STEERING SYSTEM

PRECAUTION

★ Care must be taken to replace parts properly because they could affect the performance of the steering system and result in a driving hazard.

★ The LEXUS ES300 is equipped with SRS (Supplemental Restraint System) such as the driver airbag and front passenger airbag. Failure to carry out service operation in the correct sequence could cause the SRS to unexpectedly deployed during servicing, possibly leading to a serious accident. Before servicing (including removal or installation of parts, inspection or replacement), be sure to read the precautionary notices in the RS section.
# TROUBLESHOOTING

## PROBLEM SYMPTOMS TABLE

Use the table below to help you find the cause of the problem. The numbers indicate the priority of the likely cause of the problem. Check each part in the order shown. If necessary, repair or replace these parts.

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2. Power steering fluid level (Low)  
3. Drive belt (Loose)  
4. Front wheel alignment (Incorrect)  
5. Steering system joints (Worn)  
6. Suspension arm ball joints (Worn)  
7. Steering column (Binding)  
8. Power steering vane pump  
9. Power steering gear | SA–2  
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2. Front wheel alignment (Incorrect)  
3. Steering column (Binding)  
4. Power steering gear | SA–2  
SA–4  
SR–29 |
| **Excessive play** | 1. Steering system joints (Worn)  
2. Suspension arm ball joints (Worn)  
3. Intermediate shaft, Sliding yoke (Worn)  
4. Front wheel bearing (Worn)  
5. Power steering gear | –  
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| **Abnormal noise** | 1. Power steering fluid level (Low)  
2. Steering system joints (Worn)  
3. Power steering vane pump  
4. Power steering gear | SR–5  
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DRIVE BELT INSPECTION

(a) Visually check the belt for excessive wear, frayed cords etc.
If any defect has been found, replace the drive belt.
HINT: Cracks on the rib side of a belt are considered acceptable. If the belt has chunks missing from the ribs, it should be replaced.

(b) Using a belt tension gauge, measure the belt tension.
Belt tension gauge:
DENSO BTG–20 (95506–00020)
Borroughs No. BT–33–73F
Drive belt tension:
New belt: 150 – 185 lbf
Used belt: 95 – 135 lbf
If the belt tension is not as specified, adjust it.

HINT:
★ "New belt" refers to a belt which has been used less than 5 minutes on a running engine.
★ "Used belt" refers to a belt which has been used on a running engine for 5 minutes or more.
★ After installing a belt, check that it fits properly in the ribbed grooves.
★ Check with your hand to confirm that the belt has not slipped out of the groove on the bottom of the pulley.
★ After installing a new belt, run the engine for about 5 minutes and recheck the belt tension.
POWER STEERING FLUID
BLEEDING

1. CHECK FLUID LEVEL
   (See page SR–5)
2. JACK UP FRONT OF VEHICLE AND SUPPORT IT WITH STANDS
3. TURN STEERING WHEEL
   With the engine stopped, turn the wheel slowly from lock to lock several times.
4. LOWER VEHICLE
5. START ENGINE
   Run the engine at idle for a few minutes.
6. TURN STEERING WHEEL
   (a) With the engine idling, turn the wheel to left or right full lock and keep it there for 2–3 seconds, then turn the wheel to the opposite full lock and keep it there for 2–3 seconds.
   (b) Repeat (a) several times.
7. STOP ENGINE
8. CHECK FOR FOAMING OR EMULSIFICATION
   If the system has to be bled twice specifically because of foaming or emulsification, check for fluid leaks in the system.
9. CHECK FLUID LEVEL
   (See page SR–5)
INSPECTION
1. CHECK FLUID LEVEL
(a) Keep the vehicle level.
(b) With the engine stopped, check the fluid level in the oil reservoir.
If necessary, add fluid.
Fluid: ATF DEXRON® II or III
HINT:
Check that the fluid level is within the HOT LEVEL range on the reservoir. If the fluid is cold, check that it is within the COLD LEVEL range.
(c) Start the engine and run it at idle.
(d) Turn the steering wheel from lock to lock several times to boost fluid temperature.
Fluid temperature: 80°C (176°F)
(e) Check for foaming or emulsification.
If there is foaming or emulsification, bleed power steering system.
(See page SR–4)
(f) With the engine idling, measure the fluid level in the oil reservoir.
(g) Stop the engine.
(h) Wait a few minutes and remeasure the fluid level in the oil reservoir.
Maximum fluid level rise: 5 mm (0.20 in.)
If a problem is found, bleed power steering system.
(See page SR–4)
(i) Check the fluid level.
2. CHECK STEERING FLUID PRESSURE
   (a) Disconnect the pressure feed tube.
       (See page SR–20)
   (b) Connect SST, as shown below.
       SST 09640–10010 (09641–01010, 09641–01030,
       09641–01060)

   NOTICE:
   Check that the valve of the SST is in the open position.

   (c) Bleed the power steering system.
       (See page SR–4)
   (d) Start the engine and run it at idle.
   (e) Turn the steering wheel from lock to lock several times to
       boost fluid temperature.
       Fluid temperature: 80 °C (176 °F)

   (f) With the engine idling, close the valve of the SST and ob-
       serve the reading on the SST.
       Minimum fluid pressure:
       7,845 kPa (80 kgf-cm², 1,138 psi)

   NOTICE:
   ★ Do not keep the valve closed for more than 10 se-
       conds.
   ★ Do not let the fluid temperature become too high.
(g) With the engine idling, open the valve fully.
(h) Measure the fluid pressure at engine speeds of 1,000 rpm and 3,000 rpm.

**Difference fluid pressure:**
490 kPa (5 kgf·cm², 71 psi) or less

**NOTICE:**
Do not turn the steering wheel.

(i) With the engine idling and valve fully opened, turn the steering wheel to full lock.

**Minimum fluid pressure:**
7,845 kPa (80 kgf·cm², 1,138 psi)

**NOTICE:**
★ Do not maintain lock position for more than 10 seconds.
★ Do not let the fluid temperature become too high.

(j) Disconnect the SST.
(k) Connect the pressure feed tube.
   (See page SR–27)
(l) Bleed the power steering system.
   (See page SR–4)
STEERING WHEEL INSPECTION

1. CHECK STEERING WHEEL FREEPLAY
With the vehicle stopped and tires facing straight ahead, rock the steering wheel gently back and forth with light finger pressure.
Freeplay should not exceed the maximum.
  Maximum freeplay: 30 mm (1.18 in.)

2. CHECK STEERING EFFORT
(a) Center the steering wheel.
(b) Remove the steering wheel pad.
   (See page SR–11)
(c) Start the engine and run it at idle.
(d) Measure the steering effort in both directions.
   Reference: 5.9 N·m (60 kgf·cm, 52 in.-lbf)
HINT: Be sure to consider the tire type, pressure and contact surface before making your diagnosis.
(e) Torque the steering wheel set nut.
   Torque: 35 N·m (360 kgf·cm, 26 ft-lbf)
(f) Install the steering wheel pad.
   (See page SR–16)
TILT STEERING COLUMN

COMPONENTS

- Torx Screw
  - 7.1 (72, 63 in.·lbf)
- Steering Wheel Lower No.2 Cover
- Combination Switch (w/ Spiral Cable)
- Column Upper Cover
- Lower No.2 Cover
- Column Lower Cover
- Lower Finish Panel
- No.1 Lower Panel
- Hood Lock Control Cable
- Clip
- Cowl Side Trim
- Front Door Scuff Inside Plate

N·m (kgf·cm, ft·lbf) : Specified torque

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REMOVAL

1. REMOVE STEERING WHEEL PAD

NOTICE:
★ If the airbag connector is disconnected with the ignition switch at ON or ACC, DTCs will be recorded.
★ Never use airbag parts from another vehicle. When replacing parts, replace with new ones.

(a) Place the front wheels facing straight ahead.
(b) Remove the 2 steering wheel lower No.2 covers.
(c) Using a torx socket wrench, loosen the 2 torx screws.
HINT:
Loosen the 2 screws until the groove along the screw circumference catches on the screw case.

(d) Pull the pad out from the steering wheel and disconnect the airbag connector.

CAUTION:
★ When storing the wheel pad, keep the upper surface of the pad facing upward.
★ Never disassemble the wheel pad.

NOTICE:
When removing the wheel pad, take care not to pull the airbag wire harness.

2. REMOVE STEERING WHEEL

(a) Disconnect the connector.
(b) Remove the steering wheel set nut.
(c) Place matchmarks on the steering wheel and main shaft assembly.
(d) Using SST, remove the wheel.
SST 09950–50010 (09951–05010, 09952–05010, 09953–05020, 09954–05020)

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3. REMOVE UPPER AND LOWER COLUMN COVERS  
   (a) Remove the lower No.2 cover from the lower cover.  
   (b) Remove the 3 screws.  
4. REMOVE FRONT DOOR SCUFF INSIDE PLATE  
5. REMOVE COWL SIDE TRIM  
   Remove the clip.  
6. REMOVE No.1 LOWER PANEL  
   (a) Remove the 2 screws.  
   (b) Disconnect the hood lock control cable.  
7. REMOVE LOWER LH PANEL  
   Remove the 4 bolts.  
8. REMOVE LOWER FINISH PANEL  
9. REMOVE COMBINATION SWITCH WITH SPIRAL CABLE  
   (a) Disconnect the 3 connectors.  
   (b) w/ ELECTRONIC MODULATED SUSPENSION  
      Disconnect the connector.  
   (c) Disconnect the airbag connector.  
   (d) Remove the 3 screws.  
10. REMOVE SPIRAL CABLE  
    (See page BE–26)  
NOTICE:  
Do not disassemble the cable or apply oil to it.  

11. DISCONNECT INTERMEDIATE SHAFT ASSEMBLY  
    (a) Place matchmarks on the intermediate shaft and control valve shaft.  
    (b) Remove the bolt.  
12. REMOVE INTERMEDIATE SHAFT ASSEMBLY  
    Remove the bolt.  
13. REMOVE STEERING COLUMN ASSEMBLY  
    (a) Disconnect the connectors.  
    (b) Remove the 4 column assembly set nuts.
DISASSEMBLY

NOTICE:
When using a vise, do not overtighten it.

1. REMOVE KEY CYLINDER LAMP ASSEMBLY
Remove the screw and lamp assembly.

2. REMOVE COLUMN UPPER BRACKET AND COLUMN UPPER CLAMP
   (a) Using a centering punch, mark the center of the 2 tapered–head bolts.
   (b) Using a 3–4 mm (0.12–0.16 in.) drill, drill into the 2 bolts.
   (c) Using a screw extractor, remove the 2 bolts.

3. REMOVE TURN SIGNAL BRACKET
Remove the 2 bolts.

4. REMOVE TILT LEVER RETURN SPRING

5. REMOVE COLUMN TUBE SUPPORT
   (a) Remove the bolt and washer.
   (b) Remove the tube support with lower column tube attachment.
   (c) Remove the tube attachment from the tube support.

6. REMOVE 2 ENERGY ABSORBING PLATES
   (a) Using pliers, remove the energy absorbing clip.
   (b) Remove the energy absorbing plate, energy absorbing plate guide.
INSPECTION

1. **INSPECT STEERING LOCK OPERATION**
   Check that the steering lock mechanism operates properly.

2. **IF NECESSARY, REPLACE KEY CYLINDER**
   (a) Place the ignition key at the ACC position.
   (b) Push down the stop pin with a screwdriver, and pull out the cylinder.
   (c) Install a new cylinder.
   **HINT:**
   Make sure the key is at the ACC position.

3. **INSPECT IGNITION SWITCH**
   (See page BE–20)

4. **IF NECESSARY, REPLACE IGNITION SWITCH**
   (a) Remove the 2 screws.
   (b) Install a new switch with the 2 screws.

5. **INSPECT KEY UNLOCK WARNING SWITCH**
   (See page BE–20)

6. **IF NECESSARY, REPLACE KEY UNLOCK WARNING SWITCH**
   (a) Remove the 2 screws.
   (b) Install a new switch with the 2 screws.

7. **INSPECT KEY INTERLOCK SOLENOID**
   (See page AX–17)

8. **IF NECESSARY, REPLACE KEY INTERLOCK SOLENOID**
   (a) Remove the 2 screws.
   (b) Install a new solenoid with the 2 screws.
REASSEMBLY

NOTICE:
When using a vise, do not overtighten it.

1. INSTALL 2 ENERGY ABSORBING PLATES
   (a) Install the energy absorbing plate guide and absorbing plate.
   (b) Install the new energy absorbing clip.

2. INSTALL COLUMN TUBE SUPPORT
   (a) Install the tube attachment to the tube support.
   (b) Torque the bolt and washer.
       Torque: 19 N·m (195 kgf·cm, 14 ft·lbf)

3. INSTALL TILT LEVER RETURN SPRING

4. INSTALL TURN SIGNAL BRACKET
   Torque the 2 bolts.
       Torque: 7 N·m (70 kgf·cm, 61 in.-lbf)

5. INSTALL COLUMN UPPER BRACKET AND COLUMN UPPER CLAMP
   Tighten the 2 new tapered–head bolts until the bolt heads break off.

6. INSTALL KEY CYLINDER LAMP ASSEMBLY
   Install the lamp assembly with the screw.
INSTALLATION

1. INSTALL STEERING COLUMN ASSEMBLY
   (a) Torque the 4 column assembly set nuts.
      Torque: 25 N·m (260 kgf-cm, 19 ft-lbf)
   (b) Connect the connectors.

2. INSTALL INTERMEDIATE SHAFT ASSEMBLY
   Torque the bolt.
   Torque: 35 N·m (360 kgf-cm, 26 ft-lbf)

3. CONNECT INTERMEDIATE SHAFT ASSEMBLY
   (a) Align the matchmarks on the intermediate shaft and control valve shaft.
   (b) Torque the bolt.
      Torque: 35 N·m (360 kgf-cm, 26 ft-lbf)

4. INSTALL SPIRAL CABLE
   (See page BE–26)

5. INSTALL COMBINATION SWITCH WITH SPIRAL CABLE
   (a) Tighten the 3 screws.
   (b) Connect the airbag connector.
   (c) w/ ELECTRONIC MODULATED SUSPENSION:
      Connect the connector.
   (d) Connect the 3 connectors.

6. INSTALL LOWER FINISH PANEL

7. INSTALL LOWER LH PANEL
   Tighten the 4 bolts.

8. INSTALL No.1 LOWER PANEL
   (a) Connect the hood lock control cable.
   (b) Tighten the 2 screws.

9. INSTALL COWL SIDE TRIM
   Install the clip.

10. INSTALL FRONT DOOR SCUFF INSIDE PLATE

11. INSTALL UPPER AND LOWER COLUMN COVERS
    (a) Tighten the 3 screws.
    (b) Install the lower No.2 cover to the lower cover.

12. CENTER SPIRAL CABLE
    (a) Check that the front wheels are facing straight ahead.
    (b) Turn the cable counterclockwise by hand until it becomes harder to turn the cable.
    (c) Then rotate the cable clockwise about 3 turns to align the mark.

HINT:
The cable will rotate about 3 turns to either left or right of the center.
13. **INSTALL STEERING WHEEL**  
(a) Align the matchmarks on the wheel and main shaft.  
(b) Torque the wheel set nut.  
   **Torque: 35 N·m (360 kgf-cm, 26 ft·lbf)**  
(c) Connect the connector.

14. **INSTALL STEERING WHEEL PAD**  
**NOTICE:**  
★ Make sure the wheel pad is installed to the specified torque.  
★ If the wheel pad has been dropped, or there are cracks, dents or other defects in the case or connector, replace the wheel pad with a new one.  
★ When installing the wheel pad, take care that the wirings do not interfere with other parts and are not pinched between other parts.

15. **CHECK STEERING WHEEL CENTER POINT**
POWER STEERING VANE PUMP

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<td>Union Bolt</td>
<td>52 (525, 38)</td>
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<td>Gasket</td>
<td>7.8 (80, 69 in.·lbf)</td>
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N·m (kgf·cm, ft·lbf) : Specified torque
★ Non-reusable part
* For use with SST

1997 LEXUS ES300  (RM511U)
Pressure Port Union

Flow Control Valve

Suction Port Union

Front Housing

Vane Pump

Vane Pump Shaft

Vane Pump Pulley

Front Bracket

Rear Housing

Rear Bracket

N·m (kgf·cm, ft·lbf) : Specified torque

★Non-reusable part

Power steering fluid

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REMOVAL
1. **REMOVE FRONT FENDER APRON SEAL RH**
   Remove the 2 bolts.
2. **DISCONNECT RETURN HOSE**
   **NOTICE:**
   Take care not to spill fluid on the drive belt.

3. **DISCONNECT PRESSURE FEED TUBE**
   (a) Remove the 2 clamp plate set nuts.
   (b) Remove the bolt.
   (c) Remove the 2 clamp plates and 2 holders from the tube.
   (d) Using SST, disconnect the tube.
   
   SST 09631–22020

4. **REMOVE DRIVE BELT**
   Loosen the 2 (A and B) bolts.

5. **REMOVE PS VANE PUMP ASSEMBLY WITH PRESSURE FEED TUBE**
   (a) Disconnect the connector from the oil pressure switch.
   (b) Loosen bolt A sufficiently so that pump assembly can be removed.
   
   **HINT:**
   Bolt A cannot be removed.

6. **REMOVE PRESSURE FEED TUBE**
   (a) Remove the oil pressure switch from the union bolt.
   
   **NOTICE:**
   **Be careful not to drop the switch.**
   If the switch is dropped or strongly damaged, replace it with a new one.
   (b) Remove the union bolt and gasket.
DISASSEMBLY

NOTICE:
When using a vise, do not overtighten it.

1. MEASURE PS VANE PUMP ROTATING TORQUE
   (a) Check that the pump rotates smoothly without abnormal noise.
   (b) Using a torque wrench, check the pump rotating torque.
   Rotating torque:
   0.3 N·m (2.8 kgf·cm, 2.4 in·lbf) or less

2. REMOVE VANE PUMP PULLEY
   Using SST, to stop the pulley rotating, remove the nut.
   SST 09960–10010 (09962–01000, 09963–01000)

3. REMOVE FRONT AND REAR BRACKETS
   Remove the 3 bolts and 2 nuts.

4. REMOVE SUCTION PORT UNION
   (a) Remove the bolt.
   (b) Remove the O–ring from the union.

5. REMOVE PRESSURE PORT UNION, FLOW CONTROL VALVE AND SPRING
   Remove the O–ring from the union.

6. REMOVE REAR HOUSING
   (a) Remove the 4 bolts.
   (b) Remove the 2 O–rings from the housing.

7. REMOVE WAVE WASHER

8. REMOVE SIDE PLATE

9. REMOVE GASKET

10. REMOVE CAM RING, 10 VANE PLATES AND VANE PUMP ROTOR
    Using a screwdriver, remove the snap ring from the vane pump shaft.
    NOTICE:
    Take care not to drop the plate.

11. REMOVE VANE PUMP SHAFT

12. REMOVE STRAIGHT PINS
    Remove the 2 pins from the front housing.
INSPECTION

NOTICE:
When using a vise, do not overtighten it.

1. CHECK OIL CLEARANCE BETWEEN VANE PUMP SHAFT AND BUSHING
Using a micrometer and caliper gauge, measure the oil clearance.

   Standard clearance:  
   0.03 – 0.05 mm (0.0012 – 0.0020 in.)  
   Maximum clearance: 0.07 mm (0.0028 in.)

If it is more than the maximum, replace the front housing and vane pump shaft.

2. INSPECT VANE PUMP ROTOR AND VANE PLATES
   (a) Using a micrometer, measure the height, thickness and length of the plates. 
   Minimum height: 8.6 mm (0.339 in.)  
   Minimum thickness: 1.397 mm (0.0550 in.)  
   Minimum length: 14.991 mm (0.5902 in.)

   (b) Using a feeler gauge, measure the clearance between the rotor groove and plate.
   Maximum clearance: 0.035 mm (0.0014 in.)

   If it is more than the maximum, replace the plate and/or rotor with one having the same mark stamped on the cam ring.
Inscribed mark: 1, 2, 3, 4 or None

HINT:
There are 5 vane lengths with the following rotor and cam ring marks:

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3. **INSPECT FLOW CONTROL VALVE**
   (a) Coat the valve with power steering fluid and check that it falls smoothly into the valve hole by its own weight.

(b) Check the valve for leakage. Close one of the holes and apply 392–490 kPa (4–5 kgf/cm², 57–71 psi) of compressed air into the opposite side, and confirm that air does not come out from the end holes.

If necessary, replace the valve with one having the same letter as inscribed on the front housing.

**Inscribed mark: A, B, C, D, E or F**
4. **INSPECT SPRING**
Using a calipers, measure the free length of the spring.
*Minimum free length: 32.3 mm (1.272 in.)*
If it is not within the specification, replace the spring.

5. **IF NECESSARY, REPLACE OIL SEAL**
(a) Using a screwdriver with vinyl tape wound around its tip, remove the oil seal.

**NOTICE:**
Be careful not to damage the front housing.

(b) Coat a new oil seal lip with power steering fluid.

(c) Using SST, press in the oil seal.
SST 09950–60010 (09951–00330),
09950–70010 (09951–07100)

**NOTICE:**
Make sure to install the oil seal facing the correct direction.
REASSEMBLY

NOTICE:
When using a vise, do not overtighten it.
1. COAT WITH POWER STEERING FLUID
   (See page SR–18)
2. INSTALL VANE PUMP SHAFT
3. INSTALL STRAIGHT PINS
   Using a plastic hammer, tap in 2 new pins.
   NOTICE:
   Be careful not to damage the pins.
4. INSTALL CAM RING
   Align the holes of the ring and 2 straight pins, and install the ring with the inscribed mark facing outward.

5. INSTALL VANE PUMP ROTOR
   (a) Install the rotor with the inscribed mark facing outward.
   (b) Install a new snap ring to the vane pump shaft.

6. INSTALL VANE PLATES
   Install the 10 plates with the round end facing outward.

7. INSTALL GASKET
   Install a new gasket.

8. INSTALL SIDE PLATE
   Align the holes of the plate and 2 straight pins.

9. INSTALL WAVE WASHER
   Install the washer so that its protrusions fit into the slots in the side plate.

10. INSTALL REAR HOUSING
    (a) Coat 2 new O–rings with power steering fluid and install them to the housing.
    (b) Torque the 4 bolts.
        Torque: 24 N·m (240 kgf·cm, 17 ft·lbf)
11. **INSTALL SPRING, FLOW CONTROL VALVE AND PRESSURE PORT UNION**
   (a) Install the valve facing the correct direction. (See page SR–18)
   (b) Coat a new O–ring with power steering fluid and install it to the union.
   (c) Torque the union.
   **Torque: 83 N·m (850 kgf·cm, 62 ft·lbf)**

12. **INSTALL SUCTION PORT UNION**
   (a) Coat a new O–ring with power steering fluid and install it to the union.
   (b) Torque the bolt.
   **Torque: 13 N·m (130 kgf·cm, 9 ft·lbf)**

13. **INSTALL FRONT AND REAR BRACKETS**
    Torque the 3 bolts and 2 nuts.
    **Torque: 43 N·m (440 kgf·cm, 32 ft·lbf)**

14. **INSTALL VANE PUMP PULLEY**
    Using SST to stop the pulley rotating, torque the nut.
    SST 09960–10010 (09962–01000, 09963–01000)
    **Torque: 43 N·m (440 kgf·cm, 32 ft·lbf)**

15. **MEASURE PS VANE PUMP ROTATING TORQUE**
    (See page SR–21)
INSTALLATION

1. INSTALL PRESSURE FEED TUBE
   (a) Torque the union bolt with a new gasket.
   HINT:
   Make sure the stopper of the tube is touching the front bracket,
   as shown, then torque the union bolt.
   Torque: 52 N·m (525 kgf·cm, 38 ft·lbf)
   (b) Install the oil pressure switch to the union bolt.
   Torque: 21 N·m (210 kgf·cm, 15 ft·lbf)

2. INSTALL PS VANE PUMP ASSEMBLY WITH PRESSER FEED TUBE
   Temporarily tighten the 2 (A and B) bolts.

3. INSTALL DRIVE BELT
   (a) Adjust drive belt tension.
   (See page SR–3)
   (b) Using SST, torque the A bolt.
   SST  09249–63010
   Torque: 29 N·m (293 kgf·cm, 21 ft·lbf)
   HINT:
   ★ Use a torque wrench with a fulcrum length of 300 mm
   (11.81 in.).
   ★ Disconnect the clamp with engine wire.
   (c) Torque the B bolt.
   Torque: 43 N·m (440 kgf·cm, 32 ft·lbf)
   (d) Connect the connector to the oil pressure switch.
   NOTICE:
   Be careful for oil on the connector.
4. CONNECT PRESSURE FEED TUBE
   (a) Using SST, connect the tube.
       SST 09631–22020
       Torque: 20 N·m (203 kgf·cm, 15 ft·lbf)
   HINT:
   ★ Use a torque wrench with a fulcrum length of 300 mm (11.81 in.).
   ★ This torque value is effective in case that SST is parallel to a torque wrench.
   (b) Install the 2 clamp plates and 2 holders to the tube.
   (c) Tighten the bolt.
   (d) Install the 2 clamp plate set nuts.
       Torque: 7.8 N·m (80 kgf·cm, 69 in.-lbf)
5. CONNECT RETURN HOSE
6. INSTALL FRONT FENDER APRON SEAL RH
   Tighten the 2 bolts.
7. BLEED POWER STEERING SYSTEM
   (See page SR–4)
POWER STEERING GEAR

COMPONENTS

N·m (kgf·cm, ft·lbf) : Specified torque
Non-reusable part
* For use with SST

19 (195, 14)
Stabilizer Bar

19 (195, 14)

No.1 Fuel Tube Protector

Clamp Plate

10 (100, 7)

Intermediate Shaft Assembly

35 (360, 26)

Pressure Feed Tube

25 (250, 18)

*32 (326, 24)

Return Tube

181 (1,850, 134)

PS Gear Assembly

49 (500, 36)
Cotter Pin

10 (100, 7)

49 (500, 36)

19 (195, 14)

181 (1,850, 134)

49 (500, 36)
N·m (kgf·cm, ft·lbf) : Specified torque

Non-reusable part

Molybdenum disulfide lithium base grease

Power steering fluid

* For use with SST
**Non-reusable part**

- Molybdenum disulfide lithium base grease
- Power steering fluid

* For use with SST

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REMOVAL

1. PLACE FRONT WHEELS FACING STRAIGHT AHEAD
2. REMOVE STEERING WHEEL PAD
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4. DISCONNECT RH AND LH TIE ROD ENDS
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5. DISCONNECT INTERMEDIATE SHAFT ASSEMBLY
   (See page SR–11)
6. DISCONNECT CLAMP PLATE
   Remove the nut.

7. DISCONNECT PRESSURE FEED AND RETURN TUBES
   Using SST, disconnect the tube.
   SST  09631–22020
8. DISCONNECT STABILIZER BAR
   Remove the 4 bolts.
   HINT:
   Do not remove the bar.
9. REMOVE NO.1 FUEL TUBE PROTECTOR
   Remove the 2 bolts and nut.
10. REMOVE PS GEAR ASSEMBLY
    (a) Remove the 2 gear assembly set bolts and nuts.
    HINT:
    Lift up the stabilizer bar and remove the bolts.
    (b) Remove the gear assembly from the LH of the vehicle.
    NOTICE:
    Do not damage the turn pressure tubes.
DISASSEMBLY
NOTICE:
When using a vise, do not overtighten it.

1. SECURE PS GEAR ASSEMBLY IN VISE
Using SST, secure the gear assembly in a vise.
   SST 09612–00012

2. REMOVE 2 TURN PRESSURE TUBES
   (a) Using SST, remove the tube.
       SST 09633–00020
   (b) Remove the 2 O–rings from the tube.

3. REMOVE RH AND LH TIE ROD ENDS AND LOCK NUTS
   (a) Place matchmarks on the tie rod end and rack end.
   (b) Loosen the lock nut.

4. REMOVE RH AND LH CLIPS, RACK BOOTS AND CLAMPS
   Using a screwdriver, loosen the clamp.
   NOTICE:
   ★ Be careful not to damage the boot.
   ★ Mark the RH and LH boots.

5. REMOVE RH AND LH RACK ENDS AND CLAW WASHERS
   (a) Using a screwdriver and hammer, stake back the washer.
   NOTICE:
   Avoid any impact to the steering rack.
(b) Using a spanner (24 mm) to hold the steering rack steady, and using SST, remove the rack end.

SST 09922–10010

NOTICE:
★ Use SST 09922–10010 in the direction shown in the illustration.
★ Mark the RH and LH rack ends.
(c) Remove the washer from the rack end.

6. REMOVE RACK GUIDE SPRING CAP LOCK NUT
Using SST, remove the nut.
SST 09922–10010

NOTICE:
Use SST 09922–10010 in the direction shown in the illustration.

7. REMOVE RACK GUIDE SPRING CAP, RACK GUIDE SPRING, RACK GUIDE AND RACK GUIDE SEAT
(a) Using SST, remove the cap.
SST 09631–10021
(b) Remove the seat from the guide.

8. REMOVE RACK HOUSING CAP

9. REMOVE SELF–LOCKING NUT
Using SST to stop the control valve shaft rotating, remove the nut.
SST 09616–00010

10. REMOVE DUST COVER

11. REMOVE CONTROL VALVE HOUSING WITH CONTROL VALVE ASSEMBLY
(a) Place matchmarks on the valve housing and rack housing.
(b) Remove the 2 bolts.
(c) Remove the gasket from the rack housing.
12. REMOVE CONTROL VALVE ASSEMBLY
(a) To prevent oil seal lip damage, wind vinyl tape on the serrated part of the valve shaft.
(b) Press out the valve assembly with the oil seal.
NOTICE:
★ Place a shop rag between the valve housing and the blocks.
★ Be careful not to drop the valve assembly.
★ Be careful not to damage the oil seal lip.
13. REMOVE OIL SEAL
Remove the oil seal from the control valve assembly.

14. REMOVE RACK HOUSING NO.2 BRACKET AND GROMMET
(a) Place matchmarks on the bracket and rack housing.
(b) Using a screwdriver, pry the clamp of the bracket.
(c) Remove the grommet from the bracket.

15. REMOVE CYLINDER END STOPPER
(a) Using SST, turn the stopper clockwise until the wire end is visible through the service hole.
   SST 09631–10021
(b) Using SST, turn the stopper counterclockwise, and remove the wire.
   SST 09631–10021
16. **REMOVE STEERING RACK AND BUSHING**
   (a) Using a brass bar and hammer, tap out the rack with the bushing.
   (b) Remove the bushing from the rack.
   (c) Remove the O–ring from the bushing.

17. **REMOVE OIL SEAL**
   Using SST, press out the oil seal.
   SST  09950–60010 (09951–00290),
        09950–70010 (09951–07360)
INSPECTION

NOTICE: When using a vise, do not overtighten it.

1. INSPECT STEERING RACK
   (a) Using a dial indicator, check the rack for runout and for teeth wear and damage.
   **Maximum runout: 0.30 mm (0.0118 in.)**
   (b) Check the back surface for wear and damage.

2. IF NECESSARY, REPLACE OIL SEAL AND BEARING
   (a) Using SST, press out the oil seal and bearing from the control valve housing.
   SST 09950–60010 (09951–00250), 09950–70010 (09951–07200)
   (b) Coat a new oil seal lip with power steering fluid.
   (c) Using SST, press in the oil seal.
   **NOTICE:** Make sure to install the oil seal facing the correct direction.
   (d) Coat a new bearing with molybdenum disulfide lithium base grease.
   (e) Using SST, press in the bearing.

3. IF NECESSARY, REPLACE 2 BEARINGS
   (a) Using a brass bar and hammer, tap out the bearing from the rack housing.
4. IF NECESSARY, REPLACE OIL SEAL

(a) Using SST, remove the oil seal from the bushing.
SST 09527–20011, 09612–24014 (09613–22011)

NOTICE:
Be careful not to damage the bushing.

(b) Coat a new oil seal lip with power steering fluid.

(c) Using SST, press in the oil seal.
SST 09950–60010 (09951–00240, 09951–00400, 09952–06010)

NOTICE:
Make sure to install the oil seal facing the correct direction.
5. IF NECESSARY, REPLACE TEFLON RING AND O–RING
(a) Using a screwdriver, remove the teflon ring and O–ring from the steering rack.

NOTICE:
Be careful not to damage the groove for the teflon ring.
(b) Coat a new O–ring with power steering fluid and install it.

(c) Expand a new teflon ring with your fingers.

NOTICE:
Be careful not to over–expand the ring.

(d) Coat the ring with power steering fluid.

(e) Install the ring to the steering rack, and settle it down with your fingers.

6. IF NECESSARY, REPLACE TEFLON RINGS
(a) Using a screwdriver, remove the 4 rings from the control valve assembly.

NOTICE:
Be careful not to damage the grooves for the teflon ring.
(b) Expand 4 new teflon rings with your fingers.

NOTICE:
Be careful not to over–expand the teflon ring.
(c) Coat the rings with power steering fluid.

(d) Install the rings to the control valve assembly, and settle them down with your fingers.
(e) Carefully slide the tapered end of SST over the rings until the rings fit to the steering rack.

SST 09631–20081

**NOTICE:**
Be careful not to damage the rings.
REASSEMBLY

NOTICE:
When using a vise, do not overtighten it.

1. COAT WITH POWER STEERING FLUID OR MOLYBDENUM DISULFIDE LITHIUM BASE GREASE
   (See pages SR–29)

2. INSTALL OIL SEAL
   (a) Coat a new oil seal lip with power steering fluid.
   (b) Using SST, press in the oil seal.
      SST 09950–60010 (09951–00240, 09951–00430, 09952–06010), 09950–70010 (09951–07360)

   NOTICE:
   ★ Make sure to install the oil seal facing the correct direction.
   ★ Take care that the oil seal does not get reversed as you install it.

3. INSTALL STEERING RACK
   (a) Install SST to the rack.
      SST 09631–33010
   HINT:
   If necessary, scrape the burrs off the rack teeth end and burs
   (b) Coat the SST with power steering fluid.
   (c) Install the rack into the rack housing.
   NOTICE:
   Be careful not to damage the oil seal lip.
   (d) Remove SST.

4. INSTALL BUSHING
   (a) Coat a new O–ring with power steering fluid and install it
      to the bushing.
   (b) To prevent oil seal lip damage, wind vinyl tape on the
      steering rack end, and apply power steering fluid.
   (c) Install the bushing.
   NOTICE:
   ★ Make sure to install the bushing facing the correct direction.
   ★ Be careful not to damage the oil seal lip.
5. INSTALL CYLINDER END STOPPER
(a) Align the installation hole for the wire of the stopper with the slot of the rack housing.
(b) Install a new wire into the stopper.
(c) Using SST, turn the stopper clockwise 450° to 50°.

SST 09631–10021

6. AIR TIGHTNESS TEST
(a) Install SST to the rack housing.
SST 09631–12071
(b) Apply 53 kPa (400 mmHg, 15.75 in.Hg) of vacuum for about 30 seconds.
(c) Check that there is no change in the vacuum. If there is change in the vacuum, check the installation of the oil seals.

7. INSTALL RACK HOUSING NO.2 BRACKET AND GROMMET
(a) Install the grommet to the bracket.
HINT: Align the projection of the grommet with the hole of the bracket.
(b) Align the matchmarks on the bracket and rack housing.
(c) Place the bracket in a vise and tighten the vise to fasten the clamp.

8. INSTALL CONTROL VALVE ASSEMBLY
(a) To prevent oil seal lip damage, wind vinyl tape on the serrated part of the valve shaft.
(b) Coat the teflon rings with power steering fluid.
(c) Install the valve assembly into the valve housing.
NOTICE: Be careful not to damage the teflon rings and oil seal.
9. **INSTALL OIL SEAL**
   (a) Coat a new oil seal lip with power steering fluid.
   (b) Using SST, press in the oil seal.
   SST 09612–22011
   **NOTICE:**
   Make sure to install the oil seal facing the correct direction.

10. **INSTALL CONTROL VALVE HOUSING WITH CONTROL VALVE ASSEMBLY**
    (a) Place a new gasket on the rack housing.
    (b) Align the matchmarks on the valve housing and rack housing.
    (c) Torque the 2 bolts.
    **Torque:** 18 N·m (185 kgf·cm, 13 ft·lbf)

11. **INSTALL SELF–LOCKING NUT**
    Using SST to stop the control valve shaft rotating, torque a new nut.
    SST 09616–00010
    **Torque:** 25 N·m (250 kgf·cm, 18 ft·lbf)

12. **INSTALL DUST COVER**

13. **INSTALL RACK HOUSING CAP**
    (a) Apply sealant to 2 or 3 threads of the cap.
    **Sealant:**
    Part No.08833–00080, THREE BOND 1344, LOCTITE 242 or equivalent
    (b) Torque the cap.
    **Torque:** 59 N·m (600 kgf·cm, 43 ft·lbf)
    (c) Using a punch and hammer, stake the 2 parts of the cap.

14. **INSTALL RACK GUIDE SEAT, RACK GUIDE, RACK GUIDE SPRING AND RACK GUIDE SPRING CAP**
    (a) Install the seat to the guide.
    (b) Apply sealant to 2 or 3 threads of the cap.
    **Sealant:**
    Part No.08833–00080, THREE BOND 1344, LOCTITE 242 or equivalent
    (c) Temporarily install the cap.
15. **ADJUST TOTAL PRELOAD**

(a) To prevent the steering rack teeth from damaging the oil seal lip, temporarily install the RH and LH rack ends.

(b) Using SST, torque the rack guide spring cap.

   SST 09631–10021
   Torque: 25 N·m (250 kgf·cm, 18 ft·lbf)

(c) Using SST, return the cap 12°.

   SST 09631–10021

(d) Using SST, turn the control valve shaft right and left 1 or 2 times.

   SST 09616–00010

(e) Using SST, loosen the cap until the rack guide spring is not functioning.

   SST 09631–10021

(f) Using SST and a torque wrench, tighten the cap until the preload is within specification.

   SST 09616–00010, 09631–10021

   **Preload (turning):**
   0.8 – 1.4 N·m (8 – 14 kgf·cm, 6.9 – 12.2 in·lbf)
16. **INSTALL RACK GUIDE SPRING CAP LOCK NUT**
   (a) Apply sealant to 2 or 3 threads of the nut.
   **Sealant:**
   Part No. 08833–00080, THREE BOND 1344, LOCTITE 242 or equivalent
   (b) Using SST to hold the rack guide spring cap, and using SST, torque the nut.
   SST 09631–10021, 09922–10010
   **Torque:** 50 N·m (513 kgf·cm, 37 ft·lbf)
   **NOTICE:**
   Use SST 09922–10010 in the direction shown in the illustration.
   **HINT:**
   Use a torque wrench with a fulcrum length of 345 mm (13.58 in.).
   (c) Recheck the total preload.
   **Preload (turning):**
   0.8 – 1.4 N·m (8 – 14 kgf·cm, 6.9 – 12.2 in·lbf)
   (d) Remove the RH and LH rack ends.

17. **INSTALL RH AND LH CLAW WASHERS AND RACK ENDS**
   (a) Install a new claw washer, and temporarily install the rack end.
   **HINT:**
   Align the claws of the washer with the steering rack grooves.
   (b) Using a spanner (24 mm) to hold the steering rack steady, and using SST, torque the rack end.
   SST 09922–10010
   **Torque:** 60 N·m (615 kgf·cm, 45 ft·lbf)
   **NOTICE:**
   Use SST 09922–10010 in the direction shown in the illustration.
   **HINT:**
   Use a torque wrench with a fulcrum length of 345 mm (13.58 in.).
   (c) Using a brass bar and hammer, stake the washer.
   **NOTICE:**
   Avoid any impact to the rack.
18. INSTALL RH AND LH RACK BOOTS, CLAMPS AND CLIPS
   (a) Ensure that the steering rack hole is not clogged with grease.
   HINT:
   If the hole is clogged, the pressure inside the boot will change after it is assembled and the steering wheel is turned.
   (b) Install the boot.
   NOTICE:
   Be careful not to damage or twist the boot.
   (c) Using SST, tighten the clamp as shown in the illustration.
   SST 09521–24010

19. INSTALL RH AND LH TIE ROD ENDS AND LOCK NUTS
   (a) Screw the lock nut and tie rod end onto the rack end until the matchmarks are aligned.
   (b) After adjusting toe-in, torque the nut.
   (See page SA–4)
   Torque: 74 N·m (750 kgf·cm, 54 ft·lbf)

20. INSTALL 2 TURN PRESSURE TUBES
   (a) Coat 2 new O–rings with power steering fluid and install them to the tube.
   (b) Using SST, install the tube.
   SST 09633–00020
   Torque: 10 N·m (102 kgf·cm, 7 ft·lbf)
   HINT:
   ★ Use a torque wrench with a fulcrum length of 250 mm (9.84 in.).
   ★ This torque value is effective in case that SST is parallel to a torque wrench.
INSTALLATION

1. INSTALL PS GEAR ASSEMBLY
   (a) Install the gear assembly from the LH of the vehicle.
   NOTICE:
   Do not damage the turn pressure tubes.
   (b) Torque the 2 gear assembly set bolts and nuts.
       Torque: 181 N·m (1,850 kgf·cm, 134 ft·lbf)

HINT:
Lift up the stabilizer bar and install the bolts.

2. INSTALL NO.1 FUEL TUBE PROTECTOR
   Install the 2 bolts and nut.

3. CONNECT STABILIZER BAR
   Torque the 4 bolts.
   Torque: 19 N·m (195 kgf·cm, 14 ft·lbf)

4. CONNECT PRESSURE FEED AND RETURN TUBES
   Using SST, connect the tube.
   SST 09631–22020
   Torque: 32 N·m (326 kgf·cm, 24 ft·lbf)

HINT:
★ Use a torque wrench with a fulcrum length of 300 mm (11.81 in.).
★ This torque value is effective in case that SST is parallel to a torque wrench.

5. CONNECT CLAMP PLATE
   Torque the nut.
   Torque: 10 N·m (100 kgf·cm, 7 ft·lbf)

6. CONNECT INTERMEDIATE SHAFT ASSEMBLY
   (See page SR–16)

7. CONNECT RH AND LH TIE ROD ENDS
   (See page SA–9)

8. POSITION FRONT WHEELS FACING STRAIGHT AHEAD
   HINT:
   Do it with the front of the vehicle jacked up.

9. CENTER SPIRAL CABLE
   (See page SR–16)

10. INSTALL STEERING WHEEL
    (a) Install the wheel at straight-ahead position.
    (b) Temporarily tighten the wheel set nut.
    (c) Connect the connector.

11. BLEED POWER STEERING SYSTEM
    (See page SR–4)

12. CHECK STEERING WHEEL CENTER POINT
13. TORQUE STEERING WHEEL SET NUT
   Torque: 35 N·m (360 kgf·cm, 26 ft·lbf)
14. INSTALL STEERING WHEEL PAD
    (See page SR–16)
15. CHECK FRONT WHEEL ALIGNMENT
    (See page SA–4)