



## Installation Instructions

### TH700-R4 (4L60) Transkit

Part No. 70232 1982 thru 1986  
Part No. 70233 1987 thru 1993

non-electronic models

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Congratulations! You have just purchased the most versatile rebuilding kit available for the TH700 (4L60) transmission. The **B&M TH700 (4L60) Transkit** contains special parts and instructions to upgrade your stock TH700 (4L60) transmission to the same specifications used by **B&M** for building High Performance Street Strip TH700's.

For transmission assembly and disassembly procedures we recommend you consult the appropriate GM service manual for your particular model year transmission. The only parts that differ from the standard assembly and disassembly are the valve body and accumulators (covered in the 70235 instructions) and the 3-4 clutch and the drain plug (covered in these instructions).

The TH700 (4L60) is a METRIC dimensioned transmission so you will need metric sockets and wrenches, in addition some of the overhaul procedures REQUIRE SPECIAL TOOLS for proper assembly and disassembly of the transmission.

**IMPORTANT:** We suggest that you take the time to completely read through the instructions and check the parts list before beginning disassembly.

You will need approximately 5 Qts

ATF for the transmission and 6 Qts for the converter

#### 3-4 CLUTCH INSTALLATION

The **B&M** 3-4 clutch pack uses the maximum number of standard thickness plates (6 friction and 5 steel) possible (see **Figure 1**). If the unit you are working on had 5 friction and 4 steel plates you will have to replace the 3-4 apply ring (see **Figure 3**) with **G.M. part number 8642374**. This part number has been discontinued by GM, but is available from Transtar Industries, Cleveland, OH, as P/N **D61975**. Call 1-800-321-8830 for the location and number of their nearest location. This apply ring will accommodate the 6 friction and 5 steel plate package. The 6 friction plate package apply ring is 3.71" long compared to 3.88" for the (5 friction plate package).

In some cases there is room to install a seventh friction plate in the clutch. See the section "Additional Clutch Plate" on the next page.

A new 3-4 clutch apply plate is supplied with this kit. The new apply plate replaces both the apply plate and the 3-4 clutch retainer. **Figure 4** shows the old and new parts.

The selective 3-4 clutch backing plate is not included as part of this kit. If the existing backing plate does not

produce the required clutch pack clearance you will have to obtain the correct backing plate from a G.M. parts dealer. We have included a thin (.094") 3-4 clutch backing plate retaining ring that can be used in pre-1988 units in place of the thicker (0.125") ring to extend a particular backing plate's adjustment range.

Installation of **B&M's 3-4 CLUTCH PACK** is similar to installing a stock 3-4 clutch pack. We recommend that you consult the appropriate transmission service manual for information regarding special tools, assembly procedures, bolt torques, service and diagnosis, etc. for items not covered here. The following instructions assume the input housing is assembled up to the point where the 3-4 clutch pack is to be installed.

#### INSTALLATION (See Figure 3)

**STEP 1.** Make sure the correct (3.71") 3-4 clutch apply ring (#100) is installed in input housing, then install the following:

1. A new 3-4 clutch apply plate (#102).

**NOTE:** This apply plate does not require the use of the original 3-4 clutch apply ring retainer.

2. **B&M** supplied 3-4 clutch plates (#103), starting with composition faced plate first and alternate with

steel plates (**EXCEPTION:** '87-'93 install 15 tooth steel first).

**IMPORTANT:** Index the five (5) wide slots on the steel plates with the wide slots in the input housing. The wide slots are clearance for the 3-4 clutch boost springs (#106) that will be installed after checking the clutch pack clearance.

3. Install original 3-4 clutch backing plate (#104) and thin (0.094 in.) retaining ring (#105) supplied with kit ('82-'86 only). The original backing plate may be too thick in which case you will have to use a thinner backing plate. Install the 3-4 clutch backing plate with chamfer side up.

### CLUTCH CLEARANCE CHECK

#### STEP 2. 3-4 CLUTCH CLEARANCE

**WARNING:** Do not omit this step, optimum 3-4 clutch operation and durability depends on proper clutch pack end clearance setting.

1. Check the end clearance between the 3-4 clutch backing plate (#104) and the first composition faced plate (#103) with a feeler gage. Check the clearance all the way around between the plates to insure that the gap is uniform (plates are parallel). If the gap is not uniform all around, recheck the installation of the individual 3-4 clutch parts to determine cause.
2. Select the proper backing plate (#104) thickness from the chart (**Figure 2**) to obtain the correct clutch clearance. You can use the thick (0.125 in.) or thin (0.094") 3-4 Backing plate retaining ring (#105) in combination with selective backing plates for additional clearance adjustment range ('82-'86 models only).

**IMPORTANT:** The 3-4 clutch pack end clearance has a direct effect on 2-3 shift feel. For high perform-

ance applications the best 2-3 shift feel and 3-4 clutch pack life is obtained when the 3-4 clutch clearance is set as close to the low side of the chart tolerance as possible.

**CAUTION:** DO NOT set the 3-4 clutch pack end clearance below the minimum dimension specified.

### ADDITIONAL CLUTCH PLATE

If you need additional clutch capacity in the 3-4 clutch, it is possible to add a seventh friction plate to the clutch in many case. As normally assembled, there is a steel plate between the 3-4 clutch apply plate and the first friction plate. In many cases the stack up of the clutch allows room for an additional friction plate to be installed between the apply plate and the steel plate with the use of a thin backing plate. The correct clutch clearance must be maintained with the extra plate.

### 3-4 CLUTCH FINAL ASSEMBLY

**STEP 3.** Once the correct 3-4 clutch clearance has been determined the 3-4 clutch boost springs can be installed.

1. Remove 3-4 clutch Retaining ring (#105) and Backing plate (#104).
2. Install the five (5) 3-4 clutch boost spring assemblies (#106) as shown in (**Figure 2**). Install the boost spring assemblies so the captured end of the springs face the clutch backing plate. **IMPORTANT:** The 3-4 clutch boost springs are designed for use ONLY with the (3.71") long 3-4 clutch apply ring. The boost springs can be used in five (5) friction plate clutch packs **BUT** you must install two (2) extra steel plates in the clutch pack to prevent the boost springs from becoming coil bound (solid) as the clutch pack wears.
3. Install the 3-4 clutch backing plate

(#104) then compress 3-4 clutch boost springs and install 3-4 clutch retaining ring (#105).

### BEFORE OPERATING VEHICLE

Once the transmission is installed in the vehicle it is important to verify that the transmission's hydraulic system is functioning properly to prevent premature component failure. At **B&M**, every transmission we build is thoroughly tested on a commercial transmission test stand to verify proper operation and correct oil pressures. We realize that a test machine is not available to most people using this kit however, we strongly recommend checking for correct oil pressures. Checking the oil pressures **BEFORE** driving the vehicle should be considered cheap insurance when compared against the cost of rebuilding the transmission a second time because a minor problem was not detected. Oil pressure tap locations, appropriate pressure charts and trouble shooting guides are provided in most service manuals. You will need a 0-300 PSI gage to check the pressures. Make sure the T.V. cable is properly connected and adjusted before checking oil pressures or operating the vehicle.

### DRAIN PLUG INSTALLATION

Locate mounting position inside pan for B&M Drain Plug. Make sure to avoid locating plug where it could interfere with internal transmission parts, i.e. valve body, filter, servo, etc.

Drill 1/2" diameter hole in position determined. Remove all burrs around hole and clean pan to avoid contamination of transmission fluid. Install Drain Plug as shown in figure. Tighten nut to 25 lb.ft. maximum. Use wrench on bolt head to prevent rotating entire assembly. (**Figure 5**)

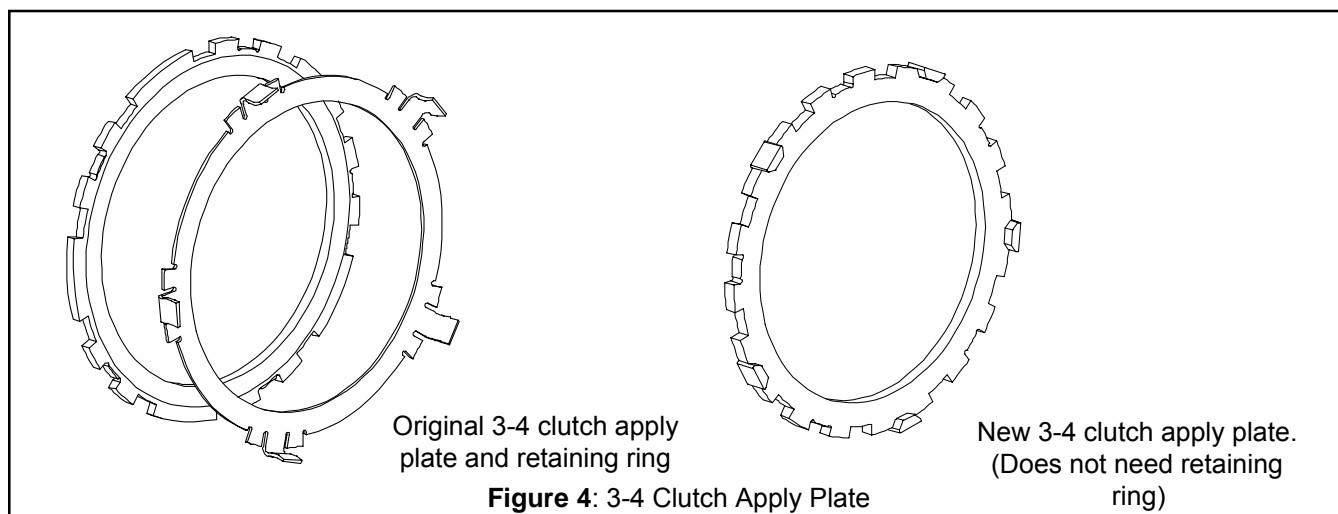
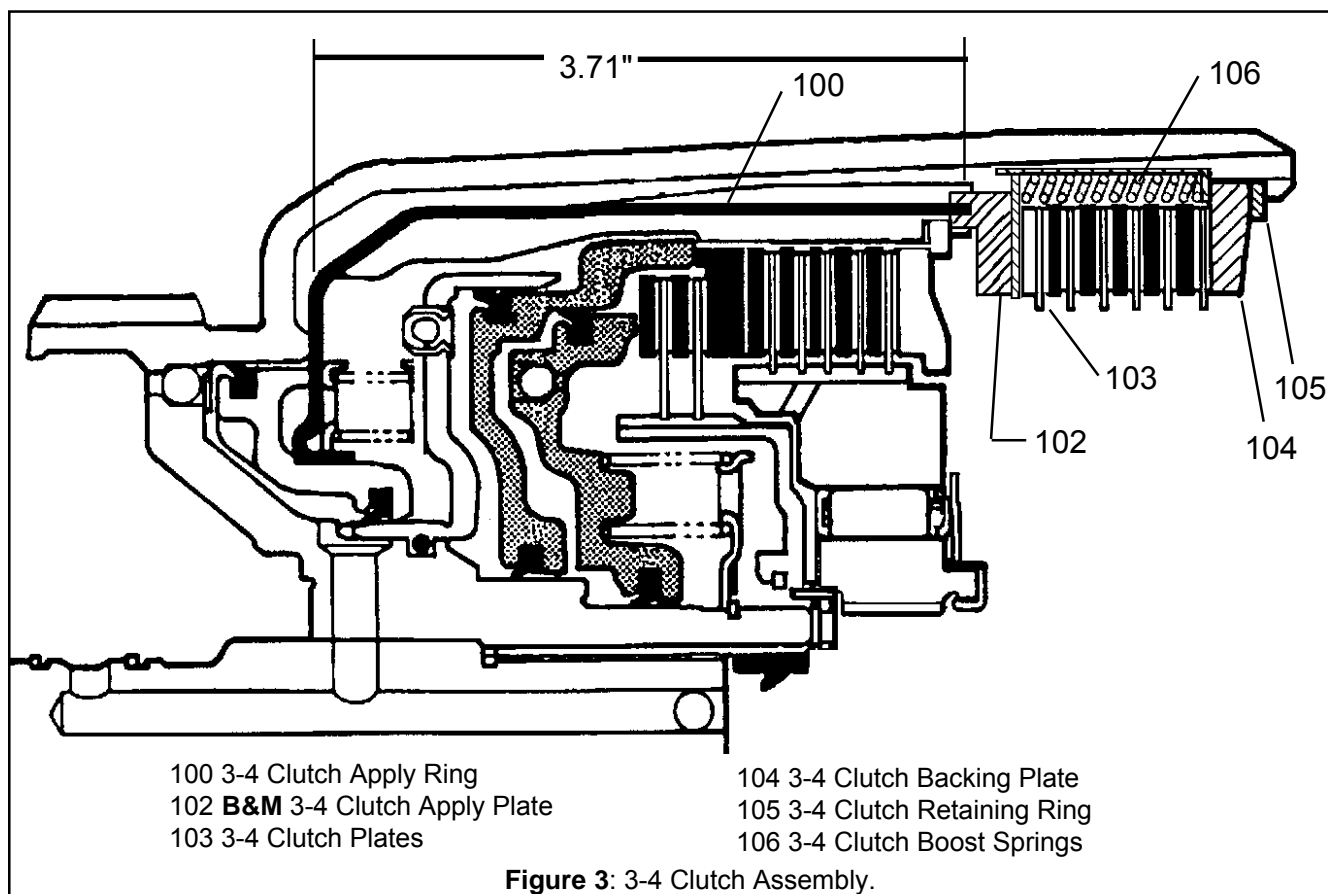
| PLATE TYPE                     | THICKNESS      | QUANTITY REQUIRED |
|--------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| FLAT STEEL CLUTCH PLATE        | 1.97mm (.078") | 5                 |
| COMPOSITION FACED CLUTCH PLATE | 2.03mm (.079") | 6                 |
|                                |                |                   |

**Figure 1: 3-4 Clutch Information Chart.**

| PLATE THICKNESS | PART NO. | ID NO. |
|-----------------|----------|--------|
| 7.125mm (.281") | 8642621  | 1      |
| 6.125mm (.241") | 8642622  | 2      |
| 5.125mm (.202") | 8642623  | 3      |
| 4.125mm (.162") | 8642624  | 4      |

USE BACKING PLATE WHICH GIVES A CLUTCH PACK CLEARANCE OF 1.00mm-2.50mm (.039"-.098")

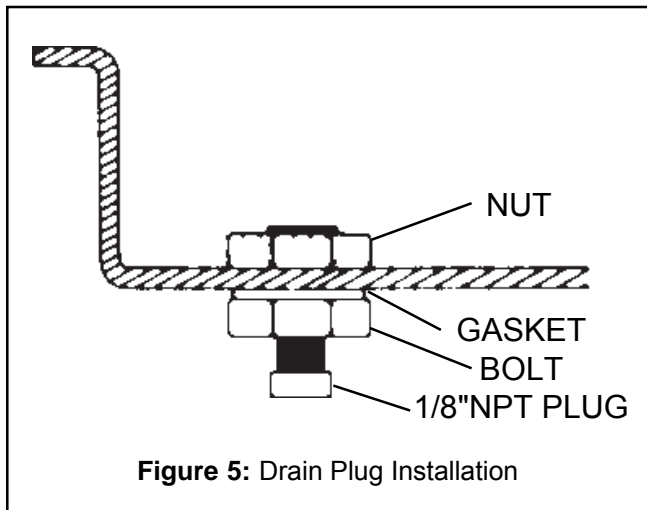
**Figure 2: 3-4 Clutch Backing Plate Selection.**



# Parts List

| Description                        | Qty |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| <b>70232 SKIN PACK CARD</b>        | 1   |
| PLATE, FRICTION REV INPUT CL .078" | 4   |
| PLATE, STEEL REV INPUT CL .078"    | 3   |
| PLATE, FRICTION OVERRUN CL .078"   | 2   |
| PLATE, STEEL OVERRUN CL .092"      | 2   |
| PLATE, FRICTION FWD CL .070" SM    | 5   |
| PLATE, STEEL FWD CL .090"          | 4   |
| PLATE, FRICTION 3-4 CL .080" SM    | 6   |
| PLATE, STEEL 3-4 CL .078" 20T      | 5   |
| PLATE, FRICTION LO REV CL .088" SM | 5   |
| PLATE, STEEL LO REV CL .070"       | 4   |
| BAND, 2-4                          | 1   |
| PLATE, 3-4 CLUTCH APPLY            | 1   |
| RING, RETAINING 3-4 CL (.094")     | 1   |
| <b>BAG ASSY 70232 TRANSKIT</b>     | 1   |
| SPRING, TH700 PRESSURE REG (BLUE)  | 1   |
| RING, RETAINING PRESSURE REG       | 1   |
| ROD, BLOCKER LINE BIAS             | 1   |
| SPACER 5/16"ID X 3/8"LG RED        | 1   |
| SPACER 5/16"ID X 5/8"LG YELLOW     | 1   |
| SPACER 5/16"ID X 3/4"LG BLUE       | 2   |
| DRILL, .094 (3/32")                | 1   |
| DRILL, .125 (1/8")                 | 1   |
| SPRING, 3-4 CLUTCH BOOST           | 5   |
| BUSHING, FRONT PUMP                | 1   |
| BUSHING, EXTENSION HOUSING         | 1   |
| DRAIN PLUG                         | 1   |
| NUT, HEX JAM 1/2"-20               | 1   |
| PLUG, 1/8" NPT STEEL               | 1   |
| GASKET, DRAIN PLUG                 | 1   |
| <b>70232 MISCELLANEOUS</b>         |     |
| OVERHAUL SEAL AND GASKET KIT       | 1   |
| FILTER, TRANSMISSION OIL           | 1   |
| INSTRUCTIONS, 70235 TRANSPAK       | 1   |

| Description                        | Qty |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| <b>70233 SKIN PACK CARD</b>        | 1   |
| PLATE, FRICTION REV INPUT CL .068" | 4   |
| PLATE, STEEL REV INPUT CL .078"    | 4   |
| PLATE, FRICTION OVERRUN CL .078"   | 2   |
| PLATE, STEEL OVERRUN CL .092"      | 2   |
| PLATE, FRICTION FWD CL .070" SM    | 5   |
| PLATE, STEEL FWD CL .090"          | 5   |
| PLATE, FRICTION 3-4 CL .080" SM    | 7   |
| PLATE, STEEL 3-4 CL .078" 20 TOOTH | 5   |
| PLATE, STEEL 3-4 CL .078" 15 TOOTH | 1   |
| PLATE, FRICTION LO REV CL .088" SM | 5   |
| PLATE, STEEL LO REV CL .070"       | 4   |
| BAND, 2-4                          | 1   |
| PLATE, 3-4 CLUTCH APPLY            | 1   |
| <b>BAG ASSY 70233 TRANSKIT</b>     | 1   |
| SPRING, TH700 PRESSURE REG (BLUE)  | 1   |
| RING, RETAINING PRESSURE REG       | 1   |
| ROD, BLOCKER LINE BIAS             | 1   |
| SPACER 5/16"ID X 3/8"LG RED        | 1   |
| SPACER 5/16"ID X 5/8"LG YELLOW     | 1   |
| SPACER 5/16"ID X 3/4"LG BLUE       | 2   |
| DRILL, .094 (3/32")                | 1   |
| DRILL, .125 (1/8")                 | 1   |
| SPRING, 3-4 CLUTCH BOOST           | 5   |
| BUSHING, FRONT PUMP                | 1   |
| BUSHING, EXTENSION HOUSING         | 1   |
| DRAIN PLUG,                        | 1   |
| NUT, HEX JAM 1/2"-20               | 1   |
| PLUG, 1/8" NPT STEEL               | 1   |
| GASKET, DRAIN PLUG                 | 1   |
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**Figure 5:** Drain Plug Installation

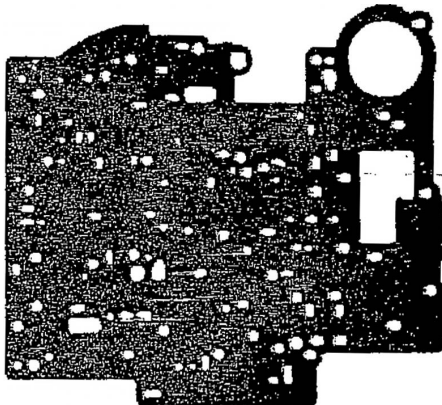


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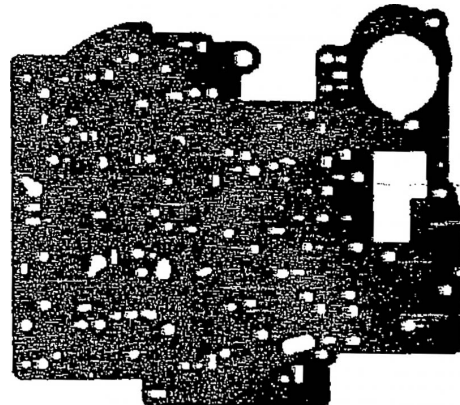
### TH-700R4 (RL60) Valve Body Gaskets

The TH-700R4 transmissions must use the correct valve body gaskets or transmission failure will occur. There are two sets of gaskets for this transmission. The early gaskets fit '82 - '86 transmissions and the late gaskets fit '87 - '93 non electronic transmissions. Often times the late transmissions are identified by the auxiliary valve body, however many early '87 transmissions did not have an auxiliary valve body, but they still use the late valve body gaskets. Compare the supplied gaskets to the old gaskets you removed during transmission disassembly. Also check gaskets against separator plate to make sure none of the holes in the separator plate are blocked or covered. If there are any holes covered you may be using the wrong gaskets. Installing the early gaskets on the late transmission will result in transmission failure!

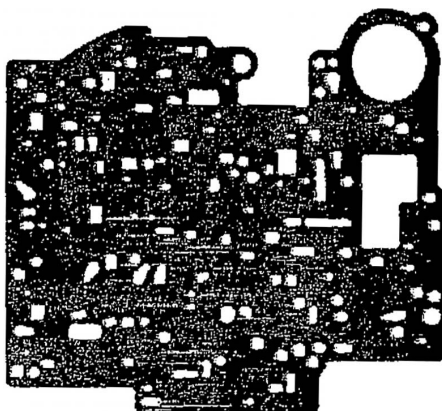
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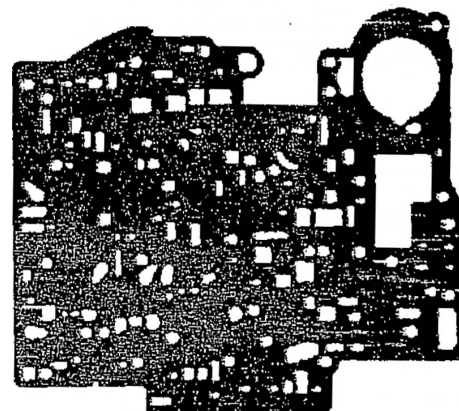
1982-86 Lower Gasket



1987-93 Upper Gasket



1987-93 Lower Gasket







## Installation Instructions

### **Transpak 1982-93 GM TH-700R4 (4L60) Non Electronic Transmission**

**Part Number 70235**

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The **B&M TH-700 (4L60) Transpak** has been designed to work on all **1982 thru 1993** TH-700's (4L60's). This kit **WILL NOT** work on 1992 and later 4L60E (electronic) models. During 1982 thru 1993 model years four major changes were made to the TH-700's hydraulic circuitry. It is important that you know the year model of the transmission your working on so that you can identify the correct checkball placement diagram. **Figure 1** describes where to look on your transmission for model year identification. If the original transmission in your vehicle was replaced by a factory rebuild, the I.D. number may have been changed. In this case you will have to compare the components in your transmission with the check ball placement diagrams in the instructions to determine the correct check ball placement.

**WARNING: Incorrect checkball placement can result in serious transmission damage. Be sure to follow the instructions carefully.**

We have included a section on TV cable installation that will be helpful to individuals using the TH-700 with after-market carburetors, manifolds or in a custom vehicle installation.

**B&M's TH-700 Transpak** can be installed by anyone with minimum mechanical experience. It is however, im-

portant to closely follow the instructions.

**We recommend that you read through the instructions completely before beginning the installation, so you can familiarize yourself with the installation procedure and tools required. Check the tool list at the end of these instructions for the tools required to install your B&M TH-700 Transpak.**

**NOTE:** The **B&M TH-700 Transpak** is not a cure-all for an ailing transmission. If your transmission is slipping or in poor general shape, the installation of this Transpak may worsen the condition. However on a properly operating transmission in average condition, the Transpak will provide the kind of transmission performance your looking for. When installing your Transpak there are several other **B&M** products you may wish to consider:

**TH-700 R4 KICKDOWN KIT #70237**  
The TH-700 has a hydraulic circuit that causes a forced 4-3 down shift whenever the throttle is opened past two thirds travel. In some applications a part throttle forced 4-3 down shift is undesirable, after many customer requests **B&M** has developed an easily installed kit that will eliminate the part throttle 4-3 down shift feature. This kit does not alter normal shift speeds or

affect detent (wide open throttle 4-3) operation. This kit is best installed along with **B&M's #70235 Transpak**. However it can also be installed independent of other modifications, and valve body removal is not required (pan gasket not included).

**Converter Lockup Control #70244/70248** Provides electronic control of the vehicle speed where lockup takes place on GM transmissions with lockup converter. Eliminates lock and unlock cycling and premature unwanted lockup. Also ideal for lockup operation in vehicles that did not come with lockup converter transmissions. Works with all GM lockup transmissions.

**TRANSMISSION OIL COOLER** We feel that it is very important that every vehicle in addition to the radiator heat exchanger should have an oil cooler. Heat is the major cause of transmission failures, and an oil cooler is an inexpensive safeguard against overheating. **B&M** offers a wide range of transmission coolers to suite every need, which are available at your **B&M** dealer. The TH-700 runs hotter than most other automatic transmissions, making an oil cooler almost a necessity.

**TRICK SHIFT PERFORMANCE ATF** Trick Shift performance automatic transmission fluid is the industry's leading performance **ATF**. A specially blended

oil with foam inhibitors, extreme pressure agents and shift improvers, this fluid assures protection while delivering the fastest possible shifts. You literally "Pour in performance." Available at your **B&M** dealer.

**DRAIN PLUG KIT #80250** TH-700 transmissions do not come from the factory equipped with drain plugs. The **B&M Drain plug kit** is inexpensive and easy to install. It eliminates the mess of a fluid change or pan removal.

**POWER SWITCH KIT #80217** (1982 through 1989 TH-700's only) This kit will enable you to select between normal Torque Converter Clutch (TCC) operation and having it unlocked in all gears except fourth. This kit can also be utilized for TCC control in custom installations of the TH-700. Keeping the TCC in the unlocked mode during city driving saves wear and tear on the TCC as well as minimizing TCC engagement at low speeds. The **B&M Power Switch Kit** will not prevent the TCC from locking in fourth gear (overdrive). TCC engagement in fourth gear is required to prevent transmission overheating. Kit does not work on 1990 or later TH-700's.

**TH-700 DEEP OIL PAN #70289** The **B&M** TH-700 deep oil pan adds approximately 3 quarts of extra oil capacity to your transmission. The additional oil capacity will help reduce the temperature of your transmission, thereby promoting longer transmission life.

**TEMPERATURE GAUGE KIT #80212** Most transmission and converter failures can be traced directly to excessive heat. The **B&M** transmission temperature gauge can save you a costly repair bill by warning you ahead of time of an overheated transmission. The **B&M** temperature gauge is extremely accurate and dependable, it comes with all necessary hardware and is easy to install.

## INTRODUCTION

This kit can be installed in a few hours by carefully following the instructions. **Read all instructions first to familiarize yourself with the parts and procedures.** Transmission components are precision fit, work slowly and do not force any parts. Burrs and dirt are the number one enemies of an

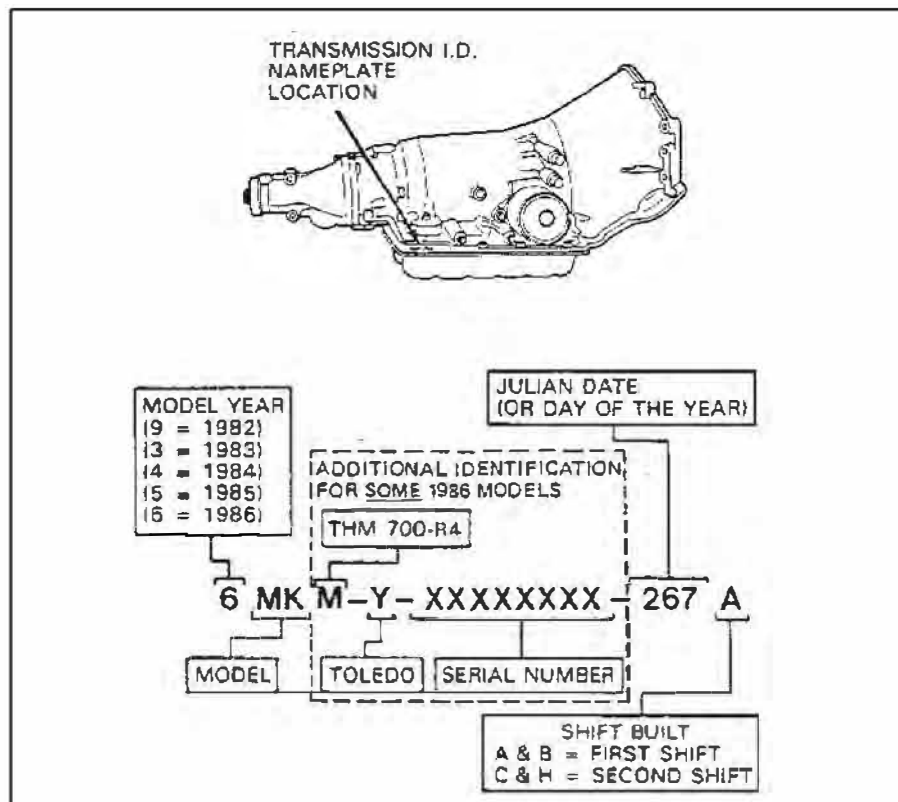


Figure 1

automatic transmission. Cleanliness is very important, so a clean work surface from which oil can easily be removed is necessary.

This kit contains all parts necessary to obtain two different levels of performance, depending on intended use:

1. Heavy Duty; Towing, campers, motor homes and 4-wheel drive vehicles. Shift feel is firm and positive.
2. Street; Dual purpose performance vehicles, street and strip performance cars. Street level produces the firmest shift feel.

## DISASSEMBLY

Automatic transmissions operate at temperatures between 150° F and 250° F. We suggest the vehicle be allowed to cool for several hours before disassembly to avoid burns from hot oil and parts. Have an oil drain pan ready to catch oil and a tray on which to put small parts so they won't get lost. The vehicle should be raised so there is at least 2 feet ground clearance for ease of installation and safety.

**MAKE SURE THE VEHICLE IS RIGIDLY AND SECURELY SUPPORTED, JACK STANDS, WHEEL RAMPS OR**

## A HOIST WORK BEST, DO NOT USE JACKS ALONE.

**STEP 1.** The TH-700 does not have a drain plug. Position your drain pan beneath the transmission to catch the oil. Remove the oil pan by removing the rear bolts first, then work towards the front. Loosen but do not remove the three front bolts. If the pan sticks to the gasket, insert a flat screwdriver between the pan and case and pry down gently to break the pan loose. Now remove the front three bolts slowly to permit draining the rest of the oil. Remove pan gasket material from the pan and the case.

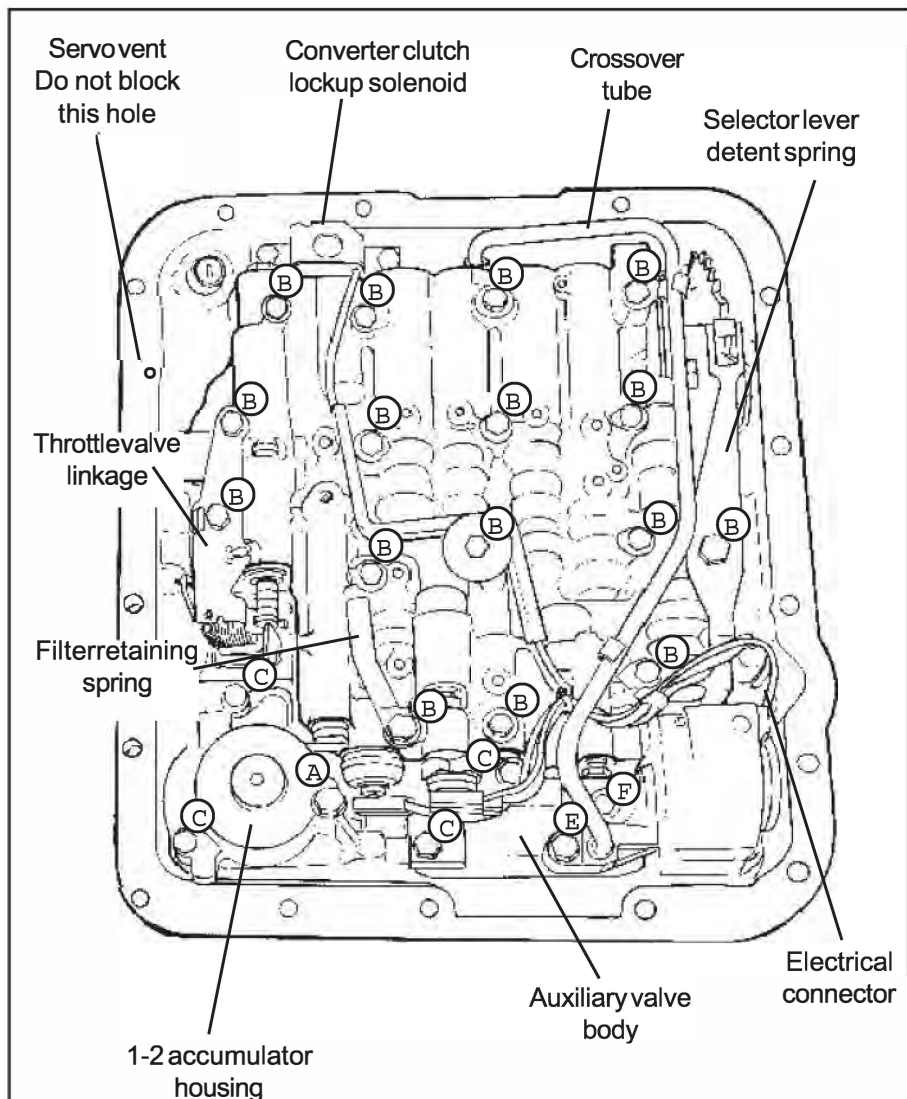
**STEP 2.** Remove the oil filter by gently pulling it straight down. The pickup tube has an O-ring (or seal) around the end that fits into the pump housing. Sometimes the O-ring (or seal) remains in the pump bore, if so remove O-ring (or seal) from the pump and discard both the O-ring (or seal) and filter.

**STEP 3. (See Figs. 2 and 3)** There are a variety of different wiring harnesses used on the TH-700. Before proceeding further make a sketch and some notes describing your particular unit, recording which connectors go to which switch. Notice that the connec-

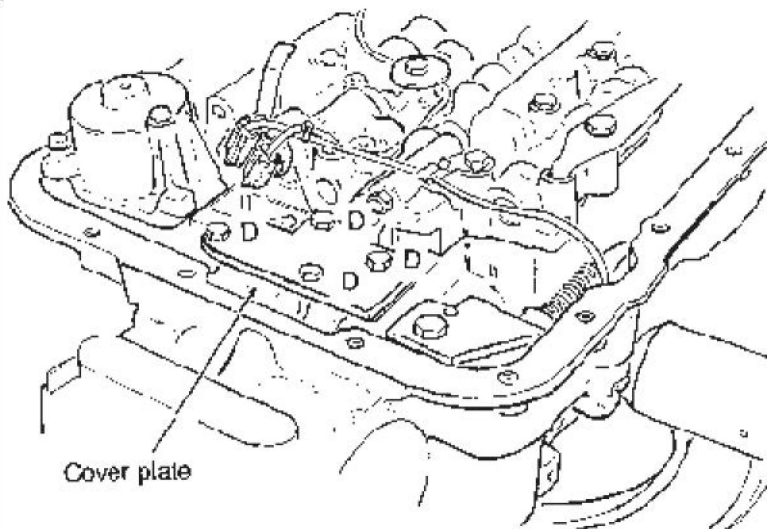
tors are color coded. Now remove connectors from switches. Unplug the wiring harness from the case electrical connector by prying the lock tab away from the plug and pulling down on the plug, **do not pull on the wires**. Removing solenoid is not required, just tie the wires up out of the way.

**STEP 4.** Remove all **except** the center valve body bolt (See Fig. 2.) Beginning with the mid 1987 model year, TH-700's have a tube crossing over the valve body. This tube is removed by simultaneously pulling both ends out of their respective bores. With the tube removed (if equipped) hold the valve body up firmly with one hand and remove the remaining bolt slowly. There are several check balls in the valve body along with several pints of oil. Have your drain pan ready to catch the oil and check balls (should they fall out.) Save all check balls in a safe place where they won't get lost.

**STEP 5.** Beginning mid 1987 model year, TH-700's have an auxiliary valve body located where earlier models have a cover plate (See Fig. 2.) Remove the cover plate or auxiliary valve body. Be careful not to drop the check ball located in the auxiliary valve body (See Fig. 8.) Remove the 1-2 accumulator housing while holding the separator plate up to the case. Then slowly lower the separator plate and retrieve the check balls located above the plate. Make note of the **color** and **location** of the 1-2 and 2-3 accumulator springs for correct reassembly (See Fig. 10.) Remove all old gasket material from



Draw a sketch of your wiring harness before disassembly.



| Bolt | Length |
|------|--------|
| A    | 64.5mm |
| B    | 19.5mm |
| C    | 34.5mm |
| D    | 15.5mm |
| E    | 44.5mm |
| F    | 17.0mm |

Figure 2

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these parts. **Note: Early 1982 TH-700's had a support plate located under the 1-2 accumulator housing.** If your transmission is fitted with this plate, carefully save the gasket as you will have to re-use the gasket upon reassembly (Gasket GM P/N 8642129 is not included in kit.)

## MODIFICATIONS

**STEP 6.** Using the supplied drills, enlarge the holes in your separator plate as indicated in **Fig. 4**. Carefully deburr the holes after drilling.

**STEP 7.** Rinse off valve body with clean solvent to remove any dirt or grit. Move to a clean working area. The valve body consists of precision fit components which will not tolerate dirt or burrs.

**STEP 8. Heavy Duty and Street; MTV upshift valve (See Fig. 5.)**

Remove the pin at the end of the MTV upshift valve bore. Remove the plug, valve and spring from the bore. Set the spring aside (it will not be re-used.) Re-install the valve, plug and pin in reverse order of removal.

**STEP 9. Street Only; Line bias valve.**

Compress and remove the larger roll pin retaining the line bias valve (**See Fig. 5.**) Take care to not distort the roll pin more than is required to remove it. Remove the aluminum plug, valve and spring from bore. The spring will not be re used. Insert the blocker rod from the kit into the bore. Install the valve and aluminum plug as removed. If the aluminum plug extends into the roll pin hole, remove the blocker rod and grind or file a small amount from either end of the blocker rod until the aluminum plug clears the roll pin hole when all parts are installed.

**STEP 10. Heavy Duty and Street; Pressure regulator.**

Remove the snap ring at the end of the pressure regulator bore in the oil pump assembly (**See Fig. 6.**) Use a screwdriver to hold the pressure regulator assembly while removing the retaining ring. If the sleeves stick in the bore, lightly rap the sleeve with a small rod and a mallet. Remove two sleeves with valves and the pressure regulator spring. The pressure regulator valve may fall out but it does not need to be removed.

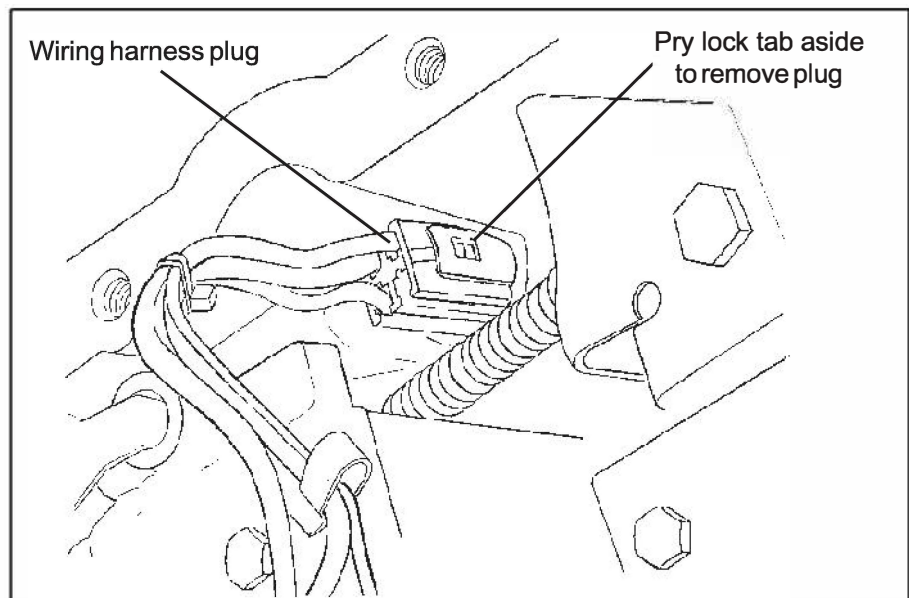


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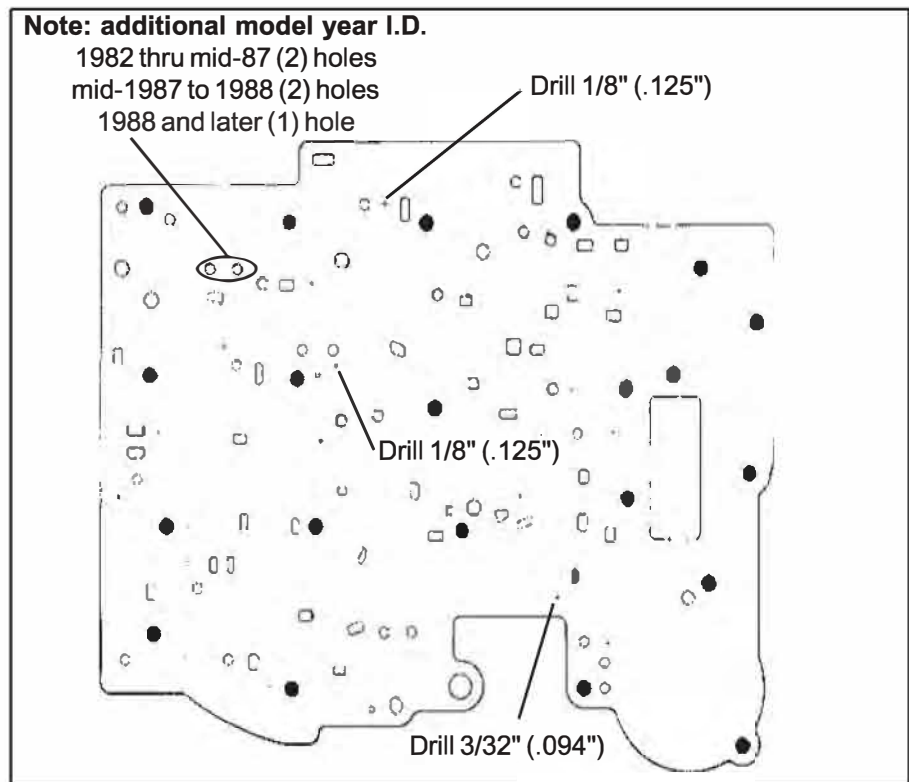
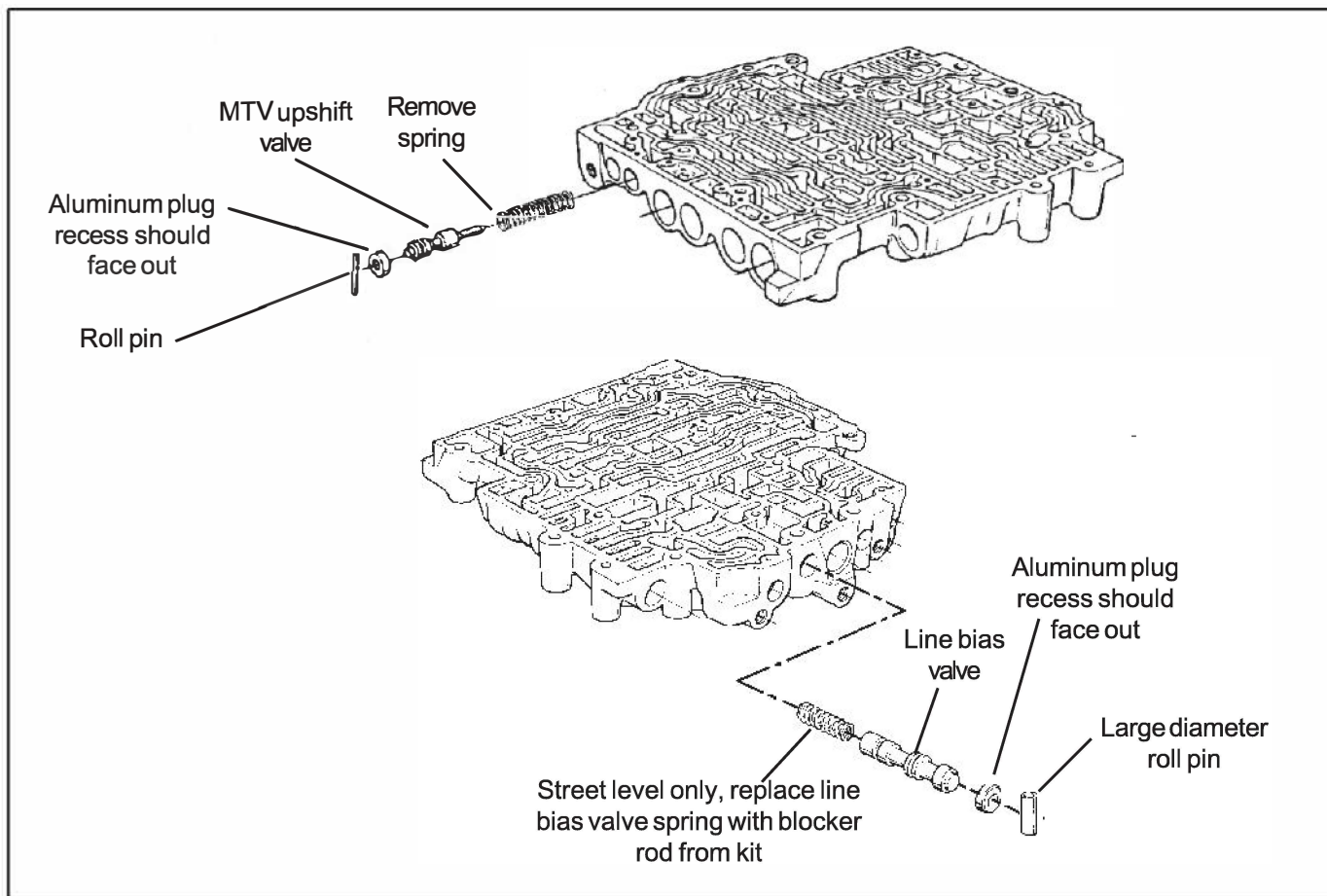


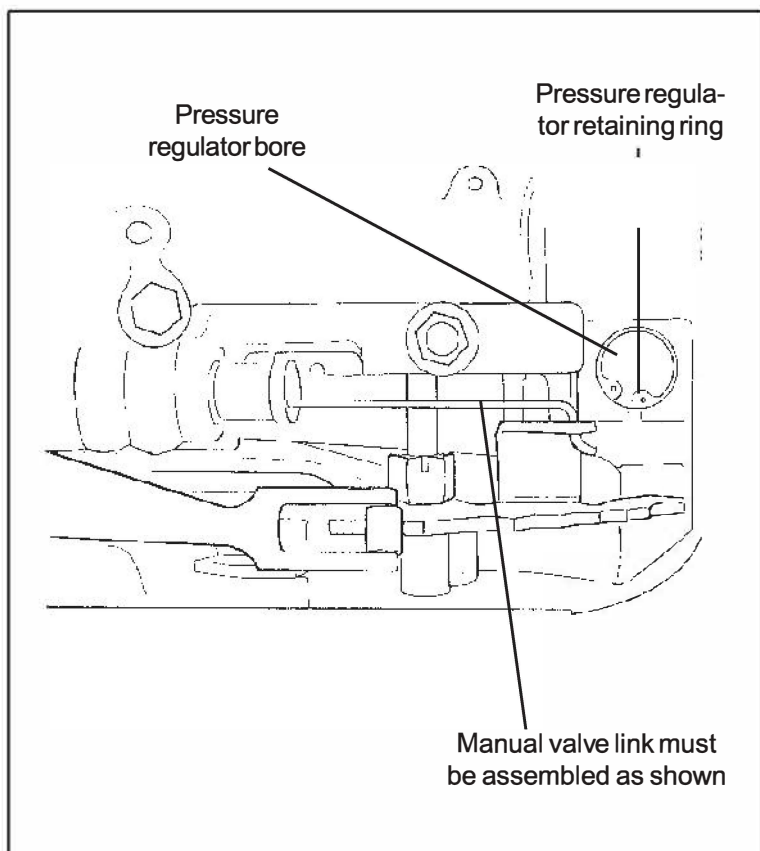
Figure 4

Reassemble the pressure regulator assembly using the **BLUE** spring from the kit (**See Fig. 7.**) Use the new retaining ring from the kit. Make sure the retaining ring is firmly seated in its groove when assembled. **CAUTION: The pressure regulator valve train MUST be installed in the proper order with the sleeves and valves oriented in the indicated directions.** There are several ways the sleeves and

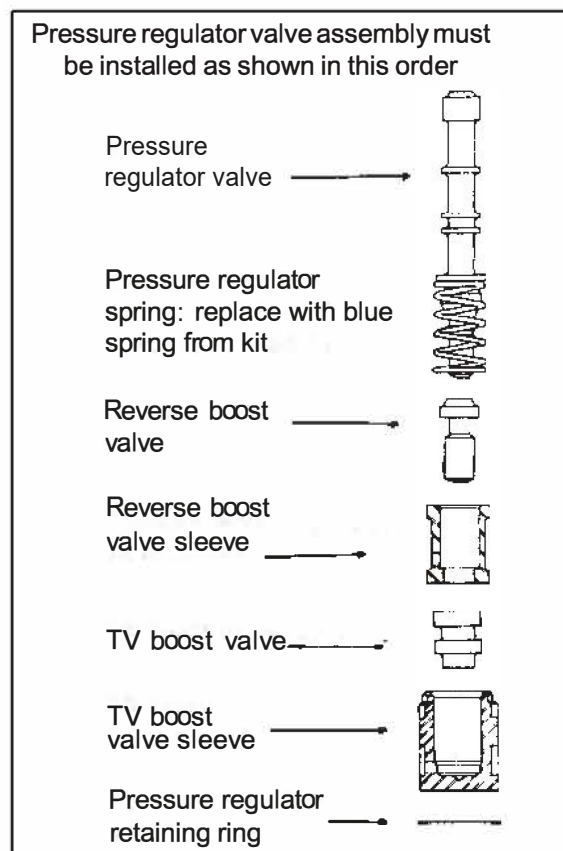
valves can be installed, however, only the orientation shown will work properly. Improper installation will cause low line pressure, resulting in slipping clutches and burned friction elements. It is very important to reassemble the pressure regulator correctly to insure proper operation of the transmission. Take a little extra time with this step and work slowly. This is a precision fit valve assembly so do not force the



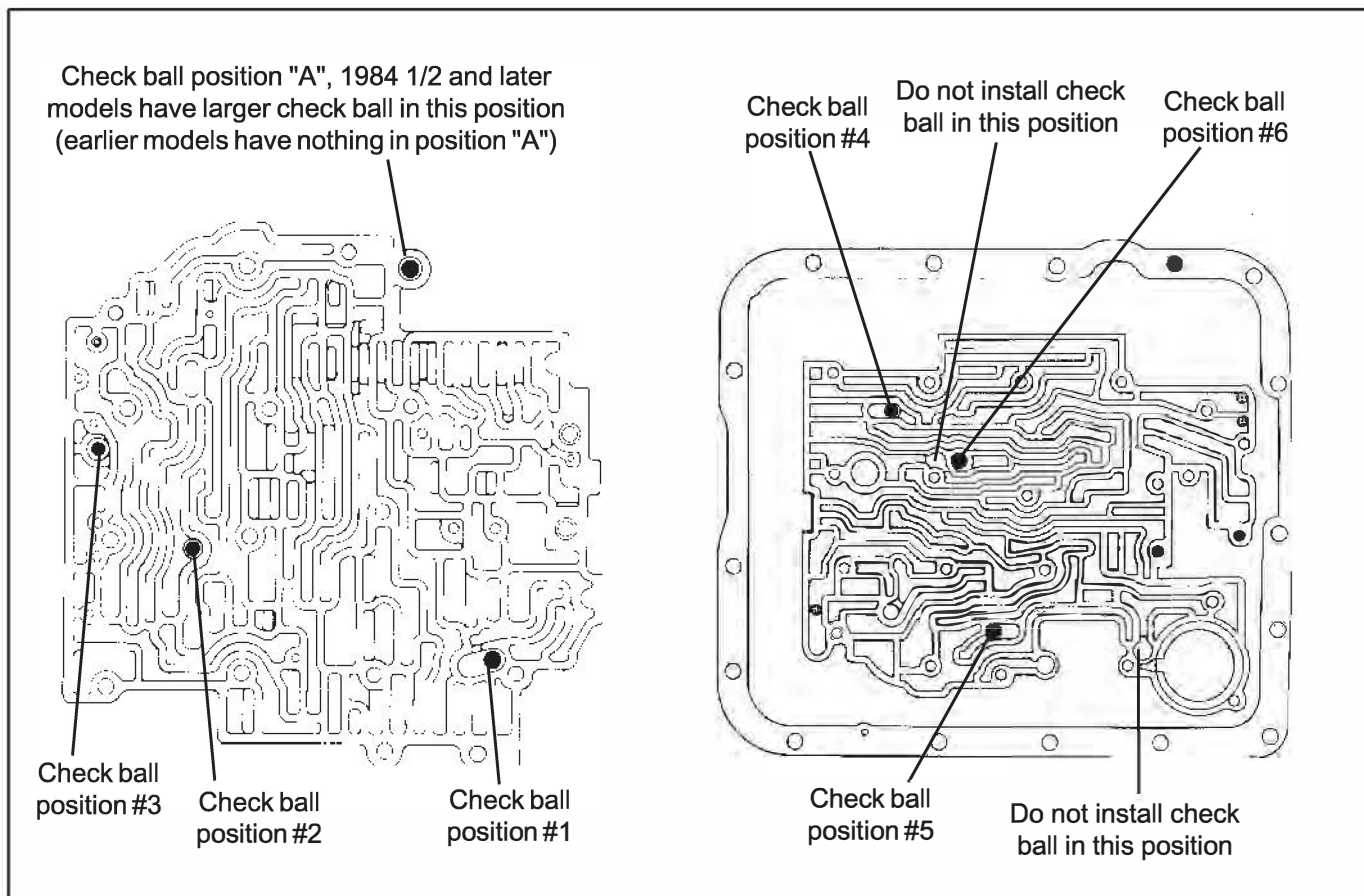
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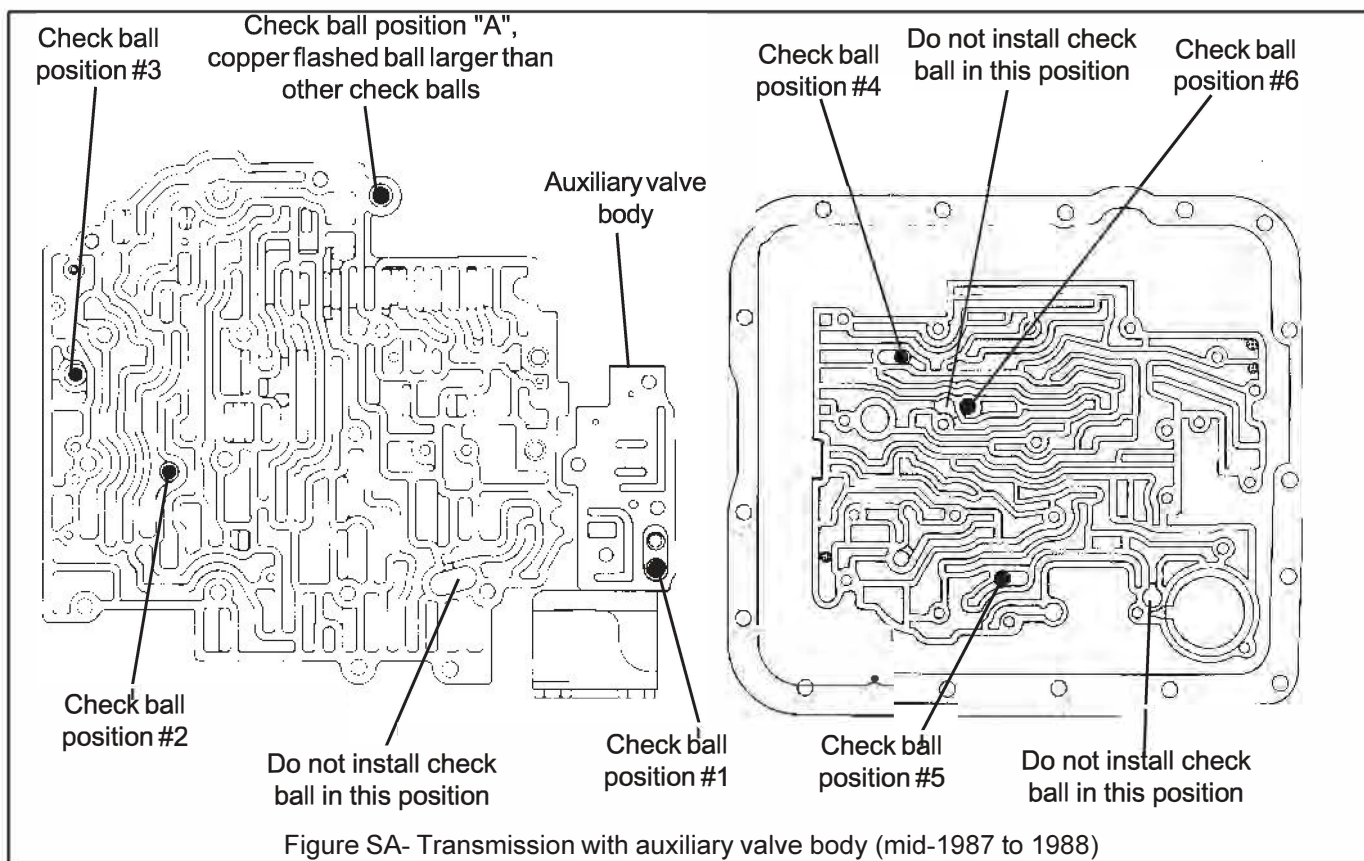
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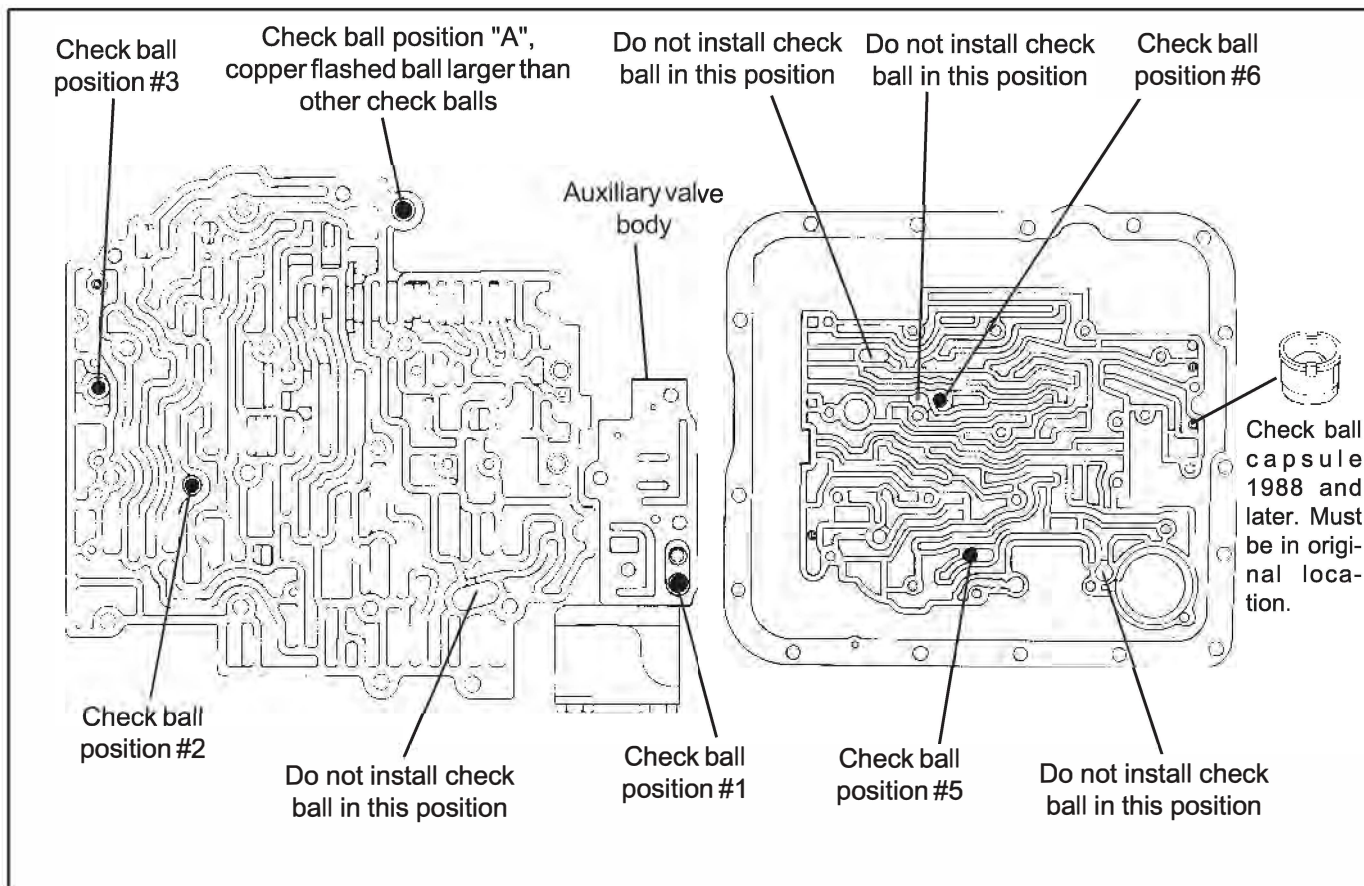
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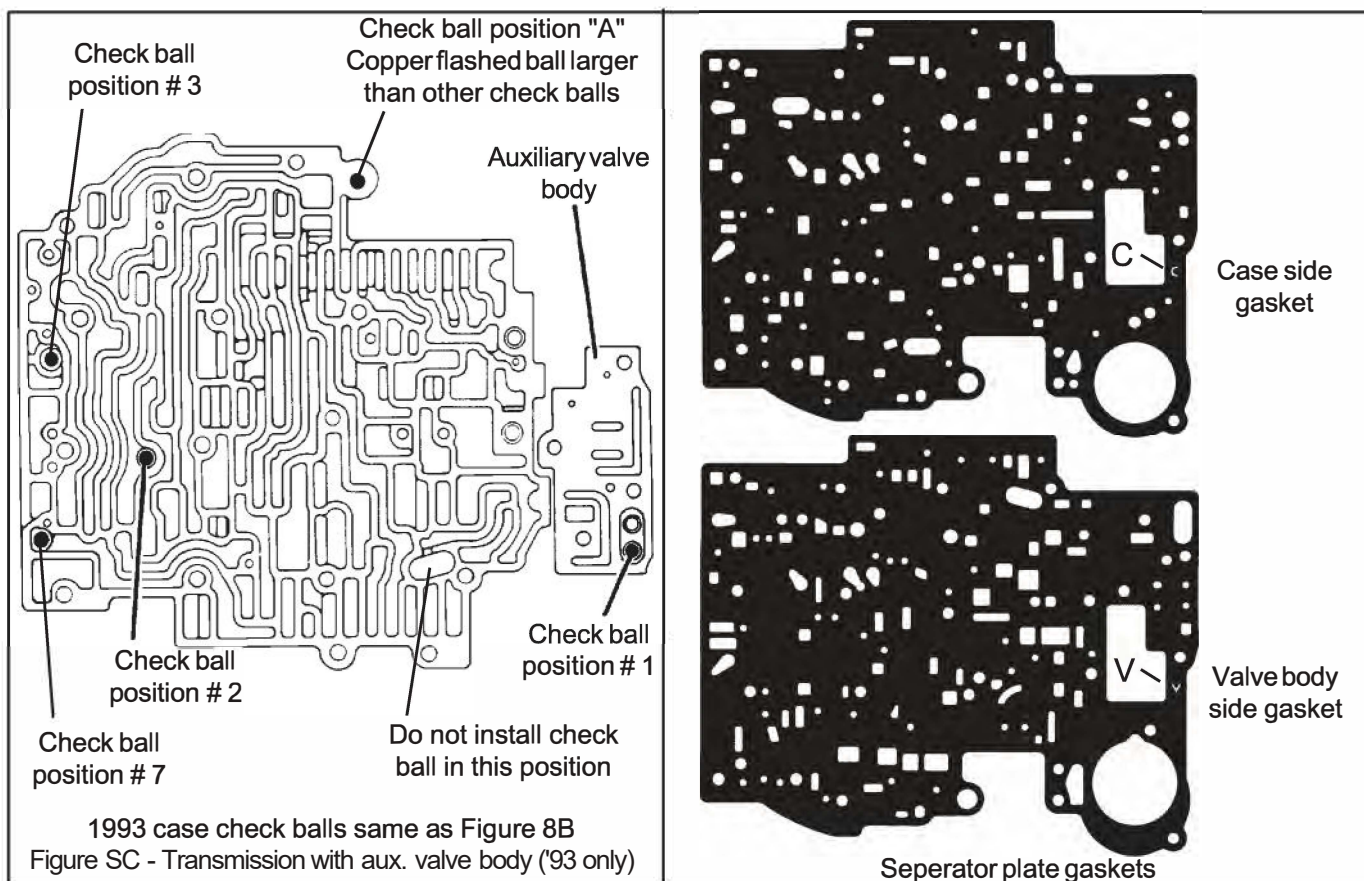
**Figure 8 - Transmission without auxiliary valve body (Before mid-1987)**







**Figure 8B - Transmission with auxiliary valve body (1988-92)**



**Figure 9**



valves back into the bore. During reassembly, you can smear grease on the valve and spring before you insert them into the bore to hold them in place while you install the boost valve assembly. To ease installation a thin blade screwdriver can be used to hold the assembly up into the bore while you install the snap ring. Place the snap ring around the screwdriver and slide it up into place with the snap ring pliers. Be sure the snap ring goes into the groove and is not against the step in the bore.

#### ASSEMBLY

**STEP 11. Heavy Duty and Street; Check ball placement (See Fig's. 8, 8a and 8b.)** Place check balls in the valve body, auxiliary valve body and case in the positions shown. Use a dab of grease or petroleum jelly to hold check balls in position. Beginning mid 1984 model year TH-700's have a check ball which is larger than the others in the valve body position 'A'. If your transmission is equipped with this check ball replace it in position 'A'. If your transmission does not have this check ball then place **nothing** in posi-

tion 'A', pre mid 1984 transmissions were not equipped with a check ball in this position.

**STEP 12.** Place the new separator plate gaskets on the separator plate (See Fig. 9.) Use a dab of grease or petroleum jelly to help hold the gaskets to the plate. The gasket with the 'C' cut in it goes next to the **case** and the gasket with the 'V' cut in it goes next to the **valve body**. Make sure no holes in the separator plate are **covered** by the gasket.

If your gaskets become damaged anytime during the installation of the kit, **replace them**. If you cannot obtain B&M replacement gaskets then purchase OEM gaskets for your **specific** year and model vehicle.

**STEP 13. Heavy Duty Only;** Place the 3-4 accumulator pin in the case. Over the pin place the **RED** (3/8") spacer sleeve, accumulator piston and spring (spring is installed at step 18.) Use a dab of grease or petroleum jelly to hold components in place (See Fig. 10) Proceed to step 15.

**STEP 14. Street Only;** Place the 3-4

accumulator pin in the case. Over the pin place the **BLUE** (3/4") spacer and accumulator piston, using a dab of grease or petroleum jelly to hold them in place (See Fig. 11). **Important note:** With piston and spacer installed in bore rub a straight edge on the case surface across the accumulator bore and verify the piston does not extend beyond the case surface. If the straight edge contacts the accumulator piston, grind or file a small amount from the spacer until the piston clears the straight edge. No spring is used for **Street** level performance.

**STEP 15. Heavy Duty Only;** Remove the spring and piston from the 1-2 accumulator housing (See Fig. 10.) Install over the pin the **YELLOW** spacer, piston (notice orientation) and spring. Proceed to step 17.

**STEP 16. Street Only;** Remove the spring and piston from the 1-2 accumulator housing (See Fig. 12.) Install both the **BLUE** and the **RED** spacers over the pin, then the piston (notice orientation.) No spring is used for **Street** level performance.

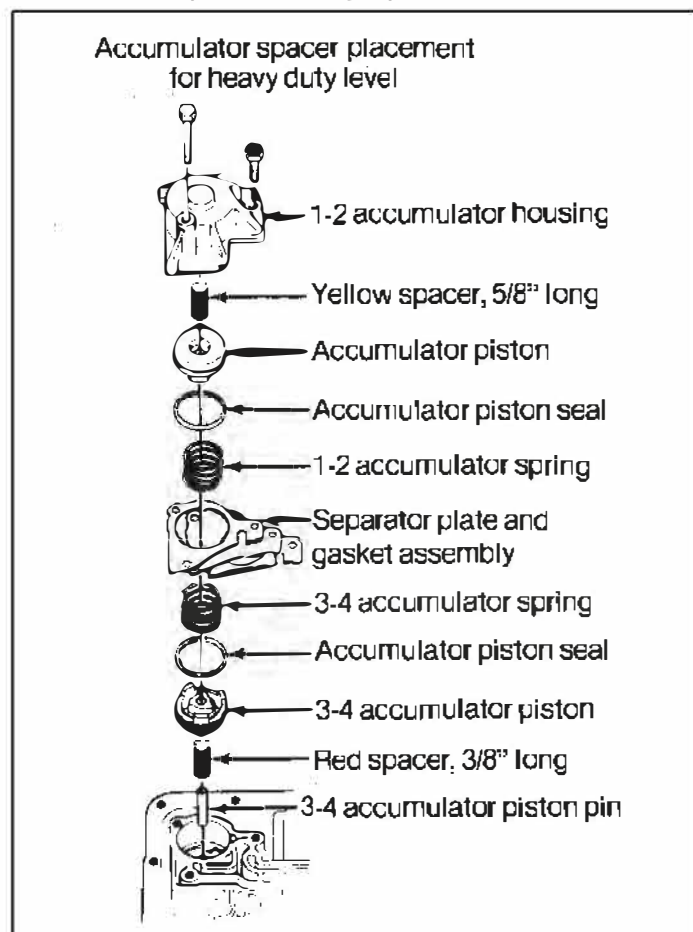


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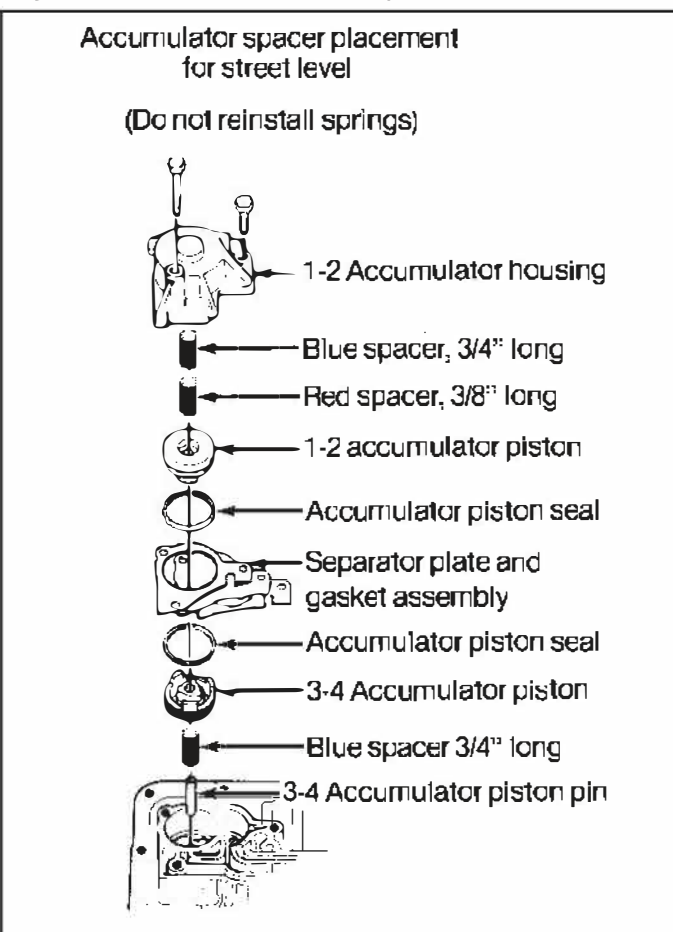


Figure 11

**STEP 17.** With the 3-4 accumulator components and case check balls in place, place the separator plate / gasket assembly up to the case followed by the 1-2 accumulator housing assembly. Carefully line up the gaskets and install three accumulator housing bolts, tighten **ONLY** finger tight (See Fig's. 2, 10 and 11.)

**STEP 18.** Install the auxiliary valve body (with check ball in correct position) or cover plate using the appropriate screw tightened **ONLY** finger tight (See Fig's. 2 and 8.)

**STEP 19. Valve body installation.** Make sure check balls are in proper locations. Position the manual valve so the link rod can be engaged (See Fig. 6.) The link rod must be placed into the hole of the manual rod at a right angle, then rotated to allow the valve to enter the valve body bore. Do not force the valve at any time. When the valve is fully engaged, align the valve body and

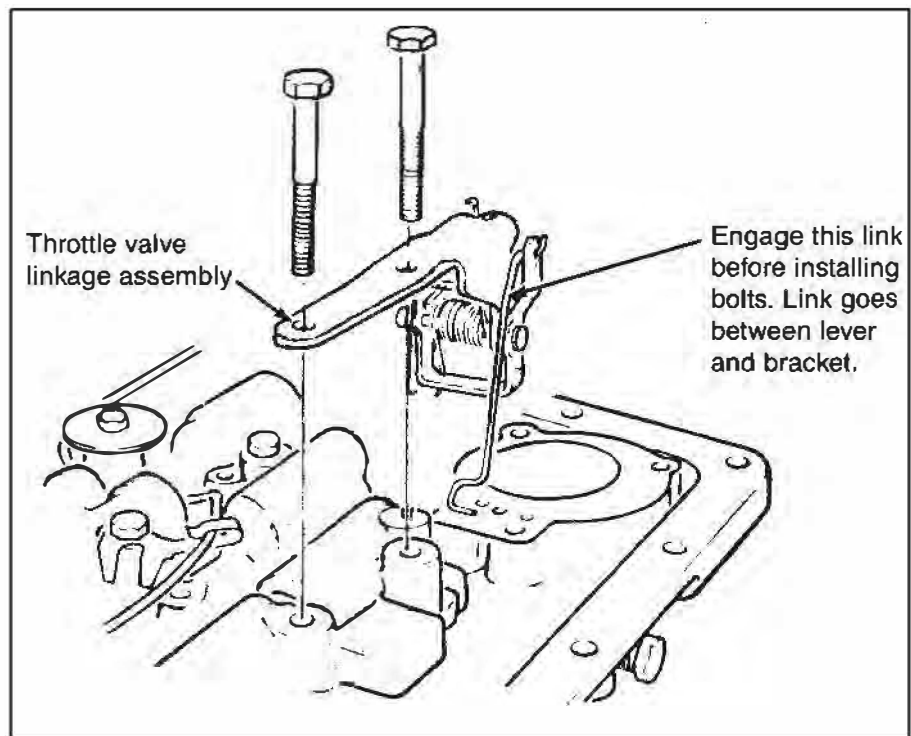


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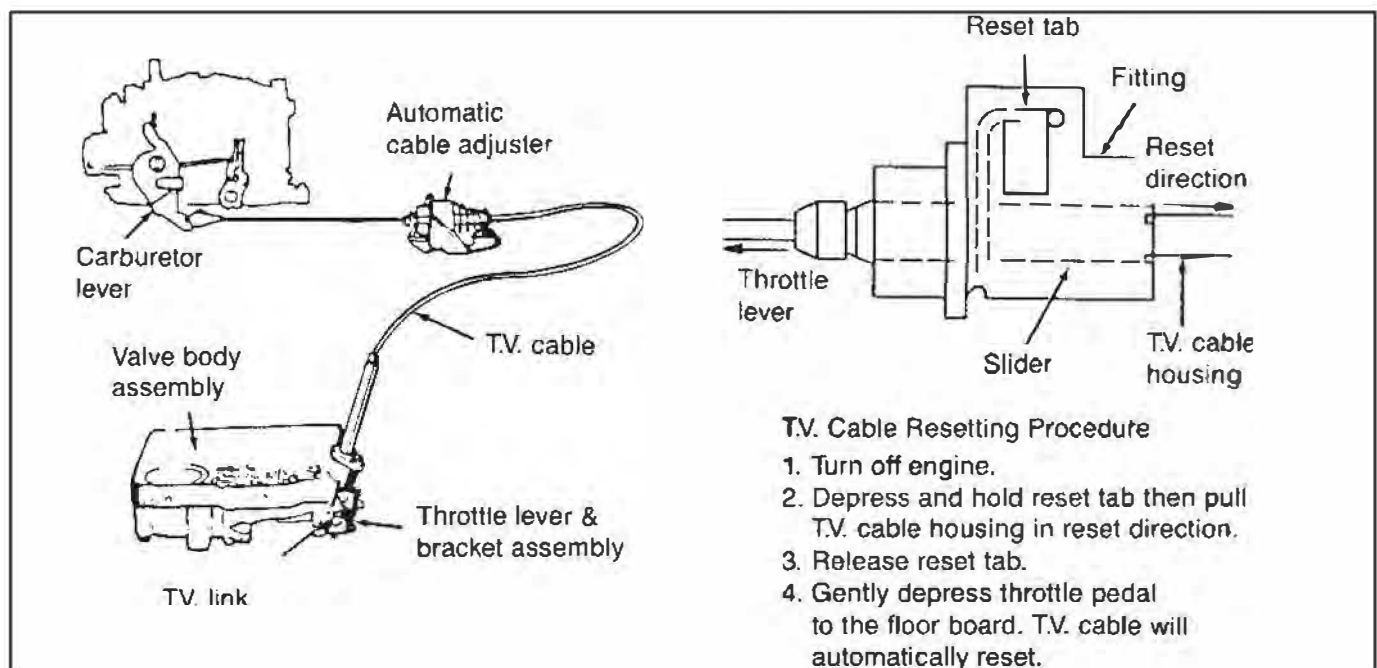


Figure 13

case holes then install one bolt finger tight to hold valve body in place. Engage all of the remaining bolts to finish lining up the separator plate and gaskets (See Fig. 2.) Tighten all the valve body, auxiliary valve body (or cover) and accumulator bolts (**except cross over tube clamp bolts and throttle valve linkage bolts**) to 11 NM (8 Ft. Lb.) **Avoid striped threads, Do not over tighten bolts.**

**STEP 20.** Install the throttle valve (TV)

linkage onto the valve body as shown (See Fig. 12.) Engage the cable link with the large lever first. Hold the large lever up and the smaller one down. Then slip the assembly into position aligning it with the hold down bolt holes and engage the roll pin in the slot on the bracket. Insert bolts and tighten to 11 NM (8 Ft. Lb.) then make sure large lever operates freely. **IMPORTANT NOTE: The TV cable MUST be reset before operating vehicle refer to**

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**step 25.**

**STEP 21.** Carefully insert ends of crossover tube in their respective bores and push in evenly until fully engaged (See Fig. 2.) Install cross over tube bolts and clamps and tighten to 11 NM (8 Ft. Lb.)

Reconnect wiring harness connectors to the terminals from which they were removed. Refer to sketch or notes made at Step 3. Reconnect the harness to the case connector making sure it is

firmly seated and locked.

**STEP 22.** Double check installation; 1: make sure all bolts are installed and torqued. 2: Throttle valve linkage operates freely. 3: Wiring properly connected. 4: Regulator valve retaining ring fully seated in groove.

Coat the filter pickup tube seal with clean ATF then push the filter tube into the pump bore until it is fully seated. Install filter retainer clip so it is located at the small depression on the top side of filter housing (**See Fig. 2**).

**STEP 23.** Remove any old pan gasket material from pan and case pan rail. Clean inside of pan with solvent. You may want to install a **B&M Drain plug kit (80250)** at this time. Install the new pan gasket on the pan and align the holes. Use grease or petroleum jelly to help hold the gasket in place during installation of pan. **Do not use any gasket sealer or silicone compounds.** To prevent premature band failure make sure the hole shown in **Fig. 2** is not obstructed. Place pan up to case, align holes and install all bolts finger tight. Tighten bolts to 14 NM (10 Ft. Lb.) Do not over tighten bolts. If the bolts are over tightened the gasket will deform excessively and result in oil leaks.

**STEP 24.** Fill transmission with ATF to the full mark on dip stick. You will need about 4 to 6 quarts. Dexron II is fine for **Heavy Duty Level** applica-

tions however, we recommend **B&M Trick Shift ATF** for **Street level** applications. With vehicle still off the ground, start the engine and shift transmission through all gears. Check for leaks around oil pan flange and drain plug. Place selector in neutral and check the fluid level. Stop engine and lower vehicle.

**STEP 25. You must reset the TV cable before operating vehicle, Figure 14 shows the correct procedure. Failure to reset the TV cable may result in poor shift quality and/or transmission failure.**

**STEP 26.** Test drive vehicle and re-check for leaks while transmission is hot. Check fluid level again, adjusting level as required.

### SERVICE

For best performance of your TH-700 we recommend changing both the ATF and filter every 15,000 miles (25,000 km) if the vehicle is driven under one (or more) of the following conditions:

- A. High performance applications where the vehicle is regularly driven hard.
- B. In heavy city traffic where the outside temperature regularly reaches 90 F (32 C) or higher.
- C. In hilly or mountainous terrain.
- D. Uses such as taxi, police car or delivery service.

If you do not use the vehicle under any of these conditions, change the ATF and filter every 50,000 miles (80,000 km). It's also a good idea to check the torque converter bolts when servicing the transmission.

### Diagnosis procedure

If you experience a performance problem after installing the Transpak, it can generally be traced to either an **Improperly set TV Cable** or a **Mis-installed component** in the valve body or pressure regulator. The following procedure along with the troubleshooting guide will assist you to correct the problem.

1. Check and correct ATF level.
2. Check TV Cable adjustment (**See Fig. 13**).
3. If engine performance indicates an engine tune up is required, this should be completed before road testing or transmission correction is attempted. Poor engine performance can sometimes be mistaken for transmission problems.
4. Check and correct vacuum lines and fittings.
5. Check and correct shifter linkage.
6. Install oil pressure gage and check line pressures. Compare pressures with appropriate values from **Figure 14**.

### TOOL LIST

Hydraulic jack  
Jack stands or Wheel ramps  
Oil drain pan  
3/8" drive ratchet wrench  
2" extension  
8mm, 10mm, 13mm, Sockets  
Torque wrench  
Internal retaining ring pliers  
Needle nose pliers

Gasket scraper  
3/8" Drill motor  
Fine cut flat file  
Wet or Dry sand paper  
Grease or petroleum jelly  
Small punch or scribe  
Small flat screwdriver  
Funnel

### PARTS LIST

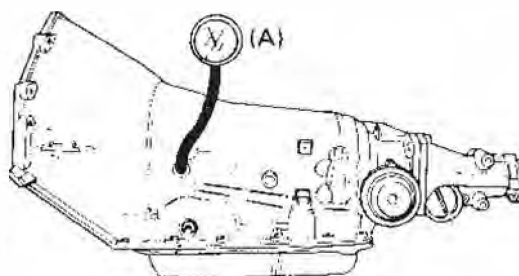
Pan gasket  
Upper valve body gasket  
Lower valve body gasket  
Pressure regulator spring  
Filter with seal  
Retaining ring

Red accumulator spacer  
Yellow accumulator spacer  
(2) Blue accumulator spacer  
Line bias valve blocker rod  
3/32" drill  
1/8" drill

# OIL PRESSURE CHECK PROCEDURE

## PRELIMINARY CHECK PROCEDURE

- \* CHECK TRANSMISSION OIL LEVEL
- \* CHECK AND ADJUST T.V. CABLE
- \* CHECK OUTSIDE MANUAL LINKAGE
- \* CHECK ENGINE TUNE
- \* INSTALL 0-300 PSI PRESSURE GAGE
- \* CONNECT TACHOMETER TO ENGINE
- \* CHECK OIL PRESSURE AS FOLLOWS



(A) ATTACH PRESSURE GAUGE

### MINIMUM T.V. LINE PRESSURE CHECK:

With the T.V. Cable properly adjusted and the brakes applied, take the Line Pressure readings in the Ranges and at the engine RPM's indicated in the chart.

### FULL T.V. LINE PRESSURE CHECK:

Full T.V. Line Pressure readings are obtained by holding the T.V. Cable to the full extent of it's travel then take the Line Pressure readings in the Ranges and at the engine RPM's indicated in the chart.

**CAUTION:** Limit running time at FULL T.V. Pressure to two (2) minutes maximum to prevent over heating.

**CAUTION:** Brakes should be applied at all times.

## TH700-R4 TRANSMISSION OIL PRESSURES

| RANGE   | MODEL                            | NORMAL OIL PRESSURE<br>AT MINIMUM T.V. |         | NORMAL OIL PRESSURE<br>AT FULL T.V. |         |
|---|----------------------------------|--|---------|-------------------------------------|---------|
|   |                                  | kPa                                    | PSI     | kPa                                 | PSI     |
| PARK, NEUTRAL,<br>OVERDRIVE,<br>MANUAL 3RD<br>@1000 RPM | ALL MODELS SEE<br>SEE NOTE BELOW | 517-586                                | 75-85   | 1145-1400                           | 166-203 |
| REVERSE<br>@ 1000 RPM<br>@ 2000 RPM                     | ALL MODELS<br>SEE NOTE BELOW     | 862-955                                | 100-140 | 1869-2296                           | 180-340 |
| MANUAL 2ND &<br>MANUAL LOW<br>@ 1000 RPM                | ALL MODELS<br>SEE NOTE BELOW     | 1517-1689                              | 160-245 | 1517-1689                           | 160-295 |

**NOTE:** Oil Pressure at FULL T.V. Pressure depends on the particular T.V. Boost valve and Line Bias Valve arrangement of the unit. The Pressure reading obtained should be within the range shown.

Base Line Pressure is controlled by the Pressure Regulator Valve and Spring. Line pressure is boosted a fixed amount by the Reverse Boost valve when the selector lever is placed in Second or Low Range. The Line Pressure is also boosted in Neutral, Drive, Drive 3 and Reverse with throttle opening because of the T.V. system. The pressure is controlled by the T.V. Cable via the Throttle Lever and Bracket assembly to the Valve Body assembly.

The Line Pressure tap is located on the left side of the transmission case above the outside Manual Lever.

**Figure 14 Oil Pressure Check Procedure**



### THROTTLE VALVE MECHANISM

The purpose of the TH700-R4 Throttle Valve (T.V.) and it's mechanical linkage is to control both the shift feel and shift timing as a function of vehicle speed and load conditions. As the accelerator pedal is depressed and the throttle opens, the T.V. mechanical linkage relays the motion to the throttle plunger in the valve body by way of the T.V. cable. In factory installations of the TH700-R4 the geometric relationship between the T.V. cable and throttle shaft bellcrank produces the required T.V. cable extension (pull) to throttle opening for the transmission to function properly. In custom installations the correct T.V. cable mounting geometry must be accurately determined if the transmission is to function properly. It cannot be overstated that for the TH700-R4, proper T.V. cable installation and adjustment are paramount to proper transmission function and life. The following procedure will help you design a custom T.V. Cable installation that works. The main objective is to accurately position the T.V. cable mounting bracket in relation to the throttle shaft axis to obtain the proper T.V. cable extension (PULL) to throttle OPENING relationship.

**STEP 1.** Measure your T.V. cable to establish it's particular mounting dimension (there are several lengths in use.) as follows (**See Fig. 15**). Retract

the slider by depressing the lock tab then pull the cable housing until the flats on the slider are flush with the end of the adjuster housing then fully extend the cable by pulling the cable end fitting out (slider must remain retracted) until it stops. Holding the end fitting out, measure the dimension from the face on the adjuster housing that registers with the mounting bracket to the center of the cable end connector.

**STEP 2.** Add 3/16" (0.19 in.) to the measurement obtained in **Step 1**, this is the perpendicular measurement from the REAR FACE of the T.V. cable mounting bracket to the WIDE OPEN THROTTLE position of the T.V. cable connector pin on the throttle bellcrank (**See Fig. 16**).

**STEP 3.** The T.V. cable bellcrank must be perpendicular (90 degrees) to the T.V. cable when the throttle is 25 percent (1/4) open (**See Fig. 16**), this geometric relationship is critical to insure that the T.V. mechanism moves in the correct proportion to the throttle opening. The mounting location for the T.V. cable connector pin will have to be established on the throttle bellcrank at a radius of 1.094 / 1.125 in. There may a suitable existing hole at the correct radius on the throttle bellcrank, otherwise you will have to fabricate an attachment to the bellcrank that will properly locate the connector pin.

Diagrams of several typical factory installations are shown for reference (**See Fig. 17**), notice the geometric relationship between the T.V. cable bellcrank and mounting bracket.

Several things should be kept in mind during this stage of the design:

1. The proper location of the T.V. cable mounting bracket is determined by the angular and radial position of the T.V. cable connector pin on the throttle bellcrank.
2. Make sure that all of the cables or rods that will be attached to the throttle bellcrank do not interfere with each other when the throttle is advanced from idle to wide open.
3. Mount the T.V. cable adjuster housing so that the lock tab is readily accessible and not blocked by other cables, rods, brackets or accessories.

**STEP 4.** Fabricate T.V. cable bracket using 0.090 - 0.125 in. sheet metal (**See Figure 18**) for the adjuster housing cutout dimensions. If you use the thicker stock a chamfer will be required on two sides of the cable mounting cutout to allow the lock tabs to expand properly. The T.V. cable adjuster requires a pull of about 18 lbs. to ratchet out, so try to make the mounting bracket as rigid as possible. If the mounting bracket flexes the T.V. pressure will not be consistent.

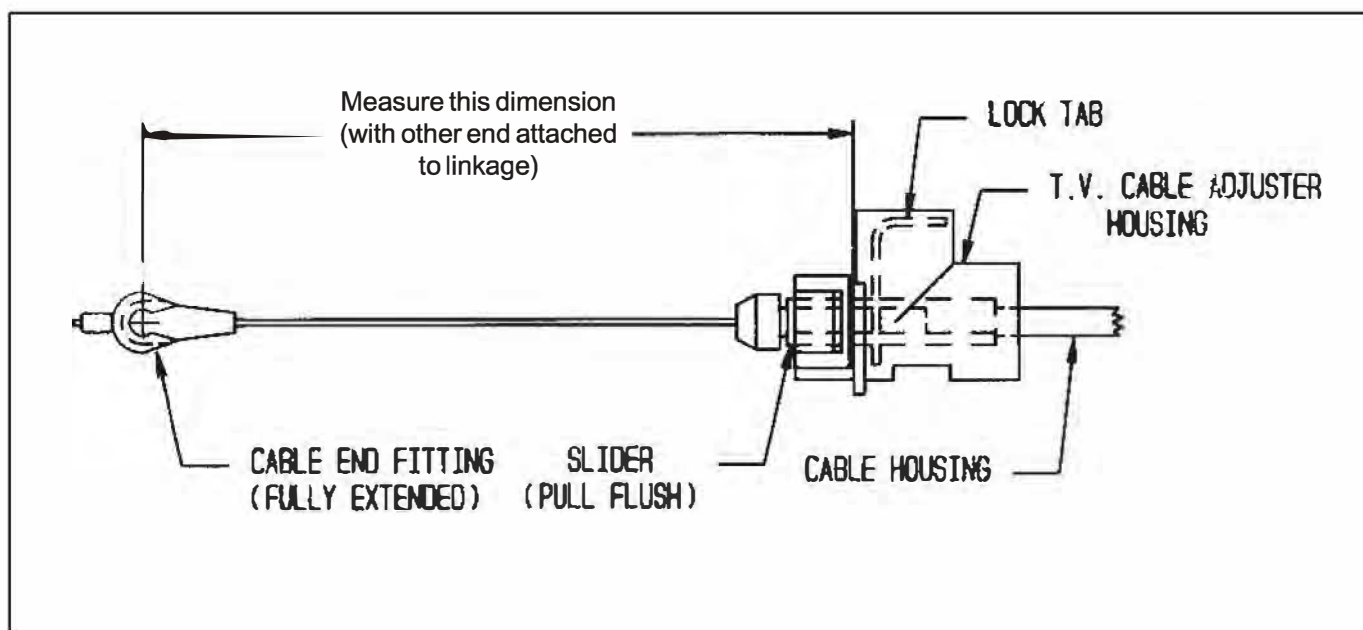


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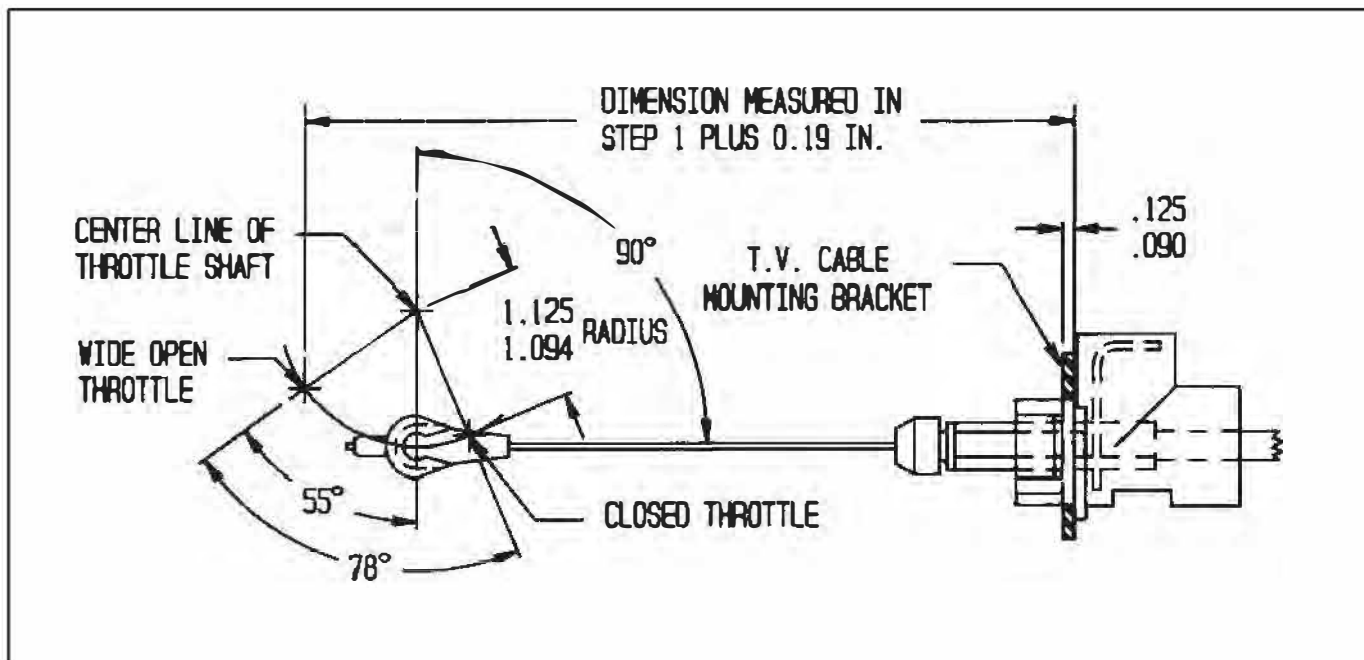


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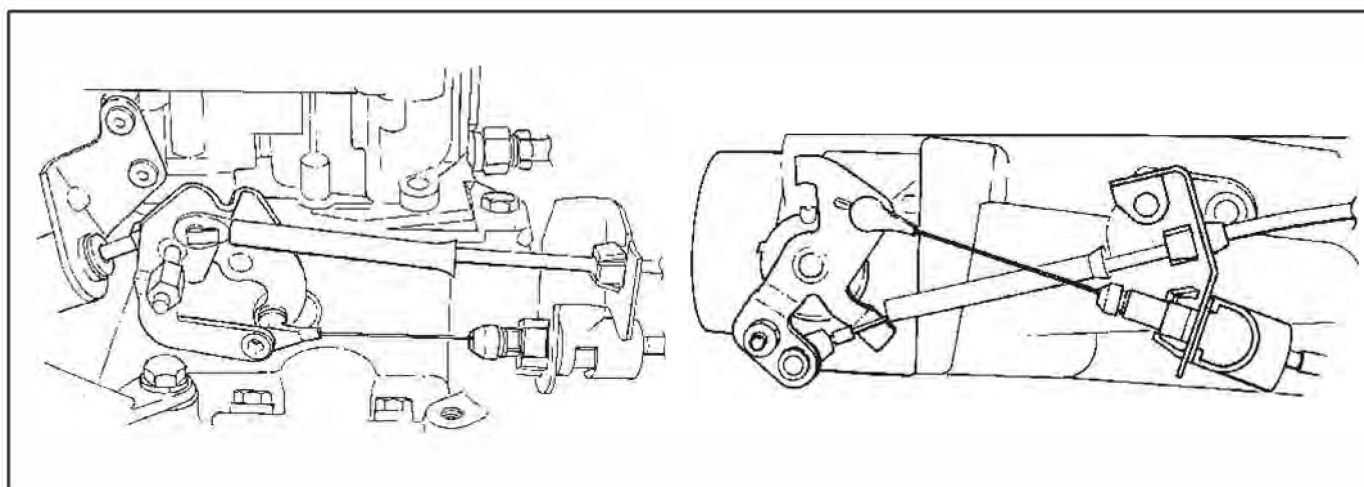


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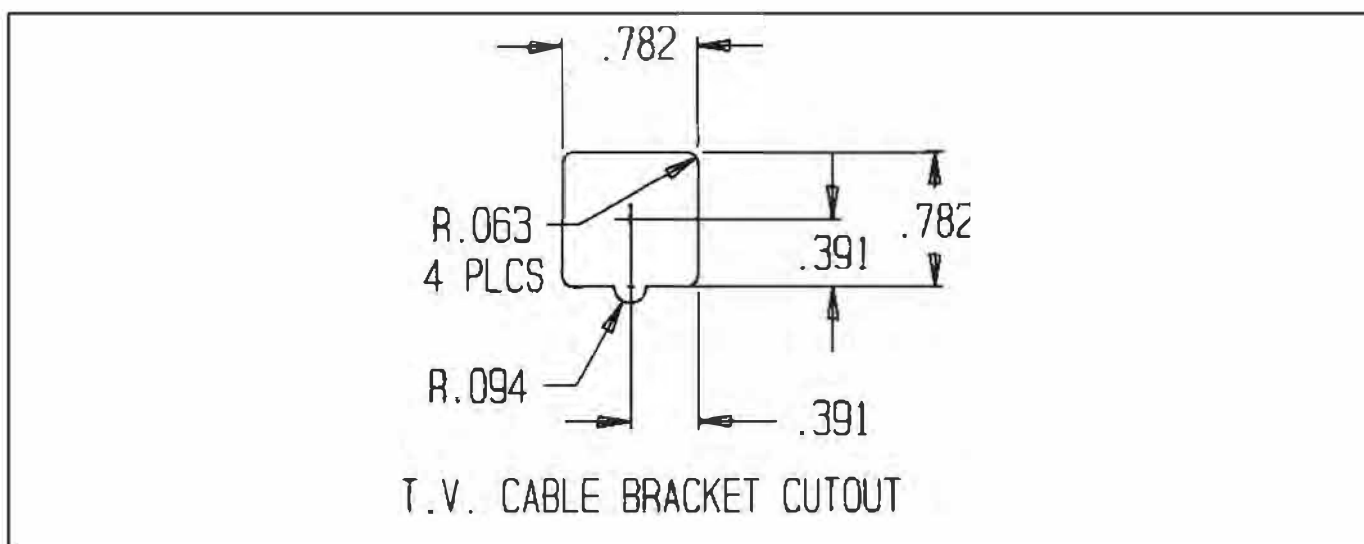


Figure 18

## **TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE FOR THE HYDRAMATIC TH-700-R4 TRANSMISSION**

### **SLIPS** Valve body bolts loose

Low fluid level

1-2 and / or 3-4 accumulator seals missing or damaged.

1-2 and / or 2-3 accumulator piston(s) protruding above gasket surface.

Pressure regulator and boost valve assembly improperly installed.

Throttle valve linkage improperly installed.

TV cable not properly set.

Throttle valve sticking.

Misaligned or interchanged valve body gasket.

Filter O-ring damaged or missing.

### **OVERHEATING, FOAMING OIL AT DIPSTICK OR BREATHER**

Oil cooler insufficient.

Oil cooler plugged.

High fluid level.

### **ERRATIC SHIFTING**

Shifter not properly adjusted.

Manual valve not properly engaged.

Low fluid level.

TV cable binding or improperly set.

### **LATE HARD SHIFTS**

Valve body gaskets not positioned properly

TV cable not properly set.

### **WILL NOT SHIFT**

Check balls missing or mis-located.

Governor failure.

TV cable not properly set.

### **PUMP BUZZ OR WHINE**

Low oil level.

Filter tube O-ring cut or missing.

Filter clogged.

### **SOFT 2-3 SHIFTS**

Pressure regulator and boost valve assembly not properly installed.

TV cable not set properly.

### **WILL NOT MOVE**

Check balls missing or mis-located.

Manual valve not properly engaged.

Accumulator piston(s) left out or seals damaged.

Pressure regulator retaining ring did not seat in groove.

Pressure regulator and boost valve assembly not properly installed.

### **NO CONVERTER CLUTCH APPLY**

Voltage not reaching solenoid.

Harness plug not fully engaged.

Connectors not on correct switches.

Wires pinched and grounded out.

Converter clutch valve stuck or sleeve improperly installed.

### **NO CONVERTER CLUTCH RELEASE**

Converter clutch apply valve stuck open.

### **NO PART THROTTLE DOWN SHIFT**

TV cable not set properly.

Throttle valve binding.

### **NO REVERSE AND SLIPS IN FORWARD RANGES**

Pressure regulator valve assembly not properly installed.

Pressure regulator retaining ring did not seat in groove.

