



TECHNICAL SERVICE BULLETIN

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APPLICATION

1981-1989 Escort/Lynx with A/T
1984-1993 Tempo/Topaz with A/T and 2.5L
1986-1994 Taurus/Sable with A/T and 2.5L

SUBJECT

Removing left side drive axle

CONDITION

The transaxle design does not allow access to the left inner joint housing.

SOLUTION

On these applications the right axle must be removed before attempting to remove the left or driver's side axle. The Ford tool number T86P-3514-A2 (slide bar puller)(fig. 1) makes it easier to remove the right axle.

Do not try to drive the left axle out of the differential from the right side with a punch or similar tool because it often peens over the head of the axle stub locking it into the side gear. The appropriate Ford tool or one similar to the OTC # 7140 pictured below (figure 2) will do an excellent job of pushing the left axle out of the differential. If this tool is left in the differential until you replace the axles then you do not need to install shipping plugs (T81P-1177-B) in the side gears.

CAUTION: If the side gears move then the transaxle must be removed to realign the side gears.

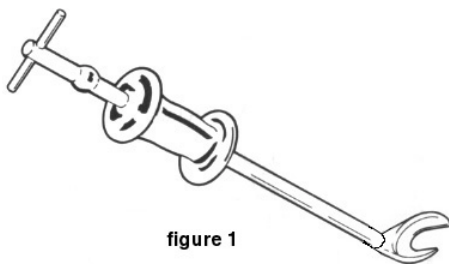


figure 1

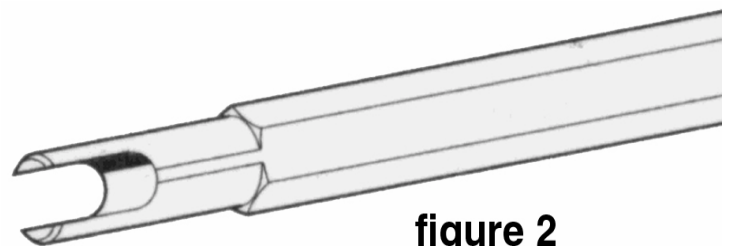


figure 2

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