

FIAT SPIDER 2000 WORM & ROLLER

DESCRIPTION

The steering gear is a worm and roller type, having a gear ratio of 16.4:1. The steering gear box is mounted on the crossmember in front of the firewall.

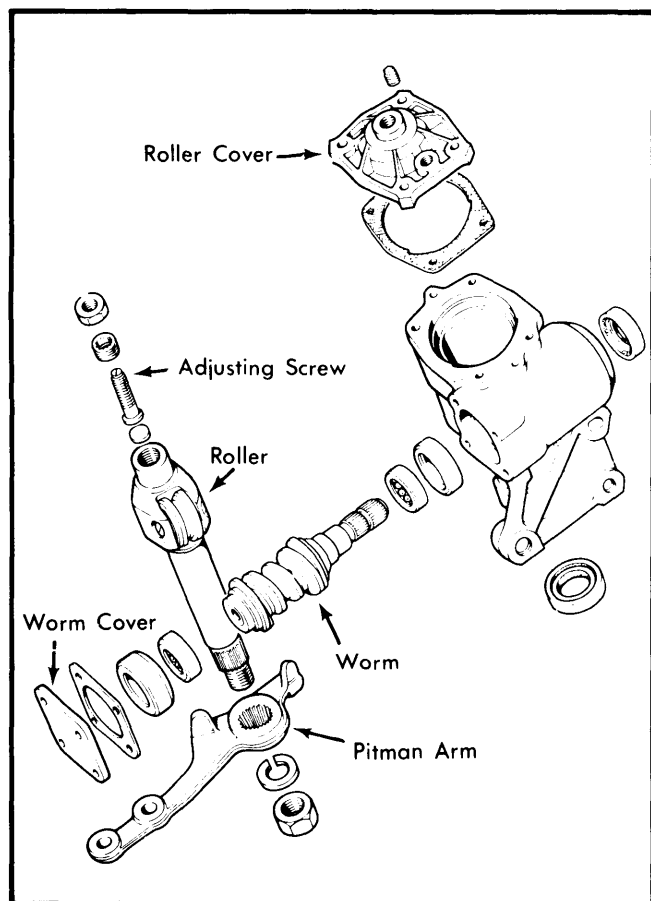


Fig. 1 Exploded View of Spider 2000 Steering Gear

ADJUSTMENT

NOTE — Adjustments are performed as part of gear reassembly. See Overhaul in this article.

REMOVAL & INSTALLATION

STEERING GEAR

Removal — Using suitable puller, remove tie rod and center link from Pitman arm. Loosen steering column clamp on worm shaft. Remove three bolts holding steering gear to body, noting number and position of shims. Remove steering box.

Installation — Bolt steering box to body, but do not tighten bolts. Clamp steering column on worm shaft and reconnect tie rod and center link. Turn steering wheel from side to side several times to align shaft and box, then tighten bolts to specification.

OVERHAUL

STEERING GEAR

Disassembly — 1) Unscrew oil plug and drain gear oil, then mount assembly on suitable overhaul stand. Use a puller to detach pitman arm from roller shaft.

2) Remove nuts and washers attaching roller shaft cover to gear box, then take off cover with roller shaft adjusting screw, adjusting disc, lock washer, and lock nut. Extract roller shaft assembly from gear housing.

3) Remove worm shaft thrust cover and shims. Turn shaft and remove bearing. Using a suitable puller (A. 47004), remove worm shaft rear bearing. This will release shims located behind bearing. Remove roller shaft oil seal, and bearings if necessary with puller (A. 74105).

Assembly & Adjustment — 1) If installing new roller shaft bearings, drive into place with drift. Ream to correct bore diameter, 1.1298-1.1306" (28.698-28.720 mm). Replace shims and rear worm shaft bearing.

NOTE — If proper center mesh position was found during inspection, install same shims. If not, adjust shim pack.

2) Fit worm bearing races and install worm into gear box. Drive front ball bearing race into gear box and replace thrust cover with shims. Check starting torque of worm shaft. It must not exceed 4.3 INCH lbs. (5.0 cmkg). If torque is higher, shimming must be increased; if lower than specified, reduce shimming.

3) Insert roller shaft oil seal, roller shaft, and cover plate with gasket and shims. Replace pitman arm temporarily to roller shaft. The roller shaft should be free to rotate through 30° on either side of center. Eliminate any clearance using adjusting screw. Turning torque after adjustment should be 7.8-10.4 INCH lbs. (9-12 cmkg).

4) When adjustment is complete, tighten pitman arm retaining nut to specification. Fill steering box with 7.25 oz. of SAE 90 EP lubricant.

TIGHTENING SPECIFICATIONS

Application	Ft. Lbs. (cmkg)
Steering Column Bracket Bolts	11 (1.5)
Linkage-to-Pitman Arm	22 (3.0)
Steering Gear-to-Body	29 (4.0)
Steering Wheel Nut	36 (5.0)
Pitman Arm-to-Gear	174 (24.1)