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Power Steering Bleed Instructions

(Please read and understand instructions prior to bleeding the system. If you have any questions, please contact Howe Performance 619 561-7764 or howeperformance@sbcglobal.net.)

CAUTION

All air must be bled out of the system before engine startup. Severe damage to the steering system could occur.

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Do not use ATF (automatic transmission fluid). Severe damage to the steering system could occur.

REQUIRED P/S FLUID: Howe Performance power steering fluid PN: 1105 (GM AC Delco PN: 89021182 may be substituted if needed)

- 1. Raise and support the vehicle so the steering has no weight on it and the tires are off the ground.
- 2. Carefully fill the p/s reservoir filter with p/s fluid. Screw it onto the bottom of the reservoir hand tight.
- 3. Remove the reservoir cap. Do not replace the cap until the system has been completely bled.
- 4. Fill the reservoir with p/s fluid to the baffle.
- 5. Loosen the two hose connections at the ram fittings enough to let fluid and air seep out. The ram 90° fittings MUST face up (not down). This is the initial gravity bleed of the system.
- 6. Check the fluid level in the reservoir. Add fluid to baffle as necessary.

NOTE

If at anytime fluid in the reservoir runs out, air will re-enter the system and all the bleeding procedures must be redone.

- 7. Loosen the connections at the p/s box and pump enough to let fluid and air seep out.
- 8. When p/s fluid runs clear (with no foam, bubbles, etc) re-tighten all fittings.
- 9. Check the fluid level in the reservoir. Add fluid to baffle as necessary.
- 10. Crank engine 3-4 time **WITHOUT** starting it.
- 11. Check the fluid level in the reservoir. Add fluid to baffle as necessary.
- 12. Check that the p/s fluid in the reservoir is clear (no foam, bubbles, etc.). If clear, start the engine and let run for approx. 2 minutes.
- 13. After approx. 2 minutes, slowly turn the steering wheel left and right several times. **DO NOT** turn to the steering stops. This will allow the p/s pump to go into "High Pressure" and will not allow proper bleeding.
- 14. Check the fluid level in the reservoir. Add fluid to baffle as necessary.
- 15. Shut off engine and let stand for approx. 5 minutes.
- 16. Check the fluid level in the reservoir. Add fluid to baffle as necessary.
- 17. After 5 minutes, note the level of fluid in the reservoir. Start the engine. Note if the level in the p/s fluid reservoir drops. If it drops, air is still present in the system and Steps 5 thru 17 must be repeated.
- 18. If the level in the reservoir did not drop, the system has been properly bled.
- 19. Secure the cap on the p/s fluid reservoir and carefully test drive.