

1969-73 DATSUN 521 & 620 PICKUP

521 Pickup (1969-72)
620 Pickup (1973)

DESCRIPTION

Brake system is hydraulically operated, using a tandem master cylinder and a Master-Vac power brake unit. Leading-trailing shoe/drum brakes are used on all four wheels, with front brakes actuated by a uni-servo wheel cylinder, and rear brakes actuated by a duo-servo wheel cylinder. Parking brake is cable actuated, operating secondary shoes of rear brake assemblies.

ADJUSTMENT

BRAKE PEDAL

Loosen stop light switch adjusting nuts and rotate switch until pedal height, measured from pedal pad to floor, is approximately 5.5". With pedal height adjusted, adjust brake pedal push rod adjusting nut so that .039-.118" free play is obtained when depressing pedal. With pedal assembly properly adjusted, total pedal travel should be 4.96-5.20" with no interference.

BRAKE SHOES

Remove rubber boot from hole in front backing plate and lightly tap adjuster housing to move it forward. Using a suitable brake adjusting tool, turn adjuster downward until drum locks, then back off until drum is free to rotate. Adjustment procedure for rear brakes is the same, with parking brake fully released.

PARKING BRAKE

With parking brake lever applied 3.15-3.94", adjust equalizer link with adjusting nut until rear wheels are locked. Release parking brake and insure rear wheels turn freely.

HYDRAULIC SYSTEM BLEEDING

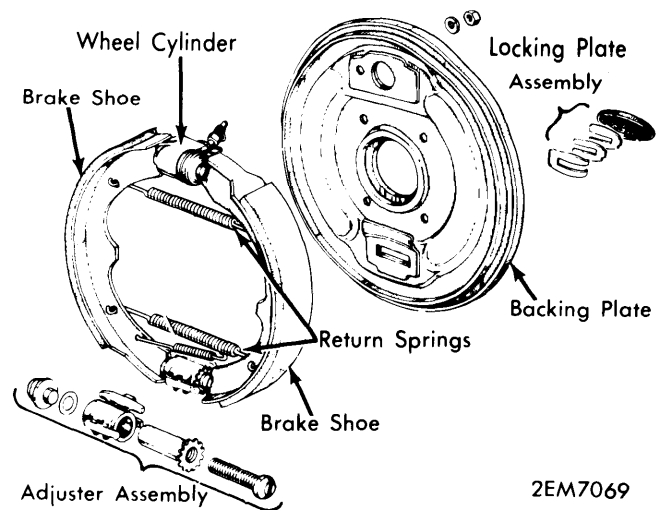
Attach a bleed tube to wheel cylinder bleeder screw, and immerse opposite end into a container partially filled with brake fluid. Pump brake pedal two or three times, open bleeder screw to allow air to escape, then close bleeder screw. Continue operation until air is no longer seen in discharged fluid. Repeat procedure on remaining brake lines. Bleed rear wheels first, front wheels last.

REMOVAL & INSTALLATION

BRAKE SHOES

Removal (Front) — Remove tire, wheel and brake drum. Disconnect all mounting and return springs. Remove brake shoes. Remove backing plate plug, spring plate, lock plate, shim and adjuster assembly.

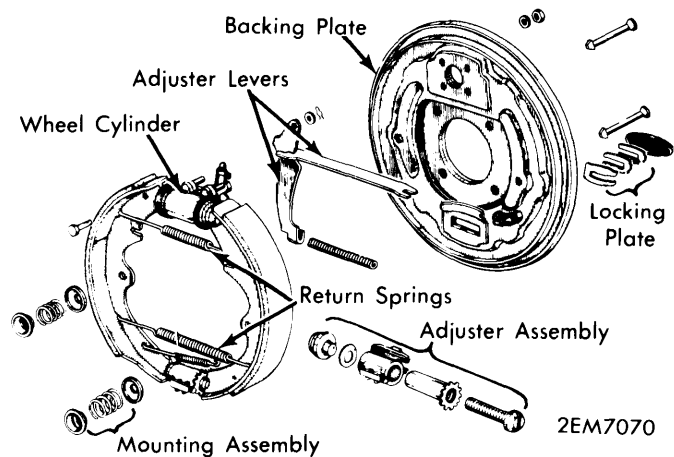
Installation — Reverse removal procedure. *NOTE* — Apply a thin coat of suitable brake grease to pivot points on backing plate, adjuster and spring sliding surfaces.



FRONT BRAKE ASSEMBLY

Removal (Rear) — Remove rear wheel and brake drum. Remove mounting springs, clips and pins. Spread shoe assembly and remove parking brake strut. Disconnect return springs and parking brake cable, then lift off brake shoes. Remove adjuster assembly from backing plate.

Installation — Reverse removal procedure. See *NOTE* in preceding installation procedure.



REAR BRAKE ASSEMBLY

WHEEL CYLINDER

Removal (All) — With brake shoes removed, disconnect hydraulic line from cylinder and nuts attaching cylinder to backing plate. Remove wheel cylinder.

Installation — Reverse removal procedure, adjust brake shoes, and bleed hydraulic system.

MASTER CYLINDER

Removal — Disconnect hydraulic lines from master cylinder, taking care not to spill brake fluid on paint. Remove nuts attaching master cylinder to power unit and remove cylinder.

Installation — Reverse removal procedure and bleed hydraulic system.

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POWER BRAKE UNIT

Removal — With master cylinder removed, disconnect vacuum line from power unit. From inside vehicle, disconnect brake pedal return spring, power unit push rod clevis from brake pedal, and remove nuts attaching power unit to firewall. Remove power unit from engine compartment.

Installation — Reverse removal procedure, adjust brake pedal assembly, and bleed hydraulic system.

Push Rod Adjustment — Adjust master cylinder push rod height to .394-.413", measured from tip of push rod to master cylinder mounting surface of power unit.

Check Valve Replacement — Vacuum check valve is located in vacuum line between intake manifold and power unit. To remove, loosen hose clamps, separate hoses from valve, and remove check valve. To install, reverse removal procedure.

OVERHAUL

WHEEL CYLINDER

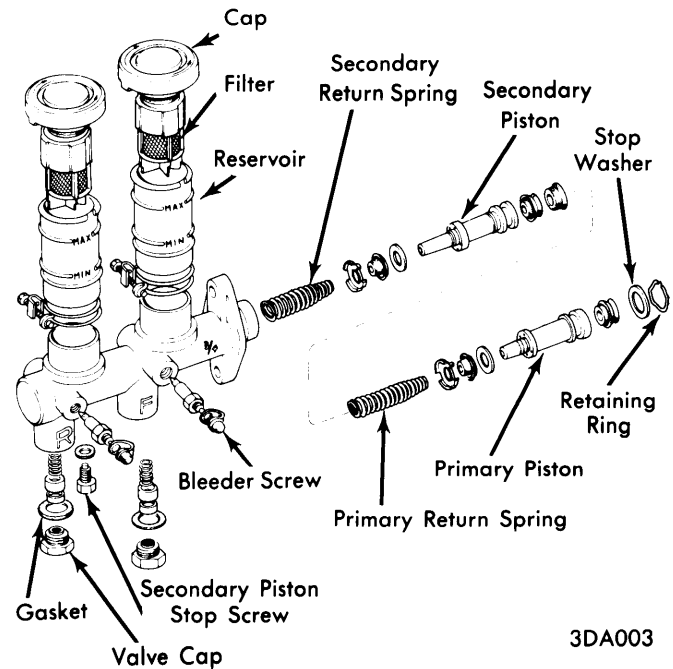
Disassembly (All) — Remove snap ring and rubber dust boots. Remove piston and seal assemblies, then remove seals from pistons.

Cleaning & Inspection — Clean all parts in clean alcohol or brake fluid. **NOTE** — *DO NOT* use mineral based solvents. Inspect all parts for wear or damage; replace parts as necessary. Check clearance between piston and cylinder bore; if clearance exceeds .006", replace cylinder or piston as necessary.

Reassembly — Reverse disassembly procedure and note the following: Coat all parts with clean brake fluid when reassembling. When securing connector bolt, insert location tip to hole of wheel cylinder firmly and tighten securely.

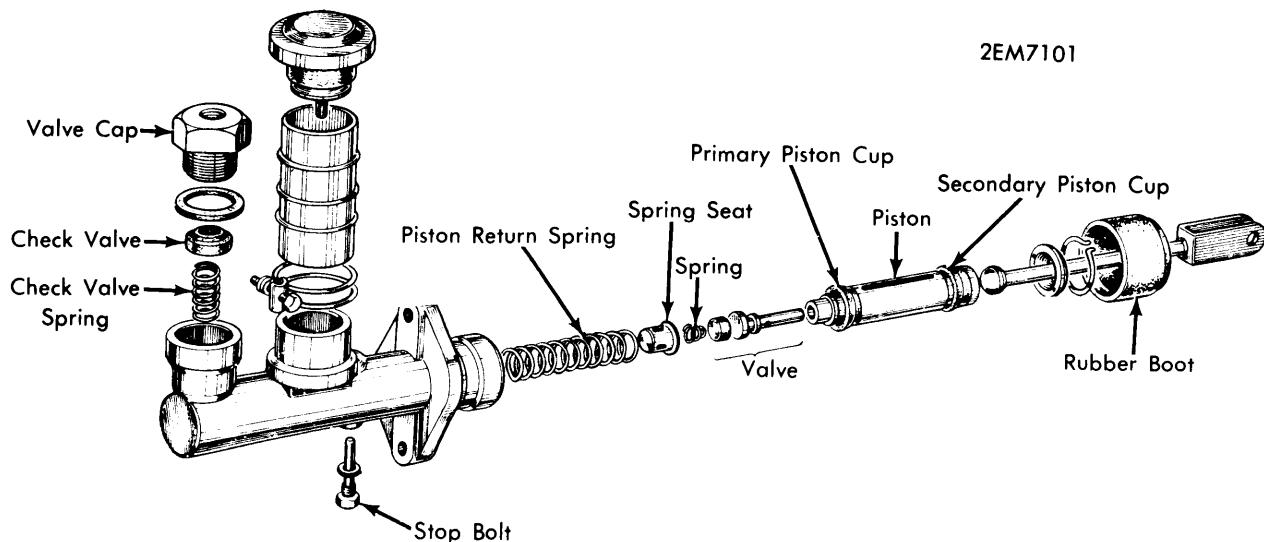
MASTER CYLINDER

Disassembly — Remove reservoir caps and drain fluid. Remove retaining ring and secondary piston stop bolt, then withdraw stop washer, primary piston assembly, secondary piston assembly, and return springs. Remove valve caps and check valve assemblies. **NOTE** — *DO NOT* remove reservoir. If removed, a new replacement reservoir must be installed.



MASTER CYLINDER ASSEMBLY (LATE MODEL)

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MASTER CYLINDER ASSEMBLY (EARLY MODEL)

Brakes

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Cleaning & Inspection — Clean all parts in alcohol or brake fluid. Inspect all parts for wear, deformation, or other damage; replace parts as necessary. Check clearance between pistons and cylinder bore; if greater than .006", replace parts as necessary. *NOTE* — *Manufacturer recommends replacing cups and valves whenever master cylinder has been disassembled.*

Reassembly — Reverse disassembly procedure and note the following: Coat all parts with brake fluid or rubber grease when reassembling to prevent damage. Replace all gaskets and packings with new parts.

TIGHTENING SPECIFICATIONS	
Application	Ft. Lbs. (mkg)
Master Cylinder Mounting Bolts	
1969-72	17 (2.4)
1973	8 (1.1)
Brake Lines	13 (1.8)
Wheel Cylinder Mounting Bolts	
Front (1969-72)	35 (4.8)
Front (1973)	43 (5.9)
Rear (All)	12 (1.7)
Bleeder Screws	5 (0.7)
Backing Plate-to-Axle Housing	36 (5.0)

BRAKE SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS				
Application	Drum Diam. In. (mm)	Wheel Cylinder Diameter		Master Cylinder
		Front In. (mm)	Rear In. (mm)	Diameter In. (mm)
All Models	①10.0 (254.0)	.750 (19.05)	.750 (19.05)	.750 (19.05)

① — Wear limit should not exceed 10.04" (255.0).

BRAKE LINING SPECIFICATION							
Application	Drum Dia. In. (mm)	Width		Length		Thickness	
		Front In. (mm)	Rear In. (mm)	Primary In. (mm)	Secondary In. (mm)	Primary In. (mm)	Secondary In. (mm)
All Models	10.0 (254.0)	1.77 (45.0)	1.77 (45.0)	9.61 (244.1)	9.61 (244.1)	1.77 (45.0)	1.77 (45.0)

BRAKE DRUM SPECIFICATIONS				
Application	Drum Diameter In. (mm)	Original Diameter In. (mm)	Maximum Refinish Diameter In. (mm)	Discard Diameter In. (mm)
All Models	10.0 (254.0)	10.0 (254.0)	10.06 (255.5)	①

① — More than Maximum Refinish Diameter.