

Work Instructions – FL513J

Subject: Rack and Pinion Steering – Steering Stops

Models Affected: Specific Freightliner Cascadia, Century Class S/T, and Columbia vehicles manufactured November 1, 2004, through September 26, 2007, with rack and pinion steering. (Note: One Freightliner Classic XL vehicle and one Freightliner Coronado vehicle are also involved in this recall.)

This Work Instruction includes the following procedures:

- Replace I-Shaft
- Replace Stub Shaft and Front Wall Bearing
- Retrofit Steering Plumbing

Recall Procedures

1. Check the base label (Form WAR259) for a completion sticker for campaign FL513 (Form WAR260) indicating this work has been done. The base label is usually located on the passenger-side door about 12 inches (30 cm) below the door latch. If a completion sticker is present, no further action is necessary. If a completion sticker is not present, go to the next step.
2. Shut down the engine, apply the parking brake, and chock the rear tires.
3. Raise the hood.
4. Remove the driver-side front quarter fender and mud flap.
5. Remove the bumper.
6. Using a backup wrench to keep the fittings from turning, disconnect the lines from the gear and drain the fluid. Cap the ports on the steering gear to keep dirt out of the system.
7. Remove the power steering fluid reservoir.
8. Remove the power steering fluid lines from the chassis.
9. Remove the left-front shock mount.
10. Remove the power steering reservoir bracket from the frame.
11. Remove and discard the upper and lower pinch bolts and nuts from the steering I-shaft, then remove the shaft.

WARNING

On vehicles equipped with an SRS air bag, do not rotate the upper steering column while the I-shaft is removed or disconnected. This can cause the clockspring in the steering wheel hub to become off center, which could result in the air bag failing to operate during a crash.

12. Mark the layout of the holes on the frame, using the drilling diagram. See **Fig. 1**.
13. Check the area to be drilled for lines and wires that may be attached to the inside of the frame rail, and reroute as necessary.
14. Drill and deburr the new holes in the frame.

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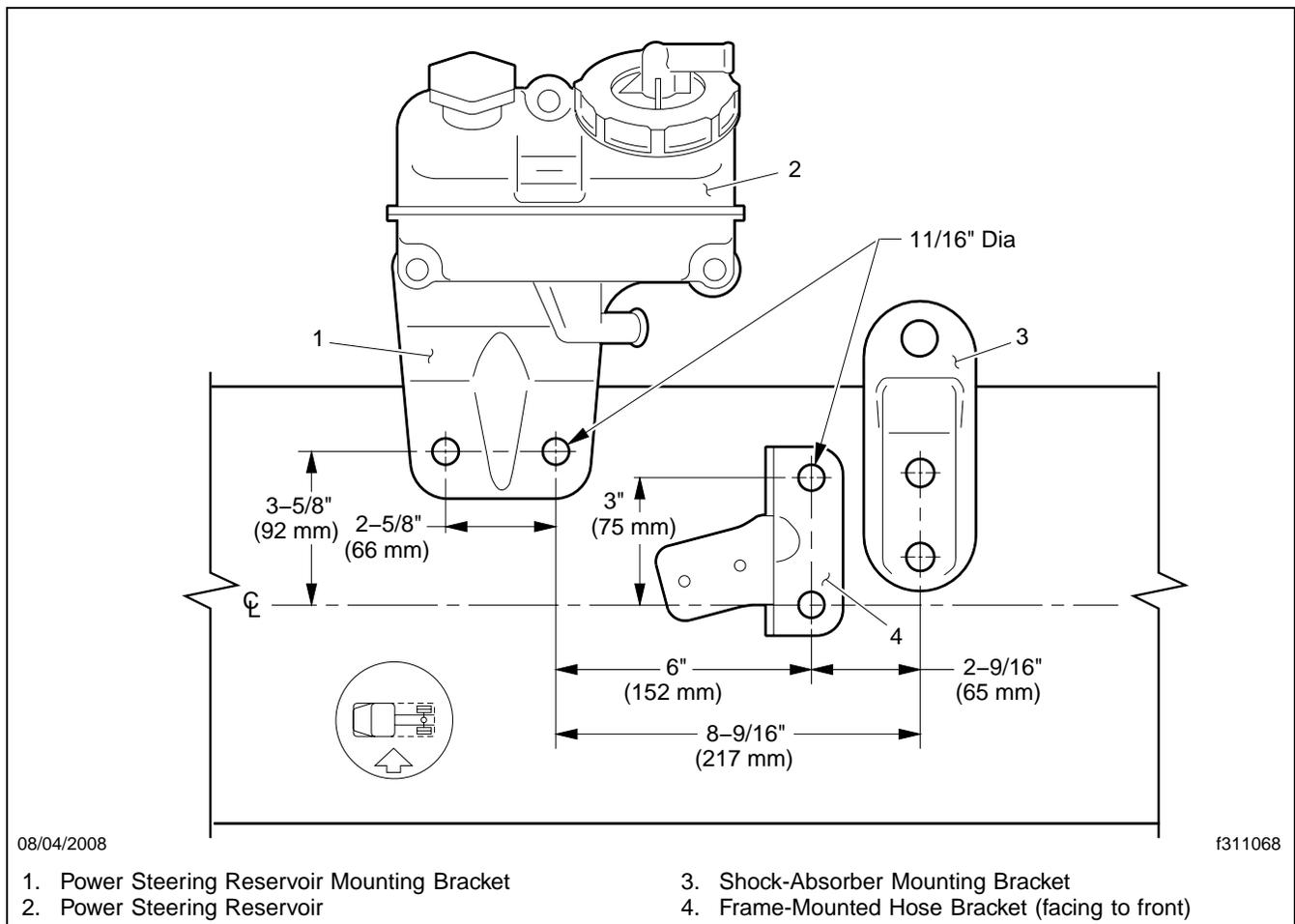


Fig. 1, Drilling and Mounting Locations

15. Clean and prime the holes in the frame and the new U-bolts, but do not paint the U-bolt threads.
16. Paint the frame and the new U-bolts from the kit, but do not paint the U-bolt threads.
17. Install the axle-mounted hose bracket.
 - 17.1 Remove the front U-bolt on the left side and replace it with a new one. Install the new plumbing bracket between the washers and axle pad.
 - 17.2 Lubricate the U-bolt threads to prevent galling and to ensure that the proper torque is achieved.
 - 17.3 Replace the second U-bolt on the left side, and evenly tighten the U-bolts 60 lbf-ft (81 N-m) in the sequence shown in **Fig. 2**.
18. Remove the knee bolster and lower steering column cover.
19. Remove the upper-stub-shaft pinch bolt, and draw the shaft up from inside the cab.
20. Replace the frontwall bearing.
21. Install the new stub-shaft, and fit a new pinch bolt and nut in the U-joint; as shown in **Fig. 3**. Tighten the nut 30 to 35 lbf-ft (41 to 47 N-m).

NOTE: The clocking between the cross bolt hole in the stub-shaft U-joint and the whistle-notch in the steering column shaft may be slightly off, but if the stub-shaft is in the correct position, the cross bolt can be tapped through easily.

22. Install the knee bolster and lower steering column cover.
23. Install the shock bracket and the shock.
24. Install the frame-mounted hose bracket, as shown in **Fig. 1**.
25. Install fasteners and washers in any holes in the frame that will not be occupied by parts, to maintain frame integrity.
26. Install the new fittings on the power steering pump. Tighten the pump suction adaptor 33 to 43 lbf-ft (45 to 58 N·m), and the pump output adaptor 42 to 52 lbf-ft (57 to 70 N·m).
27. Install and route the new pressure line from the frame-mounted hose bracket to the pump, and include extra hose between the L-bracket on the top-mount of the reservoir and the pump to allow for engine roll. See **Fig. 4**. Tighten the fitting 42 to 52 lbf-ft (57 to 70 N·m).
28. Install the power steering reservoir mounting bracket on the frame.
29. Install the power steering reservoir on the reservoir mounting bracket.
30. Using hose clamps, install the new power steering pump suction line on the reservoir and pump. See **Fig. 4**.

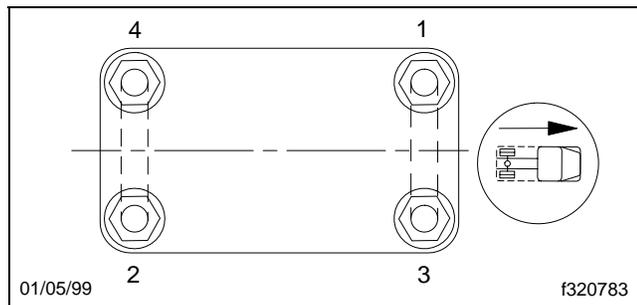
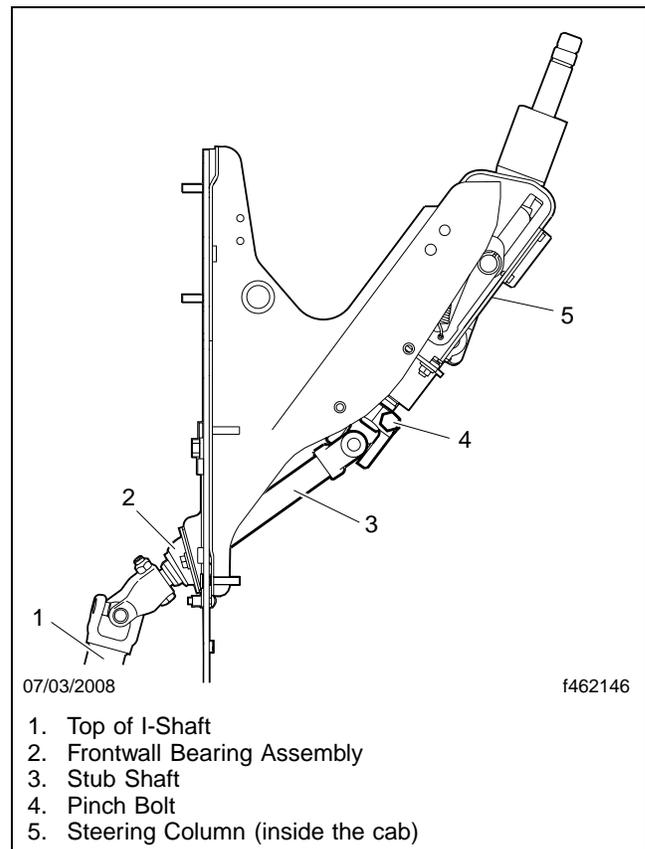


Fig. 2, U-Bolt Nut Tightening Sequence



1. Top of I-Shaft
2. Frontwall Bearing Assembly
3. Stub Shaft
4. Pinch Bolt
5. Steering Column (inside the cab)

Fig. 3, Stub Shaft Installation, Side View

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31. Connect the return hose between the reservoir and formed line. The hose should have no necking or kinks that may impede the return fluid flow. See **Fig. 5**.
32. Attach the lines to the plumbing adaptors on the steering gear, while ensuring that the lines will not touch the axle or each other once installed. Snug the connection with a wrench to ensure the fittings are seated, which is equivalent to approximately 2 lbf-ft (3 N·m). Then, using a backup wrench to keep the adaptors from turning, tighten the return and supply hoses by 1 flat of the tube nut (60 degrees). See **Fig. 6**.
33. Include a little slack in the return line between the steering rack and the axle-mounted hose bracket (**Fig. 7**), to keep the hoses between the axle-mounted hose bracket and the frame bracket (**Fig. 8**) from rubbing together.
34. After securing the formed section of the line to the frame-mounted bracket and connecting the lines to the rack and pinion gear, fasten the rubber bushing and clamp to the axle-mounted hose bracket.
35. Center the rack and pinion gear.

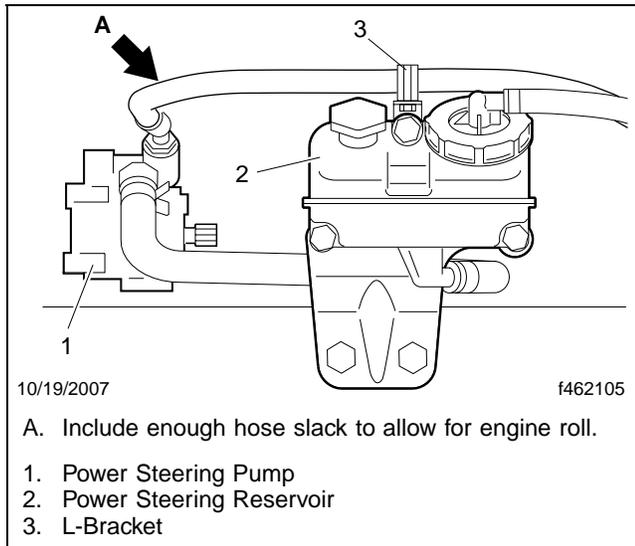


Fig. 4, Hose Routing To Pump (S60 Shown)

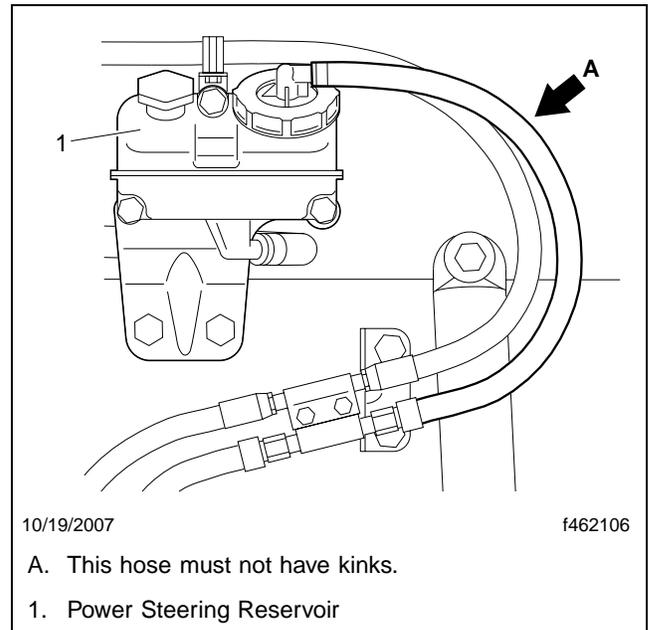


Fig. 5, Hose Routing From Power Steering Reservoir

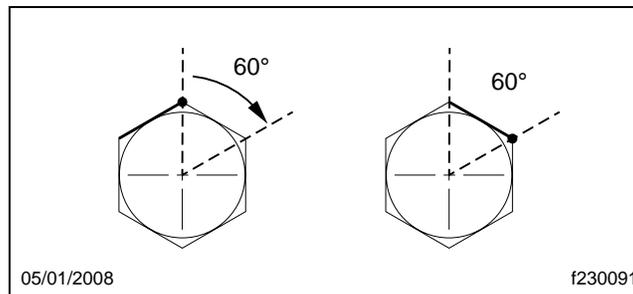


Fig. 6, Turning the Fitting One Flat (60 degrees)

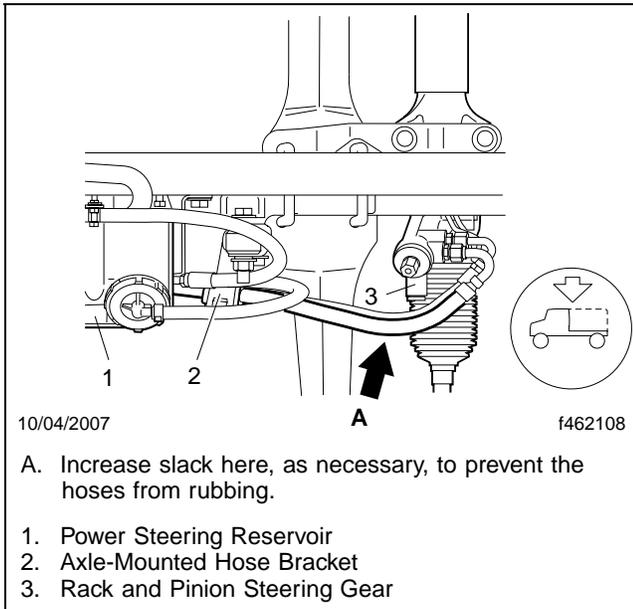


Fig. 7, View from Above

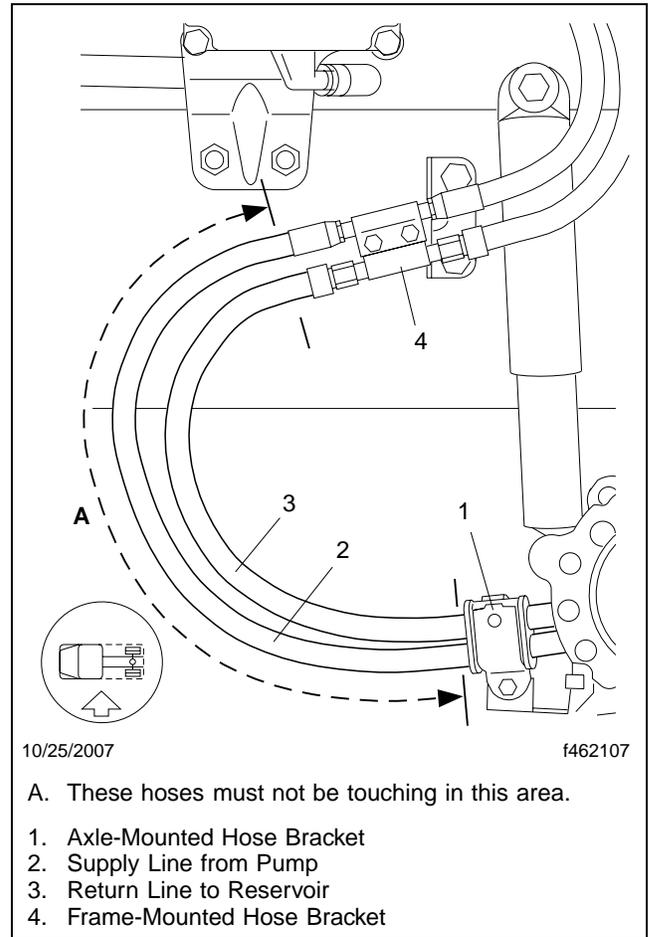


Fig. 8, Side View (fuel/water separator installed forward)

- 35.1 Measure the length of the bellows from clamp to clamp on each side of the gear. See **Fig. 9**. If measurements are not within 1 inch (25 mm) of each other, move the tires until the bellows lengths are within range.
- 35.2 Align the pointers on the input shaft seal cover and the input shaft housing. See **Fig. 10**.
36. Install the I-shaft, then install a new upper and lower pinch bolt and nut in the U-joints of the steering I-shaft. Tighten the nuts 30 to 35 lbf·ft (41 to 47 N·m).
37. Install the quarter fender and mud flap.
38. Fill and bleed the power steering system.
 - 38.1 Raise the front wheels off the ground or put the front wheels on turnplates.
 - 38.2 Fill the power steering reservoir with automatic transmission fluid that meets Dexron III or TES-389 specifications.
 - 38.3 With the engine off, turn the wheel fully left and right five times to bleed the air from the rack.

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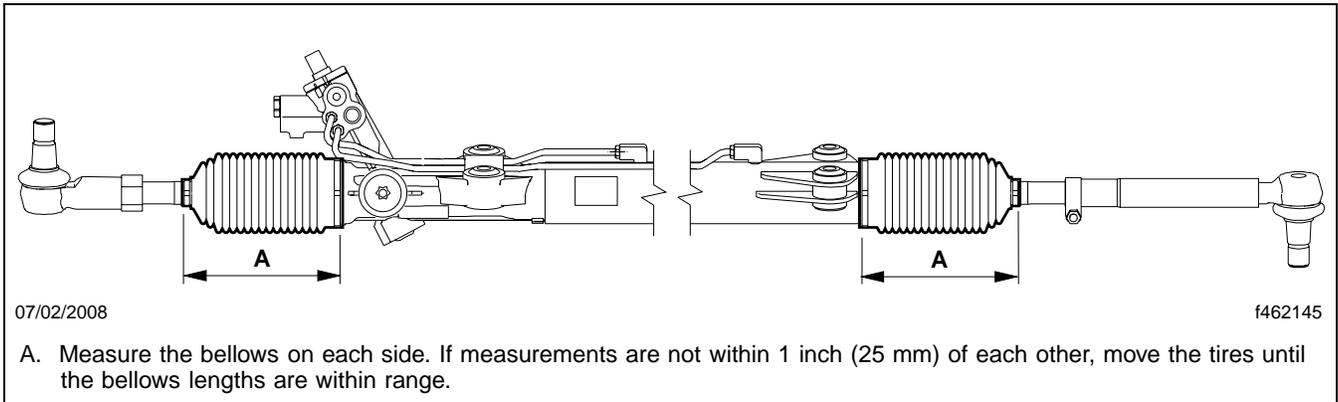


Fig. 9, Measuring the Tie Rod Bellows

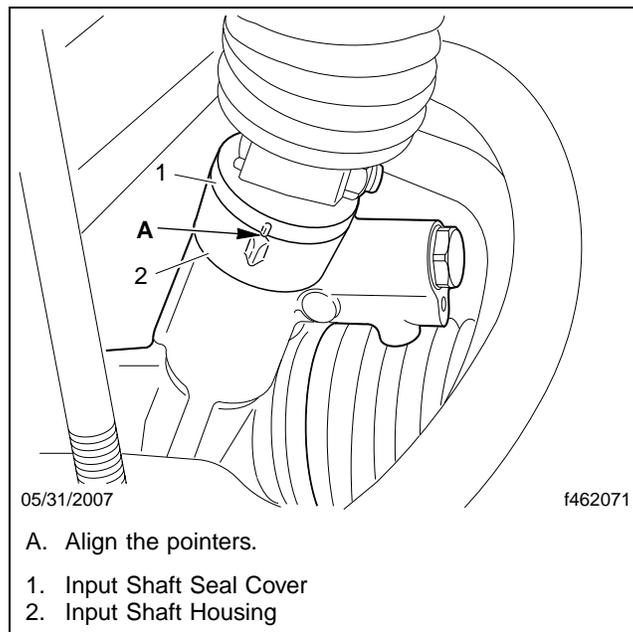


Fig. 10, Pointer Alignment

- 38.4 Start the engine, turn the wheel fully left and right several times to bleed the remaining air from the rack.
- 38.5 If the steering system needs additional bleeding, repeat the previous substep after the fluid in the reservoir has had time to release any air.
39. Make sure that the steering wheel is within 10 degrees of center as shown in **Fig. 11**. If it is not, remove and center the steering wheel.
- IMPORTANT:** The spline/pinch bolt connections between the steering gear and the steering wheel fit in only one position. Clocking the splined connections after alignment is not possible.
- 39.1 If the vehicle has an air bag, deactivate and remove the air bag according to the instructions in the applicable vehicle workshop manual. If the vehicle does not have an air bag, remove the horn button by prying it out around the edges.

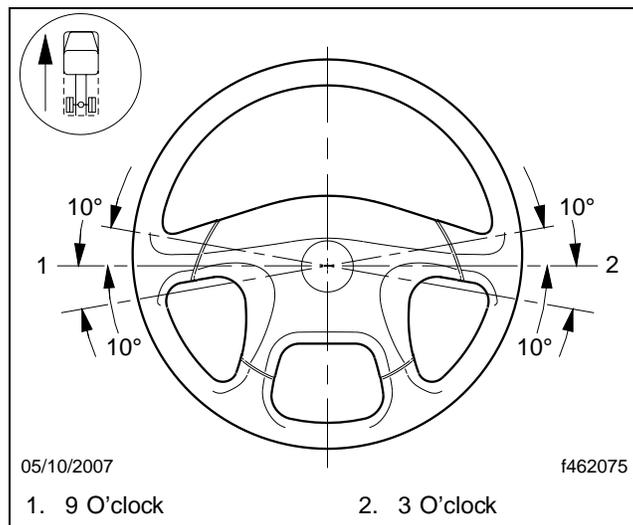


Fig. 11, Steering Wheel Centered

IMPORTANT: The steering wheel does not have threaded wheel-puller holes. The tapered fit between the steering wheel and the column is designed to be removed by hand.

- 39.2 Loosen the nut that holds the steering wheel on the steering column, but leave it on the shaft until the wheel has been released from the tapered fit.
- 39.3 Remove the wheel from the tapered fit by striking it from below, at the rim/spoke intersections, with both hands.
- 39.4 Remove and discard the steering wheel nut, and install and center the steering wheel.
- 39.5 Install a new steering wheel nut and tighten it 33 to 41 lbf·ft (45 to 55 N·m).
- 39.6 If the vehicle has an air bag, install and reactivate the air bag according to the instructions in the applicable workshop manual. If the vehicle does not have an air bag, install the horn button.
40. Remove the turnplates.
41. Recheck the power steering fluid level.
42. Install and adjust the bumper.
43. Clean a spot on the base label (Form WAR259), write the recall number, FL513, on a blank completion sticker (Form WAR260), and attach it to the base label.