

# IMPORTANT

## FORD CARS AND TRUCKS

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### ALL FORD TRANSMISSIONS WITH ALUMINUM INPUT SHAFT RETAINER BEARING COLLAR

CLUTCH OPERATION PROBLEMS MAY OCCUR DUE TO THE INPUT SHAFT BEARING RETAINER COLLAR WEARING PREMATURELY, CAUSING THE THROWOUT BEARING TO BIND AND MISALIGN. THIS BINDING CAN RESULT IN ERRATIC CLUTCH OPERATION, INCLUDING HIGH PEDAL EFFORT, IMPROPER CLUTCH RELEASE OR ENGAGEMENT, OR CLUTCH CHATTER.

WHEN INSTALLING A NEW CLUTCH ASSEMBLY, IT IS IMPORTANT TO CHECK THE INPUT SHAFT BEARING RETAINER COLLAR, THE THROW OUT BEARING ARM, AND THE THROW OUT BEARING PIVOT BALL OR BRACKET FOR SIGNS OF WEAR. **IF THEY SHOW ANY SIGNS OF WEAR, THEY WILL NEED TO BE REPLACED.**

SOME OTHER SYMPTOMS OF A WORN INPUT SHAFT RETAINER BEARING COLLAR ON A HYDRAULIC SYSTEM OTHER THAN PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED, ARE CRACKING OF THE FIREWALL AROUND THE CLUTCH MASTER CYLINDER MOUNTING DUE TO FLEXING. THIS IS A COMMON OCCURRENCE ON LATE MODEL TRUCKS.

ON CABLE OPERATED SYSTEMS, IF THE INPUT SHAFT RETAINER BEARING COLLAR IS WORN, THE CLUTCH ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM MAY NOT PROPERLY OPERATE. THIS MAY CAUSE IMPROPER CLUTCH ADJUSTMENT, RESULTING IN IMPROPER RELEASE OR SLIPPAGE DUE TO THE ASSEMBLY NOT FULLY ENGAGING.

TO DETERMINE IF THE BEARING RETAINER COLLAR AND RELATED ITEMS ARE WORN AND NEED REPLACEMENT, CHECK FOR ANY SCORING OR WEAR THAT RUNS THE LENGTH OF THE RETAINER BEARING COLLAR OR WEAR THAT ENCIRCLES THE COLLAR. INSPECT THE CONTACT POINTS ON THE THROW OUT BEARING ARM WHERE THE THROW OUT BEARING MAKES CONTACT, THE SOCKET WHERE THE PIVOT BALL OR BRACKET PIVOTS IN THE THROW OUT BEARING ARM FOR UNEVEN WEAR OR GALLING. CHECK THE PIVOT BALL OR BRACKET FOR WEAR OR DAMAGE. **IF ANY ONE OF THE ITEMS ARE WORN, ALL OF THE PARTS SHOULD BE REPLACED AT THE SAME TIME ( INPUT SHAFT RETAINER BEARING COLLAR, THROW OUT BEARING ARM, THROW OUT BEARING PIVOT BALL OR BRACKET, BUSHINGS, ETC.).**

WHEN REPLACING THE INPUT SHAFT BEARING RETAINER COLLAR, REMEMBER TO REPLACE THE INPUT SHAFT SEAL AND GASKET (WHERE APPLICABLE) TO AVOID ANY LEAKAGE AND ASSURE PROPER CLUTCH OPERATION.



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