

GENERAL INFORMATION

Anti-Lock Brake Safety Precautions

* PLEASE READ THIS FIRST *

This article is intended for general information purposes only. This information may not apply to all makes and models. If vehicle is equipped with Anti-Lock Brake System (ABS), refer to appropriate ANTI-LOCK BRAKE SYSTEM article in the BRAKES section for description, operation, depressurizing, testing, system bleeding, trouble shooting and servicing of specific system.

ANTI-LOCK BRAKE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

WARNING: Failure to depressurize ABS could lead to physical injury.

- NEVER open a bleeder valve or loosen a hydraulic line while ABS is pressurized.
 - NEVER disconnect or reconnect any electrical connectors while ignition is on. Damage to ABS control unit may result.
 - **DO NOT** attempt to bleed hydraulic system without first referring to the appropriate ANTI-LOCK BRAKE SYSTEM article in the BRAKES section.
 - Only use specially designed brake hoses/lines on ABS equipped vehicles.
 - **DO NOT** tap on speed sensor components (sensor, sensor rings). Sensor rings must be pressed into hubs, NOT hammered into hubs. Striking these components can cause demagnetization or a loss of polarization, affecting the accuracy of the speed signal returning to the ABS control unit.
 - **DO NOT** mix tire sizes. Increasing the width, as long as tires remain close to the original diameter, is acceptable. Rolling diameter must be identical for all 4 tires. Some manufacturers recommend tires of the same brand, style and type. Failure to follow this precaution may cause inaccurate wheel speed readings.
 - **DO NOT** contaminate speed sensor components with grease. Only use recommended coating, when system calls for an anti-corrosion coating.
 - When speed sensor components have been removed, ALWAYS check sensor-to-ring air gaps when applicable. These specifications can be found in each appropriate article.
 - ONLY use recommended brake fluids. **DO NOT** use silicone brake fluids in an ABS equipped vehicle.
 - When installing transmission devices (CB's, telephones, etc.) on ABS equipped vehicles, **DO NOT** locate the antenna near the ABS control unit (or any control unit).
 - Disconnect all on-board computers, when using electric welding equipment.
 - **DO NOT** expose the ABS control unit to prolonged periods of high heat (185 B°F/85B°C for 2 hours is generally considered a maximum limit).
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