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16 Parking brake cables - removal and installation

Removal

- 1 Remove the rear section of the center console (see [Chapter 11](#)) to gain access to the parking brake lever. The parking brake cable consists of two sections, a right- and a left-hand section, which are linked to the lever by a compensator plate. Each section can be removed individually.
- 2 Loosen and remove the relevant parking brake cable locknut and adjusting nut, and disengage the inner cable from the parking brake compensator plate.
- 3 Firmly chock the front wheels, then jack up the rear of the vehicle and support it on axle stands.
- 4 Referring to the relevant Part of [Chapter 4](#) , remove the exhaust system heat shield to gain access to the parking brake cables. Note that on some models, it may also be necessary to remove part of the exhaust system.
- 5 Free the front end of the outer cable from the body, and withdraw the cable from its support guide.
- 6 Working back along the length of the cable, noting its correct routing, and free it from all the relevant retaining clips.
- 7 Remove the parking brake shoes (see [Section 17](#)). Unfold the expander, then withdraw the cable pivot pin and detach the parking brake shoe expander from the cable end. Release the cable from the back plate, and remove it from the vehicle (see illustrations) .

16.7a On rear disc brake models, unfold the expander then withdraw the pin (arrow) . . .



16.7b . . . and detach the expander from the end of the parking brake cable



Installation

8 Installation is a reversal of the removal procedure; on disc brake models, apply a smear of grease to the cable pivot pin prior to installation the parking brake shoes. Prior to installing the center console, adjust the parking brake (see [Section 14](#)).

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