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Item 127 SUBJECT: **FRONT AXLE (Policy item)**
 MODELS: Land-Rover 88, RHStg.
 REMARKS: The '241' range of front axles applicable to the above vehicles has now been completely used up. The front axle serial numbers for this model have therefore been changed to the '242' range.
 The new range of serial numbers will therefore commence with 24200001B.

Item 128 SUBJECT: **STEERING ROD CLIPS AND BALL JOINTS**
 MODELS: Land-Rover, all models.
 REMARKS: Further to the information circulated by means of Land-Rover News Letter Vol. 3 No. 18, item 214, it is important that the steering ball joints are thoroughly inspected at the recommended 6.000 km (4,000 miles) intervals.
 Ensure that there is no undue wear, and that the rubber boot is not dislodged or damaged.
 The check should be extended to ascertain the effectiveness of the steering rod clips, especially when vehicles are operating under extremely arduous conditions. Early type clips, Part No. 552038, which show evidence of distortion, should be replaced by the modified type, Part No. 577898.
 The correct position of the clip is shown at Fig. 1.
 The relevant tightening torques are as follows:
 Ball joint fixing nut: 4 mkg (30 lb ft).
 Clamp retaining nut: 1,4 mkg (10 lb ft).

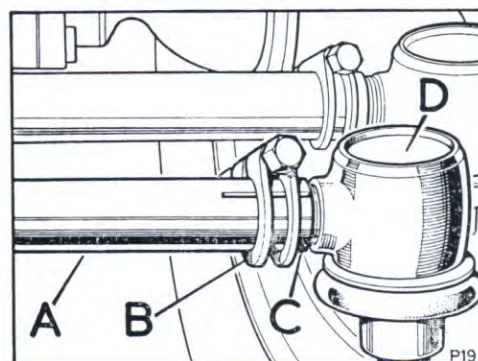


Fig. 1 Correct position of steering rod clip

A—Steering drag link B—Clip C—3 mm (0,125 in.) D—Ball joint

It should be noted that the highest clamping effect, in particular on linkages with one slot only, is achieved with the open section of the clip situated over the slot.