advantages of improved brake response, and reduced pedal travel. The disc brakeshoes operate at a zero clearance and continually wipe the rotor free of foreign matter.

As the linings wear, the piston extends farther out of the caliper bore, and the caliper repositions itself on the mounting bolts to maintain proper lining-to-rotor relationship. The caliper bore receives additional brake fluid to compensate for lining wear and increased piston extension (fig. 9-24).

## SERVICE

### Disc Brake Shoe Replacement

- (1) Remove two-thirds of brake fluid from front reservoir.
- (2) Raise vehicle.
- (3) Remove front wheel and tire assemblies.
- (4) Place C-clamp on caliper (fig. 9-28). Solid end of clamp should contact back of caliper. Screw end should contact metal part of outboard shoes. Tighten clamp until caliper moves far enough to force piston to bottom of bore (this will back shoes off rotor surface, easing lining removal and installation). Remove C-clamp.
- (5) Remove allen head mounting bolts (fig. 9-29), and remove caliper (fig. 9-30). Place caliper on front spring or other suitable support. Do not allow brake hose to support weight of caliper.
- (6) Remove both shoe and lining assemblies. Remove support spring from inboard shoes. Note spring position for correct installation later (fig. 9-30).
- (7) Remove sleeves from inboard ears of caliper. Remove rubber bushings from all holes in caliper ears.

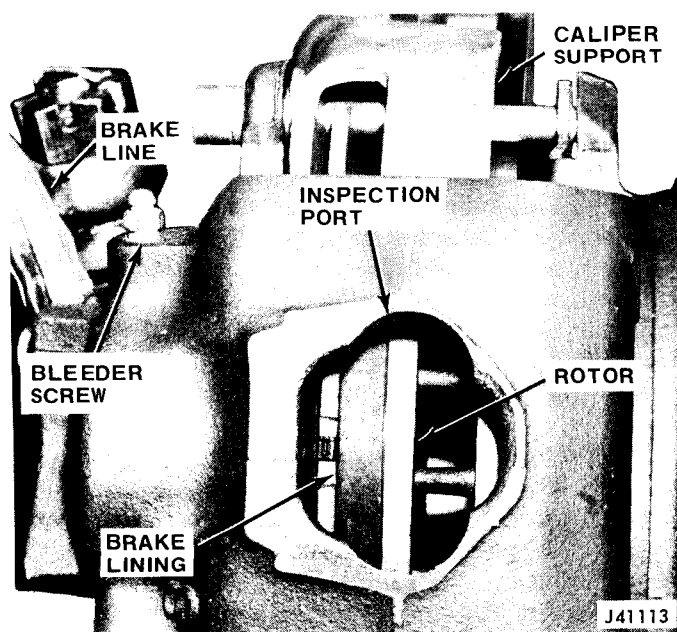


Fig. 9-26 Caliper Inspection Port

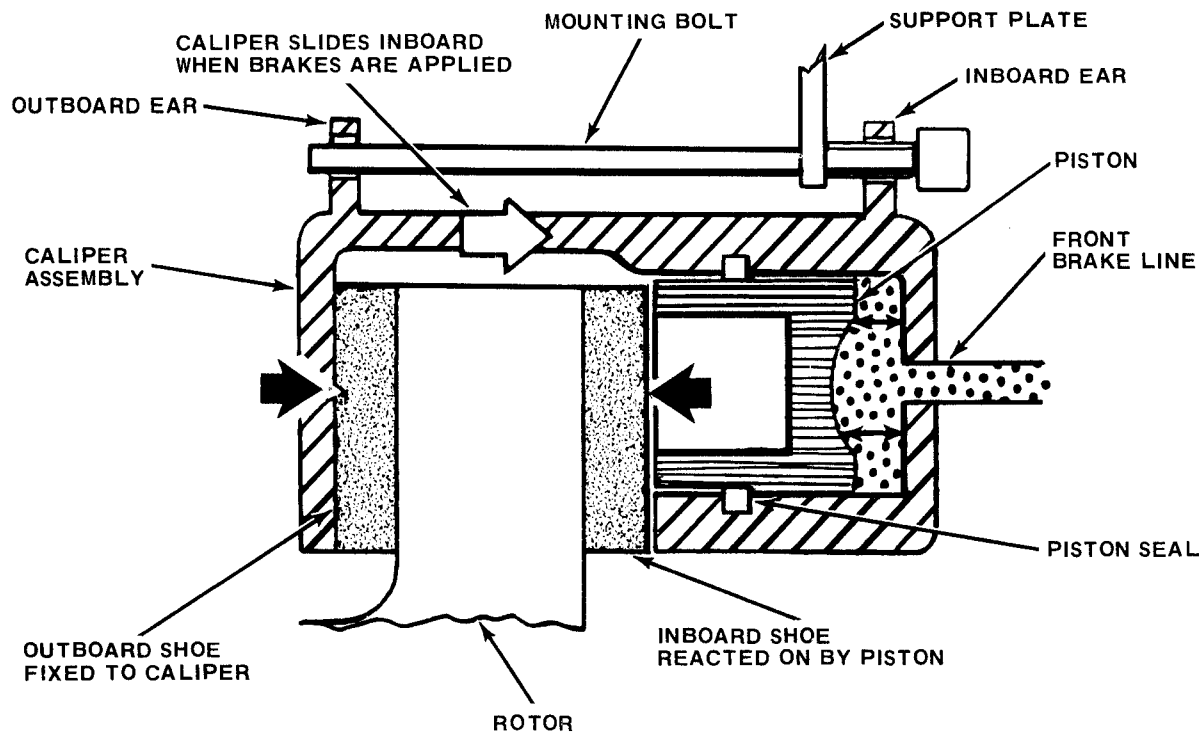


Fig. 9-27 Disc Brake Operation

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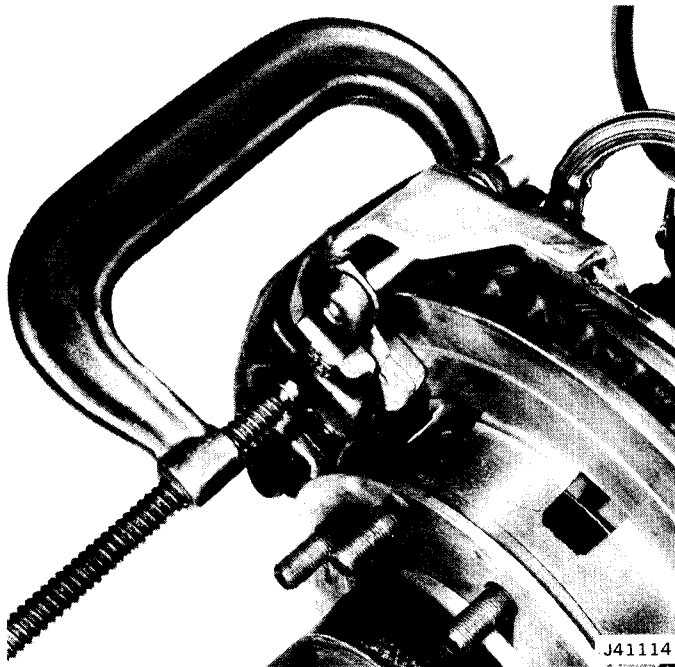


Fig. 9-28 Bottoming Piston with C-Clamp

(8) Clean all mounting holes and bushing grooves in caliper ears. Clean mounting bolts. Replace bolts if corroded or threads are damaged.

**NOTE:** Do not use abrasives on bolts as they will destroy the protective plating on the bolts.

(9) Wipe inside of caliper clean, including exterior of dust boot. Inspect dust boot for cuts, cracks, and for proper seating in piston bore. If evidence of fluid leakage is noted during inspection, caliper should be overhauled.

**NOTE:** Do not use compressed air to clean inside of caliper as it may unseat the dust boot seal.

(10) Lubricate new bushings, sleeves, bushing grooves, and small ends of mounting bolts with silicone lubricant. Install rubber bushings in all caliper mounting ears.

**CAUTION:** Do not use old bushings and sleeves. Use new parts only.

(11) Install sleeves in inboard mounting ears. Position sleeves so that sleeve end facing shoe and lining is flush with machined surface of mounting ear.

(12) Install support spring on inboard shoe. Place single tang end of spring over notch in shoe (fig. 9-31).

(13) Install inboard shoe in caliper (fig. 9-32). Shoe must lay flat against piston. Be sure support spring is fully seated in piston (fig. 9-32).

(14) Install outboard shoe. Ears on shoe should rest on top of ears in caliper. Bottom tab on shoe fits in cutout in caliper. Be sure shoe is fully seated (fig. 9-45).



Fig. 9-29 Removal of Caliper Mounting Bolts

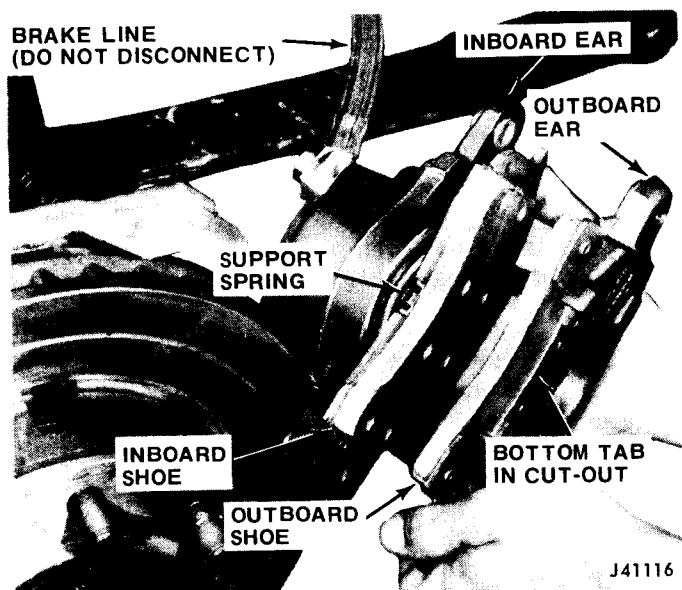


Fig. 9-30 Caliper Removal

(15) Install shoes and position caliper over rotor. Align mounting holes in caliper and support bracket and install mounting bolts. Be sure bolts pass under retaining ears on inboard shoes. Push bolts through until they engage holes of outboard shoe and caliper ears. Thread bolts into support bracket and tighten to 35 foot-pounds torque.

(16) Fill master cylinder with brake fluid and pump brake pedal to seat shoes.

(17) Use channel-lock pliers to bend (clinch) both upper ears of outboard shoe until radial clearance between shoe and caliper is eliminated.

**NOTE:** Outboard shoes with formed ears are designed for original installation only and are fitted to caliper. The shoes should never be relined or reconditioned for installation.

(18) Install wheel and tire assemblies and lower vehicle.

(19) Check cylinder fill level. Add fluid as required to fill master cylinder to within 1/4 inch of reservoir rim. Test brake operation before moving vehicle.

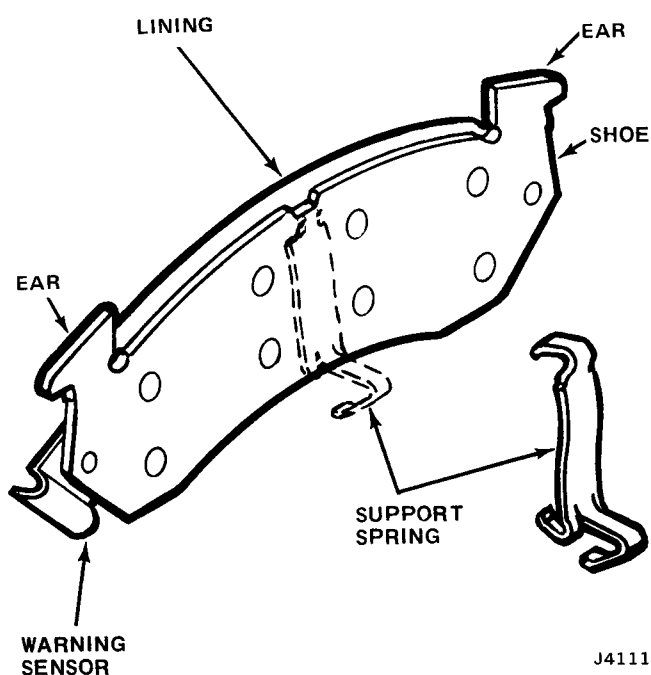


Fig. 9-31 Support Spring Installation

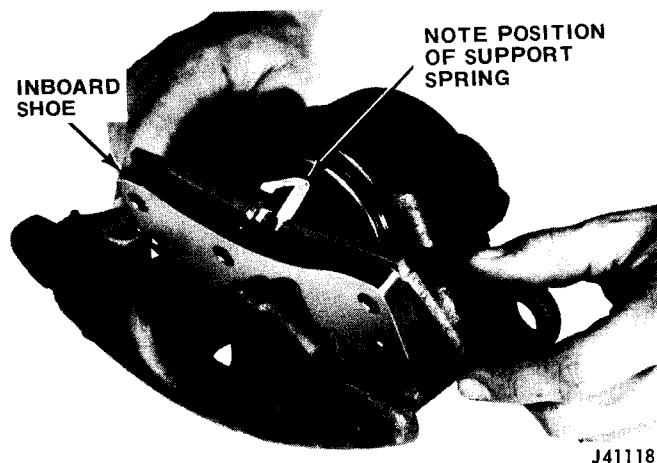


Fig. 9-32 Installing Inboard Brakeshoes

## Caliper Overhaul

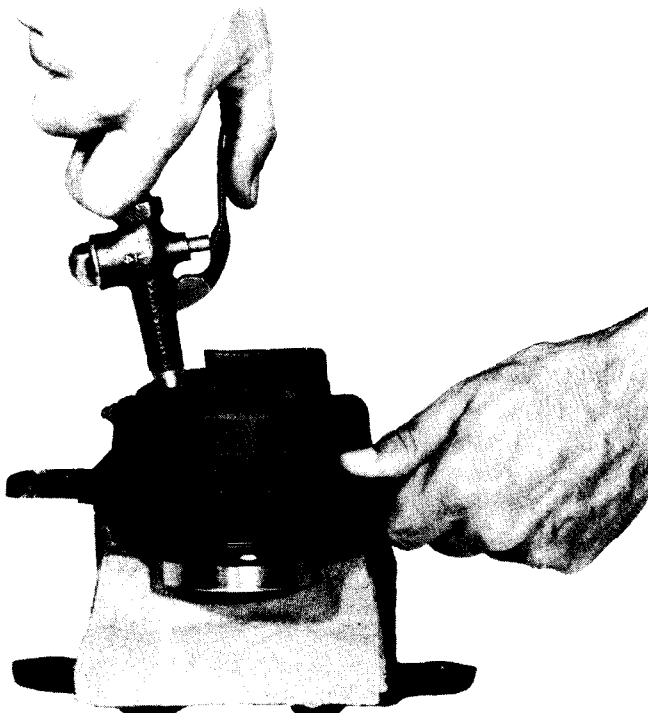
- (1) Remove two-thirds of the brake fluid from front reservoir.
- (2) Raise vehicle.
- (3) Remove wheel and tire assemblies.
- (4) Bottom caliper piston with C-clamp (fig. 9-28).
- (5) Clean brake hose-to-caliper connection thoroughly. Remove hose-to-caliper bolt. Cap or tape open connections to keep out dirt. Discard copper gaskets.
- (6) Remove caliper assembly and remove shoes from caliper.

**CAUTION:** If shoes are to be reused, mark their location in caliper.

- (7) Wash caliper exterior with clean brake fluid. Drain residual fluid from caliper. Place caliper on clean work surface.

**WARNING:** Caliper piston removal requires use of compressed air. Do not, under any circumstances, place fingers in front of piston in an attempt to catch or protect it when applying compressed air to remove piston.

- (8) Pad interior of caliper with clean shop towels. Insert air nozzle into inlet hole in caliper and gently apply air pressure on piston to push it out of the bore (fig. 9-33).



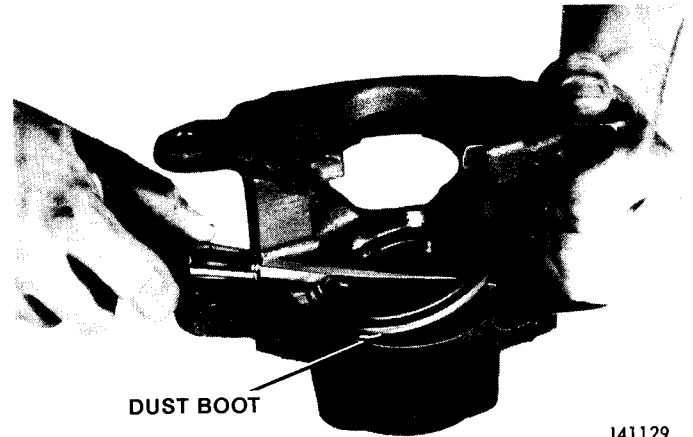
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**Fig. 9-33 Piston Removal**

**CAUTION:** To avoid possible piston damage, use only enough air pressure to ease piston out of bore. Do not blow piston out of bore.

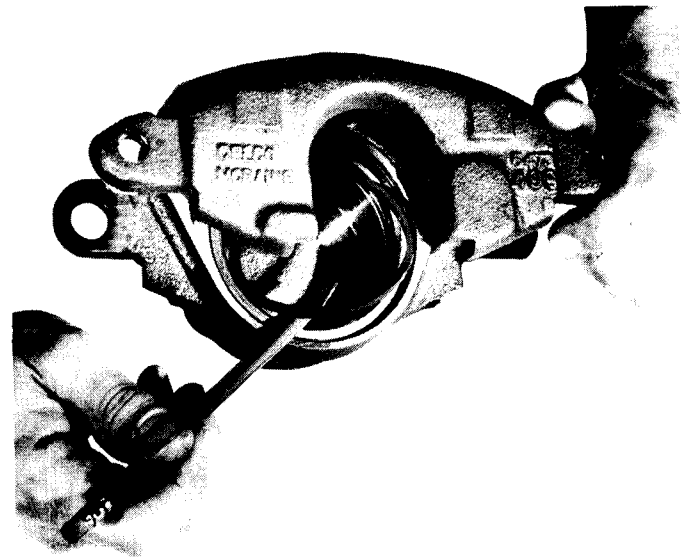
- (9) Pry dust boot out of bore with screwdriver (fig. 9-34). Do not scratch bore. Discard dust boot.

- (10) Remove piston seal from piston bore and discard seal. Use only nonscratching implements such as a pencil, wooden stick, or piece of plastic to remove seal (fig. 9-35). Do not use metal tool or similar object to remove seal as bore may be scratched.



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**Fig. 9-34 Dust Boot Removal**



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**Fig. 9-35 Piston Seal Removal**

- (11) Remove bleeder screw. Remove and discard sleeves and rubber bushings from mounting ears.

- (12) Wash all parts in clean brake fluid. Blow out all passages in caliper and bleeder valve using dry, filtered compressed air. Replace mounting bolts if corroded or if threads are damaged.

**CAUTION:** Do not attempt to clean bolts with abrasives, as the protective plating will be removed.

(13) Inspect caliper piston. Replace piston if nicked, scratched, corroded, or protective plating has worn off.

**CAUTION:** Do not attempt to refinish piston in any way. The outside diameter is the sealing surface and is manufactured to very close tolerances; removal of the nickel-chrome plating will lead to pitting, rusting, and eventual cocking of the piston in the piston bore.

(14) Inspect caliper piston bore. Replace caliper if bore is nicked, scratched, corroded, worn, or cracked. The bore is not plated and minor stains or corrosion can be polished with crocus cloth.

**CAUTION:** Do not use emery cloth or similar abrasives on piston bore. If bore does not clean up with crocus cloth, replace caliper. Clean caliper thoroughly with brake fluid if bore was polished with crocus cloth.

(15) Lubricate bore and new seal with brake fluid and install seal in groove.

(16) Lubricate piston with brake fluid and install new dust boot on piston. Install dust boot in piston groove so that fold in boot faces open end of piston. Slide metal retainer portion of dust boot over open end of piston and push retainer toward back of piston until lip on fold seats in piston groove (fig. 9-36). Push retainer portion of boot forward until boot is flush with rim at open end of piston and snaps into place (fig. 9-37).

(17) Insert piston in bore. Do not unseat piston seal. It requires 50 to 100 pounds of force to bottom piston.

(18) Install dust boot retainer in counterbore at top of piston bore. Seat dust boot retainer using Tool J-22904 (fig. 9-38).

**CAUTION:** Metal retainer portion of boot must be evenly seated in counterbore and fit below the face of the caliper.

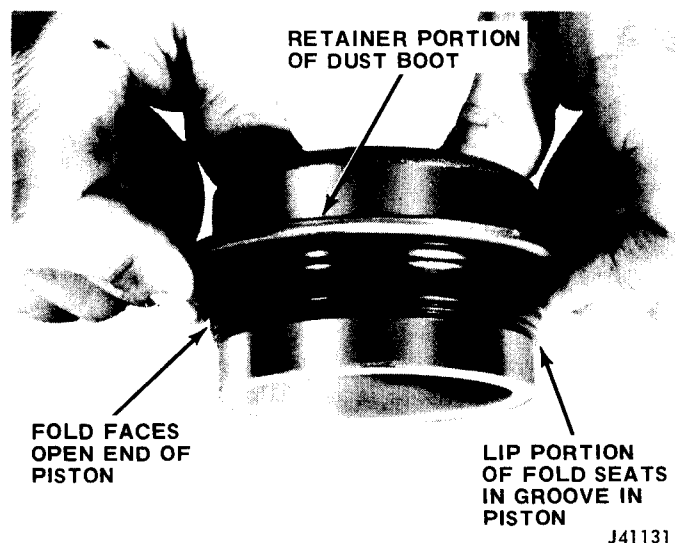
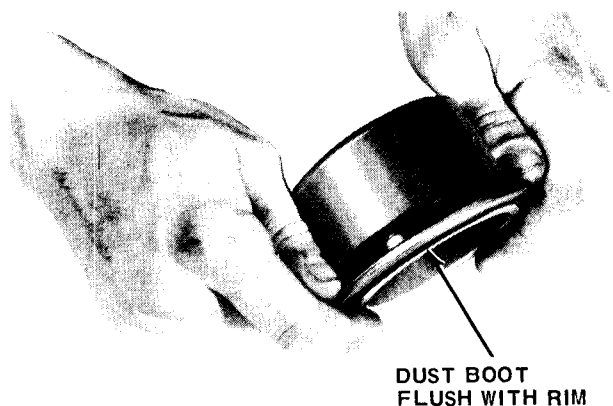
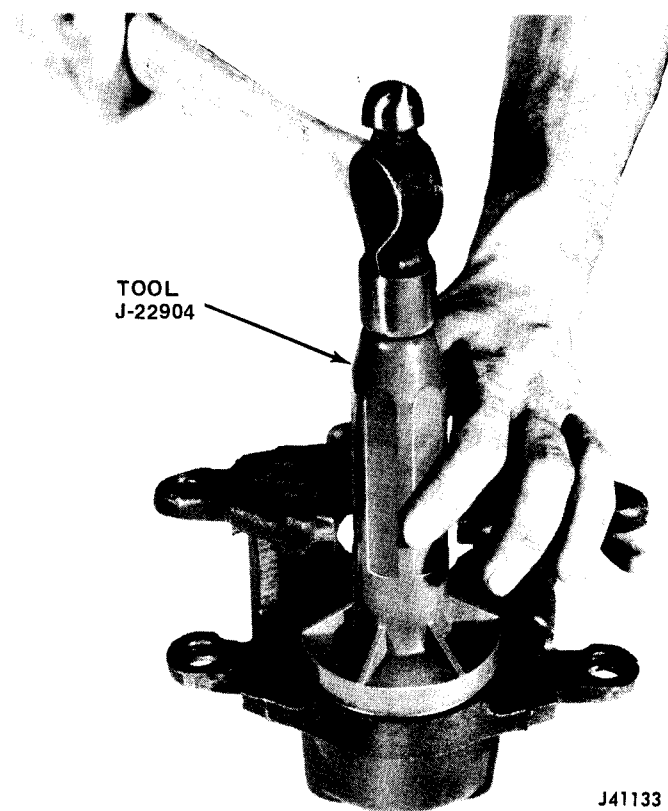


Fig. 9-36 Installing Dust Boot on Piston



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Fig. 9-37 Snapping Dust Boot Into Place



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Fig. 9-38 Seating Dust Boot Retainer

(19) Install bleeder screw. Tighten to 90 inch-pounds torque.

(20) Connect brake line to caliper using new copper gaskets. Tighten bolt 160 inch-pounds torque.

(21) Install shoes, sleeves, and rubber bushings as outlined in Disc Brakeshoe Replacement.

(22) Install caliper over rotor. Attach caliper to support bracket. Tighten mounting bolts to 35 foot-pounds torque.

(23) Bleed brakes as outlined in Brake System Bleeding.

(24) Install wheel and tire assemblies and lower vehicle.

(25) Test brake operation before driving vehicle.

## Rotor Service

Rotor service is extremely important because rotor tolerances must be accurate to ensure proper brake operation. Rotor service involves the following steps: inspection, measurement, refinishing, and replacement where indicated.

### Inspection

- (1) Raise vehicle and remove wheels.
- (2) If rotor braking surfaces are heavily rusted or scaled, clean surfaces with flat sanding disc (while turning rotor) before attempting inspection or measurement.
- (3) Check braking surfaces for cracks, nicks, broken cooling fins, and scoring. Some scoring of surfaces may occur during normal use, however, scoring that is 0.015-inch deep or less is not detrimental to brake operation. Replace rotor if cracked or broken.

### Measurement

- (1) Tighten wheel bearing adjusting nut enough to remove all end play from wheel bearings.
- (2) Check Lateral Runout: Lateral (face) runout of rotor, as measured at outboard braking surface, must not exceed 0.005 inch (fig. 9-39). Lateral runout will cause rotor wobble resulting in chatter vibration, pedal pulsation, and excessive pedal travel (brakeshoes knock pistons back into caliper core).
  - (a) Check runout by mounting dial indicator on pedestal-type stand or on spindle with indicator stylus contacting outboard braking surface one inch from edge of rotor (fig. 9-39).
  - (b) Turn rotor full 360 degrees and observe reading. If runout exceeds tolerance, refinish rotor.

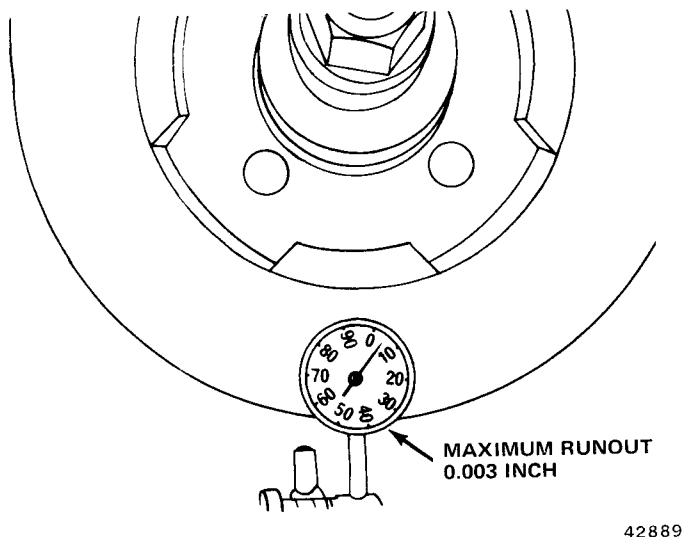


Fig. 9-39 Checking Lateral Runout

(3) Check Thickness Variation: Thickness of rotor, as measured at four or more equally spaced points, must not exceed 0.0005 inch. Thickness variations can cause pedal pulsation and vibration when applying brakes.

- (a) Check variation by measuring thickness of rotor at four or more equally spaced points around circumference of rotor (fig. 9-40). Use micrometer or two dial indicators to perform measurement and measure thickness at same distance in from edge of rotor at all points.
- (b) If variation exceeds tolerance, refinish rotor.

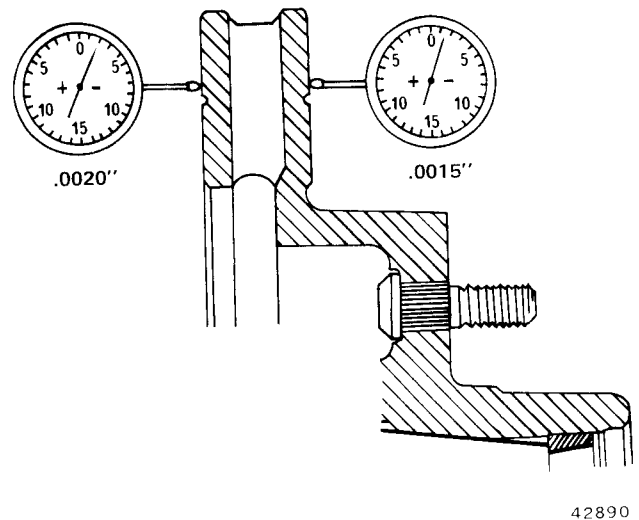


Fig. 9-40 Checking Thickness Variation

(4) Check Hub-to-Bore Runout: Wheel mounting surface of hub must be square with centerline of bearing cup bore to within 0.010 inch (fig. 9-41).

**NOTE:** Although hub-to-bore runout does not affect brake operation or action, it can cause a mechanical-type vibration at high speed. Measure hub-to-bore runout only if car has unexplained high speed vibration or excessive lateral runout of rear wheel(s). Refer to Tire and Wheel Runout in this section.

- (a) Mount dial indicator on spindle with indicator stylus contacting wheel mounting surface of hub.
- (b) Rotate hub and observe reading.
- (c) Replace hub and rotor if runout exceeds tolerance.

**NOTE:** If rotor braking surfaces are not scored or otherwise damaged and all measurements were within tolerance, rotor can be reused with no further servicing required.

(5) Remove driving flange using Front Axle Shaft Drive Flange Puller J-25133.

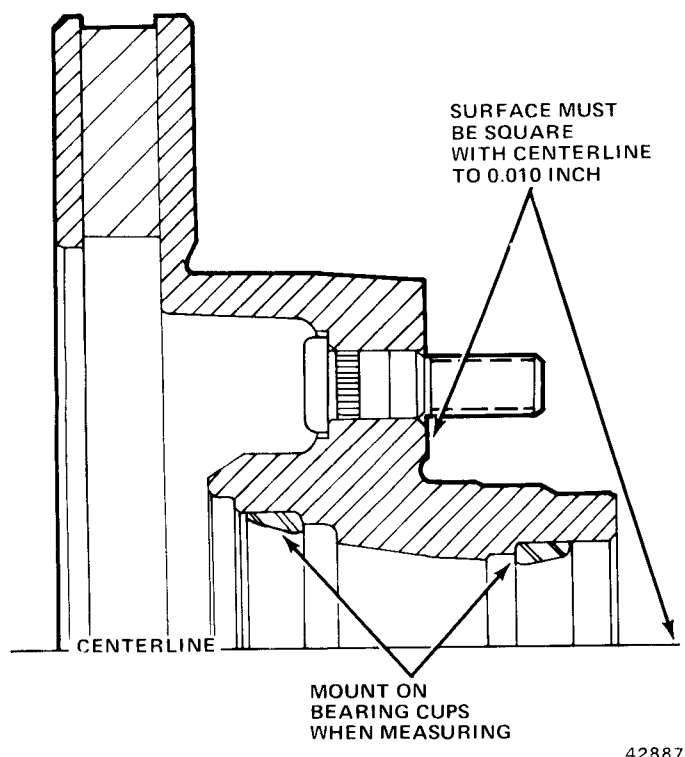


Fig. 9-41 Checking Hub-to-Bore Runout

#### Rotor Refinishing

**Resurface** rotor on brake lathe using flat sanding discs only if scoring is light (0.015 inch deep or less), if rotor surfaces have heavy rust and scale, and only if rotor meets all measurement specifications listed under Rotor Measurement.

**Refinish** rotor on disc brake lathe if scoring is deeper than 0.015 inch, or if runout, thickness variation, and hub-to-bore runout exceed specifications in Rotor Measurement.

**NOTE:** Rotor finish should be 20 to 60 micro-inches and not be directional. After turning the rotor in a disc brake lathe, flat sanding discs should be used as a final step in the refinishing procedure to provide the desired microfinish and cross-hatch pattern on the rotor surface (fig. 9-42).

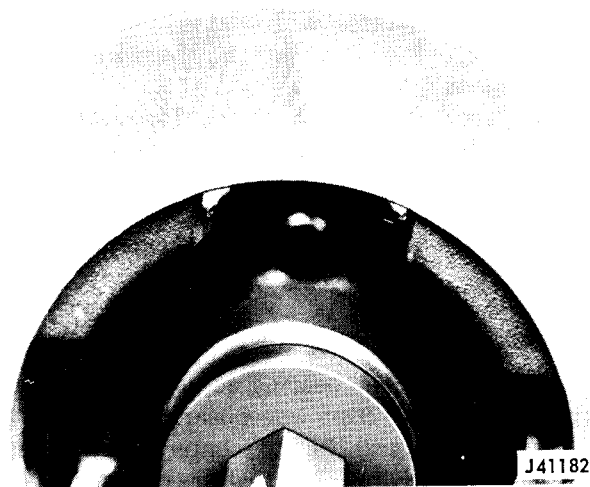


Fig. 9-42 Correct Surface Finish—Nondirectional Cross-Hatch Pattern

**Replace** the rotor if refinishing will cause the rotor to fall below the minimum thickness specification (after refinishing) of 1.215 inches.

## WHEELS AND TIRES

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### WHEELS

#### Wheel Balancing

Wheel balancing with the wheel on the vehicle is recommended in all cases except as follows:

- If the vehicle is equipped with a Trac-Lok axle, remove wheels and balance off of the vehicle.
- When balancing with the wheel on a vehicle equipped with the Model 20 transfer case, shift the transmission and transfer case into the neutral position.

- When balancing with the wheels on a vehicle equipped with Quadra-Trac, disconnect the front or rear propeller shafts (as required).

#### Wheel Bearing Service

Adjustment of the wheel bearings is critical because it establishes the running clearance of the wheel bearings. Wheel bearing adjustment that is too tight preloads the bearings and causes them to run hot. Loose wheel bearings permit the drum hub to shift its position on the bearings as thrust load vary with acceleration, braking, and cornering.

Loose bearings also cause erratic braking. when checking wheel bearing adjustment, brakes must be fully released.

#### Front Wheel Bearing Adjustment—CJ Models

With vehicle on hoist or jack, use the following procedure to adjust front wheel bearings on four-wheel drive vehicles.

- (1) Remove hubcap, snap ring, capscrews, and washers that attach driving flange to hub (fig. 9-43).
- (2) Using Front Axle Shaft Drive Flange Puller J-25133, pull driving flange.
- (3) Bend lip of lockwasher and remove locknut and lockwasher.
- (4) Rotate wheel and tighten adjustment nut until wheel binds using Tool J-25103.

**NOTE:** Front tire and wheel must be rotated by hand as the adjusting nut is tightened to ensure positive seating of the bearing.

- (5) Back off adjusting nut about 1/6- to 1/4-turn. Be sure wheel rotates freely without lateral shake.
- (6) Install lockwasher and locknut and bend lockwasher lip.
- (7) Check adjustment.
- (8) Install driving flange and hub cap. Be sure gasket is installed between hub and flange.

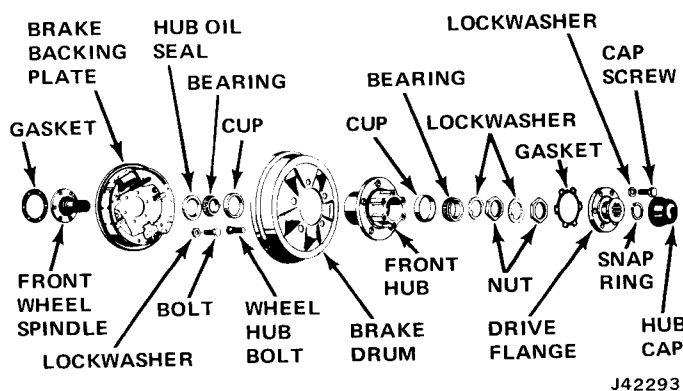


Fig. 9-43 Front Wheel and Hub Assembly—CJ Models

#### Front Wheel Bearing Adjustment—Cherokee, Wagoneer, Truck

- (1) Raise vehicle and remove hubcap, snap ring, drive gear, pressure spring, outer locknut, and lockwasher.
- (2) Loosen inner wheel bearing adjusting nut (nut has peg on side).
- (3) Tighten inner wheel bearing adjusting nut to 50 foot-pounds torque using Wheel Bearing Wrench J-6893.
- (4) Rotate hub, then back off inner wheel bearing adjusting nut 1/4 turn (maximum).

(5) Install lockwasher with inner tab aligned with keyway in spindle and turn inner wheel bearing adjusting nut until peg engages nearest hole in lockwasher.

(6) Install outer locknut and tighten to 50 foot-pounds torque (minimum) using Wheel Bearing Wrench J-6893-02.

(7) Install pressure spring, drive gear, snap ring and hub cap and lower vehicle.

#### Rear Wheel Bearing

##### Adjustment—Tapered and Flanged Axle—All Models (Except 8000 GVWR Truck)

Vehicles equipped with the tapered or flanged type rear axle (fig. 9-44) shafts require no wheel bearing adjustment. These axle shafts are equipped with a tapered-type roller bearing capable of accepting thrust in either direction. However, on tapered axle shafts used in CJ models, axle shaft end play must be correct to obtain proper bearing operating clearance. Refer to Section 9—Axle and Propeller Shaft for end play inspection and adjustment.

##### Adjustment—Full-Floating Axle (8000 GVWR Truck)

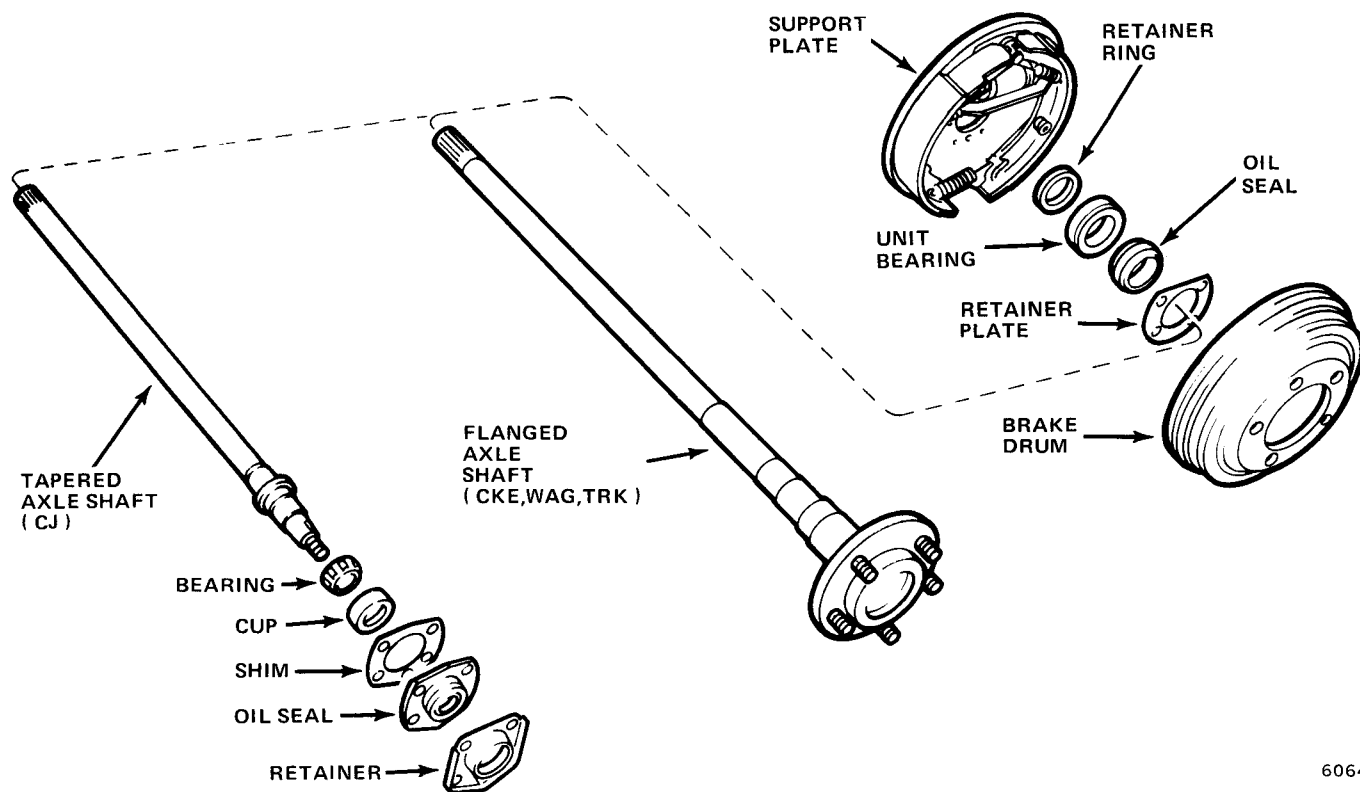
- (1) Remove axle shaft (fig. 9-45).
- (2) Bend lip of lockwasher and remove locknut and lockwasher.
- (3) Raise vehicle.
- (4) Rotate wheel and tighten adjusting nut with Tool J-25106 until wheel binds. Back off nut about 1/6-turn on until wheel rotates freely without lateral shake.
- (5) Install locknut, tighten locknut to 50 foot-pounds torque, and bend lockwasher lip.
- (6) Check adjustment and correct if necessary.
- (7) Install axle shaft and lower vehicle.

## TIRES

### Tire Service

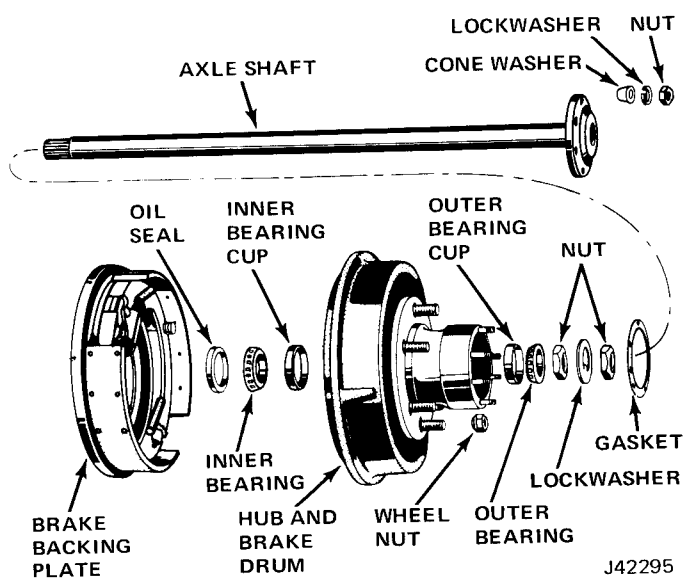
Tire maintenance is one of the most important factors of safe vehicle operation. Tires must sustain the weight of a loaded vehicle, withstand more than ordinary rough service, and provide maximum safety over all types of terrain. Although there are other elements of tire service, inflation maintenance is the most important and in many instances the most neglected. Correct tire pressure should be maintained for safe operation. An underinflated tire is subject to severe flexing which could damage the casing. Overinflation will cause a harsh ride and may in time cause a blowout.

Incorrect front wheel alignment, wheel balance, dragging brakes, poor driving habits, and fast cornering, all contribute to the wear. Such conditions should be corrected.



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Fig. 9-44 Rear Wheel Attaching Parts—Flanged and Tapered Axles



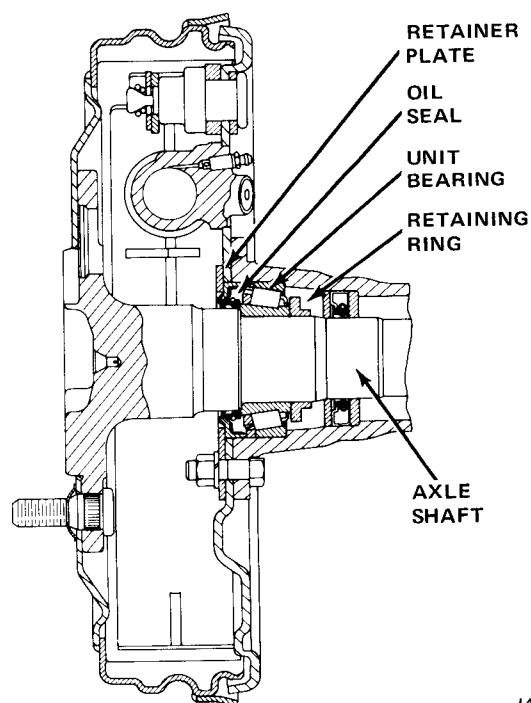
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Fig. 9-45 Rear Wheel Attaching Parts—Full-Floating Axle

### Underinflation

Underinflation distorts the normal contour of the tire body and the tire bulges or bellies out with an extreme flexing action. This wears the tread at the edges more than the center and generates excessive internal heat, weakening the cords and resulting in bruises, broken cords, or ply separation. Underinflation also

leads to rim bruises as insufficient resistance is provided to protect the tire from being jammed against the rim and crushed or cut when the tire strikes a curb, rock, or rut.



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Fig. 9-46 Rear Wheel—Flanged Axle (8000 GVWR Truck)

## Overinflation

When a tire is overinflated, increased tension caused by excessive pressure prevents proper deflection of the sidewalls. This results in wear in the center of the tread and the tire also loses its ability to absorb road shocks. Under this increased strain, cords in the tread area eventually snap under impact, causing a casing break.

## Misalignment

Excessive wheel camber can result in excessive wear on one side of the tire tread.

Front wheels require a specified amount of toe-in. However, excessive toe-in or toe-out will cause the tires to "scrub" when the vehicle is moving straight-ahead, resulting in excessive tread wear. The tires will show a feathered edge with excessive toe-in or toe-out.

## Balance

Cupping or bald spotting of tires is associated with wear on a vehicle driven mostly at highway speeds without the recommended tire rotation, inflation or balance.

## Tire Care

**CAUTION:** For satisfactory operation, all four-wheel drive vehicles *MUST* be equipped with the same size tires of equal circumference on all four wheels. The tires must be inflated to proper factory recommended pressures at all times. The intermixing of tires of different construction or size can cause unusual handling, road noise, and damage to drive train components.

Correct tire pressures depend on tire size, tire ply, gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR), vehicle load, and the type of driving.

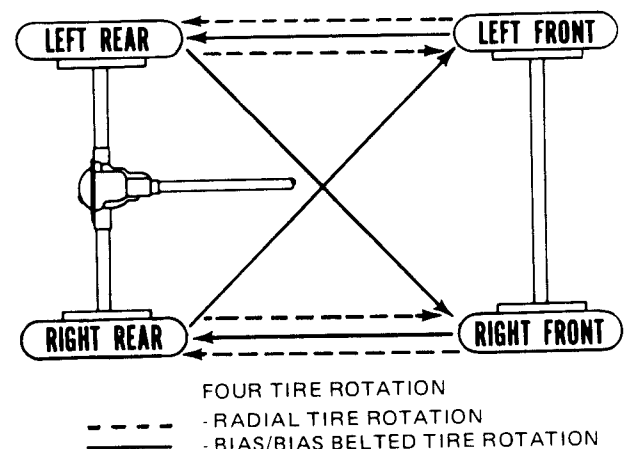
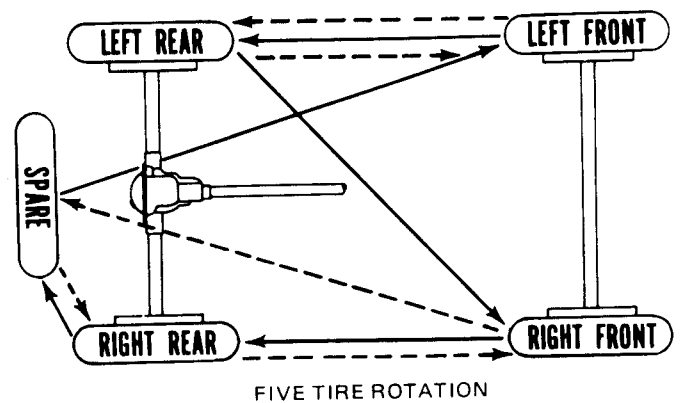
Tire inflation should be checked and adjusted to recommended pressures periodically (at least monthly), especially when extreme temperature (20°F) in average seasonal temperature occur. Tire inflation pressures should be checked and adjusted when the tires are cold or driven less than two miles at moderate speeds of less than 40 mph after the vehicle has been at rest for at least six hours.

Do not reduce inflation pressure if the tires are hot or driven over 10 miles in excess of 60 mph. Hot tire pressure may increase as much as 6 psi over cold pressures. If tire pressure must be adjusted while hot, temporarily set pressure at 6 psi (10 psi for sustained high speeds) greater than those specified until such time as cold inflation pressure can be checked and adjusted.

The correct tire inflation pressures for any given set of driving conditions may be determined by referring to the Tire Inflation Pressure (PSI) Chart.

## Tire Rotation

Rotate tires every 5,000 miles. See figure 9-47 for rotation sequence.



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Fig. 9-47 Tire Rotation

### SAE Brass Tube Fittings

Fitting Size	Tube Size (Inch)	Half-Hard Copper Tubing (Inch-Pounds)	Double Flared Bundy Tubing (Inch-Pounds)
2	1/8	45	50
3	3/16	55	75
4	1/4	65	100
5	5/16	80	120
6	3/8	125	175
8	1/2	250	350

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### Torque Specifications

Service In-Use Recheck Torques should be used for checking a pre-torqued item.

	Service In-Use Recheck Torques
Bleeder Screw, Wheel Cylinder 1/4-28 . . . . .	30-90 in-lbs
Bleeder Screw, Wheel Cylinder 5/16-24 . . . . .	40-140 in-lbs
Brake Shoe or Tube-to-Wheel Cylinder 3/8-24 . . . . .	120-200 in-lbs

Brake Support Plate Mounting Bolt Front (Cherokee, Wagoneer, Truck) . . . . .	20-30
Brake Support Plate Mounting Bolt and Nut, Rear (8000 GVWR Truck) . . . . .	45-55
Brake Support Plate Mounting Bolt and Nut, Rear (Cherokee, Wagoneer, Truck) . . . . .	35-55
Front Brake Support Plate Mounting Bolt and Nut (CJ Models) . . . . .	35-55
Power Brake Unit to Spacer and Firewall (Cherokee, Wagoneer, Truck) . . . . .	18-25
Wheel-to-Hub Nuts CJ Models . . . . .	65-90
Cherokee, Wagoneer, Truck . . . . .	65-80
8000 GVWR Truck . . . . .	110-125

All torque values given in foot-pounds with dry fits unless otherwise specified.

Refer to the Standard Torque Specifications and Capscrew Markings Chart in Section A of this manual for any torque specifications not listed above.

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### Tire Inflation Pressure (PSI) Chart

				Normal Load (1)				Maximum Load (2)				Wheel Size	
Model	GVW Rating	Tire Size	Load Range	Sustained Driving Over 65 mph (3)		Under 65 mph		Sustained Driving Over 65 mph (3)		Under 65 mph			
				Front	Rear	Front	Rear	Front	Rear	Front	Rear		
CJ-5 & CJ-7	3750 & 4150	F78x15	B	24	24	20	20	32*	32*	32	32	15 x 6 (Aluminum Wheel is 15 x 7)	
		H78x15	B & D	24	24	20	20	28	28	24	24		
		HR78x15	B	24	24	20	20	28	28	24	24		
		6.00x16	C	40	40	30	30	50	50	40	40		
Wagoneer & Cherokee	6025	H78x15	B & D	26	26	22	22	32*	32*	32	32	15 x 6 (Aluminum Wheel is 15 x 7)	
		HR78x15	B	26	26	22	22	32*	32*	32	32		
		10.00x15	B	30	30	20	20	40	40	30	30		
Truck J-10	6025	H78x15	B & D	28	28	24	24	32*	32*	32	32	15 x 6 15 x 6 15 x 8	
		HR78x15	B	26	26	22	22	32*	32*	32	32		
		10.00x15	B	30	30	20	20	40	40	30	30		
Truck J-20	6500	8.00x16.5	D	45	45	35	35	55	70	45	60	16.5 x 6 16.0 x 6	
		7.50x16	C	40	40	30	30	45	55	35	45		
	7200	9.50x16.5	D	45	45	35	35	55	70	45	60	16.5 x 6.75 16.0 x 6	
		7.50x16	D	40	40	30	30	55	70	45	60		
	8000	9.50x16.5	D	45	45	35	35	55	70	45	60	16.5 x 6.75 16.0 x 6	
		7.50x16	E	40	40	30	30	55	85	45	75		

NOTE: Inflate tires while cold, before running. Do not reduce pressures if tires are warm.

\*Speed limited to 75 mph.

(1) Normal Load—Frequently selected accessories, plus driver and two passengers. For CJ models, driver and one passenger.

(2) Maximum Load—Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR).

(3) Sustained driving over 75 mph for Cherokee and Wagoneer.

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### Brake Size and Application Chart

Model	Master Cylinder Bore Diameter	Front Brakes		Rear Brakes		Power Brake <sup>④</sup> (Booster Type)
		Brake Size and Type	Caliper Piston or Wheel Cyl. Dia.	Brake Size and Type	Wheel Cyl. Dia.	
CJ-5/CJ-6	1	11 x 2 Drum	1-1/8 Wheel Cyl.	11 x 2 Drum	15/16	Tandem Diaphragm <sup>⑤</sup> 7-3/4
Cherokee <sup>②</sup>	1	11 x 2 Drum	1-1/8 Wheel Cyl.	11 x 2 Drum	15/16	Single Diaphragm 9-1/2
Wagoneer	1-1/8	12.0 Disc	2-15/16 Single Piston	11 x 2 Drum	15/16	Single Diaphragm 9-1/2
Truck: 6025 GVW <sup>②</sup> 120" W.B.	1	11 x 2 Drum	1-1/8 Wheel Cyl.	11 x 2 Drum	15/16	Single Diaphragm <sup>②</sup> 9-1/2
6025 GVW <sup>③</sup> 132" W.B.	1	11 x 2 Drum	1-1/8 Wheel Cyl.	11 x 2 Drum	15/16	Single Diaphragm <sup>③</sup> 9-1/2
6500 GVW	1-1/8	12.5 Disc	2-15/16 Single Piston	12 x 2.5 Drum	1-1/8	Tandem Diaphragm 9-1/2
7200 GVW	1-1/8	12.5 Disc	2-15/16 Single Piston	12 x 2.5 Drum	1-1/8	Tandem Diaphragm 9-1/2
8000 GVW	1-1/8	12.5 Disc	2-15/16 Single Piston	12 x 2.5 Drum	1-1/8	Tandem Diaphragm 9-1/2

① All dimensions are in inches.

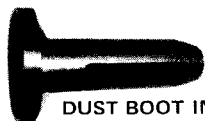
② 12.0 disc brake optional on these models.

③ Single diaphragm type booster used with optional power disc brake application.

④ Models equipped with power booster.

⑤ Power available only on CJ-5 with V-8

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DUST BOOT INSTALLER  
TOOL J-22904



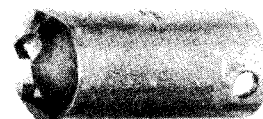
COMBINATION VALVE  
METERING VALVE  
HOLD OPEN TOOL J-23709



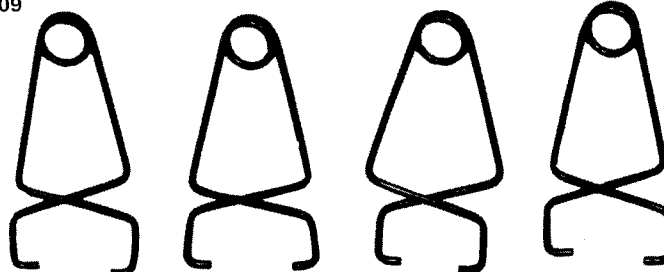
J-2533 FRONT AXLE SHAFT  
DRIVE FLANGE PULLER



J-25103 WHEEL BEARING ADJUSTING NUT WRENCH 2-1/16 INCHES  
J-25106 WHEEL BEARING ADJUSTING NUT WRENCH 2-3/8 INCHES  
J-25107 WHEEL BEARING ADJUSTING NUT WRENCH 2-1/2 INCHES  
HEXAGON AND 2-3/4 OCTAGON



J-8057 BRAKESHOE RETURN  
SPRING REMOVER & INSTALLER



J-8002 BRAKE CYLINDER PISTON  
RETAINING CLAMPS

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Fig. 9-48 Brake and Wheel Service Tools

## TECHNICAL BULLETIN REFERENCE

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