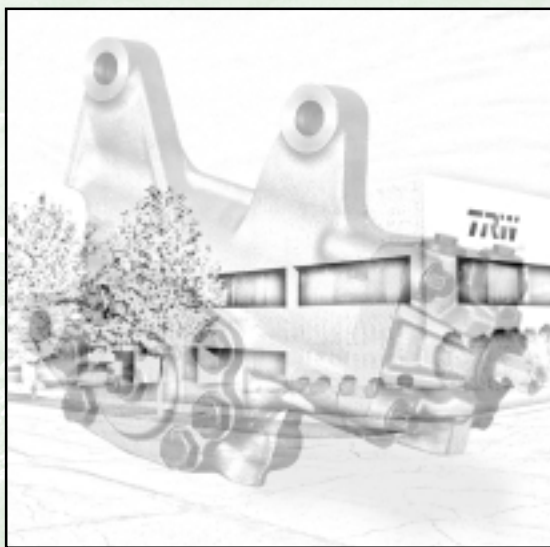


THP/PCF Steering Gear Service Manual

THP / PCF 45 AND 60 SERIES



Approved Hydraulic Fluids

Automatic Transmission Fluid Dexron II
Automatic Transmission Fluid Type "E" or "F"
Chevron 10W-40
Chevron Custom 10W-40 Motor Oil
Chevron Torque 5 Fluid
Exxon Nuto H32 Hydraulic Fluid
Fleetrite PSF (Can #990625C2)
Ford Spec. M2C138CJ
Mack EO-K2 Engine Oil

Mobil ATF 210
Mobil Super 10W-40 Motor Oil
Premium Blue 2000 - SAE 15W-40
Texaco 10W-40
Texaco TL-1833 Power Steering Fluid
Union 10W-40
Union 15W-40
Unocal Guardol 15W-40 Motor Oil

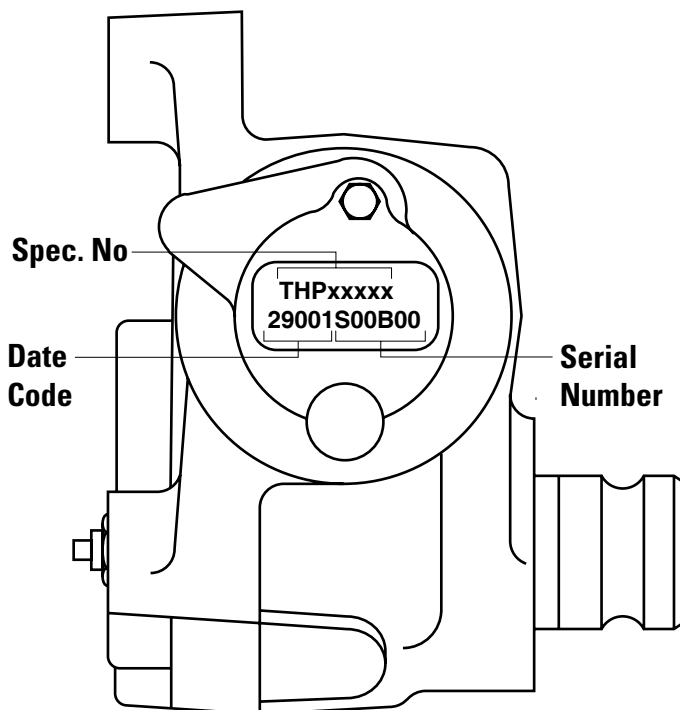
The steering system should be kept filled with one of the above fluids.

⚠ WARNING Completely flush the steering system with one of the recommended fluids above only. Do not mix oil types. Any mixture or any unapproved oil could lead to seal deterioration and leaks. A leak could ultimately cause the loss of fluid, which could result in a loss of power steering assist.

Approved Grease

Exxon Polyrex* EP2 (P/N 045422)

Gear Specification Numbers



The steering gear specification number and date code are stamped on a machined surface opposite the input shaft of every THP/PCF gear.

An example date code would be 29001; this means the gear was built on the 290th day of 2001.


A letter suffix at the end of the specification number indicates a design level for the gear.

Initial THP/PCF Installation

- Bolt steering gear to frame, torque bolts to vehicle manufacturer's recommendation.
- Connect return line to THP/PCF gear return port.
- Connect hydraulic line from pump to pressure port on THP/PCF unit.
- Connect steering column to input shaft, torque pinch bolt to vehicle manufacturer's recommendation.
- Install pitman arm on output shaft, torque bolt to vehicle manufacturer's recommendation.

Initial Poppet Setting

For this procedure to work correctly, you must have: A new gear received from TRW or your vehicle manufacturer's aftermarket system, **or** a used gear on which poppet seats have been replaced or reset during gear disassembly procedures. **ALSO:** A fixed stop screw installed in the housing, or a poppet adjusting screw installed so that it duplicates the fixed stop screw length.

 **CAUTION**

The axle stops and all steering linkage must be set according to vehicle manufacturer's specifications, and the pitman arm must be correctly aligned on the sector shaft for poppets to be set correctly.

Full turn in one direction

1. With the engine at idle and the vehicle unloaded, turn the steering wheel to full travel in one direction until axle stop contact is made. Maximum input torque to be applied during this procedure is 40 lb rim pull (178 N) on a 20 in. (508mm) diameter steering wheel.

NOTE

If you encounter excess rim pull effort, allow the vehicle to roll forward or jack up the vehicle at the front axle.

Full turn in other direction

2. Follow the same procedure while turning the steering wheel in the other direction. The poppets are now positioned to trip and reduce pressure as the steered wheels approach the axle stops in either direction.

Maintenance Tips

Never high-pressure wash or steam clean a power steering gear while on or off the vehicle. Doing so could force contaminants inside the gear and cause it to malfunction.

Make sure vehicle wheel cut or clearances meet manufacturer's specifications, and make sure pitman arm timing marks are aligned properly to **prevent internal bottoming** of the steering gear.

Regularly check the fluid and the fluid level in the power steering reservoir.

Keep tires inflated to correct pressure.

Never use a torch to remove pitman arm.

Investigate and immediately **correct the cause of any play, rattle, or shimmy** in any part of the steering system.

Make sure the steering column is aligned properly.

Encourage drivers to report any malfunctions or accidents that could have damaged steering components.

Do not attempt to weld any broken steering component. Replace the component with original equipment only.

Do not cold straighten, hot straighten, or bend any steering system component.

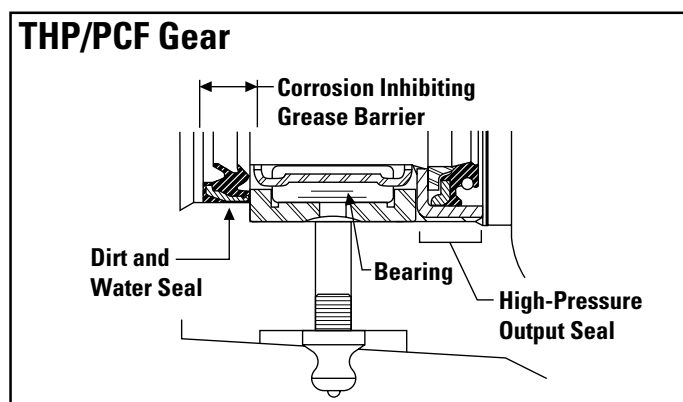
Always **clean off around the reservoir filler cap** before you remove it. Prevent dirt or other foreign matter from entering the hydraulic system.

Investigate and correct any external leaks, no matter how minor.

Replace reservoir filters according to requirements.

If you feel the vehicle is developing excessively **high hydraulic fluid temperatures**, consult with your vehicle manufacturer for recommendations.

Maintain grease pack behind the output shaft dirt and water seal as a general maintenance procedure at least twice a year, in the Spring and Fall. Grease fitting is provided in housing trunnion. Use Exxon Polyrex EP2 (P/N 045422 or NLGI grade 2 or 3 multipurpose chassis lube, and use only a hand operated grease gun on fitting. Add grease until it begins to extrude past the sector shaft dirt and water seal.



Filling and Air Bleeding the System

Tools Required

$\frac{5}{16}$ " Socket
in•lb Torque wrench

Materials Required

Hydraulic fluid



CAUTION

Make sure poppets are set correctly before beginning this procedure.

Run engine for 10 seconds, turn off and fill reservoir

Hydraulic fluid

1. Fill the reservoir nearly full. Do not steer. Start and run the engine for 10 seconds, then shut it off. Check and refill the reservoir. Repeat at least three times, checking the reservoir each time.



CAUTION

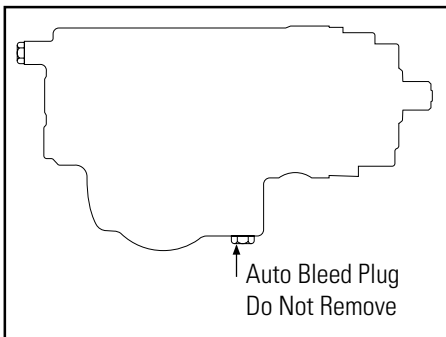
Do not allow the fluid level to drop significantly or run out of the reservoir. This may induce air into the system.

Run engine for 2 minutes, turn off and fill reservoir

Hydraulic fluid

2. Start the engine and let it idle for 2 minutes. Do not steer. Shut off the engine and check the fluid level in the reservoir. Refill as required.

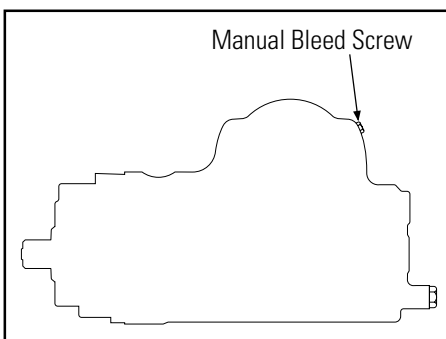
Steer vehicle



3. Start the engine again. Steer the vehicle from full left to full right several times. Add fluid, as necessary, to the full line on the dip stick.

Automatic bleed systems should now be free from trapped air. **Manual bleed systems continue with step 4.**

Allow air to bleed out from bleed screw



in•lb Torque wrench
 $\frac{5}{16}$ " Socket

4. With engine idling, steer from full left turn to full right turn several times. Stop steering and loosen the manual bleed screw about one turn. Allow air and aerated fluid to "bleed out" until only clear fluid is seen. Close the bleed screw, refill the reservoir if required.

Repeat step 4 three to four times until all the air is discharged. Torque manual bleed screw to **45 in•lb**.



CAUTION

Do not turn steering wheel with bleed screw loosened.