



Fig. 77 If equipped, use a pair of pliers to squeeze the retaining tab so the cable may be released from the vehicle

Rear Cable

▶ See Figure 78

1. Raise the rear of the vehicle and support safely using jackstands.
2. Loosen the adjusting nut at the equalizer.
3. Disengage the rear cable at the connector.
4. Remove the wheel assembly and brake drum for access to the cable end.
5. Bend the retainer fingers or squeeze the retaining tab to free the cable from the backing plate.
6. Disengage the cable at the brake shoe operating lever.

To install:

7. Attach the cable to the brake shoe operating lever and make sure the retainer is properly seated on the backing plate.
8. Engage the rear cable at the connector.
9. Install the wheel assembly and brake drum.
10. Adjust the parking brake.
11. Remove the supports and carefully lower the vehicle.



Fig. 78 In some cases, the cable casing may be released from the backing plate by squeezing the retainer tab

ADJUSTMENT

➔ To avoid breaking or damaging the equalizer assembly, ALWAYS clean the exposed threads and lubricate the nuts using a spray penetrant oil before attempting to loosen the adjusting nut(s).

▶ See Figures 79 and 80

1. Raise the rear of the vehicle and support safely using jackstands.
2. Apply the parking brake on three notches (ratchet clicks) from the fully released position.
3. Clean and lubricate the threads of the equalizer adjusting rod.



Fig. 79 Adjusting the equalizer may be performed using 2 open end wrenches or 1 wrench and 1 VERY deep socket

4. If equipped with a locknut, loosen the locknut in order to allow the adjusting nut to be turned.
5. Turn the adjuster nut as necessary until the right rear wheel can be just turned backwards using 2 hands, but cannot be turned forward.
6. Release the parking brake and make sure the rear wheels turn freely.
7. If equipped, tighten the locknut.
8. Remove the supports and carefully lower the vehicle.

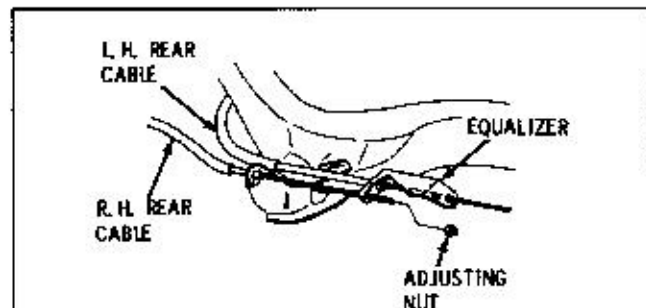


Fig. 80 Parking brake cable adjustment on late model vehicles