CHASSIS INSPECTION

1. INSPECT STEERING LINKAGE

- (a) Check the steering wheel freeplay. (See page SR-8)
- (b) Check the steering linkage for looseness or damage. Check that:
 - Tie rod ends do not have excessive play.

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- Dust seals and boots are not damaged.
- Boot clamps are not loose.
- 2. INSPECT SRS AIRBAG (See page RS-3)

3. INSPECT STEERING GEAR HOUSING OIL

Check the steering gear housing for oil leakage.

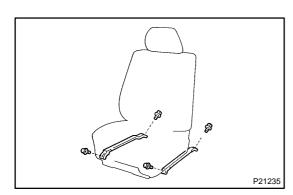
4. INSPECT LOWER BALL JOINTS AND DUST COVERS

- (a) Jack up the front of the vehicle and support it with stands.
- Make sure the front wheels are in a straight–ahead position, and depress the brake pedal.
- (c) Jack up the lower suspension arm until there is about half a load on the front coil spring.
- (d) Inspect the dust cover for damage.
- 5. CHECK AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION AND DIFFER-ENTIAL OIL

Visually check the automatic transmission and differential for oil leakage.

If leakage is found, check for the cause and repair it.

- 6. REPLACE AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION FLUID (See page DI-159)
- 7. REPLACE DIFFERENTIAL OIL (See page SA-71)

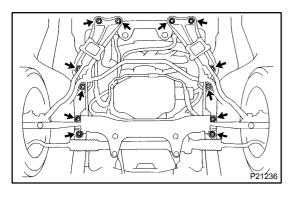


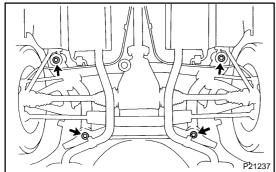
8. TIGHTEN BOLTS AND NUTS ON CHASSIS AND BODY

Tighten these parts:

• Front seat mounting bolts Torque: 37 N·m (375 kgf·cm, 27 ft·lbf)

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- Strut/stabilizer bar bracket-to-body mounting bolts Torque: 72 N-m (730 kgf-cm, 53 ft-lbf)
- Front suspension lower crossmember-to-body mounting nuts

Torque: 98 N·m (1,000 kgf·cm, 72 ft·lbf)

• Rear suspension member-to-body mounting bolts Torque: 180 N·m (1,840 kgf·cm, 133 ft-lbf)

9. BODY INSPECTION

- (a) Check the body exterior for dents, scratches and rust.
- (b) Check the underbody for rust and damage.

If necessary, replace or repair.

- 10. REPLACE REFINER AIR FILTER (See page AC-101)
- 11. ROAD TEST
- (a) Check the engine and chassis for abnormal noises.
- (b) Check that the vehicle does not wander or pull to one side.
- (c) Check that the brakes work properly and do not drag.
- (d) Do setting of the parking brake shoes and drum.
- 12. FINAL INSPECTION
- (a) Check the operation of the body parts:
 - Hood:
 - Auxiliary catch operates properly
 - Hood locks securely when closed
 - Front and rear doors:
 - Door locks operate properly
 - Doors close properly
 - Luggage compartment door:
 - Door lock operates properly
 - Seats:
 - Seat adjusts easily and locks securely in any position
 - Front seat back locks securely in any position
- (b) Be sure to deliver a clean car. Especially check:
 - Steering wheel
 - Shift lever knob
 - All switch knobs
 - Seats