

MAZDA

RX-3
RX-4
808
Rotary Pickup
B-1600 Pickup

DESCRIPTION

Brake system is hydraulically actuated, using a tandem master cylinder on all models, and a power brake unit on all models except B-1600 pickup. All models except B-1600 pickup use single piston disc brakes on front wheels and leading-trailing shoe/drum brakes on rear wheels. B-1600 pickup models use twin leading shoe drum brakes on front wheels, and leading-trailing shoe/drum brakes on rear wheels. All models use a lever and cable operated parking brake, actuating shoes of rear brake assemblies.

ADJUSTMENT

BRAKE PEDAL FREE PLAY

Brake pedal free play must be set to specifications (see table) to ensure compensating port is not covered by master cylinder piston. To adjust free play, loosen lock nut, adjust brake pedal push rod until proper free play is obtained, and tighten lock nut.

Brake Pedal Free Play Adjustment

Application	Inches (mm)
RX-3, RX-4 & 808.....	.28-.35 (7.0-9.0)
Rotary Pickup.....	.33-.39 (8.5-10.0)
B-1600 Pickup.....	.02-.09 (.5-2.2)

FRONT DISC BRAKE PADS

Front disc brakes are self-adjusting; therefore, no adjustment in service is required.

FRONT DRUM BRAKES (B-1600)

Raise and support front of vehicle and remove adjusting hole covers from backing plate. Using a suitable brake adjusting tool, rotate star wheel of adjuster toward center of brake drum until a drag is felt when wheel is rotated. Back off star wheel five notches. Repeat procedure at remaining adjusters of rear brake assemblies.

REAR DRUM BRAKES (ALL MODELS)

Raise and support rear of vehicle and insure parking brake is released. Remove adjusting hole plugs in backing plate. Using a suitable brake adjusting tool, expand one brake shoe at a time by rotating star wheel in direction of arrow marked on backing plate until wheel locks. Pump brake pedal several times. If wheel turns after pressure is released from pedal, further adjust star wheel until wheel locks firmly. Back off adjuster five notches or until wheel rotates freely without drag. Repeat procedure at three remaining adjusters of rear brake assemblies.

PARKING BRAKE

RX-3, RX-4 & 808 — With rear brakes properly adjusted, raise parking brake lever boot inside vehicle and turn lever adjusting screw so parking brake begins to apply when pulling lever three to seven notches.

Rotary & B-1600 Pickups — With rear brakes properly adjusted, adjust length of front cable with adjusting nut so that rear wheels are locked when parking brake lever is pulled five to ten notches. Apply parking brake several times, release, and check that rear wheels rotate freely.

HYDRAULIC SYSTEM BLEEDING

Bleed hydraulic system in sequence starting with line furthest from master cylinder, and ending with line closest to master cylinder. Attach a bleed tube to wheel cylinder or caliper bleeder screw, and immerse opposite end of tube in a container partially filled with brake fluid. Pump brake pedal several times, and with pedal depressed, open bleeder screw $\frac{3}{4}$ turn allowing air to escape, tighten bleeder screw, and release brake pedal. Continue operation until air bubbles are no longer seen in discharged fluid. Repeat procedure at remaining brake lines until all air is bled from system.

REMOVAL & INSTALLATION

FRONT DISC BRAKE PADS

RX-4 & Rotary Pickup — Caliper must be removed to replace disc pads. See *Front Disc Brake Caliper Removal & Installation*.

RX-3 & 808 Removal — Raise and support vehicle and remove front wheels. Remove retainers and pull out locating pins. Remove shoe return spring and remove disc pads.

Installation — Attach a bleed tube to caliper bleeder screw, open bleeder screw, press caliper piston to bottom of bore, and tighten bleeder screw. Install new disc pads and shims into caliper, and install shoe return spring, locating pins, and retainers. *NOTE* — When servicing, replace all disc pads of both front wheels. Do not mix lining types.

FRONT DISC BRAKE CALIPER

RX-4 & Rotary Pickup — Raise and support vehicle and remove front wheels. Disconnect brake hose from caliper and plug openings to prevent entry of dirt and loss of fluid. Remove fastening clips and stopper plates, then remove caliper and anti-rattle spring. Remove disc pads. If necessary, remove attaching bolts and lift off caliper bracket.

Installation — If removed, reinstall caliper bracket. Attach a bleed tube to caliper bleeder screw, open bleeder screw, press caliper piston to bottom of bore, and tighten bleeder screw. Install disc pads and replace anti-rattle spring, caliper, stopper plates, and fastening clips. Install hydraulic line and bleed hydraulic system.

RX-3 & 808 Removal — With disc pads removed, disconnect hydraulic line from caliper and plug openings to prevent entry of dirt and loss of fluid. Remove bolts attaching caliper to front suspension and remove caliper.

Installation — Reverse removal procedure, tighten caliper mounting bolts evenly, and bleed hydraulic system.

FRONT DISC BRAKE ROTOR

Removal — With caliper assembly removed, remove wheel hub grease cap, cotter pin, nut lock, and bearing adjusting nut. Remove thrust washer and outer bearing from hub, then slide hub and rotor assembly from spindle. Remove bolts attaching rotor to hub, and separate.

Installation — Reverse removal procedure, tighten rotor-to-hub bolts evenly, and adjust wheel bearings. See *Wheel Bearing Adjustment* in *WHEEL ALIGNMENT* Section.

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BRAKE DRUM

Removal — Raise and support vehicle and remove wheels to be serviced. Remove set screws securing drum to wheel hub or axle flange, fit screws into tapped holes in drum, and tighten evenly to force drum from hub or flange.

Installation — Mount brake drum to hub or axle flange, install and tighten set screws, and adjust brake shoes.

BRAKE SHOES

Removal — With brake drum removed, remove brake shoe return springs. Remove brake shoe retaining springs and guide pins by compressing retaining spring and turning guide pin 90°. Remove brake shoes. On rear brake assemblies, remove parking brake strut and disengage parking brake cable from operating lever of secondary shoe.

Installation - Lubricate adjusting screw threads and contact surfaces of shoes and backing plate with brake grease. On rear brake assemblies, install parking brake operating lever to secondary shoe and secure with clip, engage lever in parking brake cable, position operating strut between slots of shoes, mount assembly to backing plate so slots in shoes are toward adjusting screws, and install return springs and retainer springs. On B-1600 front brake, mount shoes to backing plate so slots in shoes are toward adjusting screws, and install return springs and retainer springs.

WHEEL CYLINDERS

Removal — With brake drum and shoes removed, remove hydraulic lines from cylinders at rear of backing plate and cover openings to prevent entry of dirt and loss of fluid. Remove nuts and/or bolts securing wheel cylinder to backing plate, and remove cylinders.

Installation — Reverse removal procedure. With brake shoes and drum installed, bleed hydraulic system.

MASTER CYLINDER

Removal — Disconnect hydraulic lines at master cylinder and plug openings to prevent entry of dirt and loss of fluid. Remove nuts attaching cylinder to firewall or power brake unit and remove master cylinder from vehicle.

Installation — Reverse removal procedure and bleed hydraulic system.

POWER BRAKE UNIT

Removal - Disconnect hydraulic lines at master cylinder, and vacuum line at power brake unit. From inside vehicle, remove cotter pin and clevis pin retaining push rod to brake pedal, and separate. Remove nuts retaining power unit to firewall, and remove power brake unit and master cylinder as an assembly from engine compartment.

Installation — Reverse removal procedure and bleed hydraulic system.

OVERHAUL

FRONT DISC BRAKE CALIPER

Disassembly — Thoroughly clean exterior of caliper, and remove retainer and dust boot. On 808 and RX-3 models, remove bolts which attach caliper bracket to caliper. On all models, place a piece of wood in front of piston, apply compressed air to fluid inlet, and remove piston. Remove piston seal from caliper bore, and bleeder screw if necessary.

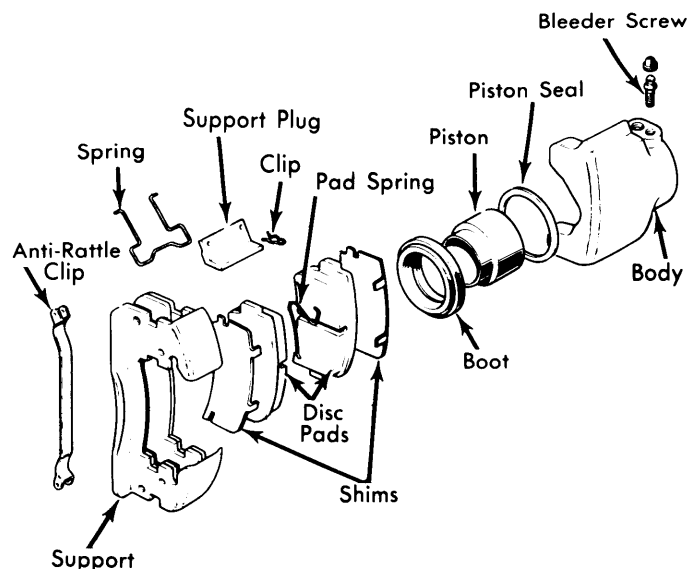


Fig. 1 Exploded View of Front Disc Brake Caliper (RX-4 and Rotary Pickup Shown)

Cleaning & Inspection — Wash all parts in clean alcohol or brake fluid and air dry. Inspect cylinder bore and piston for scoring, scratches or rust; replace piston or caliper as necessary. Minor damage may be removed using crocus cloth. **NOTE** — Manufacturer recommends replacing piston seal and dust boot whenever caliper has been disassembled.

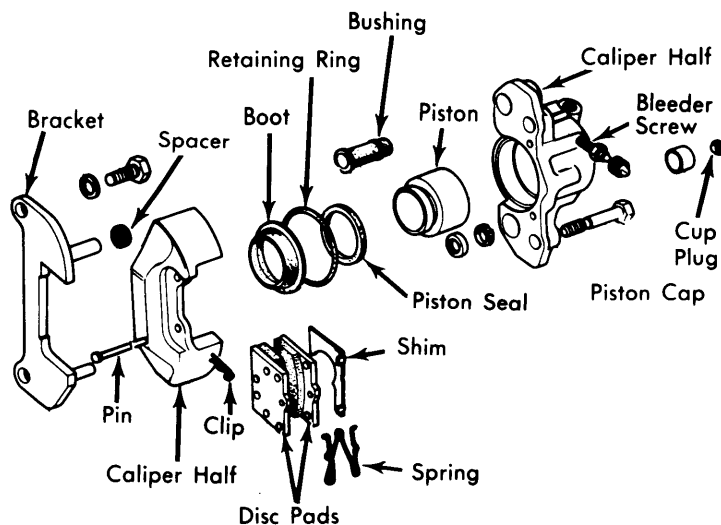


Fig. 2 Front Disc Brake Assembly — RX-3 and 808 Shown

Reassembly — Apply clean brake fluid to cylinder bore piston and piston seal, then seat piston seal in caliper bore. On RX-4 and Rotary Pickup models, install piston carefully into cylinder bore and install dust boot and retainer. On RX-3 and 808 models, spread dust boot over piston and seat in piston groove, then insert piston and boot carefully into cylinder bore. Position dust boot by setting flange squarely into outer groove of cylinder bore, and installing retainer. Install bracket to caliper and tighten attaching bolts.

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WHEEL CYLINDERS

Disassembly — Remove rubber dust boots and withdraw pistons and/or piston and adjuster assemblies. On dual piston wheel cylinders, press in on piston cup and remove piston cups, filling blocks and return spring. On single piston cylinders, apply compressed air to bleeder screw hole and withdraw piston cup, filling block, and return spring.

Cleaning & Inspection — Clean all parts in alcohol or brake fluid. **CAUTION** — *DO NOT* use gasoline or kerosene. Check cylinder bore, pistons and/or adjusters for scores, roughness, or wear. Check clearance between cylinder bore and pistons; replace if clearance exceeds .006". Check cups for softening, swelling, wear, or other damage; replace as necessary.

Reassembly — Reverse disassembly procedure and note the following: Coat all parts with clean brake fluid before reassembly. When installing cylinder cups, make sure flat side of cup faces outward. On models so equipped, coat threads of adjuster with brake grease and install into piston.

MASTER CYLINDER

Disassembly — Thoroughly clean exterior of cylinder and pour out any remaining brake fluid. If equipped, remove reservoir and dust boot. Depress primary piston assembly, remove retaining ring from rear of cylinder bore, and remove washer, primary piston assembly, and return spring. Depress secondary piston, remove secondary piston stop bolt, and withdraw secondary piston assembly and return spring. Remove joint bolts from outlets, and withdraw check valves and return springs.

Cleaning & Inspection — Clean all parts in alcohol or brake fluid. **CAUTION** — *DO NOT* use gasoline or kerosene. Check all parts for scoring, roughness or wear. Check clearance between cylinder bore and piston; if clearance exceeds .006", replace parts as required. Check all recesses, openings and internal passages for foreign matter; remove with compressed air. Check cylinder cups for softening, swelling, or wear; replace as necessary.

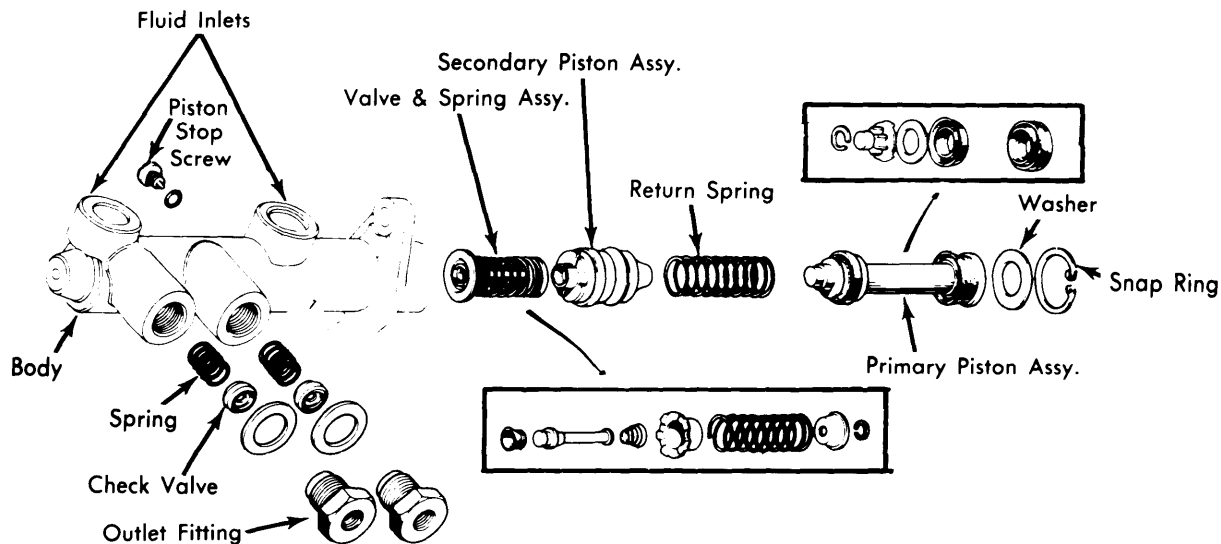


Fig. 4 Exploded View of Master Cylinder Assembly — Typical for All Models

Reassembly — Reverse disassembly procedure and note the following: Coat all parts with clean brake fluid before reassembly. Use new gaskets at all hydraulic unions. When assembled, make sure piston cups do not cover compensating ports.

POWER BRAKE UNIT

Disassembly — 1) Remove master cylinder and check valve from power unit, then place power unit in a vise with push rod up. Scribe alignment marks on front and rear shells to assure reassembly in original position. Remove clevis, lock nut and dust boot from rear shell.

2) Attach suitable removal tool to rear shell mounting studs (see illustration), then press down on tool while rotating clockwise to unlock rear shell. **NOTE** — *Loosen shell carefully as it is under spring pressure.* Lift rear shell assembly from power unit, then separate diaphragm and power piston assembly, valve rod and plunger assembly from rear shell. Remove return spring from power unit.

3) Remove diaphragm from power piston, then lift air silencer and filter from piston. Press in on valve rod and remove retainer key, then remove valve rod and plunger assembly. Press reaction disc from power piston. Remove push rod from front shell and if necessary, remove front seal.

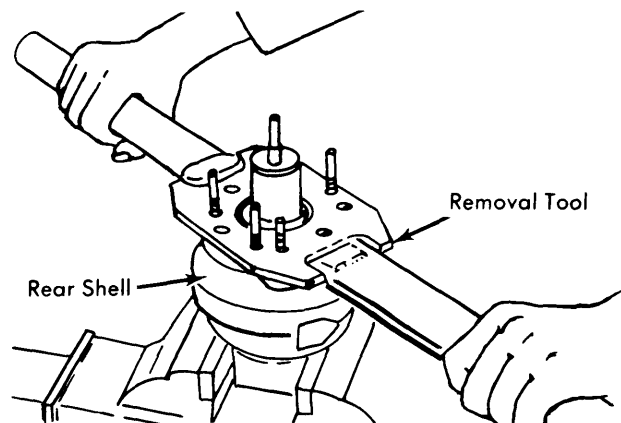


Fig. 3 Removing Rear Shell with Special Removal Tool

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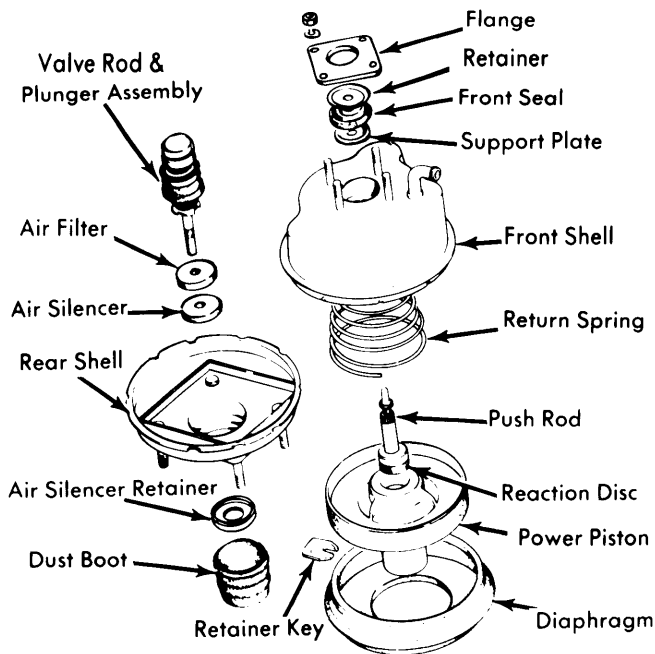


Fig. 5 Exploded View of Power Brake Unit Components

Cleaning & Inspection — Clean all parts and blow dry with compressed air. Inspect all rubber parts for cuts, nicks, deterioration or other damage. Check power piston for cracks, distortion, chipping and damaged seats. Inspect front and rear shells for scratches, scores, pits, dents or other damage. Replace any defective parts.

Reassembly — Reverse disassembly procedure and note the following: Apply clean brake fluid to parts before reassembly. When assembling rear shell assembly to front shell, ensure marks made during disassembly are aligned. Before installing master cylinder primary piston and power unit push rod. Clearance should be .004-.020" (.1-.5 mm). If clearance is not within specifications, correct by adjusting push rod length.

TIGHTENING SPECIFICATIONS	
Application	Ft. Lbs. (mkg)
Wheel Nuts	
808 & RX-3	65 (9)
RX-4	65-72 (9-10)
B-1600 & Rotary Pickup	58-65 (8-9)
Rotor-to-Hub	36 (5)
UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED:	
6T Bolts/Nuts	
6 mm Bolt/Nut	5-7 (.7-1)
8 mm Bolt/Nut	12-17 (1.6-2.3)
10 mm Bolt/Nut	23-34 (3.2-4.7)
12 mm Bolt/Nut	41-59 (5.6-8.2)
14 mm Bolt/Nut	56-76 (7.7-10.5)
8T Bolts/Nuts	
6 mm Bolt/Nut	6-9 (.8-1.2)
8 mm Bolt/Nut	13-20 (1.8-2.7)
10 mm Bolt/Nut	27-40 (3.7-5.5)
12 mm Bolt/Nut	46-69 (6.4-9.5)
14 mm Bolt/Nut	75-101 (10.4-14)

BRAKE DRUM SPECIFICATIONS

Application	Drum Diameter In. (mm)	Original Diameter In. (mm)	Maximum Refinish Diameter In. (mm)	Discard Diameter In. (mm)
	7.874 (200)	7.874-7.881 (200-200.2)	7.914 (201)	①
RX-4	9.000 (228.6)	9.000 (228.6)	9.040 (229.6)	①
Rotary & B-1600 Pickup	10.236 (260)	10.236 (260)	10.276 (261)	①

① — More than Maximum Refinish Diameter.

DISC BRAKE ROTOR SPECIFICATIONS

Application	Disc Diameter In. (mm)	Lateral Runout In. (mm)	Parallelism In. (mm)	Original Thickness In. (mm)	Minimum Refinish Thickness In. (mm)	Discard Thickness In. (mm)
RX-3 & 808	9.055 (230)	.004 (.10)433 (11)	.394 (10)	②
RX-4	9.055 (230)	.004① (.10)472 (12)	.433 (11)	②
Rotary Pickup	10.079 (256)	.004① (.10)472 (12)	.433 (11)	②

① — Maximum allowable.

② — Less than Minimum Refinish Thickness.

Brakes

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BRAKE SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS				
Application	Drum Diam. In. (mm)	Wheel Cylinder Diameter		Master Cylinder
		Front In. (mm)	Rear In. (mm)	Diameter In. (mm)
RX-3 & 808	7.874 ^① (200)	2.012 ^② (51.1)	③	.813 (20.6)
RX-4	9.00 ^① (228.6)	2.125 ^② (54)	.687 (17.5)	.875 (22.2)
Rotary Pickup	10.236 ^① (260)	2.125 ^② (54)	.750 (19)	.875 (22.2)
B-1600 Pickup	10.236 (260)	1.00 (25.4)	.813 (20.6)	.750 (19)

① - Rear.

② - Caliper bore diameter.

③ - Two models available: .625" (17.5 mm) & .687" (15.8 mm).