

# THREE-SPEED MANUAL TRANSMISSION "X" SERIES

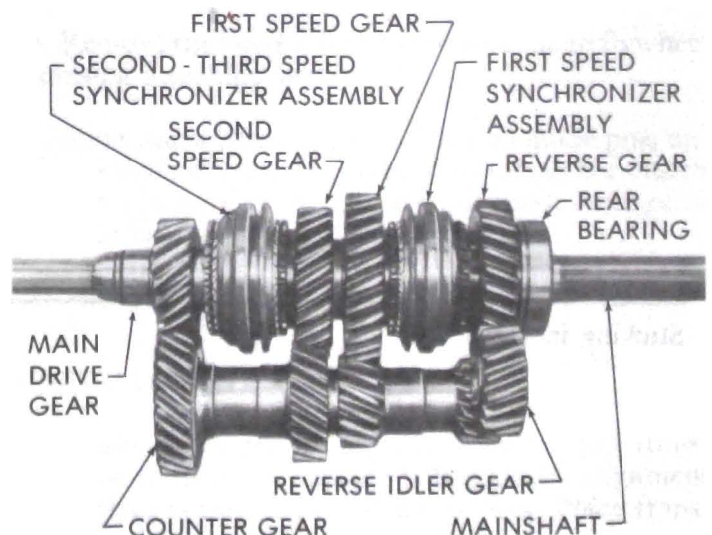
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## DESCRIPTION AND OPERATION

### DESCRIPTION OF THE 3-SPEED MANUAL TRANSMISSION

The "X" Series cars have as standard equipment a three-speed manually operated transmission with all forward gears synchronized. All forward speed changes are accomplished with synchronizer sleeves. See Figure 7B-1. The synchronizers permit quicker shifts, greatly reduce gear clash, and permit down shifting from third to second between 40-20 MPH and from second to first below 20 MPH.



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Figure 7B-1-Gear Synchronizers

**DIAGNOSIS****TROUBLE DIAGNOSIS**

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Complaint	Probable Cause
Noisy in Forward Speeds	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Low lubricant level.</li> <li>2. Incorrect lubricant.</li> <li>3. Transmission misaligned or loose.</li> <li>4. Main drive gear bearing worn or damaged.</li> <li>5. Counter gear or needle roller bearings worn or damaged.</li> <li>6. Main drive gear worn or damaged.</li> <li>7. Blocking rings worn or damaged.</li> </ol>
Noisy in "Reverse"	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reverse idler gear or shaft, worn or damaged.</li> <li>2. Reverse gear worn or broken.</li> </ol>
Hard Shifting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Clutch improperly adjusted.</li> <li>2. Shift linkage out of adjustment.</li> <li>3. Bent, damaged or loose shift linkage.</li> <li>4. Shift levers, shafts or forks worn.</li> <li>5. Incorrect lubricant.</li> <li>6. Blocking rings worn or broken.</li> </ol>
Jumping Out of Gear	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Shaft linkage out of adjustment, worn or loose.</li> <li>2. Partial engagement of gear.</li> <li>3. Transmission misaligned or loose.</li> <li>4. Bent or worn shift fork, lever and/or shaft.</li> <li>5. Worn pilot bearing.</li> <li>6. End play in main drive gear (bending retainer loose or broken, loose or worn bearings on main drive gear and output shafts).</li> <li>7. Detent cam spring weak.</li> <li>8. Detent cam notches worn.</li> <li>9. Worn clutch teeth on main drive gear and/or worn clutch teeth on synchronizer sleeve.</li> <li>10. Worn or broken blocking ring.</li> <li>11. Bent output shaft.</li> </ol>
Sticking in Gear	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Clutch not releasing fully.</li> <li>2. Low lubricant level.</li> <li>3. Incorrect lubrication.</li> <li>4. Corroded transmission levers (shaft).</li> <li>5. Tight main drive gear pilot bearing.</li> <li>6. Frozen synchronizing blocking ring on main drive gear cone.</li> <li>7. Burred or battered teeth on synchronizer sleeve and/or main drive gear.</li> </ol>

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Complaint	Probable Cause
Forward Gears Clash	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Clutch not releasing fully.</li> <li>2. Weak or broken springs in the synchronizer assembly.</li> <li>3. Worn blocking rings and/or cone surfaces.</li> <li>4. Broken blocking rings.</li> <li>5. Excessive rock of synchronizer assembly on mainshaft.</li> </ol>
Gears Spinning When Shifting Into Gear From "Neutral"	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Clutch not fully releasing.</li> <li>2. Binding main drive gear pilot bearing.</li> <li>3. Synchronizers not functioning.</li> </ol>
Reverse Gear Clash	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Allow approximately 3/4 seconds after the clutch pedal has been depressed before shifting into reverse gear.</li> <li>2. If gear clash continues after allowing proper time for the clutch plate to stop, check the clutch adjustment to make sure that it is within specifications.</li> <li>3. Make sure that the engine idle speed is set to specifications.</li> <li>4. Gear clash can also be caused by the following:  Dragged clutch driven plate.  Distorted clutch driven plate.  Tight or frozen main drive gear bearing.</li> </ol>
Scored or Broken Gear Teeth	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Insufficient lubricant.</li> <li>2. Failure of the car operator to fully engage the gears on every shift before engaging the clutch and applying engine power.</li> </ol>

## REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION

### REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION OF TRANSMISSION

#### Removal

1. Disconnect speedometer cable and remove driven gear and sleeve assembly.
2. Disconnect shift controls from transmission.
3. Remove propeller shaft.
4. Support rear of engine and remove transmission support.
5. Remove the two (2) top transmission to flywheel housing bolts and insert guide pins.

6. Remove the two (2) lower transmission to flywheel housing attaching bolts.

7. Slide transmission straight back on guide pins until the main drive gear is free of splines in the clutch driven plate. If guide pins are not used, damage to the clutch driven plate can result.

8. Remove transmission.

#### INSTALLATION

1. Install guide pin in upper and lower right transmission to flywheel housing bolt holes for alignment and place transmission on guide pins. Place transmission in third gear and rotate transmission mainshaft as necessary to start main drive gear into clutch driven plate. Slide transmission forward. If guide pins are not used, damage to the clutch driven plate can result.

2. Install two (2) lower transmission mounting bolts. Remove guide pin and install two upper bolts. Torque bolts to 45-60 lb. ft.

3. Install transmission support.

4. Install propeller shaft.

5. Install speedometer driven gear and connector speedometer cable.

6. Connect linkage and adjust as described in Linkage section.

## OVERHAUL AND MAJOR SERVICE

### DISASSEMBLY OF TRANSMISSION

1. Drain lubricant.
2. Remove side cover attaching bolts. Remove side cover assembly and gasket.
3. Remove front main bearing retainer and gasket.
4. Remove front main bearing to main drive gear snap ring.
5. Remove front main bearing by pulling main drive gear out of case as far as possible. See Figure 7B-2.

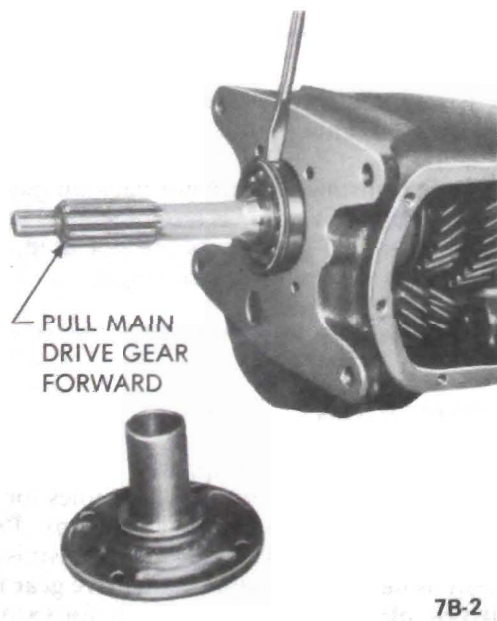


Figure 7B-2 Removing Front Main Bearing

The front bearing is a slip fit on main drive gear. It may be necessary to aid removal with a screwdriver.

6. Remove reverse idler shaft to gear "E" ring. See Figure 7B-3.

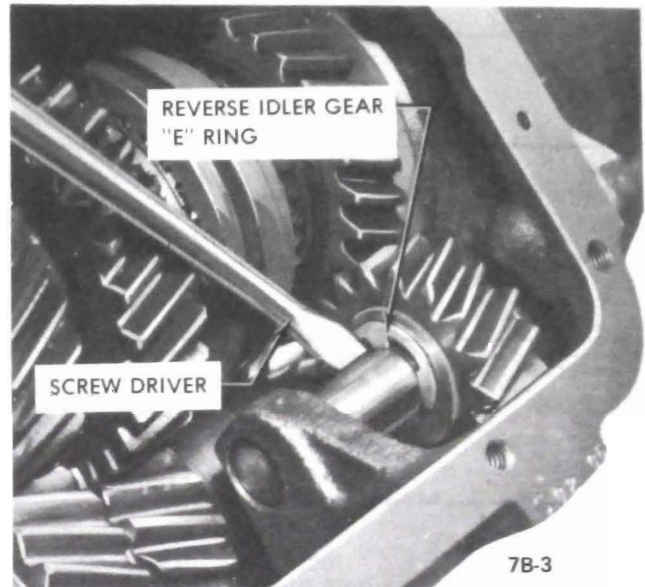


Figure 7B-3 Removing Reverse Idler "E" Ring

7. Remove rear bearing retainer to case attaching bolts.

8. From rear of case, remove rear bearing retainer and mainshaft assembly. See Figure 7B-4.

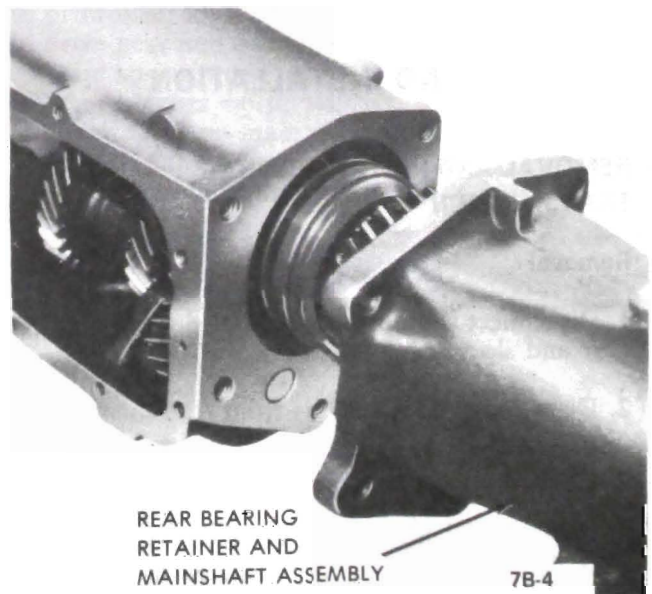


Figure 7B-4 Removing Mainshaft Assembly

9. Remove main drive gear, 14 needle bearings, and third speed blocking ring from mainshaft assembly.

10. Using snap ring pliers, expand snap ring at rear of bearing retainer which retains the rear bearing to the retainer. See Figure 7B-5. Remove rear bearing retainer.

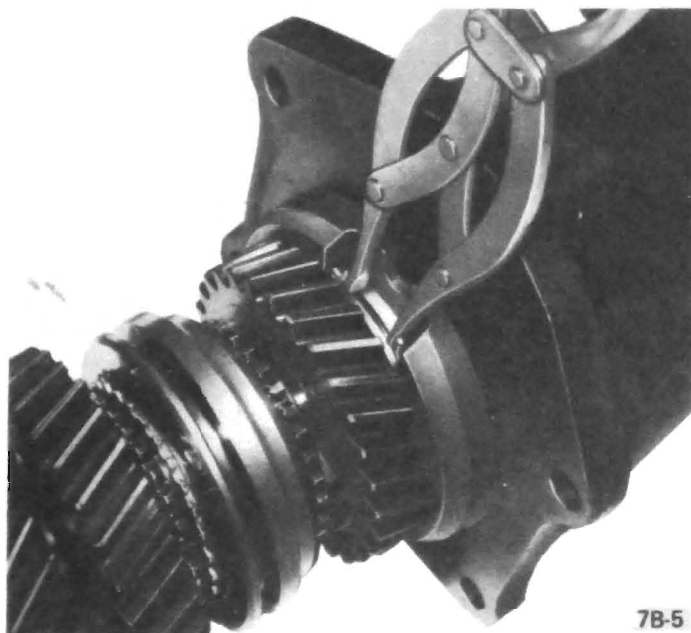


Figure 7B-5 Removing Rear Bearing Retainer.

11. Using Countershaft Alignment Tool J-22246, remove counter gear shaft and its woodruff key through rear of case. See Figure 7B-6. Remove two (2) tanged bronze thrust washers.

12. Use a long brass drift and drive reverse idler shaft and woodruff key through rear of case. See Figure 7B-7.

13. Remove reverse idler gear tanged steel thrust washer.

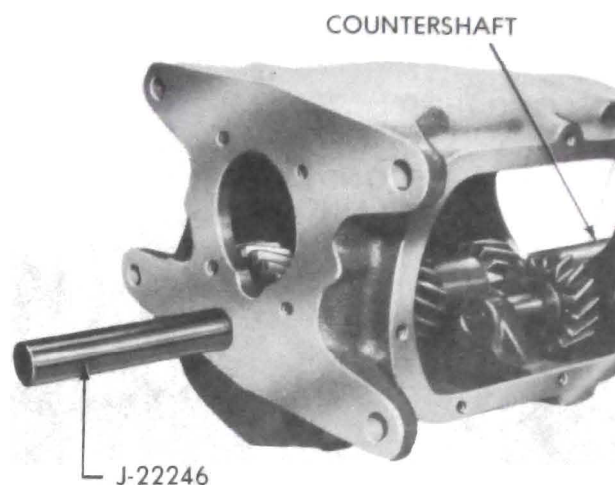


Figure 7B-6 Removing Countershaft

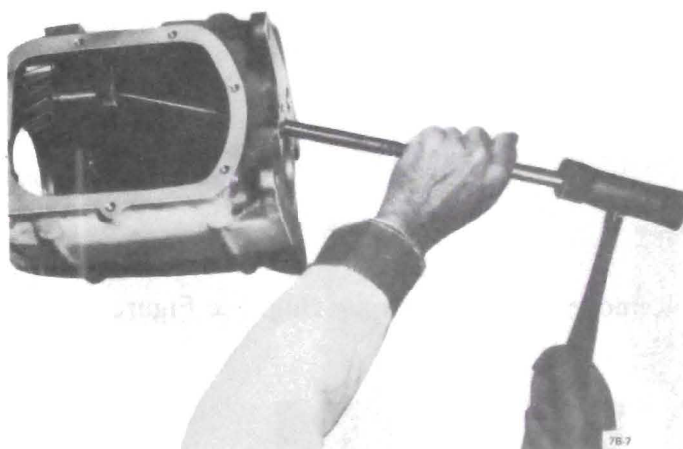


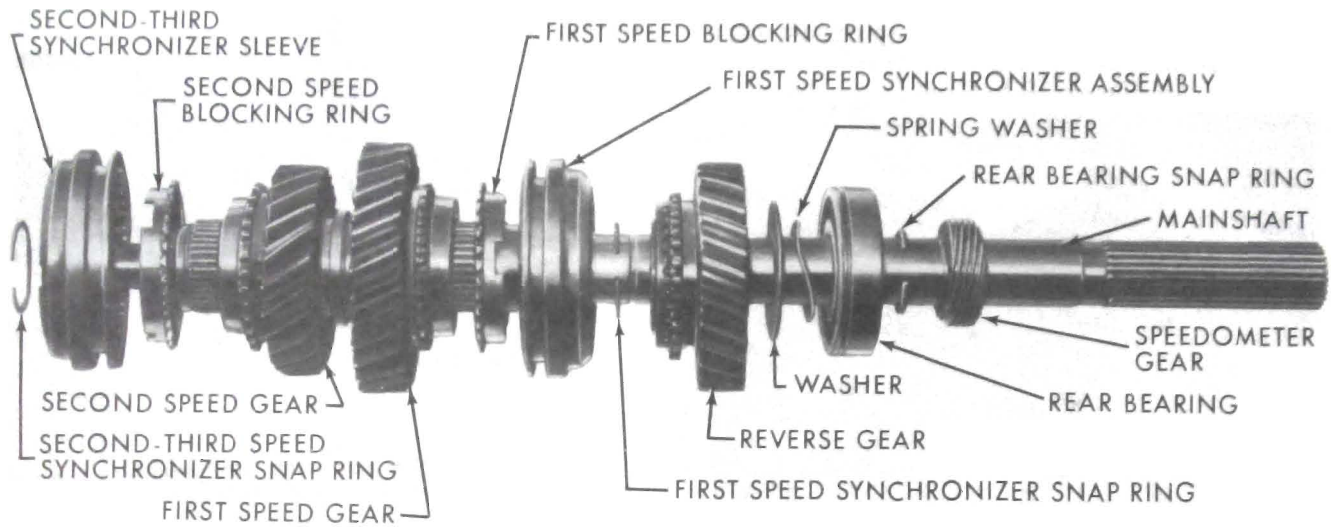
Figure 7B-7 - Removing Reverse Idler Shaft

## MAINSHAFT ASSEMBLY

### Disassembly

1. Install speedometer gear removing tool (J- 21427 and J-9578) on output shaft and remove speedometer gear.
2. Remove second-third synchronizer sleeve. See Figure 7B-8.





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Figure 7B-8 - Exploded View of Mainshaft

3. Remove rear bearing snap ring. See Figure 7B-9.

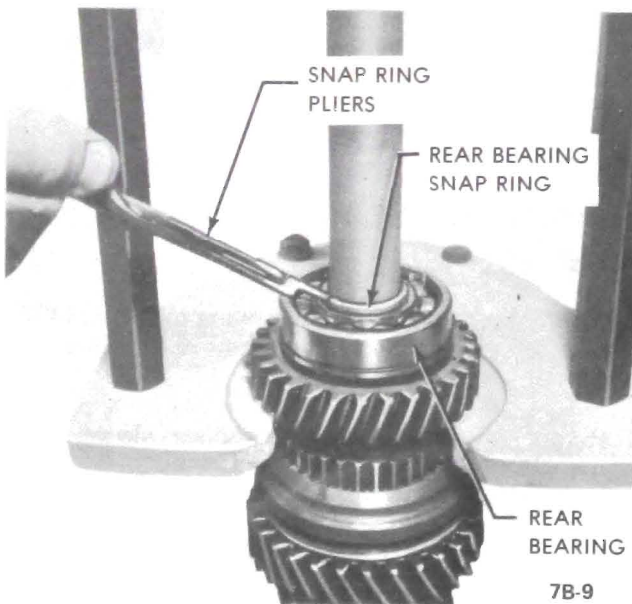


Figure 7B-9 - Removing Rear Bearing Snap Ring

4. Using ram press or arbor press, remove rear bearing spring washer, thrust washer, and reverse gear. See Figure 7B-10.

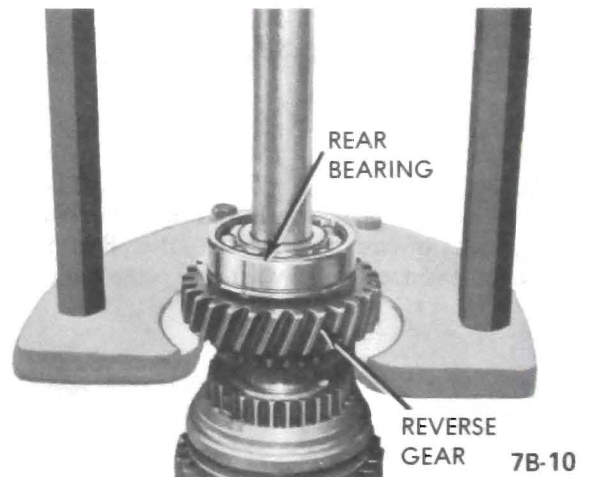


Figure 7B-10 - Removing Rear Bearing

5. Remove first speed synchronizer snap ring. See Figure 7B-12.

6. Support first speed gear on press plate using two (2) pieces of stock 6x1-7/8x1/4. See Figure 7B-13. Remove first speed synchronizer assembly and first speed gear.

7. Remove second-third speed synchronizer assembly snap ring. See Figure 7B-14.

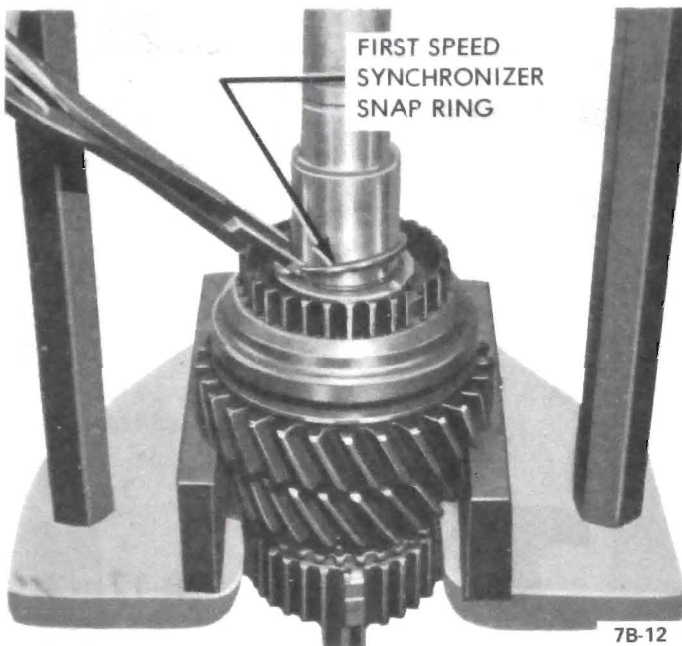


Figure 7B-12 - Removing First Speed Synchronizer Snap Ring

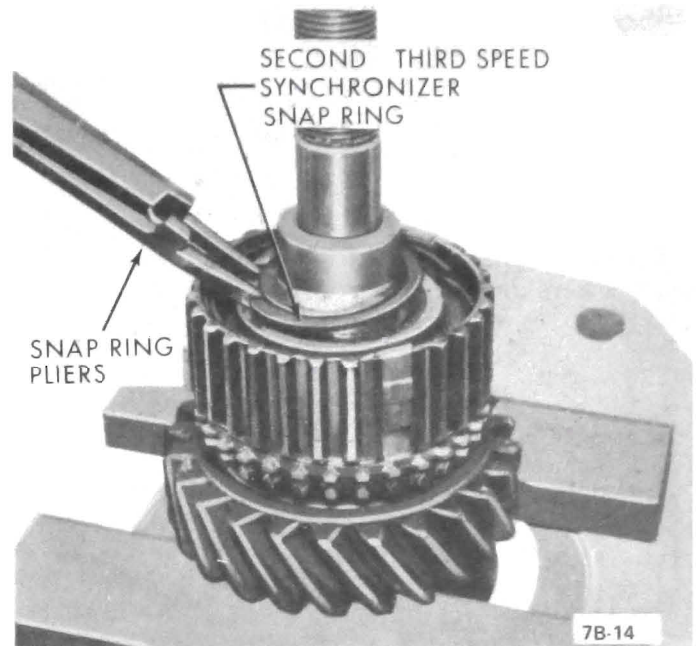


Figure 7B-14 - Removing Second-Third Speed Synchronizer Snap Ring

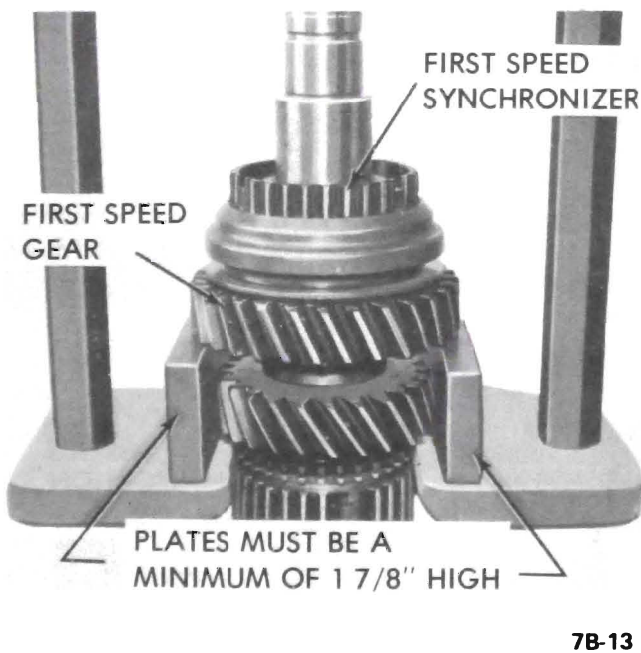


Figure 7B-13 - Removing First Speed Synchronizer Assembly

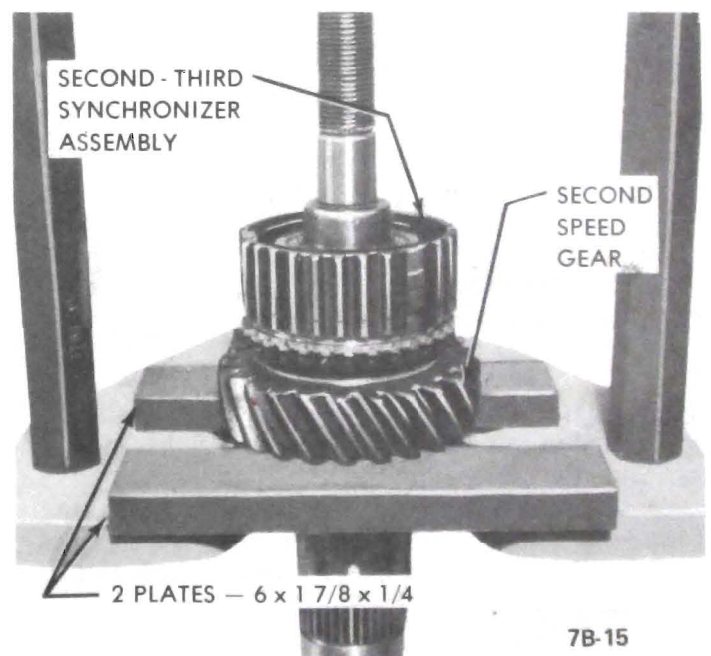


Figure 7B-15 - Removing Second-Third Speed Synchronizer Assembly

8. Support second speed gear on press plate using two (2) pieces of stock 6x1-7/8x1/4. See Figure 7B-15. Remove second-third speed synchronizer assembly and second speed gear.

### Inspection

1. Check synchronizer hubs, sliding keys and springs and, if necessary, replace as follows:

The synchronizer hubs and sliding sleeves are a selected assembly and should be kept together as origi-

nally assembled. The keys and springs must be replaced if worn or broken.

a. Mark hub and sleeve with paint so they can be reassembled in the same position.

b. Remove sliding sleeve from synchronizer hub. Remove keys and springs from the hub. See Figure 7B-16.

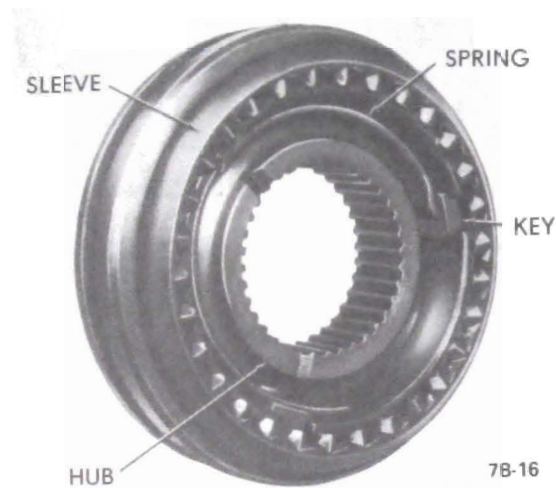


Figure 7B-16 - Synchronizer Assembly

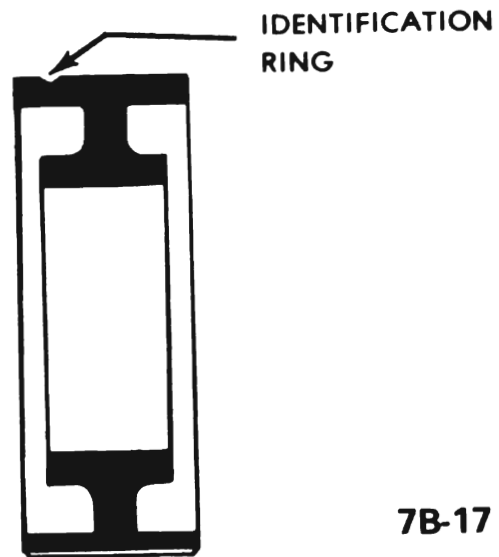
c. Place the three (3) keys and two springs in position (one on each side of hub) so all three (3) keys are engaged by both springs. See Figure 7B-16.

The tanged end of each synchronizer spring should be installed in different key cavities on either side of hub. Slide the sleeve onto the hub aligning the marks made before disassembly. An identification ring around the outside of the synchronizer hub splines identifies the end that must be opposite fork slot in sleeve. See Figure 7B-17.

2. Wash front and rear bearing thoroughly in a cleaning solvent. Blow out bearing with compressed air. Do not allow the bearings to spin; turn them slowly by hand. Spinning bearings will damage the race and balls.

Make certain bearings are clean, then lubricate with light engine oil and check them for roughness by slowly turning the race by hand.

3. Check for cracks in blocking rings.

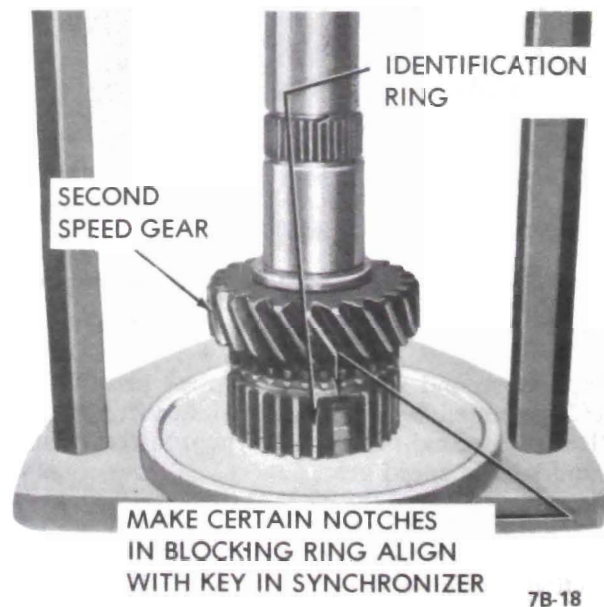


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Figure 7B-17 - Identification Ring

#### Assembly

1. Install second speed gear blocking ring on mainshaft. Using ram press or arbor press and Press Plate J-8609, press second-third speed synchronizer assembly (with identification ring toward front of transmission) onto mainshaft. See Figure 7B-18. Install retaining snap ring.



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Figure 7B-18 - Installing Second Speed Gear



Make certain notches in blocking ring align with keys in synchronizer assembly.

2. Install first speed gear and synchronizer on mainshaft. See Figure 7B-20. Using ram press and Press Plate J-8609, press first speed synchronizer assembly (with identification ring toward rear of transmission) onto mainshaft. Install retaining snap ring. Make certain notches in blocking ring align with keys in first speed synchronizer assembly.

3. Install reverse gear, thrust washer, spring washer, and rear bearing.

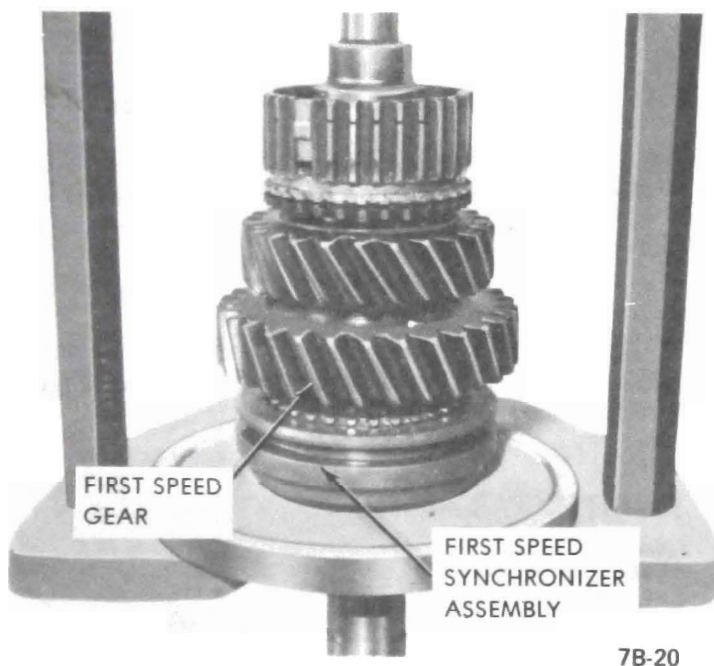


Figure 7B-20 - Installing First Speed Gear

Groove on bearing must be toward reverse gear. Using ram press or arbor press, press rear bearing into position. See Figure 7B-21. Install retaining snap ring.

4. Install speedometer drive gear. Press to 6- 1/8". See Figure 7B-22.

5. Install second-third synchronizer sleeve.

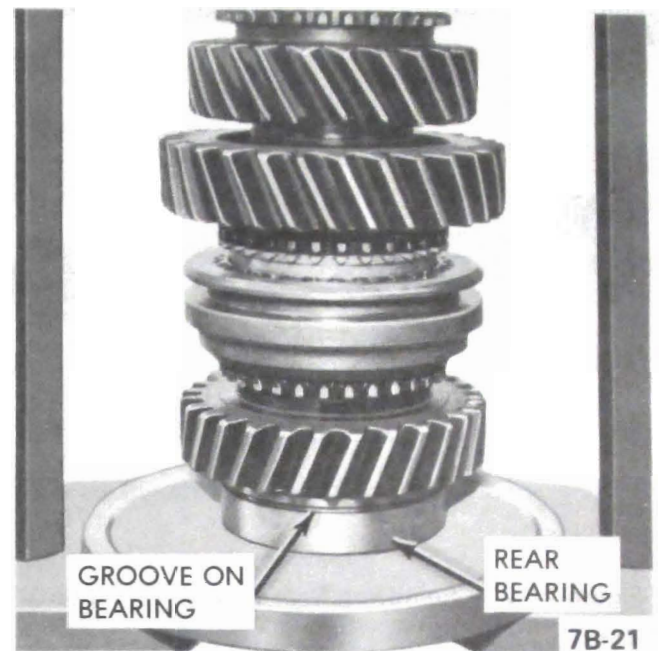


Figure 7B-21 - Installing Rear Bearing

## REAR BEARING RETAINER SEAL AND BUSHING

### Removal

1. Using J-2619 Slide Hammer and J-4830-02 Puller,

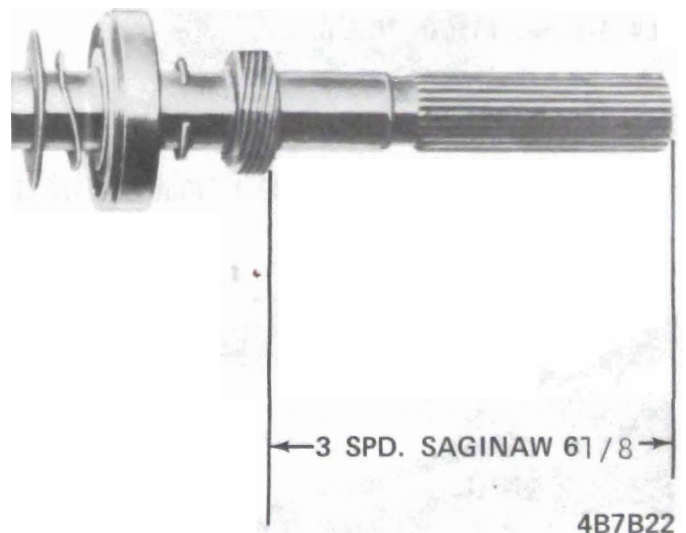


Figure 7B-22 - Installing Speedometer Drive Gear

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remove rear bearing retainer oil seal. See Figure 7B-23.

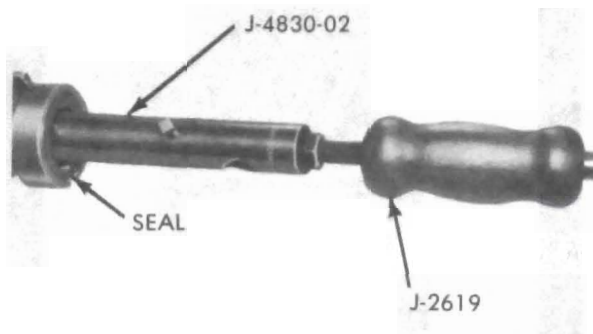
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Figure 7B-23 - Removing Rear Bearing Retainer Oil Seal

2. Using J-2619 Slide Hammer and J-4830-02 Puller, remove rear bearing retainer bushing. See Figure 7B-24.

### Installation

1. Install rear bearing retainer bushing, using Tool J-6403-1. See Figure 7B-25.
2. Install rear bearing retainer oil seal as follows:
  - a. Install J-6403-2 onto J-6403-1. Flat side of J-

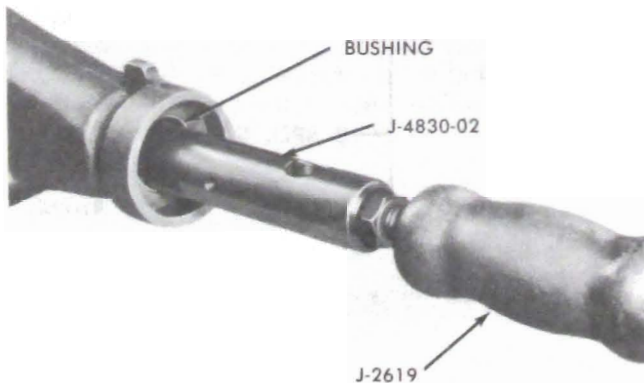
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Figure 7B-24 - Removing Rear Bearing Retainer Bushing

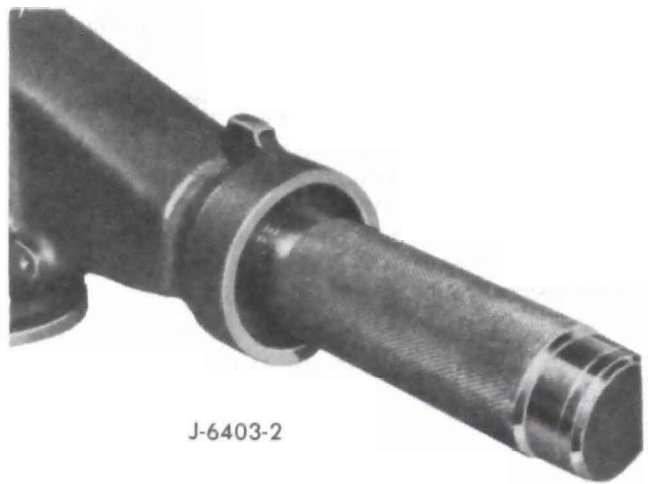
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Figure 7B-25 - Installing Rear Bearing Retainer Bushing

6403-2 must be toward rear of J-6403-1. See Figure 7B-26.

### COUNTERGEAR ASSEMBLY

#### Disassembly

1. Remove Countershaft Alignment Tool J-22246.
2. From each end of countershaft, remove spacer and 27 needle bearings. See Figure 7B-27.

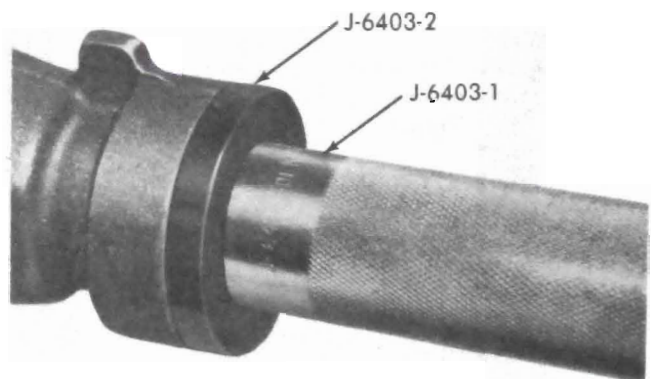
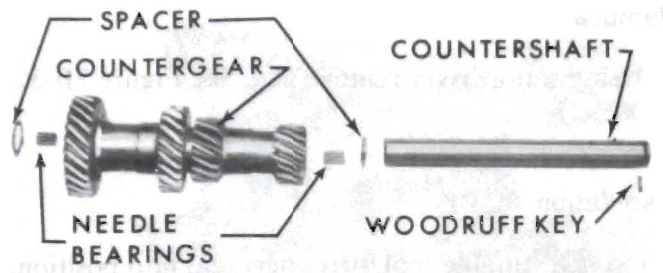
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Figure 7B-26 - Installing Rear Bearing Retainer Oil Seal



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Figure 7B-27 - Exploded View of Counter gear

### Inspection

1. Check for broken needle bearings.
2. Check for broken anti-rattle gear springs. The anti-rattle gear is riveted to the counter gear and is not serviced separately. See Figure 7B-28.

### Assembly

1. Install Countershaft Alignment Tool J-22246.

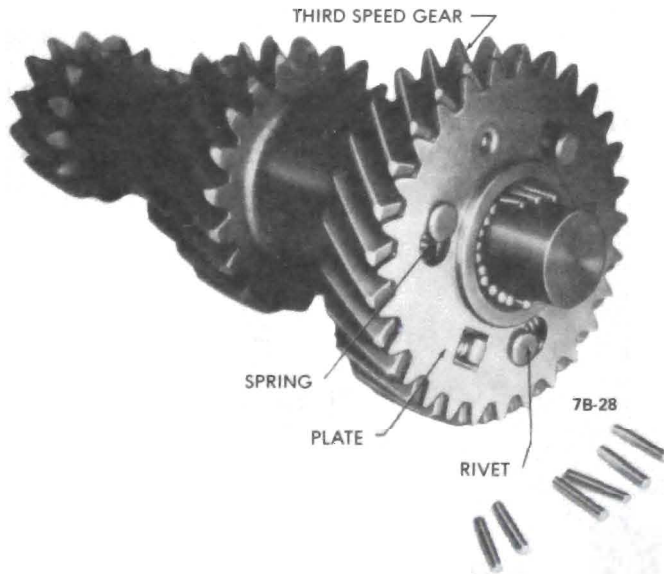


Figure 7B-28 - Anti-Rattle Gear Springs

2. From each end of counter gear, install 27 needle bearings and spacer. Use heavy grease to retain needle rollers. See Figure 7B-27.

### SIDE COVER ASSEMBLY

#### Disassembly (See Figure 7B-29)

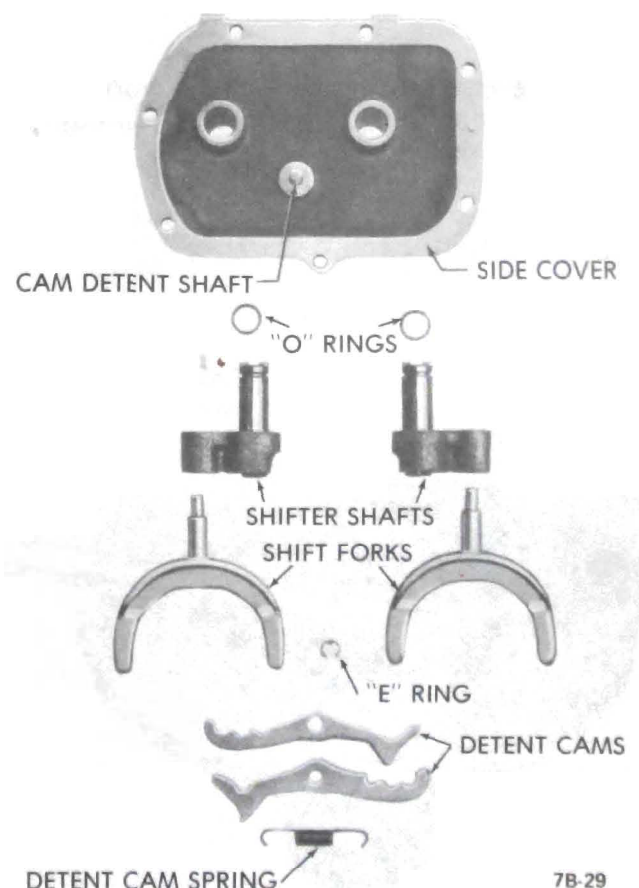
1. Remove detent cam spring.

2. Remove shifter forks.
3. Remove shifter shafts.
4. Remove detent cam retainer.
5. Remove detent cams.
6. Inspect shifter shaft "O" rings and replace if necessary.

#### Assembly (See Figure 7B-29)

1. Install shifter shaft "O" rings, if removed.
2. Install detent cams.
3. Install detent cam retainer.
4. Install shifter shafts.
5. Install shifter forks.
6. Install detent cam spring.

Detent cams, shifter shafts and forks are interchangeable.



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Figure 7B-29 - Exploded View of Side Cover

**CLEANING AND INSPECTION OF TRANSMISSION PARTS****Transmission Case**

1. Wash the transmission case thoroughly inside and outside with a suitable cleaning solvent; then inspect case for cracks.
2. Check front and rear faces for burrs, and if present, remove with a fine mill file.
3. Check and clean magnet in bottom of transmission case.

**Needle Bearings**

All main drive gear and countergear needle bearings should be inspected closely and replaced if they show wear.

**Transmission Gears**

1. Inspect all gears for excessive wear, chips or cracks.
2. Inspect reverse gear bushing and if worn or damaged, replace the entire gear. Reverse gear bushing is not serviced separately.
3. Inspect reverse idler gear bushing and if worn or damaged, replace the entire gear.

**7B-30****Figure 7B-30 - Removing Front Bearing Retainer Seal****FRONT MAIN BEARING RETAINER OIL SEAL****Removal**

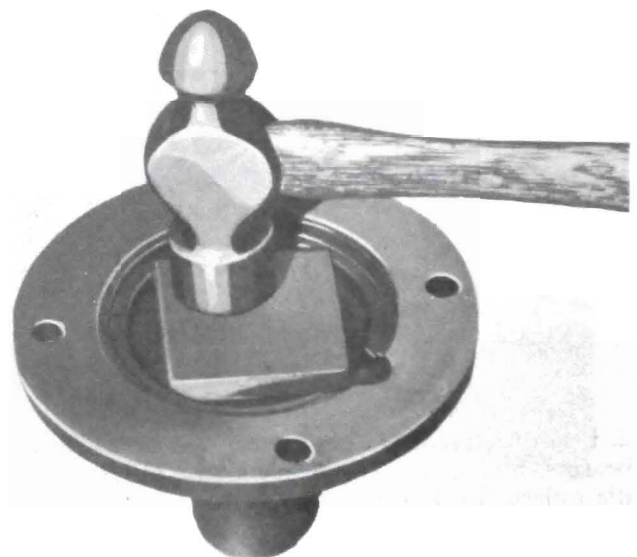
1. Using screwdriver remove seal. See Figure 7B-30.

**Installation**

1. Using a suitable tool, drive new seal into position. Lip of seal must face rear of bearing retainer. See Figure 7B-31.

**TRANSMISSION REASSEMBLY**

1. Install countergear to case bronze thrust washers.
2. Install countergear into case. Install countergear shaft from rear of case. Make certain woodruff key is in position. See Figure 7B-32.
3. Install reverse idler gear tanged steel thrust washer. Install reverse idler gear, shaft and woodruff key. Reverse idler gear snap ring will be installed after installation of mainshaft.
4. Install the rear bearing retainer. Spread snap ring in the retainer to allow the snap ring to drop around rear bearing. See Figure 7B-33. Press on end of main-

**7B-31****Figure 7B-31 - Installing Front Bearing Retainer Seal**



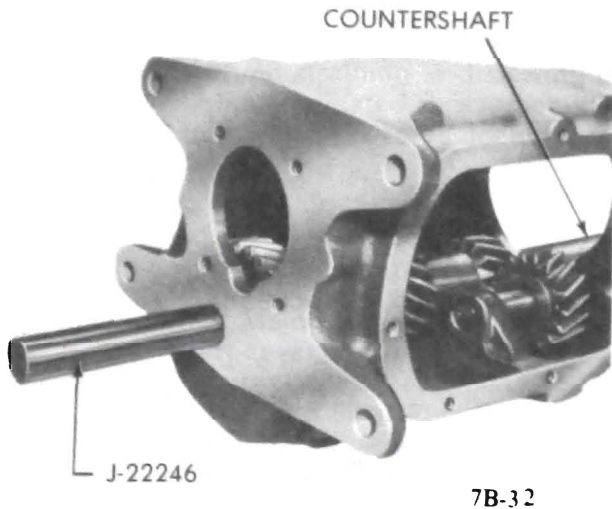


Figure 7B-32 - Installing Countergear Shaft

shaft until the snap ring engages groove in rear bearing.

5. Install fourteen (14) needle bearings in main drive gear, using heavy grease to hold the bearings in place. See Figure 7B-34.

6. Assemble third speed blocking ring on main drive gear.

7. Pilot main drive gear and third speed blocking ring over front of mainshaft. Make certain notches in

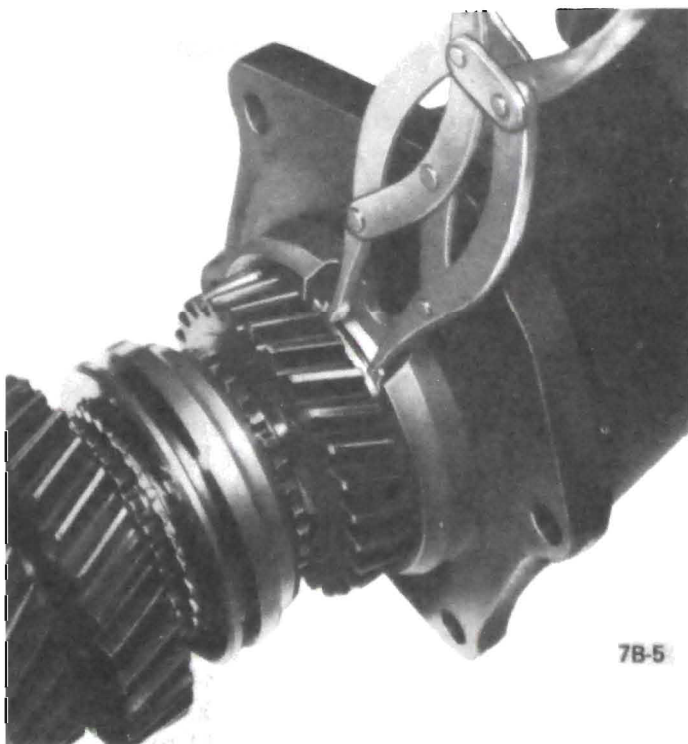


Figure 7B-33 - Installing Rear Bearing Retainer

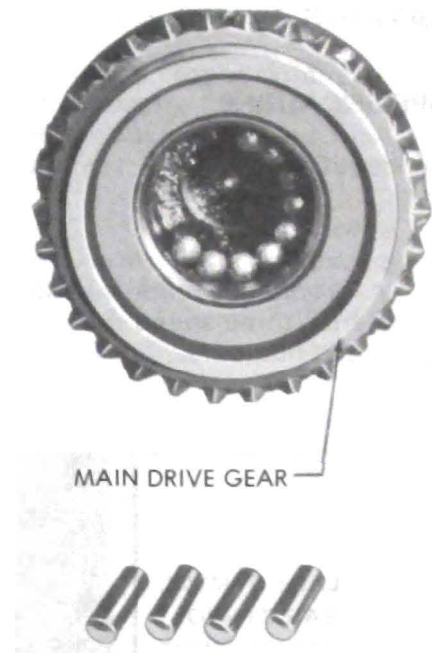


Figure 7B-34 - Installing Needle Roller Bearings

blocking ring align with keys in second-third synchronizer assembly.

8. Using heavy grease, install rear bearing retainer to case gasket.

9. Install rear bearing retainer and mainshaft assembly into case. Install bearing retainer to case bolts. Torque 35-55 lb. ft.

10. Install front main bearing onto main drive gear. Outer snap ring groove must be toward front of gear.

11. Install retaining snap ring.

12. Install front main bearing retainer, gasket and four (4) attaching bolts, torque 8-12 lb. ft. The retainer oil return hole must be positioned toward bottom of case.

13. Install reverse idle gear "E" ring.

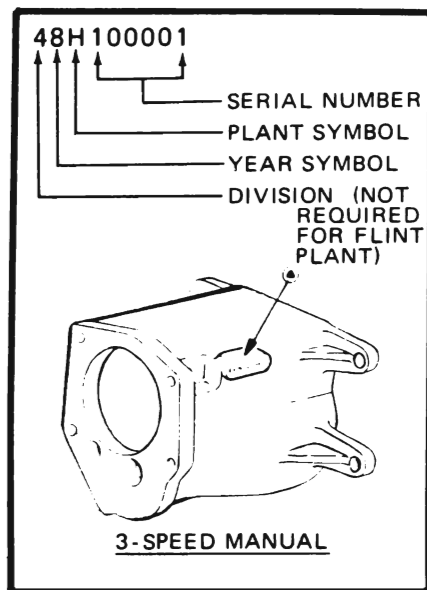
14. Install new side cover gasket. Place transmission in neutral and install side cover. Install attaching bolts and tighten evenly to avoid side cover distortion. Torque 8-12 lb. ft.

## SPECIFICATIONS

### GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

#### Transmission Identification

A production code number and Car Serial Number are stamped on "X" Series three-speed manual transmissions. See Figure 7B-35 for location of these numbers.



CAR SERIAL NUMBER  
LOCATION

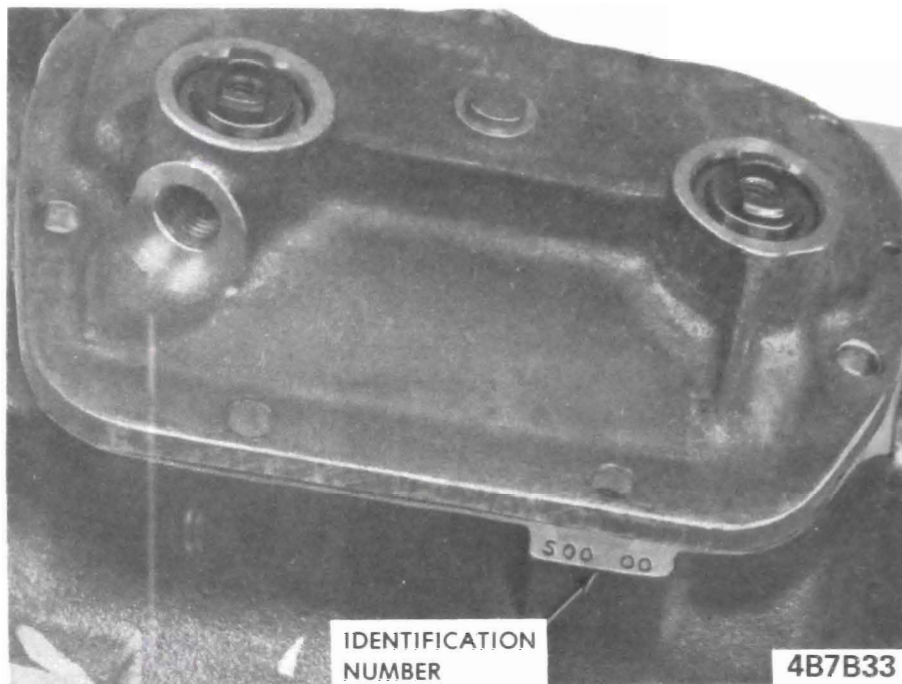


Figure 7B-35 Transmission Identification Number Location

These numbers should always be furnished on all product reports, Warranty Document forms, and all correspondence with the factory concerning a particular transmission.

#### B. General Specifications

Type .....	All Forward Gears Synchronized
Mounting .....	Unit With Engine
Lubricant	
Type .....	SAE 80 or 90 Multi-Purpose
Capacity .....	3 1/2 Pints
Synchronization .....	1st, 2nd and 3rd
Gear Ratios .....	L-6
1st .....	3.11 to 1
2nd .....	1.84 to 1
3rd .....	1.00 to 1
Reverse .....	3.22 to 1
Gear Shifting .....	On Steering Column
Speedometer Drive Gear .....	Nylon

### Bolt Tightening Specifications

Use a reliable wrench to tighten the parts listed to insure proper tightness without straining or distorting parts. These specifications are for clean and lightly-lubricated threads only; dry or dirty threads produce increased friction which prevents accurate measurement of tightness.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Thread Size</b>	<b>Torque Lbs. Ft.</b>
Front Main Bearing Retainer .....	5/16-18 x 3/4	14
Side Cover to Case .....	5/16-18 x 3/4	14
Rear Main Bearing Retainer .....	7/16-14 x 1-1/8	40
Shift Lever to Shifter Shaft		
Bolts .....	3/8-16 x 1	25
Lubrication Filler Plug .....	1/2-14	13
Transmission Cast to Flywheel		
Housing .....	7/16-14 x 1-1/4	53

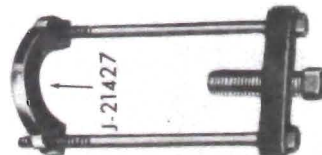


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SLIDE HAMMER



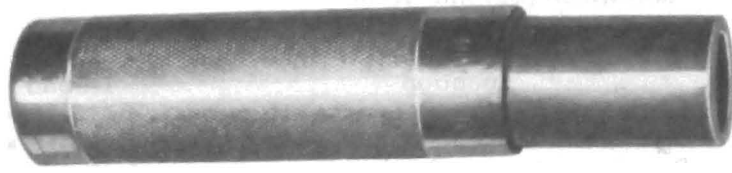
SNAP RING PLIERS



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J-9578

SPEEDO-GEAR  
REMOVER

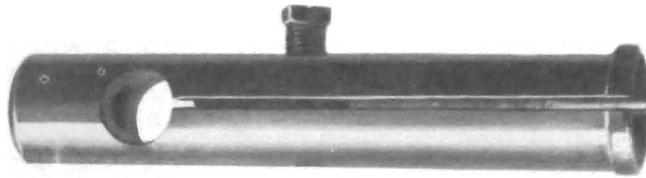


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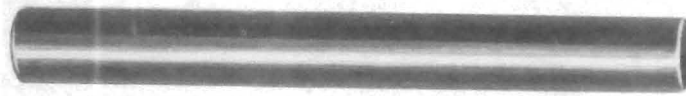
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INSTALLER

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BUSHING AND OIL  
SEAL REMOVER



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COUNTERSHAFT GEAR  
ALIGNMENT TOOL

Figure 7B-36 Tool Picture