



# TECHNICAL BULLETIN

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## Subject

**OPTIMISATION OF WHEEL AND TIRE ASSEMBLIES TO REDUCE STEERING WHEEL SHIMMY**

**Model: All**

**Year: All**

**VIN All**

**Section: 100-04**

**Noise, Vibration and Harshness**

## Summary

X100-28: This Technical Bulletin has been issued due to customer complaints of steering wheel shimmy on vehicles with non-directional tires. This is caused by Radial Force Variations (RFV) in wheel and tire assemblies and the position of the effected wheels to the vehicle.

## Action

To eliminate steering wheel shimmy on non-directional tires and nullify the effect of RFV of the wheel and tire assemblies, follow the workshop procedure below obtaining/using a Hunter 9700 balancing machine.

## Workshop Procedure

- 1 Raise vehicle on ramp.
- 2 Examine all four-fitted wheel and tire assemblies ensuring they are free from damage.
- 3 Lower vehicle on ramp.
- 4 Drive vehicle for approximately 15 miles at speeds over 50mph (on suitable roads only) to remove temporary flat spots.
- 5 On return to work area immediately raise vehicle 'twin-post' ramp (wheel free) to minimize risk of flat spots.
- 6 Remove all four road wheel and tire assemblies for optimization (see Workshop Manual, JTIS CD ROM section: 204-04).
- 7 Displace and remove road wheel center caps.
- 8 Optimize wheel and tire assemblies using Hunter 9700 balancing machine (see user manual GSP 9700 Vibration Control System).

**Note: Original production balance weights on wheel and tire assemblies should not be disturbed. Wheel and tires with original production balance weights should only be optimized.**

**Note: Non-production fitted wheel and tire balance weights should be removed prior to optimization. Wheel and tires with non-production balance weights removed should be balanced during optimization.**

- 9 Measure radial force variation of each wheel and tire assembly in turn.
- 10 Record magnitude value high spot of each assembly, and mark on outer tire wall at that point.
- 11 Refit wheel and tire assemblies to vehicle in the following sequence and finger tighten securing nuts only:
  - Lowest magnitude of force variation: Fit to left-hand front of vehicle.
  - Next lowest magnitude of force variation: Fit to right-hand front of vehicle.
  - Next lowest magnitude of force variation: Fit to left-hand rear of vehicle.
  - Greatest magnitude of force variation: Fit to right-hand rear of vehicle.

- 12 Rotate each wheel until previously marked point of force is lowermost.
- 13 Lower vehicle on ramp until light load is applied to wheels and tires.
- 14 Tighten securing nuts of all four-road wheels (see Workshop Manual, JTIS CD ROM section: 204-04).
- 15 Lower vehicle on ramp.

**Warranty Information**

<b>Description</b>	<b>SRO</b>	<b>Labor Time Allowance</b>	<b>Warranty Code</b>
Wheel and tire optimization using Hunter GSP9700 Balancer.	74 91 09	1.8 Hours	GV-BZ-D9