

### THM 4L60 (700-R4)

#### PREMATURE 3-4 CLUTCH FAILURE

**COMPLAINT:** After rebuild, the vehicle exhibits premature 3-4 clutch failure, sometimes in as little as 2000

miles of use. Usually associated with Police, Taxi, or heavy duty use.

**CAUSE:** The cause may be, not using the high energy clutch plates, and the thick (. 106") steel plates, or

not enough line pressure rise with throttle opening.

**CORRECTION:** Install the latest design 3-4 clutch pack from General Motors that allows the use of the

thickest (. 106") steel plates and requires the following parts:

- 1. New design 3-4 Apply Ring with shorter legs (See Figure 1).
- 2. New design one piece 3-4 Apply Plate (See Figure 2).
- 3. New design .106" thick 3-4 Steel Plates, 5 required (See Figure 3).
- 4. New design high energy 3-4 Friction Plates, 6 required (See Figure 3).
- 5. New design 3-4 Selective Backing Plate, as they are thinner (See Figure 4).
- 6. Re-install the 3-4 Load Release Springs in the late design stack-up (See Figure 5).
- 7. *Note:* Ensure that you have .050"-.070" clutch clearance (See Figure 4).

There is now available from Trans-Go@ a new Vacuum Modulator Kit, that does solve the line pressure rise with throttle opening problems that are associated with the 4L60-E. This new kit replaces the EPC (Force Motor) with a vacuum modulator and includes all necessary parts for the installation.

3-4 Clutch Apply Ring (New Design) 3-4 Clutch Apply Plate (New Design) 3-4 Clutch Steel Plates (. 106" Thick) 3-4 Clutch Backing Plate (Selective .227", Stamped "A") 3-4 Clutch Backing Plate (Selective .192", Stamped "B") 3-4 Clutch Backing Plate (Selective .157", Stamped "C") 3-4 Load Release Springs	. 8685044 8685045 8685046 . 8685047 . 8685048
3-4 Clutch Service Package (1987-1994)	, 000, 12 .
Includes parts listed above, plus the 2050 friction plates	. 8690923

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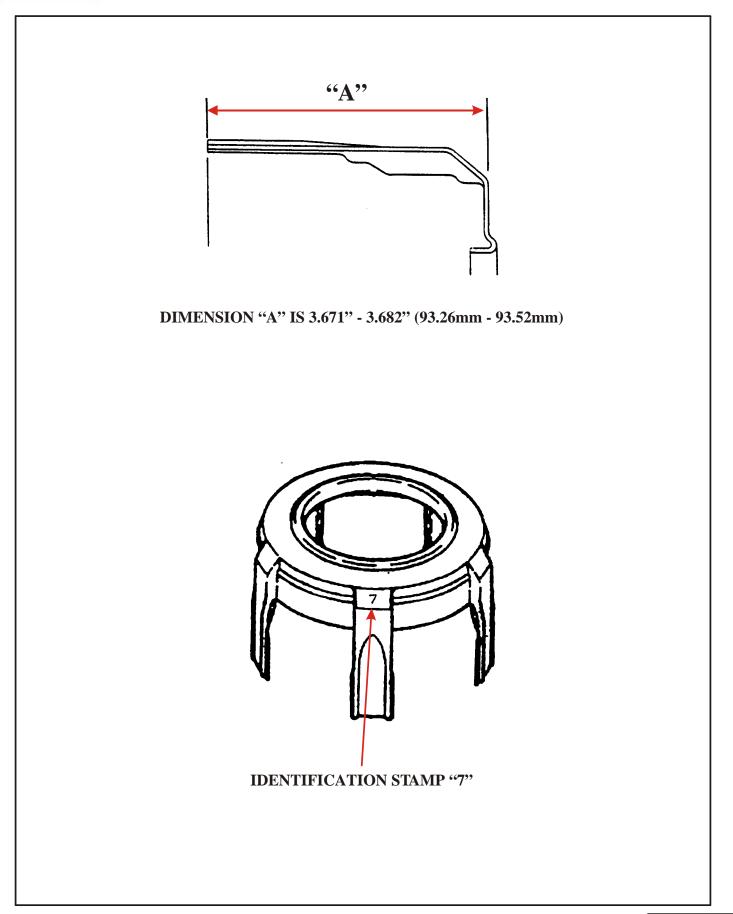
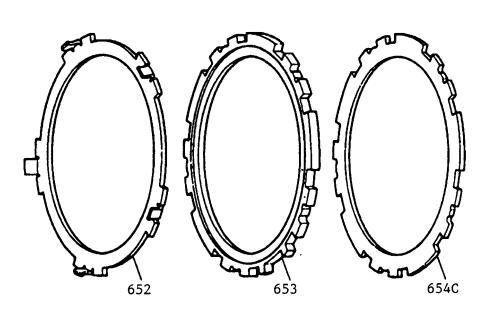


Figure 1
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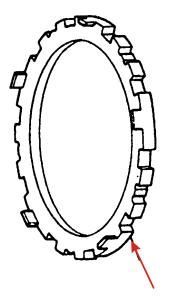


652 - CLUTCH RETAINER RING

653 - CLUTCH STEPPED APPLY RING

654C - CLUTCH FLAT APPLY RING

#### **NEW DESIGN APPLY PLATE**



NEW DESIGN APPLY PLATE REPLACES ALL THREE PIECES ABOVE



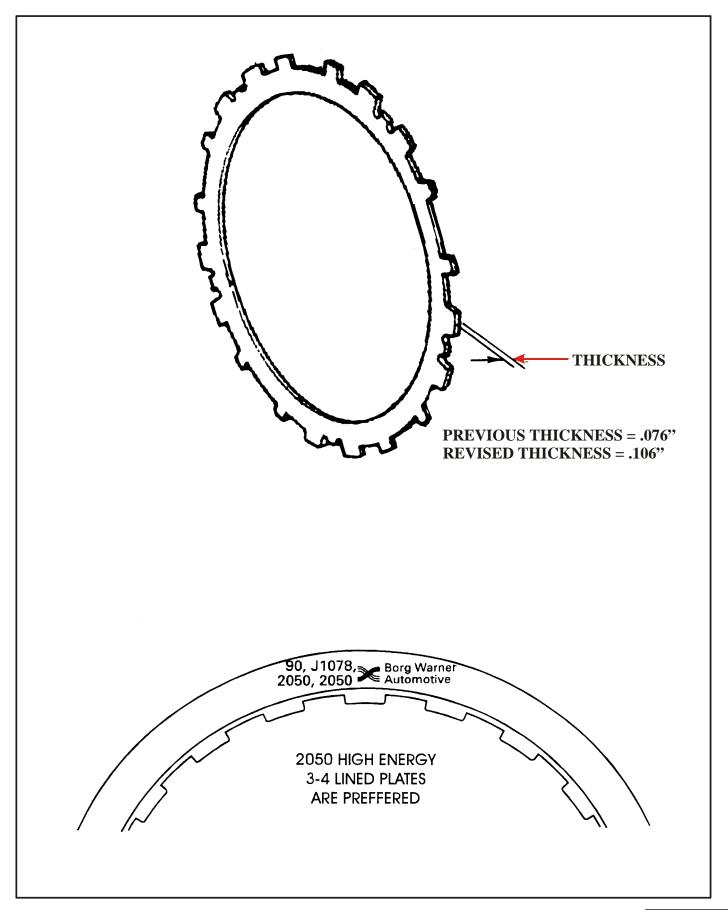
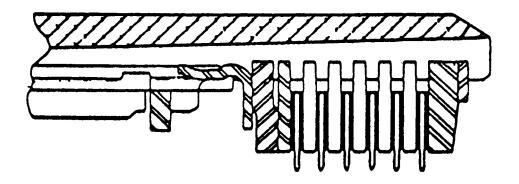


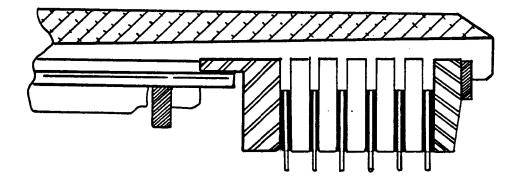
Figure 3
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#### PREVIOUS 3-4 CLUTCH STACK-UP



#### **NEW 3-4 CLUTCH STACK-UP**





# RE-USE THE 3-4 LOAD RELEASE SPRINGS IN THE NEW DESIGN CLUTCH PACK ONLY

Re-install the 3-4 load release springs when you are using the .106" thick steel plates, 2050 high energy lined plates, new design 3-4 apply ring, new design one piece apply plate, and new design backing plate.

