SPICER AXLE
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MANUAL
MODEL
60
FRONT AND REAR CARRIER TYPE

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IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

Proper service and repair is important to the safe, reliable operation of all - (Motor Vehicles) or (driving axles whether they be front or rear). The service procedures recommended and described in this service manual are effective methods for performing service operations. Some of these service operations require the use of tools specially designed for the purpose. The special tool should be used when and as recommended.

It is impossible to know, evaluate, and advise the service trade of all conceivable ways in which service might be done or the possible hazardous consequences of each way.

Accordingly, anyone who uses a service procedure or tool which is not recommended, must first satisfy himself thoroughly that neither his safety nor vehicle safety will be jeopardized by the service methods he selects.

NOTE

Throughout this manual, reference is made to certain tool numbers whenever special tools are required. These numbers are numbers of Miller Special Tools, 32615 Park Lane, Garden City, Michigan 48135. The current list of tools is available by calling 313-263-1800.
LUBRICATION

It is not our intent to recommend any particular brand or make of lubricant for the Spicer hypoid axles. However, an S.A.E. 90 or 80W-90 multi-purpose gear lubricant meeting MIL. Spec. L-2105-C, and suitable for A.P.I. Service Classification GL-5, is suggested as a minimum requirement. It must provide necessary and suitable load-carrying characteristics to prevent scoring and wear, good stability in storage and service, and give good resistance to corrosion. Suppliers should assure these characteristics and be responsible for the quality and satisfactory performance of their product.

WHEEL BEARING LUBRICATION

Wheel bearings are lubricated by one of two different methods. One is to pack the wheel bearing with grease; while the other method is to lubricate the wheel bearing with the hypoid gear lube in the housing.

For grease packing, it is recommended that a number 2 consistency, lithium base 12 hydroxy stearate grease containing an E.P. additive be used. Such a lubricant would pass a load-carrying test at 40 pounds (18.5 Kg.) minimum with base oil pour point at -10°F (-23° C) maximum.

For wheel bearings which depend on lubrication from the hypoid gear lube in the axle housing, it is recommended that an S.A.E. 80W-90 multi-purpose gear lube meeting MIL. Spec. L-2105-C be used.

NOTE

We suggest that wheel bearing lubricants selected for use with Disc Brake applications, in addition to the E.P. properties expressed in this manual, should be compatible with elevated temperatures, i.e., high temperature lubricant. For specified wheel bearing lubricant, refer to Vehicle Service Manual.

CLOSED WHEEL END STEERING KNUCKLE LUBRICATION

The closed steering knuckle requires lubrication from a source other than the gear carrier assembly. Inboard tube seals contain the hypoid gear lube in the housing to provide adequate lubricant level for the gears, bearings, etc. This then requires an additional lubricant level to be maintained outboard, in each steering knuckle, which can be observed by removing fill plugs on each knuckle. Adequate level would be to the bottom of the fill plug hole, when vehicle is observed to be in a normal horizontal position.

Recommended lubricant is an S.A.E. 140 grade, multi-purpose gear lubricant meeting the MIL-L-2105C specification.

IMPORTANT

As special equipment, limited slip differentials are provided in many vehicles, the freedom from “chatter” is a function of the lubricant used and cannot be covered in the above specification. In some applications, a special limited slip differential lubricant may be required. If required, these special lubricants are normally available through the original equipment manufacturer.

COLD WEATHER OPERATION

If the vehicle is operated below 0°F. (-18°C), it is advisable to use S.A.E. 80 or 80W-90 multi-purpose gear lubricant meeting MIL. Spec. L-2105-C and suitable for A.P.I. Service Classification GL-5.

SUBMERSION OR DEEP WATER FORDING

If the vehicle is exposed to water deep enough to cover the hubs or wheel bearing retainer plate and oil seal of either the front or rear axles, it is recommended that the wheel ends be disassembled and inspected for water damage and/or contamination daily.

In the event the gear carrier housing should become submerged in water, particularly if over the breathers, it is recommended that the hypoid gear lubricant be drained daily and internal parts be inspected for water damage and/or contamination.

Clean, examine and replace damaged parts, if necessary, prior to assembling the cover housing and refilling with the specified hypoid lubricant.

NOTE

It is recommended that whenever bearings are removed they are to be replaced with new ones, regardless of mileage.
Figure 2

The following is a detailed list of all special service tools required to service a Model 60 front or rear axle:

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33 | C-3718 | Installer - Universal Joint Flange or Yoke
34 | C-4025-A | Installer - Differential Side Bearings
35 | C-4026-A | Installer - Axle Shaft Outer Oil Seal
36 | SP-320 | Washers
37 | SP-5017 | Adapter Ring
38 | SP-5026 | Bolts
39 | SP-5440 | Adapter Ring - Installer
40 | SP-5441 | Adapter Set - Removing
41 | SP-5443-A | Flange Plate
42 | D-195-2 | Screw
43 | D-195-1 | Installer - Front Axle Differential Inner Oil Seal
44 | D-193 | Torque Wrench - 50 Inch Pound
45 | C-524-A | Torque Wrench - 100 Foot Pound
46 | C-4053 | Torque Wrench - 300 Foot Pound
47 | DD-994 | Torque Wrench - 1000 Foot Pound
48 | C-4170-A | Wrench - Wheel Bearing Lock Nut Adjusting
49 | C-4171 | Handle - Universal
50 | C-4203 | Installer - Front Pinion Bearing Cup
51 | D-232-1 | Remover - Bearing
52 | D-247 | Installer - Press
53 | D-248 | Installer - Bearing
54 | D-233 | Installer - Oil Seal
55 | D-255 | Cup Remover (Hub & Drum)
56 | D-165A | Wheel Bearing Wrench
57 | D-257 | Cup Remover
58 | D-254 | Installer - Cup (Outer-Hub & Rotor)
59 | D-256 | Installer - Cup (Inner-Hub & Rotor)
60 | D-253 | Seal Installer

* Pinion Setting Gauge and Master Differential Bearing Kit D-116-60.
** Axle Shaft Bearing Removing and Installing Kit W-343-60D.
*** Inner Axle Shaft Seal Installing Kit D-195.

NOTE: Torque Wrenches D-193, C-524-A, C-4053, and DD-994 are optional and can be purchased separately. These torque wrenches are not included in the DW-60 Axle Tool Kit.

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### AXLE IDENTIFICATION

All Spicer axles are identified with a manufacturing date and the complete part number stamped in the right hand tube. Also each axle contains a gear ratio tag, and if the axle is equipped with a limited slip differential, it will contain a tag specifying the use of limited slip lubricant. The next number is the part (bill of material) number. The six digits reading from left to right is the basic number for identifying the particular axle assembly. The seventh digit following the dash will identify ratio, differential and end yoke options used in the assembly.

**Figure 3**

In this figure the axle is identified with 1/8" (3.17 mm) high numbers stamped in the tube. For Example: The manufacturing date or build date of the axle is interpreted as follows. The first number is the month, second number is the day of the month, the third number is the year, the letter is the shift, and the last number is the line that built the axle.

**NOTE**

In the event there are two build dates, the latter will be the date in which the brake components were assembled. The number stamped next to the manufacturing date is the complete axle assembly part number. It is recommended that when referring to the axle, obtain the complete part number and build date. To do this, it may be necessary to wipe or scrape off the dirt etc., from the tube.

**NOTE**

On front driving axles, the above numbers can be either on the long or short tube.
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The gear ratio tag is located on the left side of the cover plate or at the bottom left hand side of the cover plate, and is held in place with one or two cover plate screws. This tag gives the tooth combination of the ring and pinion, and also the total gear ratio.

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DISASSEMBLY AND REASSEMBLY OF HUBS, DRUMS, WHEEL BEARINGS, ETC. (CLOSED KNUCKLE DESIGN)

Figure L/D 5
Remove wheel from drum assembly.

Figure 6
Remove hub cap and snap ring.

Figure 7
Remove nuts and washers from drive flange studs.

Figure 8
Remove drive flange and gasket. Discard gasket. Replace with new one at time of assembly. To free flange from hub, tap lightly with a rawhide hammer.
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Remove grease seal and inner bearing cone. Discard seal and replace with new one at time of assembly.
Tool: #D-131 Slide Hammer.

Figure 9
Remove outer locknut, lockring, and inner wheel bearing adjusting nut.
Tool: #C-4170 Wheel Wrench.

Figure 10
Remove drum assembly. Outer wheel bearing will slide out as drum is removed.

NOTE
If it is necessary to replace brake components such as drums, shoes, backing plate, etc., refer to vehicle service manual.

Figure 12
Remove inner and outer wheel bearing cups.
Tools: #D-255 Cup Remover, #C-4171 Handle.

ASSEMBLY

Figure 11

Figure 13
Assemble outer wheel bearing cup.
Tools: #C-4023 Installer, #C-4171 Handle.
Assemble hub and drum onto spindle. Pack outer wheel bearing with specified grease, wipe excess grease around the rollers. Assemble onto spindle.

Figure 14
Assemble inner wheel bearing cup.
Tools: #D-111 Installer, #C-4171 Handle.
Distribute a sufficient amount of grease inside the hub between the bearing cups.
Pack inner bearing cone full with the specified grease. Wipe the excess grease around the rollers. Assemble inner wheel bearing cone into cup.

Figure 15
Assemble new grease seal. Apply a small amount of grease around lip of seal.
Tools: #D-155 Seal Installer, #C-4171 Handle.

Figure 17
To adjust wheel bearings, torque inner adjusting nut to 50 Lb. Ft. (68 N·m) to seat bearings. Rotate hub, then back off inner adjusting nut one fourth turn maximum. Assemble lock washer, turn nut to the nearest hole in washer. Assemble outer locknut and torque to 50 Lb. Ft. (68 N·m). Final bearings adjustment to be .001”-.010” (.03-.25 mm) total end play.
Tools: #C-4170 Wheel Bearing Wrench, #C-524A Torque Wrench.

Figure 18
Assemble new gasket, drive flange, lockwashers, and nuts. Refer to Vehicle Service Manual for proper torque specifications.
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Figure 19
Assemble snap ring and hub cap. Tap lightly with hammer to seat hub cap.

Figure 21
Remove spindle. Tap lightly with a rawhide hammer to break the spindle loose from the knuckle.

DISASSEMBLY AND REASSEMBLY OF SHAFTS, SPINDLE KNUCKLES, AND ETC., (CLOSED KNUCKLE DESIGN)

Remove wheel, hub and drum assembly as shown in Figure 6 thru 10.

Figure 22
Place spindle in vise, do not locate on bearing diameters.

CAUTION
Be sure that the vise jaws are equipped with brass protectors or similar type to protect the machined surfaces of any parts that are to be placed in the vise.

Remove bronze bushing with slide hammer puller.
Tool: #D-131 Slide Hammer.

Figure 23
Remove cotter key and loosen tie rod nut. Tap on nut with rawhide hammer to break the stud loose from the steering arm. Remove nut and disconnect tie rod.

NOTE
The brake backing plate assembly can be retained with screws or nuts. If the nuts are of the torque prevailing design, they are to be replaced with new ones.
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Figure 24
Remove twelve cap screws, two retainer plates, felt seal, and oil seal. Discard retainer plates, felt seal, and oil seal. Replace with new ones at time of assembly. Cut felt seal in half to disassemble.

Figure 26
Remove knuckle from ball yoke.

CAUTION
The bottom bearing cone will fall out as the knuckle is being removed. To prevent damage to the bearing, catch it with hand.

Figure 25
Remove four cap screws from the bottom bearing cap. Use a screwdriver to loosen the bearing cap from the knuckle if necessary.

Figure 27
Place knuckle in vise as shown. Remove steering arm. Tap lightly with a rawhide hammer to free it from the knuckle.

NOTE
King pin bearing preload shims are located between the bottom bearing cap and knuckle. Wire shims together as they will be used during assembly. Shims may stick to either the knuckle or bearing cap. Be sure you have them all collected.

Shims are available in thicknesses of .003”, .005”, .010”, and .030” (mm .08, .13, .25, and .76). Remove axle shaft joint assembly.

NOTE
Some axles are equipped with a constant shim pack between the steering arm bearing cap and knuckle. If used, this pack is to be saved and reused during assembly.
Figure 28
Remove king pin bearing cups from spherical ball yoke, with tool as shown.
Tool: #D-131 Slide Hammer.

Figure 31
Assemble new bronze bushing into ball yoke.
Tools: #D-161 Installer, #C-4171 Handle.

Figure 29
Remove bronze bushing from ball yoke.
Tool: #D-131 Slide Hammer.

Figure 32
Assemble new felt over spherical ball as shown.

Figure 30
Assemble new king pin bearing cups into spherical ball yoke. Use tools as shown.
Tools: #D-142 Installer, #C-4171 Handle.

Figure 33
Assemble new oil seal with the metal part of the seal towards the end of the axle. Spread split of seal just enough to slip over the tube of the axle.
Figure 34
Locate steering arm in vise as shown. Assemble constant shim pack to the knuckle (if used).
Assemble knuckle to the steering are. Assemble the four nuts, tighten nuts alternately and evenly.
Torque nuts to 70-90 Lb. Ft. (95-122 N·m).

Figure 35
Assemble new bearing cone to king pin, grease bearing with specified grease.

Figure 37
Assemble knuckle to ball yoke. Hold bottom bearing (new) as shown to prevent it from falling out.

Figure 38
Assemble bottom king pin bearing cap, with preload shims, and four cap screws. Torque screws to 70-90 Lb. Ft. (95-122 N·m).

Figure 39
Place a torque wrench on steering arm nut as shown. Torque to actuate knuckle to 9-15 Lb. Ft. (12-20 N·m). When checking torque rotation of knuckle, make sure tie rod and seals are not assembled to knuckle.
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NOTE
If preload is too tight, correct by adding shims. If preload is too loose, correct by removing shims. Preload shim pack is located on the bottom between the bearing cap and knuckle. Shims are available in thicknesses of .003”, .005”, .010”, and .030” (mm .08, .13, .29, and .76).

Figure 40
Assemble new oil seal into knuckle. Be sure split of seal is to the top of the axle. Assemble new felt, two retainer plates and twelve cap screws. Torque screws to 15 Lb. Ft. (20 N·m).

Figure 41
Assemble tie rod to steering arm for specified torque on tie rod nut, refer to Vehicle Service Manual. Assemble cotter key.

Figure 42
Position spindle in vise as shown and assemble new bushing. Grease inside of bushing with specified grease.

Tools: #D-141 Installer, #C-4171 Handle.
Assemble spindle to knuckle.

Figure 43
Assemble brake backing plate assembly. Refer to Vehicle Service Manual for specified screw torque.
Remove inspection plug from knuckle and fill level to the plug hole with specified lubricant. Assemble inspection plug.

NOTE
To set toe-in refer to Vehicle Service Manual. Adjustments can be made by loosening clamps on the tie rod. After proper adjustments are made, retighten tie rod clamps.
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40° STEER SPRING LOADED

![Figure 44 L/D](1019-44)

**DISASSEMBLY OF WHEEL ENDS - HUB AND ROTOR**

**NOTE**

If it is necessary to replace brake components such as disc brake pads, backing plate, etc., refer to Vehicle Service Manual.

Remove Wheel from Hub and Rotor Assembly. Follow the vehicle manufacturers recommendations for the removal of the hub-lok assembly, if used.

![Figure 45](1019-45)

Remove wheel bearing lock nut, lock ring and the wheel bearing adjusting nut.

Tool: #D-165A Wheel Bearing Wrench.

![Figure 46](1019-46)

Remove hub and rotor assembly, spring retainer and outer wheel bearing will slide out as rotor is removed.

![Figure 47](1019-47)

Remove grease seal and inner bearing cone. Discard seal and replace with new one at time of assembly.

Tool: #D-131 Slide Hammer.

![Figure 48](1019-48)

Remove inner and outer wheel bearing cups.

Tools: #D-255 Bearing Cup Remover (outer), #D-257 Bearing Cup Remover (inner).
Assemble new grease seal. Apply a small amount of grease around lip of seal.
Tools: #D-253 Seal Installer, #C-4171 Handle.

Assemble hub and rotor onto spindle. Pack outer wheel bearing with specified grease, wipe excess grease around the rollers. Assemble onto spindle.

To adjust wheel bearings, torque inner adjusting nut to 50 Lb. Ft. (68 N·m) to seat bearings. Rotate hub, then back off inner adjusting nut one-fourth turn maximum. Assemble lock washer, turn nut to nearest hole in washer. Assemble outer locknut and torque to 50 Lb. Ft. (68 N·m). Final bearings adjustment to be .001-.010 (.03-.25 mm) total end play.
Tools: #D-165A Wheel Bearing Wrench, #C-512A Torque Wrench.

**NOTE**
For servicing spindle and knuckle, remove hub and drum as described in figures 45 through 47.
Figure 54
Remove spindle. If necessary, tap lightly with a rawhide hammer to free it from the knuckle. Check bronze spacer located between axle shaft joint assembly and bearing. If wear is evident, replace with a new one.

Figure 55
Place spindle in vise. Do not locate on bearing diameters. Remove needle bearing.
Tool: #D-131 Slide Hammer.

Figure 56
Remove four nuts on steering arm. Remove nuts alternately as compression spring will force steering arm up.

Figure 57
Remove steering arm, compression spring, and gasket. Discard gasket, replace with new one at time of assembly.

CAUTION
Be sure that vise jaws are equipped with brass protectors or similar type to protect the machined surfaces of any parts that are to be placed in the vise.

Figure 58
Remove four cap screws on bearing cap. Remove bearing cap.

Remove axle shaft joint assembly. Remove tie rod. Refer to Figure 23.
Figure 59
Remove king pin tapered bushing, spring retainer, and knuckle from yoke. Remove king pin seal.

Figure 60
Remove king pin as shown.
Tool: #D-192 King Pin Installer and Remover.

Figure 61
Remove king pin bearing cup, cone, grease retainer, and seal all at the same time. Assemble and use tools exactly as shown in Figure 62. Discard seal and replace with new one at time of assembly. If grease retainer is damaged, replace with new one at time of assembly.
Tools: #D-141 Installer, #C-4171 Handle.

Figure 62
Assemble new grease retainer and king pin bearing cup.
Tools: #D-142 Installer, #C-4171 Handle.

Figure 63
Fill the area in grease retainer with specified grease, grease bearing cone and install. Install new king pin bearing oil seal.
Tools: #D-194 Installer, #C-4171 Handle.
Figure 64
Install king pin. Torque king pin to 500-600 Lb. Ft. (678-813 N·m).
Tools: #D-192 King Pin Installer and Remover, #DD-994 Torque Wrench.

Figure 67
Assemble spring retainer and compression spring on king pin bushing. Assemble steering arm, with new gasket, over four studs. Tighten nuts alternately and evenly. Torque nuts 70-90 Lb. Ft. (95-122 N·m).

Figure 65
Assemble felt seal to king pin, assemble knuckle assemble tapered bushing over king pin.

Figure 68
Assemble new needle bearing into spindle. Tools: #D-258 Installer, #C-4171 Handle.

Figure 66
Assemble bearing cap with four cap screws. Tighten cap screws alternately and evenly. Torque cap screws to 70-90 Lb. Ft. (95-122 N·m).
Tool: #C-524-A Torque Wrench.

Figure 69
Assemble grease seal into spindle. The lip of the seal is to be directed away from the spindle.
Some front axles are equipped with a "V" seal, which is assembled to the axle shaft stone shield as shown. If seal is worn, remove and replace with a new one.

Pack the area around the thrust face area of the shaft and seal full of grease. Also, fill the seal area of the spindle with grease.

Assemble axle shaft joint assembly into housing.

Assemble new seal as shown. Lip of the seal is to be directed towards the spindle.

Assemble new bronze spacer and spindle.