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9 Rear brake pad check

1 Loosen the front wheel bolts. Chock the front wheels, then raise the rear of the vehicle and support it securely on jackstands. Remove the rear wheels.

2 For a quick check, the thickness of friction material remaining on each brake pad can be measured through the top of the caliper body (see illustration 8.2) . If any pad's friction material thickness is not within specification, all four pads must be replaced as a set.

3 For a comprehensive check, the brake pads should be removed and cleaned. This will permit the operation of the caliper to be checked, and the condition of the brake disc itself to be fully examined on both sides. Refer to [Chapter 9](#) for further information.

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