

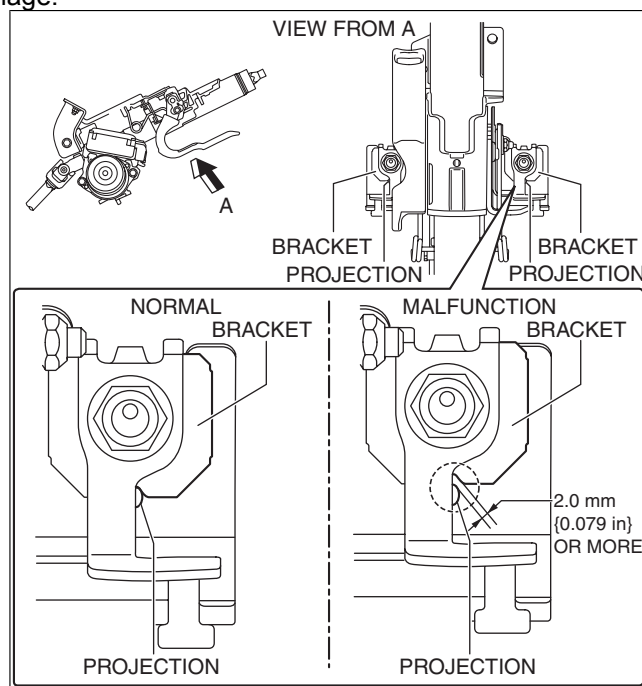
STEERING SHAFT INSPECTION

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1. Inspect the steering column for excessive play and damage.
2. Verify that the clearance between the projection on the steering column shown in the figure and the bracket is **less than 2.0 mm {0.079 in}**.
 - If the clearance between the projection and bracket is **2.0 mm {0.079 in} or more**, replace the steering column component.

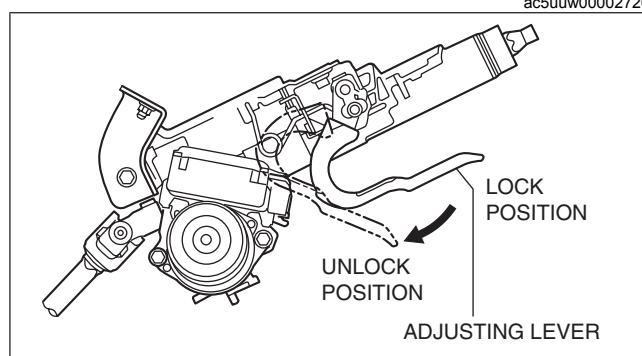
Note

- If the clearance between the projection and bracket is **2.0 mm {0.079 in} or more**, the impact absorbing mechanism of the steering column will operate, therefore it is necessary to replace the steering column component.



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3. Inspect the tilt/telescope mechanism operation for the following:
 - (1) The adjusting lever moves smoothly from the lock to the unlock position.
 - (2) The steering shaft is fixed firmly when the adjusting lever is locked.
 - If there is any malfunction, replace the steering column.



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