



## CHRYSLER CORP. 8<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" & 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" RING GEAR (Cont.)

2) Install "C" washer lock into groove in axle shaft, then pull outward on axle shaft so that "C" washer lock seats in counter-bore of differential side gear.

3) Install differential pinion shaft through case and pinions, aligning hole in shaft with lock screw hole in case. Install pinion shaft lock screw and tighten securely. Install housing cover and identification tag.

### PINION FLANGE & SEAL

**Removal** — 1) Raise vehicle, then remove wheels, tires and brake drums. Mark propeller shaft universal joint, drive pinion flange and end of pinion stem for reassembly reference. Disconnect propeller shaft and tie out of way.

2) Remove rear wheels and brake drums to prevent false preload reading. Using an INCH Lb. torque wrench, measure and record pinion bearing preload. Remove drive pinion nut and pull off flange using a suitable puller. Pry out oil seal, taking care not to damage machined surface.

**Installation** — 1) Install new pinion oil seal squarely into bore in housing until seal flange seats against housing flange face. **NOTE** — *Outside diameter of seal is pre-coated with a special sealer, so no sealing compound is required.* Position pinion flange on pinion stem, making sure marks are aligned, then install pinion washer (convex side out) and nut. Tighten nut to specifications and rotate pinion through several revolutions to be sure bearing rollers are properly seated.

2) Measure pinion bearing preload. Continue tightening pinion nut until preload is same as that noted before disassembly. Under no circumstances should preload be more than 10 INCH lbs. over original setting. **CAUTION** — *Under no circumstances should pinion nut be backed off to lessen preload. If desired preload is exceeded, a new collapsible spacer MUST be installed, and nut retightened until proper preload is obtained.*

### AXLE ASSEMBLY

**Removal & Installation** — Raise vehicle and block brake pedal in "up" position. Remove wheels, tires and brake drums, then disconnect brake hydraulic lines at wheel cylinders and cap them to prevent fluid loss. Mark propeller shaft and universal joint for reassembly reference, then remove propeller shaft and tie out of way. Remove shock absorbers and rear spring "U" bolts, then remove axle assembly. To install, reverse removal procedure.

## OVERHAUL

### DISASSEMBLY

1) Remove wheels, and brake drums. Drain lubricant and remove cover. Remove axle shafts as previously outlined. Measure and record differential side play, ring gear runout, and pinion bearing preload. **NOTE** — *There should be no side*

*play and ring gear runout should not exceed .005". Mark differential gear and case at point of maximum runout. Measure and record pinion bearing preload.*

2) Remove drive pinion flange and seal as previously outlined. Mark side bearing caps and differential housing for reassembly reference. Remove caps and adjusting nuts. Lift differential assembly out of axle housing. Make sure bearing caps and adjusters are marked to ensure installation in original position.

3) Using a soft drift punch and hammer, drive pinion shaft out of housing. **NOTE** — *Bearing cones, cups, and collapsible spacer must be replaced after driving out pinion.* Drive pinion bearing cups out of housing using a hammer and a soft drift punch. Remove shim from behind rear cup and record thickness.

4) Remove bearing rollers from pinion shaft using a suitable puller. Care must be taken not to pull on roller cage. Mount differential assembly in a soft jawed vise. Remove and discard ring gear bolts (left hand thread). Using a soft faced hammer, drive ring gear off differential case.

### CLEANING & INSPECTION

1) Clean all components in a suitable cleaning solvent. Inspect all machined surfaces for smoothness or raised edges. Inspect all bearings and cups for wear or pitting and replace as necessary. Inspect all gear teeth for wear or chipping and replace as necessary. Inspect all splined components for wear or damage and replace as necessary.

2) If drive gear runout exceeded .005", differential case flange runout must be checked. Install differential case, and bearing cups and adjusters in correct position. Install bearing caps and tighten down slightly. Using suitable tool (C-4164) tighten adjusters until all differential case side play is eliminated.

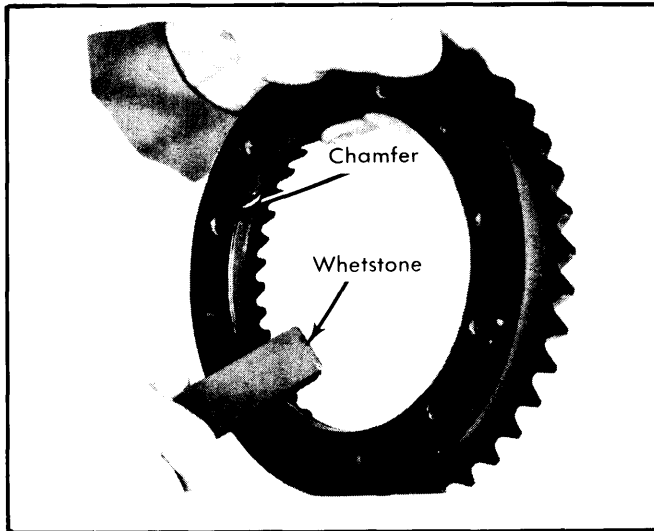
3) Attach a dial indicator to housing and position so that indicator stem contacts ring gear flange on differential case. Rotate differential case several revolutions and note fluctuation of readings on dial indicator. If indicator readings fluctuated more than .003", replace differential case.

### REASSEMBLY & ADJUSTMENT

**Case Assembly** — 1) Install thrust washers on differential side gears and position gears in differential case. Place thrust washers on differential pinion gears and position gears in case such that they are 180° apart when they are in mesh with side gears.

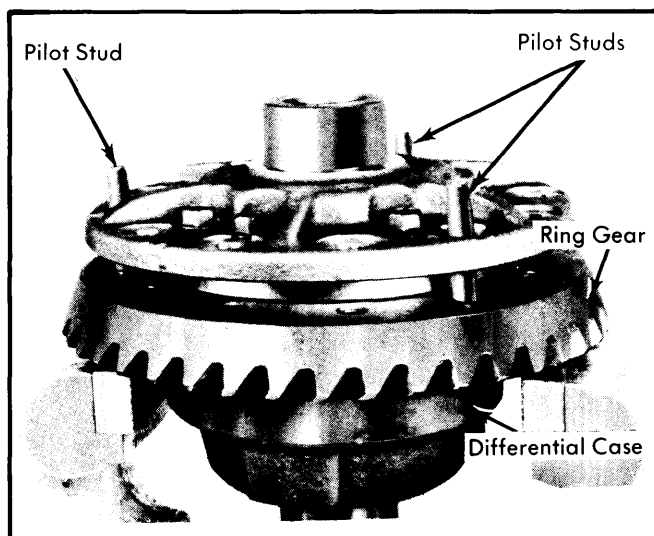
2) Rotate side gears until holes in pinion gears are in alignment with pinion shaft holes in case. Install differential pinion shaft, making sure hole in shaft is aligned with lock screw hole in case. **CAUTION** — *Use care not to damage pinion thrust washers.*

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**Fig. 2 Procedure to Relieve Ring Gear Chamfer**

3) Contact surfaces of drive gear and differential case flange must be clean and free of all burrs. Using a fine whetstone, relieve the sharp edge of chamfer on inside diameter of ring gear. **CAUTION** — Relieving chamfer is important operation and should not be omitted. It insures that there will be no burrs caught between ring gear and case to cause ring gear run-out. Install three equally spaced pilot shafts on ring gear. Place heated ring gear on brass jawed vice and install differential case using new bolts (lefthand threads). **CAUTION** — Use heat lamp or hot oil or water to heat ring gear. Do not use torch. Do not heat gear over 300°F.

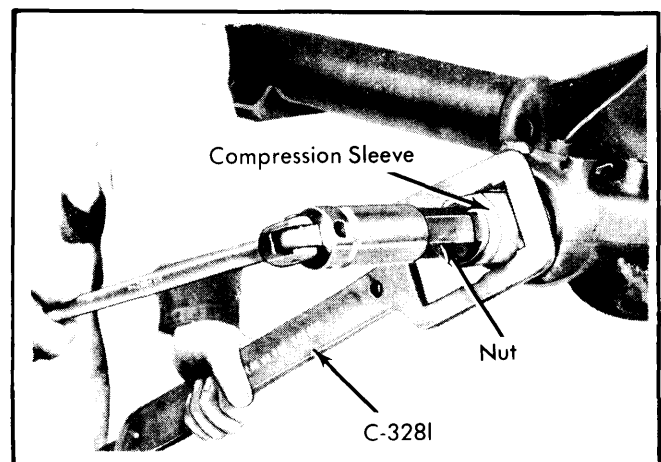


**Fig. 3 Procedure to Install Ring Gear on Differential**

4) Tighten ring gear-to-differential case bolts alternately and evenly to specifications. Install side bearings on differential case journals using suitable tool (small ring gear, C-4107; large ring gear, C-4213 and C-4171). Lubricate assembly with hypoid gear lubricant.

**Drive Pinion Depth** — 1) **NOTE** Special tool numbers used in this procedure apply to 8<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" ring gear axles. For equivalent tool numbers used on 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" ring gear axles, see chart following procedure. Start both drive pinion bearing cups into axle housing bores, making sure they are not cocked. Assemble pinion locating spacer (SP-6030) over body of main stem (SP-5385) followed by rear pinion bearing cone, then insert assembly into axle carrier from rear.

2) On 8<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" assembly, hold spacer and main stem assembly in position and install front pinion bearing over spacer (SP-5382) and position over main stem of tool. On 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" assembly, position spacer and main stem assembly in housing, then install front pinion bearing cone and washer (SP-6022). Procedure from this point is same for both assemblies except for tool numbers (see note in preceding step). Position suitable compression sleeve (SP-3194B), centralizing washer (SP-534), and main screw nut (SP-3193) on main stem. Hold compression sleeve with tool (C-3281) and tighten nut. Allow tool to rotate while nut is being tightened to prevent damage to bearings and cups.



**Fig. 4 Procedure for Seating Pinion Bearing Cup**

3) Loosen tool nut, then retighten to obtain pinion bearing preload of 10-30 INCH lbs. (15-25 INCH lbs. with 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" assembly). Rotate tool after tightening to properly seat pinion bearings. Install suitable gauge block (SP-5383) on main tool and tighten screw.

4) Position cross bore arbor (SP-6029) in housing side bearing seats, and center arbor in bore. Position bearing caps on carrier pedestals and insert .002" spacer between arbor and each cap. Install cap bolts and tighten to 10 ft. lbs.

5) Use feeler gauge to determine proper thickness of shims that will fit snugly between arbor and gauge block. This fit must be snug but not excessively tight.

6) To select correct shim pack, read markings on end of pinion head. When marking is minus, add that amount of thickness to feeler gauge thickness to obtain thickness of correct shim pack. When marking is plus, subtract that amount of thickness. Remove all tools and REAR pinion bearing cup from housing.

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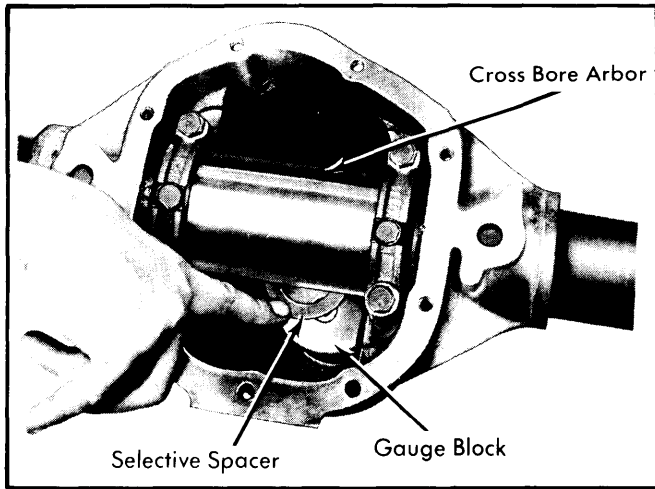


Fig. 5 Procedure to Determine Shim Pack Thickness

## Equivalent Tool Numbers

Application	8 3/8"	9 1/4"
Spacer .....	SP-5408 .....	SP-6017
Main Stem .....	SP-5385 .....	SP-526
Spacer .....	SP-5382 .....	Not Used
Washer .....	Not Used .....	SP-6022
Compression Sleeve .....	SP-3194B .....	SP-535A
Centralizing Washer .....	SP-534 .....	SP-534
Nut .....	SP-3193 .....	SP-533
Holding Tool .....	C-3281 .....	C-3281
Gauge Block .....	SP-5383 .....	SP-6020
Cross Bore Arbor .....	SP-6029 .....	SP-6018
Bearing Installer .....	DD-955 .....	DD-955

**Pinion Bearing Preload** — 1) Place selected shim in pinion shaft bore and reinstall rear pinion bearing cup. Lubricate rear pinion bearing and press into position on drive pinion stem.

2) Insert drive pinion assembly through axle housing, then install collapsible spacer and front pinion bearing onto stem of gear. Install pinion flange and nut and tighten nut until front bearing is seated. **CAUTION** — Use care not to collapse spacer. If spacer is collapsed, a new spacer **MUST** be installed.

3) With front bearing fully seated, remove pinion flange and install anti-clang washer over pinion stem. Press pinion oil seal into position such that flange of seal is fully seated against housing flange face.

4) Position pinion flange and nut on pinion stem. While rotating pinion assembly to insure proper bearing seating, tighten pinion flange nut until all pinion end play is removed.

5) Tighten pinion nut to specified torque and measure pinion bearing preload by rotating pinion through several revolutions with an INCH lb. torque wrench. Continue tightening pinion flange nut in small increments until correct bearing preload is obtained.

**CAUTION** — Do not back off nut to lessen bearing preload. If desired preload is exceeded, a new collapsible spacer **MUST** be installed and nut retightened until proper preload is obtained.

**Backlash & Side Bearing Preload** — 1) Two precautions must be observed when checking and adjusting ring gear backlash and differential bearing preload. a) Permissible backlash variation is .003". For example if backlash at minimum point is .006" and backlash at maximum point is .009", variation is correct. It is important to index gears so that same teeth are meshed during all backlash measurements. b) It is also important to maintain specified adjuster torque to obtain accurate differential bearing preload.

2) Using suitable tool (C-4164) turn each adjuster until bearing freeplay is eliminated with approximately .010" backlash. Seat differential roller bearings. **NOTE** — Differential bearings do not always move directly with adjusters. To ensure accurate adjustment, bearings must be seated by oscillating drive pinion a half turn in each direction five to ten times each time adjusters are moved.

3) Install a dial indicator on cover flange surface. Position indicator stem against drive side of ring gear. Check backlash every 90° to find point of minimum backlash. Mark each position so that backlash readings will be taken with same teeth meshed. Rotate ring gear to point of minimum backlash.

4) Loosen right adjuster and tighten left adjuster until backlash is .003-.004" with each adjuster tightened to 10 ft. lbs. Seat bearings as previously outlined. Tighten bearing cap bolts to 100 ft. lbs. Using adjuster tool (C-4164), tighten right adjuster to 70 ft. lbs. Seat bearings and continue to tighten right adjuster until torque remains constant 70 ft. lbs.

5) Check backlash again with indicator. If backlash is not between .006-.008", increase torque on right adjuster and seat bearings. Continue this operation until backlash is .006-.008". Tighten left adjuster to 70 ft. lbs. and seat bearings. With adjustments completed, install adjuster locks. Make sure lock teeth are engaged in adjuster threads. Tighten lock screws to 90 INCH lbs.

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**Final Inspection & Assembly** – With pinion bearing preload and ring gear backlash properly adjusted, make a tooth pattern contact check. When pattern is satisfactory, install axle shafts, brake drums, wheels and tires, axle housing cover and refill with hypoid gear lubricant.

### AXLE ASSEMBLY SPECIFICATIONS

Ring Gear Backlash .....	.006-.008"
Pinion Bearing Preload	
New Bearings .....	20-35 INCH Lbs.
Used Rear, New Front Bearing .....	10-25 INCH Lbs.
Maximum Ring Gear Runout .....	.005"

### TIGHTENING SPECIFICATIONS

Application	Ft. Lbs.
Ring Gear-to-Differential Case .....	70
8 3/8" Ring Gear .....	55
9 1/4" Ring Gear .....	70
Drive Pinion Nut (Minimum) .....	210
Axle Housing Cover .....	15-25
Side Bearing Cap Bolt .....	100
Bearing Adjuster Lock Bolts .....	90 INCH Lbs.