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SPECIFICATIONS

FASTENER TIGHTENING SPECIFICATIONS

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Application	Specification	
	Metric	English
Hub Nut	240 N.m	177 lb ft
Inboard Flange Bolts	79 N.m	58 lb ft
Small Seal Retaining Clamp	136 N.m	100 lb ft

COMPONENT LOCATOR

WHEEL DRIVE SHAFTS DISASSEMBLED VIEWS

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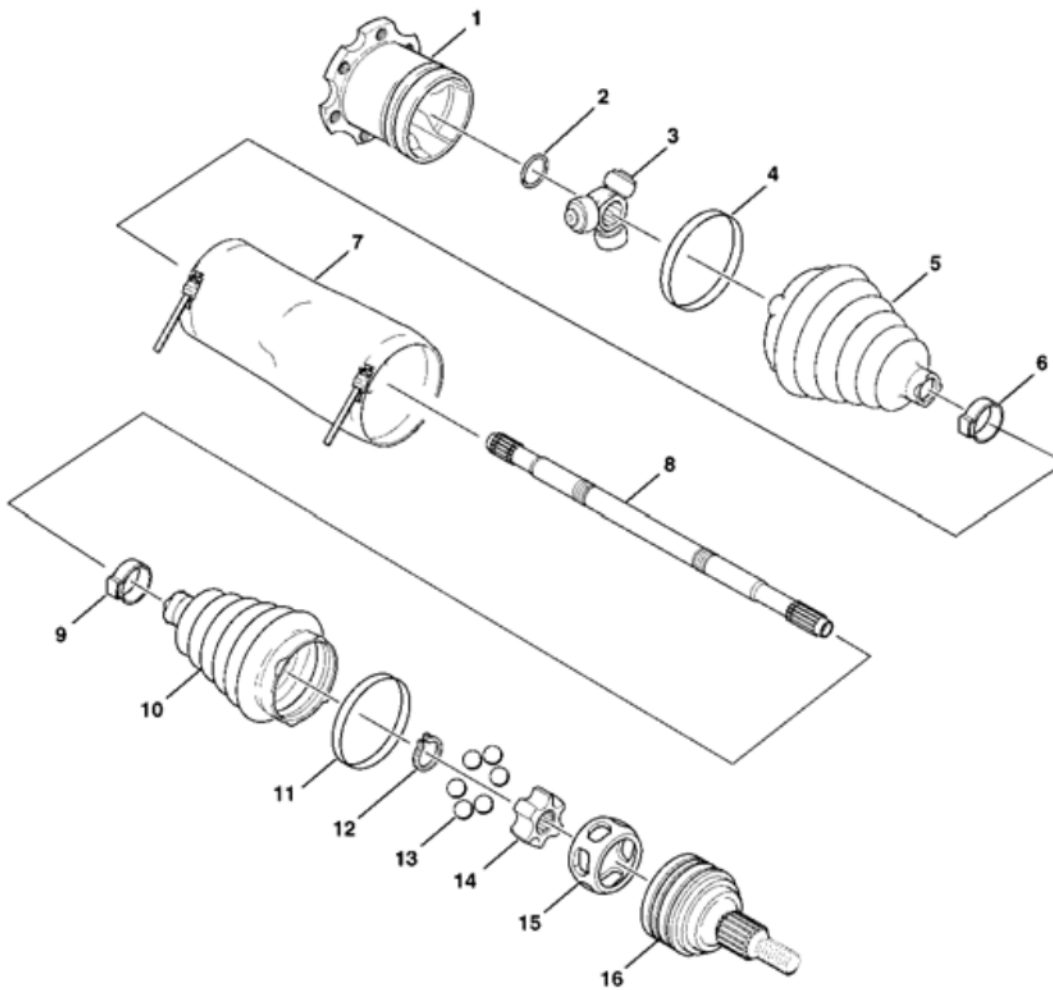


Fig. 1: Wheel Drive Shaft Components, Disassembled View
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Callouts For Fig. 1

Callout	Component Name
1	Tripot Housing Assembly
2	Spacer Ring
3	Tripot Joint Spider Assembly
4	Swage Ring
5	Tripot Joint Boot
6	Small Boot Retaining Clamp
7	Halfshaft Boot Cover (Optional)
8	Halfshaft Bar
9	Small Boot Retaining Clamp

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10	CV Joint Boot
11	Swage Ring
12	Race Retaining Ring
13	Ball
14	CV Joint Inner Race
15	CV Joint Cage
16	CV Joint Outer Race

DIAGNOSTIC INFORMATION AND PROCEDURES

DIAGNOSTIC STARTING POINT - WHEEL DRIVE SHAFTS

Begin the system diagnosis by reviewing the system Description and Operation. Reviewing the Description and Operation will help you to determine the correct symptom diagnostic procedure when a malfunction exist. Reviewing the Description and Operation information will also help you determine if the condition described by the customer is normal operation. Refer to **Symptoms - Wheel Drive Shafts** in order to identify the correct procedure for diagnosing the system and where the procedure is located.

SYMPTOMS - WHEEL DRIVE SHAFTS

Before beginning diagnosis, review the system description and operation in order to familiarize yourself with the system function. Refer to **Wheel Drive Shafts Description and Operation**.

Classifying the Symptom

Wheel Drive Shaft symptoms can usually be classified into the following categories:

- Noises
- Vibrations

Noise related concerns are diagnosed within the Wheel Drive Shafts section. For vibration related symptoms, refer to **Diagnostic Starting Point - Vibration Diagnosis and Correction** in Vibration Diagnosis and Correction for diagnosis.

Visual/Physical Inspection

- Inspect the system for aftermarket devices which could affect the operation of the Wheel Drive Shafts.
- Inspect the easily accessible or visible system components for obvious damage or conditions which could cause the symptom.

Symptom List

Refer to a symptom diagnostic procedure from the following list in order to diagnose the symptom:

- **Click Noise In Turns**

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- Clunk When Accelerating from Coast
- Clunk Noise When Accelerating During Turns

CLICK NOISE IN TURNS

Click Noise In Turns

Step	Action	Yes	No
DEFINITION: Clicking noise while turning in drive under load.			
1	Check for worn or damaged outer CV joints. Are the outer CV joints/seals worn?	Go to Step 2	System OK
2	Replace the outer CV joints/seals. Refer to <u>Wheel Drive Shaft Outer Joint and Seal Replacement</u> . Is the repair complete?	System OK	-

CLUNK WHEN ACCELERATING FROM COAST

Clunk When Accelerating from Coast

Step	Action	Value(s)	Yes	No
DEFINITION: A clunking noise present when accelerating from coast to drive under load.				
1	Check for a loose wheel drive shaft to hub assembly nut. Is the wheel drive shaft nut loose?	-	Go to Step 2	Go to Step 3
2	Tighten the wheel drive shaft to hub assembly nut to specification. Is the repair complete?	240 N.m (177 lb ft)	System OK	-
3	Check for a damaged inner CV joint. Is the inner CV joint damaged?	-	Go to Step 4	System OK
4	Replace the inner CV joint. Refer to <u>Wheel Drive Shaft Inner Joint and Seal Replacement</u> . Is the repair complete?	-	System OK	-

CLUNK NOISE WHEN ACCELERATING DURING TURNS

Clunk Noise When Accelerating During Turns

Step	Action	Yes	No
1	Check for worn or damaged outer CV joints and/or seals. Are the outer CV joints/seals worn?	Go to Step 2	System OK
2	Replace the outer CV joints/seals. Refer to <u>Wheel Drive Shaft Outer Joint and Seal Replacement</u> . Is the repair complete?	System OK	-

REPAIR INSTRUCTIONS

WHEEL DRIVE SHAFT REPLACEMENT (1500 SERIES)

CAUTION: Do not attempt to move vehicle with drive axle(s) removed from wheel bearing. Wheel(s) could fall off, dropping vehicle to the ground and causing personal injury or damage to the vehicle.

Tools Required

J 45859 Axle Remover

Removal Procedure

1. Raise and support the vehicle. Refer to Lifting and Jacking the Vehicle .
2. Remove the tire and wheel. Refer to Tire and Wheel Removal and Installation .

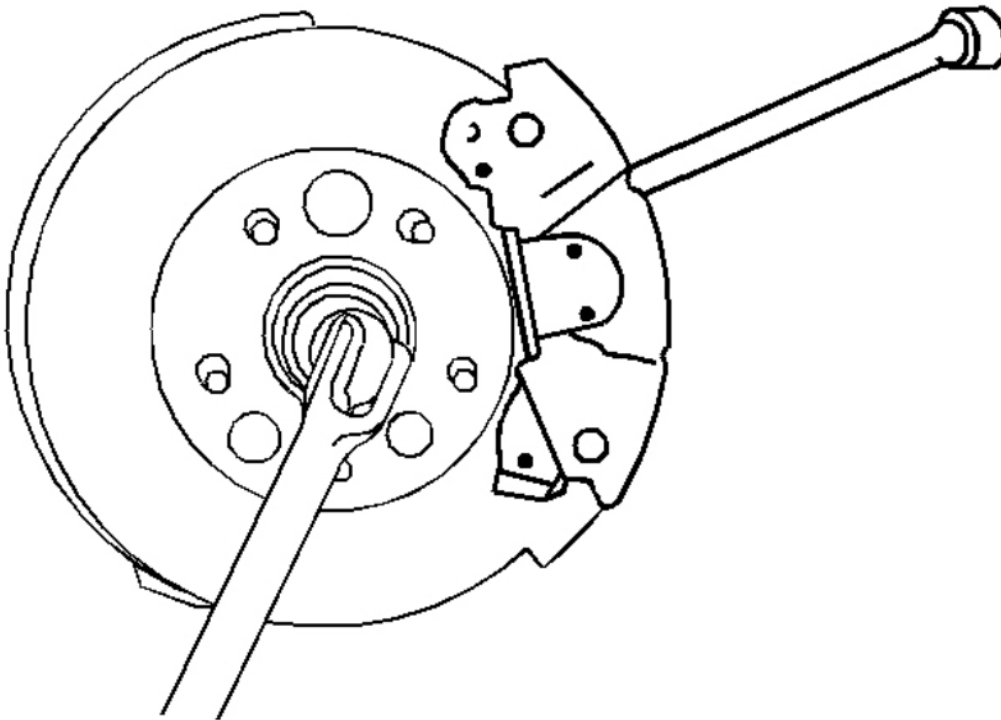


Fig. 2: Tightening Hub Nut

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3. Insert a drift or large screwdriver through the brake caliper into one of the brake rotor vanes in order to

prevent the wheel drive shaft from turning.

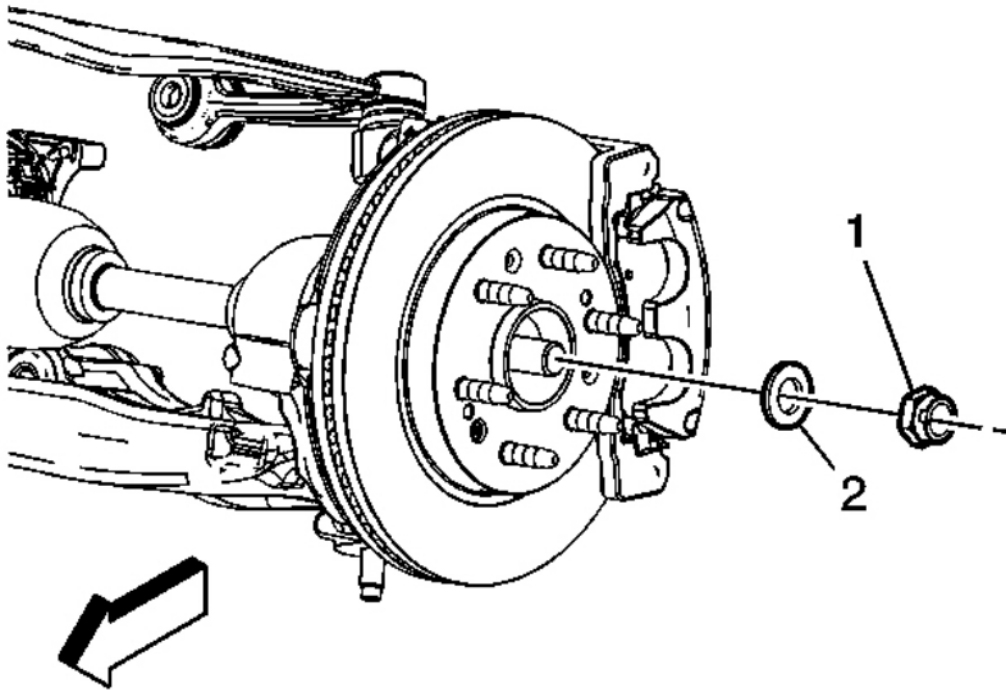


Fig. 3: View Of Hub, Nut & Washer
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IMPORTANT: DO NOT reuse the wheel drive shaft nut, use a **NEW** nut only.

4. Remove the nut (1) and washer (2) from the hub.

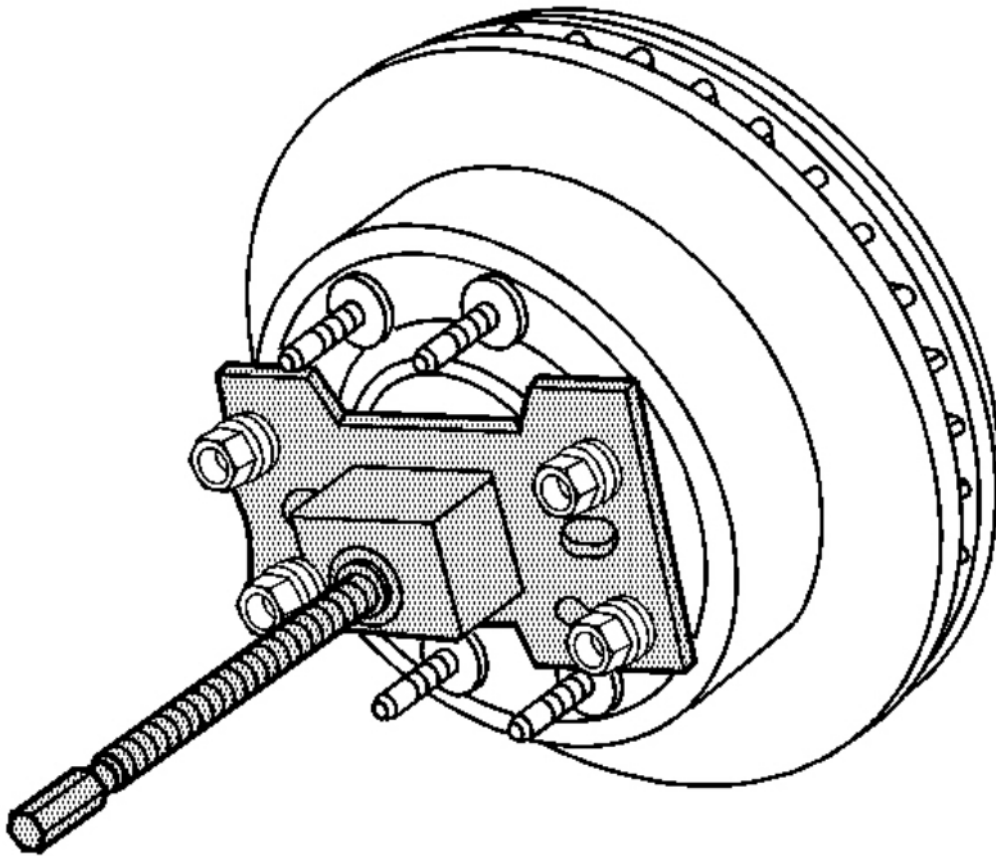


Fig. 4: Pressing Wheel Drive Shaft From Hub
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5. Using the **J 45859** or equivalent, remove the wheel drive shaft from the hub.
6. Remove the special tool.

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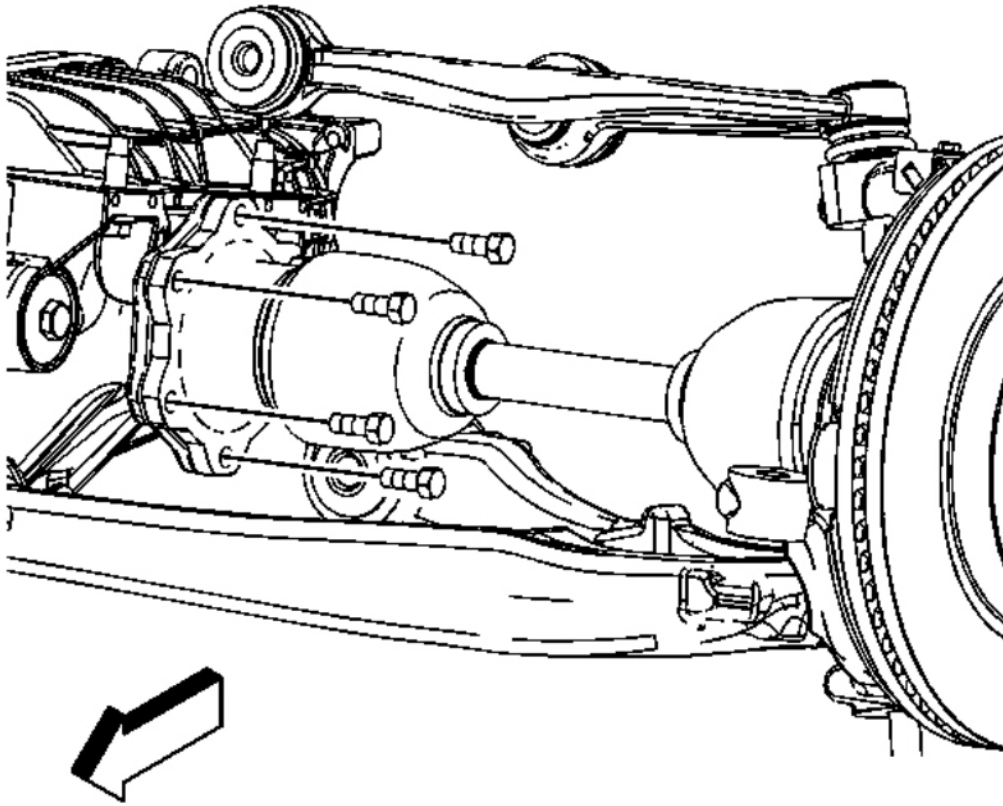


Fig. 5: View Of Drive Flange & Retaining Bolts
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7. Remove the retaining bolts from the drive flange.
8. Remove the drift or large screwdriver from the brake rotor.
9. Remove the stabilizer shaft link from the lower control arm. Refer to **Stabilizer Shaft Replacement (1500 Series)** or **Stabilizer Shaft Replacement (2500 Series)**.
10. Remove the shock module. Refer to **Shock Module Replacement**.

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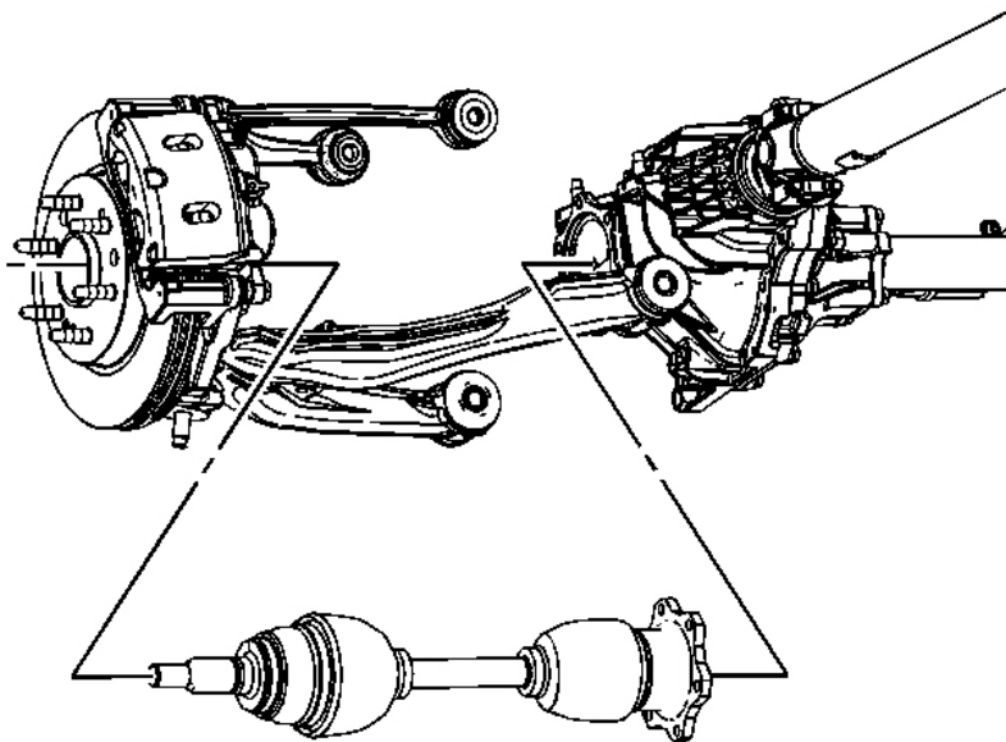


Fig. 6: View Of Wheel Drive Shaft
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11. Remove the wheel drive shaft through the lower control arm opening.
12. Remove all dirt and debris from the splines on the wheel hub/bearing.

Installation Procedure

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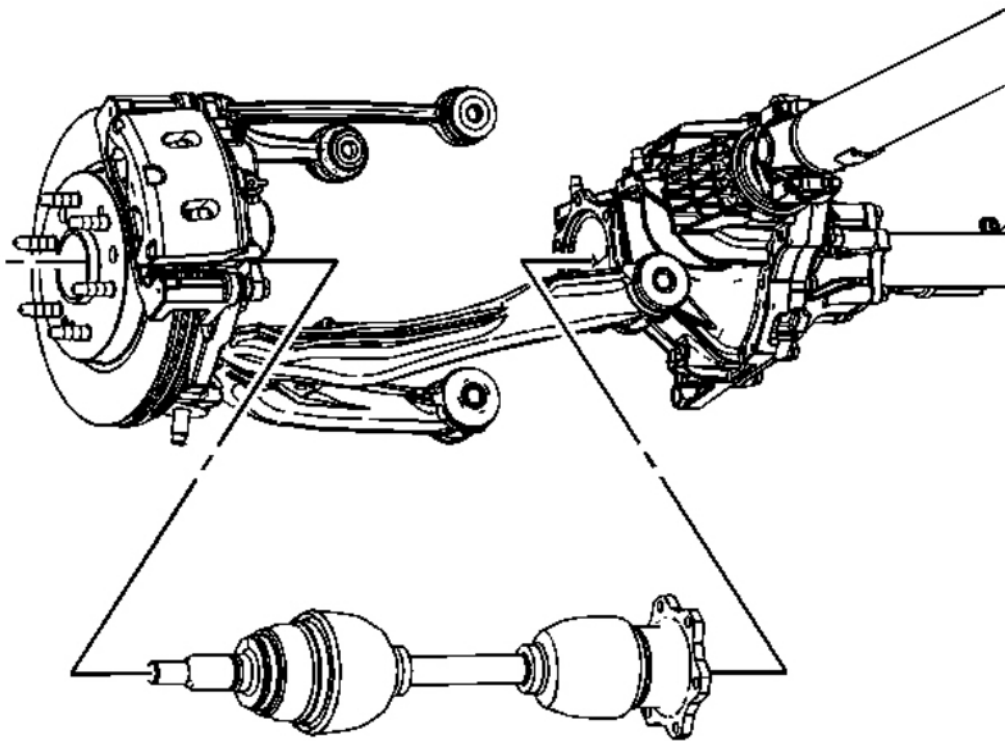


Fig. 7: View Of Wheel Drive Shaft

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1. Install the wheel drive shaft in the steering knuckle.

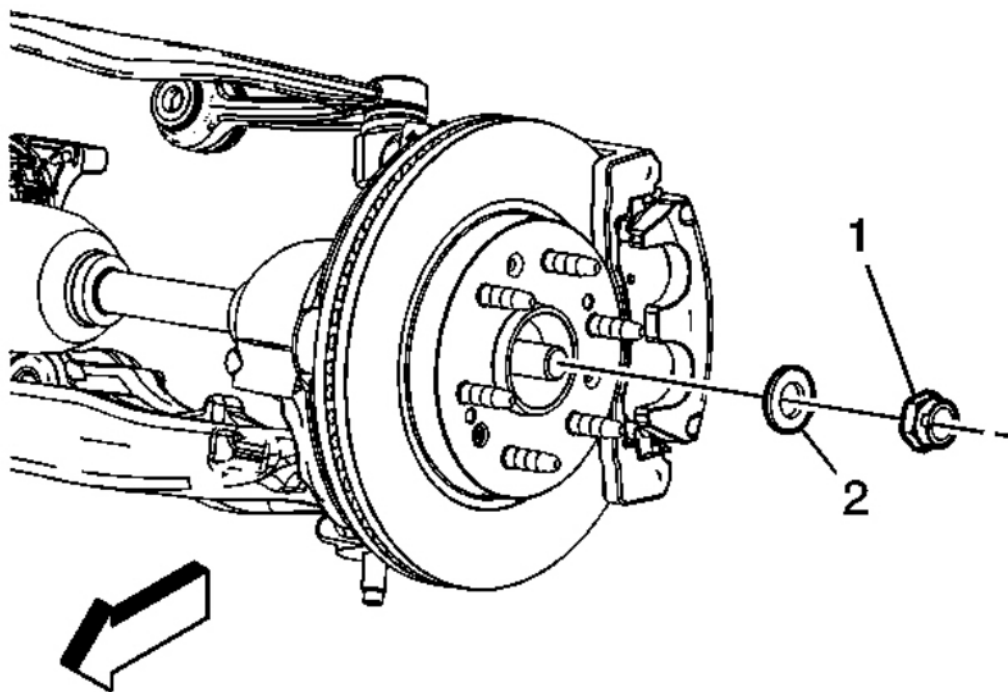


Fig. 8: View Of Hub Nut & Washer
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IMPORTANT: Install the NEW nut and washer, but DO NOT tighten at this time.

2. Install the NEW nut (1) and washer (2).

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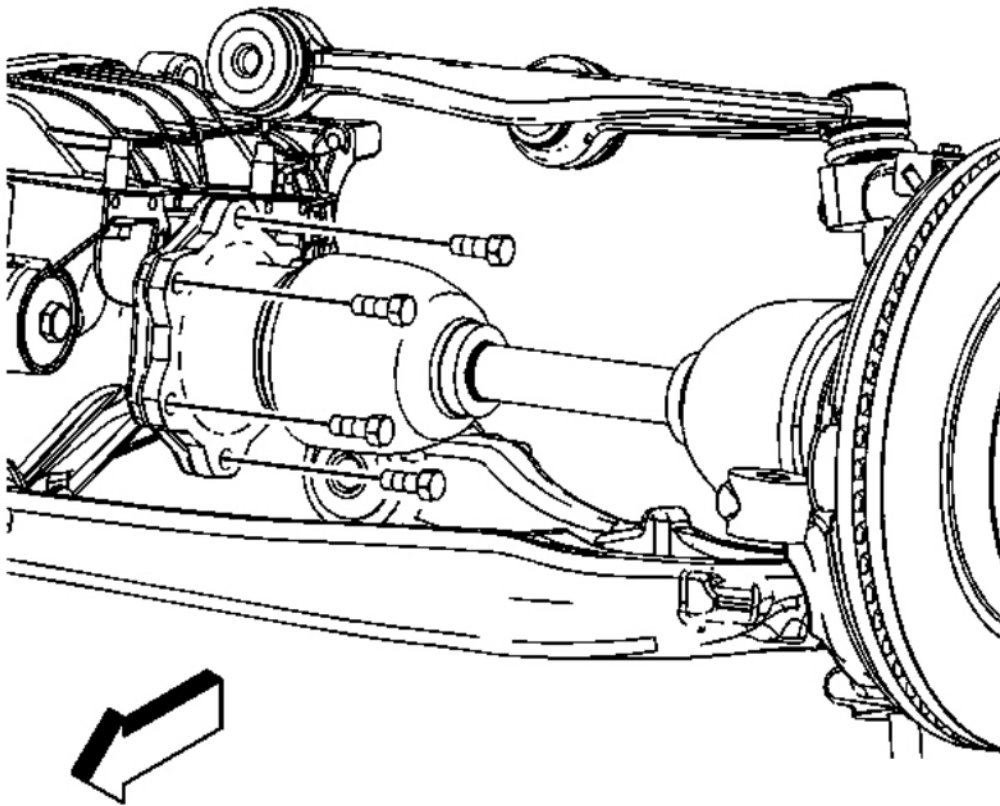


Fig. 9: View Of Wheel Drive Shaft Retaining Bolts
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3. Install the retaining bolts and finger tighten.

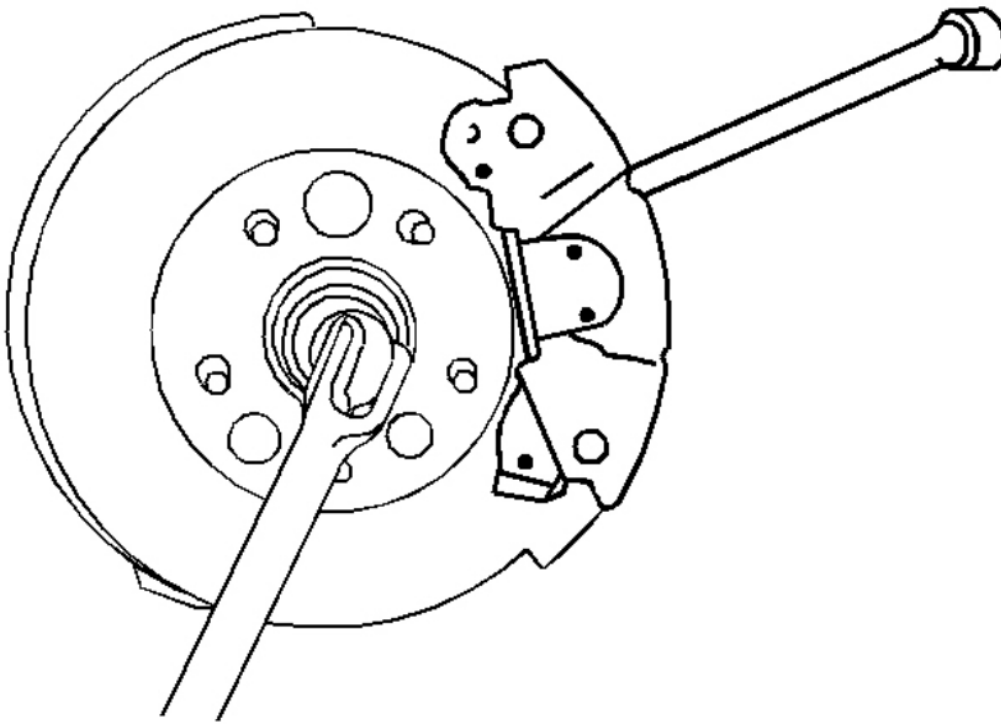


Fig. 10: Tightening Hub Nut

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4. Insert a drift or large screwdriver through the brake caliper into one of the brake rotor vanes in order to prevent the wheel drive shaft from turning.

NOTE: Refer to **Fastener Notice** .

5. Tighten the wheel driver shaft retaining bolts.

Tighten: Tighten the retaining bolts to 79 N.m (58 lb ft).

6. Tighten the wheel drive shaft retaining nut.

Tighten: Tighten the retaining nut to 240 N.m (177 lb ft).

7. Remove the drift or large screwdriver from the brake rotor.
8. Install the shock module. Refer to **Shock Module Replacement** .
9. Install the stabilizer shaft link from the lower control arm. Refer to **Stabilizer Shaft Replacement (1500**

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Series) or Stabilizer Shaft Replacement (2500 Series) .

10. Install the tire and wheel. Refer to Tire and Wheel Removal and Installation .
11. Lower the vehicle.

WHEEL DRIVE SHAFT REPLACEMENT (2500 SERIES)

CAUTION: Do not attempt to move vehicle with drive axle(s) removed from wheel bearing. Wheel(s) could fall off, dropping vehicle to the ground and causing personal injury or damage to the vehicle.

Tools Required

J 45859 Axle Remover

Removal Procedure

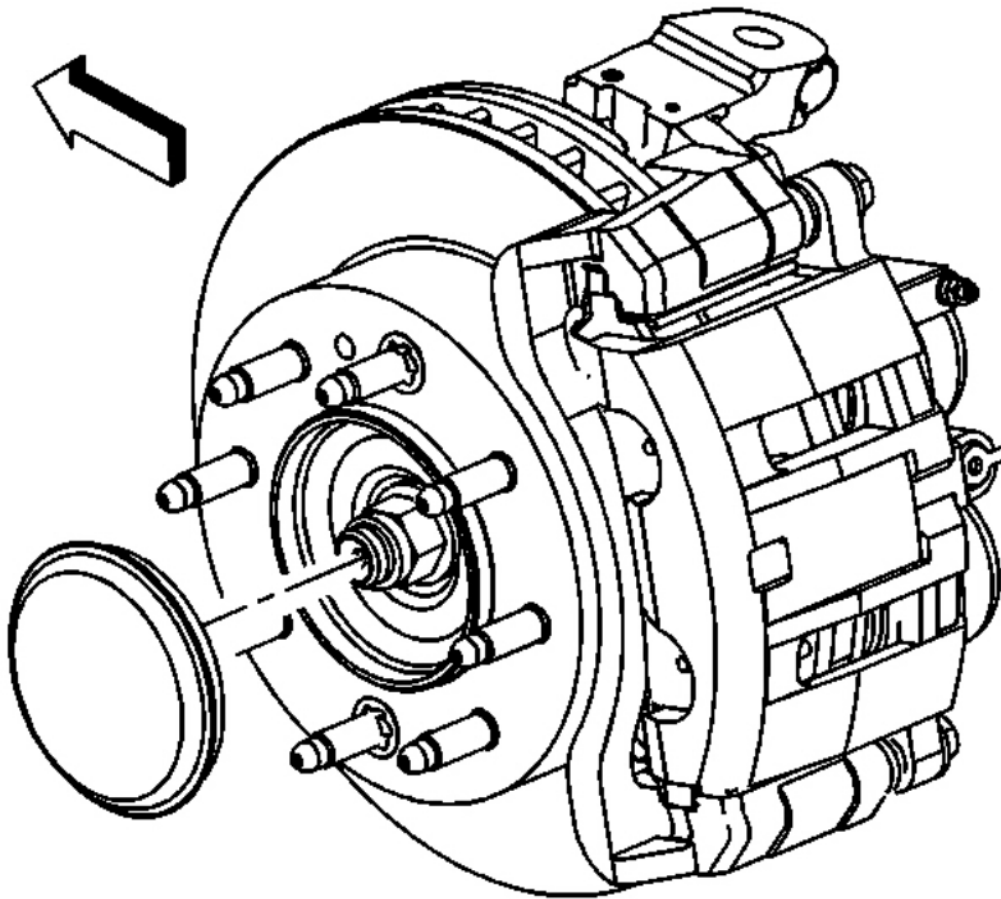


Fig. 11: Drive Axle Center Cap

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1. Raise the vehicle. Refer to **Lifting and Jacking the Vehicle** in General Information.
2. Remove the wheel and tire assembly. Refer to **Tire and Wheel Removal and Installation** in Tires and Wheels.
3. Remove the drive axle center cap, if equipped.

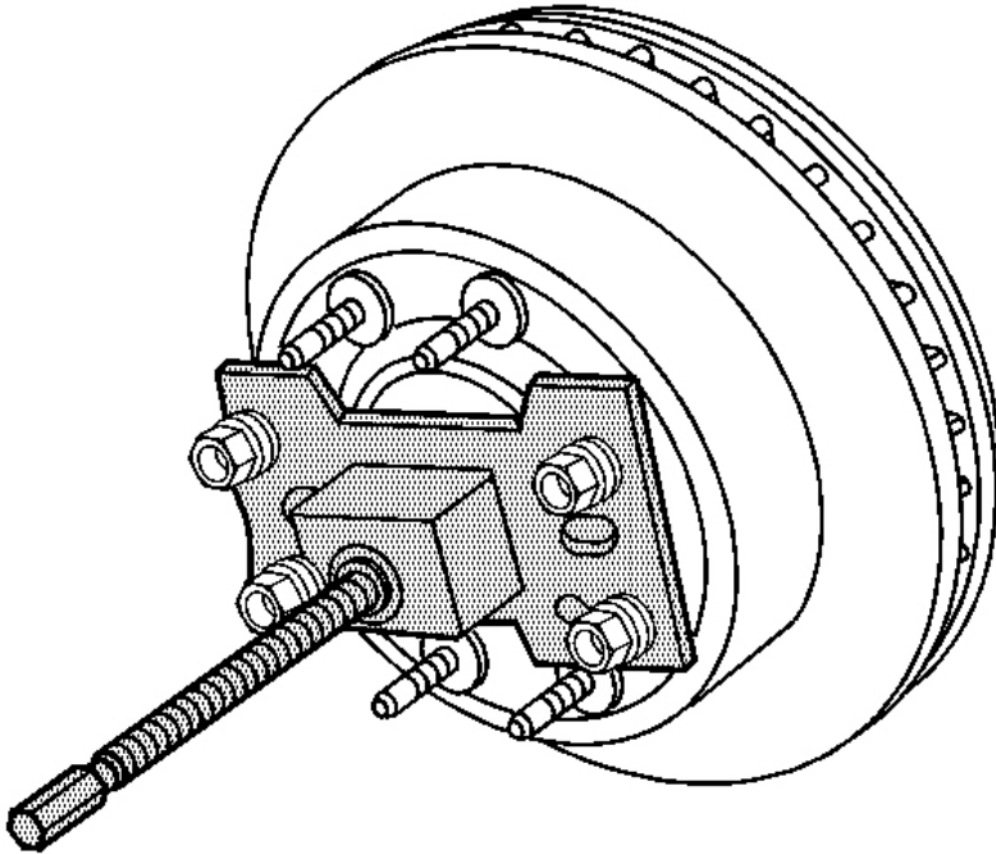


Fig. 12: Pressing Wheel Drive Shaft From Hub
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4. Insert a drift or a large screwdriver through the brake caliper into 1 of the brake rotor vanes in order to prevent the drive axle wheel drive shaft from turning.
5. Remove the nut and the washer from the hub. Do not reuse the nut. A new nut must be used when installing the wheel drive shaft.
6. Using the **J 45859** or equivalent, press the wheel drive shaft from the hub.

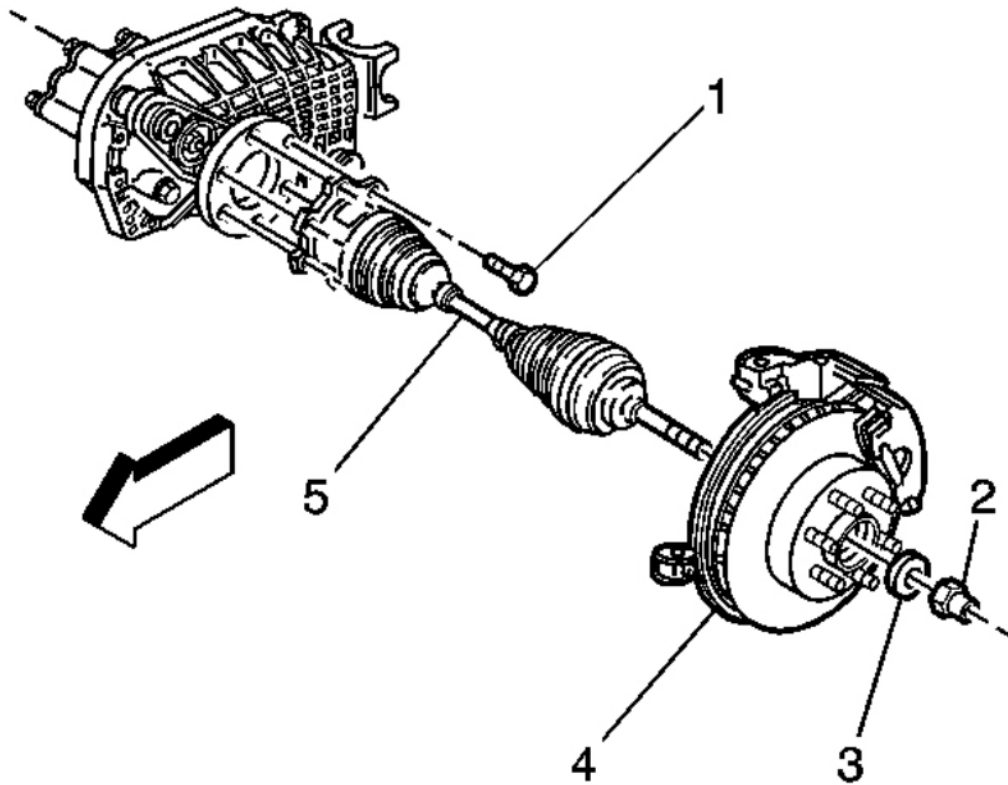


Fig. 13: Wheel Drive Shaft & Hub
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7. Remove the 6 bolts (1) securing the wheel drive shaft inboard flange to the output shaft flange.
8. Remove the drift from the rotor.
9. Remove the stabilizer shaft link from the lower control arm. Refer to **Stabilizer Shaft Replacement (1500 Series)** or **Stabilizer Shaft Replacement (2500 Series)** in Front Suspension.
10. Wrap shop towels around both the inner and the outer wheel drive shaft boots in order to avoid damage to the boots during removal and installation.
11. Pull the wheel drive shaft through the lower control arm opening.

Installation Procedure

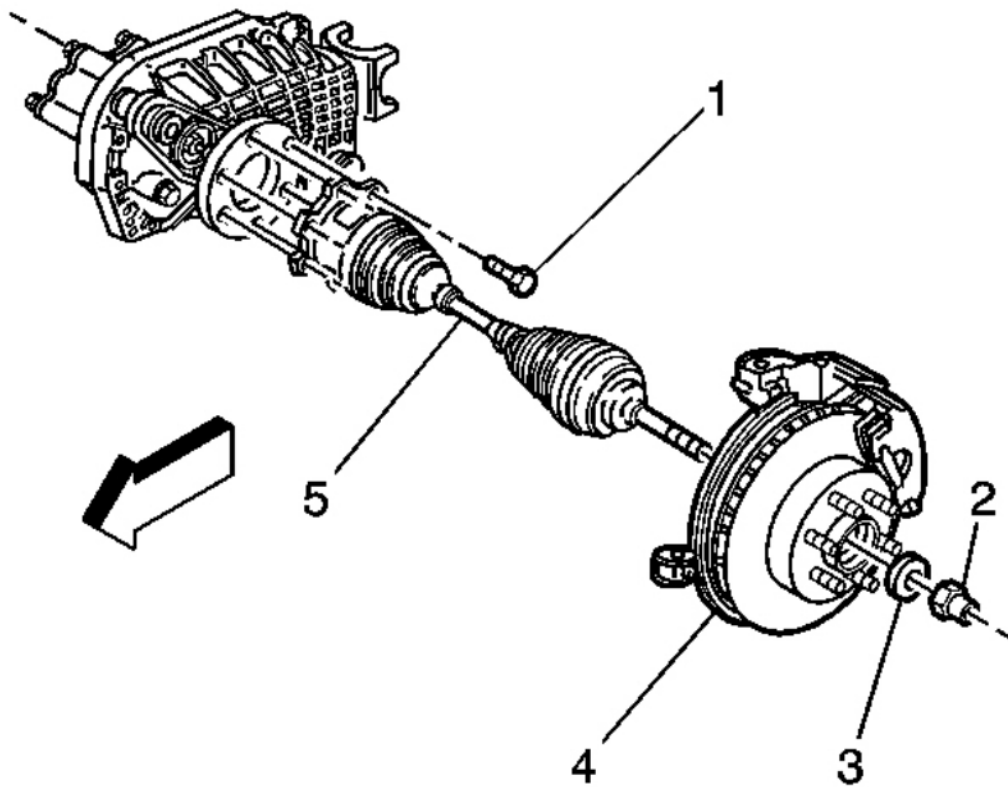


Fig. 14: Wheel Drive Shaft & Hub
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1. Wrap shop towels around both the inner and the outer wheel drive shaft boots in order to avoid damage to the boots during removal and installation.

IMPORTANT: Clean the steering knuckle and the wheel drive shaft splines and threads. These areas must be dry and free of grease, dirt, and contamination.

2. Insert the wheel drive shaft splined shank into the knuckle hub.

NOTE: Use only a genuine GM front wheel drive shaft nut. Installation of anything but an OEM front wheel drive shaft nut could cause damage to the vehicle.

3. Install the washer (3) and the new hub nut (2) to the wheel drive shaft.

Do not tighten the new hub nut at this time.

4. Attach the wheel drive shaft inboard flange to the output shaft flange using the inboard flange bolts (1).

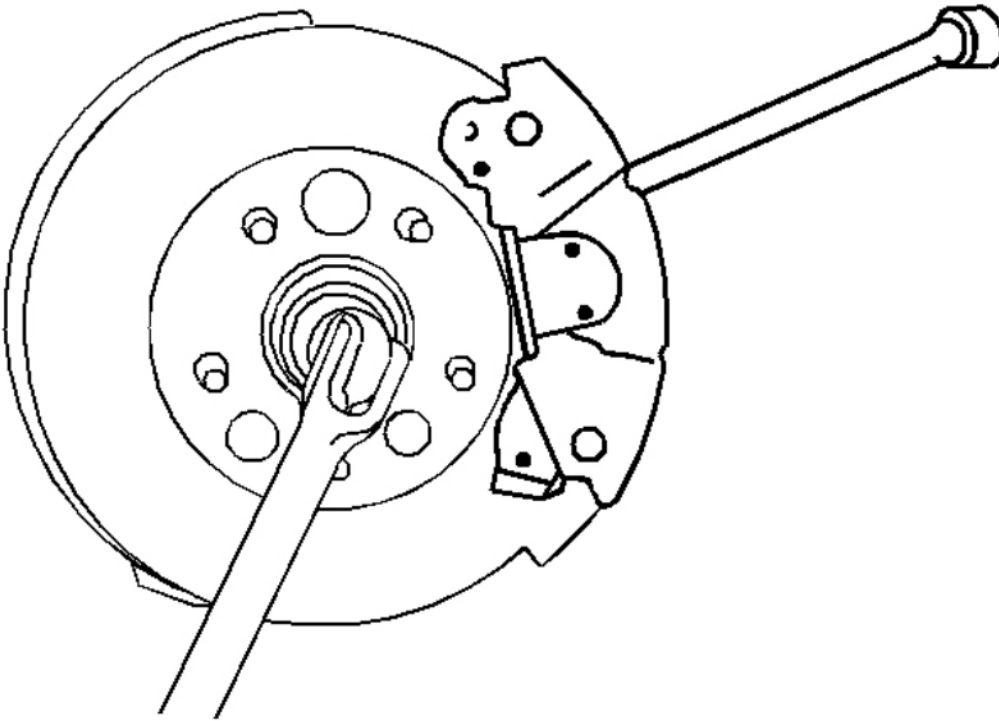


Fig. 15: Tightening Hub Nut

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NOTE: Refer to Fastener Notice in Cautions and Notices.

5. Insert a drift or a large screwdriver through the brake caliper into 1 of the brake rotor vanes in order to prevent the wheel drive shaft from turning.

Tighten:

- Tighten the inboard flange bolts to 79 N.m (58 lb ft).
- Tighten the hub nut to 240 N.m (177 lb ft).

6. Remove the drift from the rotor.

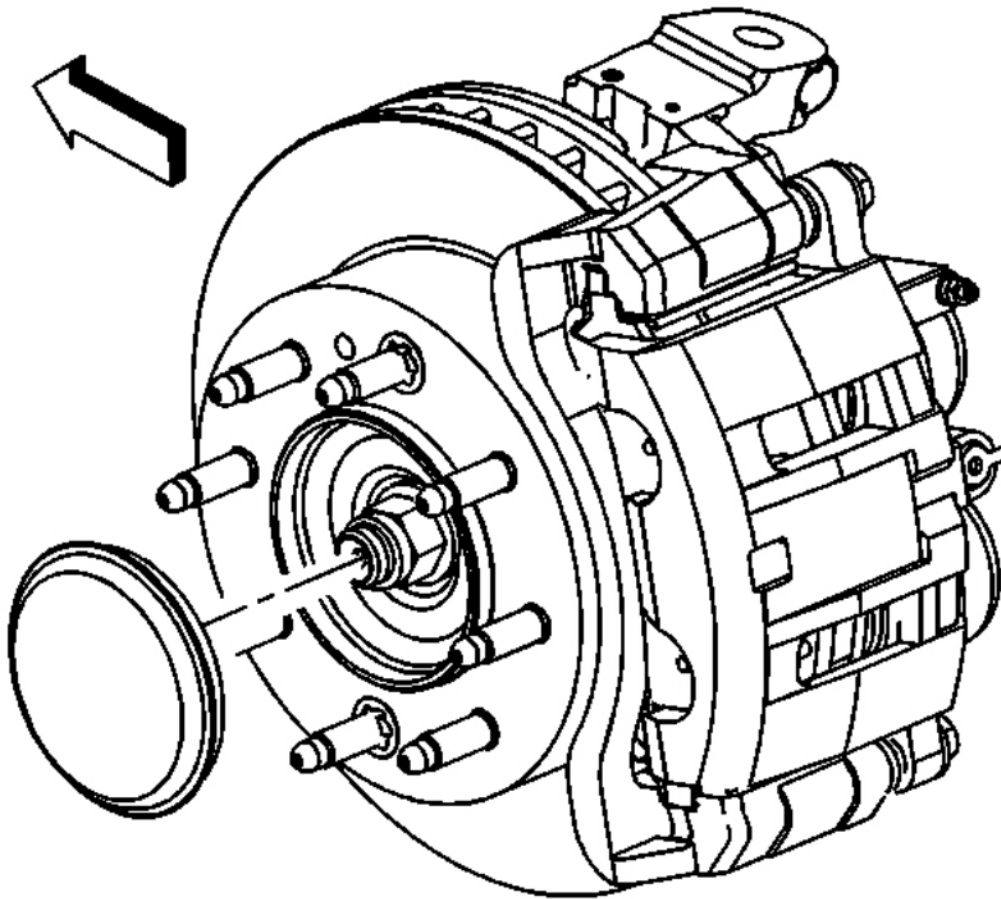


Fig. 16: Drive Axle Center Cap
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7. Install the drive axle center cap, if equipped.
8. Install the stabilizer shaft link. Refer to **Stabilizer Shaft Replacement (1500 Series)** or **Stabilizer Shaft Replacement (2500 Series)** in Front Suspension.
9. Install the wheel and tire assembly. Refer to **Tire and Wheel Removal and Installation** in Tires and Wheels.
10. Lower the vehicle.

WHEEL DRIVE SHAFT INNER JOINT AND SEAL REPLACEMENT

Tools Required

- **J 35910** Drive Axle Seal Clamp Pliers. See Special Tools.
- **J 36652-1** Drive Axle Clamp Swage Tool. See Special Tools.
- **J 36652-98** Axle Swage Tool. See Special Tools.

Disassembly Procedure

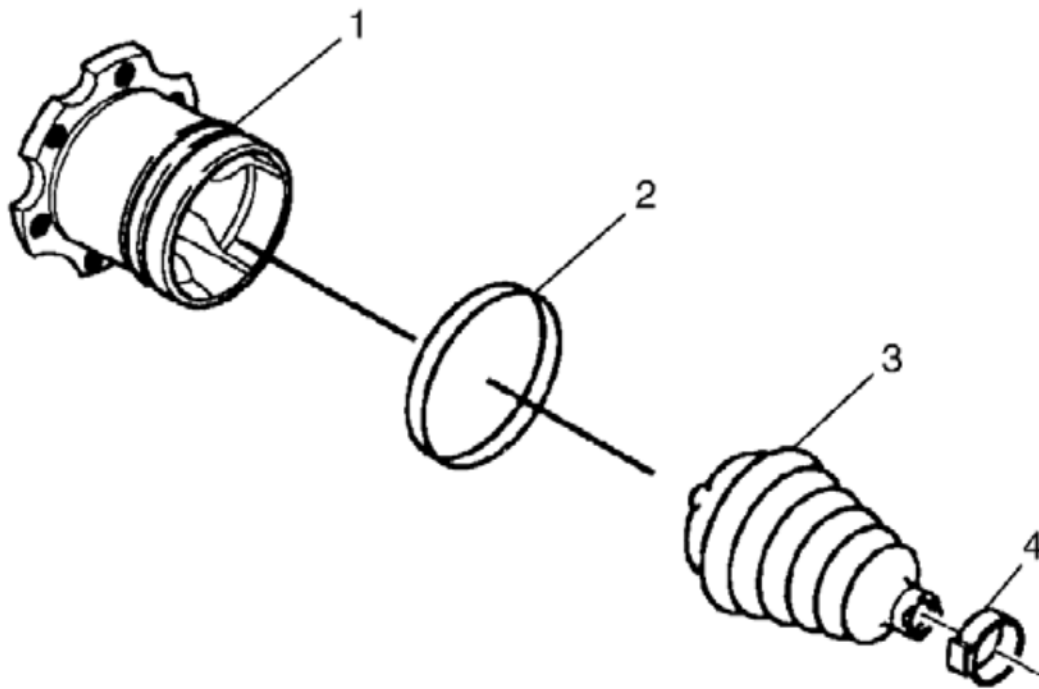


Fig. 17: Identifying Tripot Housing & Swage Ring
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IMPORTANT: Use caution when using the hand grinder by the tripot housing (1).

1. Use a hand grinder in order to cut through the swage ring (2).
2. Remove the tripot housing (1) from the halfshaft.
3. Wipe the grease off of the housing (1).
4. Thoroughly degrease the tripot housing (1).
5. Allow the tripot housing (1) to dry prior to assembly.

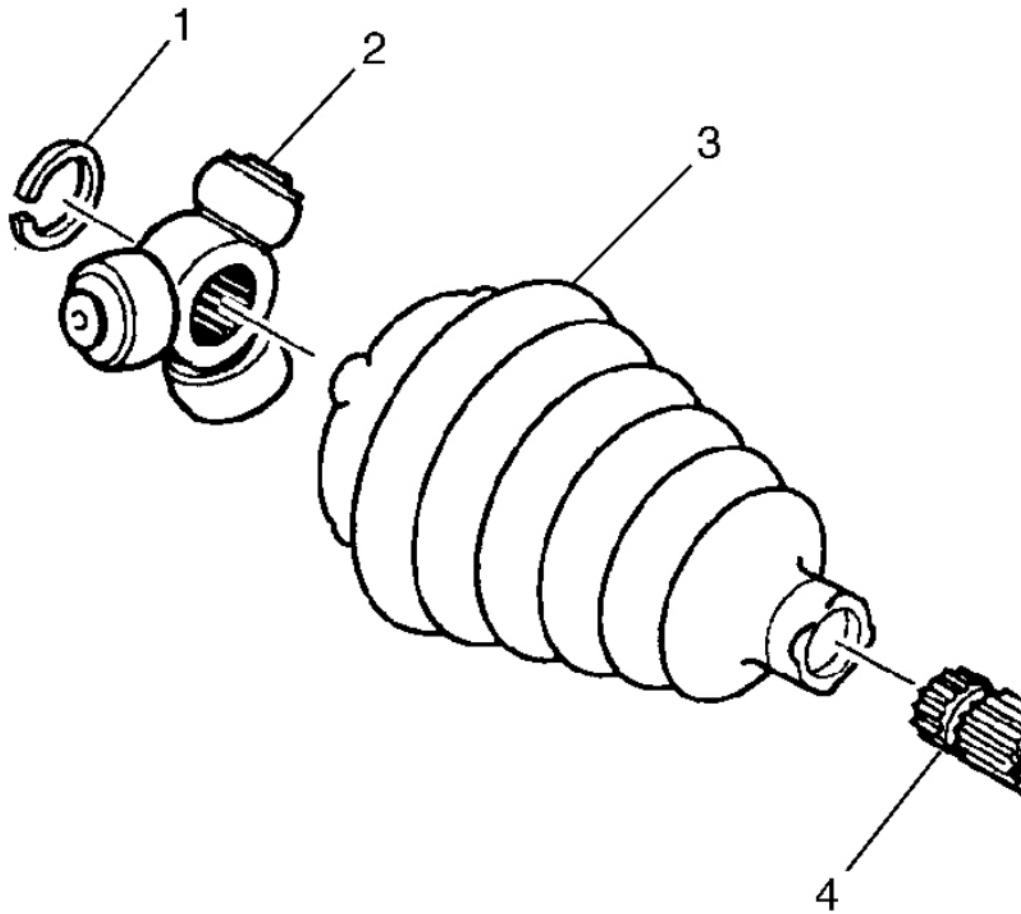


Fig. 18: Spacer Ring, Tripot Spider Assembly, Tripot Boot & Halfshaft Bar
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6. Using side cutters, remove the small boot retaining clamp.
7. Remove the following items from the halfshaft bar:
 1. The spacer ring (1)
 2. The tripot spider assembly (2)
 3. The tripot boot (3)
8. Clean the halfshaft bar (4). Use a wire brush in order to remove any rust in the seal mounting area (grooves).
9. Inspect the needle rollers, needle bearings, and trunnion. Inspect the tripot housing for unusual wear, cracks, or other damage. Replace any damaged parts with the appropriate service kit.

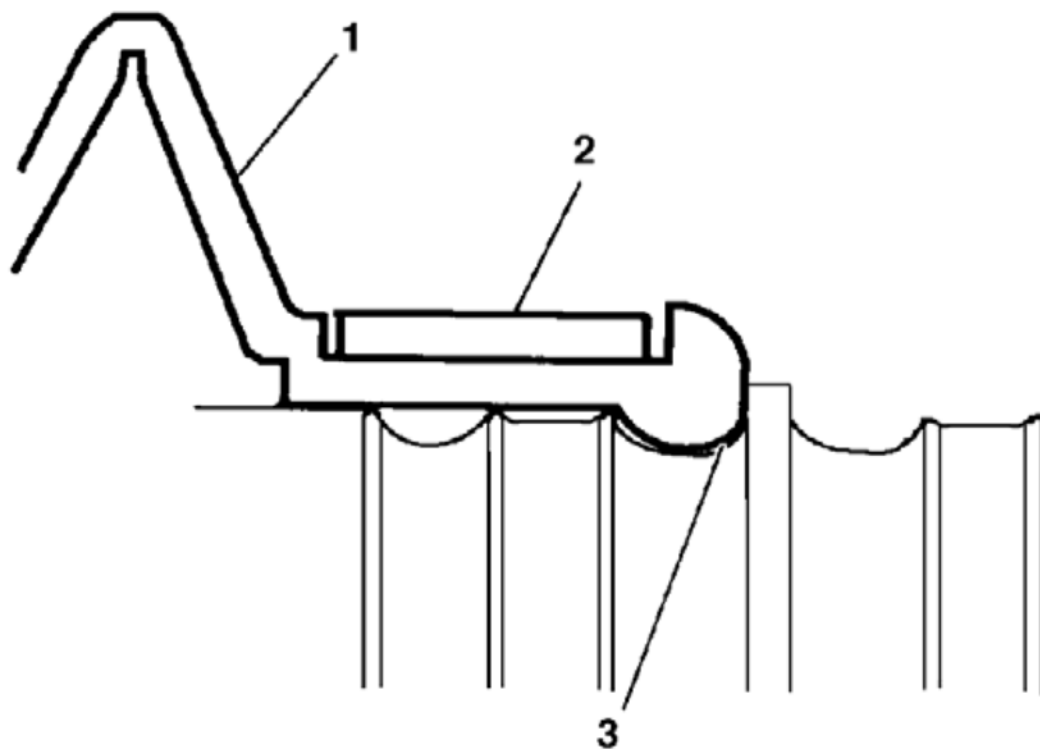


Fig. 19: Positioning Small End Of Joint Seal Into Joint Seal Groove
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1. Place the new small seal clamp (2) onto the small end of the joint seal (1). Compress the joint seal (1) and small seal clamp (2) onto the halfshaft bar.
2. Position the small end of the joint seal (1) into the joint seal groove (3) on the halfshaft bar.

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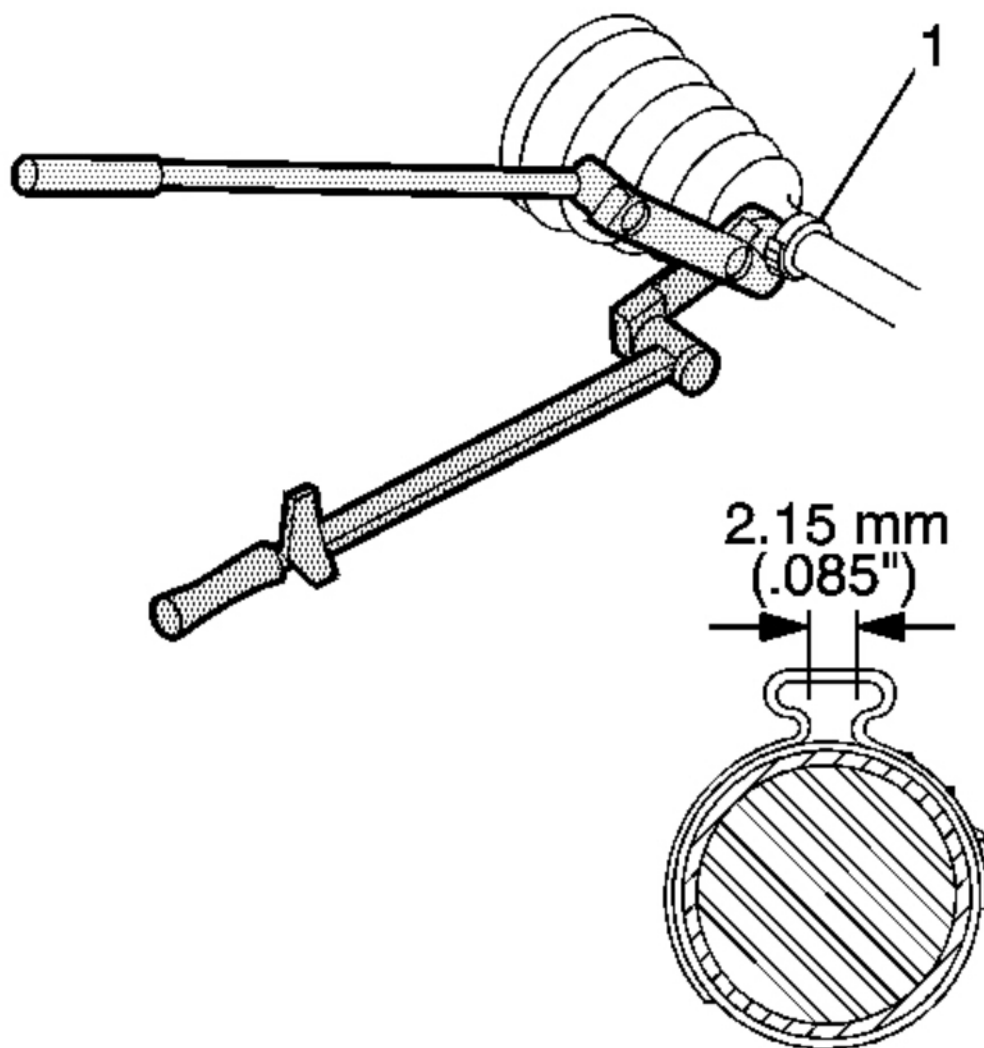


Fig. 20: View Of CV Joint Seal Retaining Clamp

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NOTE: Refer to Fastener Notice in Cautions and Notices.

3. Secure the small seal clamp (1) with **J 35910** , or equivalent, a breaker bar, and a torque wrench. See Special Tools.

Tighten: Tighten the small seal clamp (1) to 136 N.m (100 lb ft).

4. Inspect the gap dimension on the clamp ear. Continue tightening until the gap dimension is reached.

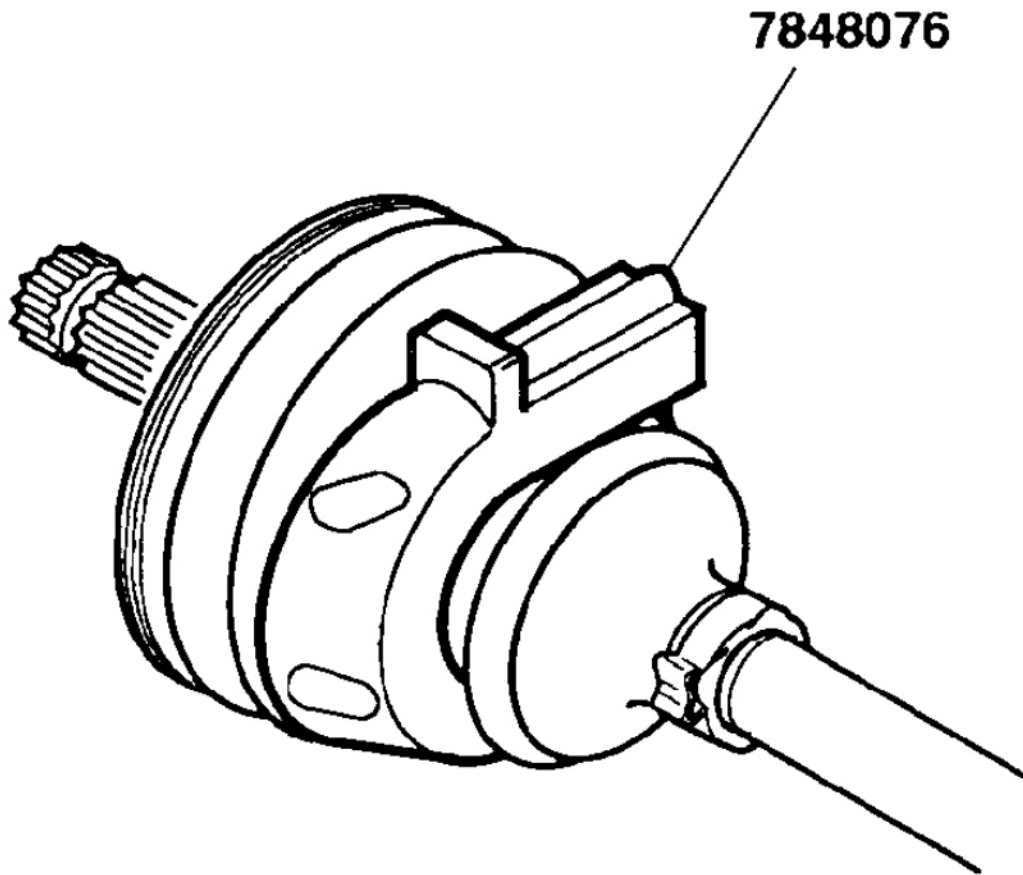


Fig. 21: View Of Convolute Retainer
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IMPORTANT: Assemble the tripot joint with the convolute retainer in the correct position, as illustrated.

5. Install the convolute retainer tool over the inboard joint seal, being sure to capture the following convolutions:
 - 2-5 for the 1500 model.
 - 2-4 for the 2500, 3500, and Hummer H2 models.

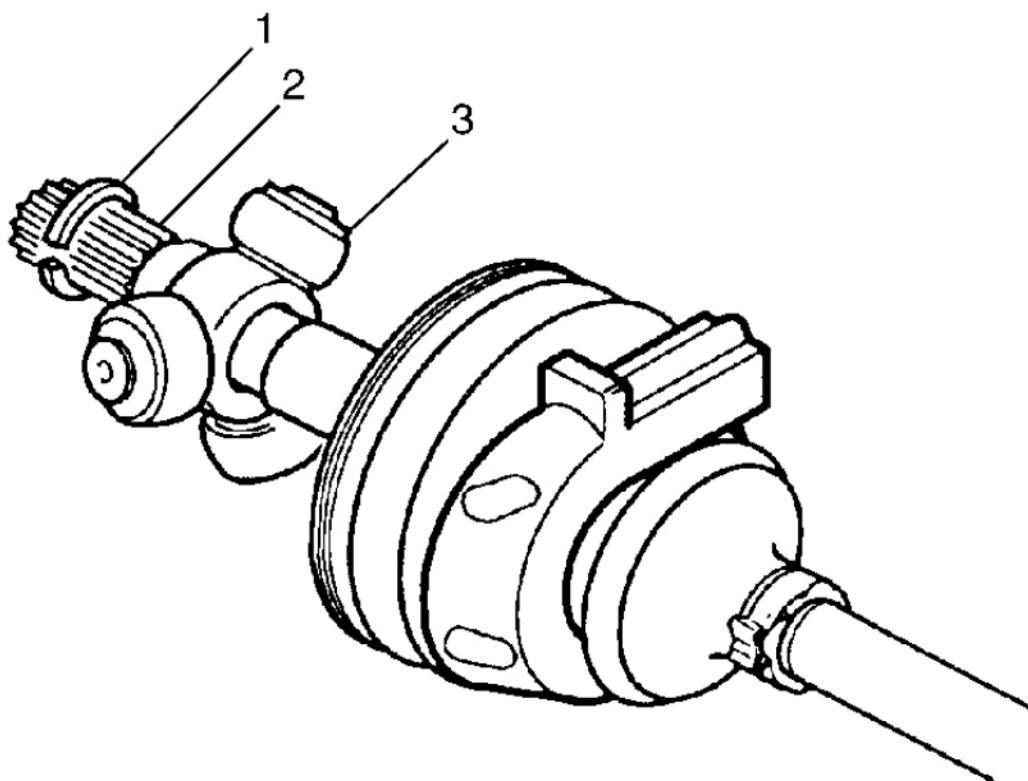


Fig. 22: Spacer Ring, Halfshaft Bar & Tripot Spider Assembly
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6. Install the tripot spider assembly (3) onto the halfshaft bar (2).
7. Install the spacer ring (1) in the groove at the end of the halfshaft bar (2).

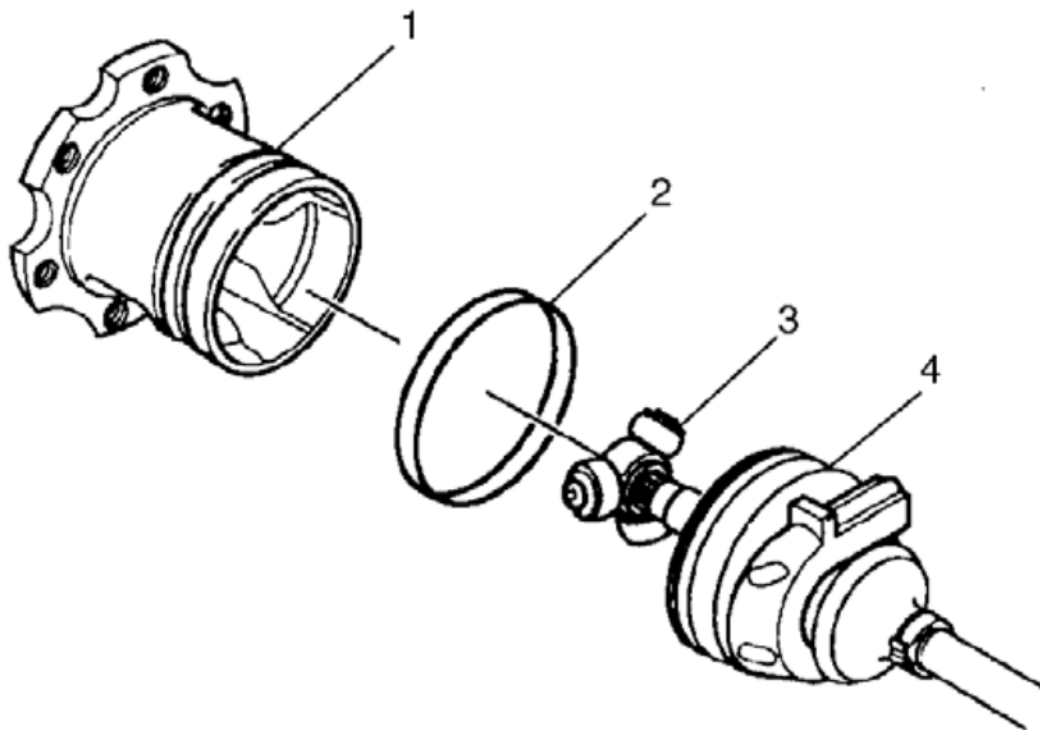


Fig. 23: Tripot Housing, Tripot & Seal
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8. Pack the tripot seal (4) and the tripot housing (1) with the grease supplied in the kit. The amount of grease supplied in this kit has been pre-measured for this application.

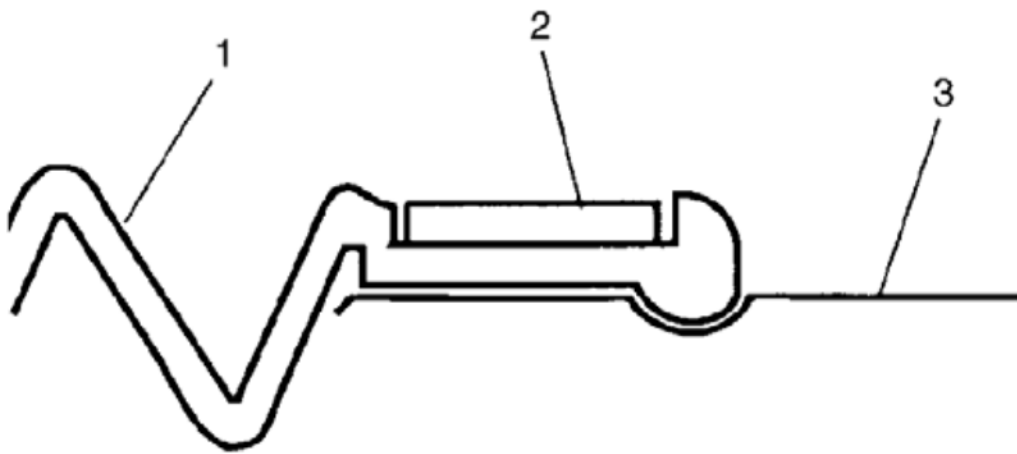


Fig. 24: Assembling The Tripot Housing And The Tripot Seal
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9. Assemble the tripot housing and the tripot seal using the following procedure:
 1. Pinch the swage ring (2) slightly by hand in order to distort it into an oval shape.
 2. Slide the distorted swage ring (2) over the large diameter of the seal.
 3. Place the tripot housing over the spider assembly.
 4. Install the seal onto the tripot housing.
 5. Align the tripot seal (1), with the swage ring (2) in place, over the flat area on the tripot housing (3).

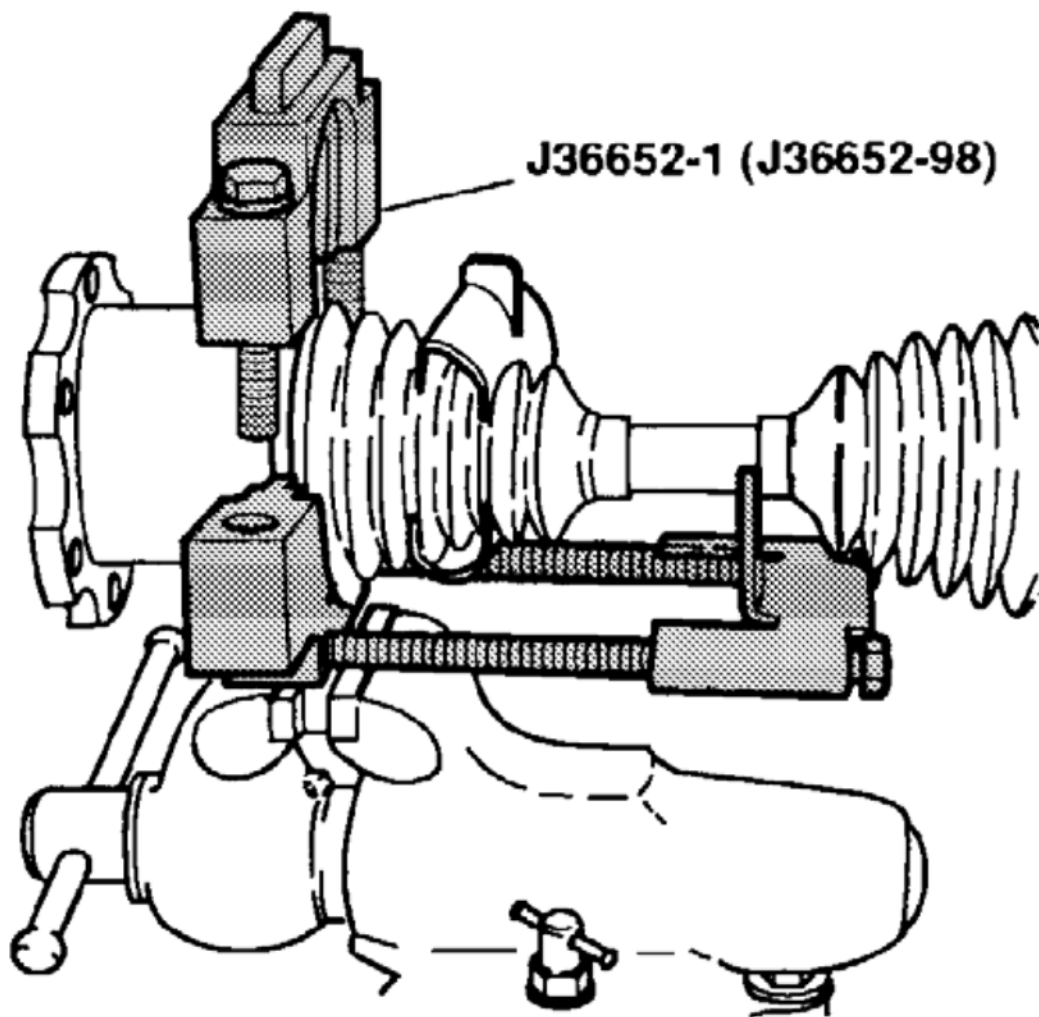


Fig. 25: Assembling The Bolts & Support Plate To The Base Of The J 36652-98
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10. For the 1500 models, assemble the bolts and the support plate to the base of the **J 36652-98** and secure the base in a vise. See **Special Tools**.
11. For the 2500, 3500, and HUMMER H2 models, assemble the bolts and the support plate to the base of the **J 36652-1** and secure the base in a vise. See **Special Tools**.

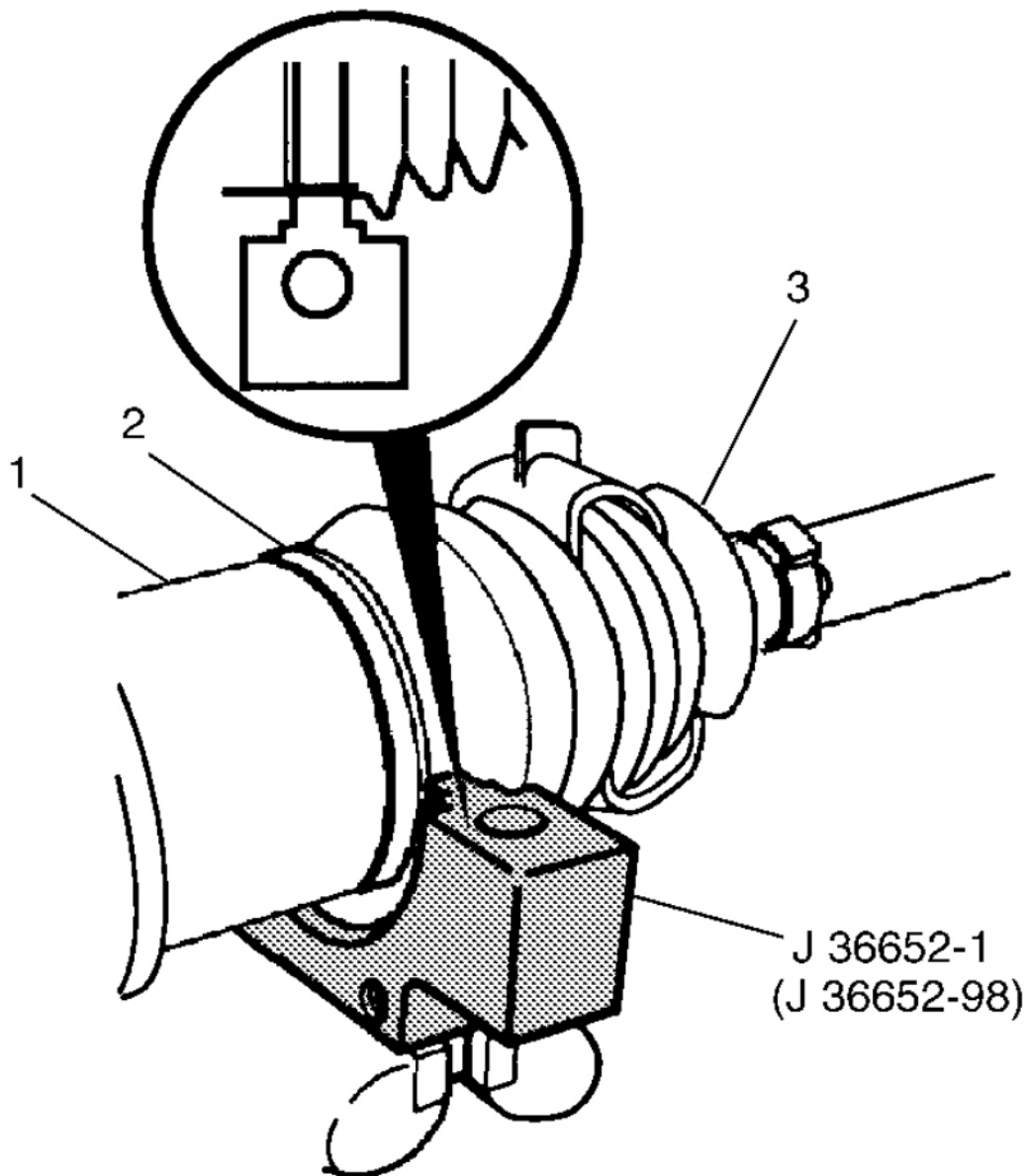


Fig. 26: View Of The Swage Ring
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12. Position the inboard end (tripot end) of the halfshaft assembly into the base of the **J 36652-98** for the 1500 models or **J 36652-1** for the 2500, 3500 and Hummer H2 models. See **Special Tools**.
13. Install the top half of the **J 36652-98** for the 1500 models or **J 36652-1** for the 2500, 3500 and HUMMER H2 models. See **Special Tools**.

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14. Align the swage ring (2) and the swage ring clamp.
15. Insert the bolts.

Tighten: Hand tighten the bolts until the bolts are snug.

16. Align the following during this procedure:

- The tripod boot (3)
- The tripod housing (1)
- The swage ring (2)

Tighten: Tighten each bolt 180 degrees at a time. Alternate between the bolts until both sides of the top half of the tool touch the bottom half.

- Loosen the bolts and remove the halfshaft assembly from the tool.

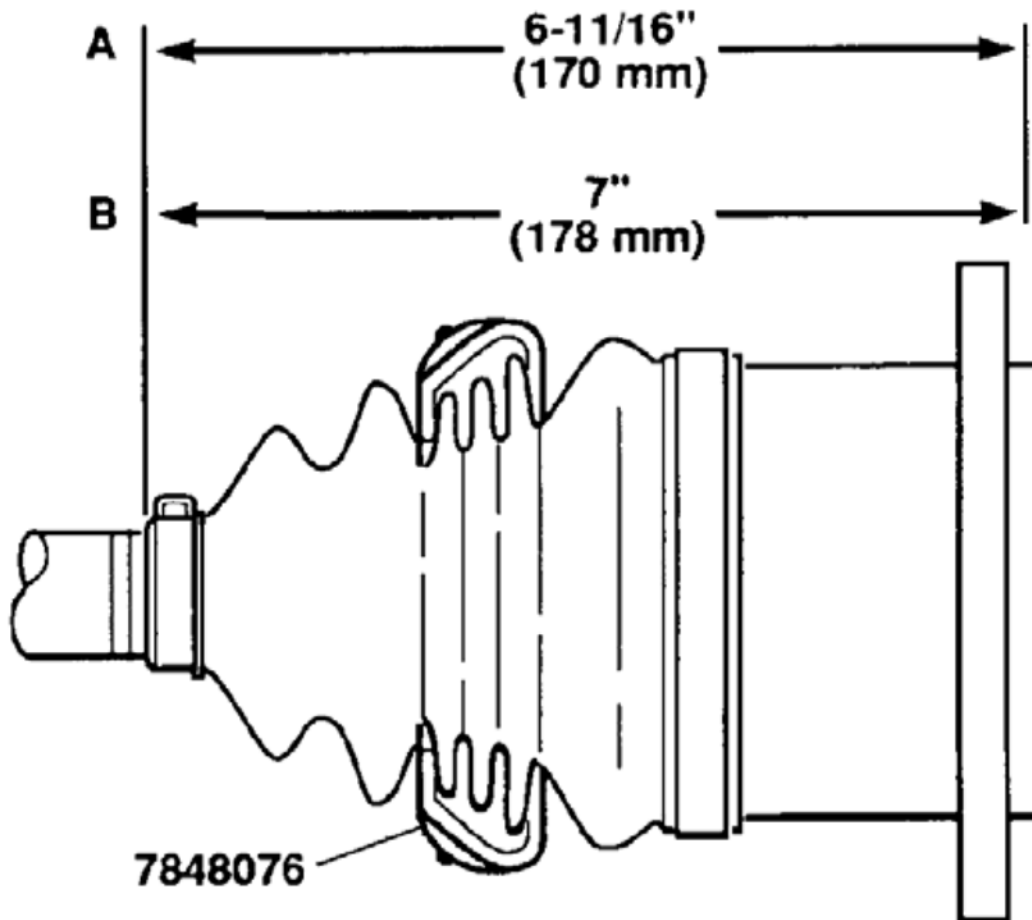


Fig. 27: Inspecting Inboard Stroke Position
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17. Inspect the inboard stroke position.
 - Use measurement A for the 1500 models.
 - Use measurement B for the 2500, 3500, and Hummer H2 models.

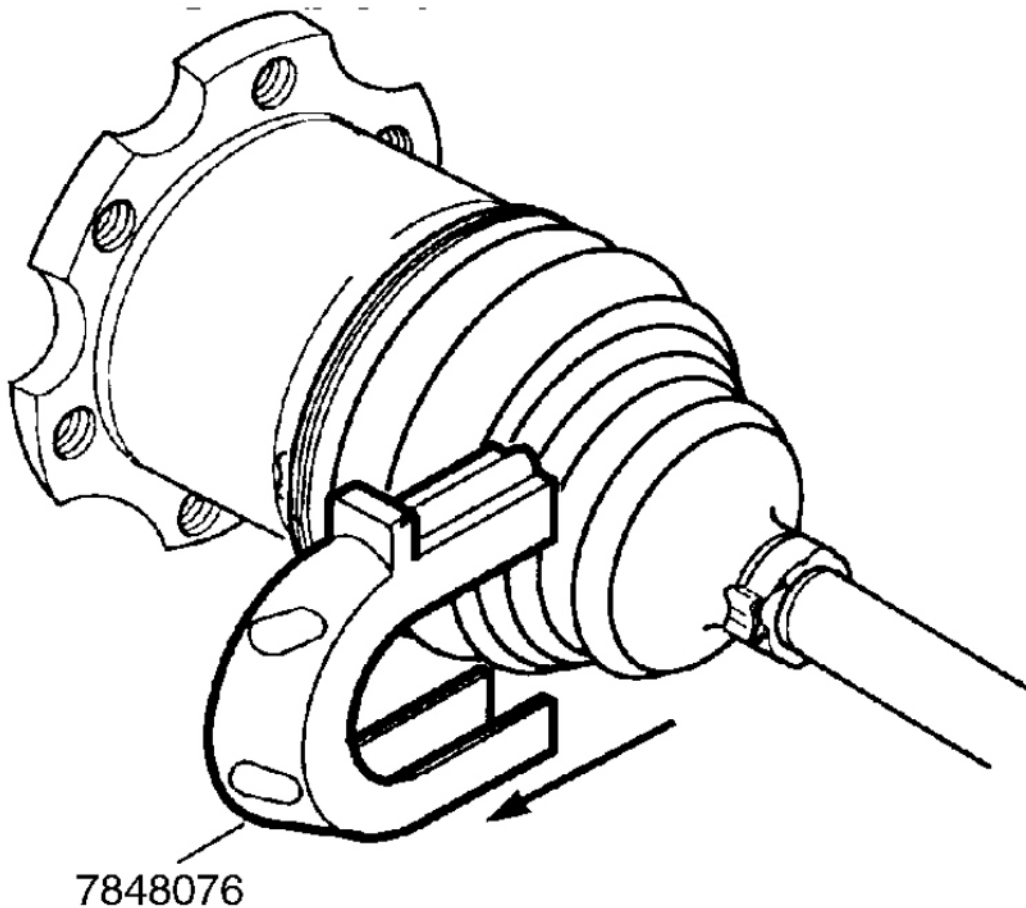


Fig. 28: View Of Convolute Retainer Tool
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18. Remove the convolute retainer tool from the boot.

WHEEL DRIVE SHAFT OUTER JOINT AND SEAL REPLACEMENT

Tools Required

- **J 8059** Snap Ring Pliers. See Special Tools.
- **J 35910** Drive Axle Seal Clamp Pliers. See Special Tools.
- **J 36652-1** Drive Axle Clamp Swage Tool. See Special Tools.
- **J 36652-2** Axle Swage Tool. See Special Tools.

Disassembly Procedure

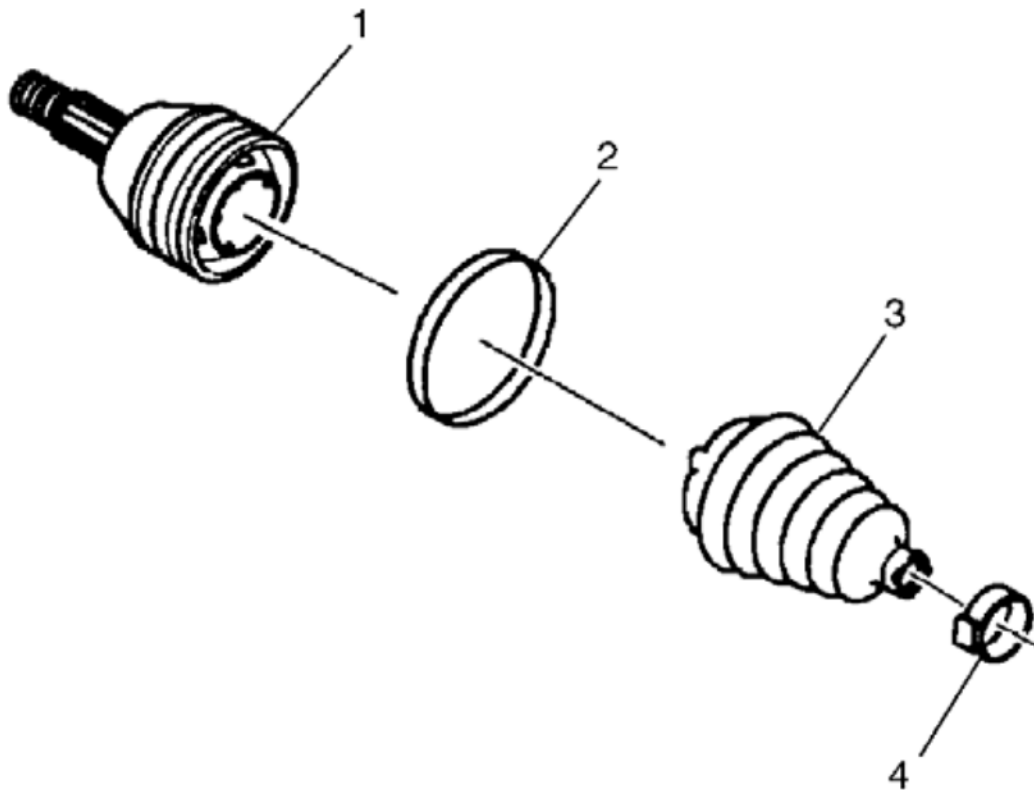


Fig. 29: CV Joint Outer Race, Swage Ring, Boot & Small Boot Clamp
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IMPORTANT: Use caution when using the hand grinder by the CV joint outer race (1).

1. Use a hand grinder to cut through the swage ring (2).
2. Use side cutters to cut off the small boot clamp (4).

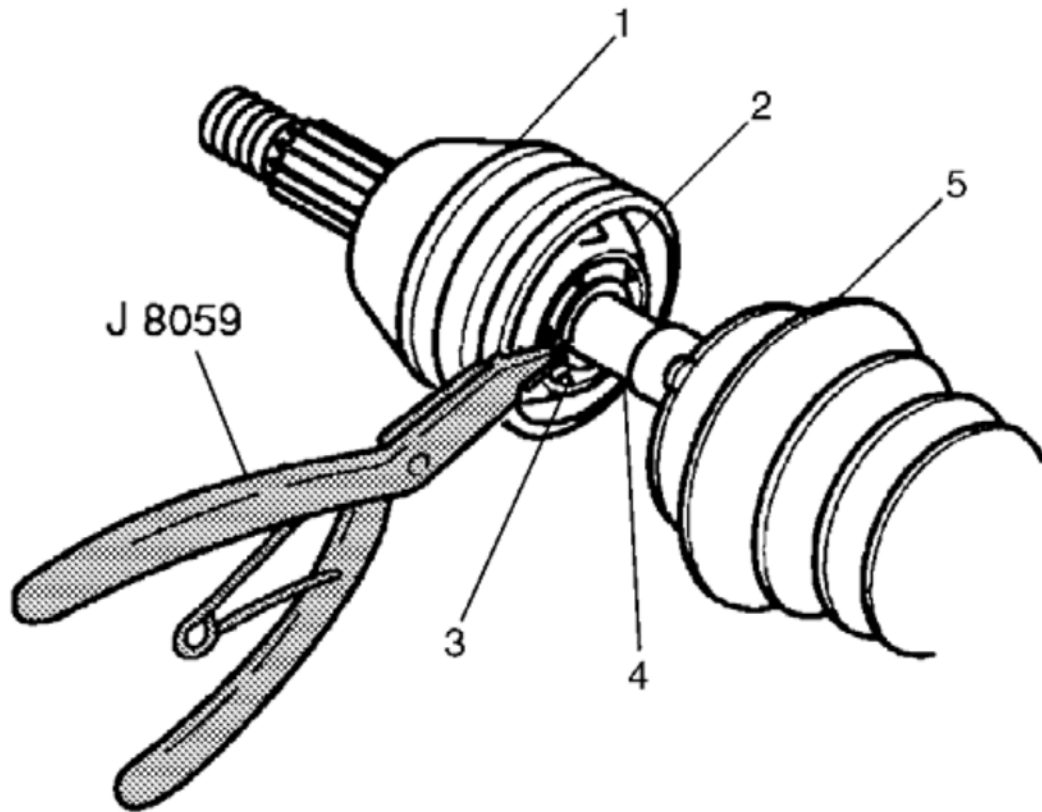


Fig. 30: Spreading The Snap Ring Ears Apart Using J 8059
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3. Slide the boot (5) down the halfshaft bar (4) and away from the CV joint outer race (1).
4. Wipe all grease away from the face of the CV joint.
5. Find the halfshaft bar retaining snap ring (3), which is located in the inner race (2).
6. Spread the snap ring ears apart using **J 8059** (or equivalent). See **Special Tools**.
7. Pull the CV joint (1) and the CV joint boot (5) from the halfshaft bar (4).
8. Discard the old CV joint boot (5).

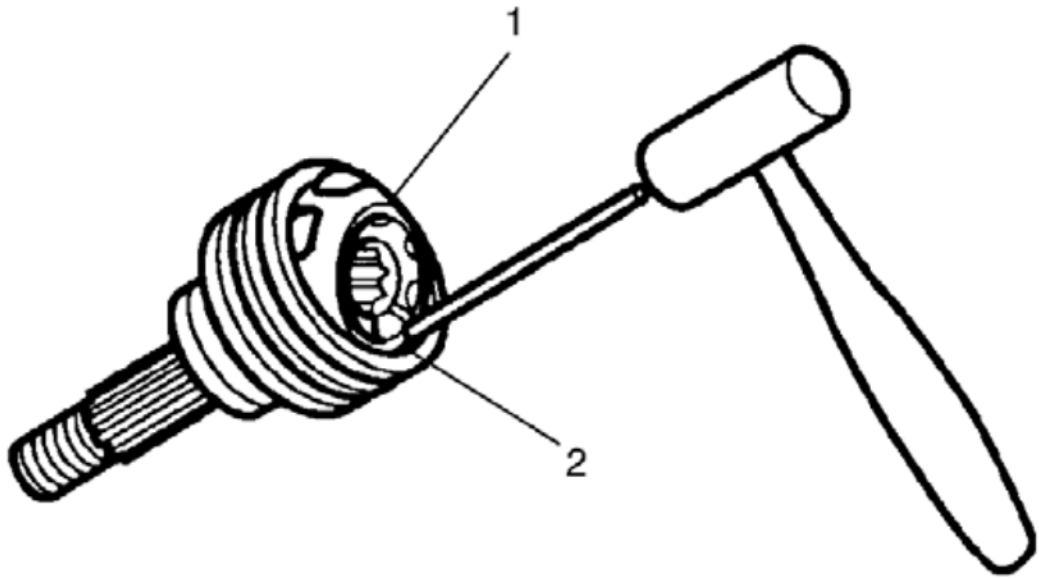


Fig. 31: Taping Gently On Brass Drift With A Hammer In Order To Tilt Cage
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9. Place a brass drift against the CV joint cage (1).
10. Tap gently on the brass drift with a hammer in order to tilt the cage (1).
11. Remove the first chrome alloy ball (2) when the CV joint cage (1) tilts.
12. Tilt the CV joint cage (1) in the opposite direction to remove the opposing chrome alloy ball (2).
13. Repeat this process to remove all six of the balls.

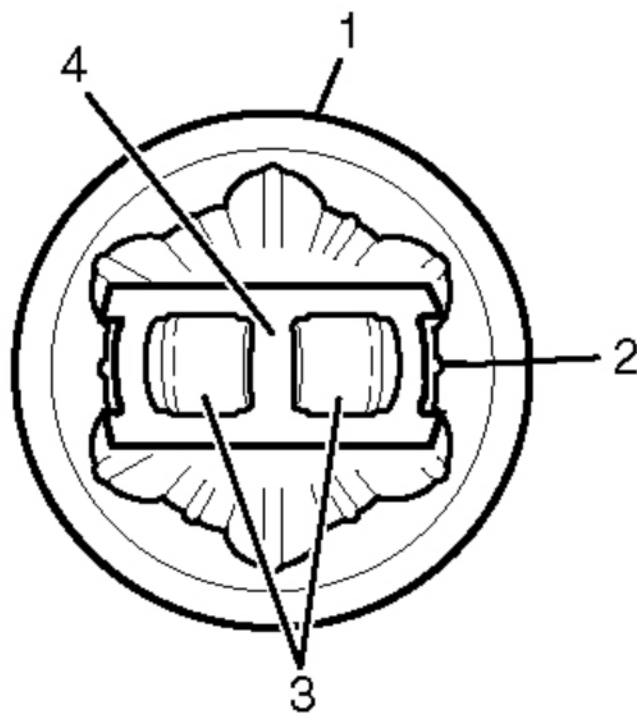


Fig. 32: View Of Outer Race, Inner Race, Cage Window & CV Joint Cage
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14. Pivot the CV joint cage (4) and the inner race 90 degrees to the center line of the outer race (1). At the same time, align the cage windows (3) with the lands of the outer race (2).
15. Lift out the cage (4) and the inner race.

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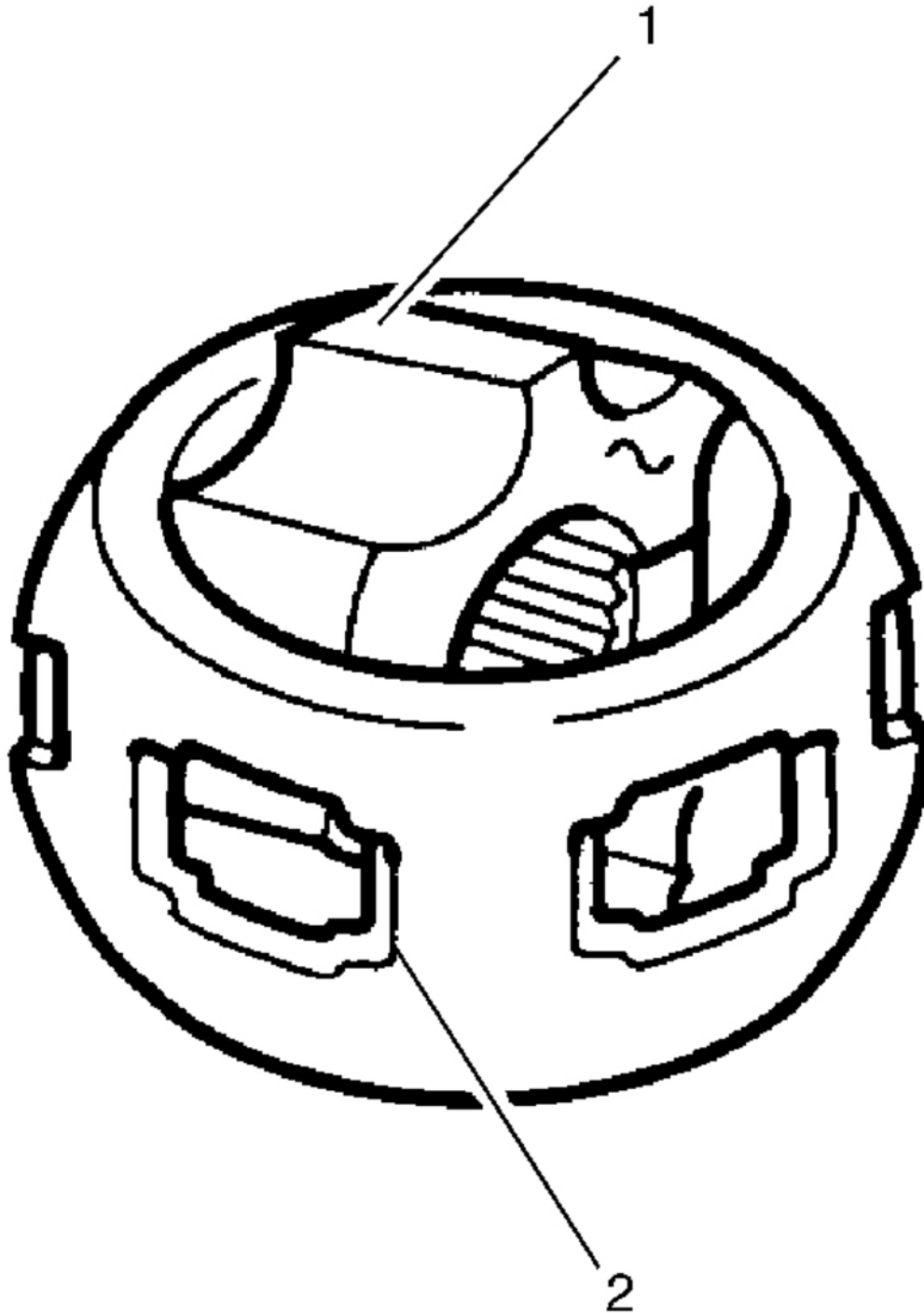
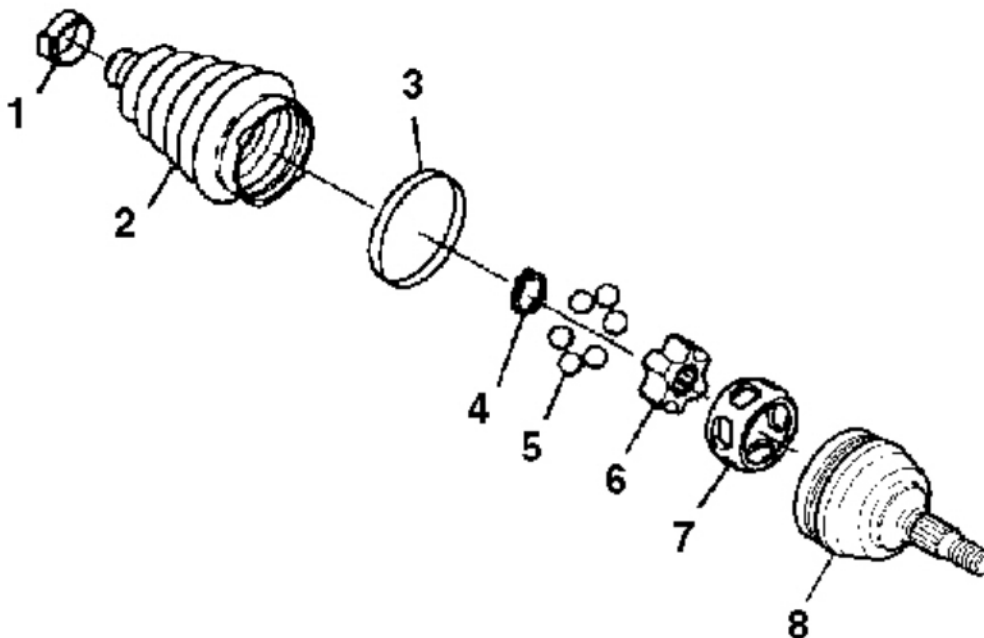


Fig. 33: View Of Inner Race & Cage**Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.**

16. Remove the inner race (1) from the cage (2) by rotating the inner race (1) upward.
17. Clean the following items thoroughly with cleaning solvent. Remove all traces of old grease and any contaminants.
 1. The inner and outer race assemblies
 2. The CV joint cage
 3. The chrome alloy balls
18. Dry all the parts.
19. Check the CV joint assembly for unusual wear, cracks, or other damage.
20. Replace any damaged parts.
21. Clean the halfshaft bar. Use a wire brush to remove any rust in the seal mounting area (grooves).

Assembly Procedure**Fig. 34: Exploded View Of Wheel Drive Shaft Outer Joint****Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.**

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1. Inspect all of the parts for unusual wear, cracks, or other damage. Replace the CV joint assembly if necessary.
2. Put a light coat of the recommended grease on the inner (6) and the outer race (8) grooves.

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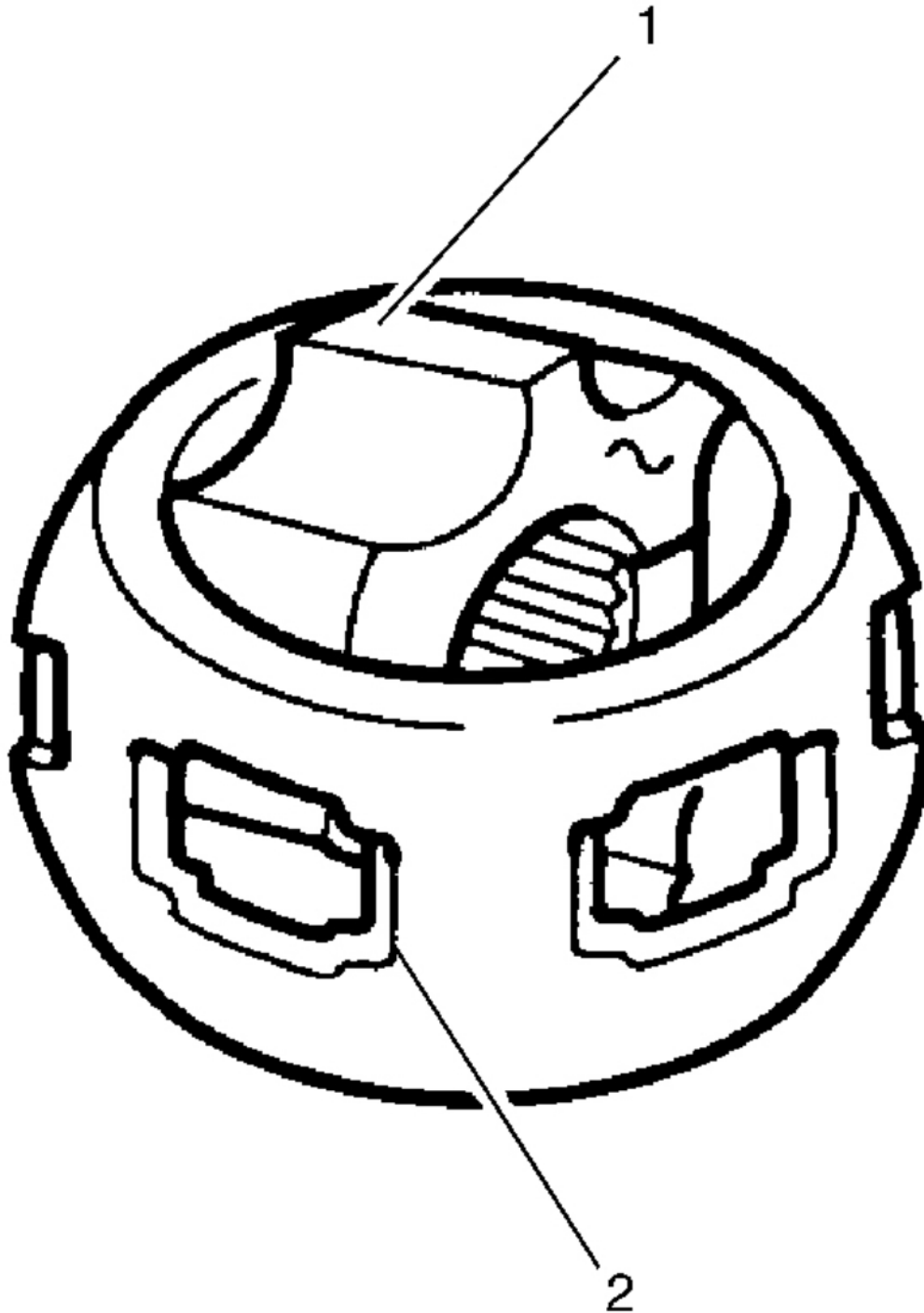


Fig. 35: View Of Inner Race & Cage

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3. Hold the inner race (1) at 90 degrees to the centerline of the cage (2).
4. Align the lands of the inner race (1) with the windows of the cage (2).
5. Insert the inner race (1) into the cage (2), by rotating the inner race (1) downward.

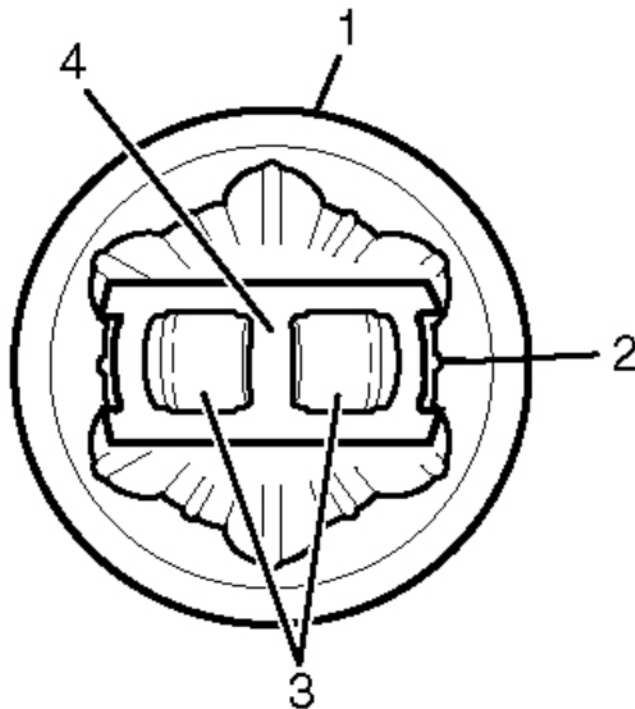


Fig. 36: View Of Outer Race, Inner Race, Cage Window & CV Joint Cage

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6. Insert the cage (4) and inner race into the outer race (1).

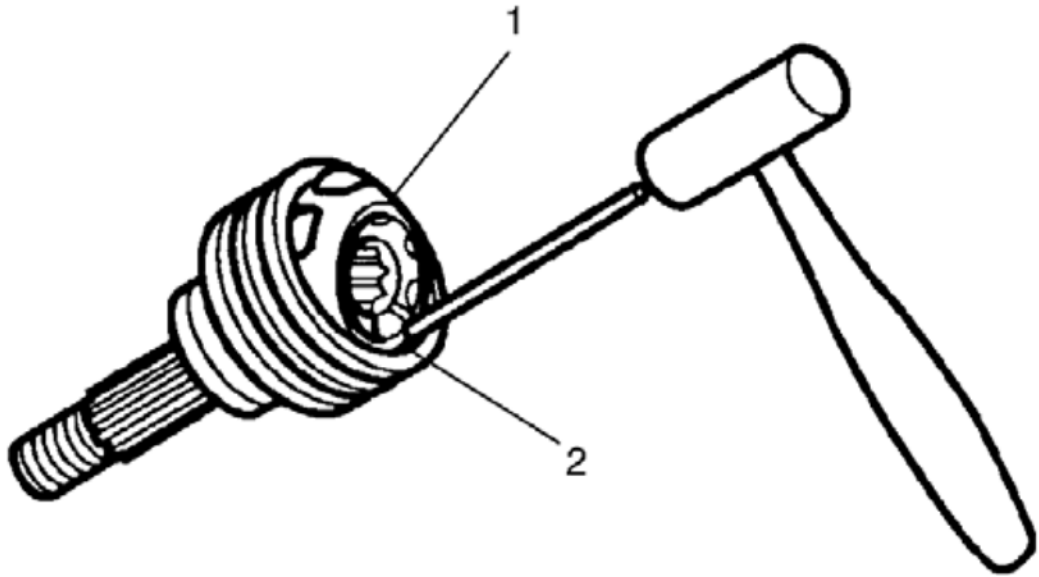


Fig. 37: Taping Gently On Brass Drift With A Hammer In Order To Tilt Cage
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7. Place a brass drift against the CV joint cage (1).
8. Tap gently on the brass drift with a hammer in order to tilt the cage (1).
9. Install the first chrome alloy ball (2) when the CV joint cage (1) tilts.
10. Tilt the CV joint cage (1) in the opposite direction to install the opposing chrome alloy ball (2).
11. Repeat this process in order to install all six of the balls.

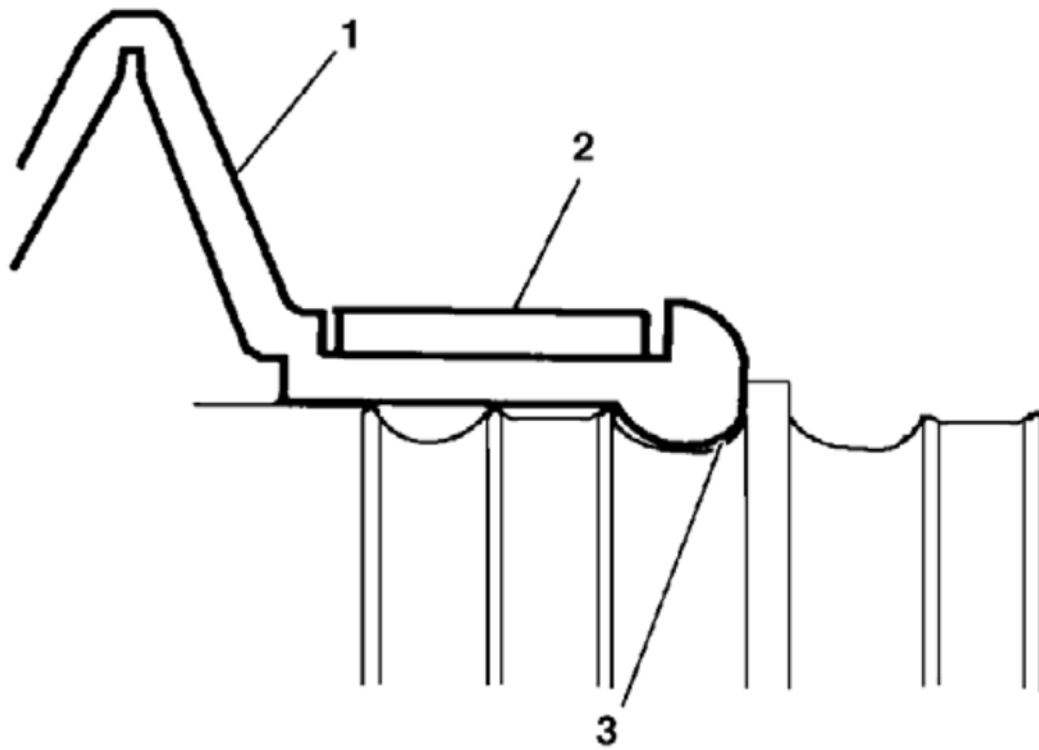


Fig. 38: Positioning Small End Of Joint Seal Into Joint Seal Groove
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12. Pack the CV joint boot (1) and the CV joint assembly with the grease supplied in the kit. The amount of grease supplied in this kit has been pre-measured for this application.
13. Place the new small boot clamp (2) onto the CV joint seal (1).
14. Slide the CV joint boot (1) onto the halfshaft bar.
15. Position the small end of the CV joint boot (1) into the joint boot groove (3) on the halfshaft bar.

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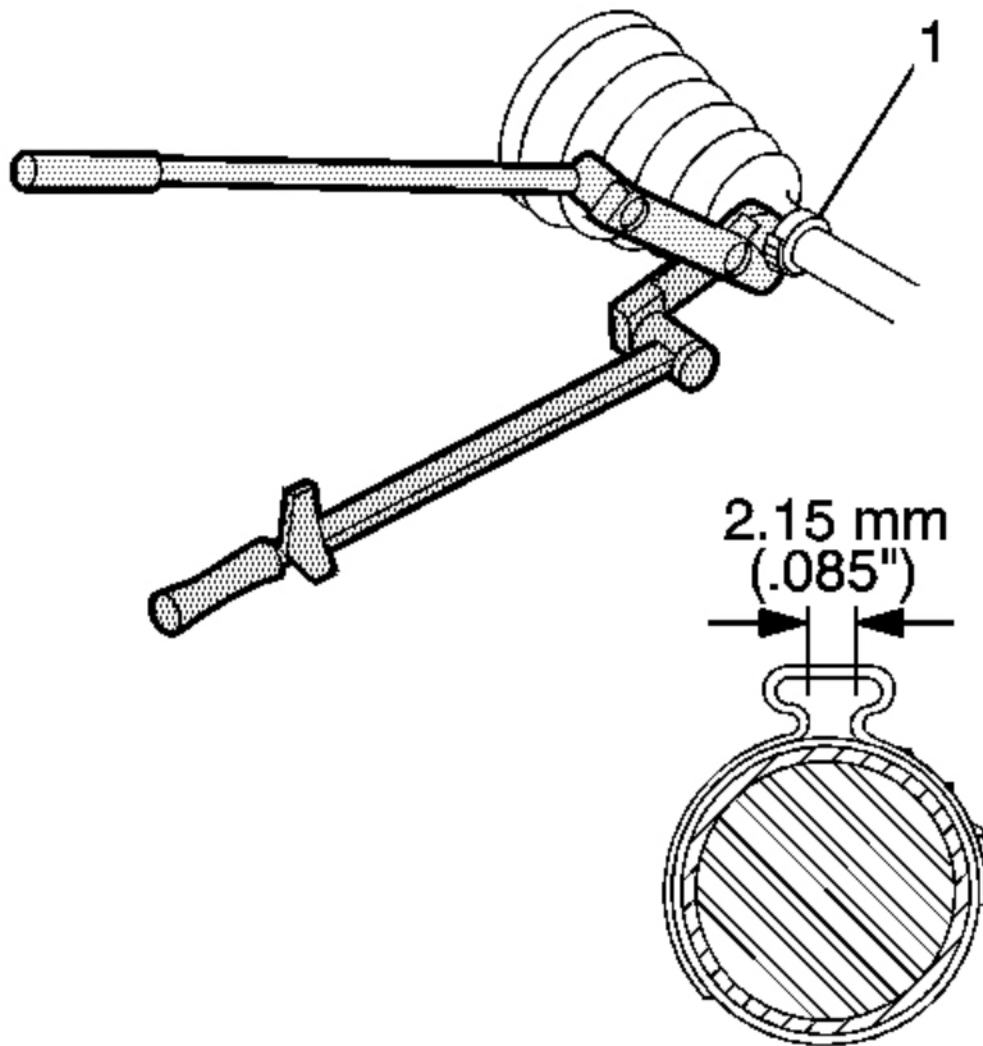


Fig. 39: View Of CV Joint Seal Retaining Clamp
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16. Secure the small boot clamp (1) using **J 35910** (or equivalent), a breaker bar, and a torque wrench. See **Special Tools**.

Tighten: Tighten the small clamp (1) to 136 N.m (100 lb ft).

17. Check the gap dimension on the clamp ear. Continue tightening until the gap dimension is reached.

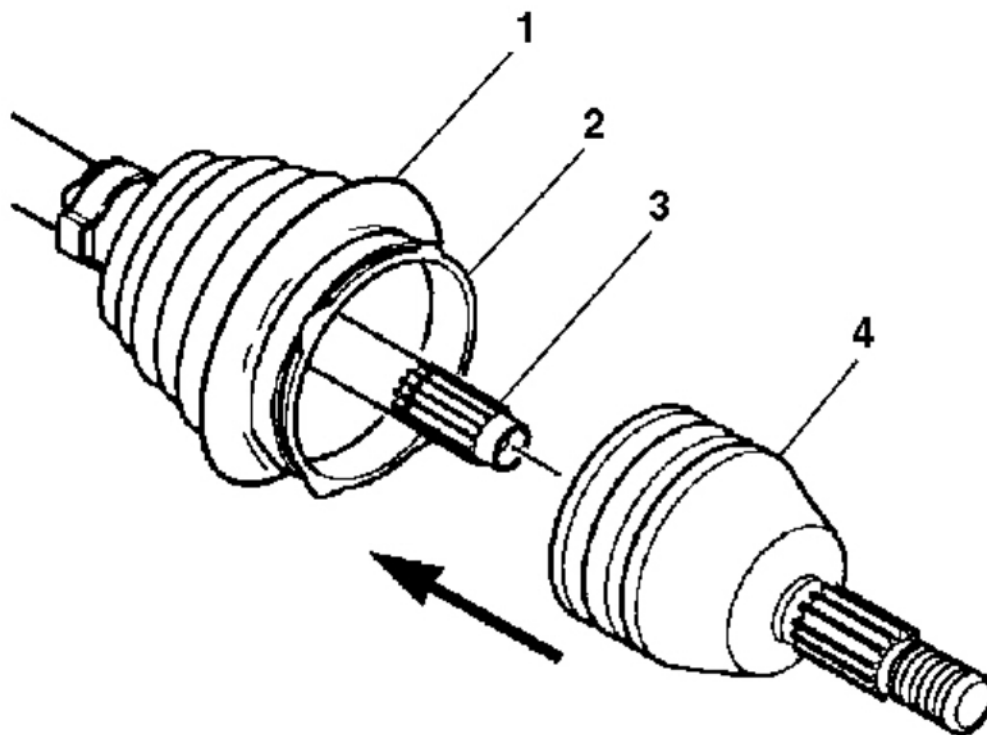


Fig. 40: CV Boot, Swage Ring, Halfshaft Bar & CV Joint
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18. Pinch the new swage ring (2) slightly by hand to distort it into an oval shape.
19. Slide the distorted swage ring (2) over the large diameter of the boot (1).

IMPORTANT: Be sure that the retaining ring side of the CV joint inner race faces the halfshaft bar (3) before installation.

20. Slide the CV joint (4) onto the halfshaft bar (3). The retaining snap ring inside of the inner race engages in the halfshaft bar groove with a click when the CV joint (4) is in the proper position.
21. Pull on the CV joint (4) to verify engagement.
22. Slide the large diameter of the CV joint boot (1), with the large swage ring (2) in place, over the outside edge of the CV joint outer race (4).

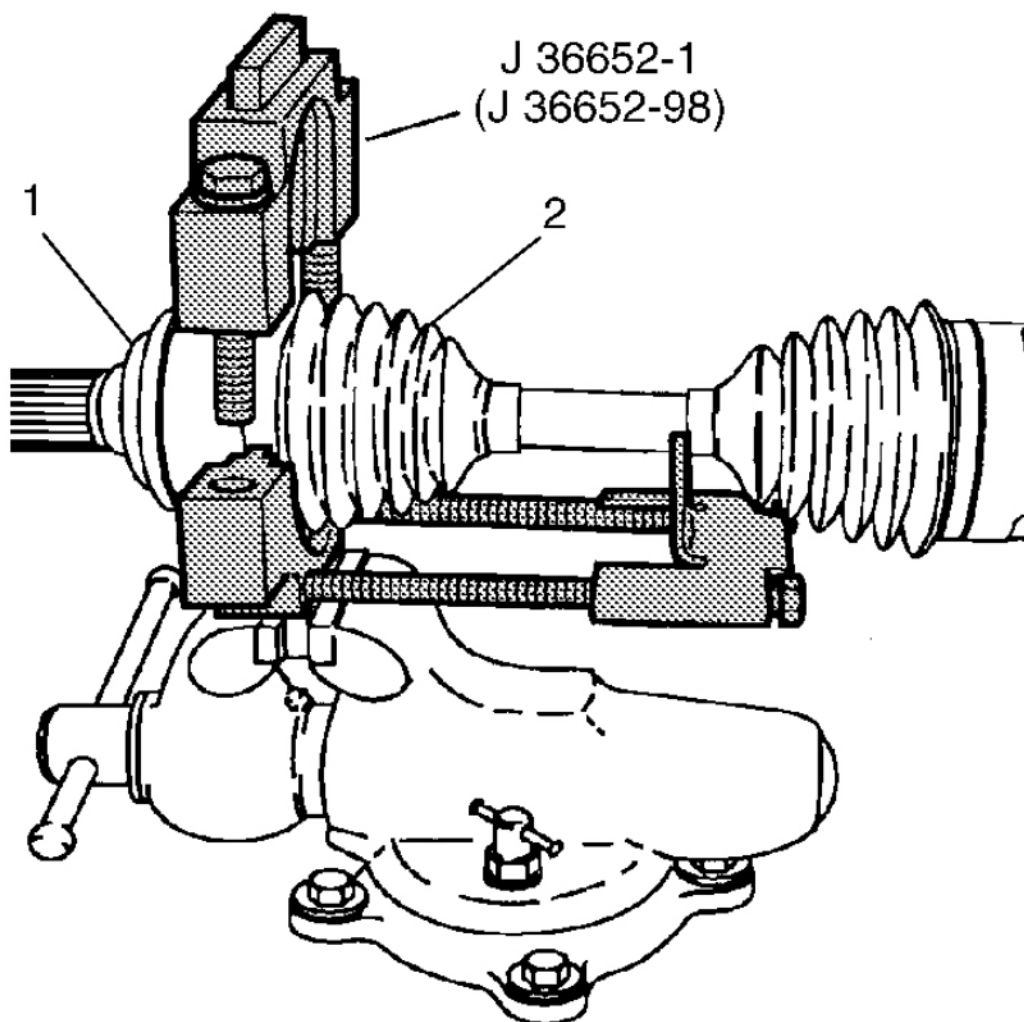


Fig. 41: Clamping CV Joint Boot
 Courtesy of GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

23. Clamp the CV joint boot (2) tightly to the CV joint outer race (1) with the large swage ring (4), using the following procedure:
24. For the 1500 models, assemble the bolts and the support plate to the base of the **J 36652-1** and secure the base in a vise. See **Special Tools**. For the 2500, 3500, and Hummer H2 models, use the **J 36652-2**. See **Special Tools**.
25. Position the CV joint end (outboard end) of the halfshaft assembly in the bottom half of **J 36652-1** or **J 36652-2**. See **Special Tools**.

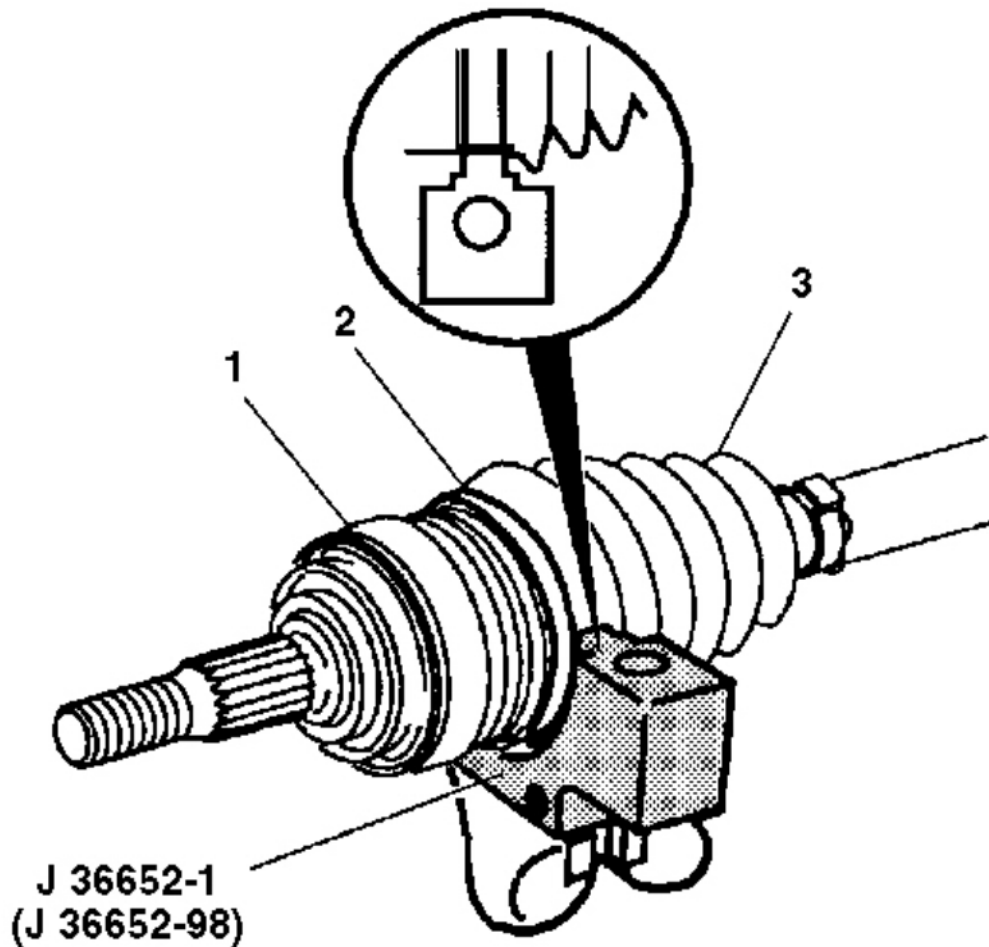


Fig. 42: Align The Swage Ring And The Swage Ring Clamp
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26. Align the following during this procedure:
 - The CV joint boot (3)
 - The CV joint assembly (1)
 - The swage ring (2)
27. Install the top half of **J 36652-1** or **J 36652-2** onto the lower half of the tool, over the CV joint boot (3) and the CV joint assembly (1). See **Special Tools**.
28. Align the swage ring (2) and the swage ring clamp.
29. Insert the bolts into **J 36652-1** or **J 36652-2**. See **Special Tools**. Hand tighten the bolts until the bolts are

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snug.

Tighten: Tighten each bolt 180 degrees at a time. Alternate between the bolts until both sides of the top half of the tool touch the bottom half of the tool.

30. Loosen the bolts and remove the halfshaft assembly from the tool.

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WHEEL DRIVE SHAFTS DESCRIPTION AND OPERATION

Front Wheel Drive Shafts are flexible assemblies which consist of the following components:

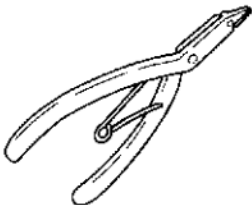
- Front wheel drive shaft constant velocity joint outer joint.
- Front wheel drive shaft tri-pot joint inner joint.
- The front wheel drive shaft connects the front wheel drive shaft tri-pot joint and the front wheel drive shaft constant velocity joint.
- Wheel Drive Shaft Seal Cover 15 Series
- The front wheel drive shaft tri-pot joint is completely flexible, and moves with an in and out motion.
- The front wheel drive shaft constant velocity joint is flexible but can not move in and out.

The Wheel Drive Shaft is a balanced shaft that transmits rotational force from the front differential to the front wheels when the transfer case is engaged. The wheel drive shaft is mounted to the front differential by bolting the flange of the wheel drive shaft to the flange on the inner output shaft of the front differential. The other end of the wheel drive shaft is splined to fit into and drive the hub assembly when the transfer case is engaged. The tri-pot joint and constant velocity joint on the wheel drive shaft allows the shaft to be flexible to move with the suspension travel of the vehicle.

SPECIAL TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

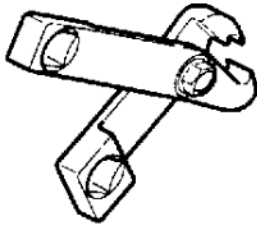
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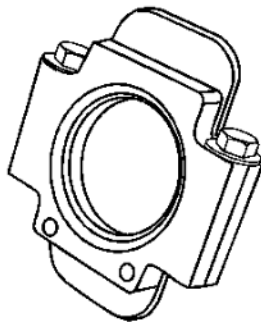
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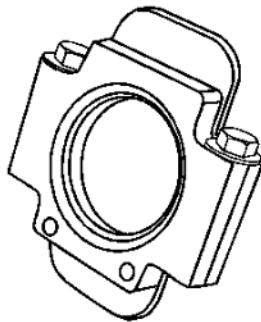
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J 35910
Drive Axle Seal Clamp Pliers



J 36652-1
Drive Axle Clamp Swage Tool

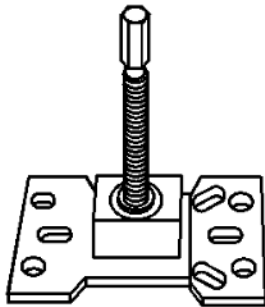
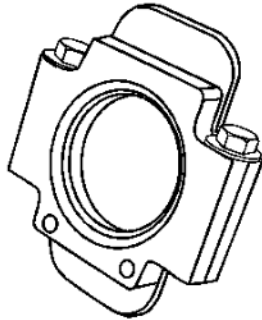


J 36652-2
Drive Axle Clamp Swage Tool

J 36652-98
Axle Swage Tool

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J 45859
Axle Remover