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CHASSIS INSPECTION

# 1. INSPECT STEERING LINKAGE

- (a) Check the steering wheel freeplay (See page SR-7).
- (b) Check the steering linkage for looseness or damage. Check that:
  - Tie rod ends do not have excessive play.
  - Dust seals and boots are not damaged.
  - Boot clamps are not loose.

### 2. INSPECT STEERING GEAR HOUSING OIL

Check the steering gear housing for oil leakage.

### 3. INSPECT DRIVE SHAFT BOOTS

Check the drive shaft boots for clamp looseness, leakage or damage.

# 4. INSPECT BALL JOINT AND DUST COVERS

- (a) Inspect the ball joints for excessive looseness.
  - Jack up the front of the vehicle and place wooden blocks with a height of 180 – 200 mm (7.09 – 7.87 in.) under the front tires.
  - Lower the jack until there is about half a load on the front coil spring. Place stands under the vehicle for safety.
  - Check that the front wheels are pointing straight ahead, and block them with chocks.
  - Using a lever, pry up the end of the lower arm, and check the amount of play.

## Maximum ball joint vertical play: 0 mm (0 in.)

If there is play, replace the ball joint.

(b) Check the dust cover for damage.

## 5. CHECK TRANSAXLE OIL

Visually check the transaxle for oil leakage.

If leakage is found, check for the cause and repair.

6. REPLACE TRANSAXLE FLUID (See page MX-9)