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Important Notice

This symbol is used throughout this manual to call attention to procedures where carelessness or failure to follow specific instructions may result in personal injury and/or component damage.

Departure from the instructions, choice of tools, materials and recommended parts mentioned in this publication may jeopardize the personal safety of the service technician or vehicle operator.

**WARNING**

**WARNING:** Failure to follow indicated procedures creates a high risk of personal injury to the servicing technician.

**CAUTION**

**CAUTION:** Failure to follow indicated procedures may cause component damage or malfunction.

**IMPORTANT**

**IMPORTANT:** Highly recommended procedures for proper service of this unit.

**NOTE:** Additional service information not covered in the service procedures.

**Tip:** Helpful removal and installation procedures to aid in the service of this unit.

Always use genuine Spicer replacement parts.
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General Information

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Any reference to brand names in this publication is made simply as an example of the types of tools and materials recommended for use and should not be considered an endorsement. Equivalents, if available, may be used.

Introduction

Dana presents this publication to aid in maintenance and overhaul of Spicer single reduction drive axles. Instructions contained cover the models listed below. Their design is common, with differences in load capacity. Capacity variations are achieved by combining basic differential carrier assemblies with different axle housings, axle shafts and wheel equipment. The suffix letter “P” in the model number indicates a lube pump is standard. Pump models are equipped with a gerotor pump, designed to provide additional lubrication to the inter-axle differential and related parts.

Model Listing

The following models are included in this publication.

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Model Identification

1 - Country of origin
2 - Axle model identification
3 - Specification number assigned to the axle built by Spicer. Identifies all component parts of the axle including special OEM requirements such as yoke or flanges.
4 - OEM part number assigned to the axle build
5 - Carrier assembly serial number assigned by the manufacturing plant
6 - Axle gear ratio
7 - Carrier assembly production or service part number

Parts Identification

Axle Housing

Axle Shaft
Ring Gear and Pinion

**NOTE:** Ring gear and drive pinion are matched parts and must be replaced in sets.

1. Part number
2. Number of ring gear teeth
3. Manufacturing numbers
4. Matching gear set number
5. Number of pinion teeth
6. Date code
7. Indicates genuine Spicer parts
8. Heat code
Failure Analysis

Failure analysis is the process of determining the original cause of a component failure in order to keep it from happening again. Too often, when a failed component is replaced without determining its cause, there will be a recurring failure. If a carrier housing is opened, revealing a ring gear with a broken tooth, it is not enough to settle on the broken tooth as the cause of the carrier failure. Other parts of the carrier must be examined. For a thorough understanding of the failure and possible insight into related problems, the technician needs to observe the overall condition of the vehicle.

No one benefits when a failed component goes on the junk pile with the cause unknown. Nothing is more disturbing to a customer than a repeat failure. Systematically analyzing a failure to prevent a repeat occurrence assures quality service by avoiding unnecessary downtime and further expense to the customer.

The true cause of a failure can be better determined by knowing what to look for, determining how a piece of the equipment was running and learning about previous problems. In the case of a rebuilt rear axle, mismatched gears may have been installed.

The more successful shops prevent repeat equipment failures by developing good failure analysis practices. Knowing how to diagnose the cause of a premature failure is one of the prerequisites of a good heavy-equipment technician.

How to Diagnose a Failure

The following five steps are an effective approach to good failure diagnostics.

1. Document the problem.
2. Make a preliminary investigation.
3. Prepare the parts for inspection.
4. Find the cause of the failure.
5. Correct the cause of the problem.

Document the Problem

Here are some guidelines for starting to learn about a failure, including questions to ask:

- Talk to the operator of the truck.
- Look at the service records.
- Find out when the truck was last serviced.
- Ask: In what type of service is the truck being used?
- Ask: Has this particular failure occurred before?
- Ask: How was the truck working prior to the failure?
- Ask: Was the vehicle operating at normal temperatures?
- Ask: Were the gauges showing normal ranges of operation?
- Ask: Was there any unusual noise or vibration?

After listening, review the previous repair and maintenance records. If there is more than one driver, talk to all of them and compare their observations for consistency with the service and maintenance records. Verify the chassis Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) number from the vehicle identification plate, as well as the mileage and hours on the vehicle.

Make a Preliminary Investigation

These steps consist of external inspections and observations that will be valuable when combined with the results of the parts examination.

- Look for leaks, cracks or other damage that can point to the cause of the failure.
- Make note of obvious leaks around plugs and seals. A missing fill or drain plug would be an obvious cause for concern.
- Look for cracks in the carrier housing (harder to see, but sometimes visible).
- Does the general mechanical condition of the vehicle indicate proper maintenance or are there signs of neglect?
- Are the tires in good condition and do the sizes match?
- If equipped with a torque-limiting device, is it working properly?

During the preliminary investigation, write down anything out of the ordinary for later reference. Items that appear insignificant now may take on more importance when the subassemblies are torn down.
**Prepare the Parts for Inspection**

After the preliminary investigation, locate the failure and prepare the part for examination. In carrier failure analysis, it may be necessary to disassemble the unit.

- When disassembling subassemblies and parts, do not clean the parts immediately since cleaning may destroy some of the evidence.
- When tearing down the drive axle, do it in the recommended manner. Minimize any further damage to the unit.
- Ask more questions when examining the interior of the carrier. Does the lubricant meet the manufacturer specifications regarding quality, quantity and viscosity? As soon as you have located the failed part, take time to analyze the data.

**Find the Cause of the Failure**

Here begins the real challenge to determine the exact cause of the failure. Keep in mind that there is no benefit to replacing a failed part without determining the cause of the failure. For example, after examining a failed part and finding that the failure is caused by a lack of lubrication, you must determine if there was an external leak. Obviously, if there is an external leak, just replacing the failed gear is not going to correct the situation.

Another important consideration here is to determine the specific type of failure which can be a valuable indicator for the cause of failure. The following pages show different types of failures and possible causes. Use this as a guide in determining types of failures and in correcting problems.

**Correct the Cause of the Problem**

Once the cause of the problem has been determined, refer to the appropriate service manual to perform the repairs.
Inspect Assembly

Clean
1. Wash steel parts with ground or polished surfaces in solvent. There are many suitable commercial solvents available. Kerosene and diesel fuel are acceptable.

   **WARNING**

   *Gasoline is not an acceptable solvent because of its extreme combustibility. It is unsafe in the workshop environment.*

2. Wash castings or other rough parts in solvent or clean in hot solution tanks using mild alkali solutions.

   **NOTE:** If a hot solution tank is used, make sure parts are heated thoroughly before rinsing.

3. Rinse thoroughly to remove all traces of the cleaning solution.

4. Dry parts immediately with clean rags.

5. Oil parts.
   - If parts are to be reused immediately: Lightly oil.
   - If parts are to be stored: Coat with oil, wrap in corrosion resistant paper and store in a clean, dry place.

Inspect Axle Housing

Axle housing inspection and repairs are limited to the following checks or repairs:
- Visually inspect axle housing for cracks, nicks and burrs on machined surfaces.
- Check carrier bolt holes and studs for foreign material.
- Replace damaged fasteners. Look for loose studs or cross threaded holes.

   **CAUTION**

   *Any damage which affects the alignment or structural integrity of the housing requires housing replacement. Do not repair by bending or straightening. This process can affect the material's properties and cause it to fail completely under load.*

- Check all seals and gaskets.

   **NOTE:** Replace conventional gaskets with silicone rubber gasket compound (included in many repair kits). The compound provides a more effective seal against lube seepage and is easier to remove from mating surfaces when replacing parts.

1 - Axle housing
2 - Machined surface

Inspect all steel parts for:
- Notches, visible steps or grooves created by wear.
- Pitting or cracking along gear contact lines.
- Scuffing, deformation or discolorations. These are signs of excessive heat in the axle and are usually related to low lubrication levels or improper lubrication practices.

In addition, inspect the following for damage:
- Differential gearing.
- Bearings for loose fit on drive pinion, pilot bearing, and differential bearings.
- All fasteners for rounded heads, bends, cracks or damaged threads.
- Inspect machined surfaces of cast or malleable parts. They must be free of nicks, burrs, cracks, scoring, and wear.
- Look for elongation of drilled holes, wear on surfaces machined for bearing fits and nicks or burrs in mating surfaces.

Inspect Primary Gearing

Before reusing a primary gear set, inspect teeth for signs of excessive wear. Check tooth contact pattern for evidence of incorrect adjustment.
Differential Carrier Assembly - Exploded View

1 - Carrier Fasteners
2 - Carrier Assembly
3 - Single Axle Assembly
Remove Differential Carrier Procedure
1. Block the vehicle.
2. Drain axle lubricant.
3. Disconnect inter-axle driveline.
4. Disconnect lead wires to the selector switch and air line at shift cylinder.
5. Remove axle shafts.

Differential-Lock Models
For removal of the locking wheel differential carrier assembly, the differential lock must be engaged and held in the engaged position. This can be accomplished by one of two methods; either engage via air pressure or engage manually.

Engage via Air Pressure
• Using an auxiliary air line, apply 80–120 PSI air pressure to shift cylinder air port to engage clutch.

Engage Manually
• Install a .250 – 18 NPTF bolt over 1.5” long in the cylinder air port to manually engage the clutches. GM models require a M12 X 1.5 X 38mm bolt.

NOTE: Hand-tighten the bolt, over-torquing may cause damage to the shift unit. To facilitate hand-tightening, coat bolt threads with axle lube.

1 - Connect 80-120 PSI air line to cylinder port

Do not lie under carrier after fasteners are removed. Use transmission jack to support differential carrier assembly prior to loosening fasteners.

6. To remove axle shaft, remove axle stud nuts. (If used, remove lock washers and taper dowels.)
7. Remove axle shafts.

NOTE: All models in this publication use axle shafts with unequal lengths. Axle shafts may also be location specific with various wheel equipment. Do not misplace axle shafts from their intended location. Identify left and right shafts for reference during reassembly.

TIP: If necessary, loosen dowels by holding a brass drift in the center of the shaft head and strike drift a sharp blow with a hammer.

Do not strike the shaft head with a steel hammer. Do not use chisels or wedges to loosen shaft or dowels.

8. Remove carrier capscrews, nuts and lock washers.
Install Differential Carrier

IMPORTANT

Before installing carrier assembly, inspect and thoroughly clean interior of axle housing using an appropriate solvent and clean rag.

Procedure

1. Apply Spicer approved RTV compound on axle housing mating surface as shown in the illustration. Completely remove all old gasket material prior to applying new material. Compound will set in 20 minutes. Install carrier before compound sets or reapply.

2. Install carrier to housing, lock washers, capscrews, and nuts. Torque to proper specifications. See torque chart of page 66.

3. After 11/02/98, axle housing covers are welded in place. If you have a bolt-on cover, install rear housing cover / output shaft assembly. Torque all fasteners to proper specifications. Torque to 85-103 lbs. ft. (115-140 Nm). Install inter-axle driveline making sure yokes are in phase.

4. Install axle shafts and axle stud nuts (if used, also install lock washers and tapered dowels).

5. Add axle lubricant. Fill to bottom of filler hole.

6. Rear Only: Connect inter-axle driveline, making sure all yokes are in phase. Lubricate u-joints.

TIP: To assist in installing complete differential carrier use two pieces of threaded rod (M16 X 1.5) threaded into carrier capscrew holes. Rod should be approximately 6" long. Use these to pilot the carrier into the housing.

1 - Apply silicone gasket in this pattern
2 - Common stud locations
Disassemble Carrier Assembly

**NOTE:** For models having the wheel differential lock option or a carrier thrust bolt, follow the steps below. These parts must be removed first before further removal of the wheel differential can take place.

### Remove Wheel Differential – Models with Wheel Differential Lock

1. For ease of servicing, mount differential carrier in stand with differential lock facing up.

**NOTE:** To overhaul and reassemble the wheel differential, the shift fork and clutch assembly must be removed from carrier. See instructions below.

2. Remove shift cylinder mounting screws, then lift shift cylinder, piston and o-ring assembly off carrier and end of push rod.

3. To disassemble shift cylinder for inspection, first remove or back off actuator switch. The piston and o-ring assembly can be removed by inserting a pencil-size tool through the cylinder air port.

4. Grasp push rod end and pull it out of the shift fork, spring and carrier.

**NOTE:** When the push rod is disengaged from the shift fork, the fork and sliding curvic clutch assembly can be removed from carrier.

**NOTE:** Do not disassemble shift fork from the sliding curvic clutch unless parts replacement is necessary. To disassemble, use pin punch to remove spring pin from long leg of fork. The fork can now be disengaged from the clutch.

5. Remove the snap ring, then lift fixed curvic clutch off differential case hub spline. Further disassembly of carrier is the same for axles without differential lock.
Procedure

Models with Ring Gear Thrust Bolt

1. Loosen thrust bolt jam nut.

**NOTE:** If the carrier model has a ring gear thrust bolt installed, it must be backed away from the ring gear before you can remove the wheel differential.

2. Back out thrust bolt from the carrier until the end of the bolt is flush with the inside of the carrier casting. This will allow enough clearance between the ring gear and the carrier pilot web.

1 - Thrust bolt
2 - Jam nut
Remove Wheel Differential

NOTE: Omit this step if the gear set is to be replaced. If gear set is to be reused, check tooth contact pattern and ring gear backlash before disassembling differential carrier. When checking backlash, a yoke or helical gear must be installed and torqued to get an accurate reading. Best results are obtained when established wear patterns are maintained in used gearing.

1. Mount differential carrier in repair stand.

2. If reusing gear set, also punch mark bearing adjusters for reference during assembly.

3. Remove capscrews, flat washers and bearing caps. Loosen bearing adjusters and remove adjusters and bearing cups.

4. Using a chain hoist, lift ring gear and differential assembly out of carrier.
**Remove Pinion Assembly**

**Procedure**

1. Remove pinion bearing cage capscrews.
2. Remove pinion and cage assembly from carrier.

3. Remove shim pack.

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**WARNING**

*Do not allow pinion to drop on hard surface If gear set is to be reused, keep pinion bearing cage shim pack intact for use in reassembly. If the original shims cannot be reused, record the number and size of shims in the pack.*
Rear Axle Pinion Assembly - Exploded View

1 - Pinion pilot bearing
2 - Pinion
3 - Pinion bearing cone - inner
4 - Pinion bearing spacer
5 - Pinion bearing cup - inner
6 - Shim
7 - Pinion bearing cage
8 - Capscrew
9 - Pinion bearing cup - outer
10 - Pinion bearing cone - outer
11 - Oil seal
12 - Yoke
13 - Pinion nut
Disassemble and Overhaul Drive Pinion

1. Loosen and remove pinion nut and flat washer. Remove yoke from pinion using an appropriate tool.

**CAUTION**

*If pinion nut was not loosened during earlier disassembly, clamp assembly in vise jaws, use brass pads to prevent damage.*

2. Remove yoke

3. Press pinion out of bearing cage and bearing cone.

4. Remove oil seal and bearing cone from cage. Discard oil seal. Remove bearing cups with suitable puller.

5. Remove bearing spacer from pinion.

6. Remove pilot bearing from pinion using a split-type puller. Use two procedure steps to remove each bearing.

   a. Mount puller vertically to separate the bearing. This action will force puller halves under bearing and start moving bearing off pinion.

   b. Mount puller horizontally to press pinion out of bearing.

7. Remove inner bearing cone from pinion using a split-type puller. Use two procedure steps to remove each bearing.
a. Mount puller vertically to separate the bearing. This action will force puller halves under bearing and start moving bearing off pinion.

b. Mount puller horizontally to press pinion out of bearing.

Replace Pinion Bearing Cage Cups

1. Remove cups.
2. Clean and inspect bearing cages for damage, nicks and burrs.
3. Install inner and outer pinion bearing cups. Use a press and an appropriate drive sleeve. Make certain bearing cup is evenly and firmly seated.

1. Press ram
2. Sleeve must apply pressure to back face of outer bearing cone
4. Seat cups securely to shoulder. Check clearance between cup and bearing cage. Must be less than .001".
Adjust Pinion Bearing Preload - (Trial Buildup)

1. Assemble pinion bearing cage, bearings, spacer and spacer washer (without drive pinion or oil seal). Center bearing spacer between two bearing cones. Lubricate bearing cups and cones.

**NOTE:** When new gear set or pinion bearings are used, select nominal size spacer from the specification chart below. If original parts are used, use spacer removed during disassembly.

2. With the bearings well lubricated, place the assembly in the press. Position sleeve so load is applied directly to the back-face of the outer bearing cone.

3. Rotate pinion cage while applying press load to the assembly and check rolling torque. Wrap soft wire around the bearing cage, attach spring scale and pull. Preload is correct when torque required to rotate the pinion bearing cage is within the specifications listed in the chart below.

**Specifications for Pinion Bearing Trial Buildup Preload Test**

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<td>Nominal Bearing Thickness Spacer</td>
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**CAUTION**

Read only the torque value after the bearing cage starts to rotate.

4. If necessary, adjust pinion bearing preload by changing the pinion bearing spacer. A thicker spacer will decrease preload. A thinner spacer will increase preload.

**NOTE:** Once correct bearing preload has been established, note the spacer size used. Select a spacer .001” larger for use in the final pinion bearing cage assembly. The larger spacer compensates for slight “growth” in the bearings which occurs when they are pressed on the pinion shank.

**CAUTION**

Do not assume that all assemblies will retain proper preload once bearings are pressed on pinion shank. **FINAL PRELOAD TEST MUST BE MADE IN EVERY CASE.**
Adjust Pinion Bearing Preload -
(Final Buildup)

NOTE: On rear axles, do not install oil seal in cage until bearing preload is correctly adjusted.

IMPORTANT

After bearing cups are installed, preselect pinion bearing spacer using the “trial buildup” procedure.

NOTE: During pinion bearing installation, locate each part in same position that was used in “trial buildup” preload test.

Procedure

1. Press inner bearing cone Pinion Assembly on pinion.

CAUTION

To prevent bearing damage, use suitable sleeve that only contacts inner race of bearing cone.

2. Install preselected bearing spacer.

3. Install bearing cage on drive pinion.
4. Press outer bearing cone on pinion.

**CAUTION**

*To prevent bearing damage, spin cage while pressing outer bearing on.*

5. Apply clamp load to the pinion bearing cage assembly. Either install the yoke (or helical gear) and torque the pinion nut to specifications or use the press to simulate nut torque (see chart below).

### Specifications for Pinion Bearing Final Buildup Preload Test

**Torque to Rotate Bearing Cage (w/o pinion seal)**

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<td>Nut Torque</td>
<td>575 - 703 lbs. ft. (780-953 N•m)</td>
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*Torque nut to 840 lbs. ft. (1,140 N•m), then continue tightening nut to align nut slot to nearest hole in pinion shank.

**NOTE:** *Specifications for final Pinion Bearing Preload Test.* Torque to rotate bearing cage 15 -35 lbs. in. (1.7 - 4.0 N•m)

**Vise Method**

a. If the yoke and nut are used, mount the assembly in a vise, clamping yoke firmly.

**Press Method**

a. If a press is used, position a sleeve or spacer so that load is applied directly to the back face of the outer bearing cone.

6. Measure Pinion Bearing Preload: Use a spring scale to test the assembly rolling torque. To use the spring scale, wrap flexible wire around the bearing cage, attach the scale and pull. Preload is correct when torque required to rotate the pinion bearing cage is within the specifications listed in the previous chart.

**CAUTION**

*Read only the torque value after the bearing cage starts to rotate.*

7. Adjust Pinion Bearing Preload: If necessary, adjust pinion bearing preload. Disassemble the pinion bearing cage as recommended in this manual and change the pinion bearing spacer. A thicker spacer will decrease preload. A thinner spacer will increase preload.

**CAUTION**

*Use the correctly sized spacer. Do not use shim stock or grind spacers. These practices can lead to loss of bearing preload and gear or bearing failure.*

**CAUTION**

To prevent bearing damage, use suitable sleeve that only contacts the inner race of bearing cone.

9. Stake pilot bearing using staking tool. This is essential to retain the bearing.

10. With pinion installed and bearing preload adjustment complete, install oil seal. Use properly sized installation tool as described on the next page to prevent distortion.

11. Prior to installation of yoke, make sure yoke is clean and dry.

12. Install yoke.

13. Install yoke nut using one of the following options:

- Install a new nut with the pre-applied thread adhesive compound. Tighten the nut to the specified torque as specified in the back of this publication.
- If a new nut with pre-applied thread adhesive compound is unavailable, apply Loctite 277 or Loctite 271 to the nut along two threads, for at least two flats (120°) of the nut midway through the thickness.

**IMPORTANT**

Follow the instructions specified by the thread adhesive manufacturer when applying thread adhesive compound.

**NOTE:** Use of a torque multiplier is recommended.

**TIP:** If you can’t get the correct torque on yoke nut, try torquing the nut with the truck wheels on the ground and with the axle shafts installed.
Install Drive Pinion Assembly

Procedure

1. Place shim pack on carrier making sure lube holes are clear.

2. Install drive pinion assembly. Install bearing cage capscrews. Torque capscrews to 114 - 140 lbs. ft. (155 - 190 N•m).

3. Install pinion assembly. Install bearing cage capscrews and lock washers. Torque capscrews to 114 - 140 lbs. ft. (155 - 190 N•m).

**NOTE:** If gear set is to be reused, install same quantity and size of shims removed during disassembly. When installing a new gear set, use nominal shim pack for rear axles of 0.023 in. (0.584 mm).
Wheel Differential - Exploded View

1 - Ring Gear
2 - Capscrew
3 - Flat washer
4 - Differential carrier bearing caps
5 - Cotter pin
6 - Differential case - LH (flange half)
7 - Bearing cone - flange half
8 - Bearing cup - flange half
9 - Differential bearing adjuster - flange half
10 - Bolt
11 - Nut
12 - Differential bearing adjuster - plain half
13 - Bearing cup - plain half
14 - Bearing cone - plain half
15 - Differential case - RH (plain half)
16 - Side gear thrust washer
17 - Side gear
18 - Differential spider
19 - Side pinion
20 - Side pinion thrust washer
Disassemble, Overhaul & Assemble Wheel Differential
Disassemble Wheel Differential

CAUTION
During following procedure, place differential assembly on malleable surface to prevent damage when ring gear falls off its mounting position.

Procedure
1. Remove nuts and bolts fastening ring gear to differential cases, allowing gear to fall free. If gear does not fall, tap outer diameter with soft mallet to loosen.

2. Punch mark differential cases for correct location during reassembly. Remove capscrews and lift off plain differential case half.

3. Lift out side gear and thrust washer.

4. Lift out spider, side pinions and thrust washers.

5. Remove remaining side gear and thrust washer.

6. Remove bearing cones from case halves using suitable puller.

7. Remove bearing cone from plain case half in two steps:
   a. Mount puller vertically to split bearing. This action will start moving bearing off case.
   b. Mount puller horizontally to remove cone.

8. Remove bearing cone from flanged case half using suitable puller.
Overhaul and Assemble Wheel Differential

CAUTION

To prevent bearing damage, use suitable sleeve that only contacts the inner race of the cone. A used bearing race would be a suitable tool. This tool should have a slit cut if the ID is the same as the flange OD.

Procedure

1. Press new flange half bearing cones on differential case halves.

2. Press new plain half bearing cones on differential case halves.

3. Place thrust washer and side gear in flanged differential case.

4. Lubricate all differential parts.

5. Assemble side pinion and thrust washers on spider. Place this assembly in flanged differential case. Rotate gears and check for proper mesh.

6. Place side gear and thrust washer on side pinions.

7. Align punch marks and install plain case half. Install capscrews and tighten to proper specifications as outlined in the back of this publication. Check differential for free rotation by turning side gear hub.

1 - Punch marks
8. Install ring gear. Secure with bolts and nuts.

**NOTE:** Flange half differential cases were redesigned starting with production axles built in January 1997. New style ring gear bolts are also required with the new style flange case. The torque specification for this new bolt is different than the old 126219 bolt (see chart).

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*Reference Spicer Bulletin ABIB-9701 for more details.*

9. Lower assembled differential assembly into the carrier using a hoist and a strap. Be careful not to damage the differential bearings lowering the assembly.

10. Install the bearing cup and bearing adjuster to the flange half side first.

11. Install the bearing cup and bearing adjuster to the plain half side. Use a long screwdriver or bar to lift the differential up while installing the cup and bearing adjuster.
Measure and Adjust Carrier Assembly
Adjust Backlash and Preload
Procedure

1. Turn the flange half bearing adjuster in until the ring gear contacts the pinion (zero backlash) than back the adjuster out two notches of the adjuster lugs.

2. Tighten the plain half adjuster until the bearing cup just starts to turn, this is a zero bearing preload.

3. Tighten the plain half adjuster two lug notches. Start with the notch at the top, count two notches counterclockwise on the adjuster, and turn the adjuster so the notch is facing straight up. You now have a two notch preload.

4. Use a rubber mallet to make certain both bearing adjusters are fully seated.

5. Measure backlash. Make sure it is within specification of .008”–.018”.

TIP: To give yourself room to adjust contact pattern, set it between .010”–.012”.
**Change Backlash Setting**

If you have too much backlash the ring gear needs to move closer to the pinion. Back off the plain half adjuster, and count the number of notches you backed it off. Each notch equals about .003" of backlash.

*IMPORTANT*

In order to maintain the differential bearing preload you will need to turn the flange half bearing adjuster the same amount in the same direction. If you need more backlash reverse this procedure.

**Procedure**

1. Install carrier bearing caps and torque carrier cap bolts to 350 - 428 lbs. ft. (475 - 580 N•m).
2. **Recheck Backlash**: If the bearing adjusters were not in straight or fully seated the backlash will change.
   a. **Used Gearing**: Reset to backlash recorded before disassembly.
   b. **New Gearing**: Backlash should be between .008 and .018".
3. Check ring gear tooth contact pattern. Paint ring gear teeth and check tooth contact pattern. Correct tooth patterns. Check adjusting procedures outlined in this manual.
4. Install bearing adjuster cotter pins.

**Measure Ring Gear Runout Procedure**

1. Measure ring gear total radial run out. (Indicator reading should not exceed .010").
2. Measure ring gear total backface runout. (Indicator reading should not exceed .010").
Adjust Ring and Pinion Tooth Contact Pattern

NOTE: Rear axle gearing is shown in the following instructions. Correct tooth contact patterns and adjustments are the same for forward and rear axles.

New Gearing - Correct Pattern
Paint six ring gear teeth 180° apart with marking compound and roll the gear to obtain a contact pattern. The correct pattern is slightly below center on the ring gear tooth with lengthwise contact up off the toe. The length of the pattern in an unloaded condition is approximately one-half to two-thirds of the ring gear tooth in most models and ratios.

The pattern could vary in length and should cover 1/2 tooth or more (face width). The pattern should be evenly centered between tooth top land and root and should be up off the tooth toe.

Used Gearing - Correct Pattern
Used gearing will not usually display the square, even contact pattern found in new gear sets. The gear will normally have a “pocket” at the heel end of the gear tooth. The more use a gear has had, the more the line becomes the dominant characteristic of the pattern.

Adjust used gear sets to display the same contact pattern observed before disassembly. A correct pattern is up off the toe and centers evenly along the face width between the top land and root. Otherwise, the length and shape of the pattern are highly variable and is considered acceptable as long as it does not run off the tooth at any point.

Adjust Contact Pattern
If necessary, adjust the contact pattern by moving the ring gear and drive pinion.

- Ring gear position controls the backlash. This adjustment moves the contact pattern along the face width of the gear tooth.
- Pinion position is determined by the size of the pinion bearing cage shim pack. It controls contact on the tooth depth of the gear tooth.

These adjustments are interrelated. As a result, they must be considered together even though the pattern is altered by two distinct operations. When making adjustments, first adjust the pinion, then the backlash. Continue this sequence until the pattern is satisfactory.
Adjust Tooth Contact Pattern

**Adjust Pinion Position**

If the gear pattern shows incorrect tooth depth contact, change drive pinion position by altering the shim pack. Used gears should achieve proper contact with the same shims removed from the axle at disassembly.

**NOTE:** Check ring gear backlash after each shim change and adjust if necessary to maintain the .006" to .018" specifications.

If the pattern is too close to the top land of the gear tooth, remove pinion shims. Move pinion toward the ring gear.

If the pattern is too close to the root of the gear tooth, add pinion shims. Move pinion away from the ring gear.

**Adjust Ring Gear Position (Backlash)**

If the gear pattern shows incorrect face width contact, change backlash by adjusting the ring gear.

If the pattern is too close to the edge of the tooth toe, move the ring gear away from the pinion to increase backlash.

1. Loosen the bearing adjuster on the teeth side of the ring gear several notches.
2. Loosen the opposite adjuster one notch.
3. Return to adjuster on teeth side of ring gear and tighten adjuster until it contacts the bearing cup.
4. Continue tightening the same adjuster 2 or 3 notches and recheck backlash.
   • If the pattern is concentrated at the heel (too far up the tooth), move the ring gear toward the pinion to decrease backlash.

5. Loosen the bearing adjuster on the teeth side of the ring gear several notches.
6. Tighten the opposite adjuster one notch.
7. Return to adjuster on teeth side of ring gear and tighten adjuster until it contacts the bearing cup.
8. Continue tightening the same adjuster 2 or 3 notches and recheck backlash.
Wheel Differential Lock Parts - Exploded View

1 - Piston engagement bolt
2 - Capscrew
3 - Switch
4 - Washer
5 - O-ring
6 - Piston
7 - Set screw
8 - Piston driver
9 - Pushrod
10 - Clutch Fork
11 - Spring
12 - Sliding clutch
13 - Pin
14 - Piston cover
Install and Adjust Wheel Differential Lock (Jam Nut Option)

**NOTE:** With differential carrier completely assembled and adjusted, install differential lock as follows:

**Procedure**

1. Install fixed curvic clutch on splined hub of flanged differential case, then install snap ring.
2. If shift fork and sliding curvic clutch are disassembled, engage fork with clutch hub and install spring pin in the long leg of the fork. See illustration for fork mounting position on clutch.
4. Install new o-ring on piston.
5. Lubricate piston and o-ring with silicone grease and install piston assembly in cylinder. Position piston with small diameter hub toward closed end of cylinder.
6. Screw piston driver on pushrod.
7. Tighten piston driver until shift fork clutch is approximately .030" from the fixed clutch.
8. Push down by hand on the piston drive. Both clutches must be completely engaged.

**CAUTION**

On 3.90 ratio models only, a washer (P/N 210288) must be used between the piston driver and piston. Failure to install the washer will cause engagement and disengagement problems in the differential lock.

11. Screw in manual engagement screw, by hand approximately 1 inch or until snug fit (light resistance pressure is felt) both clutches must be completely engaged.
12. Remove manual engagement screw, clutches must be completely disengaged.
13. Repeat above procedure if clutches are not completely disengaged.

**NOTE:** Fork adjustment is correct when curvic clutch teeth are fully engaged with the fork free when moved by hand. When air pressure is released or the manual bolt is removed, the shift assembly should disengage freely.

14. When adjustment is complete, torque fasteners to 28–35 lbs. ft. (38–47 N•m).
15. Install selector switch in cylinder cover. Torque switch to 10–12 lbs. ft. (14–16 N•m).
16. **Check selector switch operation**: Check switch electrically with an ohmmeter or continuity tester. Switch should close (show continuity) when clutches are engaged and should open (no continuity) when clutches are disengaged.

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**Install and Adjust Ring Gear Thrust Bolt**

**Procedure**

1. Thread thrust screw into the carrier until firm contact with the back face of the ring gear is made.
2. Loosen the thrust screw 1/4 turn to obtain the correct adjustment of .020” (.50mm) clearance between gear face and screw. Tighten jam nut, holding thrust screw stationary with a wrench, torque jam nut 150–190 lbs. ft. (203–258 N•m).
3. Recheck to assure minimum clearance during full rotation of ring gear.

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1 - Rear carrier or front carrier
2 - Thrust bolt
3 - Thrust bolt jam nut

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1 - Piston engagement bolt
2 - Capscrew
3 - Switch
4 - Washer
5 - O-ring
6 - Piston
7 - Set screw
8 - Piston driver
9 - Pushrod
10 - Clutch Fork
11 - Spring
12 - Sliding clutch
13 - Pin
14 - Piston cover
Replace Seal

Spicer strongly recommends using seal drivers when installing new seals. Use the proper driver to make sure that the seal is square and installed to the proper depth.

Oil seals can be easily damaged prior to installation. Use care when handling the new seal to prevent damage or contamination. Leave the seal in its package until installation. On new yokes, leave the protector on the yoke until it is installed on the shaft to prevent damage or contamination.

1. Remove the yoke using appropriate tool. A yoke puller tool may be made from the center section of most gear puller tools, or may be purchased from your local tool distributor.

! CAUTION

Do not use any silicone or permatex-type bore sealant with this seal.

! WARNING

Due to the resiliency of the plastic driver, hammer rebound may occur when the seal is seated. Keep clear of the hammer rebound path!

4. Handle the seal by its outside diameter avoiding any contact with the seal lips. During installation, use the proper driver to make sure that the seal is mounted properly.

5. Use a rubber mallet to drive the seal tool in until the flange bottoms on the housing cover bore face. The flange will locate the seal at the proper depth.

2. Remove seal. Use care when removing the old seal to prevent damage to the housing seal bore.

3. Inspect the seal bore area for any damage (nicks, gouges, corrosion). Carefully remove any slight damage with a crocus cloth. Clean the bore area to remove any loose debris.

Seal Driver

1 - Yoke Puller Tool

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Install New Axle Housing Breather - (Metal and Plastic)

Spicer uses an axle housing breather that consists of a fitting, hose, and clamp assembly. This breather design has improved resistance to water ingestion, and clogging caused by dirt, ice or snow buildup around the base of the breather. See installation instructions below (all views from rear).

Procedure

1. Install fitting in breather hole.

2. Tighten fitting finger tight.

3. Using a 3/4” wrench:
   Metal only: Rotate the fitting at least 1/2 turn until nipple points to rear.

Plastic only: Tighten until one thread is showing.

4. Insert hose onto fitting, long end down.

5. Push hose firmly against fitting. Rotate hose to point down.

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Wheel End Seal Parts - Exploded View

1 - Installation tool
2 - Seal
3 - Rear hub
Remove and Overhaul Wheel End Seal

**WARNING**

*Never work under a vehicle supported by only a jack. Always support vehicle with stands. Block the wheels and make sure the vehicle will not roll before releasing the brakes.*

**CAUTION**

*Wheel end seals can be easily damaged during handling. Leave the seal in its package until installation to prevent damage or contamination.*

**Procedure**

1. Remove outer bearing and wheel.
2. Remove oil seal.
3. Remove inner bearing.
4. Remove old wear sleeve (2-piece design only) with a ball peen hammer and discard.
   
   **CAUTION**
   
   *Do not cut through the old wear sleeve. Damage to the housing may result.*

**NOTE:** Deep gouges can be repaired by filling gouge with hardening gasket cement and smoothing with emery cloth.

5. Inspect spindle journal and hub bore for scratches or burrs. Recondition with an emery cloth as required.
6. Clean hub cavity and bearing bores before reassembly. Be sure to remove contaminants from all recesses and corners.
7. Clean bearings thoroughly with solvent and examine for damage. Replace damaged or worn bearings.

**CAUTION**

*Always use the seal installation tool specified by the seal manufacturer. Using an improper tool can distort or damage the seal and cause premature seal failure.*

Install Wheel End Seal

**Procedure**

1. Before installation, lubricate the following with the same lubricant used in the axle sump.
   - Inner bearing
   - Wheel seal (follow the directions provided by the seal supplier)
2. Place seal on installation tool.
3. Drive seal with installation tool onto hub.
Adjust Wheel Bearing

**WARNING**

*Do not mix spindle nuts and lock washers from different systems. Mixing spindle nuts and lock washers can cause wheel separation.*

**NOTE:** The lock washer for a four-piece tang/dowel-type wheel nut system is thinner than the lock washer for a three-piece tang-type wheel nut system and is not designed to bear against the inner nut.

**Procedure**

1. Inspect the spindle and nut threads for corrosion and clean thoroughly or replace as required.

   **NOTE:** Proper assembly and adjustment is not possible if the spindle or nut threads are corroded.

2. Inspect the tang-type washer (if used). Replace the washer if the tangs are broken, cracked, or damaged.

3. Install the hub and drum on the spindle with care to prevent damage or distortion to the wheel seal.

   **CAUTION**

   *A wheel dolly is recommended during installation to make sure that the wheel seal is not damaged by the weight of the hub and drum. Never support the hub on the spindle with just the inner bearing and seal. This can damage the seal and cause premature failure.*

4. Completely fill the hub cavity between the inner and outer bearing races with the same lubricant used in the axle sump.

5. Before installation, lubricate the outer bearing with the same lubricant used in the axle sump.

   **NOTE:** Lubricate only with clean axle lubricant of the same type used in the axle sump. Do not pack the bearings with grease before installation. Grease will prevent the proper circulation of axle lubricant and may cause wheel seal failure.

6. Install the outer bearing on the spindle.

7. Install the inner nut on the spindle. Tighten the inner nut to 200 lbs. ft. (271 N•m) while rotating the wheel hub.

   **CAUTION**

   *Never use an impact wrench to adjust wheel bearings. A torque wrench is required to assure the nuts are properly tightened.*

8. Back off the inner nut one full turn. Rotate the wheel hub.

9. Retighten the inner nut to 50 lbs. ft. (68 N•m) while rotating the wheel hub.

10. Back off the inner nut exactly 1/4 turn.

   **NOTE:** This adjustment procedure allows the wheel to rotate freely with 0.001" -.005" (0.025 mm–0.127 mm) end-play.

11. Install the correct lock washer for the wheel nut system being used.

**Three-piece Dowel-type Lock Washer System**

- Inner nut
- Dowel pin
- Dowel-type lock washer
- Outer nut

a. Install the Dowel-type lock washer on the spindle.

   **NOTE:** If the dowel pin and washer are not aligned, remove washer, turn it over and reinstall. If required, loosen the inner nut just enough for alignment.

b. Install the outer nut on the spindle and tighten to 350 lbs. ft. (475 N•m).

c. Verify end-play, see “Verify Wheel End Play Procedure”.
Three-piece Tang-type Lock Washer System

1 - Inner nut
2 - Tang-type lock washer .123” thick
3 - Outer nut
   a. Install the Tang-type lock washer on the spindle.
   
   **NOTE:** Never tighten the inner nut for alignment. This can preload the bearing and cause premature failure.
   b. Install the outer nut on the spindle and tighten to 250 lbs. ft. (339 N•m).
   c. Verify end-play, see “Verify Wheel End Play Procedure”.
   d. After verifying end-play, secure wheel nuts by bending one of the locking washer tangs over the outer wheel nut and another tang over the inner wheel nut.
   e. Go to step 12.

Four-piece Tang/Dowel-type Lock Washer System

1 - Inner nut
2 - Dowel pin
3 - Dowel-type lock washer
4 - Tang-type lock washer .0478” thick
5 - Outer nut
   a. Install the Dowel-type lock washer on the spindle.
   
   **NOTE:** If the dowel pin and washer are not aligned, remove washer, turn it over and reinstall. If required, loosen the inner nut just enough for alignment.
   
   **NOTE:** Never tighten the inner nut for alignment. This can preload the bearing and cause premature failure.
   b. Install the Tang-type lock washer on the spindle.
   c. Install the outer nut on the spindle and tighten to 250 lbs. ft. (339 N•m).
   d. Verify end-play, see “Verify Wheel End Play Procedure”.
   e. After verifying end-play, secure the outer nut by bending (180° apart) two opposing tangs of the locking washer over the outer nut.

12. Install the following:
   - New gasket at axle shaft flange.
   - Axle shaft.
   - Axle flange nuts and tighten to specified torque.

13. Lubricate axle wheel ends.
Verify Wheel End-Play Procedure
Verify end-play meets specification using a dial indicator. An indicator with .001" (.03 mm) resolution is required. Wheel end play is the free movement of the tire and wheel assembly along the spindle axis.
Correct end-play is .001" -.005" (.025–.125 mm ).

Adjust End-Play with Tire and Wheel Assembly Procedure
1. Attach a dial indicator with its magnetic base to the hub or brake drum.

2. Adjust the dial indicator so its plunger or pointer is against the end of the spindle with its line of action approximately parallel to the axis of the spindle.

3. Grasp the wheel assembly at the 3 o’clock and 9 o’clock positions. Push the wheel assembly in and out while oscillating it to seat the bearings. Read bearing end-play as the total indicator movement.

**CAUTION**
If end-play is not within specification, readjustment is required.

Adjust End-play with Wheel Hub

**Insufficient End-play**-- If end-play is not present, remove the outer nut and pull the lock washer away from the inner nut, but not off the spindle. Loosen the inner nut to the next adjustment hole of the dowel-type washer (if used). Reassemble the washer and re-torque the outer nut. Verify end-play with a dial indicator.

**Excessive End-play**-- If end-play is greater than .005" (1.27 mm), remove the outer nut and pull the lock washer away from the inner nut, but not off the spindle. Tighten the inner nut to the next alignment hole of the dowel-type washer (if used). Reassemble the washer and re-torque the outer nut. Verify end-play with a dial indicator.

**Fine Tuning the End-play**-- If, after performing the readjustment procedures, end-play is still not within the .001"-.005" (.025–.127 mm) range, disassemble and inspect the components. If parts are found to be defective, replace the defective parts, reassemble and repeat wheel bearing adjustment procedure. Verify end-play with a dial indicator.
Lubricate Wheel End

For Lubrication information see LM072012 Lubrication Manual.

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**IMPORTANT**

*Before operating the axle, the wheel hub cavities and bearings must be lubricated to prevent failure.*

When wheel ends are serviced, follow Spicer’s wheel end lubrication procedure before operating the axle.

Spicer axles may be equipped with either of two wheel end designs:

- Wheel ends with an oil fill hole.
- Wheel ends without an oil fill hole.

**Wheel Ends with an Oil Fill Hole**

1. Rotate the wheel end hub until the oil fill hole is up.
2. Remove the oil fill plug.
3. Pour 1/2 pint of axle sump lubricant into each hub through the wheel end fill hole.
4. Install oil fill plug and tighten to specified torque.

**Wheel Ends Without Oil Fill Hole**

1. With axle level and wheel ends assembled, add lubricant through filler hole in axle housing cover until fluid is level with the bottom of filler hole.
2. Raise the right side of the axle 6 inches or more. Hold axle in this position for one minute.
3. Lower the right side.
4. Raise the left side of the axle 6 inches or more. Hold axle in this position for one minute.
5. Lower the left side.
6. With axle on a level surface, add lubricant through housing cover oil filler hole until fluid is level with the bottom of the hole.

**NOTE:** Axles without wheel end fill holes will require approximately 2.5 additional pints of lubricant to bring the lube level even with the bottom of fill hole.

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1 - Wheel end oil fill hole
2 - Proper lubricant level
3 - Lubricant flow from sump

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1 - With axle on level surface, fill housing with oil to bottom of plug
2 - Temperature sensor mounting hole
3 - Oil will run into wheel end
4 - Oil will run into wheel end
5 - Tilt housing side to side (1 minute per side)
6 - Recheck oil level in axle

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General Lubrication Information

The ability of a drive axle to deliver quiet, trouble-free operation over a period of years is largely dependent upon the use of good quality gear lubrication in the correct quantity. The most satisfactory results can be obtained by following the directions contained in this manual.

The following lubrication instructions represent the most current recommendations from Dana.

Approved Lubricants

General—Gear lubrications acceptable under military specification (MILSPEC) MIL-L-2105D (Lubricating Oils, Gear, Multipurpose) are approved for use in Spicer Drive Axles. The MIL-L-2105D specification defines performance and viscosity requirements for multigrade oils. It supersedes both MIL-L-2105B, MIL-L-2105C and cold weather specification MIL-L-10324A. This specification applies to both petroleum-based and synthetic based gear lubricants if they appear on the most current “Qualified Products List” (QPL-2105) for MIL-L-2105D.

NOTE: The use of separate oil additives and/or friction modifiers are not approved in Spicer Drive Axles.

Synthetic based—Synthetic-based gear lubricants exhibit superior thermal and oxidation stability, and generally degrade at a lower rate when compared to petroleum-based lubricants. The performance characteristics of these lubricants include extended change intervals, improved fuel economy, better extreme temperature operation, reduced wear and cleaner component appearance. The family of Spicer gear lubricants represents a premium quality synthetic lube which fully meets or exceeds the requirements of MIL-L-2105D. These products, available in both 75W-90 and 80/W-140, have demonstrated superior performance in comparison to others qualified under the MILSPEC, as demonstrated by extensive laboratory and field testing. For a complete list of Spicer approved synthetic lubricants contact your local Dana representative. See back cover of this manual for appropriate phone number.

Makeup Lube—Maximum amount of non-synthetic makeup lube is 10%.

Recommendations for Viscosity/Ambient Temperature

The following chart lists the various SAE Grades covered by MIL-L-2105D and the associated ambient temperature range from each. Those SAE grades shown with an asterisk (*) are available in the Spicer family of synthetic gear lubricants.

The lowest ambient temperatures covered by this chart are -40°F and -40°C. Lubrication recommendations for those applications which consistently operate below this temperature range, must be obtained through Dana by contacting your local Dana Spicer representative.

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* Available in the Spicer family of synthetic gear lubricants
Lube Change Intervals

This product combines the latest manufacturing and part washing technology. *When filled with a Spicer approved synthetic lubricant at the factory, the initial drain is not required.*

Change the lubricant within the first 5,000 miles of operation when not using a Spicer approved synthetic lubricant in either a new axle or after a carrier head replacement.

Base subsequent lubricant changes on a combination of the following chart and user assessment of the application and operating environment.

**Severe Service Lubrication Change Intervals**—Severe service applications are those where the vehicle consistently operates at or near its maximum GCW or GVW ratings, dusty or wet environments, or consistent operation on grades greater than 8%. For these applications, the ON/OFF HIGHWAY portion of the chart should be used. Typical applications are construction, logging, mining and refuse removal.

**NOTE**: Clean metallic particles from the magnetic filler plug and drain plugs. Clean or replace the breather yearly to avoid lube contamination due to water ingestion.

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<td>75W, 75W-90, 75W-140, 80W-90, 85W-140</td>
<td>120,000 miles [193,000 Km] or 1 year</td>
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* Axles using LMS wheel end system
** Axles using adjustable wheel bearing system
**Change Lube**

**Drain**

Drain when the lube is at normal operating temperature (150°–200°F). It will run freely and minimize the time necessary to fully drain the axle, this insures the axle is flushed.

Unscrew the magnetic drain plug on the underside of the axle housing and allow the lube to drain into a suitable container.

**NOTE:** Dispose of all used lubricants properly by following disposal methods approved for mineral or synthetic based oils.

After initial oil change, inspect drain plug for large quantities of metal particles. These are signs of damage or extreme wear in the axle. Clean the drain plug and replace it after the lube has drained completely. Inspect breather for clogging or corrosion. Clean or replace as necessary.

**Fill**

**Front Axle**

a. With vehicle on level ground, remove the filler hole plug from the axle housing cover and fill the axle with approved lubricant until level with the bottom of the hole.

**Rear Axle**

a. Remove the filler hole plug from the axle housing cover and fill the axle with the approved lubricant until level with the bottom of the hole.

b. If wheel ends were removed, follow instructions in wheel end servicing section.

Always use the filler hole as the final reference. If lube is level with the bottom of the hole, the axle is properly filled.

**NOTE:** Lube fill capacities (see chart) are basic guidelines and will vary based on the angle the axle is installed in a particular chassis. Torque fill plug to 40–60 lbs. ft. (54–82 N•m).

**TIP:** The axle can be filled through the axle housing breather hole. Fill until lube level is even with the bottom of filler hole in axle housing rear cover.

![Diagram of lube level](image)

1 - With axle on level surface, fill housing with oil to bottom of plug
2 - Temperature sensor mounting hole

Correct lube level at bottom of filler hole
**Proper Vehicle Towing**

**Towing of Axles Equipped with Wheel Differential Lock**

1. Engage the wheel differential lock until the indicator light is on (move vehicle to verify engagement).
2. Shift transmission into neutral.
3. With the vehicle stationary, release the air pressure on the wheel differential lock shift system and apply the parking brake.
4. Disconnect the air supply and fitting at the shift cylinder.
5. Remove the axle shafts.

**NOTE:** Axle shafts are location specific. Remember the double-splined or extended splined axle shafts are located on the “shift cylinder” side of the axle.

6. Install temporary cover on hub to prevent contamination entering and also to prevent the loss of lubricant.

**Description**

The Spicer Wheel Differential Lock is an optional feature for Spicer Axles. In operation, it positively locks the wheel differential to provide improved traction under adverse road conditions.

The differential lock is driver-controlled through an electric switch or air valve mounted in the cab. The locking mechanism is air-operated to engage a mechanical clutch and lock the wheel differential. It is spring-operated to disengage the lock and permit the wheel differential to function normally.

The Wheel Differential Lock consists of three major assemblies.

- A shift cylinder assembly which operates a shift fork and push rod assembly.
- A shift fork and push rod assembly which engages and disengages the differential lock curvic clutch assembly.
- A curvic clutch assembly which consists of a sliding clutch splined to a axle shaft and a fixed clutch which is splined to the differential case hub.

The Differential Lock also includes a selector switch (electric) which senses clutch engagement and sends an electrical signal to a cab mounted indicator light (or an audible signal device).

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**Without Wheel Differential Lock**

Lift the drive wheels completely off of the ground or damage will occur.

**WARNING**

Do not lift the front wheels (non-drive wheels). This alters the oil's position in the drive axle, draining it away from the drive pinion and its bearings. If the pinion is rotated under these conditions for any period of time, bearings will overheat resulting in axle damage or failure.

If this is impossible to lift the drive wheels, remove all axle shafts to prevent gear rotation and cap the wheel hubs to prevent loss of lubricant and a possible road hazard. See the previous section “Proper Vehicle Towing with Wheel Differential Lock” for removal procedure.
Wheel Differential Assembly Operation

The Spicer Wheel Differential Lock is driver-controlled and operated by a carrier mounted air-actuated shift unit. In operation, it positively locks the wheel differential to provide improved traction under adverse road conditions.

Control Systems for Differential Lock

Two systems may be used to control the differential lock operation:

Transmission Low-Range Interlock Control System

The wheel differential is locked manually with the transmission in Low-Range. It is unlocked by the driver or unlocked when the transmission is shifted out of Low-Range.

**NOTE:** The interlock system is preferred for vehicles equipped with an air-shifted, Low-Range transmission. It is designed to ensure the differential lock is not left engaged (and to prevent accidental engagement) when the transmission is in high range.

Direct Driver-controlled System

The driver manually locks and unlocks the wheel differential, using a cab-mounted electric switch (or air valve). The following description assumes the system includes a cab-mounted electric switch and a solenoid valve as shown in the illustration. An air valve may be substituted for these components.

Operation is as follows:

1. With control switch in the “unlock” position, the wheel differential functions normally.
2. When the control switch is placed in the “lock” position, the air supply solenoid valve opens and air pressure activates the shift cylinder. The shift fork is moved to engage the curvic clutches, which, in turn, lock the wheel differential.
3. When the control switch is placed in the “unlock” position, air pressure supply to the shift cylinder is shut off and air pressure is released from the cylinder. A compression spring moves the shift fork to disengage the curvic clutch and unlock the wheel differential.

1 - Cab-mounted control valve (plunger in—valve open)
2 - Dry air supply tank 80–120 PSI
3 - Preferably equal in length
4 - Power supply
5 - Fuse or circuit breaker
6 - Indicator light or audible signal
7 - Wheel differential lock indicator switch (part of axle assembly)
8 - Rear axle wheel differential lock air shift cylinder (part of axle assembly)
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The wheel differential lock consists of three major assemblies:

**Shift Cylinder Assembly**
- Operates a shift fork and push rod assembly.

**Shift Fork and Push Rod Assembly**
- Engages and disengages the differential lock curvic clutch assembly.

**Curvic Clutch Assembly**
- Consists of a sliding clutch splined to an axle shaft and a fixed clutch which is splined to the differential case hub.

The differential lock also includes a selector switch (electric) which senses clutch engagement and sends an electrical signal to a cab mounted indicator light (or an audible signal device).

1 - Curvic clutch assembly
1a - Sliding clutch
1b - Fixed clutch
2 - Shift fork and pushrod assembly
2a - Shift fork
2b - Pushrod
3 - Shift cylinder assembly
3a - Piston driver
3b - Selector switch
Theory of Operation

Differential Lock Engaged
Air pressure applied to the shift cylinder moves the piston, push rod, shift fork and the sliding curvic clutch as an assembly. The sliding curvic clutch engages the fixed curvic clutch. The sliding clutch is splined to the axle shaft. The fixed clutch is splined to the differential case hub. Engaging the two clutches locks the wheel differential thus preventing wheel differential action.

Differential Lock Disengaged
When air pressure at the shift cylinder is released, a compression spring (mounted on the push rod) moves the push rod, shift fork and sliding clutch as an assembly. The sliding clutch moves out of engagement with the fixed clutch. The wheel differential is unlocked and operates normally.

Differential Lock Engagement Indicator
Differential lock engagement is detected by a switch (electric) mounted on the differential carrier. An actuator, mounted in the piston cover, operates the switch. When the shift fork moves to engage the differential lock, the switch actuator moves away from the switch, allows the switch to close and sends an electrical signal to turn on a cab-mounted indicator light (or an audible signal). When the shift fork moves to disengage the differential lock, the compression spring also moves the pushrod actuator to contact the switch. The switch is opened and turns off the cab-mounted indicator light (or the audible signal).

Differential Lock Engaged
1 - Spring is compressed
2 - Shift Fork
3 - Pushrod
4 - Selector switch
5 - Piston
6 - Shift cylinder
7 - Air pressure applied engages clutches
8 - Fixed clutch splined to differential case
9 - Sliding clutch splined to axle shaft

Differential Lock Disengaged
1 - Spring is decompressed
2 - Shift fork
3 - Pushrod
4 - Selector switch
5 - Piston
6 - Shift cylinder
7 - Air pressure applied disengages clutches
8 - Fixed clutch splined to differential case
9 - Sliding clutch splined to axle shaft
Rear Drive Axle Parts - Exploded View

1 - Ring gear
2 - Carrier cap bolt
3 - Washer
4 - Flange half carrier cap
5 - Cotter pin
6 - Flange half differential case
7 - Flange half bearing cone
8 - Flange half bearing cup
9 - Flange half bearing adjuster
10 - Ring gear bolt
11 - Nut
12 - Plain half bearing adjuster
13 - Plain half bearing cup
14 - Plain half bearing cone
15 - Plain half differential case
16 - Side gear thrust washer
17 - Side gear
18 - Wheel differential spider
19 - Side pinion
20 - Side pinion thrust washer
21 - Side gear
22 - Side gear thrust washer
23 - Pinion pilot bearing
24 - Pinion
25 - Inner pinion bearing cone
26 - Pinion bearing spacer
27 - Inner pinion bearing cup
28 - Pinion cage shim
29 - Pinion cage
30 - Outer pinion bearing cup
31 - Outer pinion bearing cone
32 - Pinion seal
33 - Pinion yoke
34 - Pinion nut
35 - R-head carrier or rear carrier
36 - Thrust bolt
37 - Thrust bolt jam nut
Axle Housing - Exploded View

1 - Axle Shaft
2 - Axle Housing Assembly
3 - Outer Nut
4 - Lock Washer
5 - Inner Nut
6 - Housing Breather Tube
7 - Housing Fitting
8 - Fill Plug
9 - Oil Sensor Plug
10 - Drain Plug
11 - Housing Stud
12 - Hardened Washer
13 - Carrier Capscrew
14 - Nut, Stud
# Fastener Torque Specifications

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**NOTE:** Fasteners using self-locking thread “patches” may be reused if not damaged, but should be secured by a few drops of Loctite #277 on threaded surface. Reused fasteners should be wiped clean of excess oil, but do not require special cleaning.

*** In June 1997, lube fill plug size was changed. See bulletin ABIB-9709.

** Ring gear bolt design changed 1/2/97. See bulletin ABIB-9701.

* Torque nut to 840 lbs. ft. (1140 N•m), then continue tightening to align nut slot with nearest hole in pinion shank.

Correct torque values are extremely important to assure long Spicer life and dependable performance. Under-tightening of parts is just as harmful as over-tightening.

Exact compliance with recommended torque values will assure the best results.

The data includes class and torque tightening values.
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