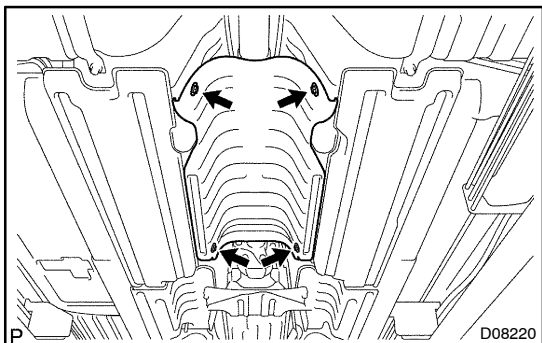


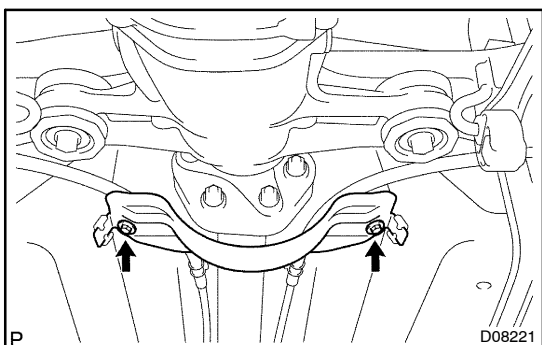
## REMOVAL

### 1. REMOVE EXHAUST PIPE (See page EM-123)



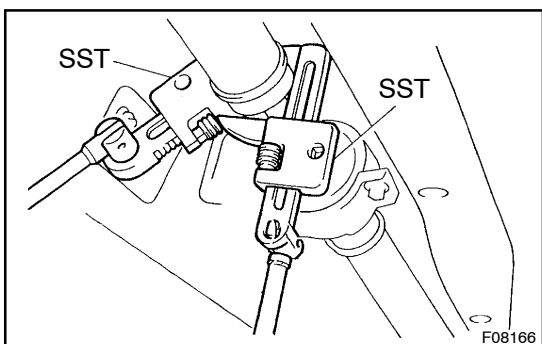
### 2. REMOVE HEAT INSULATOR

Remove the 4 bolts and heat insulator.



### 3. REMOVE PROPELLER SHAFT HEAT INSULATOR

Remove the 2 bolts and propeller shaft heat insulator.



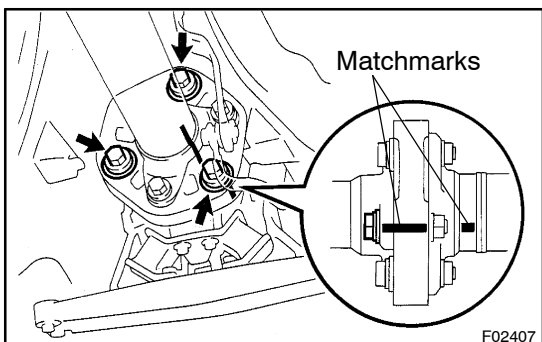
### 4. REMOVE PROPELLER SHAFT

- (a) Using SST, loosen the adjusting nut until it can be turned by hand.

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HINT:

Use 2 of the same type of SST.

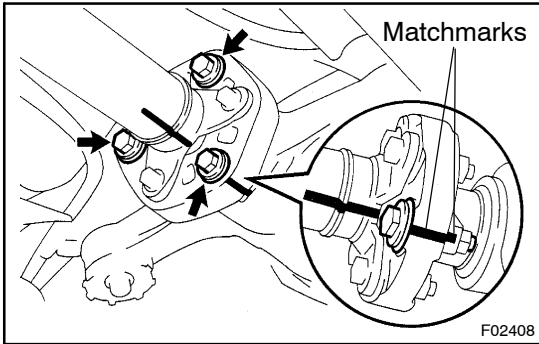


- (b) Place matchmarks on the transmission companion flange and flexible coupling.

- (c) Remove the 3 bolts installed in the transmission side.

**NOTICE:**

The bolts installed from the propeller shaft side should not be removed.

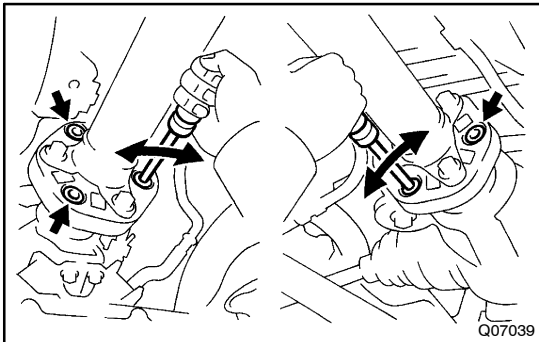


- (d) Place matchmarks on the differential companion flange and flexible coupling.

- (e) Remove the 3 bolts installed in the differential side.

**NOTICE:**

The bolts installed from the propeller shaft side should not be removed.



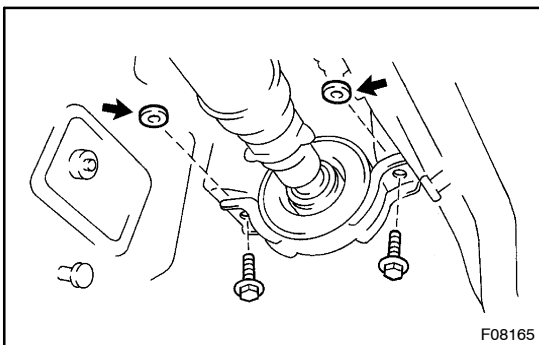
- (f) Separate the flexible couplings from the transmission and differential.

**HINT:**

If the flexible coupling cannot be easily separated by hand, insert a screwdriver into the bolt hole of the flexible coupling as shown in the illustration, then pry the coupling out.

**NOTICE:**

Do not bring the screwdriver blade in direct contact with the flexible coupling's rubber portion.



- (g) Remove the 2 center support bearing set bolts and adjusting washers.

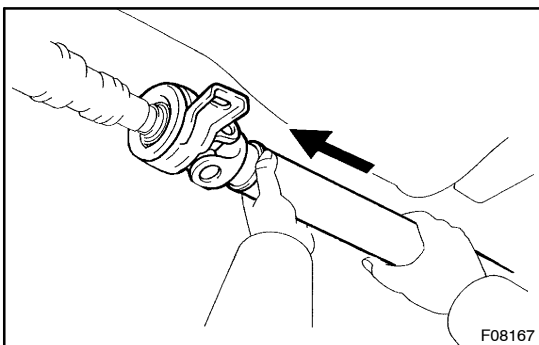
**HINT:**

Some vehicles are not equipped with an adjusting washer.

**NOTICE:**

When removing the set bolts, support the center support bearing by hand so that the transmission and intermediate shaft, and propeller shaft and differential, remain in a straight line.

**Maximum joint angle: 5°**



- (h) Push the rear propeller shaft straight forward to compress the propeller shaft and pull out the propeller shaft from the centering pin of the differential.

**NOTICE:**

Press the propeller shaft straight ahead to keep the transmission and intermediate shaft aligned straight.

- (i) Pull the propeller shaft out toward the vehicle's rear.

**NOTICE:**

The intermediate shaft and propeller shaft should not be separated.