

## TT3 SERIES

### RACING TRANMISSIONS

The TT series has been the result of years of racing experience. This model has been winning races and championships, worldwide, since 2002.

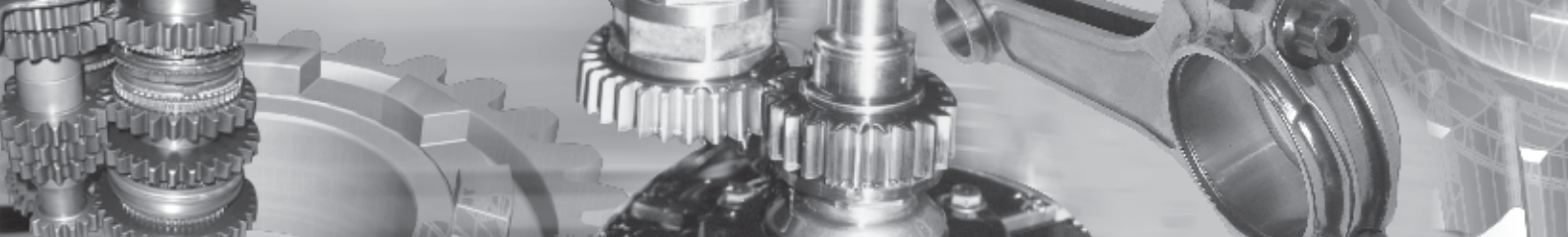
Due to its design, the TT3 has been successfully used in a wide variety of racing; this presentation only shows general information.

Given that evolution is permanent in racing, your feedback is always crucial, so do not hesitate in contacting the Saenz Technical Department at:

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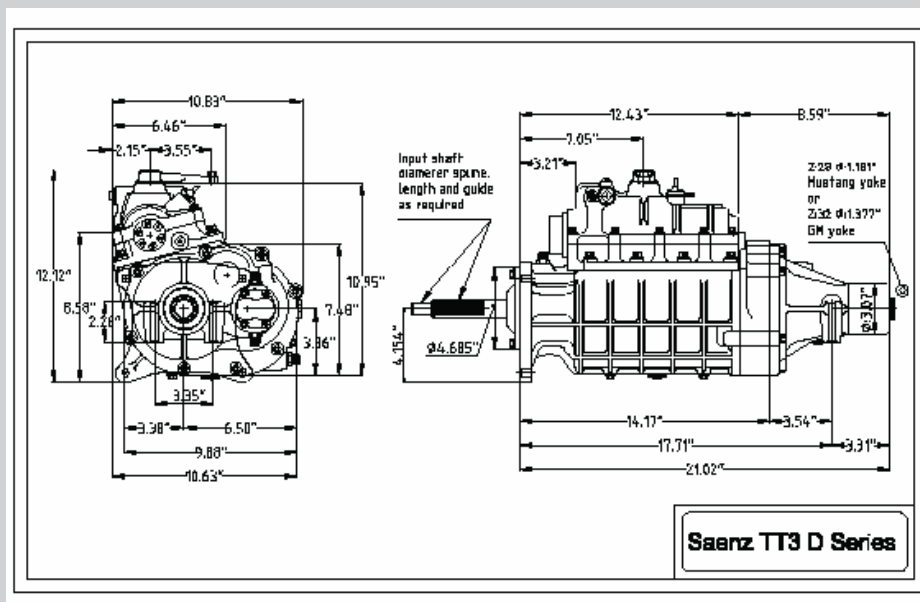
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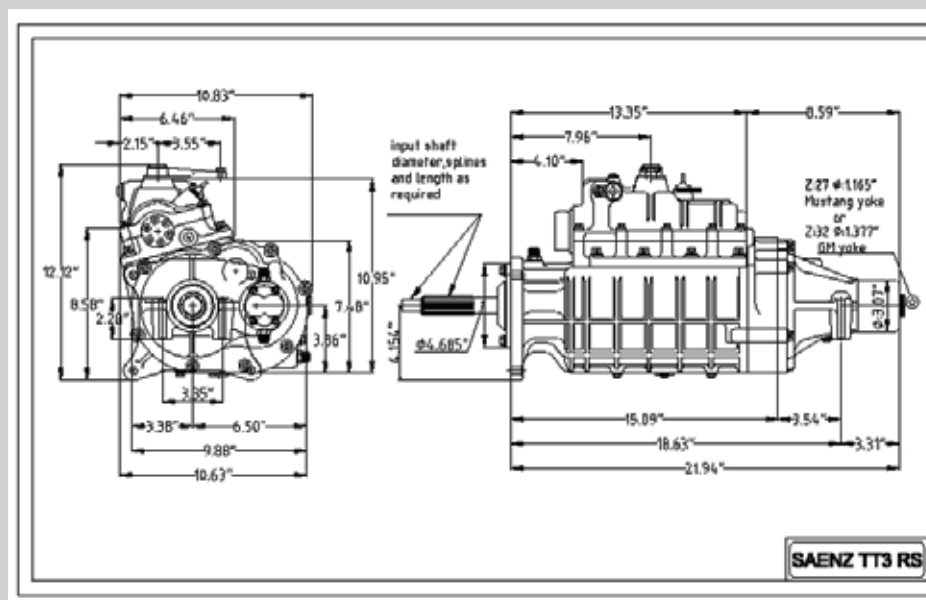
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### MAIN DIMENSIONS

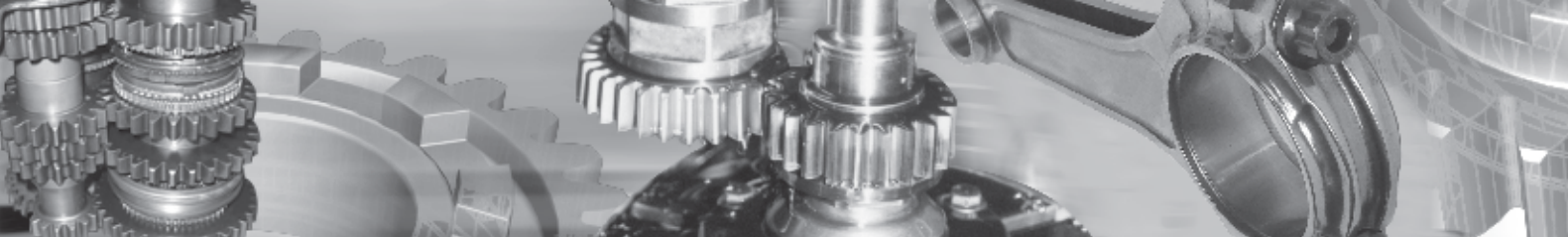
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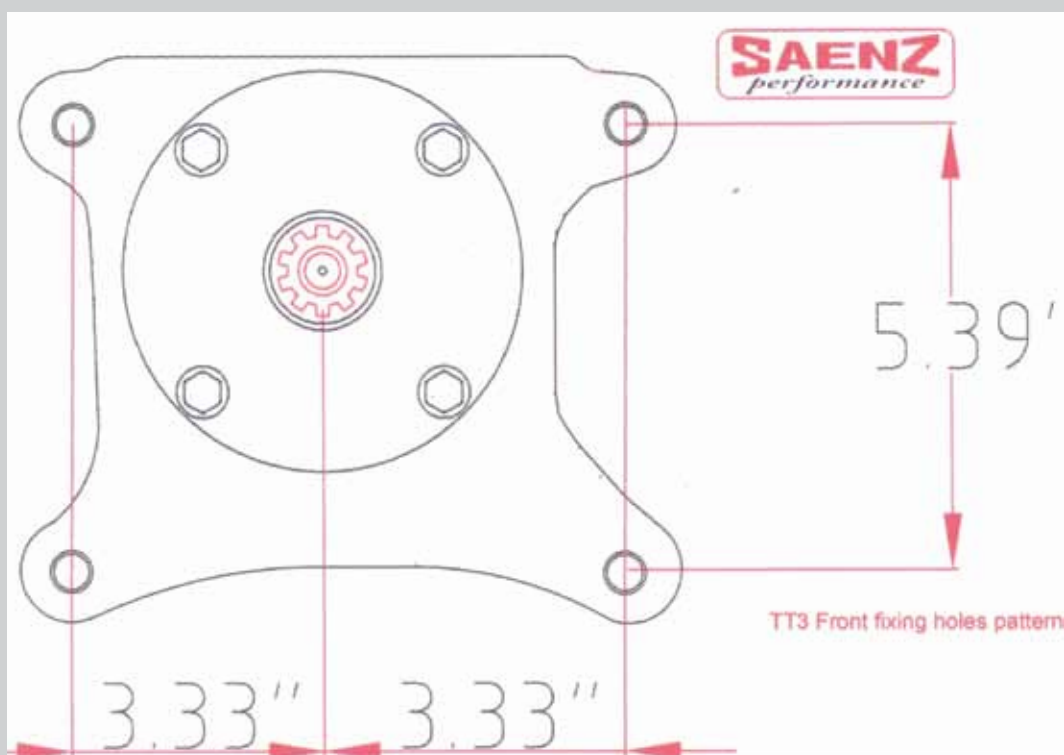


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## **SPLINES, YOKES AND ADAPTORS**



TT3 front bolt pattern is shown.

There is a wide variety of adaptors and it is possible to custom-make any adaptor to suit your specific application.

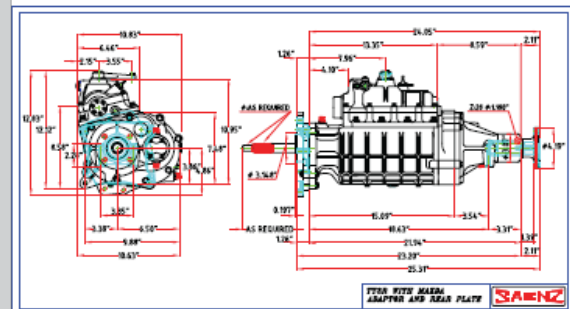
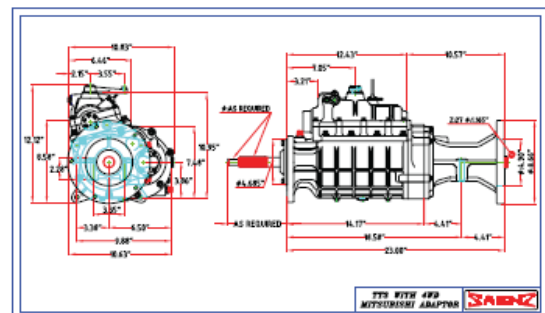
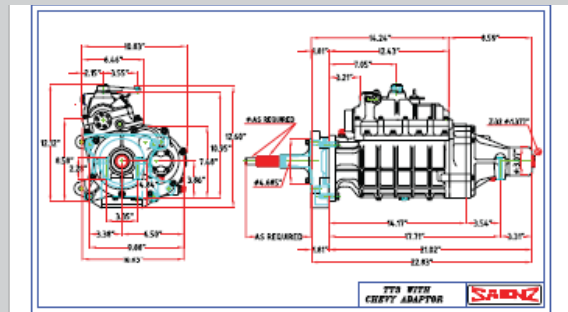
GM 26 spline x 1.125" or 10 x 1.102" are standard options for the input shaft, although any other could be supplied upon request.

GM 32 splines or Ford 28 splines are the options for the rear yoke.

In 4WD applications, the tail is replaced with an adaptor that fits in transfer case. Normally a custom main shaft is necessary.

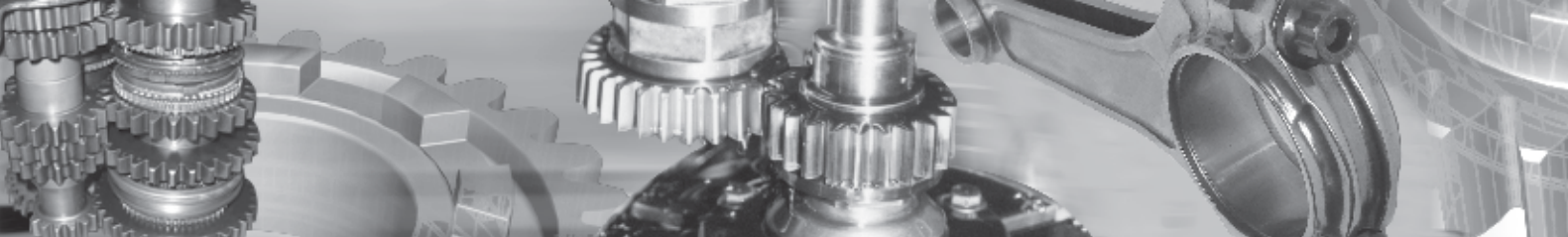
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### D & R SERIES AVAILABLE RATIOS

Both series receive power at the input shaft (3ISXX) through the clutch.

The input shaft makes input gear turn at same RPM as the engine.

The input gear makes the layshaft turn through the input crown.

All the crown gears in the layshaft turns at its same angular speed.

The gear engaged to crowns turn at different speed depending on each ratio.

Once each gear is shifted, main shaft starts turning at its same gear speed.

The only difference between the D and R series is that in the D series, when top gear is shifted (whether 5th or 6th gear) input shaft engages main shaft and there is no gear working. So in a D series, top gear is always in a 1 to 1 ratio.

The R series allow for a change in the 6th gear ratio and there are also different input pair ratios available.

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### TT3D Series GEAR RATIO CHART

| N° | DRIVEN (on mainshaft) | DRIVER (on layshaft) | RATIO (input pair 22-22) |
|----|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1  | 39                    | 17                   | 2.294                    |
| 2  | 38                    | 17                   | 2.235                    |
| 3  | 34                    | 16                   | 2.125                    |
| 4  | 33                    | 16                   | 2.063                    |
| 5  | 34                    | 17                   | 2.000                    |
| 6  | 33                    | 17                   | 1.941                    |
| 7  | 32                    | 17                   | 1.882                    |
| 8  | 31                    | 17                   | 1.824                    |
| 9  | 32                    | 18                   | 1.778                    |
| 10 | 31                    | 18                   | 1.722                    |
| 11 | 30                    | 18                   | 1.667                    |
| 12 | 31                    | 19                   | 1.632                    |
| 13 | 27                    | 17                   | 1.588                    |
| 14 | 31                    | 20                   | 1.550                    |
| 15 | 29                    | 19                   | 1.526                    |
| 16 | 30                    | 20                   | 1.500                    |
| 17 | 25                    | 17                   | 1.471                    |
| 18 | 26                    | 18                   | 1.444                    |
| 19 | 25                    | 18                   | 1.389                    |
| 20 | 27                    | 20                   | 1.350                    |
| 21 | 28                    | 21                   | 1.333                    |
| 22 | 25                    | 19                   | 1.316                    |
| 23 | 27                    | 21                   | 1.286                    |
| 24 | 28                    | 22                   | 1.273                    |
| 25 | 25                    | 20                   | 1.250                    |
| 26 | 26                    | 21                   | 1.238                    |
| 27 | 28                    | 23                   | 1.217                    |
| 28 | 24                    | 20                   | 1.200                    |
| 29 | 25                    | 21                   | 1.190                    |
| 30 | 26                    | 22                   | 1.182                    |
| 31 | 27                    | 23                   | 1.174                    |
| 32 | 23                    | 20                   | 1.150                    |
| 33 | 24                    | 21                   | 1.143                    |
| 34 | 26                    | 23                   | 1.130                    |
| 35 | 27                    | 24                   | 1.125                    |
| 36 | 21                    | 19                   | 1.105                    |
| 37 | 23                    | 21                   | 1.095                    |
| 38 | 24                    | 22                   | 1.091                    |
| 39 | 25                    | 23                   | 1.087                    |
| 40 | 21                    | 20                   | 1.050                    |
| 41 | 25                    | 24                   | 1.042                    |
| 42 | 25                    | 25                   | 1.000                    |
| 43 | 25                    | 26                   | 0.962                    |

Indicated ratios are all changeable. Fixed first gears could be made upon request

TT3-D5S 1st,2nd,3rd,4th: driver on layshaft, driven on splined shaft 5th: direct, always 1 to 1 ratio.

TT3-D6S 1st,2nd,3rd,4th: driver on layshaft, driven on splined shaft 6th: direct, always 1 to 1 ratio.

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## TT3 R Series Ratio Chart



### AVAILABLE INPUT PAIRS - DROP GEARS

| N° | DRIVEN (on mainshaft) | DRIVER (on layshaft) | Driver 23 | Driver 22 | Driver 22 | Driver 21 | Driver 21 |
|----|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|    |                       |                      | Driven 21 | Driven 21 | Driven 22 | Driven 22 | Driven 23 |
| 1  | 39                    | 17                   | 2.095     | 2.190     | 2.294     | 2.403     | 2.513     |
| 2  | 38                    | 17                   | 2.041     | 2.134     | 2.235     | 2.342     | 2.448     |
| 3  | 34                    | 16                   | 1.940     | 2.028     | 2.125     | 2.226     | 2.327     |
| 4  | 33                    | 16                   | 1.883     | 1.969     | 2.063     | 2.161     | 2.259     |
| 5  | 34                    | 17                   | 1.826     | 1.909     | 2.000     | 2.095     | 2.190     |
| 6  | 33                    | 17                   | 1.772     | 1.853     | 1.941     | 2.034     | 2.126     |
| 7  | 32                    | 17                   | 1.719     | 1.797     | 1.882     | 1.972     | 2.062     |
| 8  | 31                    | 17                   | 1.665     | 1.741     | 1.824     | 1.910     | 1.997     |
| 9  | 32                    | 18                   | 1.623     | 1.697     | 1.778     | 1.862     | 1.947     |
| 10 | 31                    | 18                   | 1.572     | 1.644     | 1.722     | 1.804     | 1.886     |
| 11 | 30                    | 18                   | 1.522     | 1.591     | 1.667     | 1.746     | 1.825     |
| 12 | 31                    | 19                   | 1.490     | 1.557     | 1.632     | 1.709     | 1.787     |
| 13 | 27                    | 17                   | 1.450     | 1.516     | 1.588     | 1.664     | 1.739     |
| 14 | 31                    | 20                   | 1.415     | 1.480     | 1.550     | 1.624     | 1.698     |
| 15 | 29                    | 19                   | 1.394     | 1.457     | 1.526     | 1.599     | 1.672     |
| 16 | 30                    | 20                   | 1.370     | 1.432     | 1.500     | 1.571     | 1.643     |
| 17 | 25                    | 17                   | 1.343     | 1.404     | 1.471     | 1.541     | 1.611     |
| 18 | 26                    | 18                   | 1.319     | 1.379     | 1.444     | 1.513     | 1.582     |
| 19 | 25                    | 18                   | 1.268     | 1.326     | 1.389     | 1.455     | 1.521     |
| 20 | 27                    | 20                   | 1.233     | 1.289     | 1.350     | 1.414     | 1.479     |
| 21 | 28                    | 21                   | 1.217     | 1.273     | 1.333     | 1.397     | 1.460     |
| 22 | 25                    | 19                   | 1.201     | 1.256     | 1.316     | 1.378     | 1.441     |
| 23 | 27                    | 21                   | 1.174     | 1.227     | 1.286     | 1.347     | 1.408     |
| 24 | 28                    | 22                   | 1.162     | 1.215     | 1.273     | 1.333     | 1.394     |
| 25 | 25                    | 20                   | 1.141     | 1.193     | 1.250     | 1.310     | 1.369     |
| 26 | 26                    | 21                   | 1.130     | 1.182     | 1.238     | 1.297     | 1.356     |
| 27 | 28                    | 23                   | 1.112     | 1.162     | 1.217     | 1.275     | 1.333     |
| 28 | 24                    | 20                   | 1.096     | 1.145     | 1.200     | 1.257     | 1.314     |
| 29 | 25                    | 21                   | 1.087     | 1.136     | 1.190     | 1.247     | 1.304     |
| 30 | 26                    | 22                   | 1.079     | 1.128     | 1.182     | 1.238     | 1.294     |
| 31 | 27                    | 23                   | 1.072     | 1.121     | 1.174     | 1.230     | 1.286     |
| 32 | 23                    | 20                   | 1.050     | 1.098     | 1.150     | 1.205     | 1.260     |
| 33 | 24                    | 21                   | 1.043     | 1.091     | 1.143     | 1.197     | 1.252     |
| 34 | 26                    | 23                   | 1.032     | 1.079     | 1.130     | 1.184     | 1.238     |
| 35 | 27                    | 24                   | 1.027     | 1.074     | 1.125     | 1.179     | 1.232     |
| 36 | 21                    | 19                   | 1.009     | 1.055     | 1.105     | 1.158     | 1.211     |
| 37 | 23                    | 21                   | 1.000     | 1.045     | 1.095     | 1.147     | 1.200     |
| 38 | 24                    | 22                   | 0.996     | 1.041     | 1.091     | 1.143     | 1.195     |
| 39 | 25                    | 23                   | 0.992     | 1.038     | 1.087     | 1.139     | 1.190     |
| 40 | 21                    | 20                   | 0.959     | 1.002     | 1.050     | 1.100     | 1.150     |
| 41 | 25                    | 24                   | 0.951     | 0.994     | 1.042     | 1.091     | 1.141     |
| 42 | 25                    | 25                   | 0.913     | 0.955     | 1.000     | 1.048     | 1.095     |
| 43 | 25                    | 26                   | 0.878     | 0.918     | 0.962     | 1.007     | 1.053     |

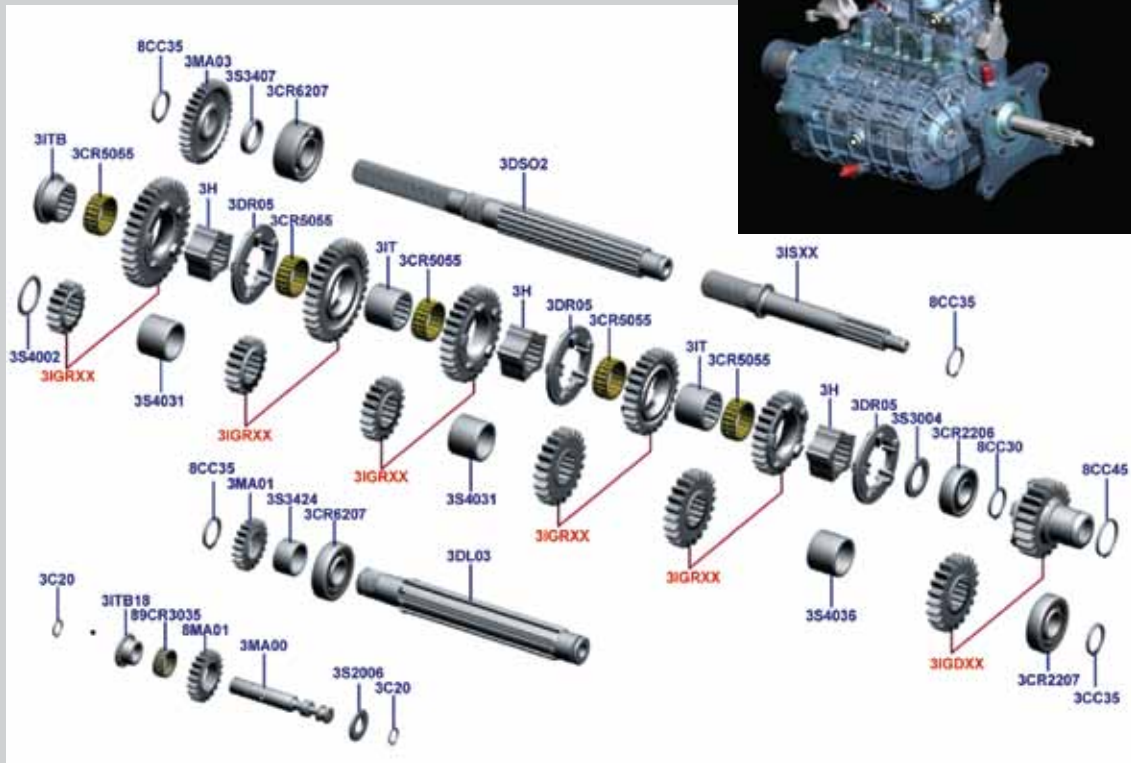
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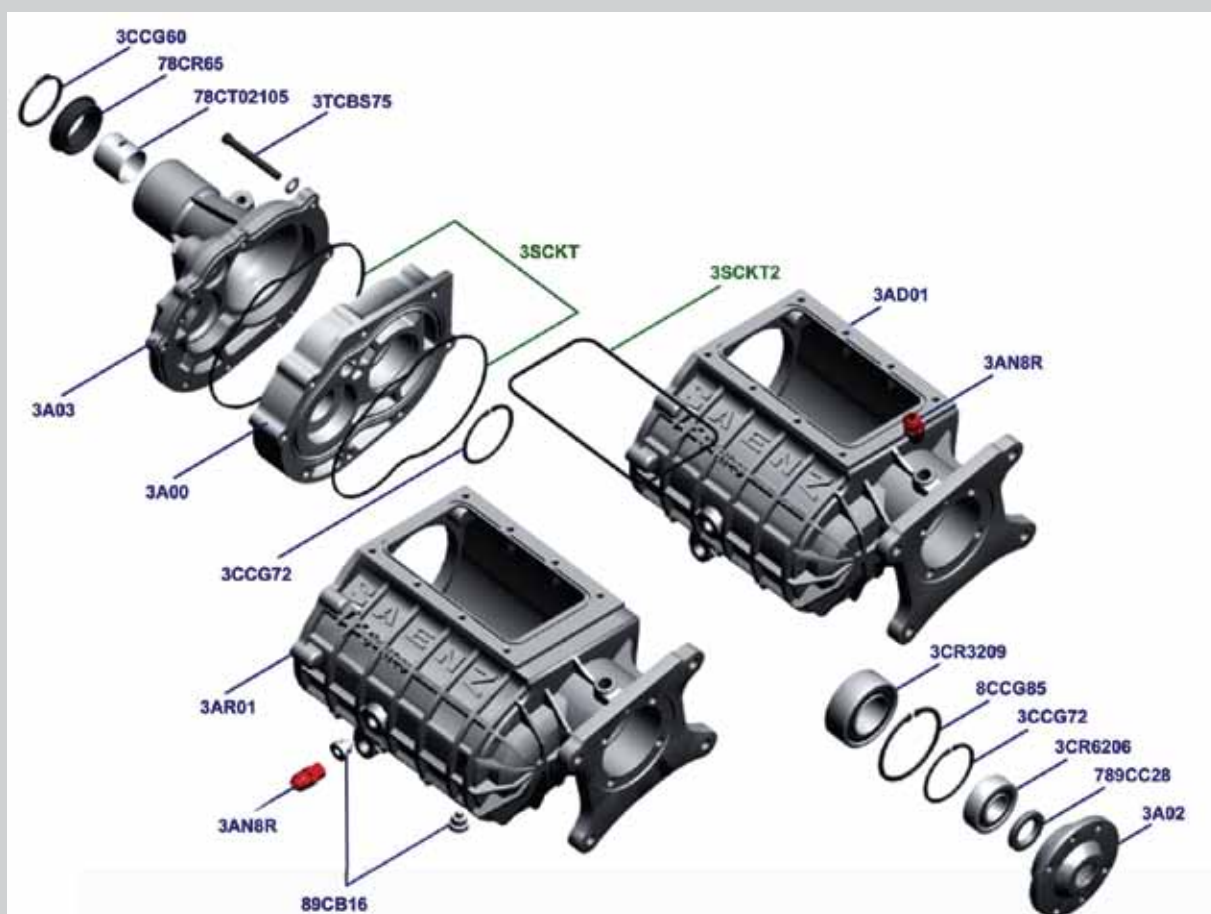
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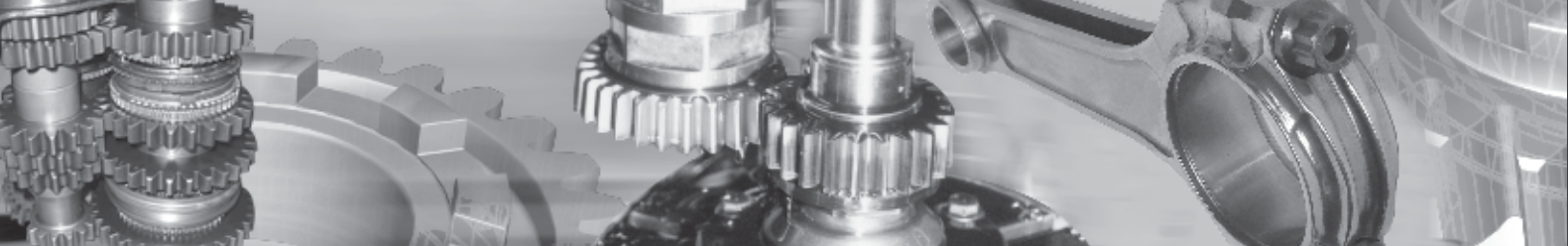
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The main body on the left is for R series and D series main body is the one on the right

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### MOUNTING TIPS REMINDERS

- It is very important that the main shaft be aligned with crankshaft. Any misalignment would cause input shaft to bend each engine revolution. So exercise care about gearbox guidance in the bellhousing.

- Check input shaft length splines and guide before mounting

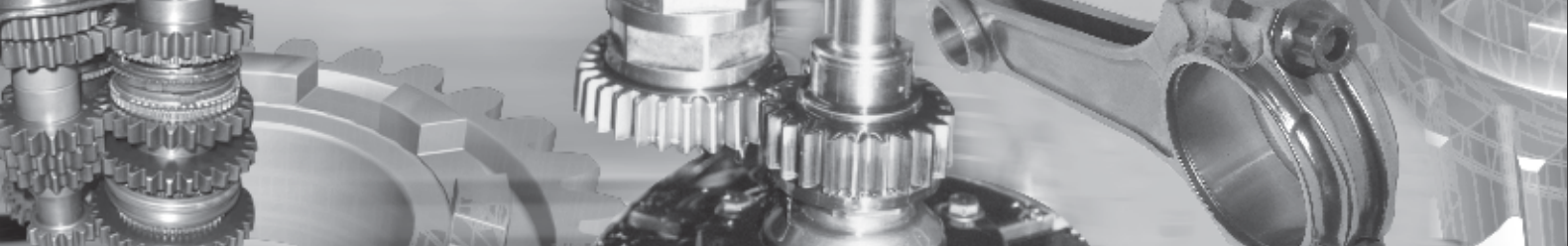
- Gearbox has to meet freely the bellhousing

- Tail bolts must easy enter once front bolts are installed

- Check the rear yoke clearance taking care to avoid rear seal be damaged with suspension movement



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### LUBRICATION

There are many good quality racing gear oils in the market and Saenz TT3 performs properly with any of them.

The Saenz TT3 combines aluminum and steel parts so it is very important to keep gearbox temperature under 212°F (100°C).

There are 3 basic lubrication system that could be used in the Saenz TT3.

Splash lubrication is the simplest. Just fill main case with oil until one gear of each pair contacts the oil. This is about 1.5-1.7 quarts.

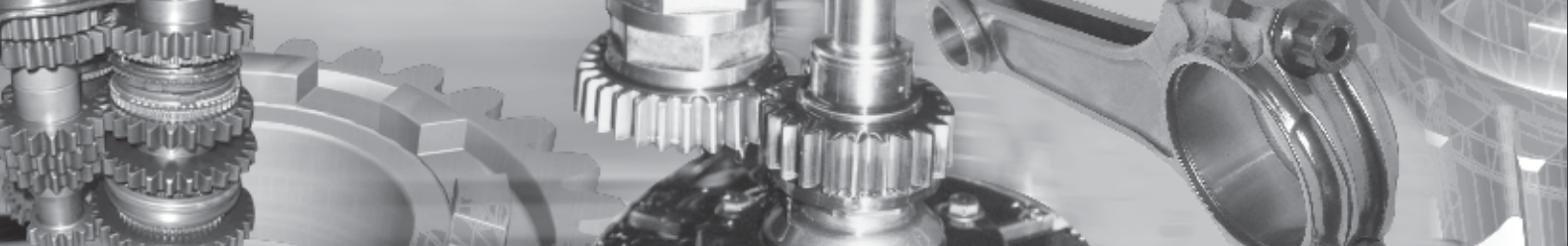
Another system is recirculation, where a pump takes oil from the gear box and returns it at a lower temperature.

Oil is taken from the lower side plug and it returns through the upper side plug. To use this system it is necessary to modify upper side plug thread (16 x 1.5 mm). Just tap it to 3/8" NPTF for the fitting.

Check that at least one gear of each pair to be in contact with the oil once all recirculation system is filled,.

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### LUBRICATION

Saenz has developed an oil injection system where a calibrated rail sends oil directly to the gear contact point.

A pump located in the tail and powered by the layshaft, takes the oil from the bottom side plug through a filter to the rail, the input bearing and the tail bush.

A breather in the top of the shifter equalizes gearbox internal pressure with atmospheric air pressure.

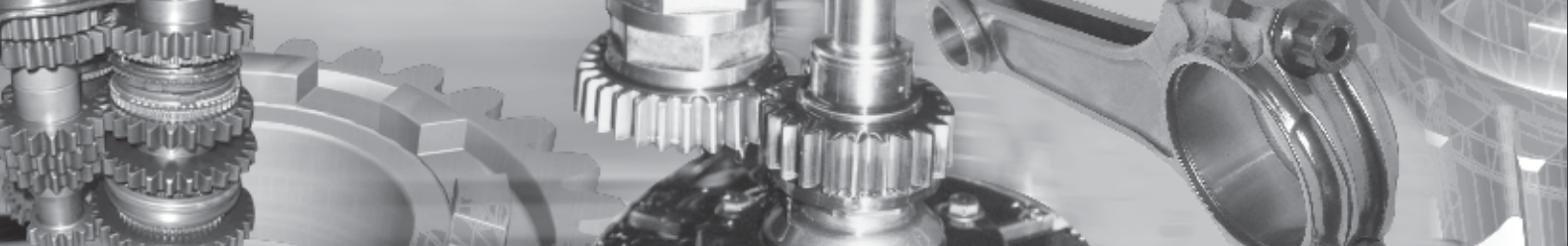
Without cooler system, just a quart of oil is needed to properly lubricate the TT3. Less weight and power consumption is achieved.

Too much oil will cover injectors causing system to fail



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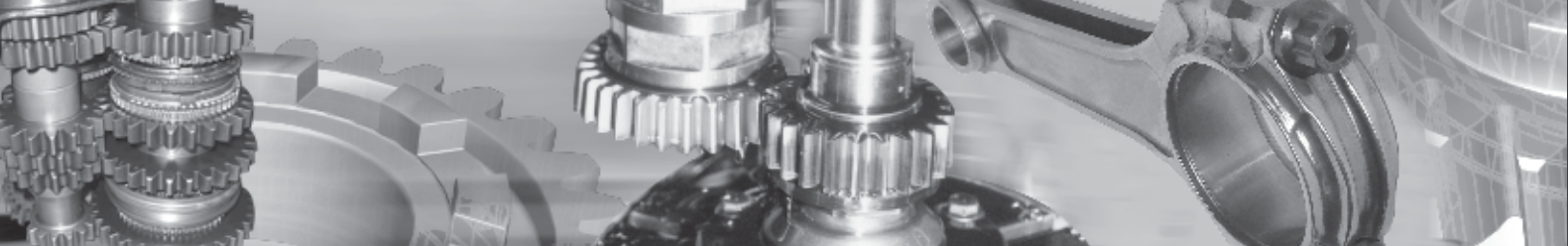


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### SUGGESTED MAINTENANCE

- Check for oil leakage each time car is in the pits and pay attention to oil level.
- Dog ring wear is the beginning of most shifter problems. Dog teeth waste for many causes and its life varies accordingly. Once ends are rounded 0,05" dispose them. The one in the picture caused shifter fork bent.
- Dog rings could be mixed or rotated to extend their life.
- Control splines, mainly the input shaft one to verify correct clutch disc sliding.
- Check gear surface for crack, pitting and marks.
- Inspect bearings, seals and tail bush.
- As far as dog teeth are not damaged, there is no further maintenance required by the shifter. Just visual inspection and no disassemble is recommended. If shifting problems appear due to wear dog teeth, replace bend / wasted forks and marked fork shaft if needed.





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## **TOOLS NEEDED**

Hex Allen wrenches 1/4" , 3/16" , 1/8".

Internal and external Seeger type pliers.

1/2" and 3/8" wrench.

8mm square male wrench.

Plastic hammer.

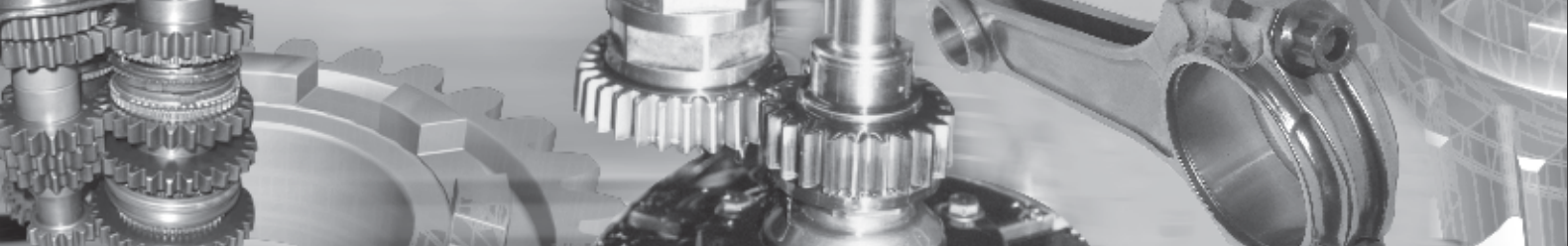
7/8", 1/2" open end wrench (only for injection plumbing only).

If transmission is hot, take care with bolts in aluminum threads.

If transmission is cold warm aluminum parts to remove bearings.

Dispose used oil friendly.

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The Saenz TT3 has been designed to use commercial bearings although, due to the stress they support, it is recommended these should be of high quality.

In order to achieve proper adjustment at working temperatures, bores in the plate are slightly smaller than the bearings' O.D.

Therefore, it is necessary to heat the 3A50 plate to 180°F to more easily fit the bearings into their seats.

3CR6207 in the main shaft side and 3CR6207 in the layshaft side.



Check 3CCG72 circlip enters firmly into the slot.



Inspect shafts, looking for marks, cracks and spline wear. If they are bent, they could be repaired with a hydraulic press.

Misalignments in excess of 0.002" cause vibration and consume extra power.

Always check for cracks after shaft bending repairs.



Once circlips are installed, mount both shafts, which should slide easily into the bearings due to the temperature differential from the aluminum plate to the bearings.

If bearings and shaft are at same temperature, they must be press fitted.

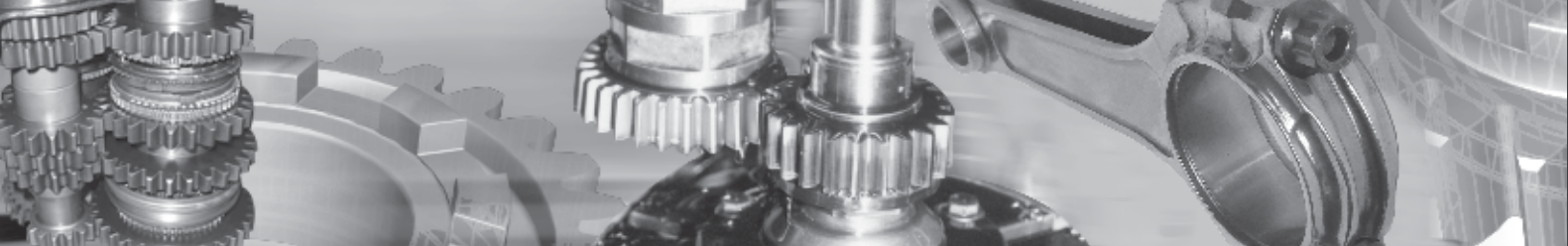
Once installed, test to make sure the shaft turns freely.



Place 3MA03 on main shaft and 3MA01 on layshaft, then fit the 6CC30 circlips.



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If a Ford Mustang yoke is used (28 splines, 30 mm shaft O.D.) replace 78CT02105 if the internal tail bush diameter is over 1.506"

If a GM yoke is used (32 splines, 34.97 mm shaft O.D.) replace if internal tail bush diameter is over 1.897"



Check 3CR5055 bearings

Replace gears or dog rings when teeth show 0.05" rounded ends or if any discoloration, pitting or marks appear. Check for cracks.

Lubricate and mount parts in the order shown in the image for the 6 speed TT3. In the case of a 5 speed 11F3, first gear is replaced by spacer 3S0130 in the main shaft and 3S0134 in the layshaft.



Mount 8CC30 and 8CC35 circlips in main and layshaft.



3A02 external diameter must guide transmission into the bellhousing.



Install 789CC28 seal.

Heat 3A02 input seal case to between 175°F and 250°F to place the 3CR 6206 bearing and mount the 3CCG72 circlip.



Side plug threads are PTF-SAE 3/8" for the upper one and 16x1.5mm the lower one.

It could be modified to PTF-SAE 3/8" by simply tapping it.

The upper side plug IS NOT the one for the oil level.

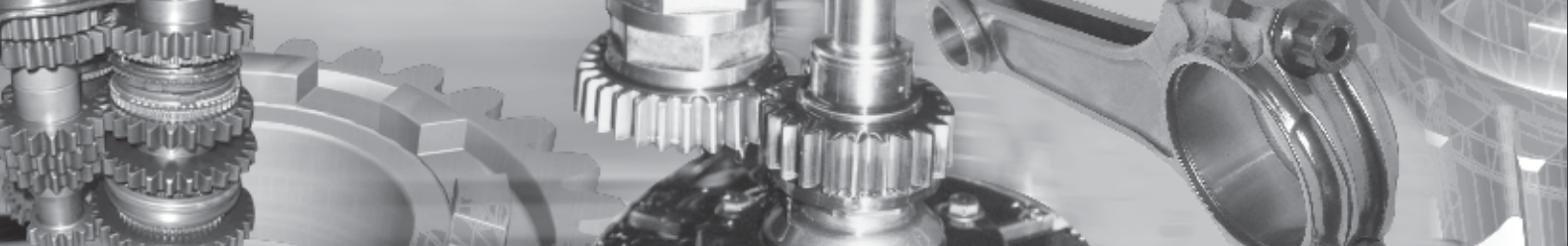
If a recirculating oil system is used, oil must be exit from the lower plug and enter into the upper plug.

There is a plug in the front part of main case over the input shaft, it is a breather which ought to be connected to a gas recovery reservoir.



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The TT3D series standard input gear is 3IGD2222. TT3R series input pair ratios are indicated by the last four numbers.



Bolt size is 5/16"-18h x 3" UHL.



Bolt size is 5/16"-18h x 1" UHL.



3TF and 3TP are machined to locate 3TS05 sequential cylinder.

Install them with the cylinder in shifter base and fix them with 3 lower 3/16-24 5/8 UHL bolts on each side of the cylinder.

Check sequential cylinder has no Backlash.



Although 3CFS forks are the same, it is advisable not to mix them.

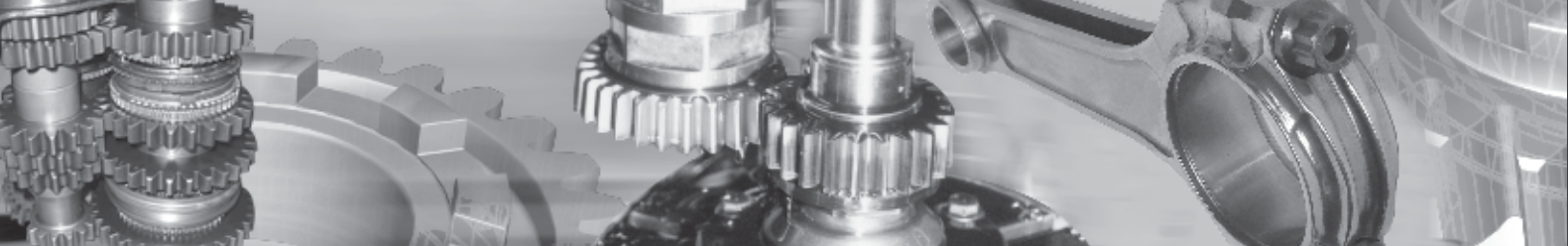
Before installing them, make a visual inspection and check they move smoothly on the shaft.



Check 3FS20 shaft surface and replace it, if any mark is discovered.



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Make sure SSBKT turns freely from one end to the other once it is mounted.

Once 3RTCR viton seal is inspected, install (and fix the kit with 5/16"-18 x 1" bolt.

Backlash is not acceptable in any direction.

Take care to locate lever in proper position.



Part SSBKT requires special attention, as its function is to make sequential cylinder 3TS05 turn 45 degrees each time shifter lever is actuated.

SSBKT has two retracting actuators (the springs) which could be affected by temperatures over 212°F.

Make sure the actuators move freely into their seats and return easily to their normal position.

If the actuators do not work properly, the cylinder will not turn and it will be impossible to shift.



The function of 3STTSLKT is to follow the SSBKT movement; check these move freely into their seats once installed.

16mm x1.5 threaded side plugs have been modified to guide follower spring.



Side bolts 3U2KT are SSBKT race ends and 3U3KT are followers' race end. They must not be removed.



Sealant has to be used between shifter base and shifter cover.

Base and cover are fixed by 10 (¼"-20 bolts).

The one in the far upper left is shorter than the other nine, it is the one with a different head.

Once cover is fixed, proceed to install remaining three upper bolts of each cylinder cap.



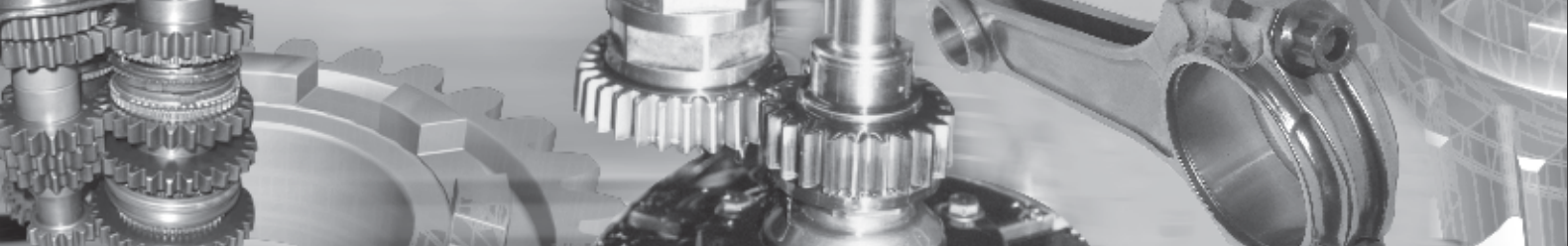
3RK1 locates cylinder on each shift. Its spring does not need any special attention, the only thing is to ensure the follower slides freely within its seat.

Mount seal and cover and fix it with 3/16"-24lx5/8" bolts.



See animation attached in these CD.

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### TROUBLE SHOOTING

#### Oil leakage

- Excessive oil level raises internal pressure and temperature.
- Obstructed breather.
- defective seals.

#### Gear lever moves but shifting is not possible:

- Actuators in SSSKT blocked; sometimes due to excessive temperature, wear or spring failure
- 3SCRO2bush is gripped
- Shifter lever does not return to initial position, may be because a mechanical problem or sometimes driver does not allow it to return, mainly in short shifting.

#### Some gears are not shifting while others do shift:

- Dog teeth wear
- Bent fork (s)
- Fork gripped on shaft

#### Vibrations:

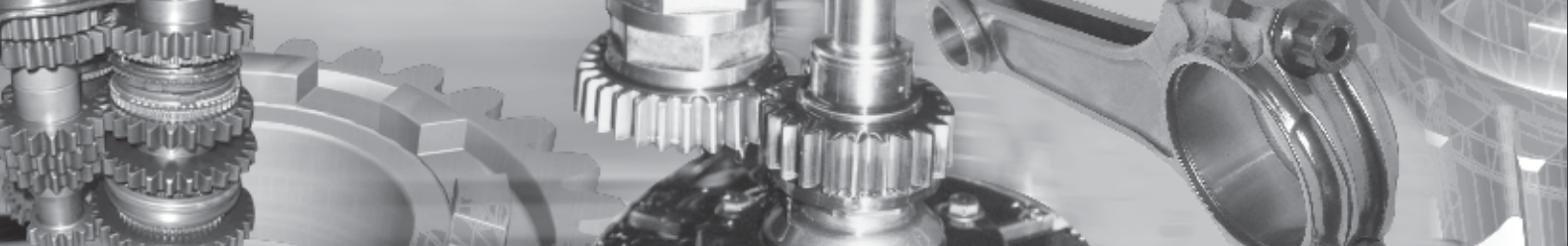
- Bad mounting
- Bent input, lay or main shaft
- Broken gear
- Broken bearing
- Bent tail
- Bent rear yoke or bad joints

There is no device in the TT3 that equals gear speed (when shifting) that are spinning at different speeds according to ratio. So skill is needed to avoid premature dogs fail. Dog teeth life varies basically with the RPM drop between gears, car weight, engine power and the driver's shifting ability



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### CALIBRATION

When in neutral, forks must locate dog rings midway between gear dog teeth. This calibration is made at the factory and it does not change with disassembly / assembly or when gears or dog rings are replaced.



#### To verify calibration:

- 1) While shifter is on the gearbox, remove 3SCD (captor) and SDC (magnetic emitter).
- 2) Take out 3 upper bolts from the 6 of each 3TC & 3TF cylinder caps.
- 3) Remove 10 bolts from shifter cap. Note the bolt with different head also has a different under head length and must be re-installed in same position.
- 4) Remove ST3MC cap gently, helped by a plastic hammer.
- 5) Cylinder shifter 3TS06 will appear as in the picture.
- 6) Make it turn until no dog is engaged.
- 7) At that point each dog ring has to be placed midway between two gears.
- 8) If this is, your shifter is calibrated. Make it turn to verify each dog ring engages properly into the dog teeth of the each gear.



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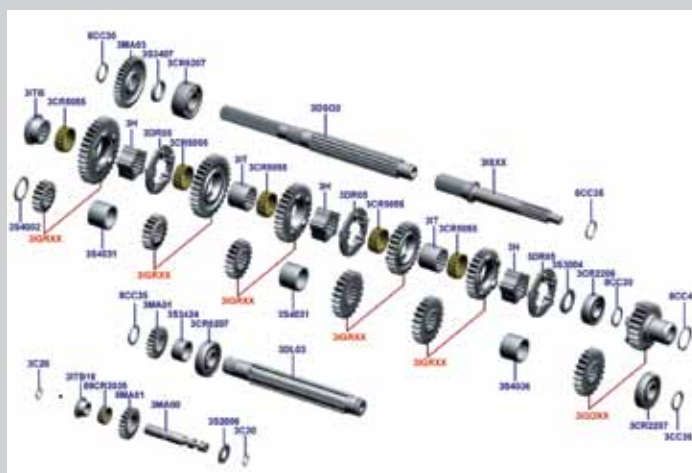


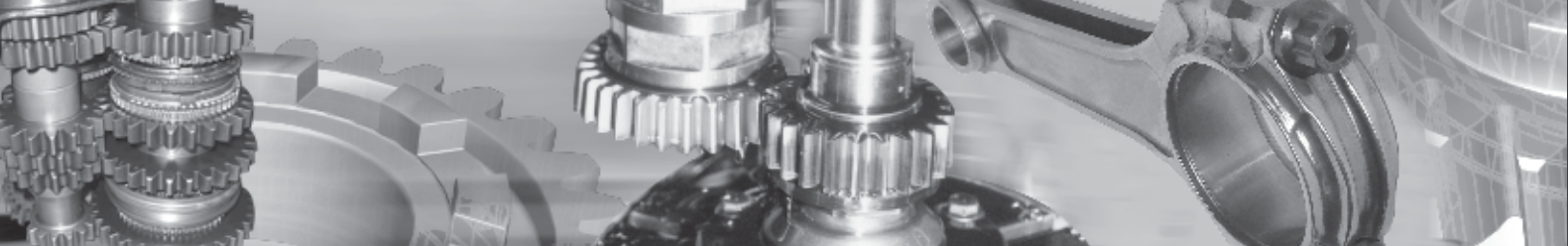
Before changing the calibration verify that parts are properly mounted inside transmission.

TT3 needs to be calibrated if:

- Any of the dog ring is not at the midpoint while in neutral or if it does not fully engage into the gear, while the others do.
- It means fork 3CFS is bent. Replace it.
- No ring is in the middle, they are all towards the front or the rear. If the dog rings closer to the 2nd, 4th, 6th than the 1st, 3rd, and 5th gears( cylinder has to be moved back). Or vice versa.

This means 3TS06 shifter has to be recalibrated, it is to move cylinder back in this case.





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### CALIBRATION

Lets consider the case when cylinder has to be moved back

- 1) Verify there is no backlash in the cylinder housing.
- 2) Measure the distance between dog ring to each gear dog teeth. Take the difference between them. Lets call it "D".
- 3) Remove the 3 remaining bolts from each cylinder cap ad remove cylinder from ST3MC shifter base.
- 4) Take out 3TF and 3TC caps from 3TS06 cylinder,(the ones in the picture).
- 5) To modify calibration, it is necessary to remove material from the bearing seat of the 3TF (right). The amount of material to be removed is equal to half of the difference taken in #2. Lets say it is  $D/2$ .
- 6) This operation will allow cylinder moves back but an amount of backlash will appear equal to  $D/2$ .
- 7) To release backlash it is necessary to remove  $D/2$  material from the face that contacts shifter in cap 3TC. The lip in 3TC will be  $D/2$  bigger.
- 8) Repeat 1 & 2 and if  $D=0$  shifter is now calibrated.

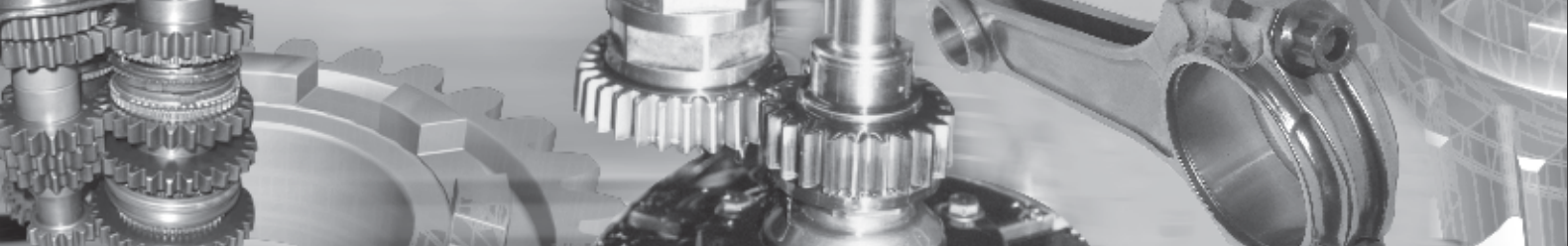
To move shifter forward it is necessary to remove material from the 3TF part that face the shifter and take out same dimension from the lip of the 3TC to lower it.



3 TF



3 TC



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## **CALIBRATION**

Dog ring travel from neutral to engaged is determined by the machined slot in the 3TS06 cylinder.

What happens if cylinder is not calibrated?

One dog ring will be far from gear dog teeth causing:

- When shifting, and due to the angle dog teeth have, gear will push dog ring against itself increasing friction and may cause the fork bent or grip.
- Dog ring life will be reduced as it is not fully engaged.

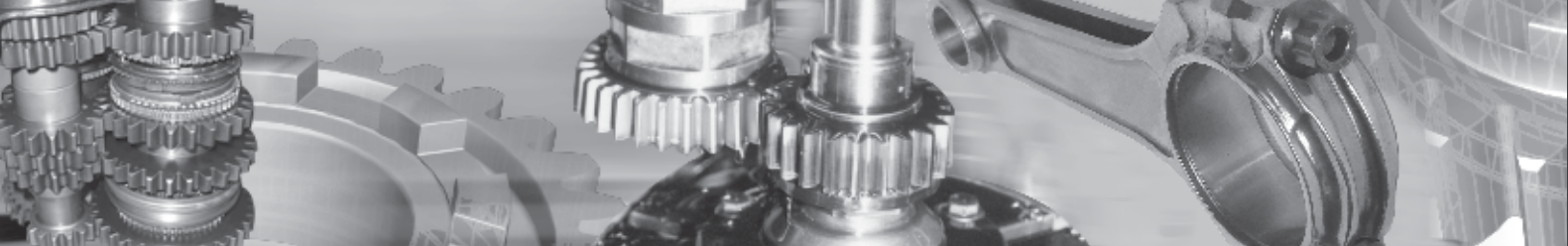
Opposite gear will be at a shorter distance than the one in the slot:

-Dog ring has fully engaged the gear before cylinder has reached the end of the slot travel. So it does not allow continuous turning, increasing fork friction and could cause the fork to bend, or not to shift to next gear.

To avoid this problems to appear, shifters have not to be mixed from one gearbox to other without calibration.



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## **SHIFTER LEVER, TRIGGER, NEUTRAL LOCKOUT**

There are three types of shifter lever, made in steel as standard and optional in aluminum or carbon fiber.

Position is decided by driver, just fill in the distance from transmission front (in order) form to receive shifter bar and cable with the proper length.



### **Neutral & reverse lockout**

The Saenz TT3 has a lockout that prevents accidentally shifting to neutral and reverse when downshifting.

Doing so is very simple. A simple trigger moves a locker at the end of a cable.

This lockout does not allow the cylinder to turn to neutral.

Once trigger is lifted, the lockout retracts allowing the cylinder to pass to neutral. It is possible to go into reverse at this moment, just moving the lever forward.

There is no need to use the trigger to shift into 1st .



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