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Drivelines

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About This Manual
This manual provides maintenance and service procedures for Meritor RPL Series Permalube™, Wing-Style Permalube™, Full-Round, Easy Service™, Wing-Style and 155R Series drivelines.

Before You Begin
1. Read and understand all instructions and procedures before you begin to service components.
2. Read and observe all Warning and Caution hazard alert messages in this publication. They provide information that can help prevent serious personal injury, damage to components, or both.
3. Follow your company’s maintenance and service, installation, and diagnostics guidelines.
4. Use special tools when required to help avoid serious personal injury and damage to components.

Hazard Alert Messages and Torque Symbols

⚠️ WARNING
A Warning alerts you to an instruction or procedure that you must follow exactly to avoid serious personal injury and damage to components.

⚠️ CAUTION
A Caution alerts you to an instruction or procedure that you must follow exactly to avoid damage to components.

⚠️ This symbol alerts you to tighten fasteners to a specified torque value.

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TYPICAL DRIVELINE SYSTEM

NOTE: Series shown are for illustration only.

TRANSMISSION

END YOKE

OUTPUT

WELD

YOKE

TUBING

BEARING

STUB

CENTER

BEARING

KIT

SLIP

YOKE

SEAL

SPLINE

PLUG

TUBING

WELD

YOKE

WELCH PLUG

NON-SLIP

COUPLING

SHAFT

ASSEMBLY

STANDARD

SLIP ASSEMBLY

SPLINED

YOKE

CENTER

BEARING

KIT
TYPICAL DRIVELINE SYSTEM

NOTE: Series shown are for illustration only.
Description

RPL Series Permalube™ (Non-Greaseable)

The Meritor RPL Series Permalube™ non-greaseable driveline is permanently lubricated and sealed at the factory and does not require lubricants. Arrows on the wing bushings help you to correctly install the universal joint. Figure 2.1.

Wing-Style Permalube™

The Meritor Wing-Style Permalube™ driveline requires lubrication of the slip yoke splines only. Figure 2.2.

Full-Round, Easy Service™, Wing-Style and 155R Series (Greaseable)

Full-Round, Easy Service™, Wing-Style and 155R greaseable drivelines require periodic lubrication of the universal joints and slip yoke splines. Figure 2.3, Figure 2.4, Figure 2.5 and Figure 2.6.
Hazard Alert Messages
Read and observe all Warning and Caution hazard alert messages in this publication. They provide information that can help prevent serious personal injury, damage to components, or both.

⚠️ WARNING
Check end yoke retaining nuts and bolts for looseness. Tighten loose fasteners to specification. Check the input and output shaft splines for wear and damage. Replace worn or damaged splines. Check for loose, missing or damaged driveline fasteners and parts. Tighten loose fasteners, and replace damaged and missing parts. Loose, damaged or missing parts can cause the driveline to separate from the vehicle. Serious personal injury and damage to components can result.

To prevent serious eye injury, always wear safe eye protection when you perform vehicle maintenance or service.

Only service a driveline when the engine is OFF. A rotating driveline can cause serious personal injury.

Park the vehicle on a level surface. Block the wheels to prevent the vehicle from moving. Support the vehicle with safety stands. Do not work under a vehicle supported only by jacks. Jacks can slip and fall over. Serious personal injury and damage to components can result.

Components

Driveline
1. Park the vehicle on a level surface. Block the wheels to keep the vehicle from moving. Raise the vehicle so that the area you will service is off the ground.
2. Inspect the driveline at regular intervals. Loose end yokes, excessive radial movement, slip spline radial movement, bent driveline tubing or missing plugs in the slip yoke can damage universal joints and bearings.
3. Check the output and input end yokes on both the transmission and axle for axial looseness. Refer to the axle or transmission manufacturer’s service instructions.
   - If the output and input end yokes are loose: Disconnect the driveline. Tighten the end yoke retaining nut to the correct specification. Refer to the axle or transmission manufacturer’s service instructions.

4. Inspect for worn universal joints. Apply vertical force of about 50 pounds (22.7 kg) to the driveline near the universal joints.
   - If movement is greater than 0.006-inch (0.152 mm): Replace the universal joint.
5. Use a dial indicator to examine the slip yoke spline for excessive radial movement. Radial movement between the slip yoke and the tube shaft must not exceed 0.017-inches (0.432 mm).
   - If the radial movement exceeds 0.017-inch (0.432 mm): Replace the slip yoke and the tube shaft.
6. Inspect the driveline for damaged or bent tubing. Carefully remove contaminants, such as mud and road debris.

End Yokes
Perform the following procedures before you lubricate universal joints or slip yokes. If you lubricate these components before you inspect them, lubricant can cover wear, damage and looseness.

1. Do not lubricate components. Inspect all input and output end yoke retaining nuts and bolts for gaps between mating surfaces.
   - If gaps are present: Refer to the transmission, axle or transfer case manufacturer’s service instructions.
2. Use the following procedure to check all input and output end yokes for looseness.
   A. Hold the end yoke with both hands.
   B. Move the end yoke UP-AND-DOWN and SIDE-TO-SIDE. There shouldn’t be any movement where the yoke connects to the input and output shafts. Figure 3.1.
3 Inspection

- If the input and output end yokes are loose: Disconnect the driveline. Tighten the end yoke retaining nut or bolt to the correct specification. Refer to the axle or transmission manufacturer for correct inspection and replacement procedures.

- If the input and output end yokes are not loose, check that the transmission output shaft and axle input shaft splines aren’t loose at the end yoke: Hold the yoke with one hand and rotate it LEFT-TO-RIGHT while you check end play for radial looseness. Figure 3.1.

- If you find excessive radial looseness: Replace the end yoke, or input or output shafts, as necessary.

3. Inspect for worn, damaged, missing and loose parts. Replace as required. Refer to the appropriate sections in this manual for these procedures.

**WARNING**

Use a fine-tooth file or an emery cloth to remove raised metal or fretting from yoke cross hole surfaces. Take care not to remove an excessive amount of metal. These conditions can damage the cross and bearing and cause the driveline to separate from the vehicle. Serious personal injury and damage to components can result.

4. Inspect all end yoke cross hole surfaces and bolt hole threads for damage. Remove raised metal or fretting with a fine-tooth file or emery cloth. Figure 3.2.

- If bolt hole threads are damaged: Replace the yoke.

**Universal Joints**

**WARNING**

Excessive looseness across the ends of the universal joint bearing cup assemblies can cause imbalance or vibration in the driveline assembly. Imbalance or vibration can cause component wear, which can result in separation of the driveline from the vehicle. Serious personal injury and damage to components can result.

1. Use the following procedure to check for looseness across the ends of the universal joint bearing cup assemblies and trunnions.
   A. Hold the INBOARD yoke on the driveline with both hands.
   B. Try to move the yoke UP-AND-DOWN and SIDE-TO-SIDE by applying at least 50 lb-ft (222.5 N•m) of force to the driveline near the universal joints. Figure 3.3.

2. Inspect all universal joint kits in the driveline assembly.

**Greaseable Universal Joints**

1. Check that all grease fittings are installed. Replace missing or damaged fittings. Tighten them to 6 lb-ft (8 N•m). Figure 3.4.

2. Check for loose grease fittings. Tighten them to 6 lb-ft (8 N•m).
3. Inspect the center bearing rubber cushion for damage. If equipped, check that the deflectors are not rubbing against the rubber cushion. Verify that the rubber cushion is correctly seated in the metal bracket.

- If any of these conditions are evident: Replace the center bearing assembly.

**Self-Alining Center Bearings**

A self-aligning center bearing accepts ± five degrees of angular misalignment. This helps to ensure that the hanger bearing is correctly aligned to the driveline under all operating conditions.

Use the same service procedures for a self-aligning center bearing as for a standard center bearing. You can identify a self-aligning center bearing by the bright gold color of the integral deflector.

Deflectors are integral to a self-aligning center bearing, so separate deflectors are not required.

Some vehicles manufactured after January 18, 2002, are equipped with self-aligning center bearings. Figure 3.7.

- If you replace a self-aligning center bearing on a vehicle manufactured after January 18, 2002: You must install a new self-aligning center bearing. Do not install an original-design bearing.
Inspection

Slip Yoke

NOTE: Check a slip yoke for movement with the driveline installed and the vehicle on a level surface with its wheels on the ground.

1. Check that the vehicle is on a level surface with its wheels on the ground. The driveline should be installed.
2. Firmly mount a dial indicator with a magnetic base onto the slip yoke barrel next to the dust seal. Figure 3.8. You don’t want the dial indicator to move when you check the slip yoke for looseness, or the measurement will not be correct.

3. Extend the dial indicator arm from the base, so that it contacts the neck of the spline plug within 3/4-inch (19.05 mm) from the dust seal. Figure 3.8.

4. With your hands near the center of the driveline, move the slip yoke UP-AND-DOWN. Check the dial indicator measurement. Movement between the spline plug and slip yoke must not exceed 0.017-inch (0.432 mm). Figure 3.9.
   - If movement exceeds 0.017-inch (0.432 mm): Components are worn or damaged. Replace as required.

5. Inspect the driveline for damage or bent tubing.
   - If the driveline is damaged or bent: Replace the driveline.

6. If necessary, carefully remove mud or road debris from the driveline.

7. Inspect the slip yoke spline seal for grease leakage or seal damage.

8. Inspect for missing balance weights, damaged tubing or a missing welch plug at the slip yoke.
### Permalube™ Drivelines

#### Inspection and Maintenance

**Table A: RPL Series Permalube™ and Wing-Style Permalube™ Driveline Inspection Intervals and Procedures**

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<td>At initial inspection, or no more than 2,000 miles (3200 km)</td>
<td>• Verify that all bolts are tightened to 115-135 lb-ft (155-183 N-m).</td>
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<td>Every 25,000 miles (40,000 km)</td>
<td>If you observe any of the following conditions, remove and replace components as needed.</td>
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<td>1. Check for excessive looseness across the ends of the universal joint bearing cup assemblies and trunnions.</td>
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<td>• Grip the driveline near the inboard yoke with both hands.</td>
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<td>• Try to move the yoke vertically and horizontally. Movement in the universal joint relative to the inboard or outboard yokes must not exceed 0.006-inch (0.152 mm). Figure 3.10.</td>
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<td>2. Inspect the slip yoke spline seal for grease leakage or seal damage.</td>
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<td>3. Inspect for missing balance weights, damaged tubing or a missing welch plug at the slip yoke.</td>
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<td>Every 150,000 miles (240,000 km)</td>
<td><strong>In addition to the 25,000-mile (40,000 km) requirements:</strong></td>
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<td>• Use a dial indicator to inspect the slip splines for wear (backlash). Radial looseness between the slip yoke and the tube shaft must not exceed 0.017-inch (0.432 mm). Figure 3.11.</td>
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Universal Joint Capscrews

⚠️ WARNING
Inspect RPL Series Permalube™ and Wing-Style Permalube™ drivelines for loose or missing capscrews and lock washers. Loose or missing fasteners can allow the driveline to separate from the vehicle. Serious personal injury and damage to components can result. If fasteners are loose or missing:

- RPL Series Permalube™ drivelines: Install new capscrews with Dri-Loc patches.
- Wing-Style Permalube™ drivelines: Install new capscrews with Dri-Loc patches and secure the capscrews with lock washers.

Meritor recommends that you inspect RPL Series Permalube™ bearing cup capscrews and wing-style capscrews and lock washers at initial inspection, or no more than 2,000 miles (3200 km).

RPL Series Permalube™ Drivelines
1. Check that capscrews are installed on all universal joint positions. RPL Series Permalube™ capscrews and Wing-Style Permalube™ capscrews are not interchangeable.
   - If capscrews are missing: Check for damage to the universal joint and yoke. Replace damaged parts and missing capscrews.
   - If capscrews are loose: Remove and discard loose capscrews. Replace them with new capscrews.
2. Use a torque wrench to verify that capscrews are tightened to 115-135 lb-ft (155-183 N·m).

Wing-Style Permalube™ Drivelines
1. Check that both capscrews and lock washers are installed on all universal joint positions. RPL Series Permalube™ capscrews and Wing-Style Permalube™ capscrews are not interchangeable.
   - If capscrews and lock washers are missing: Check for damage to the universal joint and yoke. Replace damaged parts, capscrews and lock washers. Refer to Section 6.
   - If capscrews are loose: Remove and discard loose capscrews. Replace them with new capscrews and lock washers.
2. Use a torque wrench to verify that capscrews are tightened to the correct specification. Refer to Section 11.

Check End Play
1. Check the universal joint for end play. Apply force in an UP-AND-DOWN and SIDE-TO-SIDE motion. The universal joint must not move in either direction. Figure 3.12. There should be less than 0.006-inch (0.152 mm) BACK-AND-FORTH motion of the universal joint. Figure 3.13.
   - If movement is greater than 0.006-inch (0.152 mm): Replace the universal joint.

⚠️ CAUTION
A broken weld strap can cause a wing bushing to rotate. When a bushing rotates, it’s possible to assemble it into the yoke backward. To ensure correct assembly and prevent damage to components, you must insert both of the wing bushing’s machined keyways into the yoke.

2. Replace the universal joint if it’s loose or the weld strap is broken or missing.
Hazard Alert Messages

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⚠️ WARNING
To prevent serious eye injury, always wear safe eye protection when you perform vehicle maintenance or service.

Use a brass or leather mallet for assembly and disassembly procedures. Do not hit steel parts with a steel hammer. Pieces of a part can break off and cause serious personal injury.

Only install the correct grade new bearing retainer bolts and stamped strap bolts. Do not reuse these parts. If the bearing retainer straps are damaged, install new retainers. Damaged and reused parts can affect driveline operation, which can cause the driveline to separate from the vehicle. Serious personal injury and damage to components can result.

A driveline assembly can weigh more than 100 pounds (46 kilograms). Always use lifting devices and the correct procedures when you handle drivelines to prevent serious personal injury and damage to components.

Removal

Driveline

⚠️ WARNING
Only service a driveline when the engine is OFF. A rotating driveline can cause serious personal injury.

Park the vehicle on a level surface. Block the wheels to prevent the vehicle from moving. Support the vehicle with safety stands. Do not work under a vehicle supported only by jacks. Jacks can slip and fall over. Serious personal injury and damage to components can result.

1. Park the vehicle on a level surface. Block the wheels to keep the vehicle from moving. Raise the vehicle so that the area you will service is off the ground. Support the vehicle with safety stands.
2. Use a 12-point socket to loosen the four bolts (1/2 x 20-inch thread) located in the weld yoke end of the driveline. Figure 4.1.
3. Remove the bolts. Figure 4.2.
4. If necessary, use an appropriate tool to tap the wing bushing from the end yoke. Figure 4.3.
5. Repeat Step 2 through Step 4 to remove the opposite end of the driveline.
Universal Joint

Snap Ring

**NOTE:** Refer to the Service Notes page on the front inside cover of this manual for information on how to obtain SPX Kent-Moore tools.

1. Use snap ring pliers (SPX Kent-Moore tool number J-44676-1) to remove the snap rings. Figure 4.4.

2. If necessary, use a brass drift and lightly tap the center of the bushing to assist in snap ring removal. Figure 4.5.

3. Repeat the previous steps on the other side of the yoke.

Round Bushings

**NOTE:** Use only the specified tools to remove the round bushings. Do not use the SPX Kent-Moore yoke bearing cup installation tool (number J-44516) to remove the round bushings. Damage to the tool can result.

Use one of the following procedures to remove and install round bushings.

- Press, bridge and bearing cup receiver
- Universal joint press
- Universal joint puller

**WARNING**

Observe all warnings and cautions provided by the press manufacturer to avoid damage to components and serious personal injury.

Using a Press, Bridge and Bearing Cup Receiver

1. Use a press bridge (SPX ICM Kent-Moore tool number J-42368-1) and bearing cup bushing receiver (SPX Kent-Moore tool number J-42368-2). Figure 4.6. Refer to the Service Notes page on the front inside cover of this manual for information to obtain these tools.

2. Press DOWN until the first round bushing loosens. Figure 4.6. Remove the round bushing. Figure 4.7.
3. Rotate the shaft 180 degrees. Repeat the procedure for the opposite side of the universal joint. Figure 4.8.

4. Remove the universal joint from the yoke.

Using a Universal Joint Press
1. Position a universal joint press (Tiger Tool number 10707). Figure 4.9. Refer to the Service Notes page on the front inside cover of this manual for information to obtain this tool.

2. Turn the screw on the tool CLOCKWISE until the round bushing loosens.

3. Turn the screw on the tool COUNTERCLOCKWISE until you can remove the round bushing.

4. Turn over the universal joint. Repeat the procedure for the opposite side of the universal joint.

5. Remove the universal joint from the yoke.

Using a Universal Joint Puller
1. Position a universal joint puller (Tiger Tool number 10102). Refer to the Service Notes page on the front inside cover of this manual for information to obtain this tool. Figure 4.10.

2. Turn the screw on the tool CLOCKWISE until the round bushing loosens.

3. Turn the screw on the tool COUNTERCLOCKWISE and remove the round bushing.

4. Turn over the universal joint. Repeat the procedure for the opposite side of the universal joint.

5. Remove the universal joint from the yoke.
Disassembly

Slip Yoke

1. Use a brass or copper hammer and a drift to tap the shroud off the slip seal. Figure 4.11.

2. Use a screwdriver to pry the seal out of the groove in the slip yoke. Figure 4.12.

3. Mark the slip yoke and slip shaft sections to ensure that you reassemble them into their original positions. Figure 4.13.

4. Pull the slip yoke and slip shaft sections apart. Figure 4.14.

5. Remove the seal. Figure 4.15. Remove the shroud. Figure 4.16.
Assembly

Slip Yoke

1. Use an Allen wrench to remove the grease plug from the slip yoke before you assemble the slip yoke and spline shaft sections. Figure 4.17.

2. Use the grease packet supplied with the slip yoke to apply the entire amount of grease into the slip yoke. Figure 4.18.

3. Use a brush to distribute lubricant on the splines. Figure 4.19.

4. Install the new shroud. Figure 4.20.

5. Install the new seal onto the spline shaft neck. Ensure that the small diameter side fits onto the splines first. Figure 4.21.

6. Align the slip yoke and spline shaft sections with the phasing marks you made on these sections during disassembly. Figure 4.22.
7. Install the spline shaft into the slip yoke until the splines fully engage. Figure 4.22.

8. Snap the seal into the groove. Figure 4.23 and Figure 4.24.

9. Use a brass or copper hammer to tap the shroud over the seal. Push together the driveline sections. Figure 4.25 and Figure 4.26.

10. Use an Allen wrench to reinstall the grease plug. Figure 4.27.
Installation

Wing Bushings

⚠️ WARNING
If you do not correctly install the universal joint and end yoke, the bushings will not correctly seat in the yoke, which can cause the capscrews that secure the universal joint to fatigue under normal operating conditions. Serious personal injury and damage to components can result.

⚠️ CAUTION
A broken weld strap can cause a wing bushing to rotate. When a bushing rotates, it's possible to assemble it into the yoke backward. To ensure correct assembly and prevent damage to components, you must install both of the wing bushing’s interference bosses away from the yoke.

The new design wing bushing has interference bosses on the bushing. The bosses interfere with the end yoke if you attempt to install the wing bushing incorrectly. You must install the interference bosses away from the yoke. Figure 4.28.

The previous design wing bushing did not have an interference boss. As a result, it was possible to insert the wing bushing into the yoke and install the pieces incorrectly. Figure 4.29.

Universal Joint

⚠️ CAUTION
Do not use grease or anti-seize compound in the yoke ear bores. Damage to components can result.

1. Clean dirt and contamination from the slip yoke and weld yoke ear bores. Figure 4.30.
2. Install the universal joint into the yoke so that the wing bearing weld straps face INBOARD and the arrows point toward the end or coupling yokes. Figure 4.31.

To correctly install the universal joint into the end yoke, the wing bushing weld strap must face INBOARD. Arrows must point TOWARD the end yoke.

At installation direction arrows face OUTBOARD (toward end yoke).

At installation the wing bearing weld strap must face INBOARD.

Align yoke nib with square button on universal joint kit as shown.

Strap must face AWAY from end yoke as shown.
CAUTION
The universal joint is supplied with the correct amount of grease. Do not apply additional grease to the joint. Do not use grease or anti-seize compound on the outside diameter of the cups, the cross bore holes of the yoke, or the yoke saddles. Damage to components can result.

NOTE: The deflector is preassembled onto the round bushing.

3. Verify that the plastic deflectors are attached to the round bushings. Figure 4.32.

WARNING
Observe all warnings and cautions provided by the press manufacturer to avoid damage to components and serious personal injury.

CAUTION
Use an arbor press, universal joint press or yoke bearing cup installation tool to install the round bushing into the yoke. Do not use a hammer, which can loosen and damage components.

NOTE: The SPX Kent-Moore press yoke bearing cup installation tool number J-44516 has a positive stop for correct installation. Refer to the Service Notes page on the front inside cover of this manual for information to obtain this tool.

5. Use a press, yoke bearing cup installation tool (SPX Kent-Moore tool number J-44516) or universal joint press (Tiger Tool number 10707) to install the first round bushing slightly past the snap ring groove. When the bearing cup installation tool contacts the yoke, it is installed correctly. Figure 4.34, Figure 4.35 and Figure 4.36.
4. Use a press, yoke bearing cup installation tool (SPX Kent-Moore tool number J-44516) or universal joint press (Tiger Tool number 10707) to install the second round bushing slightly past the snap ring groove. Check that the bushing is aligned with the universal joint. Figure 4.34, Figure 4.35 and Figure 4.36.

**CAUTION**
You must fully seat the snap ring into the snap ring groove to avoid damage to the driveline.

9. Use snap ring pliers to install the second snap ring into the snap ring groove. Figure 4.39.

10. Strike the yoke ear with a brass or copper hammer to ensure that the universal joint moves freely. Figure 4.40.
Driveline

**WARNING**

If you do not correctly install the universal joint and end yoke, the bushings will not correctly seat in the yoke, which can cause the capscrews that secure the universal joint to fatigue under normal operating conditions. Serious personal injury and damage to components can result.

You must position the wing bushing’s machined keyway against the machined keyway of the end yoke ears when you install a universal joint. Ensure that the arrows stamped on the wing bushing point TOWARD the end yoke, and the universal joint weld strap faces the driveline and AWAY from the yoke.

**CAUTION**

A broken weld strap can cause a wing bushing to rotate. When a bushing rotates, it’s possible to assemble it into the yoke backward. To ensure correct assembly and prevent damage to components, you must insert both of the wing bushing’s machined keyways into the yoke.

1. Before you install the capscrews, check that the universal joint is fully seated in the end yoke. The arrows on the wing bushing should point toward the coupling yoke. Figure 4.41.

2. If necessary, tap the universal joint with a brass or copper hammer to ensure it is fully seated. Figure 4.42.

3. Install the new capscrews.

4. Use a torque wrench to alternately tighten the capscrews to 115-135 lb-ft (155-183 N\*m). Figure 4.43.
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**Removal**

**Driveline**

1. Park the vehicle on a level surface. Block the wheels to keep the vehicle from moving. Raise the vehicle so that the area you will service is off the ground. Support the vehicle with safety stands.

2. Loosen and remove the capscrews from the end yoke bearing cups.

3. Remove the first bearing cup. If necessary, use a bearing puller to remove the bearing cup from the yoke bore. Figure 5.1.

4. Remove the second bearing cup. Figure 5.2.

**Universal Joint**

1. Loosen and remove the capscrews from the two remaining bearing cups on the yoke end of the driveline.

2. Remove the bearing cups. If necessary, use a commercial bearing puller to remove the bearing cups from the yoke bores.

3. Work the trunnions free of the yoke bores. Remove the universal joint cross from the weld yoke.

4. Repeat Step 1 to Step 3 to remove the universal joint cross from the slip yoke.

**Installation**

**Universal Joint**

⚠️ **WARNING**

Use a brass or leather mallet for assembly and disassembly procedures. Do not hit steel parts with a steel hammer. Pieces of a part can break off and cause serious personal injury.

1. Install the universal joint cross into the yoke.

2. Install the two bearing cups through the yoke bores and onto the universal joint cross trunnions. If necessary, use a copper or brass hammer to tap the bearing caps until they are fully seated.
3. Hand-tighten the capscrews through the bearing cover plate and into the slip yoke.

4. Use a torque wrench to alternately tighten the capscrews to the correct specifications. Refer to Table B.

5. Repeat Step 1 to Step 3 to install the universal joint cross into the weld yoke.

**Driveline**

1. Wipe off the end yoke bearing bores. Insert the trunnion through the yoke bore.

2. Check the bearing cup to ensure that the needle bearings are in place. Replace the bearing cup when the needle bearings are missing or out of place.

3. Hold the cross. Use a copper or brass hammer to lightly tap the bearing cup completely into the yoke bore. Figure 5.3.

4. Align the cover plate holes and the yoke ear. Figure 5.4. Install the bearing cover plate flush against the milled surface of the yoke.

5. Install new capscrews and hand-tighten them through the bearing cover plate and into the yoke.

6. Repeat Step 2 to Step 5 to install the second bearing cup.

- **If the cover plate will not seat flush against the yoke surface:** Remove each bearing cup from the yoke bore. Check the bottom of each bearing cup. If you find a needle bearing, replace the bearing cup.

7. Use a torque wrench to alternately tighten the capscrews to correct specifications. Refer to Table B. Figure 5.5.

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**Table B: Torque Specifications — Full-Round**

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Driveline Series</th>
<th>“A” Inches (mm)</th>
<th>Thread Size Inches</th>
<th>Torque Specs lb-ft (N-m)</th>
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<td>26-35 (35-47)</td>
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<td>6.09 (154.69)</td>
<td>3/8-24</td>
<td>38-48 (51-65)</td>
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<td>3/8-24</td>
<td>38-48 (51-65)</td>
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<td>18N</td>
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<td>3/8-24</td>
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**YOKE GAUGE TOOL**

Identifies driveline series

“A” dimension between yoke ears determines end yoke/universal joint series.
Lubrication

Universal Joint

After installation into the end yokes, lubricate the universal joints at the grease fitting until grease flows from the bearing cup seals on all four trunnions. Use Meritor grease specification O-634-B, NLGI Grade 2 with EP additive. Figure 5.6.

- If grease does not purge from the seals: Follow the steps below.

**Figure 5.6**

New grease must flow at all four seals.

Shown without end yokes for clarity.

**Figure 5.7**

A. Move the assembly UP-AND-DOWN or SIDE-TO-SIDE while you apply grease gun pressure.

B. Loosen the bearing cup capscrews. Add grease until grease purges from the seals.

  - If grease still does not purge from all four trunnion seals: Remove the universal joint and correct the problem.

  - If you cannot determine the problem: Replace the universal joint.

C. Tighten the capscrews. Refer to Table B.

Slip Yoke Splines

**NOTE:** When you lubricate a slip yoke, the splined shaft can be either fully extended or fully collapsed.

After installation, add Meritor specification O-634-B, NLGI Grade 2 with EP additive to the slip yoke grease fitting. Six to eight pumps or approximately one oz (28 grams) is sufficient to lubricate the splines. Figure 5.8.
Hazard Alert Messages

Read and observe all Warning and Caution hazard alert messages in this publication. They provide information that can help prevent serious personal injury, damage to components, or both.

⚠️ WARNING
To prevent serious eye injury, always wear safe eye protection when you perform vehicle maintenance or service.

Use a brass or copper hammer to seat bearing cups into yoke bores. Do not use a steel hammer, which can cause the yoke or bearing cup to crack and break off. Serious personal injury and damage to the trunnion, yoke or bearing cup can result.

Only service a driveline when the engine is OFF. A rotating driveline can cause serious personal injury.

Removal

Driveline

⚠️ WARNING
Park the vehicle on a level surface. Block the wheels to prevent the vehicle from moving. Support the vehicle with safety stands. Do not work under a vehicle supported only by jacks. Jacks can slip and fall over. Serious personal injury and damage to components can result.

1. Park the vehicle on a level surface. Block the wheels to keep the vehicle from moving. Raise the vehicle so that the area you will service is off the ground. Support the vehicle with safety stands.

2. Loosen and remove the four capscrews from the weld yoke end of the driveline. Support the weld yoke end, and separate it from the end yoke.

3. Loosen and remove the four capscrews from the slip yoke end of the driveline. Support the slip yoke end, and separate it from the vehicle.

Universal Joint

NOTE: Wing-style universal joints are permanently assembled. Welded steel straps attach the bearing cups to the trunnion to help ensure that the universal joint fits correctly into the mating yokes. Do not cut or remove the welded straps from the universal joint kits.

1. Loosen and remove the four capscrews retaining the universal joint cross to the weld yoke.

2. Loosen and remove the four capscrews retaining the universal joint cross to the slip yoke. Figure 6.1.

![Figure 6.1](image1)

3. Loosen and remove the four capscrews retaining the universal joint cross to the slip yoke. Figure 6.1.

4. Loosen and remove the four capscrews from the weld yoke end of the driveline. Support the weld yoke end, and separate it from the end yoke.

5. Loosen and remove the four capscrews from the slip yoke end of the driveline. Support the slip yoke end, and separate it from the vehicle.

Installation

Universal Joint

1. Tap the bearing cups lightly with a brass or copper hammer to seat the bearing cups into the yoke pilot.

NOTE: Capscrews have a “lock patch” and can be hand-tightened only two or three threads.

2. Install new capscrews and lock washers. Figure 6.2. Refer to Table C.

3. Hand-tighten the capscrews to the yoke pilot.

4. Use a torque wrench to alternately tighten the capscrews to correct specifications. Figure 6.2. Refer to Table C.

![Figure 6.2](image2)
Driveline

**NOTE:** You may install either the slip yoke or weld yoke driveline end first when following the instructions below. After you install one driveline end, repeat these steps to install the opposite end of the driveline.

1. Support the driveline.
2. Tap the bearing cups lightly with a brass or copper hammer to seat the bearing cups into the end yoke.
3. Install the four capscrews and lock washers that attach the universal cross to the end yoke. Figure 6.1.

**NOTE:** Capscrews have a “lock patch” and can be hand-tightened only two or three threads.

4. Hand-tighten the capscrews to the yoke pilot.
5. Use a torque wrench to alternately tighten the capscrews to Meritor’s driveline torque specifications. Refer to Table C and Figure 6.2.
6. Repeat Step 1 to Step 5 to install the opposite driveline end.

Lubrication

**Universal Joint**

Wing-style universal joints can be greaseable or non-greaseable. Non-greaseable Permalube™ universal joints do not have grease fittings.

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**Table C: Replacement Parts and Torque Specifications**

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<th>Drivelines</th>
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<th>Description</th>
<th>Torque Specs</th>
<th>lb-ft (N·m)</th>
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**Wing-Style Permalube™ Universal Joints (Non-Greaseable)**

Wing-Style Permalube™ universal joints are permanently lubricated with grease developed with specific wear and temperature properties. However, you must periodically lubricate the slip yoke splines. Refer to Table G and Slip Yoke Splines for specifications and maintenance procedures.

**Wing-Style Universal Joints (Greaseable)**

Wing-style greaseable universal joints have grease fittings and are not permanently lubricated. Refer to Table G. To lubricate greaseable universal joints, follow the procedures provided for the Full-Round driveline in Section 5.

**Slip Yoke Splines**

**CAUTION**

Do not remove the grease plugs from the cross in an attempt to add additional grease. Damage to the universal joint can result.

**NOTE:** When you lubricate a slip yoke, the splined shaft can be either fully extended or fully collapsed.

The slip yoke splines are not permanently lubricated and must be greased periodically.

Add Meritor specification 0-634-B, NLGI Grade 2 with EP additive to the slip yoke grease fitting. Six to eight pumps or approximately one oz (28 grams) is sufficient to lube the splines. Figure 6.3.
Hazard Alert Messages

Read and observe all Warning and Caution hazard alert messages in this publication. They provide information that can help prevent serious personal injury, damage to components, or both.

⚠️ WARNING
To prevent serious eye injury, always wear safe eye protection when you perform vehicle maintenance or service.

Removal

Driveline

⚠️ WARNING
Only service a driveline when the engine is OFF. A rotating driveline can cause serious personal injury.

Park the vehicle on a level surface. Block the wheels to prevent the vehicle from moving. Support the vehicle with safety stands. Do not work under a vehicle supported only by jacks. Jacks can slip and fall over. Serious personal injury and damage to components can result.

1. Park the vehicle on a level surface. Block the wheels to keep the vehicle from moving. Raise the vehicle so that the area you will service is off the ground. Support the vehicle with safety stands.
2. Loosen and remove the capscrews and bearing straps from the weld yoke end of the driveline. Support the weld yoke end and separate it from the end yoke.
3. Loosen and remove the capscrews and bearing straps from the slip yoke end of the driveline. Support the slip yoke end and separate it from the vehicle.

Universal Joint

1. Loosen and remove the capscrews from the two bearing cups on the weld yoke end of the driveline.
2. Remove the bearing cups. If necessary, use a bearing puller to remove the bearing cups from the yoke bores.
3. Work the trunnions free of the yoke bores. Remove the universal joint cross from the weld yoke.
4. Repeat Step 1 to Step 3 to remove the universal joint cross from the slip yoke.

Installation

Universal Joint

⚠️ WARNING
Use a brass or leather mallet for assembly and disassembly procedures. Do not hit steel parts with a steel hammer. Pieces of a part can break off and cause serious personal injury.

⚠️ CAUTION
Do not seat the bearing cups into the yoke saddle by tightening down the bearing straps and capscrews. Uneven load distribution, yoke bearing rotation, and damage to the straps and yoke nibs can result.

NOTE: To help ensure maximum driveline performance, do not apply lubricant, grease, anti-seize compound, etc., to the yoke saddles.

1. Install the universal joint cross into the yoke. Always use new bolts and straps.

NOTE: For easier installation, do not remove the wire that fastens the bearing cups to the universal joint trunnion.
2. Install the bearing cups through the yoke bores and onto the universal joint cross trunnions.
3. Tap the bearing cup lightly with a leather or rubber mallet to seat the bearing cups into the yoke saddle.

NOTE: Capscrews have a “lock patch” and can be hand-tightened only two or three threads.
4. Hand-tighten the bearing capscrews. Use a torque wrench to tighten the capscrews to the specified torque. Refer to Table D.

Driveline

1. Wipe off the yoke saddle.
2. Support the driveline. Install the bearing straps and capscrews onto the slip yoke end of the driveline.

NOTE: Capscrews have a “lock patch” and can be hand-tightened only two or three threads.
3. Hand-tighten the capscrews through the bearing strap into the yoke.
4. Use a torque wrench to alternately tighten the capscrews to Meritor’s driveline torque specification. Refer to Table D. Figure 7.1.

5. Repeat Step 1 through Step 3 to attach the weld yoke end of the driveline to the vehicle.

**Figure 7.1**

**Table D: Torque Specifications — Easy Service™**

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<th>Torque Specs lb-ft (N·m)</th>
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<td>40-60 (54-81)</td>
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<td>16T</td>
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“**A**” dimension between yoke ears determines end yoke/universal joint series.

**Figure 7.2**

**Figure 7.3**

**Lubrication**

**Universal Joint**

Lubricate the universal joints at the grease fitting until grease flows from the bearing cup seals on all four trunnions. Use a grease that meets Meritor specification O-634-B, NLGI Grade 2 with EP additive. Figure 7.2.

- **If grease does not purge from all four trunnion seals**: Follow the steps below.
  
  A. Move the assembly UP-AND-DOWN or SIDE-TO-SIDE while you apply grease gun pressure. Figure 7.3.
  
  B. Loosen the bearing cup capscrews. Add grease until grease purges from the four seals.
  
  C. Tighten the bearing cup capscrews after grease purges.

- **If grease still does not purge from all four trunnion seals**: Remove the universal joint and correct the problem. If you cannot, replace the universal joint.

**Figure 7.2**

**Figure 7.3**

New grease must flow at all four seals.
Slip Yoke Splines

NOTE: When you lubricate a slip yoke, the splined shaft can be either fully extended or fully collapsed.

Add a grease that meets Meritor specification O-634-B, NLGI Grade 2 with EP additive, to the slip yoke grease fitting. Six to eight pumps or approximately one oz (28 grams) is sufficient to lube the splines. Figure 7.4.
Description

155R Series Drive Shaft Configurations

The 155R Series offers two drive shaft configurations:

- Standard slip
- Outboard slip
- Both configurations are available in two-piece and three-piece drivelines.

Standard Slip Drive Shaft

With the standard slip drive shaft assembly, the splined shaft points forward in the vehicle. Figure 8.1.

Outboard Slip Drive Shaft Assembly

The splined shaft points to the rear of the vehicle with the outboard slip drive shaft assembly. A center bearing supports the forward section of the drive shaft assembly. Figure 8.2.
Two-Piece Drivelines

A two-piece driveline is comprised of a non-slip coupling shaft followed by either a standard slip or reverse slip drive shaft assembly. The non-slip coupling shaft is always positioned in front of the slip shaft. Figure 8.3 and Figure 8.4.
Three-Piece Drivelines

A three-piece driveline is comprised of two non-slip coupling shafts followed by either a standard slip or reverse slip drive shaft assembly. The non-slip coupling shafts are always positioned in front of the slip shaft. Figure 8.5 and Figure 8.6.
Figure 8.6

THREE-SHAFT OUTBOARD SLIP

TRANSMISSION

END YOKE OUTPUT

NON-SLIP COUPLING SHAFT ASSEMBLY

OUTBOARD SLIP SHAFT ASSEMBLY

DOG Bone SHAFT ASSEMBLY

CENTER BEARING KIT

SPLINED YOKE

CENT ER BEARING KIT

SPLINE PLUG

SEAL

SLIP YOKE

WELD YOKE

TUBING

TUBING

WELD YOKE

WELD YOKE

SPLINED YOKE

CENTER BEARING KIT

STRAP

STRAP
Hazard Alert Messages

Read and observe all Warning and Caution hazard alert messages in this publication. They provide information that can help prevent serious personal injury, damage to components, or both.

⚠️ WARNING

To prevent serious eye injury, always wear safe eye protection when you perform vehicle maintenance or service.

Removal

Driveline

⚠️ WARNING

Only service a driveline when the engine is OFF. A rotating driveline can cause serious personal injury.

Park the vehicle on a level surface. Block the wheels to prevent the vehicle from moving. Support the vehicle with safety stands. Do not work under a vehicle supported only by jacks. Jacks can slip and fall over. Serious personal injury and damage to components can result.

1. Park the vehicle on a level surface. Block the wheels to keep the vehicle from moving. Raise the vehicle so that the area you will service is off the ground. Support the vehicle with safety stands.
2. Loosen and remove the capscrews and bearing straps from the weld yoke end of the driveline. Support the weld yoke end and separate it from the end yoke.
3. Loosen and remove the capscrews and bearing straps from the slip yoke end of the driveline. Support the slip yoke end and separate it from the vehicle.

Universal Joint

Snap Ring

NOTE: Refer to the Service Notes page on the front inside cover of this manual for information on how to obtain SPX Kent-Moore tools.

1. Use snap ring pliers to remove the snap rings. Figure 8.7.

2. If necessary, use a brass drift and lightly tap the center of the bushing to assist in snap ring removal. Figure 8.8.

3. Repeat the previous steps on the other side of the yoke.

Round Bushings

NOTE: Use only the appropriate tools to remove the round bushings. Do not use the SPX Kent-Moore yoke bearing cup installation tool (number J-44516) to remove the round bushings. Damage to the tool can result.

Use one of the following procedures to remove and install round bushings.

- Press, bridge and bearing cup receiver
- Universal joint press
- Universal joint puller
WARNING
Observe all warnings and cautions provided by the press manufacturer to avoid damage to components and serious personal injury.

Using a Press, Bridge and Bearing Cup Receiver
1. Place the universal joint in a suitable press bridge and bearing cup bushing receiver. Figure 8.9. Refer to the Service Notes page on the front inside cover of this manual for information to obtain these tools.

2. Press DOWN until the first round bushing loosens. Figure 8.9. Remove the round bushing. Figure 8.10.

3. Rotate the shaft 180 degrees. Repeat the procedure for the opposite side of the universal joint. Figure 8.11.

Using a Universal Joint Press
1. Position the universal joint in a suitable universal joint press. Figure 8.12. Refer to the Service Notes page on the front inside cover of this manual for information to obtain this tool.

2. Turn the screw on the tool CLOCKWISE until the bushing loosens.

3. Turn the screw on the tool COUNTERCLOCKWISE until you can remove the bushing.

4. Turn over the universal joint. Repeat the procedure for the opposite side of the universal joint.

5. Remove the universal joint from the yoke.
Using a Universal Joint Puller

1. Position the universal joint in a suitable universal joint puller. Refer to the Service Notes page on the front inside cover of this manual for information to obtain this tool. Figure 8.13.

2. Turn the screw on the tool CLOCKWISE until the bushing loosens.

3. Turn the screw on the tool COUNTERCLOCKWISE and remove the bushing.

4. Turn over the universal joint. Repeat the procedure for the opposite side of the universal joint.

5. Remove the universal joint from the yoke.

Disassembly

Standard Slip Configuration

1. Mark the slip yoke and slip shaft sections to ensure that you reassemble them into their original positions. Figure 8.14.

2. Pull the slip yoke and slip shaft sections apart. Figure 8.15.

3. Remove the seal from the slip shaft. Figure 8.16.

Outboard Slip Configuration

1. Mark the slip yoke and slip shaft sections to ensure that you reassemble them into their original positions. Figure 8.17.
2. Pull the slip yoke and slip shaft sections apart. Figure 8.18.

![Figure 8.18](image1)

3. Remove the seal from the slip shaft. Figure 8.19.

![Figure 8.19](image2)

Three-Piece Standard/Outboard Slip Driveline

To disassemble the three-piece standard or outboard slip driveline, refer to the disassembly procedures for the standard slip and outboard slip configurations on the preceding pages.

Assembly

Standard Slip Configuration

1. Remove the grease fittings from the slip yoke before you assemble the slip yoke and spline shaft sections.

2. Use the grease packet supplied with the slip yoke to apply the entire amount of grease into the slip yoke. Figure 8.20.

![Figure 8.20](image3)

3. Use a brush to distribute lubricant on the splines. Figure 8.21.

![Figure 8.21](image4)

4. Install the new seal onto the spline shaft neck. Ensure that the small diameter side fits onto the splines first. Figure 8.22.

![Figure 8.22](image5)
5. Align the slip yoke and spline shaft sections with the phasing marks you made on these sections during disassembly. Figure 8.23.

6. Install the spline shaft into the slip yoke until the splines fully engage. Figure 8.23.

7. Snap the seal into the groove. Figure 8.24.

8. Use a brass or copper hammer to tap the shroud over the seal. Push together the driveline sections. Figure 8.25 and Figure 8.26.

9. Reinstall the grease fittings.

Installation

Universal Joint

⚠️ CAUTION
Do not use grease or anti-seize compound in the yoke ear bores. Damage to components can result.

1. Clean dirt and contamination from the slip yoke and weld yoke ear bores.

   **NOTE:** The deflector is preassembled onto the bushing.

2. Verify that the plastic deflectors are attached to the bushings. Figure 8.27.
3. Position the first bushing onto the trunnion by threading the cross trunnion through the yoke bore. Figure 8.28.

**WARNING**
Observe all warnings and cautions provided by the press manufacturer to avoid damage to components and serious personal injury.

**CAUTION**
Use an arbor press, universal joint press or yoke bearing cup installation tool to install the round bushing into the yoke. Do not use a hammer, which can loosen and damage components.

4. Use an appropriate press, yoke bearing cup installation tool or universal joint press to install the first bushing slightly past the snap ring groove. When the bearing cup installation tool contacts the yoke, it is installed correctly. Figure 8.29, Figure 8.30 and Figure 8.31.
CAUTION

You must fully seat the snap ring into the snap ring groove to avoid damage to the driveline.

5. Use snap ring pliers to install the snap ring into the snap ring groove. Figure 8.32. Fully seat the snap ring.

6. Position the second bushing onto the trunnion by threading the cross through the yoke bore as shown. Figure 8.33.

7. Use an appropriate press, yoke bearing cup installation tool or universal joint press to install the second bushing slightly past the snap ring groove. Check that the bushing is aligned with the universal joint. Figure 8.29, Figure 8.30 and Figure 8.31.

CAUTION

You must fully seat the snap ring into the snap ring groove to avoid damage to the driveline.

8. Use snap ring pliers to install the second snap ring into the snap ring groove. Figure 8.34.

9. Strike the yoke ear with a brass or copper hammer to ensure that the universal joint moves freely. Figure 8.35.

Driveline

1. Wipe off the yoke saddle.

2. Support the driveline. Install the bearing straps and capscrews onto the slip yoke end of the driveline.
NOTE: Capscrews have a “lock patch” and can be hand-tightened only two or three threads.

3. Hand-tighten the capscrews through the bearing strap into the yoke.

4. Use a torque wrench to alternately tighten the capscrews to Meritor’s driveline torque specification. Figure 8.36.

5. Repeat Step 1 to Step 3 to attach the weld yoke end of the driveline to the vehicle.

**Lubrication**

**Universal Joint**

Lubricate the universal joints at the grease fitting until grease flows from the bearing cup seals on all four trunnions. Use a grease that meets Meritor specification O-634-B, NLGI Grade 2 with EP additive. Figure 8.37.

- If grease does not purge from all four trunnion seals: Follow the steps below.

A. Move the assembly UP-AND-DOWN or SIDE-TO-SIDE while you apply grease gun pressure.

B. Loosen the bearing cup capscrews. Add grease until grease purges from the four seals.

C. Tighten the bearing cup capscrews after grease purges.

Slip Yoke Splines

Add a grease that meets Meritor specification O-634-B, NLGI Grade 2 with EP additive, to the slip yoke grease fittings. Six to eight pumps or approximately one oz (28 grams) is sufficient to lube the splines. Figure 8.38.
Hazard Alert Messages

Read and observe all Warning and Caution hazard alert messages in this publication. They provide information that can help prevent serious personal injury, damage to components, or both.

⚠️ WARNING
To prevent serious eye injury, always wear safe eye protection when you perform vehicle maintenance or service.

Do not use a steel hammer to seat bearing cups into yoke bores. A steel hammer can cause the yoke or bearing cup to crack and break off. Serious personal injury and damage to the trunnion, yoke or bearing cup can result.

Only install the correct grade new bearing retainer bolts and stamped strap bolts. Do not reuse these parts. If the bearing retainer straps are damaged, install new retainers. Damaged and reused parts can affect driveline operation, which can cause the driveline to separate from the vehicle. Serious personal injury and damage to components can result.

A driveline assembly can weigh more than 100 pounds (46 kilograms). Always use lifting devices and the correct procedures when you handle drivelines to prevent serious personal injury and damage to components.

Overview

The Procedures in This Section Apply to All Meritor Drivelines

The center bearing removal and installation procedures in this section apply to Meritor RPL Permalube™, Wing-Style Permalube™, Easy Service™, Full-Round and 155R drivelines.

Self-Aligning Center Bearings

Some vehicles manufactured after January 18, 2002, are equipped with self-aligning center bearings. Deflectors are integral to a self-aligning center bearing, so separate deflectors are not required. You can identify a self-aligning center bearing by the bright gold color of the integral deflector. Figure 9.1.
Both the original and current designs use external waterproofing grease. The external waterproofing grease is displaced by centrifugal force, which can give the impression of leakage under normal conditions. Normal leakage is shown in the next two illustrations. This condition does not require center bearing replacement. Figure 9.2 and Figure 9.3.

The actual bearing grease is contained within the assembly by seals. This waterproofing grease leakage was not visible on the original-design center bearing due to the deflectors.

A self-aligning center bearing accepts ± five degrees of angular misalignment. This helps to ensure that the hanger bearing is correctly aligned to the driveline under all operating conditions. The cushion on the self-aligning center bearing is loose by design. The looseness allows the self-aligning movement.

Removal

Coupling Shaft

1. Ensure that the support strap is in the correct position to support the weight of the driveline.

2. Remove the center bearing bracket bolts. Figure 9.4.

3. Remove the universal joint from the coupling yoke. Discard the universal joint mounting bolts.
   - If it's necessary to unseat the bearing cup assemblies: Use a rubber hammer to tap on the yoke or bearing cup. Once the coupling shaft is free, remove it from the support straps and move the driveline to a workbench.
   - For driveline assemblies with more than two coupling shafts: Repeat Step 1 to Step 3 as necessary. Place the support straps on the additional coupling shafts.
Disassembly

Coupling Yoke and Coupling Shaft

⚠️ WARNING
Always replace a loose or damaged coupling yoke. Only install a new coupling shaft yoke nut. Do not reuse this part. A loose or damaged coupling yoke, or a reused yoke nut, can affect driveline performance and cause the driveline to separate from the vehicle. Serious personal injury and damage to components can result.

1. Remove the coupling shaft yoke nut. Discard the nut. Inspect the yoke washer. You can reuse the washer if it’s not damaged. Figure 9.5.
   - If the yoke washer is damaged: Discard the washer and replace it with a new one.

2. Mark the end yoke counterbore to the coupling shaft “nose.” This will help you to reassemble the center bearing end yoke in its original phased position. Figure 9.6.

⚠️ WARNING
Always reassemble a driveline according to the vehicle’s original phasing type. A driveline that is not balanced correctly can affect driveline performance and cause the driveline to separate from the vehicle. Serious personal injury and damage to components can result.

3. Remove the center bearing bracket bolts. Figure 9.7. Allow the coupling shaft to rest on the support strap.

4. Remove the coupling shaft with the center bearing. Remove the coupling yoke, then the center bearing. If it’s necessary to unseat the cup assemblies: Use a rubber hammer to tap on the yoke or bearing cup. Once the coupling shaft is free, remove it from the support straps. Move the coupling shaft to a workbench area.

⚠️ CAUTION
The center bearing end yoke has a press fit. Use a puller tool to remove it from the driveline. Do not use a hammer. Damage to components can result.

5. Place the driveline on a workbench. Use a puller to remove the center bearing end yoke. Do not use a hammer. Follow the puller tool manufacturer’s instructions. Figure 9.8.
   - If the yoke is loose enough to remove by hand: Replace the entire coupling shaft.
6. Inspect the center bearing end yoke splines.
   - If the splines are damaged or missing, or the yoke is cracked: Replace the yoke.

7. Inspect the coupling shaft splines and threads.
   - If the splines or threads are damaged or missing: Replace the entire coupling shaft.

Center Bearing
1. Remove and discard the center bearing bracket. Figure 9.9.

2. Remove and discard the rubber cushion. Figure 9.10.

3. Use a puller to remove the bearing assembly from the coupling shaft. Follow the puller tool manufacturer’s instructions. Discard the center bearing. Figure 9.11.

4. Inspect the coupling shaft for wear on the bearing diameter.
   - If the coupling shaft is damaged from a seized bearing: Replace the entire coupling shaft. Figure 9.12.

NOTE: Deflectors are integral to a self-aligning center bearing, so separate deflectors are not required.

5. Remove both deflectors, if equipped. Install a new center bearing, deflectors, if necessary, and coupling yoke.
Installation

Deflectors
1. Wipe the center bearing support surface with a fine emery cloth.

   NOTE: Deflectors are integral to a self-aligning center bearing, so separate deflectors are not required.

2. If necessary, install a new deflector on the coupling shaft. To avoid damaging the deflector, use a section of tubing and a brass hammer to seat the deflector. Verify that the deflector is completely seated against the center bearing support shoulder. Figure 9.13.

Center Bearing

   NOTE: Deflectors are integral to a self-aligning center bearing, so separate deflectors are not required.

1. Install deflectors, if included in the center bearing kit. Otherwise, deflectors are not required.

2. Carefully align the new center bearing assembly with the machined surface of the coupling shaft. Use your hands to push the center bearing onto the coupling shaft. Figure 9.14.

3. Use a punch and brass hammer to install the bearing.

4. If a deflector is required, use a section of tubing and a brass hammer to press the deflector remaining onto the end yoke to avoid damaging the deflector. Figure 9.15.

5. Use a rubber hammer to tap the yoke onto the coupling shaft splines. The phasing marks on the driveline must be aligned. Figure 9.6. Continue to tap the yoke until it is completely seated against the center bearing. Do not use the nut to draw the yoke down.

6. Install a washer and a new coupling shaft yoke nut. Tighten the nut to 450-600 lb-ft (612-816 N·m).

Coupling Shaft

1. Verify that the support straps are in the correct position to support the weight of the driveline.

2. Align the center bearing bracket with the frame support.

3. Install bearing spacers, if necessary, to return the bearing bracket to its original position. Figure 9.16.

4. Install the center bearing bracket bolts. Tighten them to the vehicle manufacturer’s specification.
Hazard Alert Messages
Read and observe all Warning and Caution hazard alert messages in this publication. They provide information that can help prevent serious personal injury, damage to components, or both.

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Maintenance

Greaseable Drivelines
The Full-Round, Easy Service™, Wing-Style and 155R greaseable drivelines require periodic lubrication of the universal joints and slip yoke splines. Figure 10.1 and Figure 10.2.

Non-Greaseable Drivelines
The RPL Series Permalube™ non-greaseable driveline is completely lubricated and sealed at the factory and does not require lubrication. Figure 10.3.

The Wing-Style Permalube™ non-greaseable driveline requires lubrication of the slip yoke splines ONLY. Figure 10.4.

Inspection

Driveline
1. Inspect the Full-Round, Easy Service™, Wing-Style and 155R greaseable drivelines for wear and damage at regularly scheduled maintenance intervals specified in Table E.
2. Inspect RPL Series Permalube™ and Wing-Style Permalube™ non-greaseable drivelines at least every 25,000 miles (40 000 km).
Table E: Lubrication Intervals for Full-Round, Easy Service™, Wing-Style and 155R Greaseable Drivelines

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Component</th>
<th>Application</th>
<th>Greasing Interval</th>
<th>Grease Specification</th>
<th>Meritor Specification</th>
<th>NLGI Grade</th>
<th>Grease Description</th>
<th>Outside Temperature</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Universal Joint, Slip Yoke and Spline</td>
<td>Line Haul — Applications where tractor is operated entirely on concrete or smooth paved road surfaces</td>
<td>50,000 miles (80 000 km)</td>
<td>Universal Joint Grease</td>
<td>O-634-B</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Lithium 12-Hydroxy Stearate with Molybdenum Disulfide</td>
<td>Refer to the grease manufacturer's specifications for the temperature service limits.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>On Highway — Applications where tractor is operated at least 90% on paved road surfaces and up to 10% on gravel, dirt or unpaved roads</td>
<td>16,000 miles (25 000 km)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>City — Applications where truck is operated at least 90% in city environment</td>
<td>6,500 miles (10 000 km)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Construction — Straight trucks used in the construction industry to move materials to and from job sites. They operate 90% on-road and 10% off-road with a high number of stops and starts</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>The greasing interval depends on the individual operating conditions, speed and loads. To determine the interval, inspect for the presence of grease at all positions until an interval can be determined. Grease the assembly as necessary.</td>
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Table F: Approved Lubricants

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<tr>
<th>Lubricant</th>
<th>Recommendation</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Universal Joint Grease</td>
<td>Must meet Meritor Specification O-634-B (NLGI Grade 2, Lithium 12-Hydroxy Stearate with Molybdenum Disulfide)</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Amalie All Purpose Grease with Moly-L1-2M</td>
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<td>Exxon 5160</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Shell Super Duty Special FF</td>
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<td>Marathon Maralube Molycode 529</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Phillips Petroleum Philube MW-EP2 Grease</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Shell Moly Poly Grease</td>
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<td>Kendall L424 Grease</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Amoco Super Chassis Grease</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Ford Specification M1C-75B or part number PN-C1AZ 19590</td>
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## Torque Specifications

### Driveline

Table G: Torque Specifications

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<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Thread Size Inches</th>
<th>Torque Range lb-ft (N•m)</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Coupling Shaft Yoke Retaining Nut</td>
<td>1-1/4-18</td>
<td>700-750 (949-1016)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RPL Series Permalube™ Capscrews</td>
<td>1/2-20</td>
<td>115-135 (155-183)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wing-Style Permalube™ Capscrews</td>
<td>1/2-20</td>
<td>115-135 (155-183)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>3/8-24</td>
<td>40-55 (54-74)</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>7/16-20</td>
<td>63-83 (85-112)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Full-Round Capscrews</td>
<td>5/16-24</td>
<td>26-35 (35-47)</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>3/8-24</td>
<td>38-48 (51-65)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Easy Service™ Capscrews</td>
<td>3/8-24¹</td>
<td>40-55 (54-75)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>3/8-24²</td>
<td>45-60 (61-81)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>1/2-20³</td>
<td>115-135 (155-183)</td>
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</table>

¹ 155R Driveline Series
² 16T Driveline Series
³ 17T, 17LT, 18T Driveline Series
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Special Tools

NOTE: The EVA 2 vibration analyzer can be used to determine the source of a vibration. Refer to the Service Notes page on the front inside cover of this manual for information on how to obtain SPX Kent-Moore tools.

Troubleshooting

Table H: Vibration

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Condition</th>
<th>Cause</th>
<th>Correction</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Driveline vibration</td>
<td>Driveline phasing incorrect</td>
<td>Correct the phasing by aligning the yokes on both ends of the driveline.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Missing balance weights or foreign material on driveline tubing</td>
<td>Have the driveline balanced.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Transmission or axle end yokes loose</td>
<td>Inspect for radial looseness. Tighten the nut or replace the end yoke.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Excessive end play in universal joints</td>
<td>Replace the universal joints.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Excessive hinging in slip section</td>
<td>Replace worn components.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Welch plug loose or missing in slip yoke</td>
<td>Replace the welch plug or slip yoke.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Worn center bearing</td>
<td>Replace the center bearing.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Chassis ride height too low or too high</td>
<td>Readjust the ride height.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Torsional accelerations in driveline</td>
<td>Measure the transmission, driveline and axle planes. Record the readings and run the Driveline Analysis Program. If the angles are found to be out of specifications, adjust or replace components as directed.</td>
</tr>
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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Low gear shudder at full drive or full coast under light load conditions</th>
<th>Loose, missing or damaged driveline fasteners or parts</th>
<th>Tighten loose fasteners, and replace damaged and missing parts.</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Incorrect phasing</td>
<td>Reassemble with correct phasing.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Driveline weight incompatible with engine-transmission mounting</td>
<td>Install a two-piece driveline with a shaft support bearing.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Driveline too long for speed</td>
<td>Install a two-piece driveline with a shaft support bearing.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Loose outside diameter fit on slip yoke spline</td>
<td>Change the slip yoke and spline plug.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Universal joint loose</td>
<td>Inspect the universal joint for looseness; tighten to specification. Replace if necessary.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Driveline out of balance or bent</td>
<td>Rebalance or replace.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Worn universal joint</td>
<td>Replace the universal joint.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Torsional or inertial excitation</td>
<td>Reduce the universal joint continuous running angle by adding shims to driveline components.</td>
</tr>
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<td>Condition</td>
<td>Cause</td>
<td>Correction</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Low mileage universal joint wear</td>
<td>End yoke cross hole misalignment</td>
<td>Use an alignment bar to check for end yoke cross hole misalignment. Replace the end yoke if misaligned.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Excess angularity</td>
<td>Check the universal joint operating angles. Reduce the angles if necessary.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Incorrect or inadequate lubrication</td>
<td>Lubricate according to specifications (non-RPL designs).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Worn or damaged seals</td>
<td>Replace the universal joint kit.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Excessive continuous running load</td>
<td>Replace with a higher capacity universal joint and driveline.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Continuous operation at high angle/high speed</td>
<td>Replace with a higher capacity universal joint and driveline. Check the universal joint operating angles. Reduce the angles if necessary.</td>
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<td>Worn or damaged seals</td>
<td>Replace the universal joint kit.</td>
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<td>Incorrect or inadequate lubrication</td>
<td>Lubricate according to specifications (non-RPL designs).</td>
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<td>Excessive angularity</td>
<td>Check the universal joint operating angles. Reduce the angles if necessary.</td>
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<td>Replace with a higher capacity universal joint and driveline.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Excessive torque load for universal joint and driveline size</td>
<td>Lubricate according to specifications (non-RPL designs).</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Incorrect or inadequate lubrication</td>
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# Troubleshooting

## Table J: Slip Yoke Spline Wear

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<th>Condition</th>
<th>Cause</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Seizure</td>
<td>Incorrect lubrication</td>
<td>Lubricate the slip yoke spline according to specifications. Check the seal.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Worn or damaged part</td>
<td>Replace the spline components.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Contamination</td>
<td>Lubricate the slip yoke spline according to specifications. Check the seal.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Galling</td>
<td>Worn or damaged parts</td>
<td>Replace the spline components.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Contamination</td>
<td>Lubricate the slip yoke spline according to specifications. Check the seal.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Outside diameter wear at extremities</td>
<td>Incorrect lubrication</td>
<td>Lubricate the slip yoke spline according to specifications. Check the seal.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Excessive loose outside diameter fit</td>
<td>Replace the spline components.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Spline shaft or tube broken in torsion</td>
<td>Tube size inadequate</td>
<td>Use a larger diameter tube.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Excessive torque load for universal joints and driveline size</td>
<td>Replace with a higher capacity universal joint and driveline.</td>
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## Table K: Shaft and Tube

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<th>Condition</th>
<th>Cause</th>
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<tr>
<td>Shaft support bearing wear</td>
<td>Driveline too long for operating speeds</td>
<td>Install a two-piece driveline with a shaft support bearing.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Incorrect lubrication of bearings</td>
<td>Replace the center bearing.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Shaft support rubber insulator wear</td>
<td>Bending fatigue due to secondary couple loads</td>
<td>Reduce the universal joint continuous running angle.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Excessive torque load for universal joint and driveline size</td>
<td>Replace with a higher capacity universal joint and driveline.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Shaft support bearing misaligned; interferes with deflector</td>
<td>Realign the mounting bracket-to-frame crossmember to eliminate interference with the deflector.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tube circle weld fracture</td>
<td>Balance weight located in apex of weld yoke lug area</td>
<td>Replace the tubing and rebalance.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Balance weight too close to circle weld</td>
<td>Replace the tubing and rebalance.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Incorrect circle weld</td>
<td>Replace the tubing and rebalance.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Driveline too long for operating speeds</td>
<td>Install a two-piece driveline with a shaft support bearing.</td>
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<td>Bending fatigue due to secondary couple loads</td>
<td>Reduce the universal joint continuous running angle.</td>
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### Table L: Yoke Fracture

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<tr>
<th>Condition</th>
<th>Cause</th>
<th>Correction</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Yoke broken or cracked</td>
<td>Mating yoke lug interference at full jounce and rebound</td>
<td>Replace the yoke. Check the design for application. Use high angle yokes.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Excessive torque load for universal joint and driveline size</td>
<td>Replace with a higher capacity universal joint and driveline.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Bending fatigue due to secondary couple loads</td>
<td>Reduce the universal joint continuous running angles.</td>
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### Table M: Universal Joint Center Parts

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<tr>
<th>Condition</th>
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<tr>
<td>Cross or trunion fracture</td>
<td>Abnormally high loading</td>
<td>Check for abuse of vehicle, stuck or overloading.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bushing fracture</td>
<td>Excessive load for universal joint</td>
<td>Check for maximum driveline torque in lowest gear. If necessary, replace with a higher capacity universal joint and driveline.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Excessive angularity</td>
<td>Check the universal joint operating angles. Reduce the angles if necessary.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Worn or damaged parts</td>
<td>Replace with new parts.</td>
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### Table N: Yokes — Wing-Style Bushings

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Condition</th>
<th>Cause</th>
<th>Correction</th>
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<tr>
<td>Loose bolts</td>
<td>Dirt or foreign material, such as paint, on mounting pad</td>
<td>Check for fretting on the mounting pads or drive tang. Surfaces must be free of foreign material and the bushings must be fully seated before bolts are fully tightened.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Broken bolts</td>
<td>Over or under torqued bolts</td>
<td>Surfaces must be free of foreign material and the bushings must be fully seated before bolts are fully tightened.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• If there is no fretting on the mounting pad or bolt hole and there is fretting on the drive tang: The bolt broke.</td>
<td>Check the universal joint operating angles. Reduce the angles if necessary.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• If there is fretting on the mounting pad or bolt hole: The bolt was loose.</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Excessive angularity</td>
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### Table O: Yokes — Round Bushings

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<tr>
<th>Condition</th>
<th>Cause</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Extremely hard to remove or replace bushing</td>
<td>Distorted bushing hole in yoke or normally close clearances, fretting corrosion and rust build-up</td>
<td>When you remove a bushing, use a penetrating oil and be careful not to distort the ears on the yoke when you hammer on the center cross. Remove grease, rust and dirt from the mounting surfaces before assembly. Apply NeverSeez to make disassembly easier.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>New center parts will not flex when you install them into the yoke</td>
<td>Yoke ears are distorted, causing the center parts to bind</td>
<td>Replace the yoke.</td>
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Special Tools

Tools You’ll Need

- An inclinometer or a spirit level protractor to measure driveline angles. Figure 13.1 and Figure 13.2.

![Figure 13.1](image1)

![Figure 13.2](image2)

- A tape measure to measure ride height for air-ride-equipped tractors

- A Data Gathering Worksheet. Photocopy one of the several Data Gathering Worksheets provided at the end of this manual. You will use this photocopy to record the tractor’s specifications and driveline angle measurements. Refer to the Service Notes page on the front inside cover of this manual for information on how to obtain additional Data Gathering Worksheets.

Overview

Prepare the Vehicle

⚠️ WARNING

To prevent serious eye injury, always wear safe eye protection when you perform vehicle maintenance or service.

Park the vehicle on a level surface. Block the wheels to prevent the vehicle from moving. Support the vehicle with safety stands. Do not work under a vehicle supported only by jacks. Jacks can slip and fall over. Serious personal injury and damage to components can result.

1. Park the vehicle on a level surface. Do not engage the tractor brakes or the parking brakes.
2. Verify that all tires are on a level surface and inflated to the specified pressure.
3. Block the front tires at both the front and rear.

For Air-Ride-Equipped Tractors

1. Build air pressure to at least 115 psi (792.35 kPa).
2. Deflate air from the air bags: Use the dash-mounted deflate switch or release air pressure through the air valve at the rear of the tractor.
3. Allow the air bags to inflate completely.
4. Measure ride height with a tape measure. If necessary, adjust ride height to the correct vehicle manufacturer’s specifications.
Data Gathering Worksheet

General Information Section

NOTE: Worksheets can be located at the end of this manual.

There are individual data gathering sheets for each of the following driveline configurations:

- One-piece driveline, single rear axle
- One-piece driveline, tandem rear axle
- Two-piece driveline, single rear axle
- Two-piece driveline, tandem rear axle

Select the correct worksheet for the vehicle’s driveline configuration.

Fill in the general information section at the top right-hand corner of the data gathering worksheet. Figure 13.3.

Customer Name: Robert Smith
Phone: (555) 555-1234 Fax: (555) 555-6789
OEM: XXXXX Model: XXXXX
VIN: (Last 6 digits only) XXXXXX Unit: XXXXX Year: 99
Date: 1/1/99 DSM: XXXXXX

Transmission Angle
1st Driveline Angle
2nd Driveline Angle

Phasing Type (Refer to the reverse side.)
Maximum Engine RPM
Transmission Top Gear Ratio
Rear Suspension Ride Height
Maximum Engine HP

Transmission Angle
1st Driveline Angle
2nd Driveline Angle

Usually found on the engine specification label attached to the tractor’s engine block.
If equipped with air ride.
Usually found on the transmission specification plaque attached to the tractor instrument panel.
Phasing Type Box

NOTE: The phasing type is not required for angle analysis of one-piece driveline configurations.

Fill in the “Phasing Type” box on the data gathering worksheet.

Refer to Phasing Type 1, 2, 3 and 4 examples listed on the worksheet. Figure 13.4.

If you are unsure of the vehicle’s phasing type, use “1” in the box. Figure 13.5.
Positive (+) and Negative (−) Angle Designations

You must fill in driveline angle measurements on the Data Gathering Worksheet as POSITIVE (+) and NEGATIVE (−) dimensions.

Before you measure a component, go to the side of the vehicle and look at the driveline. If the FRONT of the component is HIGHER than the REAR of the component, the dimension will be POSITIVE (+).

If the FRONT of the component is LOWER than the REAR of the component, the dimension will be NEGATIVE (−). Figure 13.6.

Measure

Main Driveline Angles

Measure the Transmission Output Yoke Angle

Place the inclinometer or spirit level protractor on a spacer and on the transmission output yoke to measure the transmission output yoke angle. If a measurement is difficult to obtain on the yoke, you can measure from a flat transmission surface, including the countershaft bearing covers or the PTO cover. Figure 13.7 and Figure 13.8.
Record the measurement in the **Transmission Angle** box on the Data Gathering Worksheet. Figure 13.9.

**Figure 13.9**

**Measure the First and Second Driveline Angles**

Place the inclinometer or spirit level protractor on a smooth, flat portion of the driveline tubing to measure the first and second driveline angles. Figure 13.10. **Do not measure over welds or balance weights. The measurements will not be valid.**

**Figure 13.10**

Record the measurements in the **First Driveline Angle** and **Second Driveline Angle** boxes on the Data Gathering Worksheet. Figure 13.11.

**Measure the Forward Rear Drive Axle Angle**

Place the inclinometer or spirit level protractor on a spacer and on the output yoke or on a smooth, flat portion of the axle housing tube (the “long” side, away from the bowl and near the suspension U-bolt) to measure the forward rear drive axle angle. Figure 13.12 and Figure 13.13.

**Figure 13.12**

**Figure 13.13**

**NOTE:** Figure 13.13 is the preferred measurement method.
Write the measurement in the **Front Axle Angle** box on the Data Gathering Worksheet. Figure 13.14.

![Figure 13.14](image1)

**Figure 13.14**

**Measure the Inter-Axle Angle**

Place the inclinometer or spirit level protractor on a smooth, flat portion of the driveline tubing to measure the inter-axle angle. Figure 13.15. **Do not measure over welds or balance weights. The measurement will not be valid.**

![Figure 13.15](image2)

**Figure 13.15**

If the driveline tubing is too short, place the edge of the inclinometer or spirit level protractor vertically on the tube. Subtract 90 degrees from the reading to determine the correct angle. Figure 13.16.

![Figure 13.16](image3)

**Figure 13.16**

Write your measurement in the **Inter-Axle Angle** box on the Data Gathering Worksheet. Figure 13.17.

![Figure 13.17](image4)

**Figure 13.17**

**Measure the Rear Axle Angle**

Place the inclinometer or spirit level protractor on a spacer and on the input yoke or on a smooth, flat portion of the axle tube (the “long” side, away from the bowl and near the suspension U-bolt) to measure the rear axle angle. Figure 13.18 and Figure 13.19.

![Figure 13.18](image5)

**Figure 13.18**

**NOTE:** Figure 13.19 is the preferred measurement method.

![Figure 13.19](image6)

**Figure 13.19**
13 Measuring and Recording Driveline Angles

Write the measurement in the **Rear Axle Angle** box on the Data Gathering Worksheet. Figure 13.20.

![Diagram of driveline angles](image)

**Figure 13.20**

**When You Finish Measuring the Driveline Angles**

1. Set the tractor’s parking brake.
2. Remove the blocks from the front tires.
3. You are now ready to enter the dimensions you recorded on the Data Gathering Worksheet into the Meritor Driveline Angle Analysis Program on the disk included with this manual. Figure 13.21.

![Diagram of Meritor Driveline Angle Analysis Program](image)

**Figure 13.21**

**Manually Calculating Driveline Angles**

If a computer and/or the Meritor Driveline Angle Analysis Program are not available, driveline joint angles can be calculated manually.

To calculate a joint angle, subtract the measured forward component angle from the measured rear component angle for that joint.

**Example:**

To calculate the first joint angle, you would use the angle measurements for the transmission and the first driveline.

- Transmission Angle = $-2.5^\circ$
- First Driveline Angle = $-1.0^\circ$
- First Joint Angle = $-1.0 - (-2.5) = 1.5^\circ$

**NOTE:** Remember to include the negative sign for negative component angles. Always use a calculator to ensure accurate results with the correct negative or positive designations.

**Adjustment**

**Hints for Driveline Set Up**

After analyzing driveline angles, keep the following in mind when performing adjustment or replacement procedures.

- Keep operating angles below five degrees.
- Keep operating angles within one degree of each other.
- Typically, the hypoid Forward-Rear axle plane is the same as the Engine/Transmission plane (usually 3 to 3.5 degrees).
- Typically, the hypoid Rear-Rear axle plane is 10.5 to 11.5 degrees.

Recommended driveline angles are shown in Figure 13.22.

![Diagram of recommended driveline angles](image)

**Figure 13.22**
Driveline Angle Analysis Program
The Driveline Angle Analysis Program is used to determine the correct driveline angles for a Class 8 tractor with a two-piece main driveline and inter-axle. The program runs in Adobe Acrobat® Reader software. Refer to the Acrobat® Reader documentation for detailed information on using this program.

Open the Driveline Program
The Driveline Angle Analysis Program is on the CD-ROM included with this maintenance manual. To open the program, place the CD-ROM in the computer CD/DVD drive. The program will automatically launch. A menu page will appear on your screen with three options: View Manual, Run Program and Exit.

If the program does not automatically launch:
1. Click the Windows® Start icon. Click Run.
2. In the Run window, click Browse to find your system’s CD/DVD drive (for example, [D:]); or enter your drive in the Open field. Click OK.

Confirm the Vehicle Ride Height
Begin by confirming that the vehicle ride height is within specification.
1. Click on the View Ride Height Measurement And Adjustment Procedures field.
2. Follow the procedures to measure. If necessary, adjust the vehicle ride height.
3. Road test the vehicle to determine if the driveline condition still exists.
4. If the condition still exists, click on the field that applies to the vehicle’s driveline configuration. There are currently four configurations covered by the Driveline Angle Analysis Program:
   - Two-piece tandem
   - Two-piece single
   - One-piece single
   - One-piece tandem
5. If the driveline condition was resolved by adjusting the ride height, click on the Click Here To Exit This Program field.

Measure the Driveline Angles
Measure the driveline angles listed on the Data Gathering Sheet that apply to the vehicle’s driveline configuration. Refer to the procedures in this section.

Clicking on the PHOTO buttons displays examples of where to measure each angle.

NOTE: Data Gathering Worksheets are provided at the end of this manual. A worksheet can be taken to the vehicle, where you can record the relevant information.

Enter the Data
1. Enter the following optional information in the appropriate fields at the top of the screen, Figure 13.23.

   - Customer name and phone numbers
   - OEM
   - Model
   - VIN
   - Unit
   - Year
   - DSM name
NOTE: You must correctly enter information in Step 2 through Step 5 to obtain a correct analysis. If fields are left blank, you will not obtain an analysis.

2. Enter the maximum engine RPM. Figure 13.23.

3. Enter the transmission overdrive ratio. This value should be less than 1. For direct drive applications, enter 1. Figure 13.23. Click the Select By Vendor pull-down menu. Click on the GO button. The screen will display lists of transmissions by manufacturer. You can select your specific transmission model and ratio from these lists.

NOTE: The phasing type is not required for angle analysis of one-piece driveline configurations.

4. Enter the driveline phasing type. Click on the VIEW button next to the Phasing Type field to view examples of the four phasing types. Figure 13.24. Passing the cursor over the example windows will close them.

NOTE: Each driveline section is designated either PARALLEL or CROSSED, which is determined by the position of the yokes at either end of the section. If the yoke lugs on the two yokes are aligned, the section is PARALLEL.

If the yoke lugs are not aligned (opposite or crossed), the section is CROSSED. Both sections are considered when determining the phasing type.

There are four driveline phasing types: Figure 13.25.

- Type 1: Parallel-Parallel
- Type 2: Crossed-Parallel
- Type 3: Parallel-Crossed
- Type 4: Crossed-Crossed
5. Enter the driveline angle values that you measured on the vehicle.

6. After you’ve entered all of the required information, click anywhere on the screen to complete the calculations. Values will appear in the driveline analysis fields, which are located below the driveline diagram. Values shown in red are not acceptable and must be corrected.

- **If some values are shown in red:** Click the *Exceeds* . . . field located beneath the data fields, to display the troubleshooting boxes.
Refer to the Service Notes page on the front inside cover of this manual for information on how to obtain these tools.
Definitions

Bearing Stub — A splined stub that is pressed into and welded onto the tubing of a non-slip coupling shaft assembly.

Brinelling — Grooves worn into a cross and bearing kit trunnion by the needle rollers due to insufficient lubrication, excessive load or incorrect driveline angles.

Cardan Universal Joint — A mechanical device in which a cross and bearing kit connects yokes of a driving and a driven shaft.

Cross — The cross-shaped “body” of a universal joint kit.

Cross and Bearing Kit — Cross-shaped body with swivel bearings over each end that joins two driveline yokes in a Cardan universal joint. Cross and bearing kits are sometimes referred to as a “universal joint” or “universal joint kit.”

End Yoke — A yoke mounted to an input or output transmission shaft or axle shaft and secured by a nut and washer.

Galling — A transfer or displacement of metal. Galling can be caused by lack of lubricant, incorrect lubrication or excessive loads.

Gear Efficiency (e) — Ratio of power out of a gear set and the power provided into that gear set.

Hinging-Loose Condition — Usually within a slip section, which causes vibration through the driveline.

Needle Cup — A cross and bearing component kit that fits over the trunnion and holds the needle rollers.

Needle Rollers — Cylindrical bearings positioned around the bore of the needle cup that enable the bearing to rotate freely on the trunnion.

Non-Slip Coupling Shaft Assembly — A driveline of fixed length consisting of a weld yoke, tubing, bearing stub, center bearing kit and an end yoke with splined hole.

Operating Angle — The angle defined by the intersection of the centerlines of two shafts connected by a universal joint.

Permalube™ Universal Joint — A permanently lubricated and sealed universal joint that does not require regular lubrication.

Permalube™ Driveline — A driveline incorporating permanently lubricated universal joints with a permanently lubricated and sealed slip section. The entire assembly does not require regular lubrication.

Phasing — Correct alignment between yokes at each end of a driveline.

Round Bearing — A type of bearing cup used in cross and bearing kits for Cardan universal joints.

Runout — A condition in which a component’s radius dimensions vary when the component is rotated. Excessive runout can negatively affect driveline operation.

Slip Yoke — A driveline assembly component that allows for driveline length changes by absorbing axial (backward-forward) movement of the driveline caused by axle articulation.

Standard Slip Assembly — A driveline assembly consisting of a slip yoke, spline plug, tubing and weld yoke.

Torsional Acceleration — Excessive rotation speed in an individual section of the driveline. Usually due to incorrect phasing.

Trunnion — Ground surfaces of the universal joint crossover in which the bearing cups fit.

Universal Joint — A joint providing a flexible coupling that allows torque transmission and rotary motion from one shaft to another, as well as angular changes in shaft alignment.

Welch Plug — A plate or cup used to seal the hole in the throat of a slip yoke and retain grease in the spline area.

Weld Yoke — A type of permanent fitting, welded to one or both ends of a driveline, designed for a specific combination of tubing and universal joint kit.

Wing Bearing — A type of bearing cup used in cross and bearing kits for specific types of yokes in Cardan universal joints. The cup has two flanges through which drilled or threaded holes extend to allow for cross and bearing kit mounting.
Important Information

Data Gathering Sheets

Customer Name: 
Phone: ( ) Fax: ( )

OEM: Model:
VIN: {Last 6 digits only} Unit: Year:
Date: DSM:

Driveline Angle Analysis
Data Gathering Sheet
Two-Piece, Tandem

Transmission Angle
1st Driveline Angle
2nd Driveline Angle
Front Axle Angle
Inter-Axle Driveline Angle
Rear Axle Angle

Before you measure a component, go to the side of the vehicle and look at the driveline:
- If the FRONT of the component is HIGHER than the REAR of the component, the dimension will be positive (+).
- If the FRONT of the component is LOWER than the REAR of the component, the dimension will be negative (–).

Assumptions
1. Drivelines are in the same plane. The top view shows all drivelines in a straight line.
   For drivelines outside of the same plane, measure the offsets of each joint to the frame. Measure joint center to joint center lengths of each shaft. Fax this information to ArvinMeritor’s Customer Service Center at 248-435-5580 or call the Center at 800-535-5560 for assistance.
2. Drivelines are balanced according to Meritor’s driveline specifications.
### Driveline Angle Analysis

**Data Gathering Sheet**  
Two-Piece, Single

**Customer Name:**
**Phone:** ( )  
**Fax:** ( )

**OEM:**  
**Model:**

**VIN:** (Last 6 digits only)  
**Unit:**  
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| Maximum Engine RPM |                    |                    |                    |                |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|                |

| Transmission Top Gear Ratio |                    |                    |                    |                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|                |

| Rear Suspension Ride Height |                    |                    |                    |                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|                |

| Maximum Engine HP |                    |                    |                    |                |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|                |

| Clutch Model |                    |                    |                    |                |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|                |

| Transmission Model |                    |                    |                    |                |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|                |

| Main Driveline Series |                    |                    |                    |                |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|                |

| Axle Model |                    |                    |                    |                |
|------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|                |

| 1/A Driveline Series |                    |                    |                    |                |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|                |

| Tire Size |                    |                    |                    |                |
|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|                |

| Driveline Length (Center to Center) |                    |                    |                    |                |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|                |

**Type 1**  
**PARALLEL – PARALLEL**

- These yokes are aligned
- These yokes are aligned
- These yokes are aligned
- These yokes are misaligned

**Type 2**  
**CROSSED – PARALLEL**

- These yokes are aligned
- These yokes are aligned
- These yokes are misaligned
- These yokes are aligned

**Type 3**  
**PARALLEL – CROSSED**

- These yokes are aligned
- These yokes are misaligned
- These yokes are aligned
- These yokes are misaligned

**Type 4**  
**CROSSED – CROSSED**

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Phone: ( )
Fax: ( )

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Unit: Year:
Date: DSM:

**Driveline Angle Analysis Data Gathering Sheet**

**One-Piece, Single Transmission Top Gear Ratio**

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**Rear Suspension Ride Height**

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**Ratio**

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