

A. Rear axle

Oil reservoir (2)		Check oil level and top up if necessary (step 1).
Control rod (55)	•••••	Disconnect, connect at level controller (3); replace self-locking hexagon nut (step 2),

Oil drain hose	Connect, disconnect at oil drain plug (3p) on level controller (3) (step 3).
Oil drain plug (3p)	Open slowly, release pressure and collect the oil in a clean container. Then unscrew oil drain plug (steps 4 and 5).
Pressure tester (038)	Connect, disconnect at level controller with test hose (038g) (step 6).
Engine	Start, switch off.
Level controller lever (3a)	Move to "filling" position (step 8).
Pressure tester (038)	The needle on the pressure tester 126 589 14 21 00 must indicate a pressure of at least 133 bar (step 8).
Level controller lever (3a)	Move to "emptying" position (step 10).
Pressure tester (038)	Read off basic pressure. Minimum pressure 30 + 6 bar (steps 11 and 12).
Oil drain hose	Connect, disconnect at bleed screw on pressure tester (step 13).
Bleed screw on pressure tester (038)	Open slowly, release pressure and collect the oil in a clean container. Then close bleed screw (step 14).
Pressure tester (038)	Disconnect at level controller (3) (step 15).

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Control rod (54)	Disconnect, connect at torsion bar lever; replace self-locking hexagon nut, 10 Nm (step 19).
Oil drain hose	Connect, disconnect at oil drain plug (6p) on level controller (6) (step 20).
Oil drain plug (6p)	Open slowly, release pressure and collect the oil in a clean container. Then unscrew oil drain plug (steps 21 and 22).
Pressure tester (038)	Connect to level controller (step 23).
Engine	Start, switch off.
Level controller lever (6a)	Move to "filling" position (step 25).
Pressure tester (038)	The needle of the pressure tester 126 589 14 21 00 must indicate a pressure of at least 133 bar (step 25).
Level controller lever (6a)	Move to "emptying" position (step 27).
Pressure tester (038)	Read off basic pressure. Minimum pressure 30 + 6 bar (steps 28 and 29).
Oil drain hose	Disconnect, connect at bleed screw on pressure tester (step 30).
Bleed screw on pressure tester (038)	Open slowly, release pressure and collect the oil in a clean container (step 31).
Pressure tester (038)	Disconnect at level controller (6) (step 32).
Oil drain plug (6p)	Screw into level controller (6), 14 Nm (step 32). Fill (32-0630).
Oil level in oil reservoir (2)	Check and top up if necessary with hydraulic oil (see Service Products table) using funnel 126 589 12 63 00 (step 33).

Hydraulic oil

See MB Spec. for Service Products, sh. 343 (1.0-liter can, part no. 000 989 91 03/10)

Test data

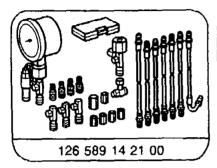
Pressure-relief valve (level controller)

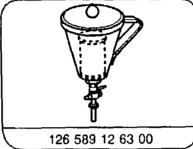
133-153 bar

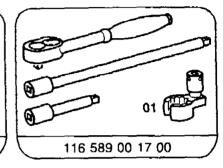
Basic pressure

Minimum pressure 30 + 6 bar

Special tools



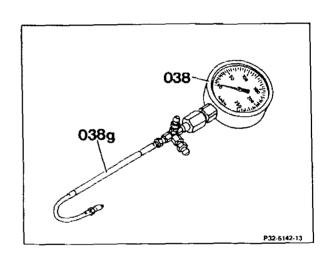




Notes

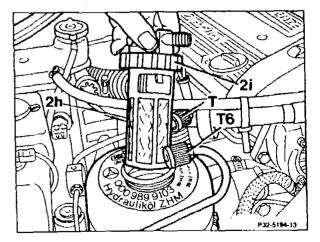
The following parts of the tester are required for the test work:

Pressure tester (038) with connector and union nut with sealing ring, test hose (038g) and bleed screws.



In vehicles up to approx. 12/87 a contaminated oil filter may falsify the results of the oil level check.

For this reason, the oil filter must be removed and inspected for contamination when checking the oil level.

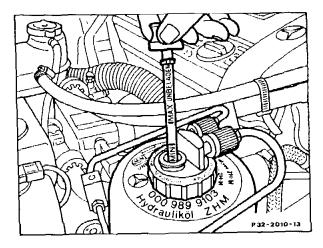


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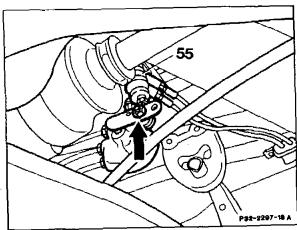
1 Check oil level in oil reservoir and top up if necessary.

Note

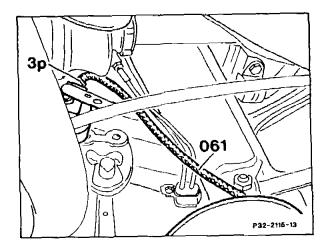
In the ready-to-drive condition, the oil level should be between the "min" and "max" marks when the engine is switched off.



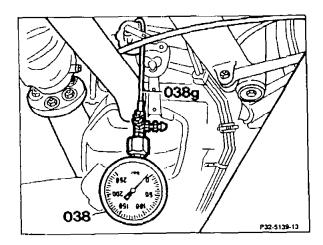
2 Unscrew self-locking hexagon nut (arrow) and detach control rod (55).



- 3 Connect oil drain hose (061) to oil drain plug (3p) on level controller.
- 4 Slowly open oil drain plug (3p) and release pressure. Collect the oil in a clean container.
- 5 Unscrew oil drain plug (3p) on level controller.



6 Connect pressure tester (038) with test hose (038g) to level controller.

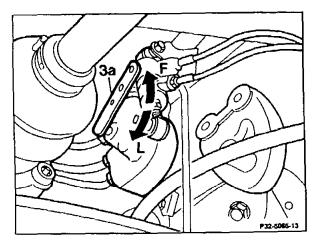


- 7 Start engine and run at idle.
- 8 Move lever (3a) of level controller to "filling" position, while watching the needle of the pressure gauge.

Nominal value: min. 133 bar.

Note

It is sufficient to achieve the minimum values for evaluating the pressure oil pump and the pressure-relief valve in the level controller (refer to table of test data).



F Filling position
L Emptying position

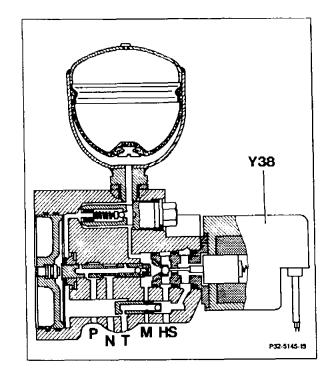
On account of the high pressures generated, and for the protection of the pressure oil pump as well as of the spring struts and their rebound stops, the test should be of short duration only!

The pressure-relief valve in the level controller is designed for the maximum permissible rear axle load.

If the vehicle is overloaded, the opening of the pressure-relief valve may be indicated by hissing and knocking noises whilst driving.

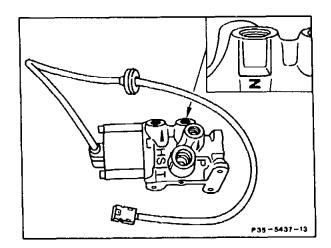
Note

If the nominal pressure is not attained in vehicles with ASD, perform the ASD pressure test on the hydraulic system (Repair Instructions for rear axle, no. 35–517).



Version up to 5/92

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P/N/T/HS Line connections

- 9 Switch off engine.
- 10 To check the basic pressure following the tests performed in accordance with step 3, set the level controller lever to "emptying".
- 11 Read off basic pressure on pressure gauge.Test pressure 30 + 6 bar.

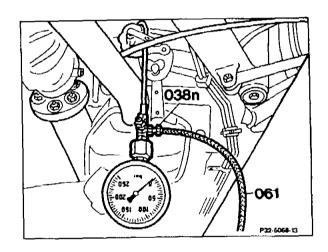
12 After a stabilization period of approx. 5 minutes, read off basic pressure again and leave pressure tester connected for approx. 4 hours. After the stabilization period and after the second reading, the basic pressure should not drop. The same applies for a longer test period, e.g.

A drop in basic pressure may lead to rumbling noises at the rear axle whilst driving under partial load.

Note

To prevent measurement errors due to possible cooling of the hydraulic oil, the hydraulic oil should not be hot prior to the test. Slight heating, e.g. following a short road test, is not significant.

- 13 Connect oil drain hose (061) to bleed screw (038n).
- 14 Slowly open bleed screw (038n) and release pressure. Collect the oil in a clean container.
- 15 Disconnect pressure tester. Screw oil drain plug into level controller, 14 Nm.

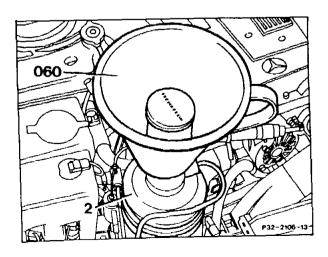


16 Pour collected oil into oil reservoir (2) through the funnel with filter (060).

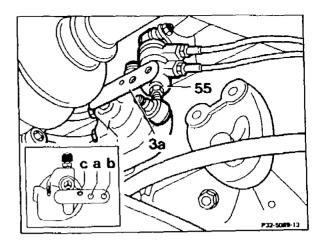
Note

Only re-use oil if it is clean.

17 Fill pressure oil system (32-0630).

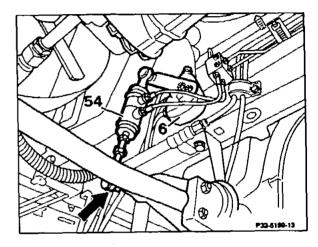


18 Engage control rod (55) in bore "a" on lever (3a) and tighten new self-locking hexagon nut, 10 Nm.

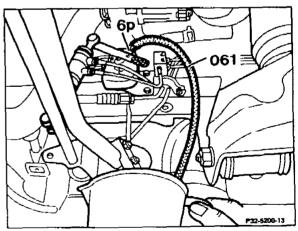


B. Front axle

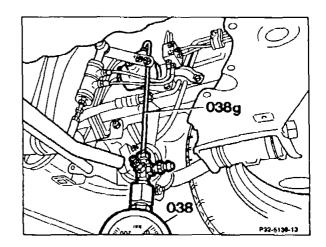
19 Disconnect control rod (54) at torsion bar lever (arrow).



- 20 Connect oil drain hose (061) to oil drain plug (6p) on level controller.
- 21 Slowly open oil drain plug (6p) and release pressure. Collect the oil in a clean container.
- 22 Unscrew oil drain plug (6p) on level controller.



23 Connect pressure tester (038) with test hose (038g) to level controller.



- 24 Start engine and run at idle.
- 25 Move lever (6a) of level controller to "filling", while watching the needle of the pressure gauge.

Nominal value: min. 133 bar.

Note

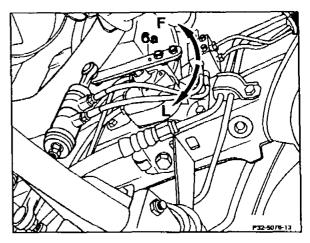
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- 26 Switch off engine.
- 27 To check the basic pressure following the tests performed in accordance with step 24, set the level controller lever to "emptying".



- F Filling position
- L Emptying position

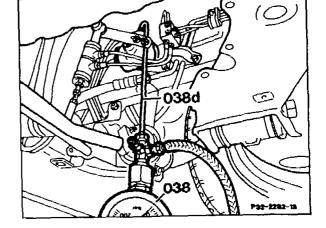
- 28 Read off basic pressure on pressure gauge. Test pressure 30 + 6 bar.
- 29 After a stabilization period of approx. 5 minutes, read off basic pressure again and leave pressure tester connected for approx. 4 hours. After the stabilization period and after the second reading, the basic pressure should not drop. The same applies for a longer test period, e.g. overnight.

A drop in basic pressure may lead to rumbling noises at the rear axle whilst driving under partial load.

Note

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- 30 Connect oil drain hose to bleed screw.
- 31 Slowly open bleed screw and release pressure. Collect the oil in a clean container.
- 32 Disconnect pressure tester (038). Screw oil drain plug into level controller, 14 Nm.



33 Pour collected oil into oil reservoir (2) through the funnel with filter (060).

Note

Only re-use oil if it is clean. .

- 34 Fill pressure oil system (32-6030).
- 35 Connect control rod to torsion bar lever using new self-locking hexagon nut, 10 Nm.

