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# POSSIBLE WHEEL BEARING DEGRADATION

## BRAKE KITS AND SENSORS



WHEEL  
RANGE




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## GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- Use original quality parts
- Work at clean and orderly stations to prevent from pollution and parts falling
- Use good tools (hammers prohibited, freezer and hot plate unsuitable)
- In case of abnormal noise and force of any kind during installation, the cause must be investigated, and the bearing replaced
- Use suitable tooling and apply assembly force at the correct position on the part being installed
- Be sure to check the condition of the mating surfaces of the hub or stub axle and of the kingpin (no cracks, wear or deep scratches)
- Do not lower the vehicle to the ground with the bearing loose (loose stub axle or driveshaft loosened or removed)
- Do not tighten the driveshaft nut or stub axles with the vehicle on the ground
- To ensure correct operation of the magnetic encoder, do not mark the magnetic surface of the bearing and do not bring it near a magnetic source (magnet or screwdriver); do not remove the ABR plastic cover till ready for installation
- Handle the products carefully
- Apply the tightening torques specified by the vehicle manufacturer. Refer to our TechScan'R app

Find our wheel bearing removal and installation tutorials on  **YouTube** :



**Removal and installation of a GEN3 wheel bearing**  
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**Wheel bearing and sensor: Detection of ABS malfunctions**



**Removal and installation of a rear brake disc with integrated bearing**

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## 1 FLANGE INDENTATIONS OR FRACTURES

### CAUSES

- Use of harsh force during bearing installation
- Skewed installation of the bearing
- Dropping the bearing on a hard floor
- Transmission of installation force via the rolling element

### EFFECTS

- Existence of localized indentations along the edge of the raceway
- Damaged or broken flange
- Clacking sound during installation
- Play in the wheel



### RECOMMENDATIONS

When installing the bearing:

- Apply force to the correct ring: the press-fitting force must not be transmitted through the rolling elements
- Follow the general recommendations associated with the installation

## 2 SCRATCHES ON THE BALLS

### CAUSES

- Use of harsh force during bearing installation
- Skewed installation of the bearing
- Transmission of installation force via the rolling elements

### EFFECTS

- Damage to balls that come in contact with the inner edge of the raceway due to a gap between the inner rings
- Circular deterioration of balls with discharge of material
- Scratches, “croquet ball” appearance
- Reproduction of indentations on the raceway



### RECOMMENDATIONS

- While performing any work on the wheel axles, do not move the vehicle without the nut or bolt that retains the bearing

### 3 WATER INGRESS DUE TO A SEALING FAILURE

#### CAUSES

Water Ingress:

- Inappropriate use of the vehicle.
- Missing baffle sealing element
- Deterioration of bearing seal during maintenance
- Missing cap or failure to replace cap

#### EFFECTS

- Localized or generalized oxidation of the bearing
- More-or-less extensive reddish or black stains
- Surface attacked by more-or-less deep pitting
- Reproduction of indentations on the raceway



#### RECOMMENDATIONS

When installing the bearing:

- Do not disassemble a sealed bearing
- Avoid splashing liquids
- Follow the general recommendations associated with the installation
- Replace all parts supplied in the SNR kits

## 4 FATIGUE SPALLING

### CAUSES

- Fatigue
- Incorrect installation
- Incorrect geometry of a neighboring part

### EFFECTS

- Removal of material by flaking along the raceway



### RECOMMENDATIONS

When installing the bearing:

- Follow the general recommendations associated with the installation
- Be sure to check the condition of the mating surfaces of the hub or stub axle and of the kingpin (no cracks or wear)



## 5 SEIZING / OVERHEATING / LUBRICATION FAILURES

### CAUSES

- Lack of lubrication or inappropriate lubrication
- Micro-welds between the bearing components
- “Mixed” grease following ingress of contaminants

### EFFECTS

- Shallow metal pullouts on the bearing raceway
- Welding of the bearing components
- Discoloration of components



### RECOMMENDATIONS

When installing the bearing:

- Monitor for abnormal grease leakage
- Follow the general recommendations associated with the installation
- Make sure bearing elements have correct lubrication

## GREASE LEAKAGE

### CAUSES

- Extremely high bearing temperature, causing grease to deteriorate
- Damage of sealing systems during installation (seals)

### EFFECTS

- Water ingress in the bearing
- Evidence of grease leaking from the bearing seals



### RECOMMENDATIONS

When installing the bearing:

- Verify that there is no overheating problem
- Check bearing seal integrity

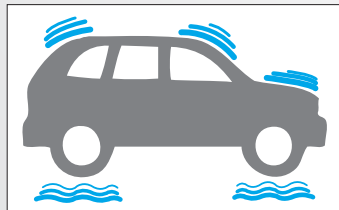
## 7 VIBRATIONS

### CAUSES

- Incorrect geometry adjustment of the car's front axle
- Rigidity problem of the car's front axle suspension or worn suspension bush
- Loose bearing

### EFFECTS

- Vibrations felt in the steering wheel or in the passenger compartment, while driving
- Risk of bearing damage (spalling, scratches on the balls)



### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Check wheel balancing and good condition of tyres
- Follow the general recommendations associated with the installation

## 8 LOSS OF STEERING PRECISION

### CAUSES

- Incorrect geometry adjustment of the car's front axle
- Rigidity problem of the car's front axle suspension or worn suspension bush
- Loose bearing

### EFFECTS

- On straight line, the vehicle tends to go to the right or to the left
- Risk of bearing damage (spalling, scratches on the balls)



### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Check running gear geometry
- Replace the worn ball joints or suspension bush
- Follow the general recommendations associated with the installation

## “CLACK” NOISE

### CAUSES

- Slight displacement of the bearing on the stub axl

### EFFECTS

- Clack noise in the front suspension (during parking maneuvers)
- Bearing deterioration



### RECOMMENDATIONS

When installing the bearing:

- Verify good dimensional condition and conformance of kingpin seat

## 10 ABS MALFUNCTIONS

### CAUSES

- Computer error
- Sensor error
- Connector problem
- Encoder damage
- Bearing installed backwards

### EFFECTS

- ABS® indicator on the instrument panel lights up or remains lit



### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Verify cleanliness of sensor and encoder
- Never bring the sensor or the encoder near a magnetic source
- Check the condition of the encoder seal using the SNR tester card

When installing the bearing:

- Take care not to damage the sensor (tearing off), replace it if that happens
- Position the bearing with the encoder facing the sensor (inboard side of the vehicle)



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