

H. Adjustment of Wheels

Values for Adjustment of Wheels with Vehicle Ready for Driving¹⁾²⁾

Model	280 S/8 280 SE/8 280 SEL/8 280 SE/9 3.5	280 SL/8	300 SEL/8 300 SEL/9 3.5	300 SEL/8 6.3
Front wheel camber	+ 0°30' - 20'	+ 0°10' + 20'	+ 0°20' - 20'	
Toe-in (rolled average)	2 ± 1 mm or 0°20' ± 10' ²⁾			
Track difference angle at 20° lock of inner wheel	approx. -0°30' ± 40'			approx. 0°50' ± 40'
Caster	with manual steering	3°30' ± 15'		
	with power steering	4° ± 15'		6° ± 30'
KPI	5°30'		5°40'	
Control arm position of front axle (difference in height "a" between inner and outer bearing bolt of lower control arm refer to Fig. 40-6/1)	Refer to Section "G. Vehicle Level"			
Perm. difference of control arm position between left and right	5 mm			
Pivot point position = distance "A" (practically not measurable) between axis of lower control arm bearing and center of ball joint on track rod on steering arm and intermediate steering lever	48.5 $\begin{smallmatrix} + 2 \\ - 4 \end{smallmatrix}$ mm	44.5 $\begin{smallmatrix} + 1 \\ - 5 \end{smallmatrix}$ mm	48.5 $\begin{smallmatrix} + 2 \\ - 4 \end{smallmatrix}$ mm	45 $\begin{smallmatrix} + 2 \\ - 4 \end{smallmatrix}$ mm
Pivot point position = distance "a" (check with fixture 108 589 02 21 00) between axis of lower control arm bearing and bottom edge of ball pin on steering arm and intermediate steering lever (steering arm or intermediate steering lever swivelled to center of control arm bearing bolt)	4 $\begin{smallmatrix} + 2 \\ - 4 \end{smallmatrix}$ mm	0 $\begin{smallmatrix} + 1 \\ - 5 \end{smallmatrix}$ mm	4 $\begin{smallmatrix} + 2 \\ - 4 \end{smallmatrix}$ mm	0.5 $\begin{smallmatrix} + 2 \\ - 4 \end{smallmatrix}$ mm
Permissible deviation in height of ball point position between steering arm and intermediate steering arm	4 mm			
Permissible difference of axle base between right and left	Rear axle	5 mm		
	Front axle	3 mm		
Camber of rear wheels	Refer to Section "G. Vehicle Level"			
Permissible toe-in (+) or toe-out (-) of rear wheels	± 2 mm or ± 0°20'			

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Distance of pivot point of rear axle supporting tubes from vehicle center	36 mm			
Permissible deviation of rear axle from center position	2 mm			

1) Measure vehicle only in condition ready for driving.

To check the vehicle level on the rear axle on vehicles with hydropneumatic compensating spring under load, loading the rear end of vehicle or trunk will be adequate (refer to Section "G. Vehicle Level").

2) Try for toe-in of 2 mm or 0° 20'.

3) Deduct toe-in value obtained during measurements from measured track differential angle.

Change of Control Arm Position on Front Axle

Model 280 S/8, 280 SE/8, 280 SEL/8, 280 SL/8, 280 SE/9 3.5

Change of difference in height "a" (refer to Fig. 40-6/1)

Changing the rubber mount for front spring by	results in a change of the difference in height "a" of
2 mm	approx. 4 mm
2.5 mm	approx. 5 mm

Adjustment of Rear Wheel Camber

Model 280 S/8, 280 SE/8, 280 SEL/8, 280 SL/8, 280 SE/9 3.5

Changing the camber by adjusting spring retainer by 1 notch (2 mm)	approx. 0°10'
Changing the camber by installing a lower or higher upper rubber mount (6 mm)	approx. 0°30'
Changing the rear wheel camber on vehicles with hydropneumatic compensating spring with the vehicle under load	
Changing the rear wheel camber by installing a washer Part No. 108 326 00 76, 3 mm thick, or a lefthand ball joint on hydropneumatic compensating spring longer by 3 mm	approx. 0°30'

Adjustment of Front Wheel Camber

Cam adjustment on steering knuckle		Additional adjustment of camber on bearing bolt of upper control arm by means of washers	
Adjusting range of cam ¹⁾	Change of camber on wheel	Thickness of washer	Change of camber on wheel by 1 washer
± 2.5 mm	approx. ± 0°35'	1.0 mm	approx. ± 0°15'
		2.0 mm	approx. ± 0°30'

¹⁾ The highest position of cam is marked by a notch on the hexagon head.

Adjustment of Caster

<p>Adjustment of caster on steering knuckle</p> <p>Perm. adjustment of threaded bushing toward both sides</p>	<p>Change of caster on wheel</p>	<p>Adjustment of caster by means of cam on leaf springs supporting front axle</p> <p>Adjustment on leaf spring by 1 mm provides change of caster on wheel of</p>	<p>Total adjusting capacity of caster by cam</p>
<p>1.5 mm</p>	<p>approx. $\pm 0^{\circ}20'$</p>	<p>approx. $0^{\circ}10'$</p>	<p>approx. 1° in plus direction approx. $0^{\circ}30'$ in minus direction</p>

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TIRE INFLATION (COLD)

Before attempting to check or adjust wheel alignment, ensure that tires are properly inflated. Tire inflation pressures for some models are given on inside of gas tank cover. For additional information see Tire Pressure Specifications Table.

CASTER

300 SL - Caster is nonadjustable. If not within specification, inspect front suspension for damage or worn parts. Repair or replace as necessary.

600 & 600L - If caster is not within specifications, loosen bolts on mounting plate of guide joint on upper control arm. Using suitable tool ([100_589_00_13](#)) adjust guide joints by moving along elongated bolt slots until caster is within specifications. Tighten bolts and recheck caster.

220/8, 220D/8, 230/8, 250/8 & 350SL - Test under loaded condition. Load vehicle with two 143 lb. weights in front seat, one 143 lb. weight on rear seat and full tank of gas. If caster is not within specifications, loosen locking nut of eccentric bolt on front side of lower control arm. To adjust, rotate eccentric bolt until caster is within specifications. Hold eccentric bolt in place and tighten locking nut. NOTE - Adjusting caster will affect camber angle. Increasing caster will increase camber.

All Other Models - If caster is not within specifications, loosen bolts attaching carrier of rear engine mounting and strut for lateral support on front axle carrier to eliminate and distortions of engine rubber mountings. Mark position of leave spring on body and loosen nuts. Using suitable spanner ([111_589_02_09](#)) adjust cam bolt equally on both sides. Tighten all nuts and bolts. Recheck caster. To adjust minor differences between left and right sides, loosen locking nut of cam bolt on upper steering knuckle bearing. Rotate cam bolt using suitable spanner ([180_589_00_05](#)). Inspect rubber ring to ensure a proper seal and tighten locking nut on cam bolt.

CAMBER

300 SL - If camber is not within specifications, loosen nuts on eccentric bolt and on upper control arm. Slide adjusting washer on upper control arm. Slide adjusting of washer no longer snaps into screw on control arm. To adjust, rotate eccentric bolt, using a suitable tool ([186_589_00_09](#)). Reverse removal procedure and recheck camber.

600 and 600L - If camber is not within specifications, loosen clamps on pivot pin of upper control arm. To adjust, rotate eccentric bushing until camber is within specifications. Tighten clamps and recheck camber.

220/8, 220D/8, 230/8, 250/8 & 350SL - Test under loaded condition. Load vehicle with two 143 lb. weights in front seat, one 143 lb. weight on rear seat and full tank of gas. If camber is not within specifications, loosen locking nut of eccentric bolt on rear side of lower control arm. To adjust, rotate eccentric bolt until camber is within specifications. Hold eccentric bolt in place and tighten locking nut. NOTE - Adjusting camber will affect caster. Increase in camber will increase caster.

All Other Models - If camber is not within specifications, loosen cam bolt locking nut on upper steering knuckle bearing. Loosen nut approximately three turns and tap cam bolt slightly forward. Highest point of cam bolt is marked by a notch on the head. To adjust, rotate cam bolt until camber is within specifications. Hold cam bolt in place and tighten locking nut. Recheck camber.

If camber cannot be brought within specifications by adjusting cam bolt, add or remove washers between bearing bolt for upper control arm and front axle carrier. If washer is removed it must be placed between lock washer and bolt to prevent bolt from bottoming against front spring.

TOE-IN

300 SL - Place wheels in straight ahead position. If toe-in is not within specifications, bend locking plate back, loosen nut and knock off tension ring form cone of tie rod tube. To adjust, rotate tie rod tube until toe-in is within specifications. Slide tension ring onto tie rod tube, tighten lock nut and bend locking plate. NOTE - When tightening nut, ensure that ball socket heads contact ball pins in the turning direction of tie rod nuts.

All Other Models - Place wheels in straight ahead position. If toe-in is not within specifications, loosen clamp bolts. To adjust toe-in, rotate tie rods until toe-in is within specifications. Rotate both tie rod heads in same direction as far as they will go and tighten clamp bolts. Recheck toe-in.

Year	Model	Steering	WHEEL ALIGNMENT SPECIFICATIONS			Toe-Out On Turns	
			Wheeling Axis Incl.	Caster (Degrees)	Comber (Degrees)	Inner	Outer
1962	190, 200, 230	Power	—	—	—	—	—
1962	220, 220E, 220SE	Power	—	—	—	—	—
1962	230E, 300SE	Power	—	—	—	—	—
1962	220, 220E, 220SE	Power	5°30' ± 10'	+3°30' ± 15 (1)	+0°30'	0°76 ± 0.09	—
1962	220E, 220SE	Power	5°30' ± 10'	+2°45' ± 15 (1)	+0°30'	0°76 ± 0.09	—
1962	220E, 220SE	Power	4°15' ± 10'	+2°30' ± 20 (1)	0°15' ± 10'	1°17 ± 0.09	—
1962	220E, 220SE	Power	5°30'	+3°30' ± 15 (1)	+0°10' ± 20'	0°76 ± 0.09	—
1962	280E, 280E-8	Power	5°30'	+3°30' ± 15 (1)	+0°30' ± 20'	0°76 ± 0.09	—
1962	300SE, 300SE-8	Power	5°40'	+3°30' ± 15 (1)	+0°30' ± 20'	0°76 ± 0.09	—
1962	300SE, 300SE-8	Power	5°40'	+3°30' ± 15 (1)	+0°30' ± 20'	0°76 ± 0.09	—
1962	300SE, 300SE-8	Power	—	+3°15' ± 20 (1)	+30' ± 30 (1)	0°76 ± 0.09	—
1962	400, 400E	Power	—	+2°15' ± 20'	+0°10' ± 10'	0°76 ± 0.09	—
1962	400, 400E	Power	—	+2°15' ± 10'	0°15' ± 10'	2°36 ± 0.09	—

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