

SERVICE BULLETIN

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A. Power Steering Control Valve and Cylinder Assembly Check and Adjustments (MerCruiser 888-215E-215H-225II-TR and 255II-TR)

A. POWER STEERING CONTROL VALVE and CYLINDER ASSEMBLY CHECK and ADJUST-MENTS (MerCruiser 888-215E-215H-225II-TR and 255II-TR)

(Attach Bulletin Reference Sticker on P. 7B-3 of Your Service Manual.)

IMPORTANT: These procedures MUST BE closely followed when checking for the problem component and for proper reassembly and adjustment of components after replacement or repair.

POWER STEERING UNIT CHECK (Before Installation)

- 1. Check control valve position as follows:
 - a. Carefully cut out template (attached) and place template on control valve mounting bracket. (Figure 1)
 - b. Reposition control valve by loosening mounting nut and 4 hydraulic tube fittings. (Figure 2)
 - c. Rotate control valve to align slot in control valve with slot in template and tighten mounting nut. Torque nut to 25-35 ft. lbs. (3.46 to 4.84mkg).
 - d. Retighten hydraulic tube fittings securely.
- Check control valve actuating movement as follows:
 - a. Grasp Power Steering assembly and move control valve in a parallel direction as shown in Figures 3 and 4. The valve must move between 1/16" (1.6mm) and 3/32" (2.4mm) in both directions, and return to center freely. About 10 lbs. (4.5kg) of force is required to move valve.

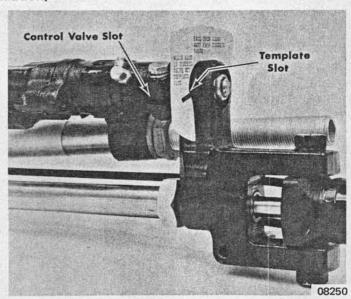


Figure 1. Template Location for Position Check

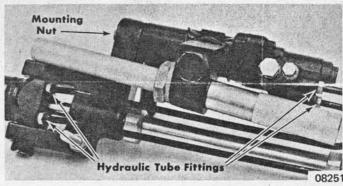


Figure 2. Valve Alignment Adjustment

- b. If valve moves freely and returns to center without binding or sticking, lubricate valve with Multipurpose Lubricant (C-92-49588 or C-92-63250) until lubricant flows from under boot. (Figure 5) A 90° grease fitting (C-22-67305) can be installed for future periodic lubrication.
- c. If valve sticks, binds or does not move as described above, replace control valve.

NOTE: Perform valve alignment, preceding, when replacing control valve.

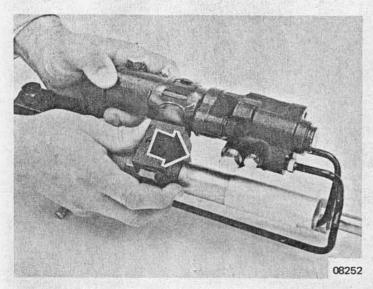


Figure 3. Control Valve Movement

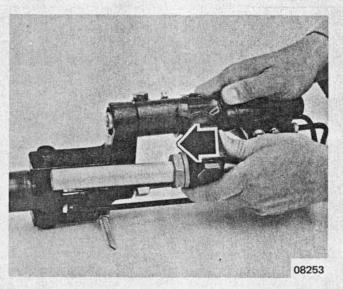


Figure 4. Control Valve Movement

POWER STEERING UNIT CHECK (During Installation)

- 1. Lubricate shaft and mounting tube with Multipurpose Lubricant (C-92-49588 or C-92-63250) during installation. If binding is found, replace damaged parts. Refer to MerCruiser Accessories Parts List for replacement parts.
- 2. Check Ride-Guide cable mounting tube. Pre-adjusted dimension should be 5½" (14cm)+1/8" (3.2mm). (Figure 6)
- 3. Reset dimension if incorrect. Replace Ride-Guide tube or adjusting sleeves if necessary.

INSTALLATION

Follow procedure as outlined in the Power Steering installation instructions.



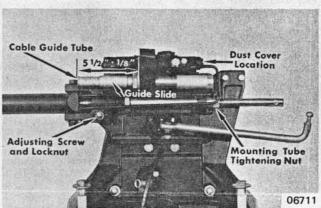


Figure 6. Pre-adjusted Dimension



Figure 5. Control Valve Lubrication



