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VEHICLE SAFETY CERTIFICATION LABEL

DESCRIPTION

A vehicle safety certification label (Fig. 1) is attached to every DaimlerChrysler Corporation vehicle. The label certifies that the vehicle conforms to all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards. The label also lists:

- Month and year of vehicle manufacture.
- Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR). The gross

front and rear axle weight ratings (GAWR's) are based on a minimum rim size and maximum cold tire inflation pressure.

- Vehicle Identification Number (VIN).
- Type of vehicle.
- Type of rear wheels.
- Bar code.
- Month, Day and Hour (MDH) of final assembly.
- Paint and Trim codes.
- Country of origin.

The label is located on the driver-side door shut-face.

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Fig. 1 VEHICLE SAFETY CERTIFICATION LABEL -TYPICAL

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VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

DESCRIPTION

VIN CODING/LOCATIONS

The Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) plate is located on the lower windshield fence near the left a-pillar (Fig. 2). The VIN contains 17 characters that provide data concerning the vehicle. Refer to the VIN decoding chart to determine the identification of a vehicle.

The VIN is also imprinted on the:

- Body Code Plate.
- Equipment Identification Plate.
- Vehicle Safety Certification Label.
- Frame rail.

To protect the consumer from theft and possible fraud the manufacturer is required to include a Check Digit at the ninth position of the VIN. The check digit is used by the manufacturer and government agencies to verify the authenticity of the vehi-



Fig. 2 VIN LOCATION

1 - DASH PANEL

2 - VIN CODE PLATE

cle and official documentation. The formula to use the check digit is not released to the general public.

POSITION	INTERPRETATION	CODE = DESCRIPTION
1	Country of Origin	1 = Manufactured By DaimlerChrysler Corporation3 = Manufactured By DaimlerChrysler De Mexico
2	Make	D = Dodge
3	Vehicle Type	2 = Incomplete with Side Airbag 3 = Truck with Side Airbag 6 = Incomplete Less Side Airbag 7 = Truck Less Side Airbag
4	Gross Vehicle Weight Rating	$\begin{array}{l} G = 5,001\text{-}6000 \ \text{lbs.} \\ H = 6,001\text{-}7,000 \ \text{lbs.} \\ J = 7,001\text{-}8,000 \ \text{lbs.} \\ K = 8,001\text{-}9,000 \ \text{lbs.} \\ L = 9,001\text{-}10,000 \ \text{lbs.} \\ M = 10,001\text{-}14,000 \ \text{lbs.} \\ W = \text{Buses/Incomplete Vehicles with Hydraulic Brakes} \end{array}$
5	Vehicle Line	A = Ram Pickup 4X2 U = Ram Pickup 4X4
6	Series	1 = 1500 2 = 2500 3 = 3500 Less Dual Rear Wheels 4 = 3500 With Dual Rear Wheels
7	Body Style	6 = Conventional Cab 8 = Quad Cab Full Rear Doors

VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (Continued)

POSITION	INTERPRETATION	CODE = DESCRIPTION
8	Engine	K = 3.7L 6 cyl. MPI Gasoline N = 4.7L 8 cyl. MPI Gasoline D = 5.7L 8 cyl. SMPI Gasoline $6 = 5.9L 6$ cyl. Turbo DieselC = 5.9L 6 cyl. Turbo Diesel High Output W = 8.0L 10 cyl. MPI Gasoline Z = 5.9L 8 cyl. SMPI Gasoline Light Duty
9	Check Digit	0 through 9 or X
10	Model Year	3 = 2003
11	Plant Location	S = Dodge City G = Saltillo J = St. Louis (North)
12 thru 17		Vehicle Build Sequence

VEHICLE EMISSION CONTROL INFORMATION (VECI)

DESCRIPTION

All models have a Vehicle Emission Control Information (VECI) Label. DaimlerChrysler permanently attaches the label in the engine compartment (Fig. 3). The label cannot be removed without defacing label information and destroying label.

The label contains the vehicle's emission specifications and vacuum hose routings. All hoses must be connected and routed according to the label.

The label also contains an engine vacuum schematic. There are unique labels for vehicles built for sale in the state of California and the country of Canada. Canadian labels are written in both the English and French languages.

The VECI label contains the following:

- Engine family and displacement
- Evaporative family
- Emission control system schematic
- Certification application
- Engine timing specifications (if adjustable)
- Idle speeds (if adjustable)
- Spark plug and gap



Fig. 3 VEHICLE EMISSIONS CERTIFICATION INFORMATION LABEL

1 - VECI LABEL LOCATION

2 - RADIATOR SUPPORT

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BODY CODE PLATE

DESCRIPTION

The Body Code Plate (Fig. 5) is located on the right front hydroform fender rail just behind the headlight assembly (Fig. 4). There are seven lines of information on the body code plate. Lines 5, 6, and 7 are not used to define service information. Information reads from left to right, starting with line 4 in the center of the plate to line 1 at the bottom of the plate.

The last code imprinted on a vehicle code plate will be followed by the imprinted word END. When two vehicle code plates are required, the last available spaces on the first plate will be imprinted with the letters CTD (for continued).

When a second vehicle code plate is necessary, the first four spaces on each row will not be used because of the plate overlap.



Fig. 4 BODY CODE PLATE LOCATION

- 1 FENDER
- 2 RADIATOR CROSSMEMBER
- 3 HYDROFORM FENDER RAIL
- 4 RIVOT (2)
- 5 BODY CÓDE PLATE



Fig. 5 BODY CODE PLATE

- 1 PRIMARY PAINT
- 2 SECONDARY PAINT
- 3 TRANSMISSION CODE
- 4 VEHICLE MODEL NUMBER
- 5 ENGINE CODE
- 6 INTERIOR TRIM CODE 7 - VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER
- 8 TAILGATE CODE
- 9 CARGO BOX CODE
- 10 TAILGATE TRIM CODE
- 11 BODY-IN-WHITE SEQUENCE
- 12 MARKET CODE
- 13 SPECIES CODE
- 14 PAINT PROCEDURE
- 15 VEHICLE ORDER NUMBER

BODY CODE PLATE—LINE 4

DIGITS 1 THROUGH 12

Vehicle Order Number

DIGITS 13, 14, AND 15

Transmission Codes

- DGT = 4-speed Automatic (46RE)
- DG4 = 4-speed Automatic (45RFE)
- DGP = 4-speed Automatic (47RE)
- DG8 = 4-speed Automatic (48RE)
- DDC = 5-speed Manual (NV3500)
- DDP = 5-speed Manual (NV4500)
- DEE = 6-speed Manual (NV5600)

DIGITS 16, 17, AND 18

Car Line Shell

- $DR1 = 1500 \ 4 \ X \ 2$
- $DR6 = 1500 \ 4 \ X \ 4$
- $DR2 = 2500 \ 4 \ X \ 2$
- DR7 = 2500 4 X 4
- DR3 = 3500 4 X 2
- DR8 = 3500 4 X 4

BODY CODE PLATE (Continued)

DIGIT 19

Price Class

- L = Low
- H = Highline

DIGITS 20 AND 21

Body Type

- 41 = Ram Truck Quad Cab, Short Box
- 42 = Ram Truck Quad Cab, Long Box
- 61 = Ram Truck Standard Cab, Short Box
- 62 = Ram Truck Standard Cab, Long Box

BODY CODE PLATE—LINE 3

DIGITS 1,2, AND 3

Paint Procedure

- APA = Monotone
- AP9 = Special
- APD = Two-tone (Lower break)

DIGIT 4

Open Space

DIGITS 5 THROUGH 8

Primary Paint (Refer to 23 - BODY/PAINT - SPECIFICATIONS) for color codes.

DIGIT 9

Open Space

DIGITS 10 THROUGH 13 Secondary Paint

DIGIT 14

Open Space

DIGITS 15 THROUGH 18 Interior Trim Code

DIGIT 19

Open Space

DIGITS 20, 21, AND 22

Engine Code

- EKG = 3.7 L 6 cyl. MPI Gasoline
- EVA = 4.7 L 8 cyl. MPI Gasoline
- EZA = 5.7 L 8 cyl. SMPI Gasoline
- EML = 5.9 L 8 cyl. SMPI Gasoline
- ETC = 5.9 L 6 cyl. Cummins Turbo Diesel
- ETH = 5.9 L 6 cyl. Cummins Turbo Diesel High

Output

• EWA = 8.0 L 10 cyl. MPI Gasoline

BODY CODE PLATE—LINE 2

DIGIT 1 Open Space

DIGITS 2 AND 3 Species Code. (Used for Manufacturing)

DIGIT 4

Open Space

DIGIT 5

- Market Code
- B = International
- C = Canada
- M = Mexico
- U = United States

DIGIT 6

Open Space

DIGITS 7 THROUGH 23

Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) (Refer to VEHICLE DATA/VEHICLE INFORMA-TION/VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER -DESCRIPTION) for proper breakdown of VIN code.

BODY CODE PLATE—LINE 1

DIGITS 1 THROUGH 6 Body-in-white assembly sequence.

DIGIT 7

Open Space

DIGIT 8 Tailgate trim code.

DIGIT 9

Open Space

DIGITS 10 THROUGH 12 Cargo box code

DIGIT 13

Open Space

DIGITS 14 THROUGH 16 Tailgate code

INTERNATIONAL VEHICLE CONTROL & DISPLAY SYMBOLS

DESCRIPTION - INTERNATIONAL SYMBOLS

The graphic symbols illustrated in the following International Control and Display Symbols Chart are used to identify various instrument controls. The symbols correspond to the controls and displays that are located on the instrument panel.

FASTENER IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIPTION

The SAE bolt strength grades range from grade 2 to grade 8. The higher the grade number, the greater the bolt strength. Identification is determined by the line marks on the top of each bolt head. The actual bolt strength grade corresponds to the number of line marks plus 2. The most commonly used metric bolt strength classes are 9.8 and 10.9. The metric strength class identification number is imprinted on the head of the bolt. The higher the class number, the greater the bolt strength. Some metric nuts are imprinted with a single-digit strength class on the nut face. Refer to the Fastener Identification and Fastener Strength Charts (Fig. 6) and (Fig. 7).

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INTERNATIONAL SYMBOLS

1	High Beam	13	Rear Window Washer
2	Fog Lamps	14	Fuel
3	Headlamp, Parking Lamps, Panel Lamps	15	Engine Coolant Temperature
4	Turn Warning	16	Battery Charging Condition
5	Hazard Warning	17	Engine Oil
6	Windshield Washer	18	Seat Belt
7	Windshield Wiper	19	Brake Failure
8	Windshield Wiper and Washer	20	Parking Brake
9	Windscreen Demisting and Defrosting	21	Front Hood
10	Ventilating Fan	22	Rear hood (Decklid)
11	Rear Window Defogger	23	Horn
12	Rear Window Wiper	24	Lighter
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FASTENER IDENTIFICATION (Continued)

Bolt Markings and Torque - Metric



Size		То	que			Tor	que			Тог	que		
Diam.	Casi	t Iron	Alumi	num	Cas	t Iron	Alum	ninum	Cas	st Iron	Alum	ninum	
mm	N•m	ft-lb	N∙m	ft-lb	N∙m	ft-lb	N∙m	ft-lb	N∙m	ft-lb	N∙m	ft-lb	
6	9	5	7	4	14	9	11	7	14	9	11	7	
7	14	9	11	7	18	14	14	11	23	18	18	14	
8	25	18	18	14	32	23	25	18	36	27	28	21	
10	40	30	30	25	60	45	45	35	70	50	55	40	
12	70	55	55	40	105	75	80	60	125	95	100	75	
14	115	85	90	65	160	120	125	95	195	145	150	110	
16	180	130	140	100	240	175	1 9 0	135	290	210	220	165	
18	230	170	180	135	320	240	250	185	400	290	310	230	

Bolt Markings and Torque Values - U.S. Customary

SAE Grade Number

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Bolt Head Markings These are all SAE Grade 5 (3) line



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		Bolt Torque	e - Grade 5 B	olt	Bol	t Torque - G	rade 8 Bolt		
Body Size	Cas	st Iron	Alum	ninum	Cast	Iron	Alum	inum	
	N∙m	ft-lb	N∙m	ft-lb	N∙m	ft-lb	N∙m	ft-lb	
1/4 - 20	9	7	8	6	15	11	12	9	
- 28	12	9	9	7	18	13	14	10	
5/16 - 18	20	15	16	12	30	22	24	18	
- 24	23	17	19	14	33	24	25	19	
3/8 - 16	40	30	25	20	55	40	40	30	
- 24	40	30	35	25	60	45	45	35	
7/16 - 14	60	45	45	35	90	65	65	50	
- 20	65	50	55	40	95	70	75	55	
1/2 - 13	95	70	75	55	130	95	100	75	
- 20	100	75	80	60	150	110	120	90	
9/16 - 12	135	100	110	80	190	140	150	110	
- 18	150	110	115	85	210	155	170	125	
5/8 - 11	180	135	150	110	255	190	205	150	
- 18	210	155	160	120	290	215	230	170	
3/4 - 10	325	240	255	190	460	340	365	270	
- 16	365	270	285	210	515	380	410	300	
7/8 - 9	490	360	380	280	745	550	600	440	
- 14	530	390	420	310	825	610	660	490	
1 - 8	720	530	570	420	1100	820	890	660	
- 14	800	590	650	480	1200	890	960	710	

FASTENER IDENTIFICATION (Continued)

HOW TO DETERMINE BOLT STRENGTH

	Mark	Class		Mark	Class
Hexagon head bolt	4	4T 5T 6T 7T 8T 9T 10T 11T	Stud bolt	No mark	4T
	No mark	4T			
Hexagon flange bolt w/washer hexagon bolt	No mark	4 T		Grooved	6Т
Hexagon head bolt	Two protruding lines	51			
Hexagon flange bolt w/washer hexagon bolt	Two protruding lines	61	Welded bolt		
Hexagon head bolt	Three protruding lines	71			4T
Hexagon head bolt	Four protruding lines	81			

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FASTENER USAGE

DESCRIPTION - FASTENER USAGE

WARNING: USE OF AN INCORRECT FASTENER MAY RESULT IN COMPONENT DAMAGE OR PER-SONAL INJURY.

Fasteners and torque specifications references in this Service Manual are identified in metric and SAE format.

During any maintenance or repair procedures, it is important to salvage all fasteners (nuts, bolts, etc.) for reassembly. If the fastener is not salvageable, a fastener of equivalent specification must be used.

THREADED HOLE REPAIR

DESCRIPTION - THREADED HOLE REPAIR

Most stripped threaded holes can be repaired using a Helicoil[®]. Follow the vehicle or Helicoil[®] recommendations for application and repair procedures.

METRIC SYSTEM

DESCRIPTION

The metric system is based on quantities of one, ten, one hundred, one thousand and one million.

The following chart will assist in converting metric units to equivalent English and SAE units, or vise versa.

MULTIPLY	BY	TO GET	MULTIPLY	BY	TO GET
in-lbs	x 0.11298	= Newton Meters (N⋅m)	N∙m	x 8.851	= in-lbs
ft-lbs	x 1.3558	= Newton Meters (N⋅m)	N∙m	x 0.7376	= ft-lbs
Inches Hg (60° F)	x 3.377	= Kilopascals (kPa)	kPa	x 0.2961	= Inches Hg
psi	x 6.895	= Kilopascals (kPa)	kPa	x 0.145	= psi
Inches	x 25.4	= Millimeters (mm)	mm	x 0.03937	= Inches
Feet	x 0.3048	= Meters (M)	М	x 3.281	= Feet
Yards	x 0.9144	= Meters	М	x 1.0936	= Yards
mph	x 1.6093	= Kilometers/Hr. (Km/h)	Km/h	x 0.6214	= mph
Feet/Sec	x 0.3048	= Meters/Sec (M/S)	M/S	x 3.281	= Feet/Sec
mph	x 0.4470	= Meters/Sec (M/S)	M/S	x 2.237	= mph
Kilometers/Hr. (Km/h)	x 0.27778	= Meters/Sec (M/S)	M/S	x 3.600	Kilometers/Hr. (Km/h)

CONVERSION FORMULAS AND EQUIVALENT VALUES

COMMON METRIC EQUIVALENTS

1 inch = 25 Millimeters	1 Cubic Inch = 16 Cubic Centimeters
1 Foot = 0.3 Meter	1 Cubic Foot = 0.03 Cubic Meter
1 Yard = 0.9 Meter	1 Cubic Yard = 0.8 Cubic Meter
1 Mile = 1.6 Kilometers	

Refer to the Metric Conversion Chart to convert torque values listed in metric Newton- meters ($N \cdot m$). Also, use the chart to convert between millimeters (mm) and inches (in.) (Fig. 8).

METRIC SYSTEM (Continued)

in-lbs to N•m

N•m to in-lbs

in-Ib	N∙m	in-lb	N∙m	in-lb	N∙m	in-lb	N∙m	in-lb	N∙m	N∙m	in-lb	N∙m	in-lb	N∙m	in-lb	N∙m	in-lb	N∙m	in-Ib
in-lb 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 22 24 26	N•m .2260 .4519 .6779 .9039 1.1298 1.3558 1.3558 1.5818 1.8077 2.0337 2.2597 2.4856 2.7116 2.9376	in-lb 42 44 46 48 50 52 54 56 58 60 62 64 64	N•m 4.7453 4.9713 5.1972 5.4232 5.6492 5.8751 6.1011 6.3270 6.5530 6.5730 6.7790 7.0049 7.2309 7.4568	in-lb 82 84 86 88 90 92 94 96 98 100 102 104	N•m 9.2646 9.4906 9.7165 9.9425 10.1685 10.3944 10.6204 10.8464 11.0723 11.2983 11.5243 11.7502	in-lb 122 124 126 128 130 132 134 136 138 140 142 144	N•m 13.7839 14.0099 14.4218 14.4618 14.4618 14.49138 15.1397 15.3657 15.5917 15.8176 16.0436 16.2696 14.4958	in-lb 162 164 166 168 170 172 174 176 178 180 182 184 186	N•m 18.3032 18.5292 18.7552 18.7552 18.9811 19.2071 19.4331 19.6590 20.1110 20.3369 20.5629 20.7889 21.0148	N•m .2 .4 .6 .8 1 1.2 1.4 1.6 1.8 2 2.2 2.4 2.6	in-lb 1.7702 3.5404 5.3107 7.0809 8.8511 10.6213 12.3916 14.1618 15.9320 17.7022 19.4725 21.2427 23.0129	N•m 4.2 4.4 4.6 4.8 5 5.2 5.4 5.6 5.8 6 6.2 6.4 6.6	in-lb 37.1747 38.9449 40.7152 42.4854 44.2556 46.0258 47.7961 49.5663 51.3365 53.1067 54.8770 56.6472	N•m 8.2 8.4 8.6 8.8 9 9.2 9.2 9.4 9.6 9.8 10 10.2 10.4 10.6	in-lb 72.5792 74.3494 76.1197 77.8899 79.6601 81.4303 83.2006 84.9708 86.7410 88.5112 90.2815 92.0517 93.8219	N•m 12.2 12.4 12.6 12.8 13 13.2 13.4 13.6 13.8 14 14.2 14.4 14.6	in-lb 107.9837 109.7539 111.5242 113.2944 115.0646 116.8348 118.6051 120.3753 122.1455 123.9157 125.6860 127.4562 129.2264	N•m 16.2 16.4 16.6 16.8 17 17.2 17.4 17.6 17.8 18 18.5 19 19.5	in-lb 143.3882 145.1584 146.9287 148.6989 150.4691 152.2393 154.0096 155.7798 157.5500 159.3202 163.7458 168.1714 172.5970
28 30 32 34 36 38 40	2.9370 3.1635 3.3895 3.6155 3.8414 4.0674 4.2934 4.5193	68 70 72 74 76 78 80	7.4369 7.6828 7.9088 8.1348 8.3607 8.5867 8.8127 9.0386	108 110 112 114 116 118 120	12.2022 12.4281 12.6541 12.8801 13.1060 13.3320 13.5580	148 150 152 154 156 158 160	16.4955 16.7215 16.9475 17.1734 17.3994 17.6253 17.8513 18.0773	188 190 192 194 196 198 200	21.0148 21.2408 21.4668 21.6927 21.9187 22.1447 22.3706 22.5966	2.8 3 3.2 3.4 3.6 3.8 4	24.7831 26.5534 28.3236 30.0938 31.8640 33.6342 35.4045	6.8 7 7.2 7.4 7.6 7.8 8	60.1876 61.9579 63.7281 65.4983 67.2685 69,0388 70.8090	10.8 11 11.2 11.4 11.6 11.8 12	95.5921 97.3624 99.1326 100.9028 102.6730 104.4433 106.2135	14.8 15 15.2 15.4 15.6 15.8 16	130.9966 132.7669 134.5371 136.3073 138.0775 139.8478 141.6180	20 20.5 21 22 23 24 25	177.0225 181.4480 185.8736 194.7247 203.5759 212.4270 221.2781

ft-lbs to N•m

N•m to ft-lbs

ft-lb	N∙m	ft-lb	N ⁰m	ft-lb	N∙m	ft-Ib	N∙m	ft-lb	N∙m	N∙m	ft-lb	N∙m	ft-lb	N∙m	ft-lb	N•m	ft-lb	N∙m	ft-lb
1	1.3558	21	28.4722	41	55,5885	61	82,7049	81	109.8212	1	.7376	21	15.9888	41	30.2400	61	44.9913	81	59.7425
2	2.7116	22	29.8280	42	56.9444	62	84.0607	82	111.1770	2	1.4751	22	16.2264	42	30.9776	62	45.7289	82	60.4801
3	4.0675	23	31.1838	43	58,3002	63	85.4165	83	112.5328	3	2.2127	23	16.9639	43	31.7152	63	46.4664	83	61.2177
4	5.4233	24	32.5396	44	59.6560	64	86.7723	84	113.8888	4	2.9502	24	17.7015	44	32.4527	64	47.2040	84	61.9552
5	6.7791	25	33.8954	45	61.0118	65	88.1281	85	115.2446	5	3.6878	25	18.4391	45	33.1903	65	47.9415	85	62.6928
6	8.1349	26	35.2513	46	62.3676	66	89.4840	86	116.6004	6	4.4254	26	19.1766	46	33.9279	66	48.6791	86	63.4303
7	9.4907	27	36.6071	47	63.7234	67	90.8398	87	117.9562	7	5.1629	27	19.9142	47	34.6654	67	49.4167	87	64.1679
8	10.8465	28	37.9629	48	65.0793	68	92.1956	88	119.3120	8	5.9005	28	20.6517	48	35.4030	68	50.1542	88	64.9545
9	12.2024	29	39.3187	49	66.4351	69	93.5514	89	120.6678	9	6.6381	29	21.3893	49	36.1405	69	50.8918	89	65.6430
10	13.5582	30	40.6745	50	67.7909	70	94.9073	90	122.0236	10	7.3756	30	22.1269	50	36.8781	70	51.6293	90	66.3806
11	14.9140	31	42.0304	51	69.1467	71	96.2631	91	123.3794	11	8.1132	31	22.8644	51	37.6157	71	52.3669	91	67.1181
12	16.2698	32	43.3862	52	70.5025	72	97.6189	92	124.7352	12	8.8507	32	23.6020	52	38.3532	72	53.1045	92	67.8557
13	17.6256	33	44.7420	53	71.8583	73	98.9747	93	126.0910	.13	9.5883	33	24.3395	53	39.0908	73	53.8420	93	68.5933
14	18.9815	34	46.0978	54	73.2142	74	100.3316	94	127.4468	14	10.3259	34	25.0771	54	39.8284	74	54.5720	94	69.3308
15	20.3373	35	47.4536	55	74.5700	75	101.6862	95	128.8026	15	11.0634	35	25.8147	55	40.5659	75	55.3172	95	70.0684
16	21.6931	36	48.8094	56	75.9258	76	103.0422	96	130.1586	16	11.8010	36	26.5522	-56	41.3035	76	56.0547	96	70.8060
17	23.0489	37	50.1653	57	77.2816	77	104.3980	97	131.5144	17	12.5386	37	27.2898	57	42.0410	77	56.7923	97	71.5435
18	24.4047	38	51.5211	58	78.6374	78	105.7538	98	132.8702	18	13.2761	38	28.0274	58	42.7786	78	57.5298	98	72.2811
19	25.7605	39	52.8769	59	79.9933	79	107.1196	99	134.2260	19	14.0137	39	28.7649	59	43.5162	79	58.2674	99	73.0187
20	27.1164	40	54.2327	60	81.3491	80	108.4654	100	135.5820	20	14.7512	40	29.5025	60	44.2537	80	59.0050	100	73.7562

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Fig. 8 METRIC CONVERSION CHART

TORQUE REFERENCES

tions Chart for torque references not listed in the individual torque charts (Fig. 9).

DESCRIPTION

Individual Torque Charts appear within many or the Groups. Refer to the Standard Torque Specifica-

SPECIFIED TORQUE FOR STANDARD BOLTS

Class	Diameter	Pitch		Hexagon head l	polt	Н	exagon flange	bolt
	mm	mm	N•m	kgf-cm	ft-lbf	N∙m	kgf-cm	ft-lbf
	6	1	5	55	48 inlbf	6	60	52 inlbf
	8	1.25	12.5	130	9	14	145	10
4T	10	1.25	26	260	19	29	290	21
	12	1.25	47	480	35	53	540	39
	14	1.5	74	760	55	84	850	61
	16	1.5	115	1,150	83		_	—
	6	1	6.5	65	56 inlbf	7.5	75	65 inlbf
	8	1.25	15.5	160	12	17.5	175	13
5T	10	1.25	32	330	24	36	360	26
	12	1.25	59	600	43	65	670	48
	14	1.5	91	930	67	100	1,050	76
	16	1.5	140	1,400	101		-	_
	6	1	8	80	69 inIbf	9	90	78 inIbf
	8	1.25	19	195	14	21	210	15
6T	10	1.25	39	400	29	44	440	32
	12	1.25	71	730	53	80	810	59
	14	1.5	110	1,100	80	125	1,250	90
	16	1.5	170	1,750	127	_	_	_
	6	1	10.5	110	8	12	120	9
	8	1.25	25	260	19	28	290	21
71	10	1.25	52	530	38	58	590	43
	12	1.25	95	970	70	105	1,050	76
	14	1.5	145	1.500	108	165	1,700	123
	16	1.5	230	2,300	166			_
	8	1.25	29	300	22	33	330	24
8T	10	1.25	61	620	45	68	690	50
	12	1.25	110	1,100	80	120	1,250	90
	8	1.25	34	340	25	37	380	27
9T	10	1.25	70	710	51	78	790	57
	12	1.25	125	1,300	94	140	1,450	105
	8	1.25	38	390	28	42	430	31
10T	10	1.25	78	800	58	88	890	64
	12	1.25	140	1,450	105	155	1,600	116
	8	1.25	42	430	31	47	480	35
111	10	1.25	87	890	64	97	990	72
	12	1.25	155	1,600	116	175	1,800	130
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INTERNATIONAL SYMBOLS

DESCRIPTION

DaimlerChrysler Corporation uses international symbols to identify engine compartment lubricant and fluid inspection and fill locations (Fig. 1).

	NGINE OIL	\bigcirc	BRAKE FLUID
A TRA	UTOMATIC ANSMISSION FLUID	\bigcirc	POWER STEERING FLUID
	ENGINE COOLANT		WINDSHIELD WASHER FLUID

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FLUID TYPES

DESCRIPTION

DESCRIPTION - FUEL REQUIREMENTS - DIESEL ENGINE

DESCRIPTION

WARNING: Do not use alcohol or gasoline as a fuel blending agent. They can be unstable under certain conditions and hazardous or explosive when mixed with diesel fuel.

Use good quality diesel fuel from a reputable supplier in your Dodge truck. For most year-round service, number 2 diesel fuel meeting ASTM specification D-975 will provide good performance. If the vehicle is exposed to extreme cold (below 0° F/-18°C), or is required to operate at colder-than-normal conditions for prolonged periods, use climatized No. 2 diesel fuel or dilute the No. 2 diesel fuel with 50% No. 1 diesel fuel. This will provide better protection from fuel gelling or wax-plugging of the fuel filters.

Diesel fuel is seldom completely free of water. To prevent fuel system trouble, including fuel line freezing in winter, drain the accumulated water from the fuel/water separator using the fuel/water separator drain provided. If you buy good-quality fuel and follow the cold-weather advice above, fuel conditioners should not be required in your vehicle. If available in your area, a high cetane "premium" diesel fuel may offer improved cold starting and warm-up performance.

DESCRIPTION - ENGINE OIL AND LUBRICANTS

WARNING: NEW OR USED ENGINE OIL CAN BE IRRITATING TO THE SKIN. AVOID PROLONGED OR REPEATED SKIN CONTACT WITH ENGINE OIL. CONTAMINANTS IN USED ENGINE OIL, CAUSED BY INTERNAL COMBUSTION, CAN BE HAZARDOUS TO YOUR HEALTH. THOROUGHLY WASH EXPOSED SKIN WITH SOAP AND WATER. DO NOT WASH SKIN WITH GASOLINE, DIESEL FUEL, THINNER, OR SOLVENTS, HEALTH PROBLEMS CAN RESULT. DO NOT POLLUTE, DISPOSE OF USED ENGINE OIL PROPERLY. CONTACT YOUR DEALER OR GOVERN-MENT AGENCY FOR LOCATION OF COLLECTION CENTER IN YOUR AREA.

When service is required, DaimlerChrysler Corporation recommends that only Mopar® brand parts, lubricants and chemicals be used. Mopar® provides the best engineered products for servicing DaimlerChrysler Corporation vehicles.

Only lubricants bearing designations defined by the following organization should be used.

- Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE)
- American Petroleum Institute (API)
- National Lubricating Grease Institute (NLGI)

API SERVICE GRADE CERTIFIED

Use an engine oil that is API Certified. MOPAR[®] provides engine oils, that meet or exceed this requirement.

SAE VISCOSITY

An SAE viscosity grade is used to specify the viscosity of engine oil. Use only engine oils with multiple viscosities such as 5W-30 or 10W-30. These are specified with a dual SAE viscosity grade which indicates the cold-to-hot temperature viscosity range. Select an engine oil that is best suited to your particular temperature range and variation (Fig. 2).

ENERGY CONSERVING OIL

An Energy Conserving type oil is recommended for gasoline engines. The designation of ENERGY CON-SERVING is located on the label of an engine oil container.



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Fig. 2 TEMPERATURE/ENGINE OIL VISCOSITY CONTAINER IDENTIFICATION

Standard engine oil identification notations have been adopted to aid in the proper selection of engine oil. The identifying notations are located on the front label of engine oil plastic bottles and the top of engine oil cans (Fig. 3).

This symbol means that the oil has been certified by the American Petroleum Institute (API). Diamler-Chrysler only recommend API Certified engine oils. Use Mopar[®] engine oil or equivalent.



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Fig. 3 API SYMBOL

GEAR LUBRICANTS

SAE ratings also apply to multigrade gear lubricants. In addition, API classification defines the lubricants usage. Such as API GL-5 and SAE 75W-90.

LUBRICANTS AND GREASES

Lubricating grease is rated for quality and usage by the NLGI. All approved products have the NLGI symbol (Fig. 4) on the label. At the bottom of the NLGI symbol is the usage and quality identification letters. Wheel bearing lubricant is identified by the letter "G". Chassis lubricant is identified by the letter "L". The letter following the usage letter indicates the quality of the lubricant. The following symbols indicate the highest quality.



Fig. 4 NLGI SYMBOL

- 1 WHEEL BEARINGS
- 2 CHASSIS LUBRICATION
- 3 CHASSIS AND WHEEL BEARINGS

SPECIALIZED LUBRICANTS AND OILS

Some maintenance or repair procedures may require the use of specialized lubricants or oils. Consult the appropriate sections in this manual for the correct application of these lubricants.

DESCRIPTION - POWER STEERING FLUID

Mopar[®] ATF +4, Automatic Transmission Fluid is required in the power steering system. Substitute fluids can induce power steering system failure.

Mopar[®] ATF +4, Automatic Transmission Fluid when new is red in color. The ATF is dyed red so it can be identified from other fluids used in the vehicle such as engine oil or antifreeze. The red color is not permanent and is not an indicator of fluid condition. As the vehicle is driven, the ATF will begin to look darker in color and may eventually become brown. **This is normal.** ATF+4 also has a unique odor that may change with age. Consequently, odor and color cannot be used to indicate the fluid condition or the need for a fluid change.

DESCRIPTION - ENGINE COOLANT

WARNING: ANTIFREEZE IS AN ETHYLENE GLYCOL BASE COOLANT AND IS HARMFUL IF SWAL-LOWED OR INHALED. IF SWALLOWED, DRINK TWO GLASSES OF WATER AND INDUCE VOMIT-ING. IF INHALED, MOVE TO FRESH AIR AREA. SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY. DO NOT STORE IN OPEN OR UNMARKED CONTAINERS. WASH SKIN AND CLOTHING THOROUGHLY AFTER COMING IN CONTACT WITH ETHYLENE GLYCOL. **KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN. DISPOSE OF** GLYCOL BASE COOLANT PROPERLY, CONTACT YOUR DEALER OR GOVERNMENT AGENCY FOR LOCATION OF COLLECTION CENTER IN YOUR AREA. DO NOT OPEN A COOLING SYSTEM WHEN THE ENGINE IS AT OPERATING TEMPERATURE OR HOT UNDER PRESSURE, PERSONAL INJURY CAN **RESULT. AVOID RADIATOR COOLING FAN WHEN**

ENGINE COMPARTMENT RELATED SERVICE IS PERFORMED, PERSONAL INJURY CAN RESULT.

CAUTION: Use of Propylene Glycol based coolants is not recommended, as they provide less freeze protection and less corrosion protection.

The cooling system is designed around the coolant. The coolant must accept heat from engine metal, in the cylinder head area near the exhaust valves and engine block. Then coolant carries the heat to the radiator where the tube/fin radiator can transfer the heat to the air.

The use of aluminum cylinder blocks, cylinder heads, and water pumps requires special corrosion **Mopar**[®] Antifreeze/Coolant, protection. 5 Year/100,000 Mile Formula (MS-9769), or the equivalent ethylene glycol base coolant with organic corrosion inhibitors (called HOAT, for Hybrid Organic Additive Technology) is recommended. This coolant offers the best engine cooling without corrosion when mixed with 50% Ethylene Glycol and 50% distilled water to obtain a freeze point of -37°C (-35°F). If it loses color or becomes contaminated, drain, flush, and replace with fresh properly mixed coolant solution.

CAUTION: Mopar[®] Antifreeze/Coolant, 5 Year/100,000 Mile Formula (MS-9769) may not be mixed with any other type of antifreeze. Mixing of coolants other than specified (non-HOAT or other HOAT), may result in engine damage that may not be covered under the new vehicle warranty, and decreased corrosion protection.

COOLANT PERFORMANCE

The required ethylene-glycol (antifreeze) and water mixture depends upon climate and vehicle operating conditions. The coolant performance of various mixtures follows:

Pure Water-Water can absorb more heat than a mixture of water and ethylene-glycol. This is for purpose of heat transfer only. Water also freezes at a higher temperature and allows corrosion.

100 percent Ethylene-Glycol-The corrosion inhibiting additives in ethylene-glycol need the presence of water to dissolve. Without water, additives form deposits in system. These act as insulation causing temperature to rise to as high as 149°C (300°F). This temperature is hot enough to melt plastic and soften solder. The increased temperature can result in engine detonation. In addition, 100 percent ethylene-glycol freezes at -22°C (-8°F).

50/50 Ethylene-Glycol and Water-Is the recommended mixture, it provides protection against freezing to -37° C (-34°F). The antifreeze concentration

must always be a minimum of 44 percent, yearround in all climates. If percentage is lower, engine parts may be eroded by cavitation. Maximum protection against freezing is provided with a 68 percent antifreeze concentration, which prevents freezing down to -67.7°C (-90°F). A higher percentage will freeze at a warmer temperature. Also, a higher percentage of antifreeze can cause the engine to overheat because specific heat of antifreeze is lower than that of water.

CAUTION: Richer antifreeze mixtures cannot be measured with normal field equipment and can cause problems associated with 100 percent ethylene-glycol.

COOLANT SELECTION AND ADDITIVES

NOTE: Refer to the vehicle's coolant bottle to identify HOAT or Non-HOAT coolant. Non-HOAT coolant is green in color.

The use of aluminum cylinder blocks, cylinder heads and water pumps requires special corrosion protection. Only Mopar[®] Antifreeze/Coolant, 5 Year/100,000 Mile Formula (glycol base coolant with corrosion inhibitors called HOAT, for Hybrid Organic Additive Technology) is recommended. This coolant offers the best engine cooling without corrosion when mixed with 50% distilled water to obtain to obtain a freeze point of -37°C (-35°F). If it loses color or becomes contaminated, drain, flush, and replace with fresh properly mixed coolant solution.

CAUTION: Do not use coolant additives that are claimed to improve engine cooling.

DESCRIPTION - TRANSFER CASE - NV241 GENII

Recommended lubricant for the NV241 GENII transfer case is Mopar[®] ATF +4, Automatic Transmission Fluid.

DESCRIPTION - TRANSFER CASE - NV271

Recommended lubricant for the NV271 transfer case is Mopar $^{\mbox{\tiny \$}}$ ATF +4, Automatic Transmission Fluid.

DESCRIPTION - TRANSFER CASE - NV243

Recommended lubricant for the NV243 transfer case is Mopar $^{\mbox{\tiny (B)}}$ ATF +4, Automatic Transmission Fluid.

DESCRIPTION - TRANSFER CASE - NV273

Recommended lubricant for the NV273 transfer case is Mopar[®] ATF +4, Automatic Transmission Fluid.

DESCRIPTION - AXLE

NOTE: DaimlerChrysler recommends using Mopar[®] lubricants or lubricants of equal quality.

FRONT AXLE

• C205F - Mopar[®] Gear Lubricant 75W-90

 $\bullet~9~1/4~AA$ - Mopar® Synthetic Gear Lubricant 75W-90

REAR AXLE

9 1/4 - Mopar[®] Synthetic Gear Lubricant 75W-140
10 1/2 AA - Mopar[®] Synthetic Gear Lubricant 75W-90

 $\bullet~11~1/2~AA$ - Mopar® Synthetic Gear Lubricant 75W-90

NOTE: Trac-Lok[®] differentials require Limited Slip Additive in the lubricant. Trac-Rite[™] differentials DO NOT require Limited Slip Additive.

DESCRIPTION - MANUAL TRANSMISSION

NOTE: DaimlerChrysler recommends using Mopar[®] lubricants or lubricants of equal quality.

• NV3500 - Mopar[®] Manual Transmission Lubricant

• NV4500 - Mopar[®] Synthetic 75W85 Manual Transmission Lubricant

• NV5600 - Mopar® Manual Transmission Lubricant

DESCRIPTION - AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION FLUID

NOTE: Refer to Service Procedures in this group for fluid level checking procedures.

Mopar[®] ATF +4, Automatic Transmission Fluid is the recommended fluid for DaimlerChrysler automatic transmissions.

Dexron II fluid IS NOT recommended. Clutch chatter can result from the use of improper fluid.

Mopar[®] ATF +4, Automatic Transmission Fluid when new is red in color. The ATF is dyed red so it can be identified from other fluids used in the vehicle such as engine oil or antifreeze. The red color is not permanent and is not an indicator of fluid condition. As the vehicle is driven, the ATF will begin to look darker in color and may eventually become brown. **This is normal.** ATF+4 also has a unique odor that may change with age. Consequently, odor and color cannot be used to indicate the fluid condition or the need for a fluid change.

FLUID ADDITIVES

DaimlerChrysler strongly recommends against the addition of any fluids to the transmission, other than those automatic transmission fluids listed above. Exceptions to this policy are the use of special dyes to aid in detecting fluid leaks.

Various "special" additives and supplements exist that claim to improve shift feel and/or quality. These additives and others also claim to improve converter clutch operation and inhibit overheating, oxidation, varnish, and sludge. These claims have not been supported to the satisfaction of DaimlerChrysler and these additives **must not be used**. The use of transmission "sealers" should also be avoided, since they may adversely affect the integrity of transmission seals.

OPERATION - AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION FLUID

The automatic transmission fluid is selected based upon several qualities. The fluid must provide a high level of protection for the internal components by providing a lubricating film between adjacent metal components. The fluid must also be thermally stable so that it can maintain a consistent viscosity through a large temperature range. If the viscosity stays constant through the temperature range of operation, transmission operation and shift feel will remain consistent. Transmission fluid must also be a good conductor of heat. The fluid must absorb heat from the internal transmission components and transfer that heat to the transmission case.

FLUID CAPACITIES

SPECIFICATIONS

FLUID CAPACITIES

2DESCRIPTION	SPECIFICATION							
FUEL TANK								
Short Box (Lt. Duty)	98 L (26 gal.)*							
Long Box (Lt. Duty)	132 L (35 gal.)*							
ENGINE OIL	WITH FILTER							
3.7L	4.7 L (5.0 qts.)							
4.7L	5.6 L (6.0 qts.)							
5.7L	6.6 L (7.0 qts.)							
5.9L	4.7 L (5.0 qts.)							
8.0L	6.6 L (7.0 qts.)							
5.9L DIESEL	10.4 L (11.0 qts.)							

2DESCRIPTION	SPECIFICATION							
COOLING SYSTEM								
3.7L	15.4 L (16.2 qts.)**							
4.7L	15.4 L (16.2 qts.)**							
5.7L	15.4L (16.2 qts.)**							
5.9L	15.5 L (16.3 qts.)**							
8.0L	24L (24.3 qts.)**							
5.9L Diesel Engine	28L (29.5 qts.)**							
POWER STEERING								

Power steering fluid capacities are dependent on engine/ chassis options as well as steering gear/cooler options. Depending on type and size of internal cooler, length and inside diameter of cooler lines, or use of an auxiliary cooler, these capacities may vary. Refer to 19, Steering for proper fill and bleed procedures.

AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION								
Service Fill - 46RE	3.8 L (4.0 qts.)							
O-haul - 46RE	9-9.5L (19-20 pts.) ♦							
Service Fill - 45RFE/ 545RFE	4X2 - 5.2 L (11.0 pts.)							
	4X4 - 6.2 L (13.0 pts.)							
O-haul - 45RFE/545RFE	14-16 L (29-33 pts.) 🛇							

♦ Dry fill capacity Depending on type and size of internal cooler, length and inside diameter of cooler lines, or use of an auxiliary cooler, these figures may vary. (Refer to 21 -TRANSMISSION/TRANSAXLE/AUTOMATIC/FLUID -STANDARD PROCEDURE)

MANUAL TRANSMISSION

NV3500 4X2	2.3 L (4.8 pts.)				
NV3500 4X4	2.0 L (4.2 pts.)				
NV4500	3.8 L (8.0 pts.)				
NV5600	4.5 L (9.5 pts.)				
TRANSFER CASE					
NV241 GENII	1.6 L (3.4 pts.)				
NV243	1.6 L (3.4 pts.)				
NV271	1.89 L (4.0 pts.)				
NV273	1.89 L (4.0 pts.)				
FRONT AXLE ± .03 L (1 oz)					
C205F	C205F 1.66 L (3.5 pts.)				
9 1/4 AA	2.25 L (4.75 pts.)				
REAR AXLE ± .03 L (1 oz)					
9 1/4	2.32 L (4.9 pts.)***				
10 1/2 AA	2.25 L (4.75 pts.)				
11 1/2 AA	3.62 L (7.65 pts)				
*** With Trac-Lok add 118 ml (4 oz.) of Limited Slip Additive.					
** Includes 0.9L (1.0 qts.) for coolant reservoir.					
*Nominal refill capacities are shown. A variation may be observed from vehicle to vehicle due to manufacturing tolerance and refill procedure.					

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MAINTENANCE SCHEDULES

DESCRIPTION

Maintenance Schedule Information not included in this section, is located in the appropriate Owner's Manual.

There are two maintenance schedules that show the **required** service for your vehicle.

First is Schedule **"B"**. It is for vehicles that are operated under the conditions that are listed below and at the beginning of the schedule.

 \bullet Day or night temperatures are below 0° C (32° F).

• Stop and go driving.

• Extensive engine idling.

• Driving in dusty conditions.

• Short trips of less than 16 km (10 miles).

• More than 50% of your driving is at sustained

high speeds during hot weather, above 32° C (90° F).Trailer towing.

• Taxi, police, or delivery service (commercial service).

• Off-road or desert operation.

• If equipped for and operating with E-85 (ethanol) fuel.

NOTE: Most vehicles are operated under the conditions listed for Schedule "B".

Second is Schedule "A". It is for vehicles that are not operated under any of the conditions listed under Schedule "B".

Use the schedule that best describes your driving conditions. Where time and mileage are listed, follow the interval that occurs first.

CAUTION: Failure to perform the required maintenance items may result in damage to the vehicle.

At Each Stop for Fuel

• Check the engine oil level about 5 minutes after a fully warmed engine is shut off. Checking the oil level while the vehicle is on level ground will improve the accuracy of the oil level reading. Add oil only when the level is at or below the ADD or MIN mark.

• Check the windshield washer solvent and add if required.

Once a Month

• Check tire pressure and look for unusual wear or damage.

• Inspect the battery and clean and tighten the terminals as required.

• Check the fluid levels of coolant reservoir, brake master cylinder, power steering and transmission and add as needed.

• Check all lights and all other electrical items for correct operation.

At Each Oil Change

- Change the engine oil filter.
- Inspect the exhaust system.
- Inspect the brake hoses.

• Inspect the CV joints (if equipped) and front suspension components.

- Check the automatic transmission fluid level.
- Check the manual transmission fluid level.
- Check the coolant level, hoses, and clamps.

• Rotate the tires at each oil change interval shown on Schedule "A" 10 000 km (6,000 miles) or every other interval shown on Schedule "B" 10 000 km (6,000 miles).

Schedule "B"

Follow schedule "B" if you usually operate your vehicle under one or more of the following conditions.

 \bullet Day or night temperatures are below 0° C (32° F).

- Stop and go driving.
- Extensive engine idling.
- Driving in dusty conditions.
- Short trips of less than 16 km (10 miles).

• More than 50% of your driving is at sustained high speeds during hot weather, above 32° C (90° F).

Trailer towing.

• Taxi, police, or delivery service (commercial service).

• Off-road or desert operation.

• If equipped for and operating with E-85 (ethanol) fuel.

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MAINTENANCE SCHEDULES (Continued)

Miles	3,000	6,000	9,000	12,000	15,000
(Kilometers)	(5 000)	(10 000)	(14 000)	(19 000)	(24 000)
Change engine oil and engine oil filter.	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Lubricate outer tie rod ends 2500/3500 (4X4) models only.		X		Х	
Change rear axle fluid.					Х
Change front axle fluid (4X4).					Х
Inspect brake linings.				Х	
Inspect engine air cleaner filter, replace if necessary.					Х

Miles	18,000	21,000	24,000	27,000	30,000
(Kilometers)	(29 000)	(34 000)	(38 000)	(43 000)	(48 000)
Change engine oil and engine oil filter.	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Lubricate outer tie rod ends 2500/3500 (4X4) models only.	Х		х		х
Change rear axle fluid.					Х
Change front axle fluid (4X4).					Х
Inspect brake linings.			Х		
Inspect engine air cleaner filter, replace if necessary.					Х
Replace spark plugs.					Х
Inspect PCV valve, replace as necessary.					Х*
Drain and refill automatic tranmission fluid, change filter and adjust bands (46RE/47RE/ 48RE).‡					Х
Drain and refill automatic tranmission fluid and change main sump filter (45RFE/ 545RFE only).‡					Х

Miles	33,000	36,000	39, 000	42,000	45,000
(Kilometers)	(53 000)	(58 000)	(62 000)	(67 000)	(72 000)
Change engine oil and engine oil filter.	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Lubricate outer tie rod ends 2500/3500 (4X4) models only.		х		Х	
Change rear axle fluid.					Х
Change front axle fluid (4X4).					Х
Inspect brake linings.		Х			
Inspect engine air cleaner filter, replace if necessary.					Х