

GROUP 4

CLUTCH, S-M TRANSMISSION, UNIVERSAL JOINT

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SECTION 4-A

CLUTCH

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4-1 CLUTCH SPECIFICATIONS

a. Tightening Specifications

Part	Location	Thread Size	Torque Ft.-Lbs.
Bolt	Clutch Cover to Flywheel.....	5/16-18	20-25
Bolt	Clutch Pedal Mounting Bracket to Dash.....	3/8-16	15-20
Bolt & Nut	Clutch Pedal to Pedal Mounting Bracket.....	3/8-16	15-20
Bolt	Equalizer Bracket to Transmission.....	3/8-16	15-20
Stud	Clutch Release Yoke Ball.....	1/2-20	30-35
Bolt & Nut	Clutch Equalizer Pivot.....	5/8-18	90-100

b. Clutch Specifications

Clutch Type.....	Single Plate-Dry Disc
Clutch Pedal Pressure (lbs.).....	28
Clutch Pedal Lash.....	1 1/8" to 1 1/4"
Driven Plate Diameter.....	11"
Driven Plate Facings—	
Type and Number.....	Woven, 2
Attachment to Plate.....	Rivets
Facing Thickness.....	.125" ± .002"
Total Effective Area (sq. in.).....	113
Max. Allowable Run-out at Rear Face of Plate.....	.025"
Clutch Springs—	
Type and Number.....	Coil, 9
Total Pressure (lbs.).....	1845
Spring Pressure (lbs.) @ Length.....	200-210 @ 1 3/4"
Free Length.....	Approx. 2 1/2"
Press. Plate Driving Lug Clearance in Cover.....	.005"-.008"
Height, Inner Ends of Release Levers to Flywheel.....	2.0625"
Max. Allowable Variation.....	.031"

4-2 DESCRIPTION OF CLUTCH

A single plate, dry disc clutch is used in cars equipped with synchromesh transmissions. The clutch is of conventional design with coil type clutch springs and three release levers. The release levers are non-adjustable. The clutch pressure plate and cover assembly will be serviced only as a complete unit.

a. Clutch Assembly

The clutch cover is bolted to the flywheel and three lugs on the pressure plate engage slots in the cover to transmit torque to the plate. Nine clutch springs are located between the cover and the pressure plate. The three clutch release levers are located so that their inner ends are in position to be engaged by the clutch release

bearing. The levers pivot on fulcrums bolted to the clutch cover and on bearings in the three pressure plate lugs. See figure 4-1.

The outer ends of the release levers are weighted so that at higher engine speeds where slipping is liable to occur, centrifugal force causes more pressure to be applied on the pressure plate. The faster the clutch revolves, the greater the pressure exerted against the clutch plate, thereby increasing the torque transmitting ability of the clutch. This additional pressure allows the use of a clutch which requires lower foot pressure at the pedal for normal clutch operation.

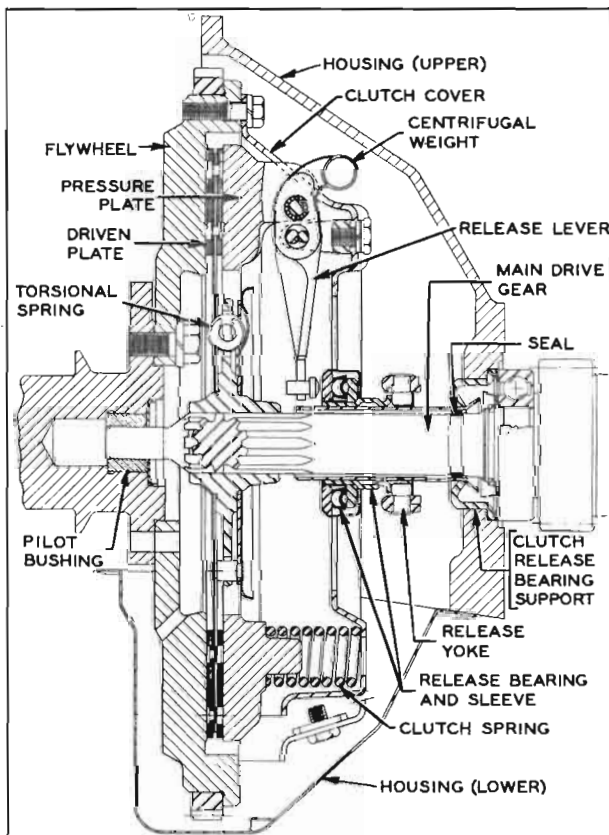


Figure 4-1—Clutch and Flywheel Assembly

When the clutch is in the engaged position, the release levers are clear of the release bearing and the clutch springs cause the pressure plate to clamp the driven plate against the flywheel with sufficient force to transmit power of the engine without slippage. The power drive is from flywheel to clutch cover, cover to pressure plate, and from pressure plate and flywheel to driven plate.

When the clutch is disengaged, the clutch release bearing presses forward on the inner ends of the release levers which pivot and force the

pressure plate rearward against the pressure of clutch springs. The pressure plate is moved rearward far enough to free the driven plate. See figure 4-1.

b. Clutch Driven Plate

The clutch driven plate assembly is mounted with a free sliding fit on the transmission main drive gear and is keyed to the gear by ten splines. The front end of the main drive gear is piloted by a bronze bushing pressed into a recess on rear end of engine crankshaft. See figure 4-1.

The outer area of the driven plate is divided into segments which are formed in low waves to provide springs between the plate facings and thereby cushion engagement of the clutch. A woven facing, grooved to give quick release, is riveted to each side of every segment of plate. When the clutch is fully released, the waved segments cause the facings to spread approximately $.050''$ and the movement of pressure plate provides an additional clearance of approximately $.030''$ to assure full release of driven plate. See figure 4-2.

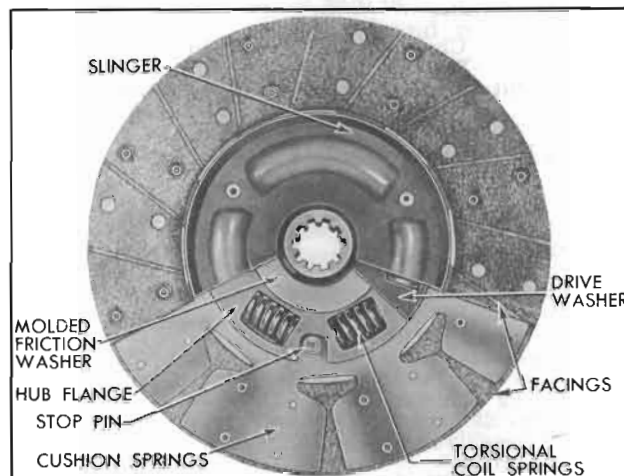


Figure 4-2—Driven Plate—Transmission Side

The driven plate assembly is designed to prevent torsional periods of the engine from being transmitted to the transmission gears and causing rattle. This is accomplished by driving the plate hub through torsional coil springs and providing frictional dampening by means of molded friction washers.

c. Clutch Release Mechanism

The clutch pedal is of the suspended type and is mounted between hinge brackets bolted to the cowl. Pedal position at rest is determined by a rubber pedal bumper mounted on a non-

adjustable bumper support. The portion of the pedal beyond the pivot projects through the cowl where a cable quadrant is bolted to it. As the pedal is depressed, the cable quadrant and cable are raised, causing a release equalizer to turn. See figure 4-3. This rotation of the equalizer pulls the clutch release rod to the rear which in turn pulls the clutch yoke rearward to disengage the clutch.

The pedal pivots on nylon bearings which do not require periodic lubrication. The cable runs over a pulley and is fastened to the equalizer. The pulley is adjustable so it can be aligned with the cable. The cable length is adjustable so that the equalizer can be properly positioned (par. 4-4). The correct equalizer position is such that the equalizer over center spring helps to hold the pedal firmly against the pedal bumper when the pedal is released. However, after the pedal is slightly depressed, the over center spring helps to reduce pedal pressure. This spring is attached to the equalizer bracket by an eye bolt, and to a pin on the equalizer by an extension which straddles the pivot point of the equalizer. See figure 4-4. The equalizer has a fitting which should be lubricated periodically (par. 1-1).

The release rod, which extends from the equalizer to the clutch yoke, has an adjustable end. The yoke is held on a ball stud by a U-shaped spring riveted to the yoke. A boot around the yoke provides a flexible closure for the yoke opening in the flywheel housing. The

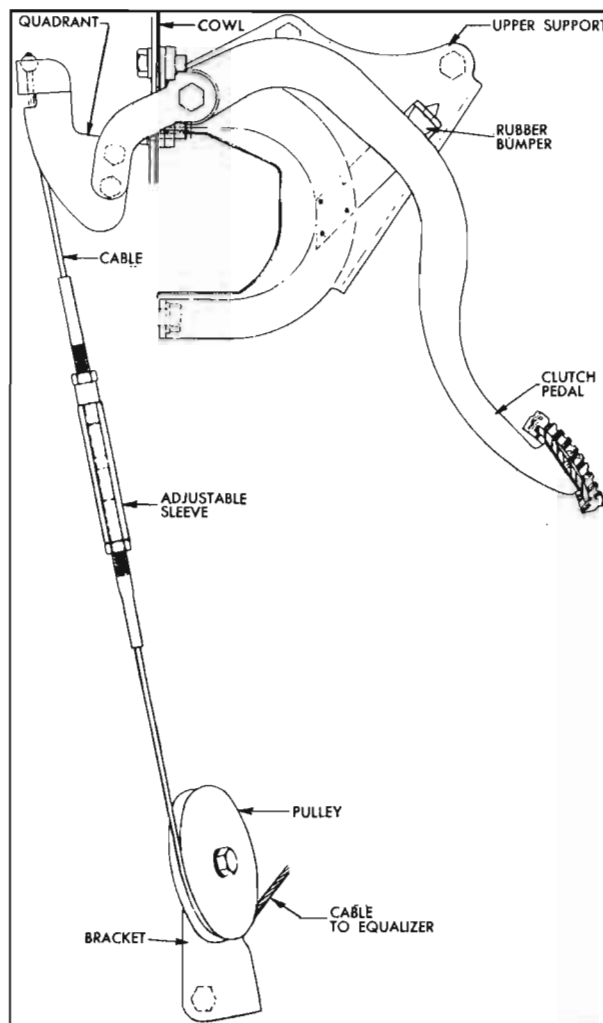


Figure 4-3—Upper Clutch Release Mechanism (from Side)

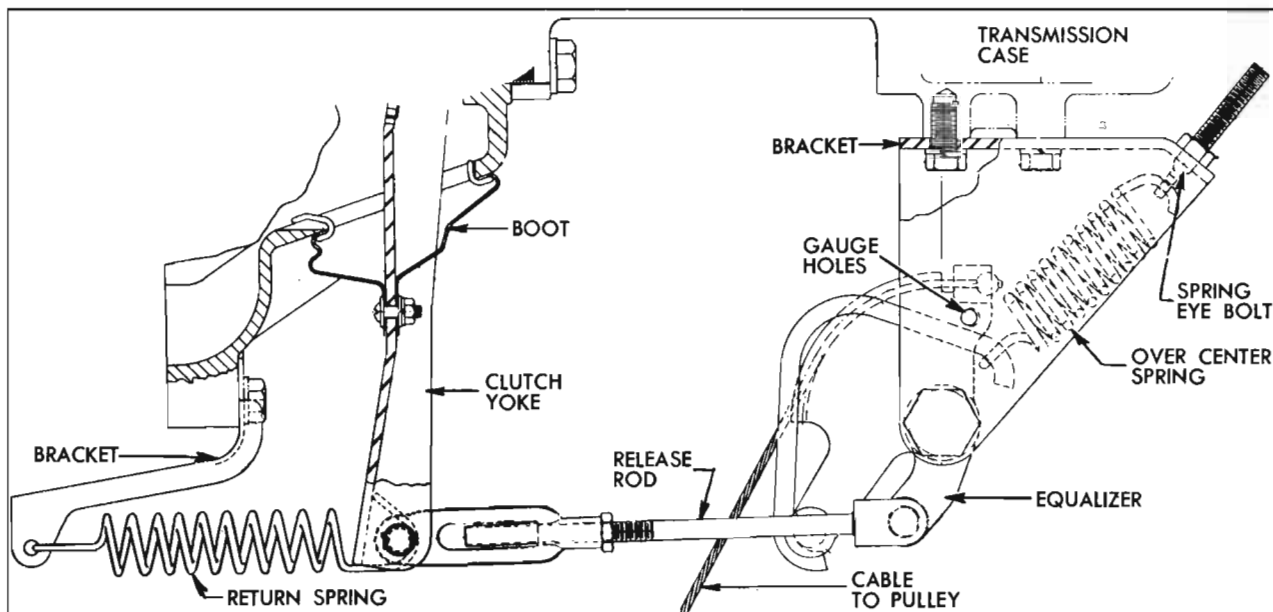


Figure 4-4—Lower Clutch Release Mechanism (from Above)

inner end of the yoke is in position to push forward on the release bearing when the clutch pedal is depressed. A U-shaped spring riveted to the release bearing holds the bearing in contact with the yoke. The release rod length must be adjusted to provide correct clearance between the release bearing and the clutch release levers (par. 4-4).

A return spring is connected between the release rod clevis pin and a bracket on the engine to keep the release bearing out of contact with the release levers when the clutch is not in use.

The release bearing and sleeve assembly is mounted on a bearing support which encircles the transmission main drive gear. The bearing is filled with lifetime lubricant in production and no further lubrication is required. The bearing support is flared at the rear end to seat in the flywheel housing and is held in place by a spring washer and the outer race of the transmission main drive gear bearing. See Figure 4-1.

4-3 CLUTCH TROUBLE DIAGNOSIS

a. Excessive Pedal Pressure

The pressure required to depress clutch pedal to toe board should not exceed 28 pounds. If pedal pressure is excessive, make certain that pedal is not binding in floor mat or toeboard. Thoroughly lubricate release equalizer with chassis lubricant.

If excessive pedal pressure still exists after release linkage is properly lubricated, lubricate internal working parts of clutch as described in paragraph 4-4.

b. Clutch Noise

Squeaking and grinding noises during clutch pedal operation are usually caused by heavy friction in the release linkage or internal parts of clutch assembly. Before condemning the release bearing, thoroughly lubricate release equalizer and, if necessary, lubricate internal working parts of clutch as described in paragraph 4-4.

c. Clutch Grab or Chatter

A very slight amount of oil on driven plate facings will cause clutch grab and chatter. A new driven plate must be installed if original

plate facings contain oil since removal of oil from facings is not practical.

When oil is found on facings, examine pilot bushing, transmission drainback, rear engine bearing, and oil leaks which might drain back into clutch housing between upper and lower flywheel housings.

Improper variation in height of release levers will cause clutch chatter. See paragraph 4-5 (b). To correct this condition, the complete clutch assembly must be replaced, because the release levers are neither adjustable nor available for replacement.

d. Clutch Drag or Failure to Release

To test for clutch drag or failure to release, depress clutch pedal to toeboard with engine running and shift transmission into low gear. Hold pedal depressed and shift transmission to neutral, wait about 15 seconds with pedal depressed and again shift into low gear. If clutch is not releasing completely a gear clash will occur.

If test shows that clutch is not releasing properly, check clutch pedal lash (par. 4-4) and check release linkage for lost motion. Correct as necessary and again test for clutch drag.

If clutch drag cannot be corrected in release linkage, remove clutch and check height of release levers. Check driven plate for oil soaked or cracked facings, also for run-out and free movement on main drive gear (par. 4-6).

e. Clutch Slipping

First make certain that clutch pedal is adjusted for specified lash ($1\frac{1}{8}$ " to $1\frac{1}{4}$ ") and that pedal is not binding. One type of clutch slippage is sometimes wrongly diagnosed as due to weak clutch springs. This slippage occurs during gear shifting and full engagement of the clutch is not obtainable until the engine speed is reduced. After full engagement is obtained no further slippage occurs during acceleration or under full load. This condition is usually due to the clutch driven plate hub sticking on the splines of the transmission main drive gear. Correction can be made by removing the clutch and thoroughly cleaning splines of driven plate and main drive gear then applying a light coating of Lubriplate. Make sure that release lever pins are not binding, and that pressure plate driving lugs are not binding in clutch cover.

4-4 CLUTCH ADJUSTMENT AND LUBRICATION

a. Clutch Pedal Lash Adjustment

It is very important to maintain proper pedal lash (free pedal) at all times. Insufficient pedal lash will cause the release bearing to ride against the release levers resulting in abnormal wear of these parts; it may also cause clutch slippage and abnormal wear of the driven plate, flywheel, and pressure plate if pressure on the release levers is enough to prevent positive engagement of the clutch.

1. Make certain that return spring pulls clutch pedal firmly against pedal bumper when pedal is released. If pedal does not contact bumper, check pedal and linkage for binding or lack of lubrication. Check condition of release yoke return spring. Check condition of equalizer over-center spring and make sure that spring eye bolt is fully tightened. See figure 4-4.

2. Before making any clutch linkage adjustment, clutch equalizer must be in correct position. Position equalizer by inserting a $\frac{1}{4}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ " pin through gauging hole in equalizer from bottom as it lines up with two holes in equalizer bracket. See Figure 4-4. If cable is too loose, pull slack out of cable until holes align; if cable is too tight, tension must be loosened at cable adjusting sleeve until $\frac{1}{4}$ " pin will be held in gauging holes.

3. Remove release rod adjusting end cotter key and flat washer.

4. Remove return spring. Remove release rod to yoke clevis pin and spring washer.

5. Loosen release rod adjusting end jam nut and adjust end until clevis pin fits freely with yoke held to rear.

6. Then lengthen release rod by rotating adjusting end 4 turns. This will provide proper clearance between clutch release bearing and release levers.

7. Replace clevis pin and spring washer.

8. Hook return spring over clevis pin. Install flat washer and cotter key.

9. Tighten release rod jam nut.

10. Check cable pulley for alignment with both upper and lower portions of cable. If pulley is not aligned, loosen mounting bolts slightly and align. Tighten bolts securely. See figure 4-3.

11. To tighten cable to proper tension, first

clamp locking pliers on both upper and lower cables just off threaded sections to keep cables from twisting.

12. Loosen cable adjusting sleeve jam nuts.

13. Turn adjusting sleeve clockwise as viewed from top to tighten cable. Cable tension is correct when gauging pin drops from holes in equalizer and equalizer bracket.

14. Tighten adjusting sleeve jam nuts. Remove locking pliers.

15. Check pedal lash (free pedal) by pushing on pedal pad with hand. *Do not mistake tension of pedal return spring as an indication of lack of pedal lash.* Pedal lash should be $1\frac{1}{8}$ " to $1\frac{1}{4}$ ", measured at pedal pad.

b. Lubrication of Clutch Internal Parts

Lubrication of clutch release equalizer and linkage is included in Lubricare every 1000 miles (par. 1-1). Lubrication of clutch internal working parts is usually required only at time clutch is assembled and installed; however, if lubrication becomes necessary to eliminate squeaks or excessive pedal pressure, proceed as follows:

1. Remove flywheel lower housing.

2. Disconnect release rod from yoke, unhook boot from opening in flywheel upper housing, and pull yoke outward to disengage it from ball stud. See figure 4-5.

3. Apply Lubriplate or Delco Brake Lubricant to ball stud and ball seat in yoke, then connect yoke to ball stud. Hook boot to opening in flywheel housing and connect release rod to yoke.

4. Examine clutch release bearing and sleeve assembly to see whether it is binding on release bearing support due to improper installation. Lubricate any contact point between bearing sleeve and support by brushing with Lubriplate or Delco Brake Lubricant.

5. Brush lubricant on pressure plate driving lugs where they contact cover. Work clutch pedal a number of times to work lubricant into contact points.

Rotate flywheel until each release lever in turn is in lowest position, then very sparingly oil the release lever fulcrums and sides of release levers. Allow time for any surplus oil to drain off before turning flywheel, to avoid getting oil on driven plate facings. Release lever fulcrums also may be lubricated by spraying with powdered graphite, which will not damage

driven plate facings. This may not afford immediate relief but if clutch is operated while engine is running, after installation of flywheel lower housing, the graphite will work into the bearing surfaces.

6. Install flywheel lower housing.

4-5 REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION OF CLUTCH

a. Removal of Clutch

1. Remove rear axle assembly (par. 6-4) and transmission (par. 4-13). Remove flywheel lower housing.

2. Disconnect release rod from release yoke and remove yoke boot. See figure 4-5.

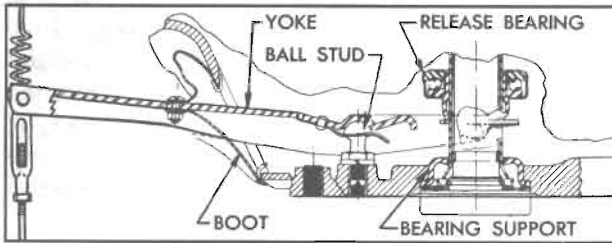


Figure 4-5—Clutch Release Yoke and Boot

3. Remove spring washer which retains release bearing support in flywheel housing and remove support and gasket.

4. Pull outward on release yoke to free it from the ball stud in flywheel housing and remove yoke and release bearing through bottom of housing. Separate yoke from bearing.

5. Mark the clutch cover and the flywheel with a center punch so that cover can be reinstalled in the same position on flywheel in order to preserve engine balance.

6. Loosen each clutch cover bolt a little at a time in order to relieve clutch spring pressure evenly and avoid distortion of cover. Metal spacers placed between release levers and inner edge of clutch cover will aid removal and later reinstallation by holding clutch springs compressed.

7. Support pressure plate and cover assembly while removing the last bolts, then remove the cover assembly and driven plate.

b. Checking Release Lever Height

Correct release lever height is essential to insure complete release of the clutch and also

to allow smooth, positive engagement of the clutch. Before reinstalling a clutch pressure plate and cover assembly, release lever height should be checked as follows:

1. Mount dial indicator on Support J-1013, set support on flat surface, press indicator stem down against surface until indicator hand has made one revolution, then tighten indicator to support and set indicator to zero. See figure 4-6.

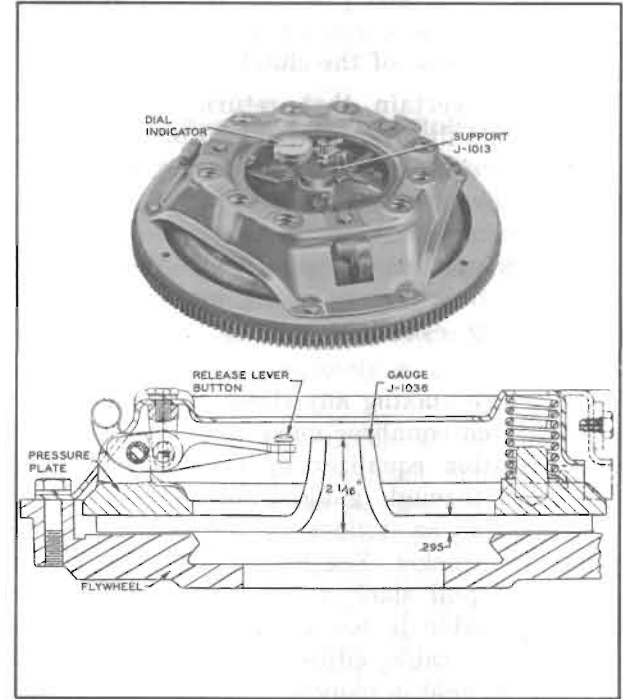


Figure 4-6—Checking Release Lever Height

2. Place Adjusting Gauge J-1036 on spare flywheel and place clutch assembly on gauge so that release levers are directly above machined bosses of gauge. NOTE: Thickness of gauge at machined bosses is .295"; height of gauge at hub is $2\frac{1}{16}$ ".

3. Install cover bolts and tighten each one a few turns at a time until all are uniformly tight.

4. Carefully place support and indicator on machined hub of gauge so that indicator bears on inner end of release levers. Indicator should read within plus or minus .031". Also, all three levers should read within .031" of each other.

5. If release lever heights are not within specifications, or any part of the clutch assembly is defective, the whole clutch pressure plate and cover assembly must be replaced as a unit.

c. Installation of Clutch

1. Very sparingly apply front wheel bearing lubricant to main drive gear pilot bushing in crankshaft. If too much lubricant is used it will run out on face of flywheel when hot and ruin driven plate facings. Make sure that surface of flywheel is clean and dry.

2. Make sure that splines in driven plate hub are clean and apply a light coating of Lubriplate. Driven plate facings must be clean and dry.

3. Place driven plate on pressure plate with oil slinger toward pressure plate, then place clutch assembly in position against flywheel, *being sure to align marks made on flywheel and cover before removal.* Install cover bolts with lockwashers but do not tighten bolts.

4. Insert a spare main drive gear through hub of driven plate and into the pilot bearing. Tighten each clutch cover bolt several turns at a time to draw cover down evenly and avoid distortion of cover. While tightening cover bolts, move main drive gear from side to side to center driven plate with pilot bushing. If plate is not properly centered it will be difficult to slide transmission into place. Make sure all cover bolts are uniformly tightened.

5. Remove spacers from between cover and release levers.

6. Fill groove in release bearing sleeve with wheel bearing lubricant. Coat release yoke ball stud and ball recess in release yoke with Lubriplate or Delco Brake Lubricant. Attach release bearing to release yoke and attach yoke to ball stud in flywheel housing.

7. Install release bearing support with a new gasket, placing support in flywheel housing with the tab on support aligned with molded recess in housing to permit positive drain back of oil to transmission. Install spring washer with outer edge against bearing support.

8. Install transmission (par. 4-13), being careful to avoid damage to clutch driven plate which would result if weight of transmission is allowed to rest on main drive gear in driven plate hub.

9. Install boot and release rod nut lock on yoke (fig. 4-5), attach release rod to yoke, then adjust for clutch pedal lash of $1\frac{1}{8}$ " to $1\frac{1}{4}$ " (par. 4-4).

10. Install flywheel lower housing, making sure that gasket is in condition to insure a tight seal. Install rear axle assembly (par. 6-4).

11. Road test car for clutch performance. *Under no circumstance should the clutch be harshly used immediately after installation of a new driven plate, flywheel, or pressure plate.* Sudden engagement of clutch with engine running at abnormal speed, or continual slipping of clutch, may permanently injure driven plate facings and may cause scoring of flywheel and pressure plate. *When these parts are new they must be given moderate use for several days until nicely burnished. Be sure that car owner is advised of this requirement.*

4-6 INSPECTION OF CLUTCH

Wash all metal parts of clutch, except release bearing and driven plate, in suitable cleaning solution to remove dirt and grease. Soaking release bearing in cleaning solution would permit solution to seep into bearing and destroy the lubricant. Soaking driven plate in cleaning solution would damage the facings.

1. *Flywheel and Pressure Plate.* Examine friction surfaces of flywheel and pressure plate for scoring or roughness. Slight roughness may be smoothed with fine emery cloth, but if surface is deeply scored or grooved the part should be replaced.

2. *Clutch Cover.* Inspect clutch cover for cracks or distortion. Check clearance between pressure plate driving lugs and edges of slots in cover, using feeler gauges. The clearance should be .005" to .008"; excessive clearance may cause rattle when engine is intermittently accelerated with clutch disengaged.

3. *Clutch Driven Plate.* Inspect driven plate for condition of facings, loose rivets, broken or very loose torsional springs, and flattened cushion springs. See figure 4-2.

If facings are worn down near rivets or are oily, the plate assembly should be replaced. A very slight amount of oil on clutch facings will cause clutch grab and chatter. A large amount of oil on facings will cause slippage or drag. Removal of oil by solvents or by buffing is not practical since oil will continue to bleed from facing material when hot.

When oil is found on driven plate facings, examine transmission drainback hole, pilot bushing, engine rear main bearing and other points of oil leakage.

Test the fit of driven plate hub on transmission main drive gear; an easy sliding fit should exist. Regardless of whether the old plate or a

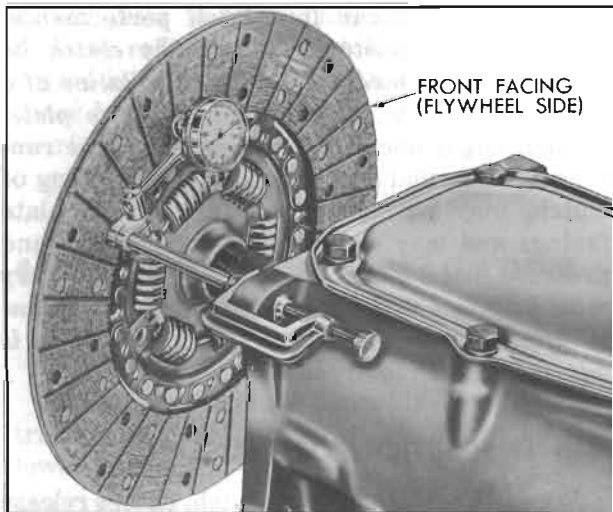
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Figure 4-7—Checking Driven Plate for Run-out

new one is to be installed, the plate should be checked for run-out. This check can be made by

sliding the driven plate, *front side first*, over the transmission main drive gear until it is tight on the spline, then setting up a dial indicator to bear against the plate facing as shown in figure 4-7. While holding firmly against front end of main drive gear to take up play in main drive gear bearing, slowly rotate driven plate and observe the amount of run-out shown by indicator. If run-out of front facing exceeds .025" the plate should not be used since it is not practical to correct excessive run-out by bending.

4. *Bearings.* Inspect clutch release bearing for scoring or excessive wear on front contact face. Test for roughness of balls and races by pressing and turning front race slowly. Inspect main drive gear pilot bushing in crankshaft. If bearing is rough or worn it should be replaced, using Puller J-164 for removal.