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LUBRICATION OF REAR WHEEL BEARINGS

Service Bulletin.

Re: Lubrication of rear wheel bearings on cars

In our instruction books we have earlier recommended the lubrication of the rear wheel bearings through the lubricating nipples after every 10,000 km (6,000 miles) or every six months. We have found out, however, that this lubrication has been carried out much more frequently, in many cases each time the car has been given all-round lubrication and in such quantities that the grease has come out onto the brake drums. From now on, we recommend that the rear wheel bearings are only lubricated at the same time as they are disassembled and cleaned, that is to say after every 40,000 km (25,000 miles) or at least every other year.

We should like to draw your attention to this since it still occurs that the bearings are lubricated through nipples. In order to avoid this form of lubrication, the lubricating holes in the end sections of the rear axle housing will disappear.

The following recommendation concerns all Volvo cars, both early and late production models:

Disassemble the rear wheel bearings after every 40,000 km (25,000 miles) or at least every other year. Clean the bearings well and pack them with heat-resistant wheel bearing grease before fitting. Bearings should be lubricated only in this way.