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Introduction

The RC4A-EL/JR405E by JATCO is a rear wheel drive 4 speed fully automatic electronically controlled transmission that is used in the 2003 to 2006 Mazda RX8 vehicles behind the 1.3 Rotary engine here in the United States. Outside of the U.S. it can be found in other applications such as Isuzu and General Motors.

The primary purpose of this presentation is provide information for a transmission that may rarely find its way into a shop. To have information is always a need and especially so with such a rare transmission. Additionally, the manufacturers do not provide any internal valve body information. In this hand out there is a complete valve body breakdown with names to valve assigned by ATSG. There is also available from ATSG a Technician Guide which contain complete color hydraulics for additional diagnostic assistance.

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RC4A-EL PRELIMINARY INFORMATION

The RC4A-EL is JATCO's JR405E 4 speed computer controlled automatic transmission with On/Off converter clutch capabilities. Its US application has been limited to the Mazda RX8 from 2003 to 2006 but has current overseas coverage in Isuzu and Chevrolet vehicles.

As with many completely computer controlled transmissions, the gear shift mechanism provides a 4 Detent Position shifter with Tip Up/Tip Down manual shift control (Figure 1).

Shift Controls

The vehicle will only start in Park or Neutral Positions.

P (Park) - Places the internal park rod into a position which pushes a Park Pawl into a gear splined to the output shaft. Once indexed, it locks the output shaft preventing the rear wheels from rotating.

Warning - It is highly recommended that the Park Brake be used in conjunction with the selector lever in Park. Holding the vehicle in the Park position without the Park brake can be dangerous should the mechanical operation of the shift into Park fail.

R (Reverse) - This position provides reverse movement only. You must be at a complete stop before making this selection.

N (Neutral) - This position allows the wheels to be free to roll without power from the engine in both forward or reverse unless the Park Brake is applied.

D (Drive) - This position will allow the computer to control the sequence of all 4 forward gears automatically selecting the appropriate up-shifts and downshifts based upon the driving condition of the vehicle.

M (Manual) - This position will allow the operator to manual control each up-shift or downshift via the shift lever or through the paddles on the steering wheel (Figure 1 and 2).

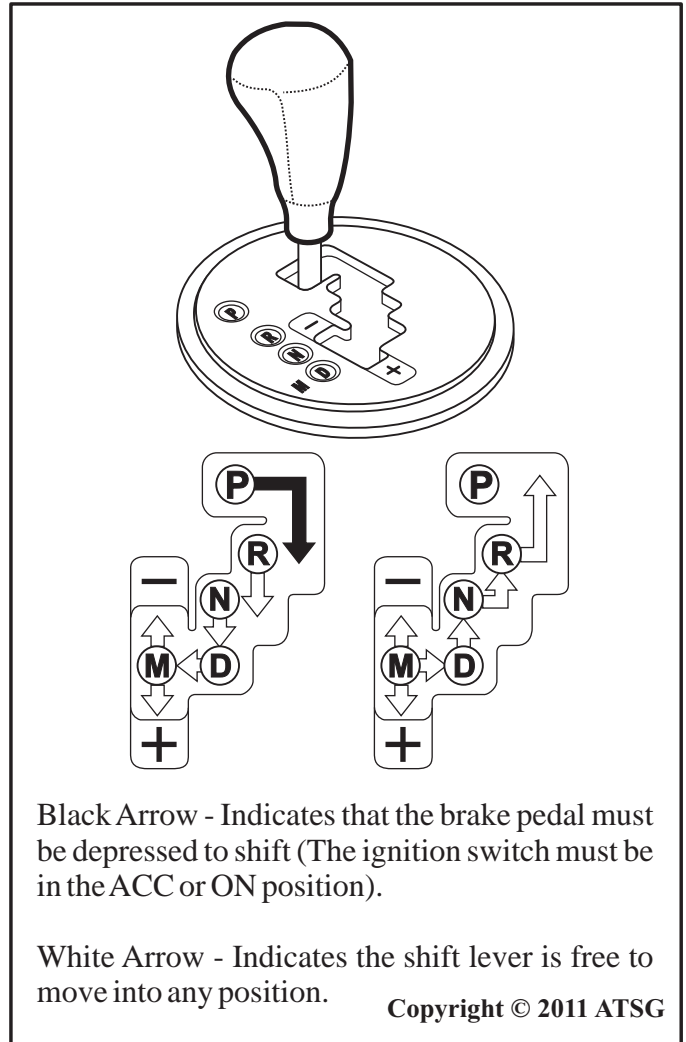


Figure 1

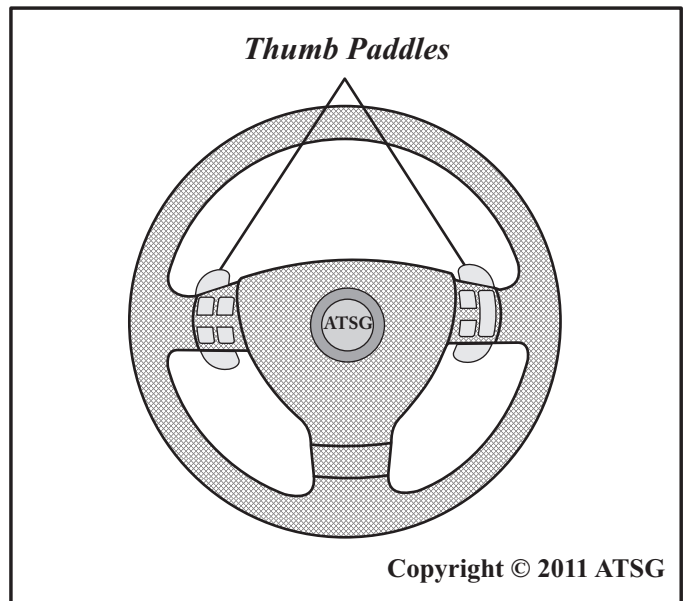


Figure 2

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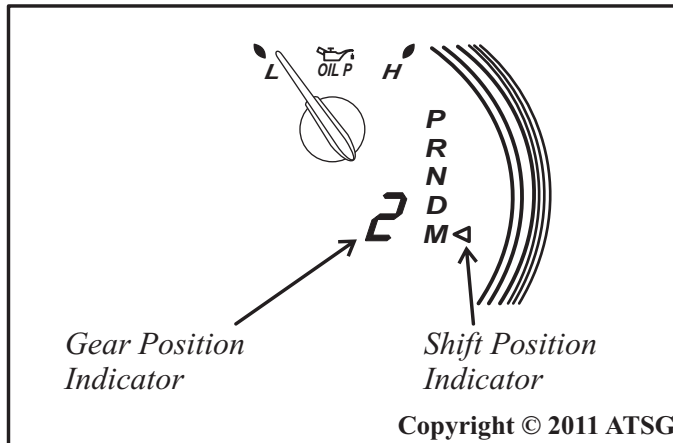


Figure 3

Once the selector lever has been placed into the Manual Mode Position, tapping the lever back towards the + sign will up-shift the transmission while tapping it forward towards the - sign will downshift the transmission. Similarly, the same procedure for manual up-shift and downshift control can be achieved while the selector lever is in the M gate tapping the up-shift and downshift paddles on the steering wheel.

Located in the Instrument Panel is a Shift Position Indicator light and a Gear Position Indicator light. This will inform the driver which mode has been selected with the selector lever as well as the current gear engaged (Figure 3).

When in the Manual Shift Mode, there are certain safety overrides written into the program to be aware of so as to know what is working correctly and what is actually malfunctioning.

Shifting Specifications

Up-Shift

If the vehicle speed is lower than the following speed specification for each gear, the gear cannot be shifted up to a higher gear.

M1 to M2 - A manual shift from 1st to 2nd can be achieved whether the vehicle is stopped or moving.

M2 to M3 - 20 km/h (12 mph)

M3 to M4 - 31 km/h (19 mph)

Downshift

If the vehicle speed is higher than the following speed specification for each gear, the gear cannot be shifted down to a lower gear.

M4 to M3 - 163 km/h (101 mph)

M3 to M2 - 110 km/h (68 mph)

M2 to M1 - 45 km/h (28 mph)

During deceleration, the gears will automatically downshift when speed is reduced to the following:

M4 to M3 - 31 km/h (19 mph)

M3 or M2 to M1 - 8 km/h (5 mph)

If the vehicle is driven at a low speed from a standing start while in M2, the gear may not shift down to M1 automatically. If the vehicle is kicked down at the following speeds or lower, the gears shift down automatically:

M4 to M3 - 149 km/h (93 mph)

M4 to M2 - 56 km/h (35 mph)

M3 to M2 - 56 km/h (35 mph)

Recommendations for shifting

Up-shifting

For normal acceleration and cruising, the following shift points are recommended:

M1 to M2 - 19 km/h (12 mph)

M2 to M3 - 34 km/h (21 mph)

M3 to M4 - 47 km/h (29 mph)

For Cruising

M1 to M2 - 18 km/h (11 mph)

M2 to M3 - 32 km/h (20 mph)

M3 to M4 - 45 km/h (28 mph)

Downshifting

When you must slow down in heavy traffic or on a steep upgrade, downshift before the engine starts to overwork. This gives better acceleration when you need more speed. On a steep downgrade, downshifting helps maintain safe speed and prolongs brake life.



Technical Service Information

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Passing

For extra power when passing another vehicle or climbing steep grades, depress the accelerator fully. The transmission will shift to a lower gear, depending on vehicle speed.

Climbing steep grades from a stop

To climb a steep grade from a stopped position:

1. Depress the brake pedal.
2. Shift to D or M1, depending on the load weight and grade steepness.
3. Release all brakes while gradually accelerating.

Descending steep grades

When descending a steep grade, shift to lower gears, depending on load weight and grade steepness. Descend slowly, using the brakes only occasionally to prevent them from overheating.

Shift features

The design of the electronic shift control has been engineered in such a way that the use of typical accumulators, a forward one-way clutch device and coast clutch drum assembly has been eliminated. The one reverse gear and four forward speeds are obtained by the use of 1 sprag, 3 driving clutch assemblies and 2 brake clutch assemblies (Figure 4).

For each clutch and brake assembly, a directional sensitive dished plate is utilized to absorb any possible shift shock as seen in figure 5 through 10.

A feed back control system (*pressure switches/speed sensors*) is utilized in part for shift adapt control in conjunction with centrifugal balance chambers supplied with lubrication pressure for enhanced clutch management during shift overlap.

The RC4A-EL transmission utilizes a 3 part lubrication system directly from the valve body. This fluid pressure is never routed through the cooler. Only converter apply pressure is routed through the cooler. In this way should the cooler become restricted, lubrication pressure is not compromised preventing planetary failure. The three part lubrication system provides lubrication to the extension housing area, the

rear of the transmission through output and into the input shaft for planetary and bushing lube and the third circuit provides lubrication to the front of the transmission through the pump (see case passage identification in figures 11 and 12).

In addition to lubrication, the front lubrication pressure is supplied to the high clutch balancing chamber while the rear lubrication pressure is supplied to the low clutch balancing chamber.

Sealing rings, bushings and counter balance pistons are critical in sealing lube pressure. Should a loss of lubrication pressure occur in the balance chambers, the Neutral to Drive, 2-3 and 4-3 shifts may become noticeably abrupt. There are no taps to check lube pressure (figure 13), so a careful inspection of these lube circuits is suggested during rebuild.

Transmission Fluid Specification

8.7L/9.2 Quarts

ATF M-III or equivalent (e.g. Dexron® III)

Valve Body/Solenoids/Pressure Switches

The valve body assembly which contains all the valves, solenoids and pressure switches provides a means by which the computer can control shift timing as well as shift feel.

There are a total of 6 solenoids, three pressure switches, 23 valve line-ups and 11 check balls making up the main valve body components (figures 14 to 24).

Solenoids and Pressure Switches

1. Line Pressure Control - *Normally Applied*
2. Converter Clutch Control - *Normally Vented*
3. Low Clutch (Solenoid A) - *Normally Applied*
4. 2-4 Brake (Solenoid B) - *Normally Applied*
5. High Clutch (Solenoid C) - *Normally Applied*
6. L/R Clutch (Solenoid F) - *Normally Applied*
7. 2-4 Brake Pressure Switch (PS-B)
8. High Clutch Pressure Switch (PS-C)
9. L/R Clutch Pressure Switch (PS-F)

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Solenoids

The Line Pressure Control Solenoid is an On/Off solenoid causing line pressure to be either high or low. The Shift Solenoids are then used to control both shift timing and shift feel.

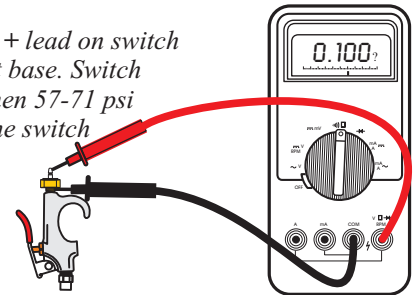
Although this transmission does not utilize typical accumulators to control shift shock, inside the valve body there can be found accumulators for the 2-4 Clutch (392) and High Clutch (345). However, since each of the shift solenoids control shift feel in addition to shift timing, they each have their own accumulators to absorb the pulsing of solenoid signal oil (See valves 322, 357, 378 and 383 figures 19-22).

All solenoids are supplied with a controlled feed pressure from the Solenoid Modulating Valve (381). This valve should always be inspected for bore wearing compromising the control of each solenoid. Wear here could cause both shift timing and feel issues along with gear ratio and solenoid performance codes.

Pressure Switches

For further control of clutch apply, three pressure switches are used to provide feedback information to the computer; the 2-4, High and Low/Reverse Clutch Pressure Switches. The 2-4 pressure switch provides information to the computer for finer control of the 1-2 and 3-4 shifts. The High Clutch Pressure Switch for the 2-3 and the Low/Reverse for a garage shift into Reverse. Each of these pressure switches have a 12 volt signal wire attached to them coming from the computer with approximately 12 volts. The switches are rated to close between 57-71 psi of pressure at which time they will ground the wire pulling the voltage down to below 1 volt.

PS Bench Test: Place + lead on switch terminal and - lead at base. Switch should read open. When 57-71 psi of air is supplied to the switch continuity should be observed.



Solenoid Function Chart

Solenoid	Type	Characteristics	Function
Pressure Control Solenoid	ON/OFF	Normally High (Supplies solenoid pressure to PR valve)	Sets high or low line pressure depending on whether the solenoid is energized or de-energized
SS A	Repeats ON and Off at 50 Hz (20 ms cycle); duty cycle type.	Normally High (Supplies solenoid pressure to amplifier valve)	Controls amplifier valve. Regulates Low Clutch Pressure
SS B			Controls amplifier valve. Regulates 2-4 Brake Pressure
SS C			Controls amplifier valve. Regulates High Clutch Pressure
SS F			Controls amplifier valve. Regulates L/R Brake Pressure
TCC		Normally Low (Drains solenoid pressure supplied to amplifier valve)	Controls TCC Apply and Release



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Check Ball Function

The majority of the 11 check balls in the valve body controls off coming clutch pressure (figure 24). The basic function of each of the 11 check balls are as follows:

1. *Lubrication Ball*
2. *Lubrication Ball*
3. *Low Clutch Exhaust Ball (D-N, D-R, D-P)*
4. *TCC Blow Off Ball*
5. *High Clutch Exhaust Ball*
6. *Relay Shuttle Ball*
7. *Low Clutch Exhaust Ball (4-3)*
8. *Reverse Clutch Exhaust Ball*
9. *Reverse Clutch Exhaust Ball*
10. *Low/Reverse Brake Exhaust Ball*
11. *2-4 Brake Exhaust Ball*

Shift Control Summary

To provide a smooth transition from one gear to the next requires the proper operation of the following mechanical items:

1. *The Pressure Control Solenoid*
2. *The Pressure Regulator Valve*
3. *The Solenoid Modulating Valve*
4. *Shift Solenoids*
5. *Pressure Switches*
6. *Lubrication Pressure*
7. *Counter Balance Pistons*
8. *Clutch Assembly Cushion Plates*
9. *Accumulators*
10. *Check Balls*

Electrical Summary

The Mazda RX8 utilizes a Transmission Control Module (TCM) to operate the transmission. The TCM is located under the dash to the left side of the steering column.

Solenoid resistance checks can be made at the transmission case connector (figure 25) or from the TCM connector (figures 28 and 29).

The Transmission Range sensor is adjusted in the Neutral Position by loosening the sensor from the case. The manual arm shaft lever has a square opening which aligns with a notch in the case. The range

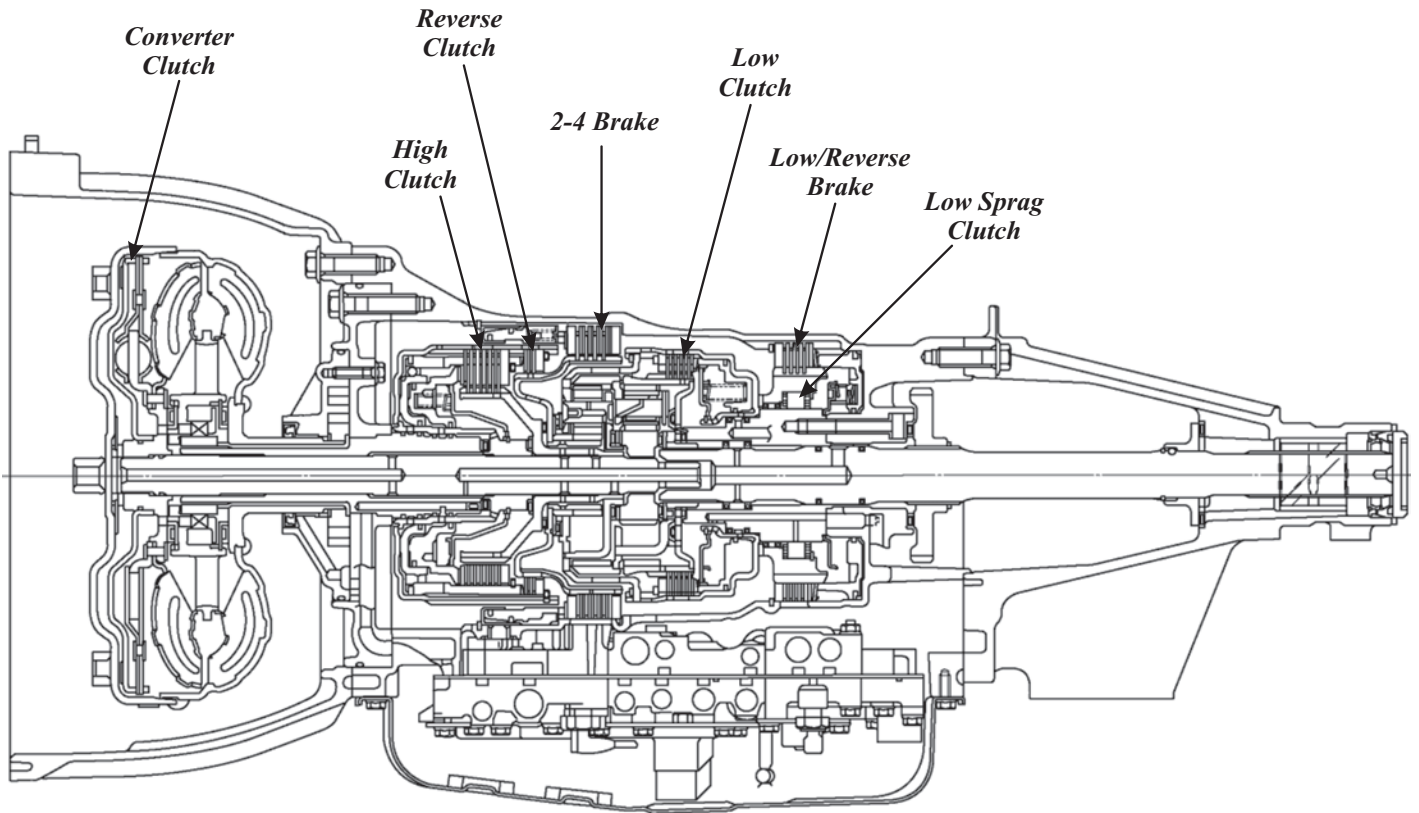
sensor is then rotated until continuity is seen with a meter between terminals C & D (figure 30). The sensor is then tightened to the case. A continuity check table for each gear shift range is provided in figure 30 to bench check the sensor following the neutral position adjustment procedure ensuring its proper operation.

The transmission fluid temperature sensor is a critical input to the TCM for refined control of the 3-4 shift and converter clutch apply. A resistance check chart is provided in figure 31 for inspection.

The Turbine Speed Sensor (TSS) and the Vehicle Speed Sensor (VSS) are identical Hall Affect sensors. They are each supplied with the same 12 voltage ignition source provided to the TCM and the Transmission Range Sensor (see figure 29). These Hall Affect provide a 0 to 5 volt pulse to the TCM. The TSS is excited by the 32 corrugated lugs on the High/Reverse Clutch drum while the VSS is excited by the 16 lugs on the parking gear (figure 31). This 5 volt pulse is best observed with a scope or digital graphing multi-meter. A typical DVOM would only average out the signal providing a 2.5 volt reading regardless of the speed of the vehicle. Since the TSS and VSS are excited by different lug counts combined with differences in rotational speed, the time base settings for each sensor can be adjusted to provide a similar appearance. The critical point of observation is that the sensor must provide a 0 to 5 volt pulse. As the rotational speed of the shaft increases so does the 0 to 5 volt pulse making the square signal narrower then wider as the speed decreases.

Should a malfunction of the transmission or related electrical components occur, a diagnostic trouble code will be produced placing the transmission into a failsafe condition. Refer to figures 32 and 33 for the listing of transmission related codes.

Mazda RX8 RCAA-EL Component Location Chart



COMPONENT APPLICATION AND SHIFT SOLENOID CHART

Gear	Low Clutch	High Clutch	Reverse Clutch	2-4 Brake	L&R Brake	Low Sprag Clutch	PWM Sol "A"	PWM Sol "B"	PWM Sol "C"	PWM Sol "F"	TCC Sol	PS "B"	PS "C"	PS "F"	Gear Ratio
Park								X	X	X					
Reverse			On		On			X	X					X	2.272
Neutral								X	X	X					
"D"-1st	On					Hold		X	X	X					2.785
"D"-2nd	On			On					X	X		X			1.545
"D"-3rd	On	On						X		X	X*		X		1.000
"D"-4th		On		On			X			X	X*	X	X		0.694
"M"-1st	On				On*			X	X						2.785

X= Operating, Solenoids are On.

X*= Torque Converter Clutch may be on depending on vehicle speed and throttle opening.

M= When in Manual shift mode.

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**Low/Reverse Brake Assembly
Clutch Clearance Specification
0.028" - 0.043" (0.7 - 1.1 mm)**

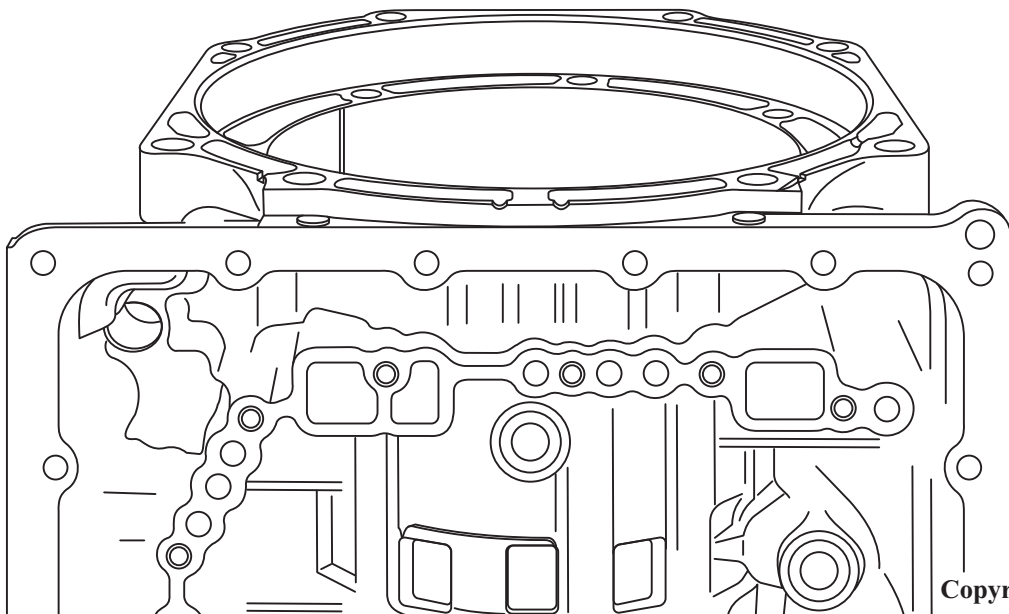
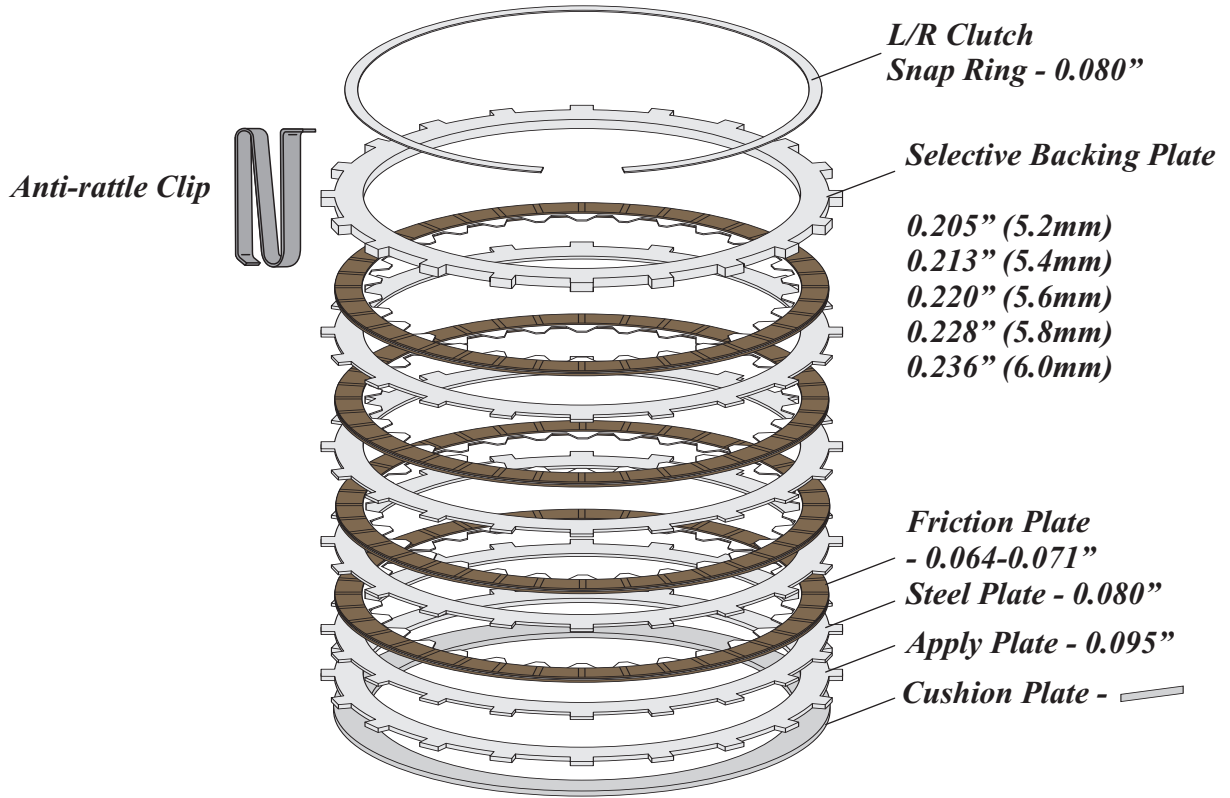
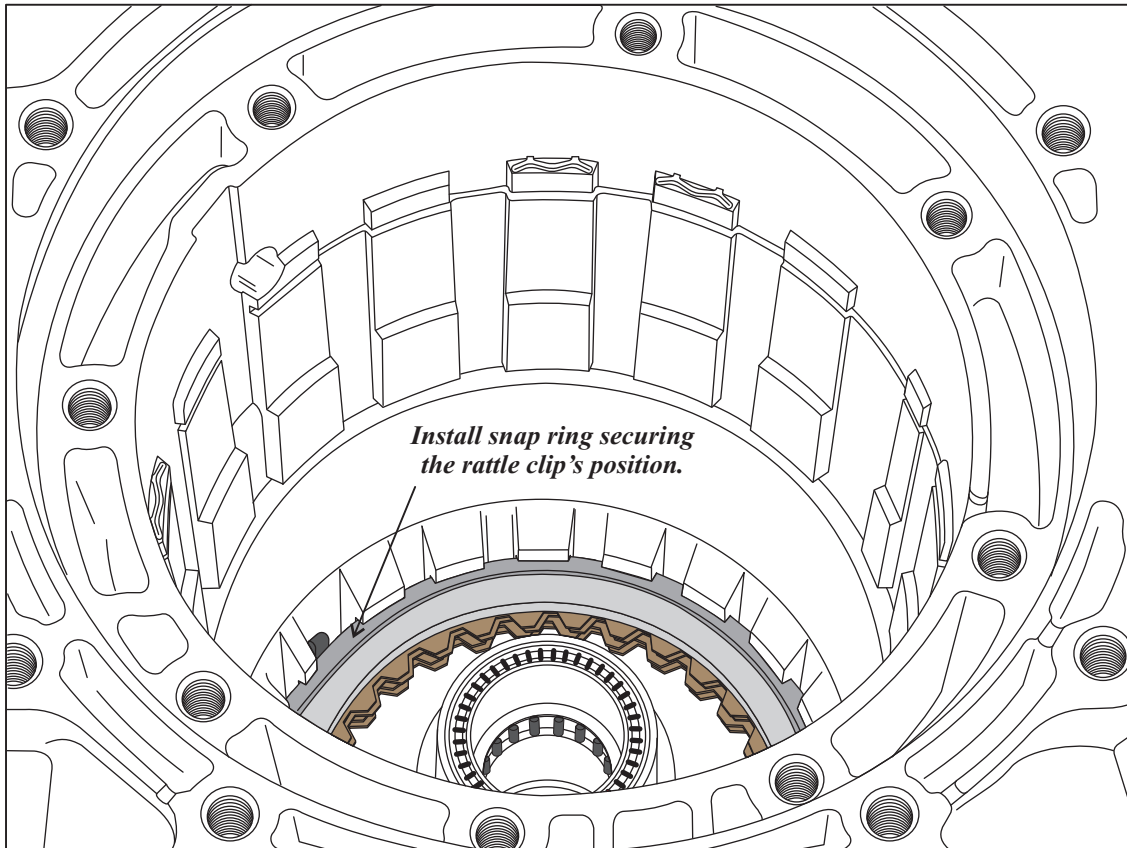
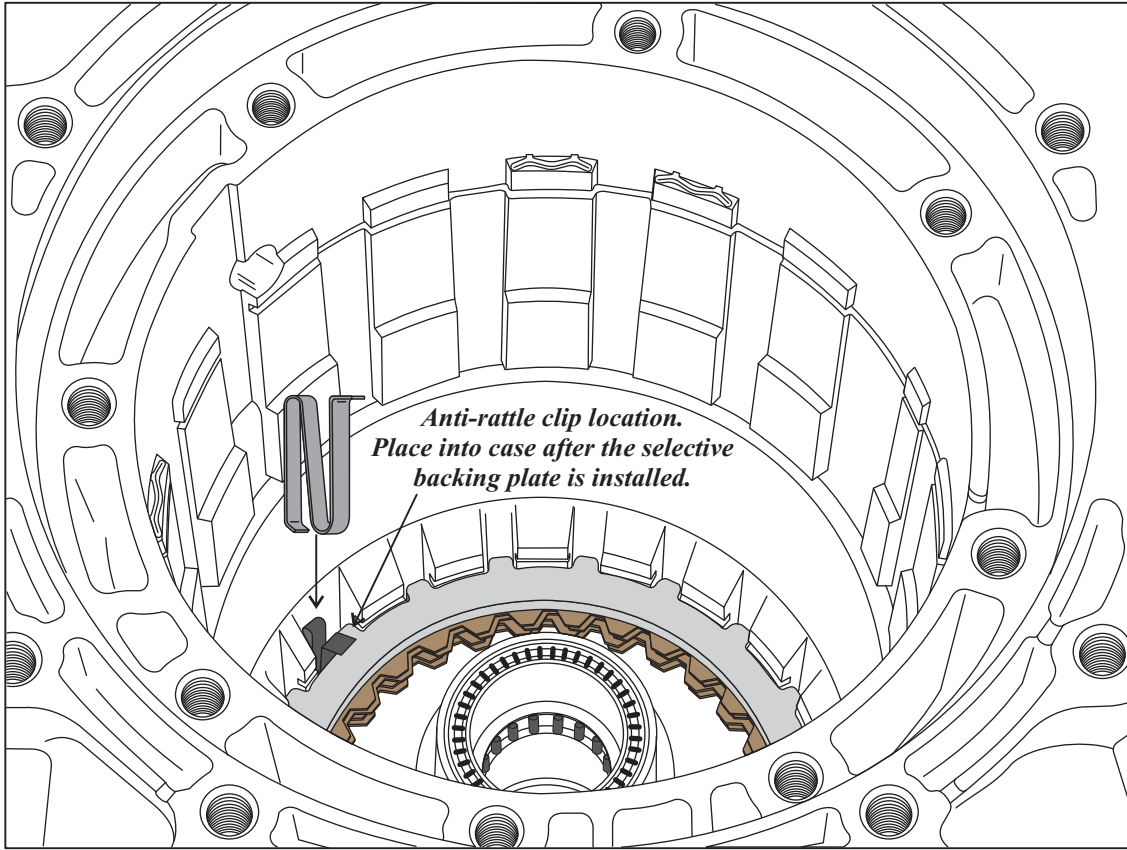


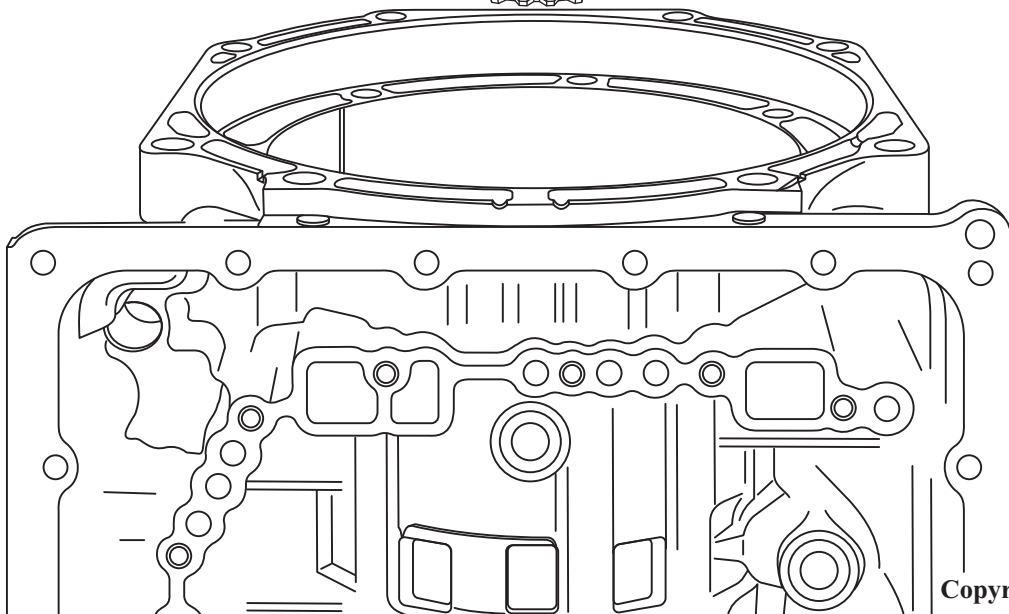
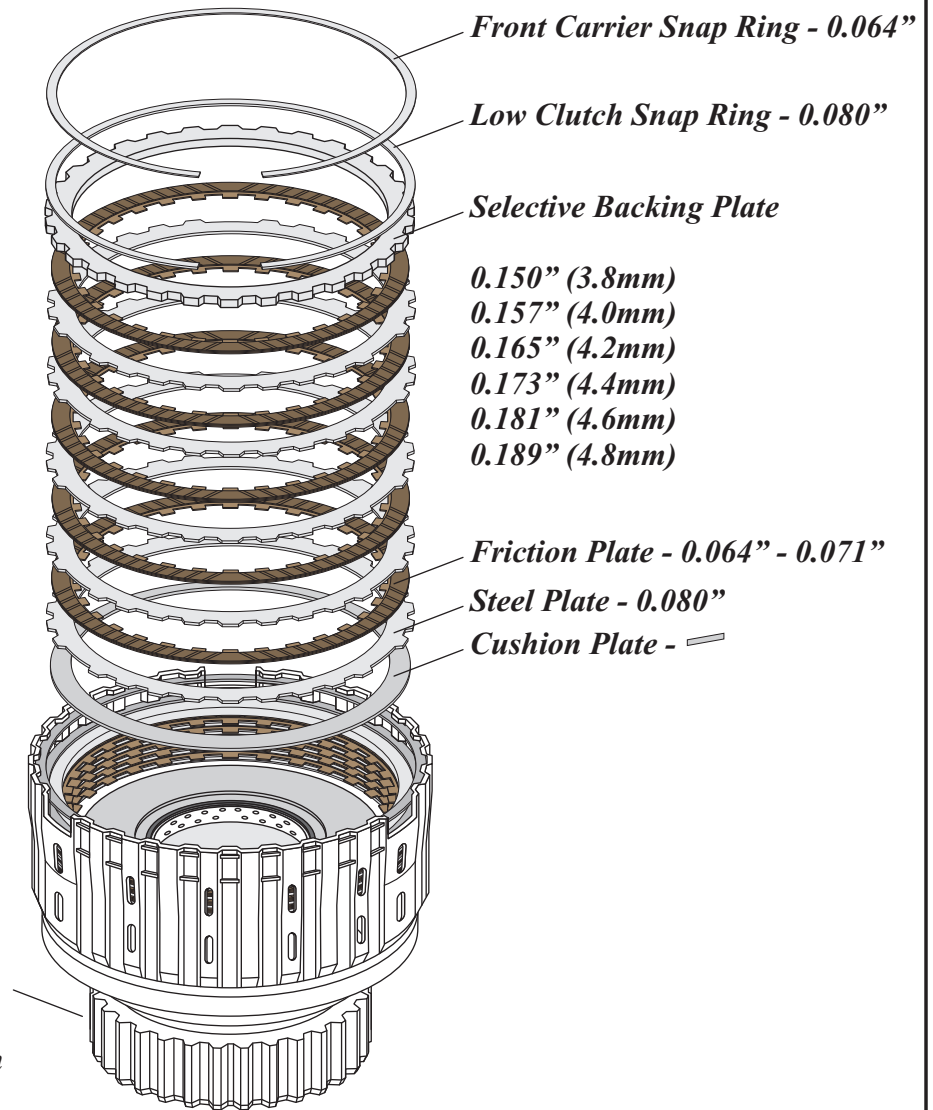
Figure 5



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Low Clutch Drum Assembly

Clutch Clearance Specification
0.036" - 0.051" (0.9 - 1.3 mm)



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Figure 7

**2-4 Brake Assembly
Clutch Clearance Specification
0.040" - 0.055" (1.0 - 1.4 mm)**

There are 3 steel plate centering springs to be installed into the case

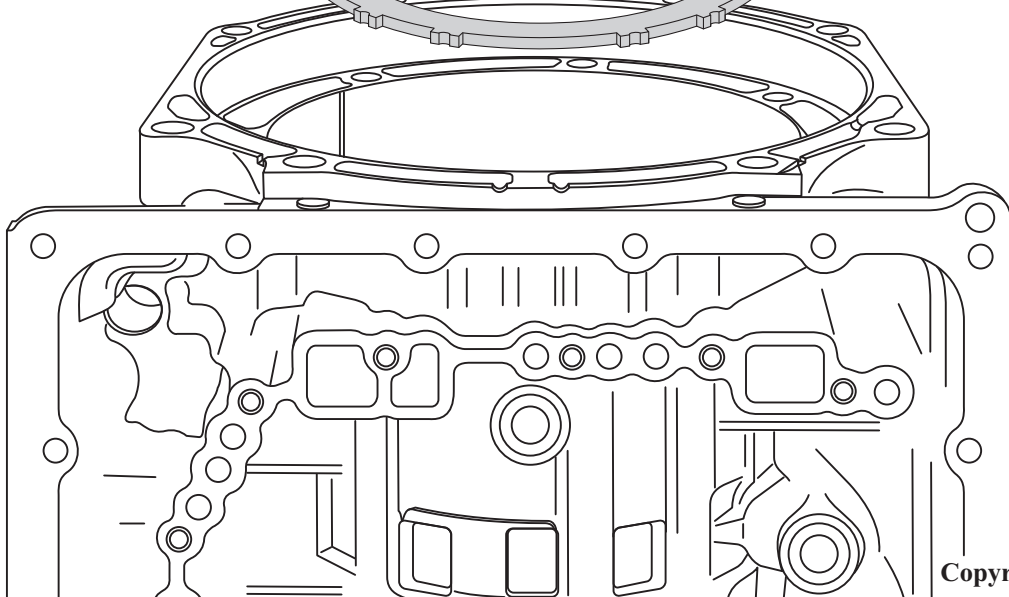
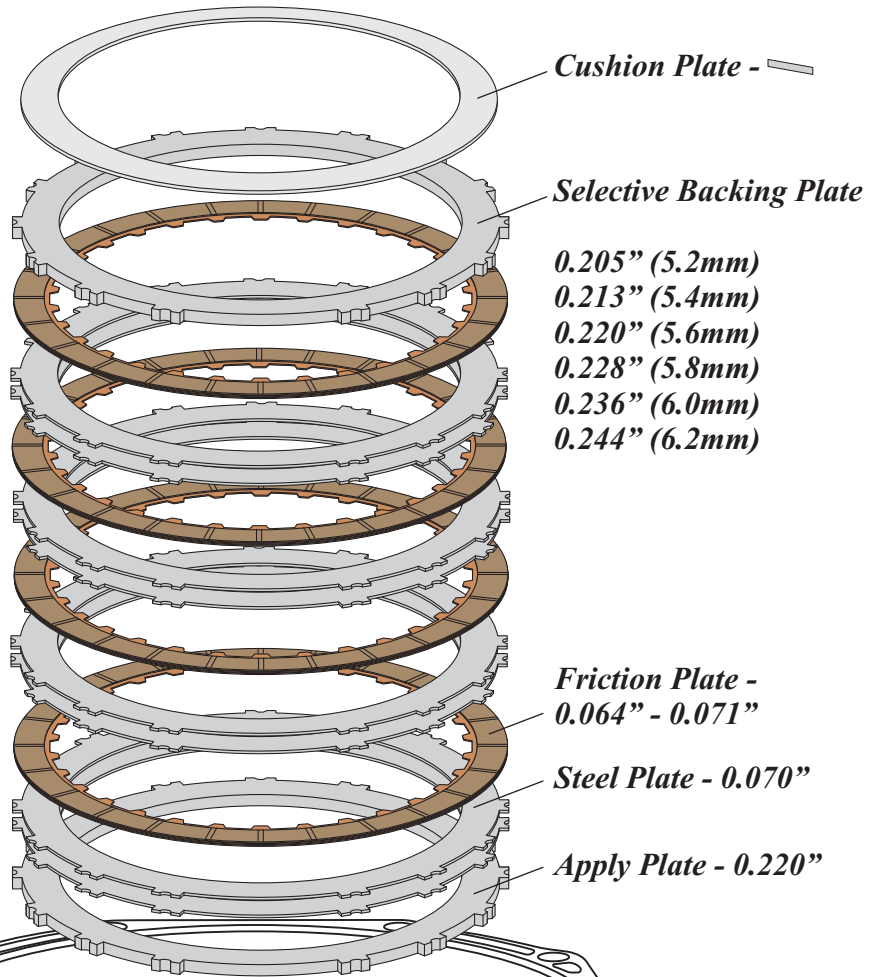
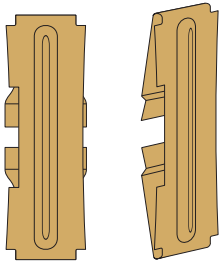
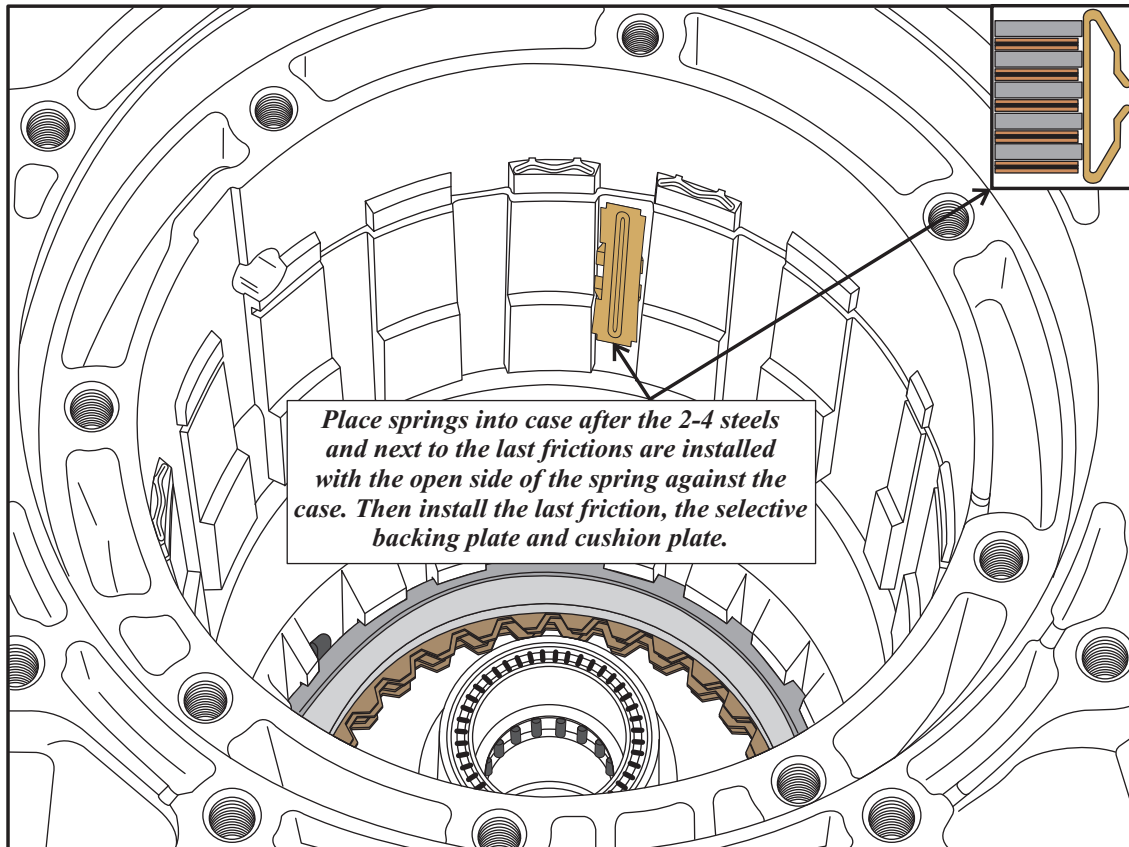
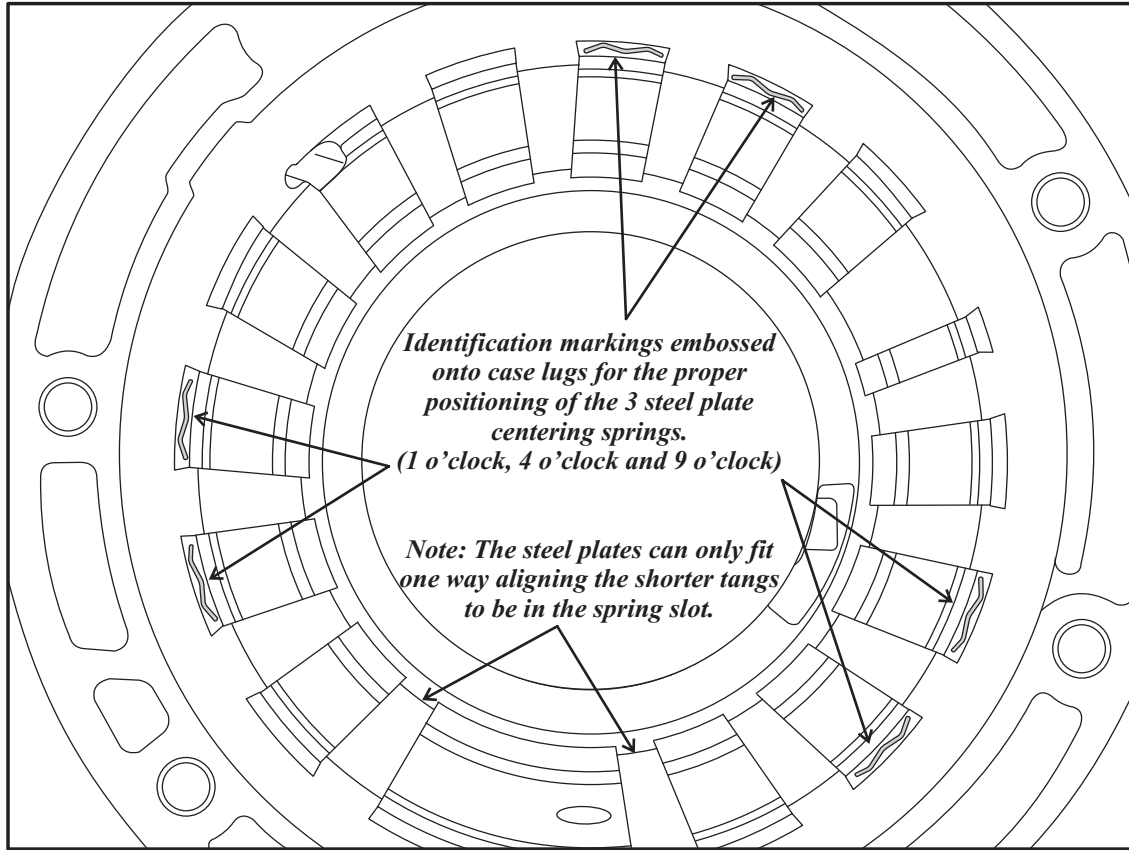
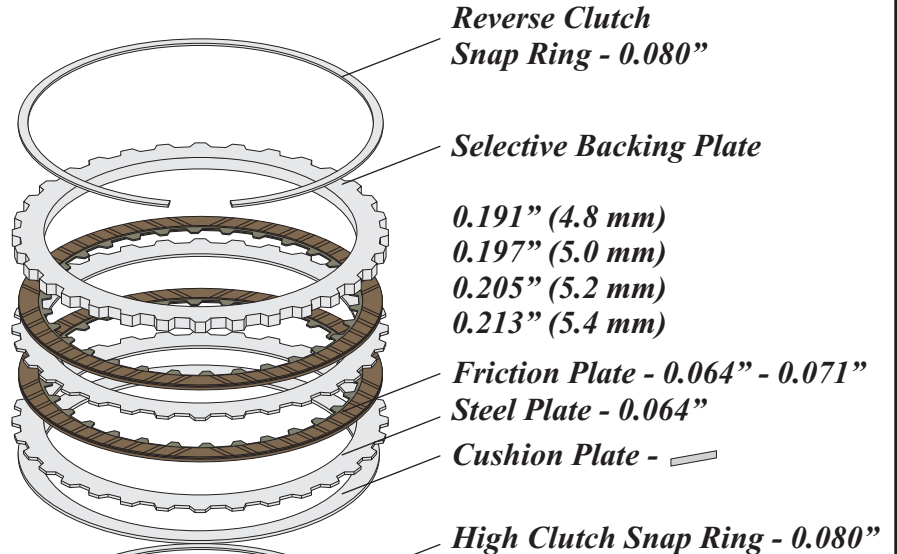


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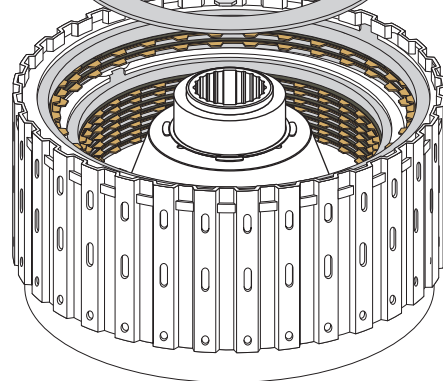
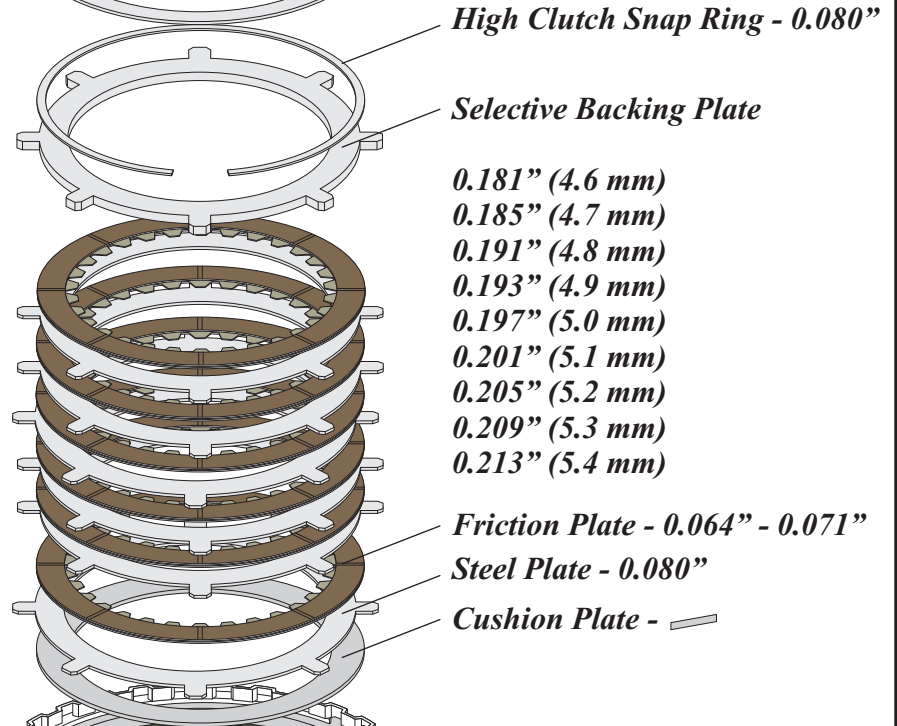


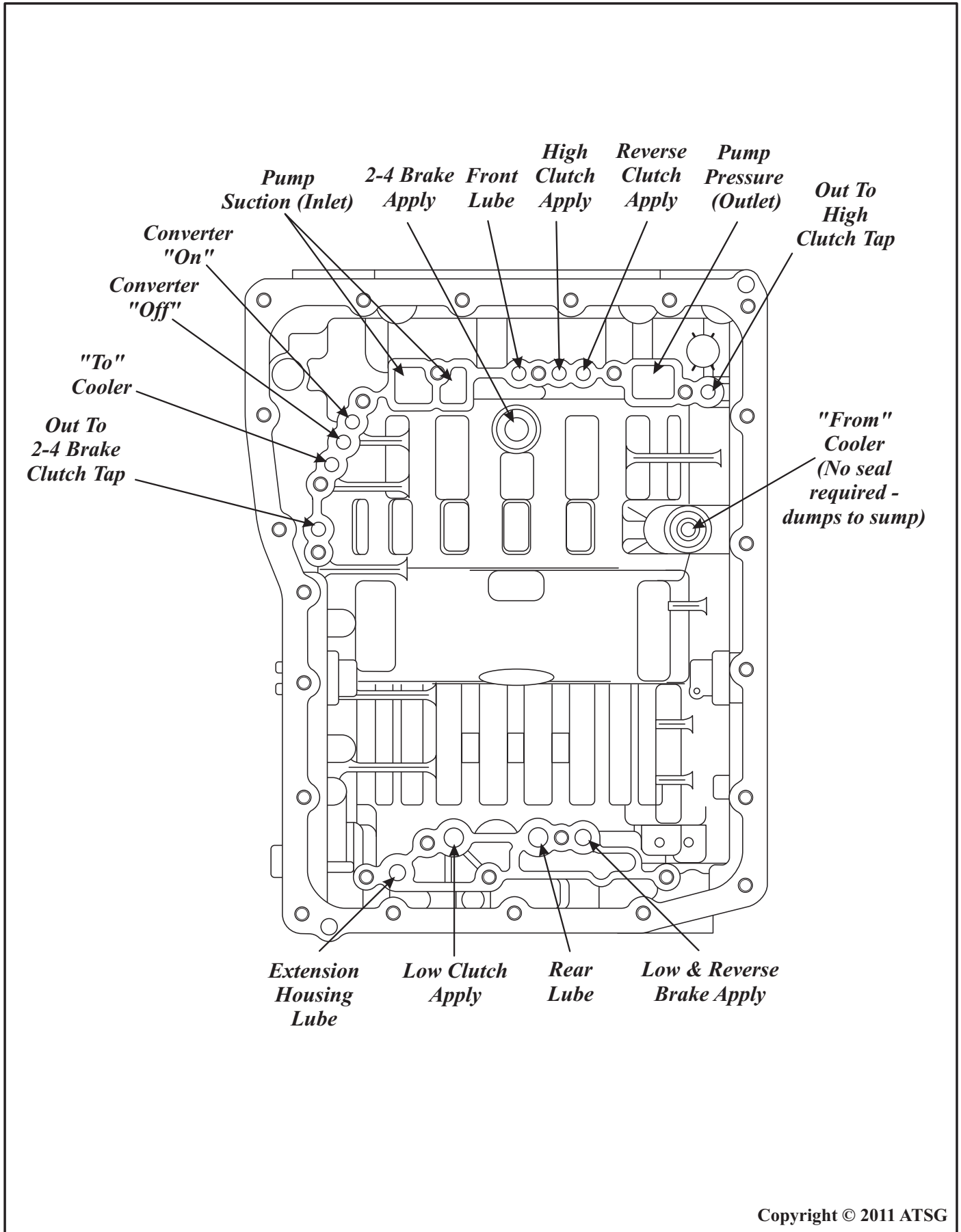
**High And Reverse Clutch Drum Assembly
Clutch Clearance Specification**
Reverse Clutch 0.024" - 0.036" (0.6 - 0.9 mm)
High Clutch 0.047" - 0.055" (1.2 - 1.4 mm)

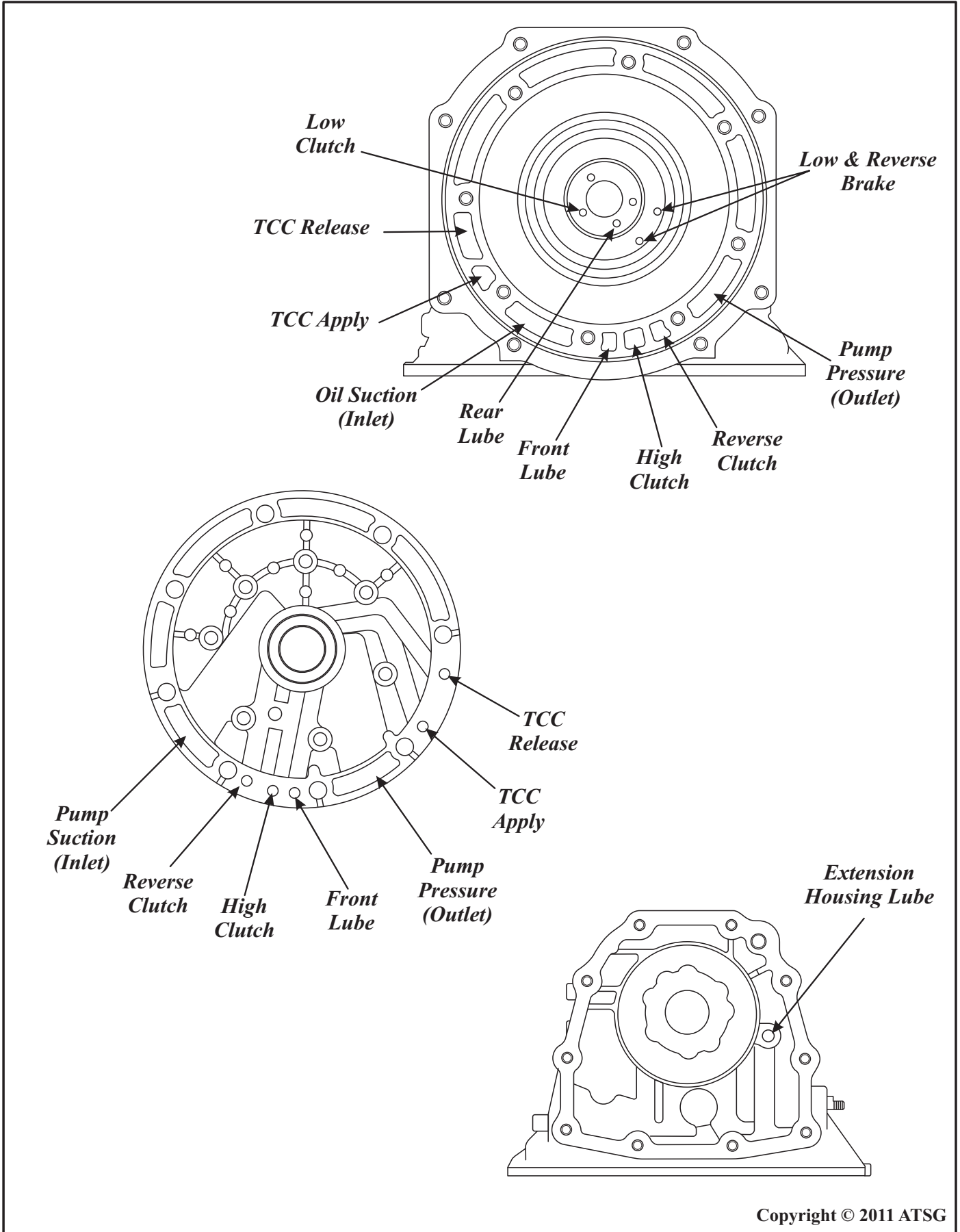
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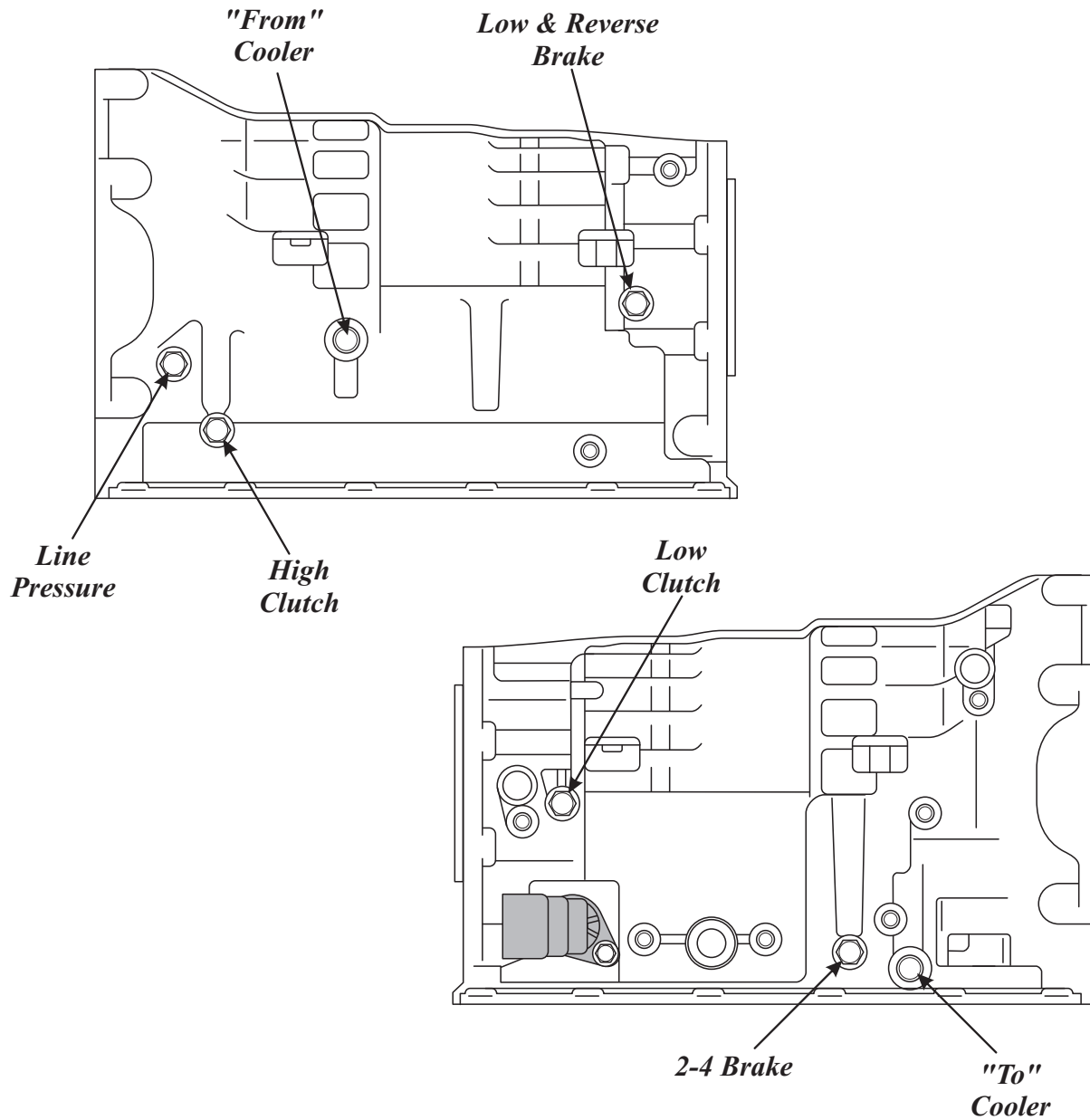


High Clutch Assembly





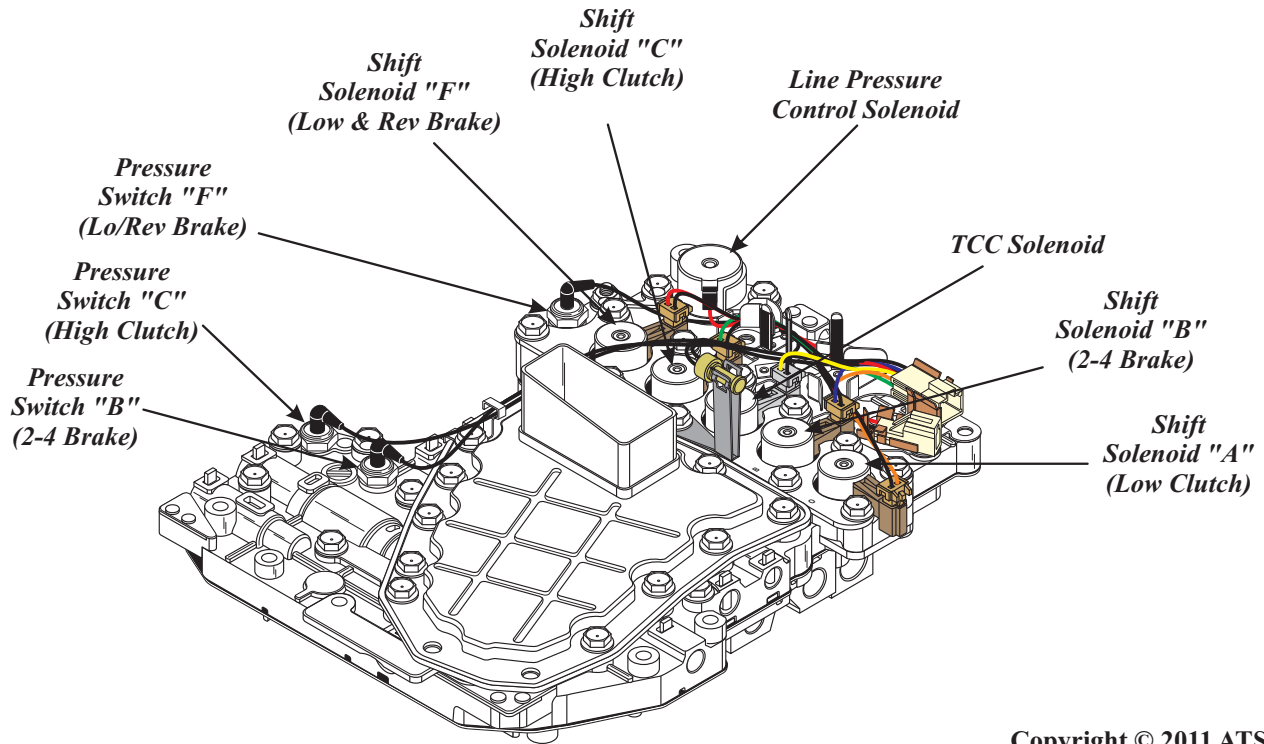




P	Idle	55-84 psi	380-580kPa or 3.9-5.9 kgf/cm ²
R	Idle	55-84 psi	380-580kPa or 3.9-5.9 kgf/cm ²
	Stall	213-247 psi	1,470-1,700 or 15.0-17.3 kgf/cm ²
D, M	Idle	46-65 psi	320-450kPa or 3.3-4.6 kgf/cm ²
	Stall	164-193 psi	1,130-1,330 or 11.5-13.6 kgf/cm ²

Note - Clutch pressure will be the same as line pressure when the clutch is fully engaged.

Solenoid And Switch Location And Identification

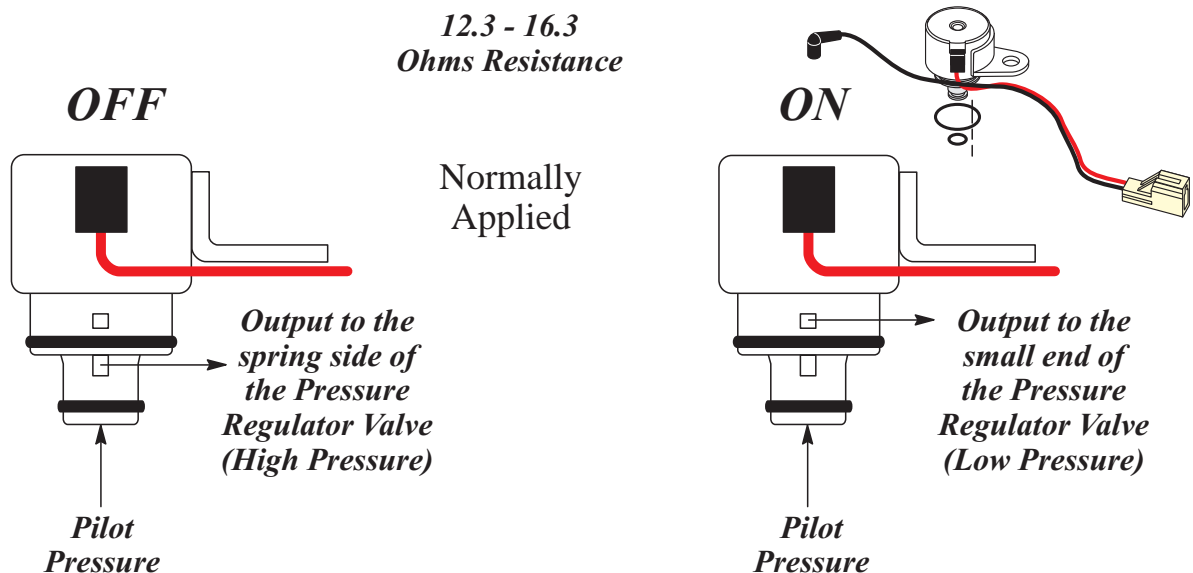


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Figure 14

Line Pressure Control (ON/OFF) Solenoid Functional Check

12.3 - 16.3
Ohms Resistance



Summary: The Pressure Control Solenoid is Normally Applied. When the Solenoid duty cycle is Low, pressure to the spring side of the Pressure Regulator Valve is high, resulting in Higher Line Pressure. When the Solenoid duty cycle is High, pressure to the spring side of the Pressure Regulator Valve is Low, resulting in Lower line pressure.

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Figure 15

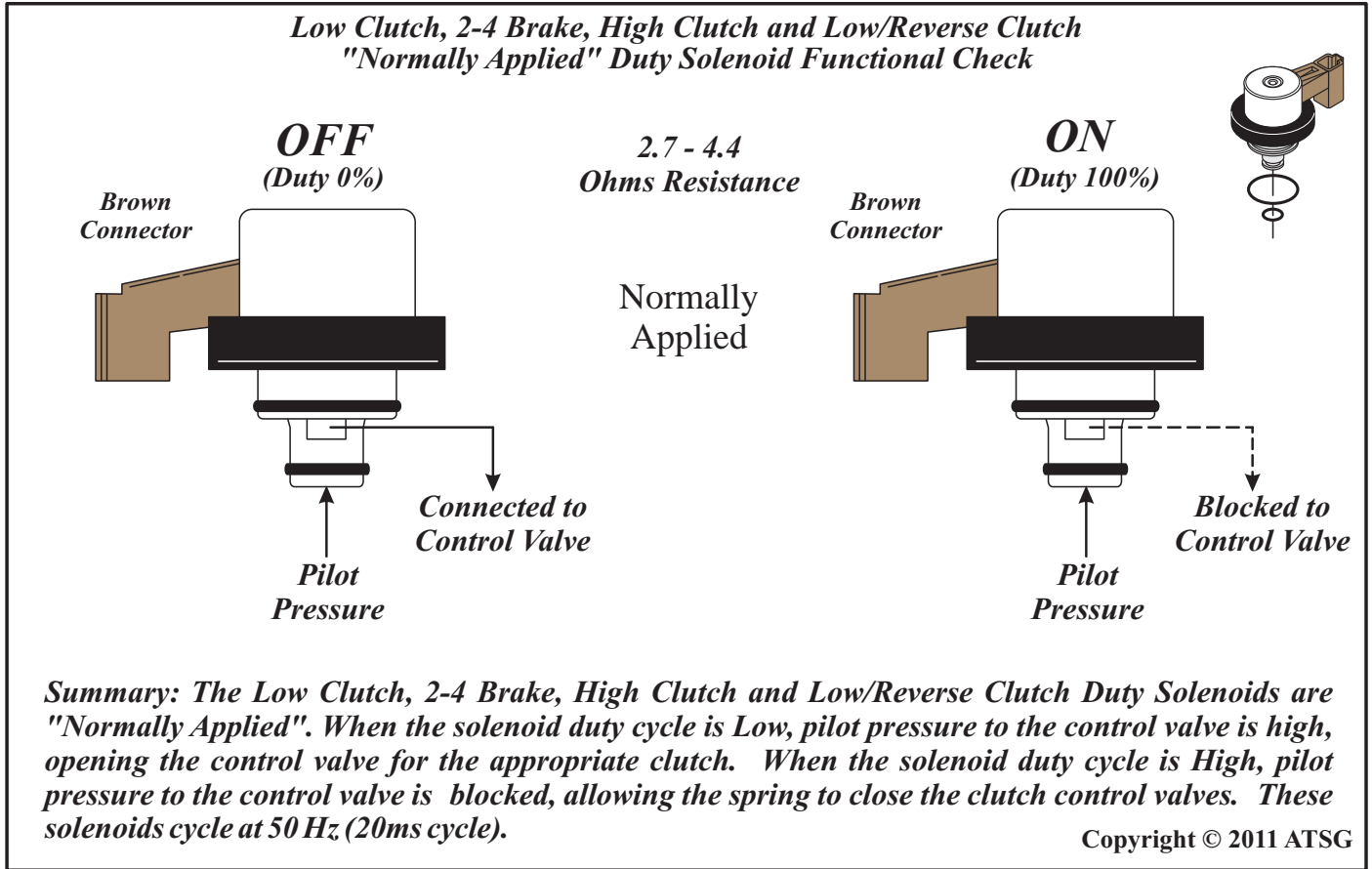


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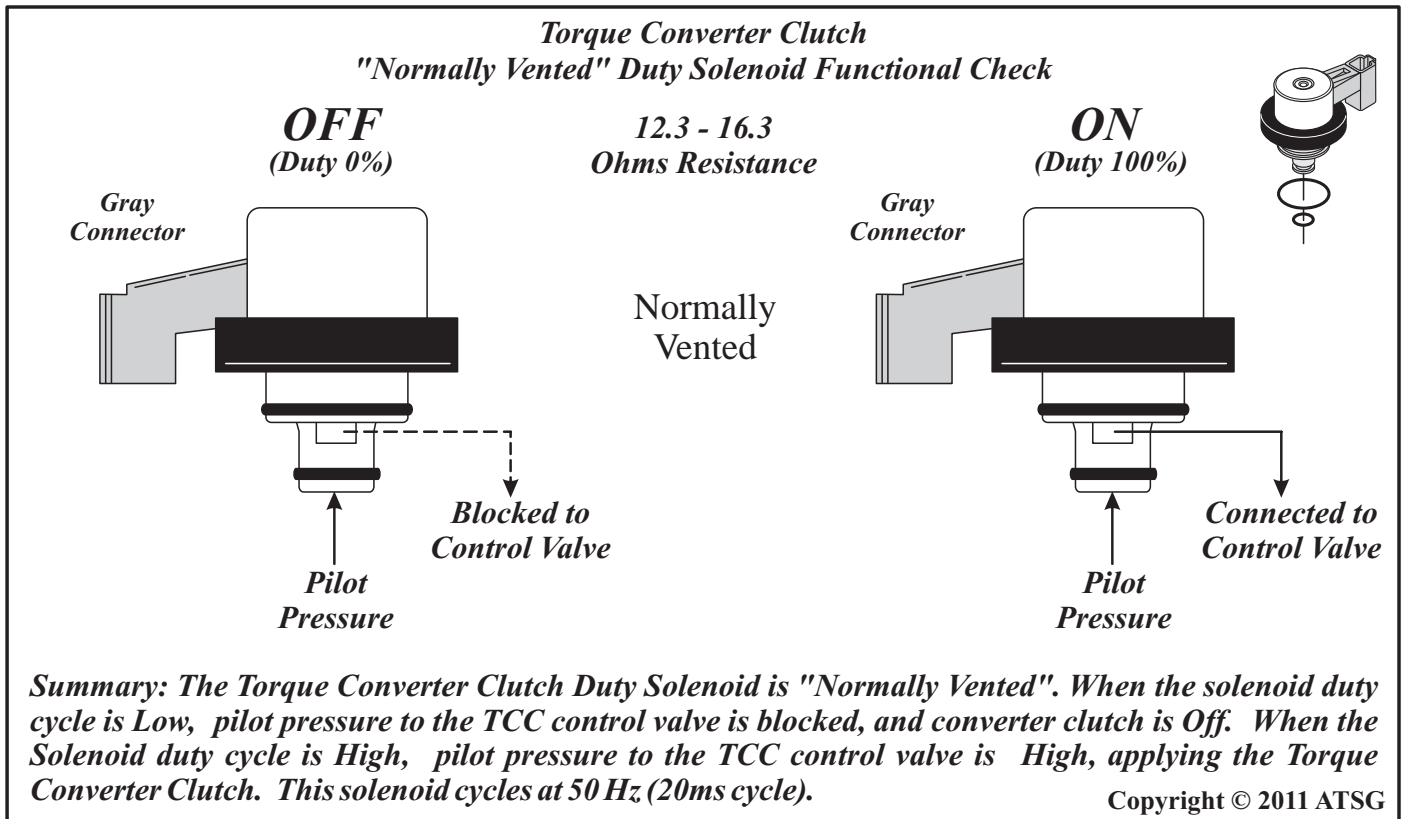
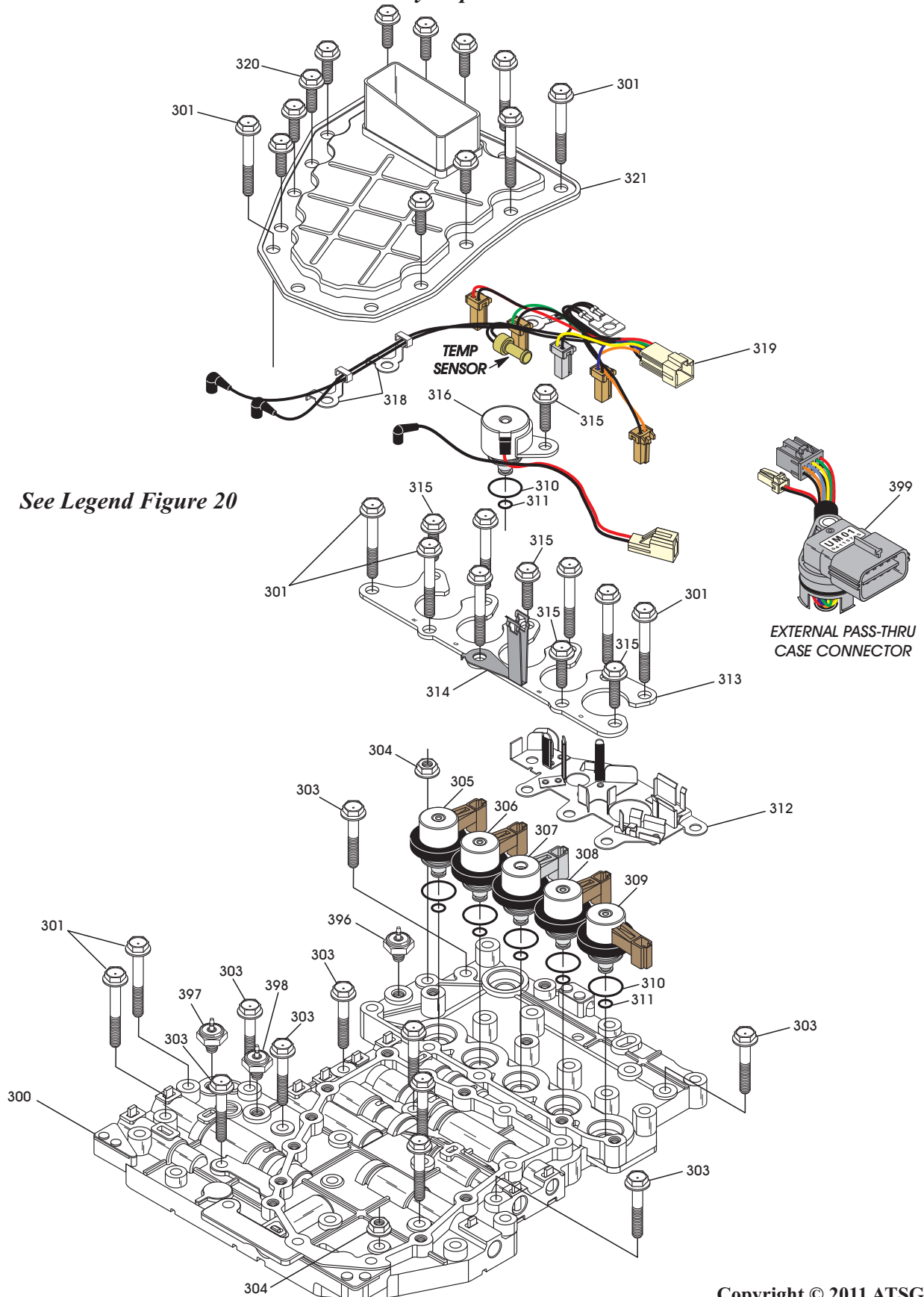
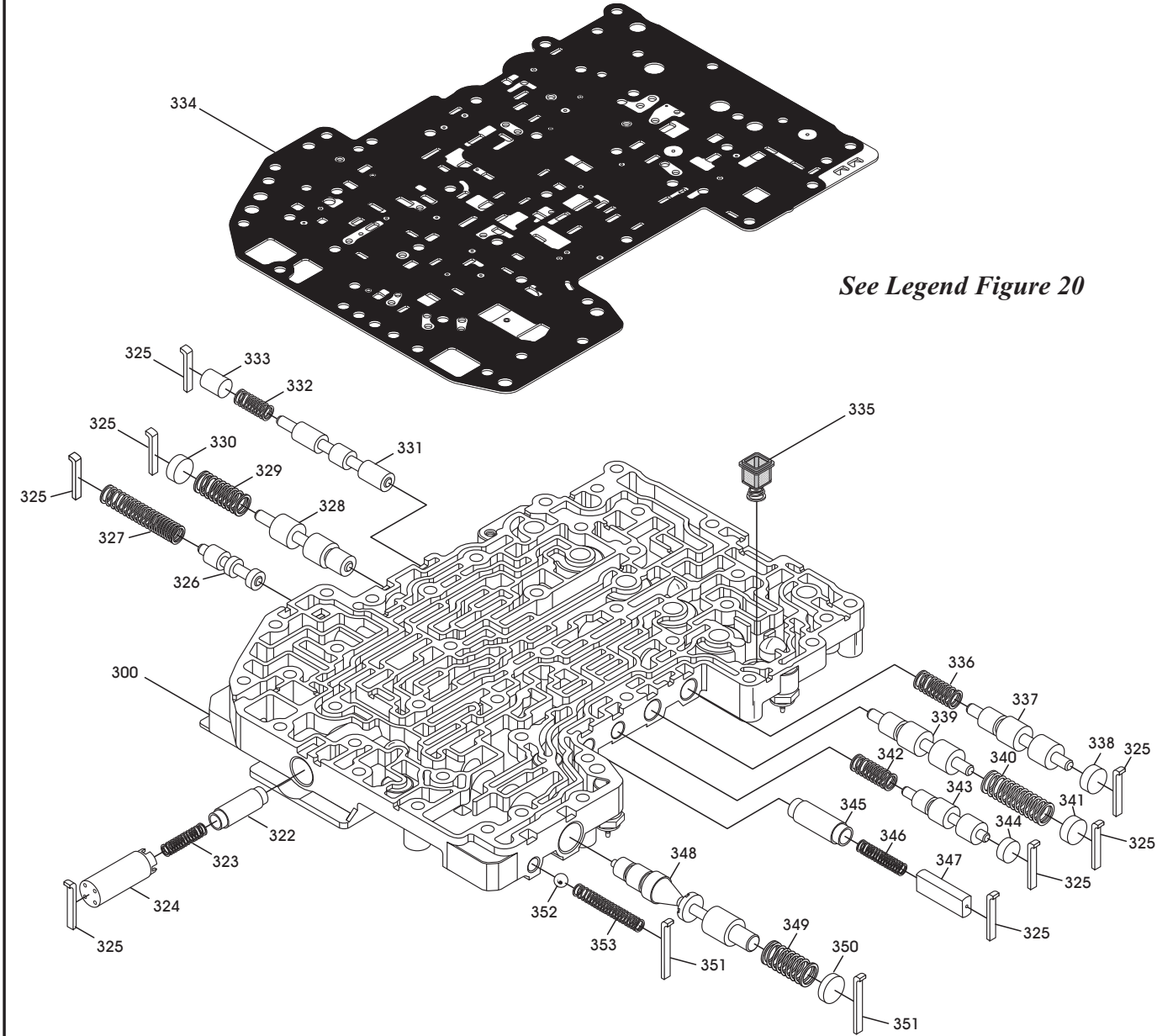


Figure 17

Lower Valve Body Exploded View



Lower Valve Body Exploded View



See Legend Figure 20

Legend For Figures 18, 19, and 22

300 LOWER VALVE BODY CASTING.	354 UPPER VALVE BODY CASTING.
301 VB BOLT, 45 MM (1.771") (2 REQUIRED HERE).	355 MANUAL VALVE GUIDE PIN.
303 VB BOLT, 35 MM (1.378") (13 REQUIRED).	356 MANUAL VALVE.
304 VB NUT FOR 50 MM (1.968") BOLT FROM BOTTOM (2 REQUIRED).	357 SHIFT SOLENOID C ACCUMULATOR VALVE.
305 SHIFT SOLENOID "F", PWM (LOW & REVERSE BRAKE)	358 SHIFT SOLENOID C ACCUMULATOR VALVE SPRING.
306 SHIFT SOLENOID "C", PWM (HIGH CLUTCH).	359 SHIFT SOLENOID C ACCUMULATOR VALVE SLEEVE.
307 TCC SOLENOID, PWM (CONVERTER CLUTCH)	360 HIGH CLUTCH AMPLIFIER VALVE.
308 SHIFT SOLENOID "B", PWM (2-4 BRAKE).	361 HIGH CLUTCH AMPLIFIER VALVE SPRING.
309 SHIFT SOLENOID "A", PWM (LOW CLUTCH).	362 HIGH CLUTCH AMPLIFIER VALVE BORE PLUG.
310 SOLENOID <i>LARGE</i> "O" RING (6 REQUIRED).	363 2-4 CLUTCH AMPLIFIER VALVE.
311 SOLENOID <i>SMALL</i> "O" RING (6 REQUIRED).	364 2-4 CLUTCH AMPLIFIER VALVE SPRING.
312 INTERNAL WIRE HARNESS RETAINING BRACKET.	365 2-4 CLUTCH AMPLIFIER BORE PLUG.
313 SHIFT SOLENOID RETAINING PLATE.	366 TCC CONTROL VALVE.
314 TFT SENSOR RETAINING BRACKET.	367 TCC CONTROL VALVE SPRING.
315 VB BOLT, 16 MM (.630") (5 REQUIRED).	368 TCC BALANCE VALVE.
316 LINE PRESSURE SOLENOID, ON/OFF, & HARNESS ASSEMBLY.	369 TCC BALANCE VALVE SLEEVE.
318 WIRE HARNESS RETAINING BRACKETS (2 REQUIRED).	370 STEEL CHECK BALL, 6.35 MM (.250") DIAMETER).
319 INTERNAL WIRE HARNESS ASSEMBLY.	371 CHECK BALL SPRING.
320 FILTER BOLT, 13.5 MM (.532") (9 REQUIRED).	372 RELAY VALVE (ANODIZED GOLD).
321 OIL FILTER ASSEMBLY.	373 RELAY VALVE SPRING.
322 SHIFT SOLENOID B ACCUMULATOR VALVE.	374 RELAY VALVE BORE PLUG.
323 SHIFT SOLENOID B ACCUMULATOR VALVE SPRING.	375 LOW CLUTCH AMPLIFIER VALVE.
324 SHIFT SOLENOID B ACCUMULATOR VALVE SLEEVE.	376 LOW CLUTCH AMPLIFIER VALVE SPRING.
325 "SHORT" VALVE RETAINER.	377 LOW CLUTCH AMPLIFIER VALVE BORE PLUG.
326 TCC REGULATING VALVE.	378 SHIFT SOLENOID A ACCUMULATOR VALVE.
327 TCC REGULATING VALVE SPRING.	379 SHIFT SOLENOID A ACCUMULATOR VALVE SPRING.
328 LOW CLUTCH TIMING VALVE.	380 SHIFT SOLENOID A ACCUMULATOR VALVE SLEEVE.
329 LOW CLUTCH TIMING VALVE SPRING.	381 SOLENOID MODULATING VALVE.
330 LOW CLUTCH TIMING VALVE BORE PLUG.	382 SOLENOID MODULATING VALVE SPRING.
331 LOW/2-4 SEQUENCE VALVE	383 SHIFT SOLENOID F ACCUMULATOR VALVE.
332 LOW/2-4 SEQUENCE VALVE SPRING.	384 SHIFT SOLENOID F ACCUMULATOR VALVE SPRING.
333 LOW/2-4 SEQUENCE VALVE BORE PLUG.	385 SHIFT SOLENOID F ACCUMULATOR SPACER.
334 VALVE BODY SPACER PLATE.	386 L/R CLUTCH AMPLIFIER VALVE.
335 SPRING LOADED SCREEN ASSEMBLY.	387 L/R CLUTCH AMPLIFIER VALVE SPRING.
336 LOW/REVERSE SWITCH VALVE SPRING.	388 L/R CLUTCH AMPLIFIER BORE PLUG.
337 LOW/REVERSE SWITCH VALVE.	389 L/R AND 2-4 SEQUENCE VALVE SPRING.
338 LOW/REVERSE SWITCH VALVE BORE PLUG.	390 L/R AND 2-4 SEQUENCE VALVE.
339 SEQUENCE REGULATING VALVE.	391 L/R AND 2-4 SEQUENCE VALVE BORE PLUG.
340 SEQUENCE REGULATING VALVE SPRING.	392 2-4 ACCUMULATOR VALVE.
341 SEQUENCE REGULATING VALVE BORE PLUG.	393 2-4 ACCUMULATOR VALVE SPRING.
342 HIGH/LOW-REVERS SEQUENCE VALVE SPRING.	394 "STEEL" CHECK BALL, 5.5 MM (.218") DIAMETER (9 REQUIRED).
343 HIGH/LOW-REVERS SEQUENCE VALVE.	395 "TORLON" BALL IN "BATH-TUB", 5.5 MM (.218") DIAMETER.
344 HIGH/LOW-REVERS SEQUENCE VALVE BORE PLUG.	396 PRESSURE SWITCH "F" (LOW & REVERSE BRAKE CLUTCH).
345 HIGH CLUTCH ACCUMULATOR VALVE.	397 PRESSURE SWITCH "C" (HIGH CLUTCH).
346 HIGH CLUTCH ACCUMULATOR VALVE SPRING.	398 PRESSURE SWITCH "B" (2-4 BRAKE CLUTCH).
347 HIGH CLUTCH ACCUMULATOR SPACER.	399 EXTERNAL CASE CONNECTOR.
348 MAIN PRESSURE REGULATOR VALVE.	
349 MAIN PRESSURE REGULATOR VALVE SPRING.	
350 MAIN PRESSURE REGULATOR VALVE BORE PLUG.	
351 "LONG" VALVE RETAINER.	
352 MAIN LINE PRESSURE "BLOW-OFF" BALL, 6.35 MM (.250").	
353 MAIN LINE PRESSURE "BLOW-OFF" SPRING.	

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Figure 20



Lower Valve Body Spring Specifications

SPRING NUMBER 323
Free Length = 1.045"
Spring Diameter = .255"
Wire Diameter = .037"
Approx Coils = 15 (NONE)

SPRING NUMBER 327
Free Length = 1.920"
Spring Diameter = .366"
Wire Diameter = .062"
Approx Coils = 22 (NONE)

SPECIAL NOTE: Spring No. 327 has the first 13 coils spaced at .036". The remaining 9 are in coil bind and it looks as if it was manufactured that way. Spring came out with coil bound coils next to the valve.

SPRING NUMBER 329
Free Length = 1.030"
Spring Diameter = .430"
Wire Diameter = .019"
Approx Coils = 9 (NONE)

SPRING NUMBER 332
Free Length = .958"
Spring Diameter = .334"
Wire Diameter = .033"
Approx Coils = 9 (NONE)

SPRING NUMBER 336
Free Length = .765"
Spring Diameter = .307"
Wire Diameter = .019"
Approx Coils = 9 (NONE)

SPRING NUMBER 340
Free Length = .890"
Spring Diameter = .430"
Wire Diameter = .019"
Approx Coils = 15 (NONE)

SPRING NUMBER 342
Free Length = .850"
Spring Diameter = .270"
Wire Diameter = .022"
Approx Coils = 12 (NONE)

SPRING NUMBER 346
Free Length = 1.198"
Spring Diameter = .252"
Wire Diameter = .042"
Approx Coils = 17 (NONE)

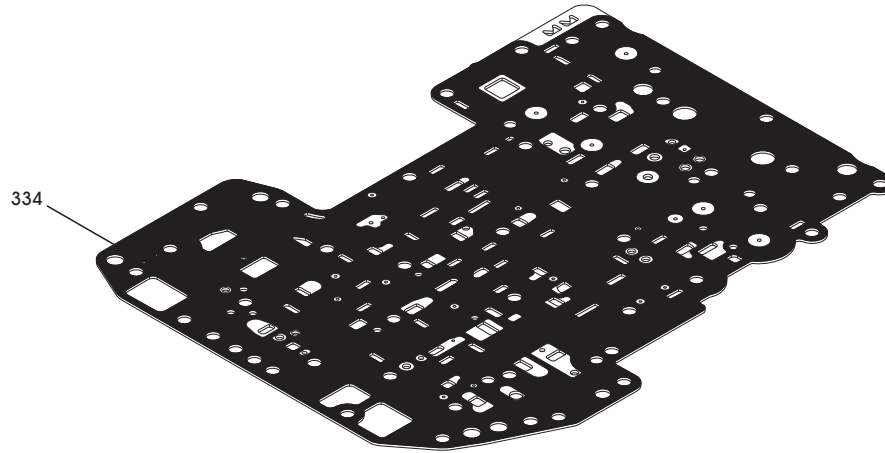
SPRING NUMBER 349
Free Length = 1.200"
Spring Diameter = .550"
Wire Diameter = .055"
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SPRING NUMBER 352
Free Length = 1.870"
Spring Diameter = .299"
Wire Diameter = .043"
Approx Coils = 19 (NONE)

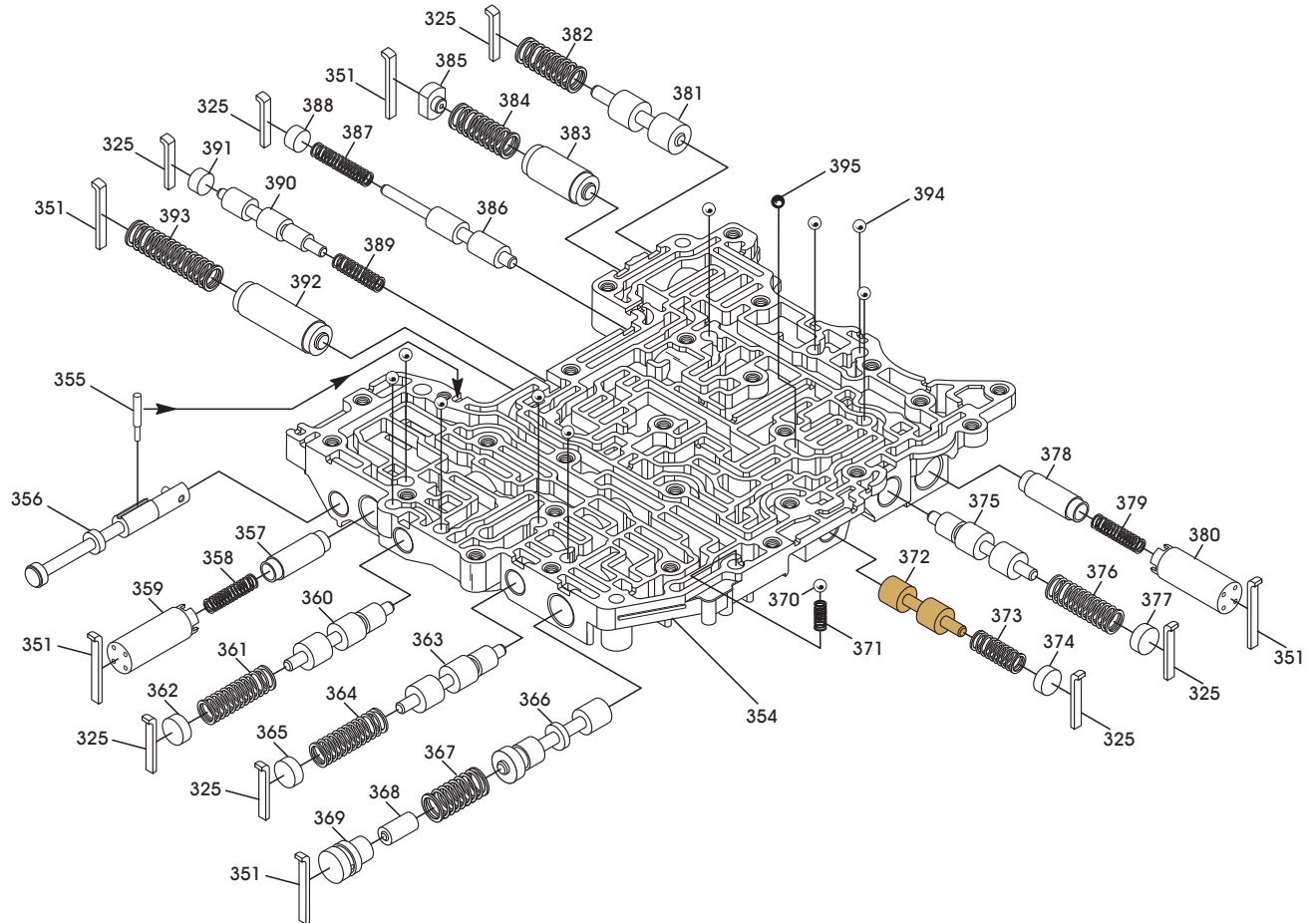
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Figure 21

Upper Valve Body Exploded View



See Legend Figure 20



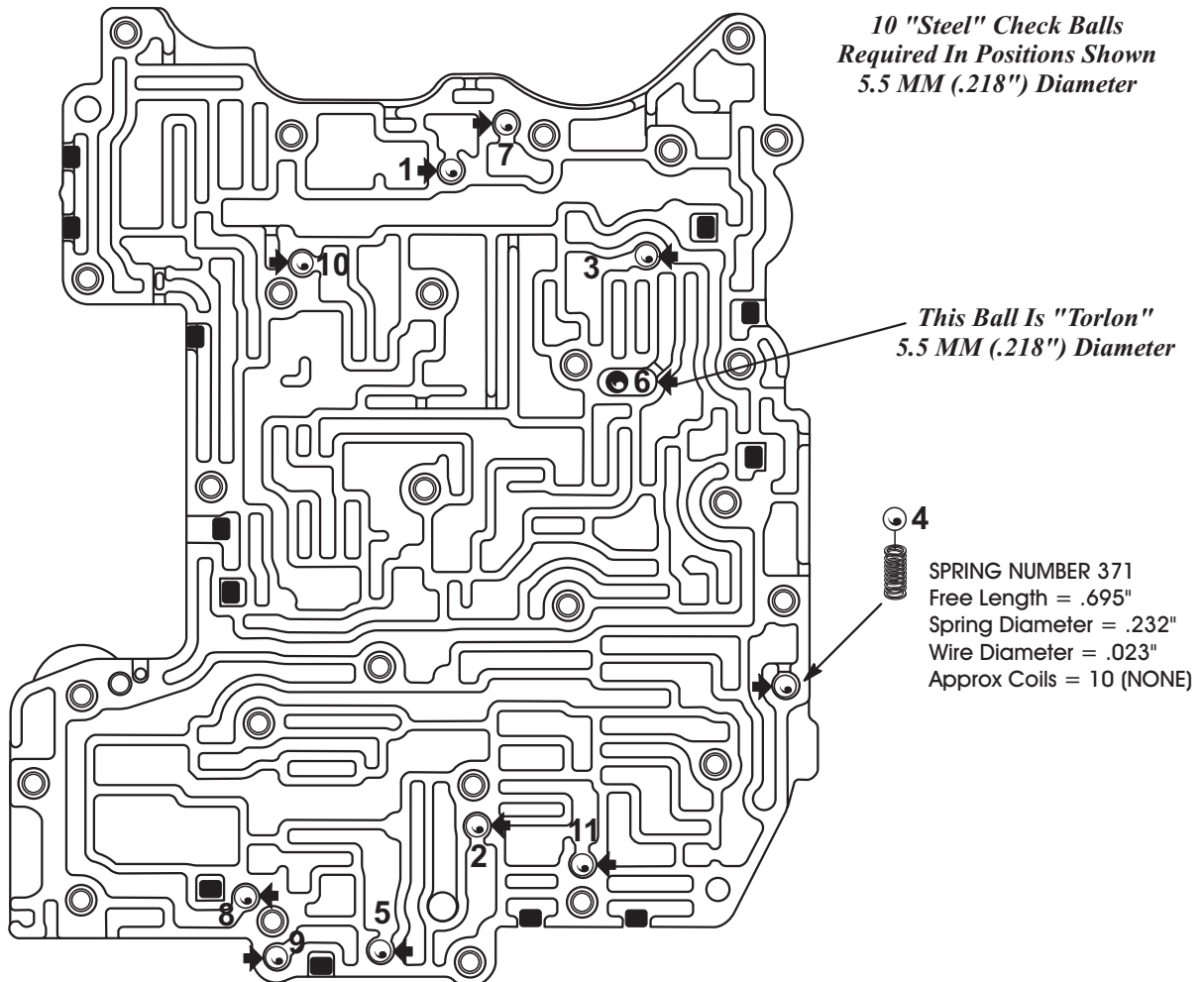
Upper Valve Body Spring Specifications

SPRING NUMBER 358 Free Length = 1.045" Spring Diameter = .255" Wire Diameter = .037" Approx Coils = 15 (NONE)	SPRING NUMBER 361 Free Length = .890" Spring Diameter = .430" Wire Diameter = .019" Approx Coils = 15 (NONE)	SPRING NUMBER 364 Free Length = .890" Spring Diameter = .430" Wire Diameter = .019" Approx Coils = 15 (NONE)	SPRING NUMBER 367 Free Length = 1.045" Spring Diameter = .548" Wire Diameter = .042" Approx Coils = 8 (NONE)
SPRING NUMBER 373 Free Length = .958" Spring Diameter = .334" Wire Diameter = .033" Approx Coils = 9 (NONE)	SPRING NUMBER 376 Free Length = .890" Spring Diameter = .430" Wire Diameter = .019" Approx Coils = 15 (NONE)	SPRING NUMBER 379 Free Length = 1.045" Spring Diameter = .255" Wire Diameter = .037" Approx Coils = 15 (NONE)	SPRING NUMBER 382 Free Length = 1.250" Spring Diameter = .425" Wire Diameter = .051" Approx Coils = 11 (NONE)
SPRING NUMBER 384 Free Length = 1.000" Spring Diameter = .386" Wire Diameter = .058" Approx Coils = 10 (NONE)	SPRING NUMBER 387 Free Length = 1.230" Spring Diameter = .272" Wire Diameter = .038" Approx Coils = 14 (NONE)	SPRING NUMBER 389 Free Length = .850" Spring Diameter = .271" Wire Diameter = .023" Approx Coils = 12 (NONE)	SPRING NUMBER 393 Free Length = 1.722" Spring Diameter = .431" Wire Diameter = .079" Approx Coils = 15 (NONE)

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Figure 23

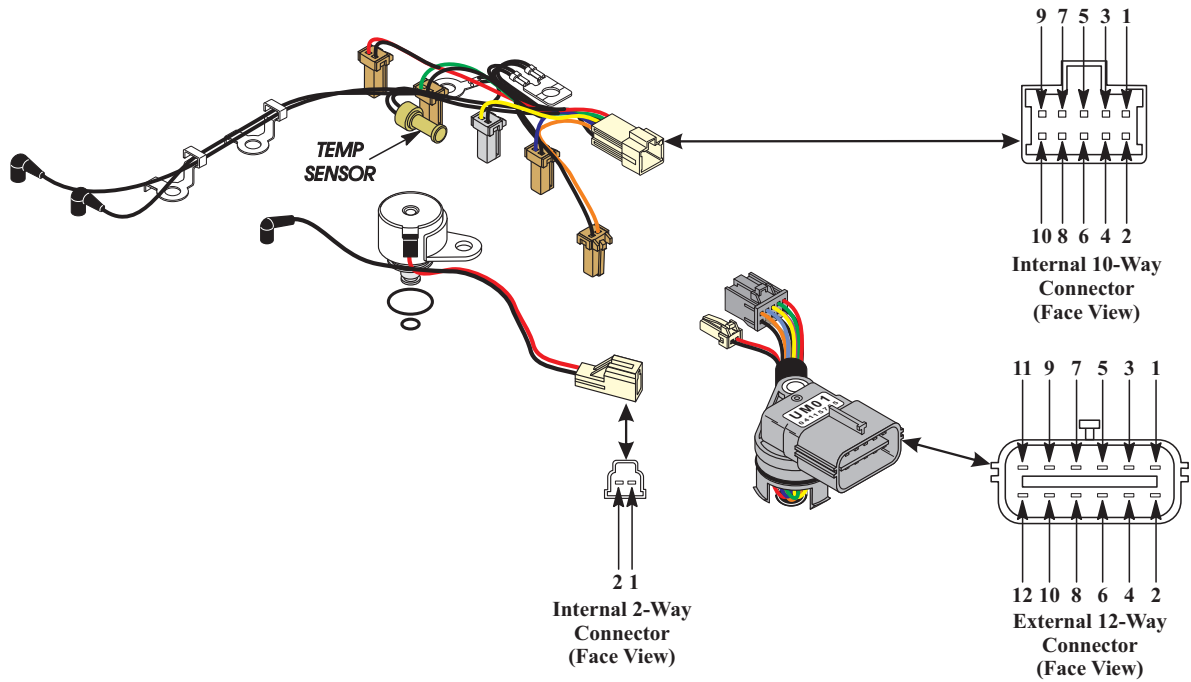
CHECK BALL LOCATIONS



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Figure 24

Mazda RX8 RC4A-EL Connector And Terminal Identification



EXTERNAL 12-WAY CONNECTOR TERMINAL ID AND FUNCTION

Term No.	Circuit Function	Internal Wire Color
1 (A)	Pressure Switch "C", Detects oil pressure applied to High Clutch	Gray
2 (B)	Pressure Switch "B", Detects oil pressure applied to 2-4 Brake Clutch	Tan
3 (C)	Transmission Fluid Temperature (TFT) Sensor	Black
4 (D)	Transmission Fluid Temperature (TFT) Sensor	White
5 (E)	Shift Solenoid "A" Control (Low Clutch control)	Orange
6 (F)	Shift Solenoid "B" Control (2-4 Brake Clutch control)	Blue
7 (G)	Torque Converter Clutch (TCC) Solenoid Control	Yellow
8 (H)	Shift Solenoid "C" Control (High Clutch control)	Green
9 (I)	Shift Solenoid "F" Control (Low & Reverse Brake Clutch control)	Red
10 (J)	Ground Supply	Black
11 (K)	Voltage to Line Pressure Solenoid (Sets High or Low Line, depending on solenoid ON or OFF)	Red
12 (L)	Pressure Switch "F", Detects oil pressure to Low & Reverse Brake Clutch	White

5 & 10	Shift Solenoid A	2.7 - 4.4 ohms
6 & 10	Shift Solenoid B	2.7 - 4.4 ohms
7 & 10	TCC Solenoid	12.1 - 16.0 ohms
8 & 10	Shift Solenoid C	2.7 - 4.4 ohms
9 & 10	Shift Solenoid F	2.7 - 4.4 ohms
11 & 10	Pressure Control Solenoid	12.3 - 16.3 ohms

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<i>Internal 10-Way Connector Terminal ID and Function</i>		
<i>Term No.</i>	<i>Circuit Function</i>	<i>Internal Wire Color</i>
1	Shift Solenoid "F" (Low & Reverse Brake Clutch control)	Red
2	Transmission Fluid Temperature (TFT) Sensor	White
3	Shift Solenoid "C" (High Clutch control)	Green
4	Transmission Fluid Temperature (TFT) Sensor	Black
5	Torque Converter Clutch (TCC) Solenoid Control	Yellow
6	Pressure Switch "C", Detects oil pressure applied to High Clutch	Gray
7	Shift Solenoid "B" (2-4 Brake Clutch control)	Blue
8	Pressure Switch "B", Detects oil pressure applied to 2-4 Brake Clutch	Tan
9	Shift Solenoid "A" (Low Clutch control)	Orange
10	Ground Supply	White

Figure 26

<i>INTERNAL 2-WAY CONNECTOR TERMINAL ID AND FUNCTION</i>		
<i>Term No.</i>	<i>Circuit Function</i>	<i>Internal Wire Color</i>
1	Voltage to Line Pressure Solenoid (Sets High or Low Line, depending on solenoid ON or OFF)	Red
2	Pressure Switch "F", Detects oil pressure to Low & Reverse Brake Clutch	White

Figure 27

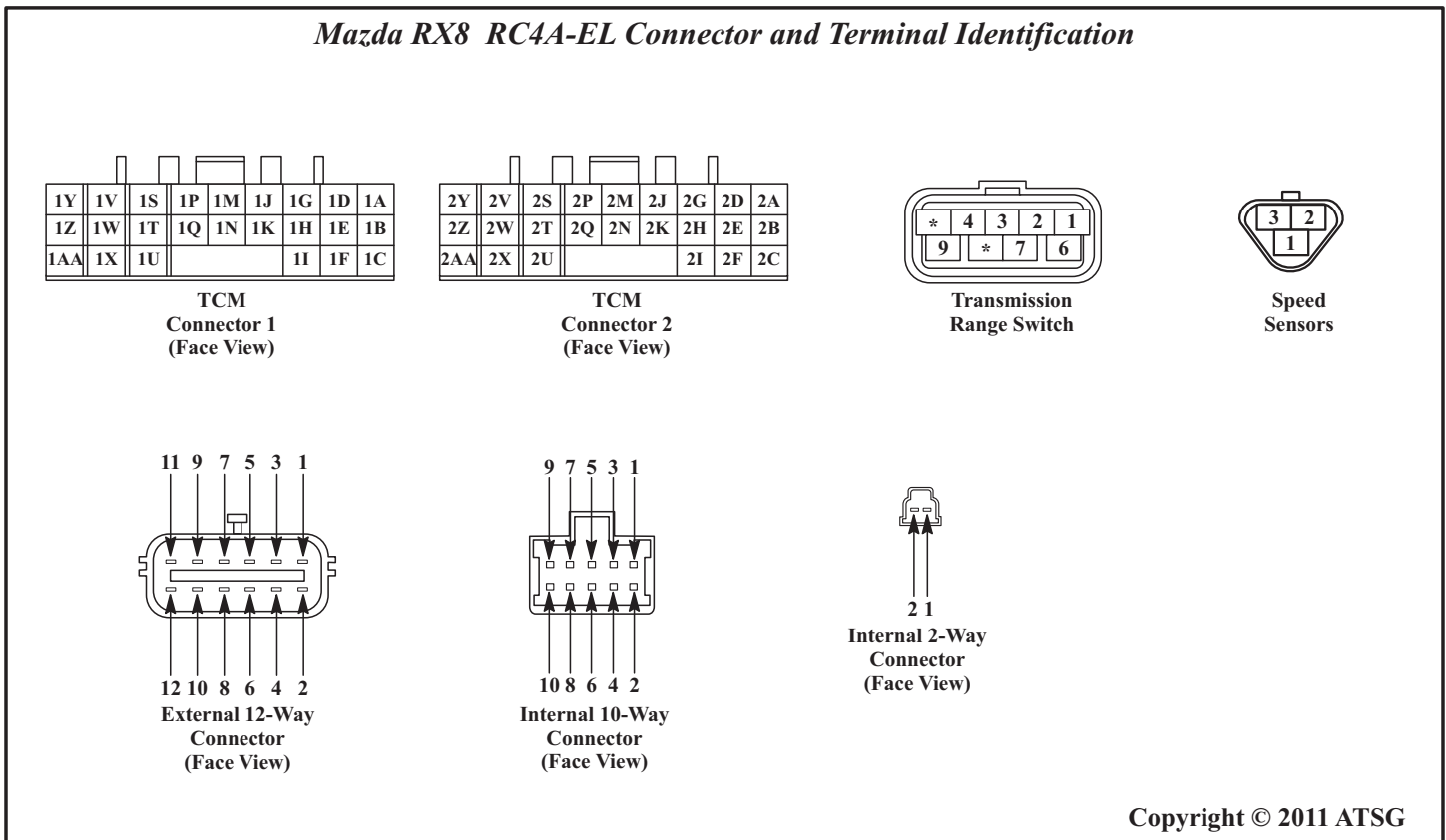
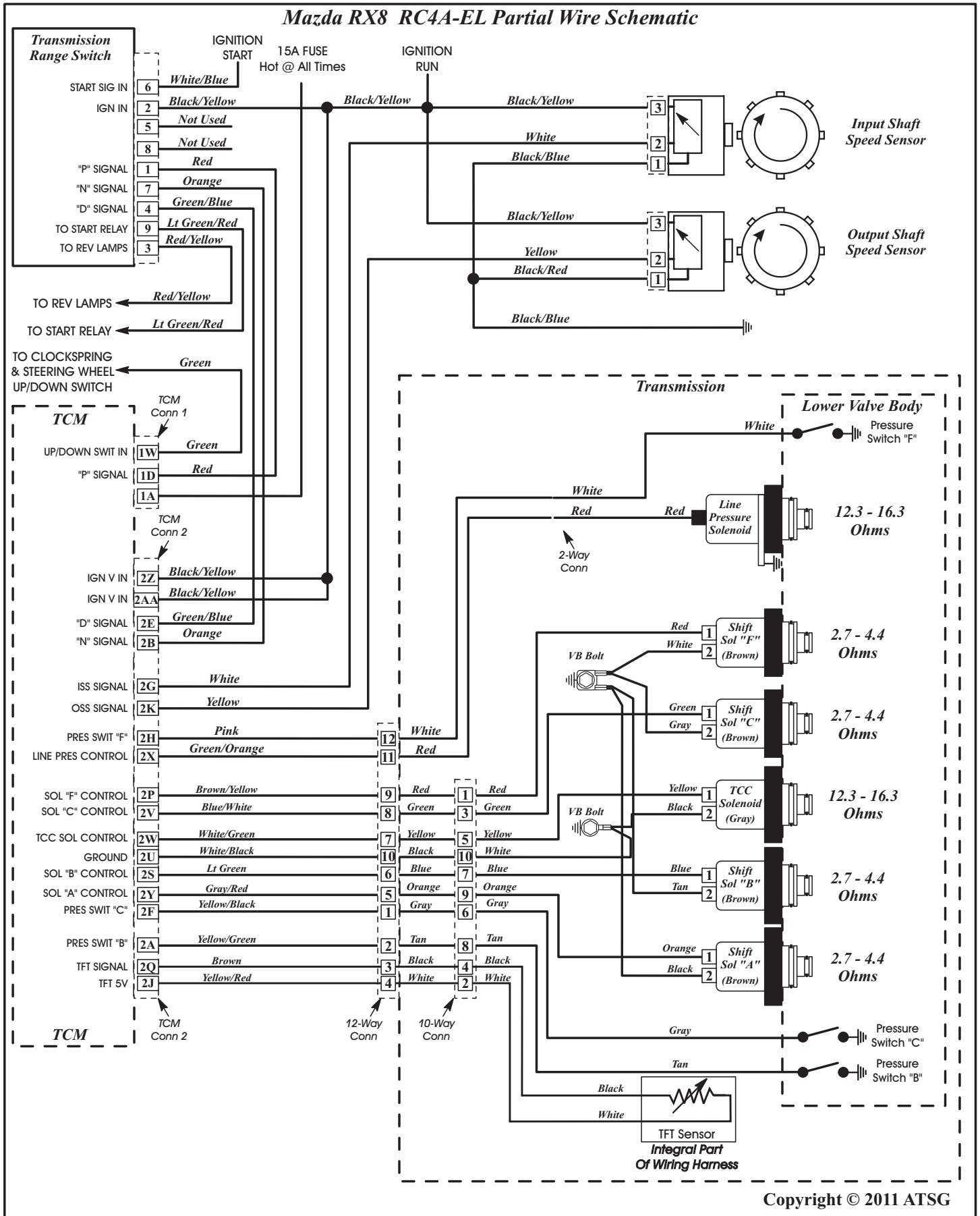
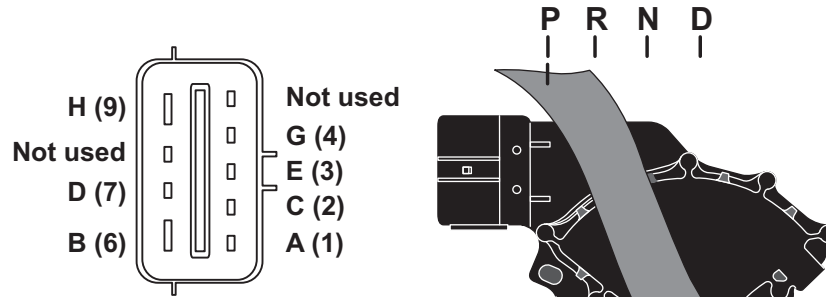


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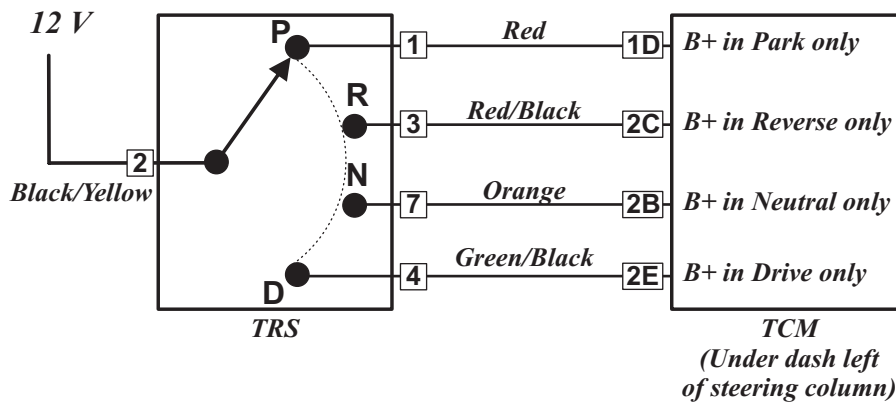
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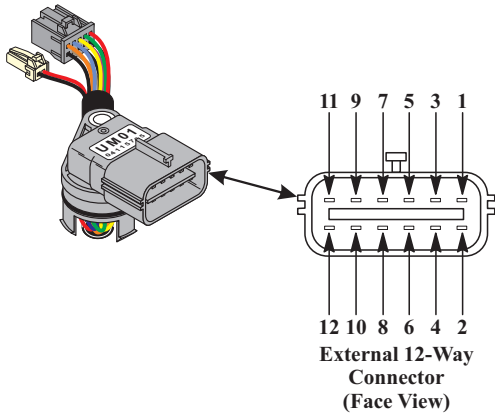
Align the square notch in the TRS lever with the square notch in the case. This is the Neutral position. Adjust the TRS sensor to read Neutral: continuity between C & D then tighten switch to case.

Continuity Check Chart

Position/ Range	Terminal								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
P		○						○	
R	○		○		○				
N		○						○	
D			○	○				○	



Transmission Fluid Temperature Sensor (TFT)

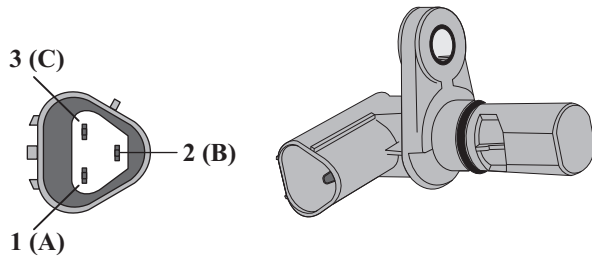


Terminals 3 & 4

ATF temperature F° (°C)	Resistance (kilohm)
-4 (-20)	15.87-17.54
32 (0)	5.727-6.320
68 (20)	2.375-2.625
104 (40)	1.102-1.218
140 (60)	0.561-0.620
176 (80)	0.308-0.341
212 (100)	0.181-0.200
248 (120)	0.112-0.123
266 (130)	0.089-0.099

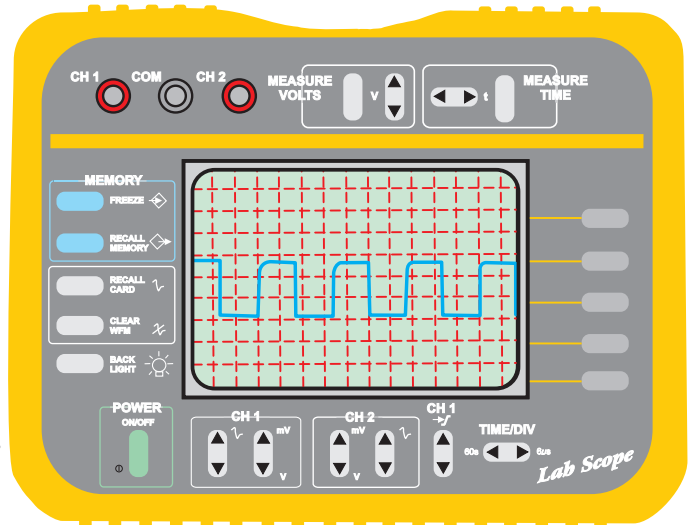
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Turbine Speed Sensor (TSS) and Vehicle Speed Sensor (VSS)

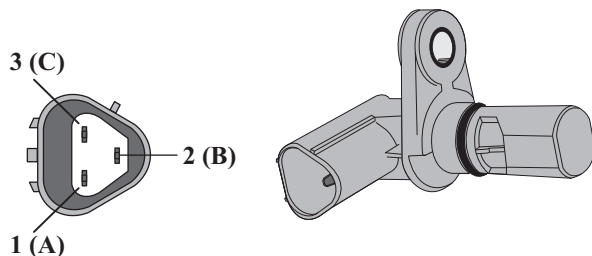


5V division set at 250 microseconds example shown in M range, 1st gear at 20 km/h (12 mph). The TSS reads a 32 lug corrugated High/Reverse clutch drum. 1 (A) = 12v supply, 2 (B) = Ground, 3 (C) = 5v pulse

Signal sent to terminal 2G in TCM

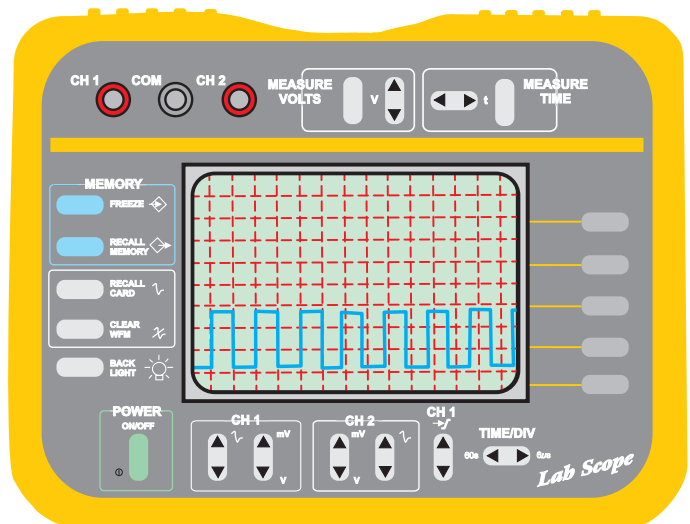


VSS



5V division set at 2.5 milliseconds example shown in M range, 1st gear at 20 km/h (12 mph). The VSS reads a 16 lug parking gear. 1 (A) = 12v supply, 2 (B) = Ground, 3 (C) = 5v pulse

Signal sent to terminal 2K in TCM





Transmission Related Diagnostic Trouble Codes

P0705	Switch Circuit Malfunction (Short to Power)
P0706	TR Switch Circuit Malfunction (Open Circuit/Short to Ground)
P0707	M Switch, Up Switch or Down Switch Circuit Malfunction (Open Circuit/Short to Ground)
P0711	TFT Sensor Malfunction (Stuck)
P0712	TFT Sensor Circuit Malfunction (Short to Ground)
P0713	TFT Sensor Circuit Malfunction (Open Circuit/Short to Power Supply)
P0715	TSS Circuit Malfunction
P0720	VSS Malfunction (Open Circuit/Short to Ground)
P0731	Incorrect 1 st Gear Ratio
P0732	Incorrect 2 nd Gear Ratio
P0733	Incorrect 3 rd Gear Ratio
P0734	Incorrect 4 th Gear Ratio
P0740	TCC System Malfunction (Mechanical/Hydraulic Fault)
P0743	TCC Solenoid Circuit Malfunction (Open/Short to Ground or Power)
P0748	PC Solenoid Circuit Malfunction (Open/Short to Ground or Power)
P0751	Shift Solenoid A Malfunction (Stuck Off)
P0753	Shift Solenoid A Circuit Malfunction (Open/Short to Ground or Power)
P0758	Shift Solenoid F Circuit Malfunction (Open/Short to Ground or Power)
P0761	Shift Solenoid C Malfunction (Stuck Off)
P0762	Shift Solenoid C Malfunction (Stuck On)
P0763	Shift Solenoid B Circuit Malfunction (Open/Short to Ground or Power)

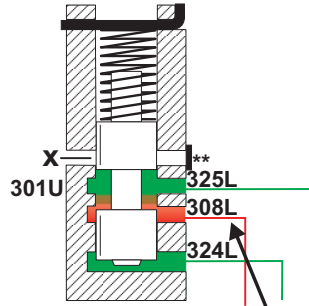


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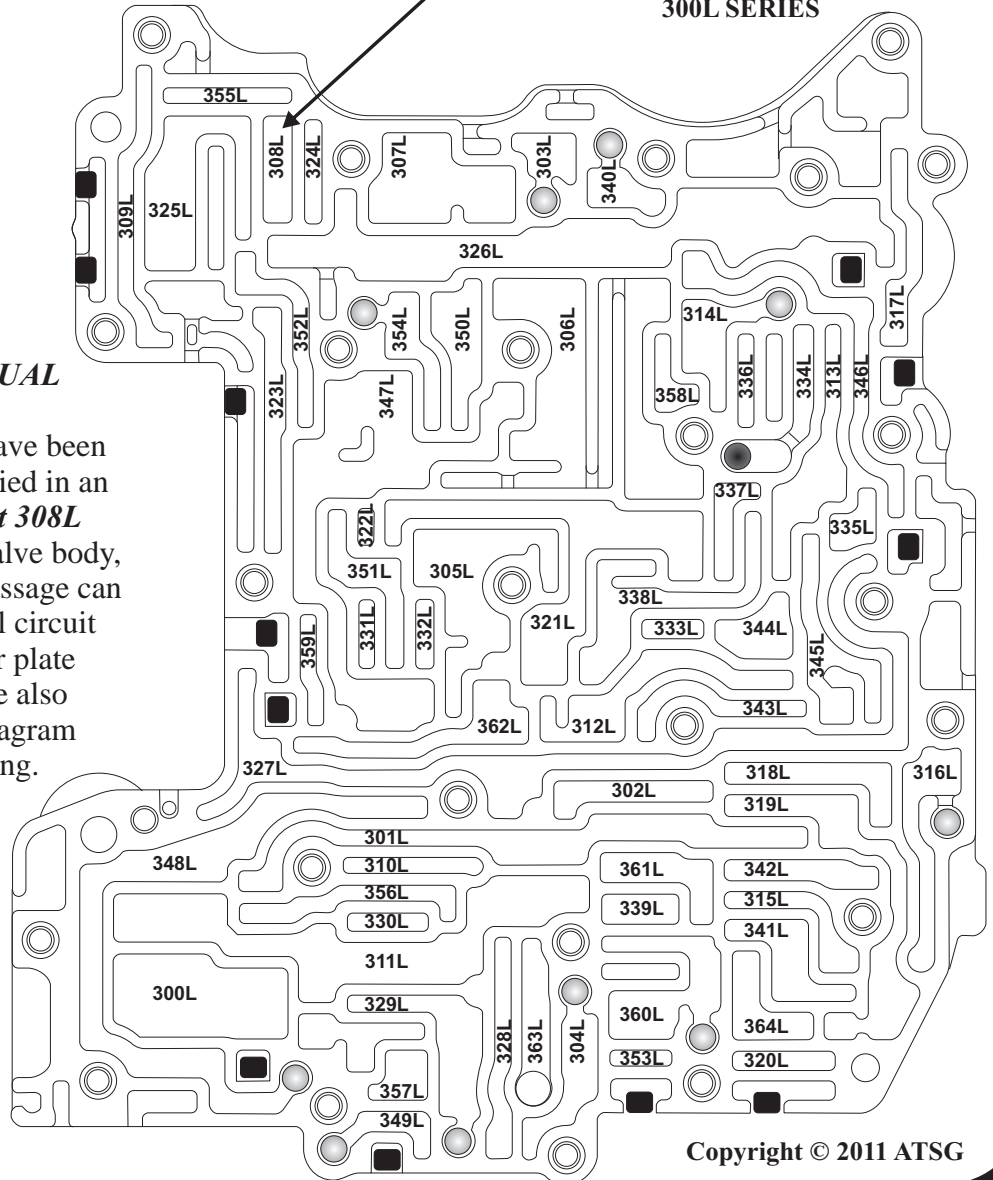
P0766	Shift Solenoid C Malfunction (Stuck Off)
P0767	Shift Solenoid C Malfunction (Stuck On)
P0768	Shift Solenoid C Circuit Malfunction (Open/Short to Ground or Power)
P0841	Oil Pressure Switch B Circuit Malfunction
P0846	Oil Pressure Switch C Circuit Malfunction
P0850	Neutral Switch Input Circuit Problem
P0871	Oil Pressure Switch F Circuit Malfunction
P0882	TCM B+ Low (Terminal 1A from 15 amp fuse)
P0960	GND Return Circuit Malfunction
P1759	2-4 Brake Amplifier (Failsafe) Valve Malfunction – may be a defective pressure switch B
P1764	L/R Brake Amplifier (Failsafe) Valve Malfunction – may be a defective pressure switch F

VALVE BODY MAPPING RC4A-EL

PARTIAL HYDRAULIC SCHEMATIC FOR PILOT VALVE



**UPPER VALVE BODY LOWER SIDE
(SAME ON ALL CASTINGS)
300L SERIES**

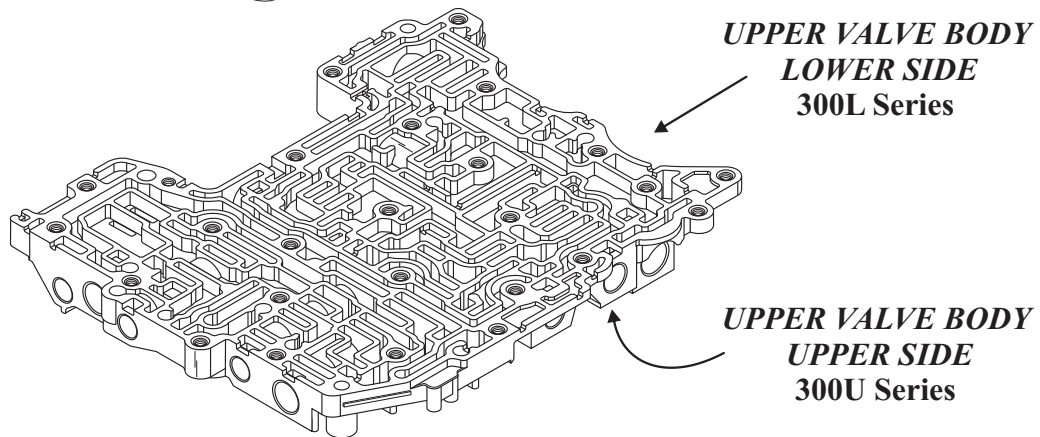
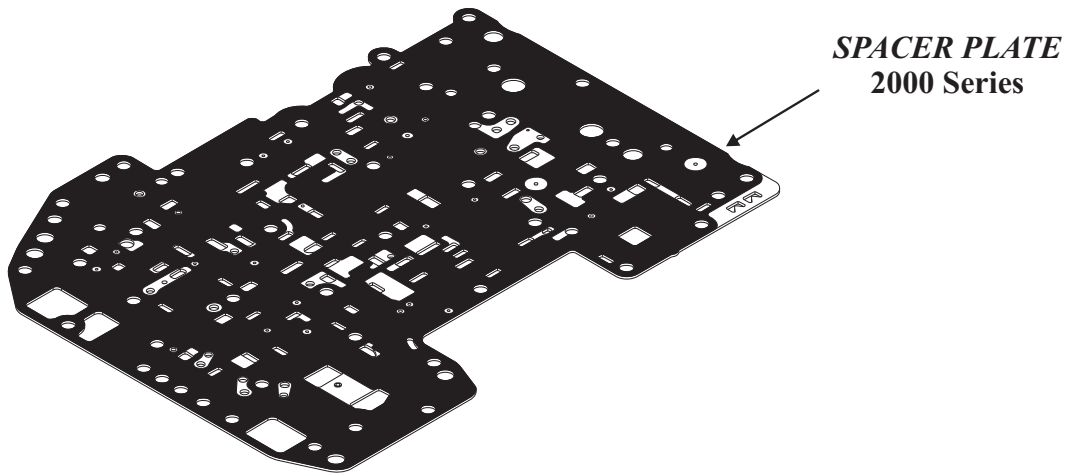
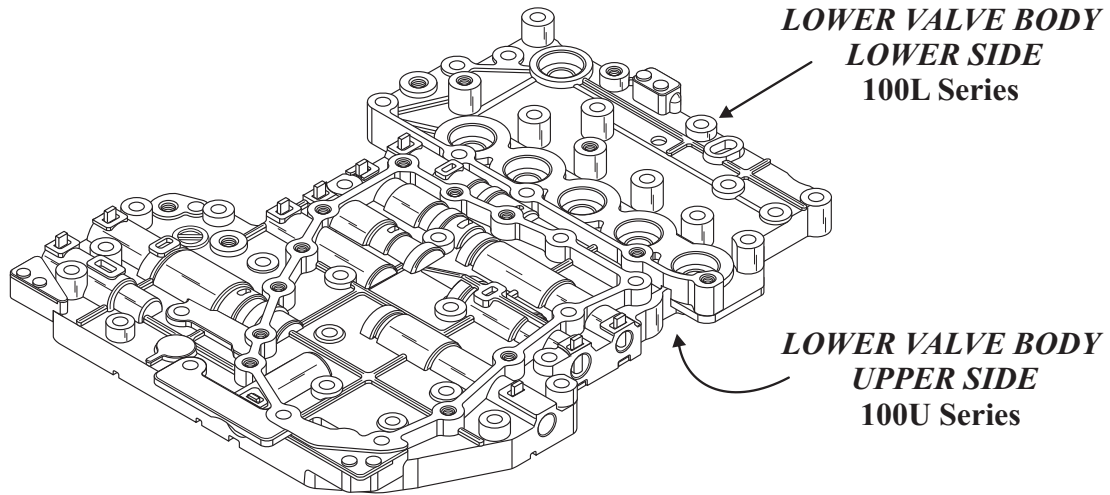


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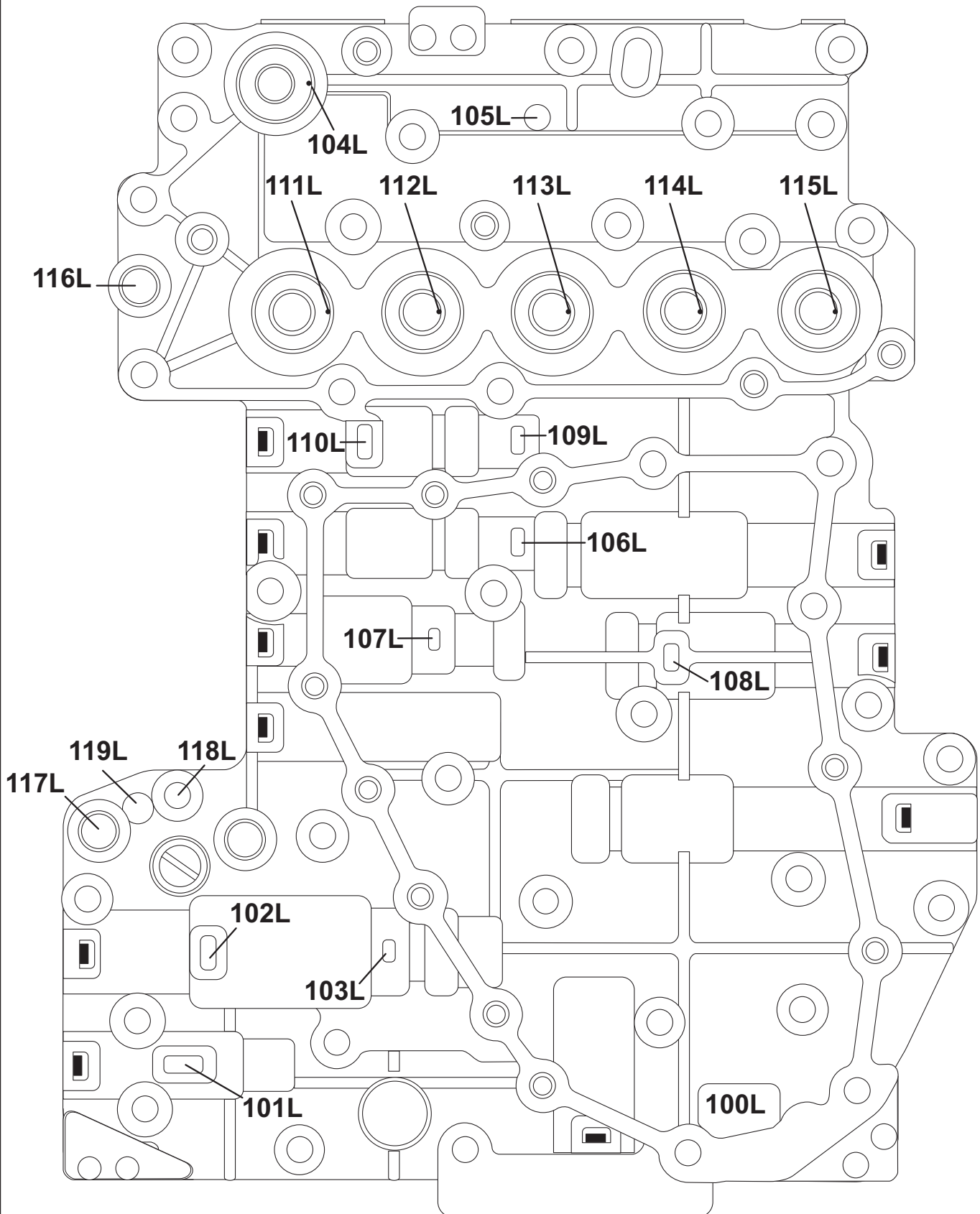
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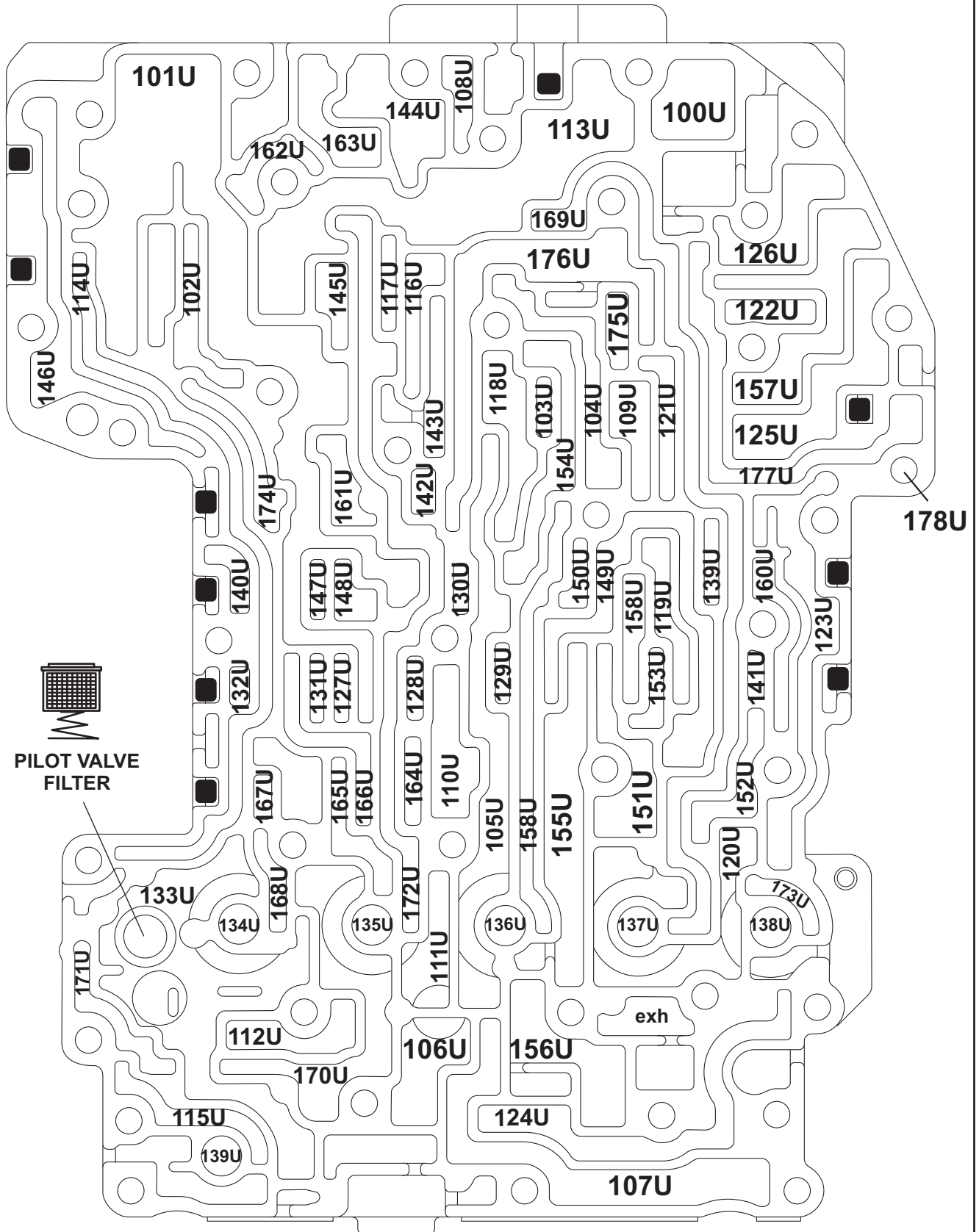
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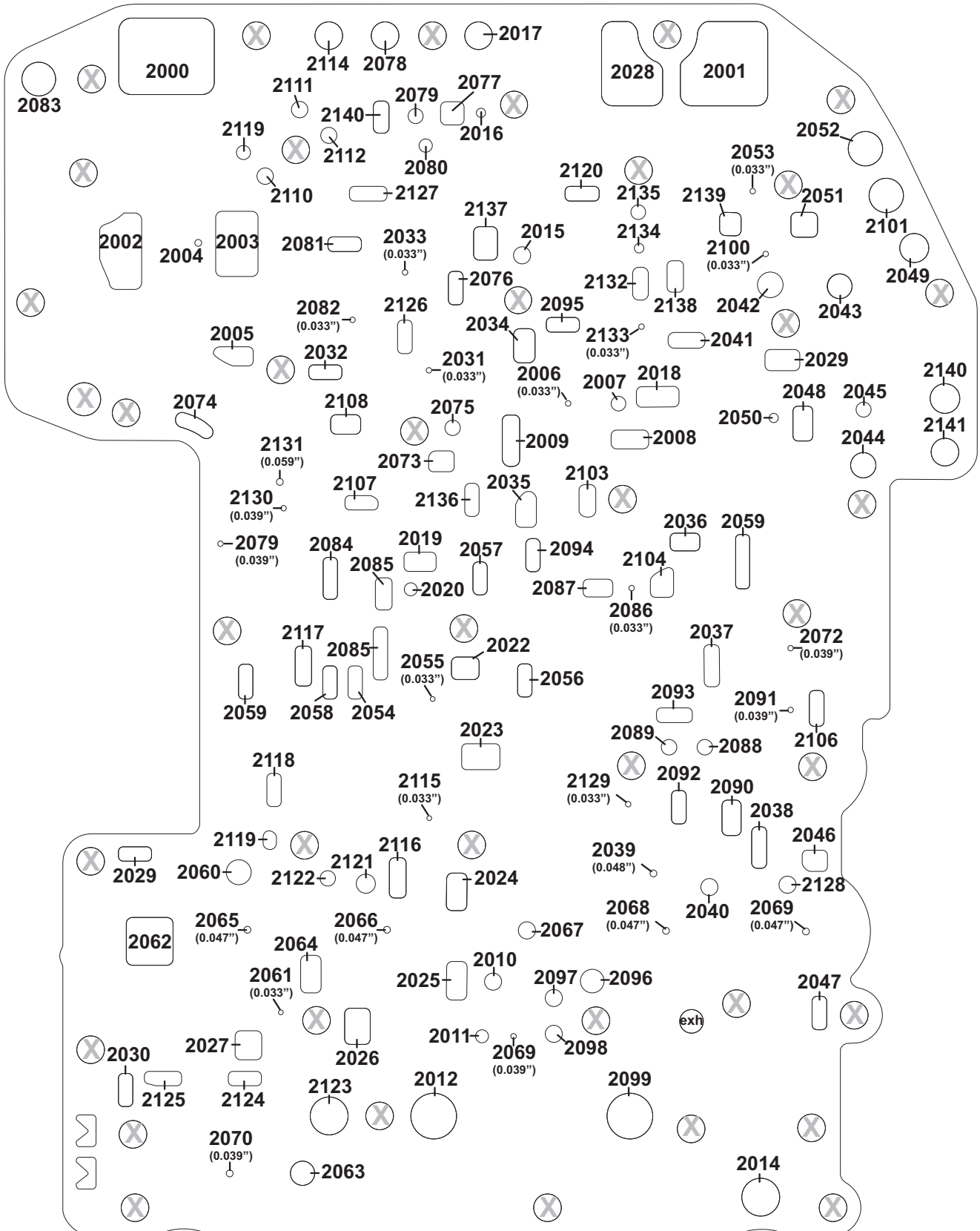


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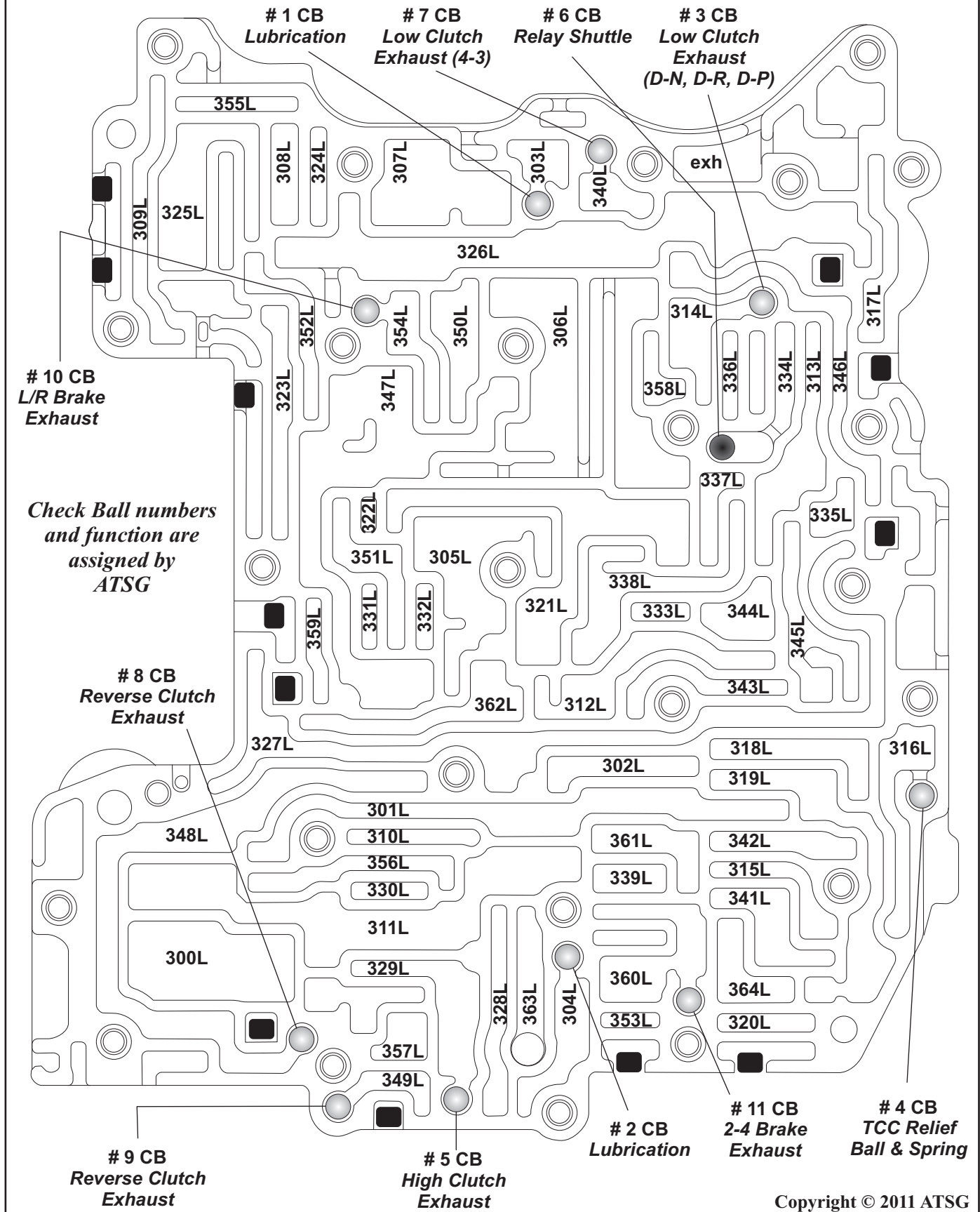


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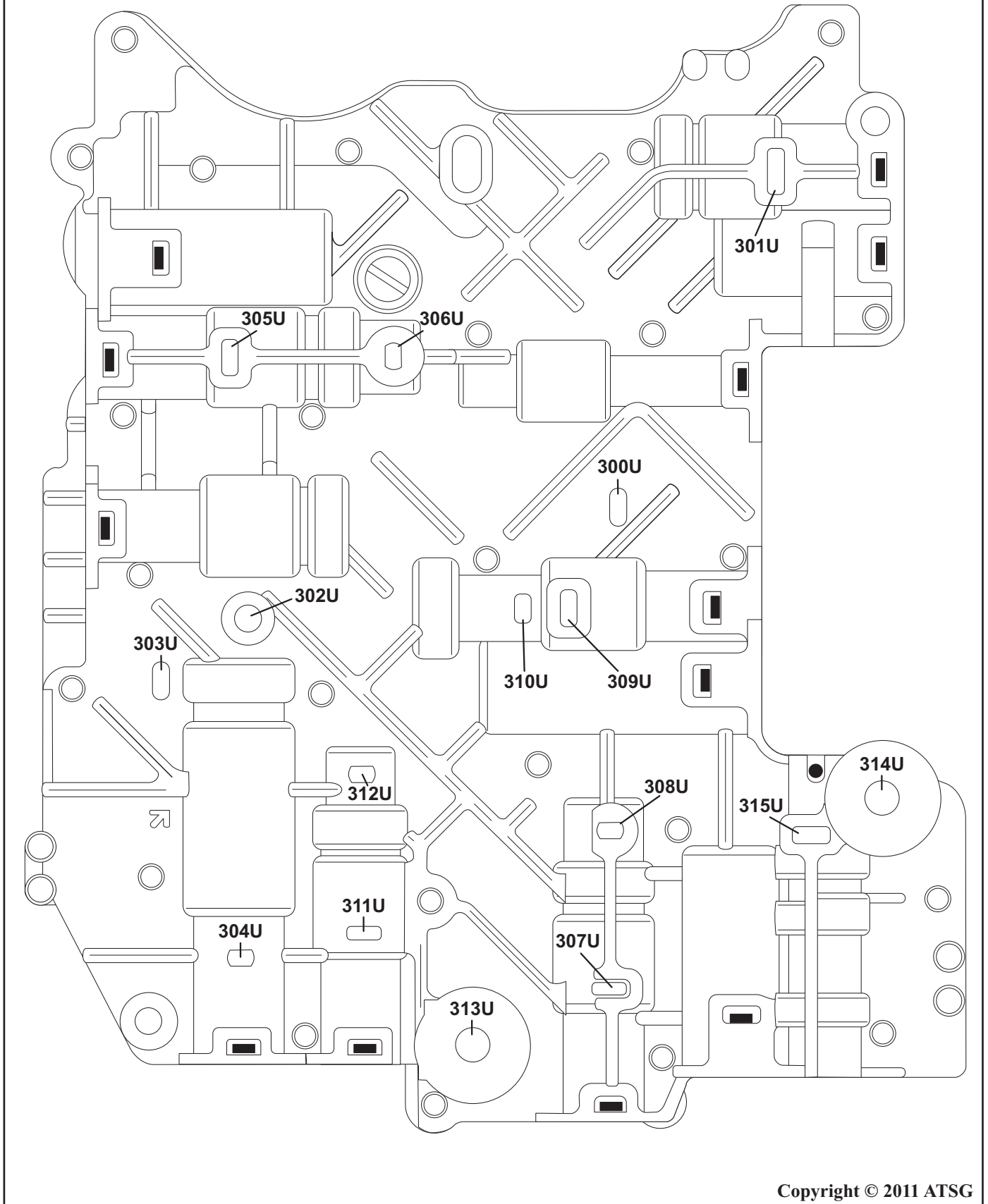
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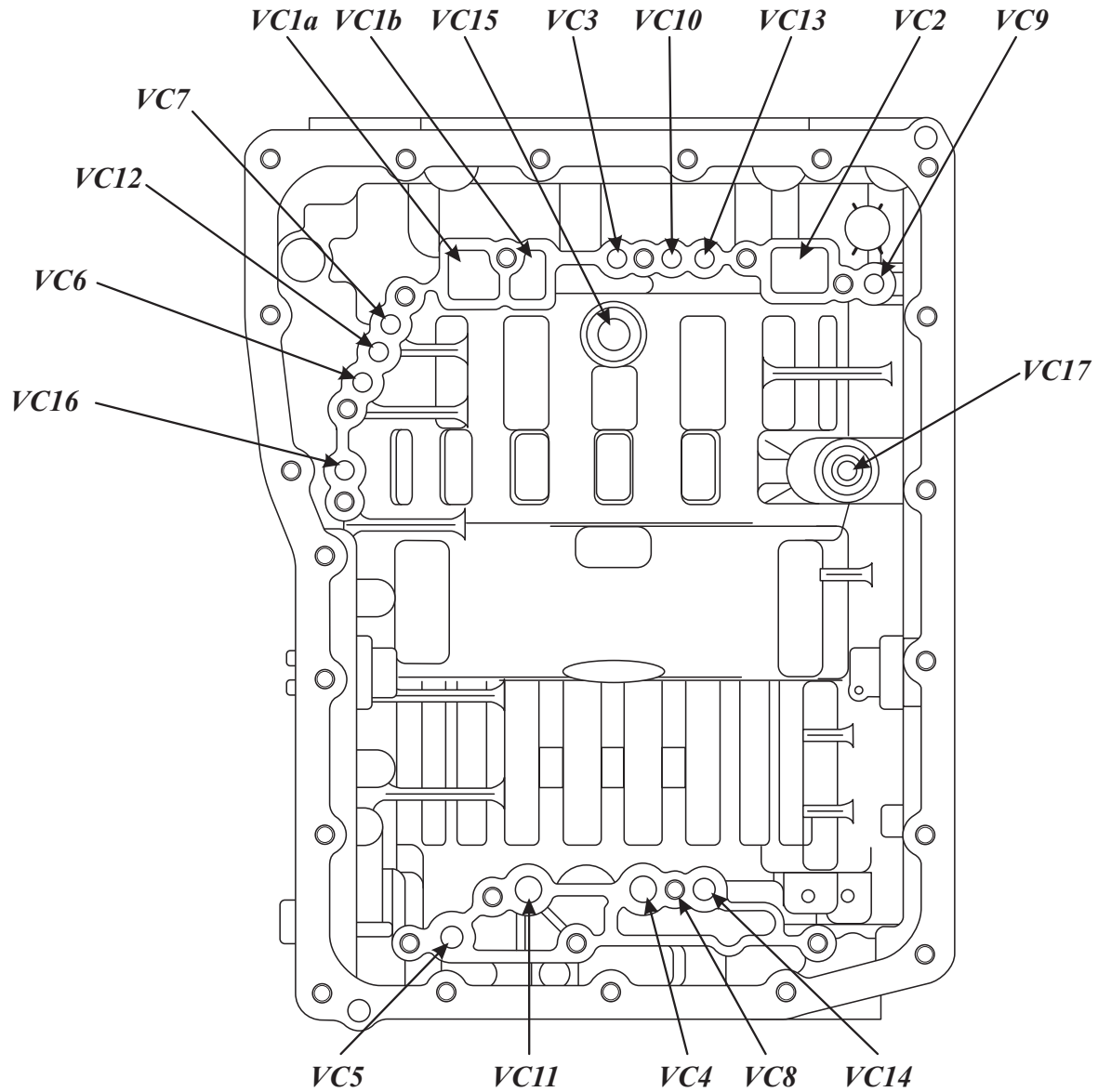
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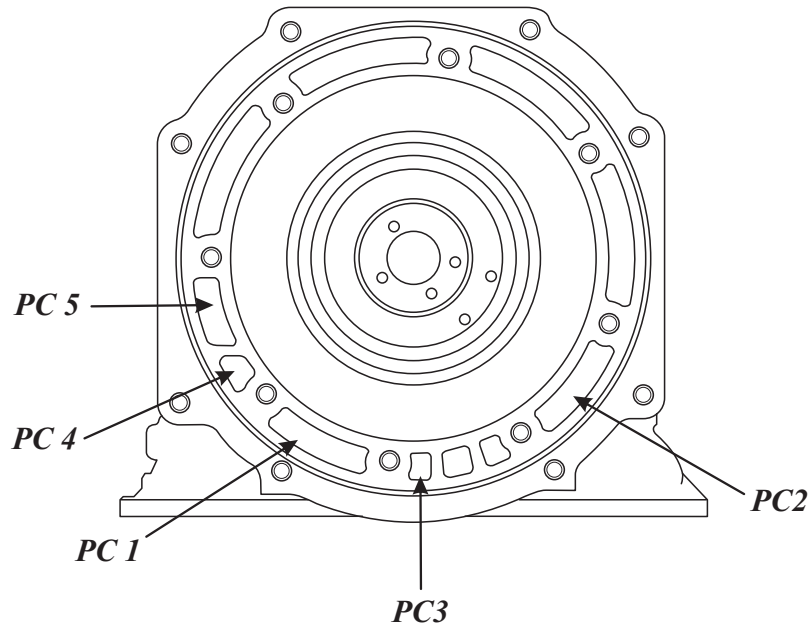
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BOTTOM CASE TO VALVE BODY Valve Body to Case (VC) Series

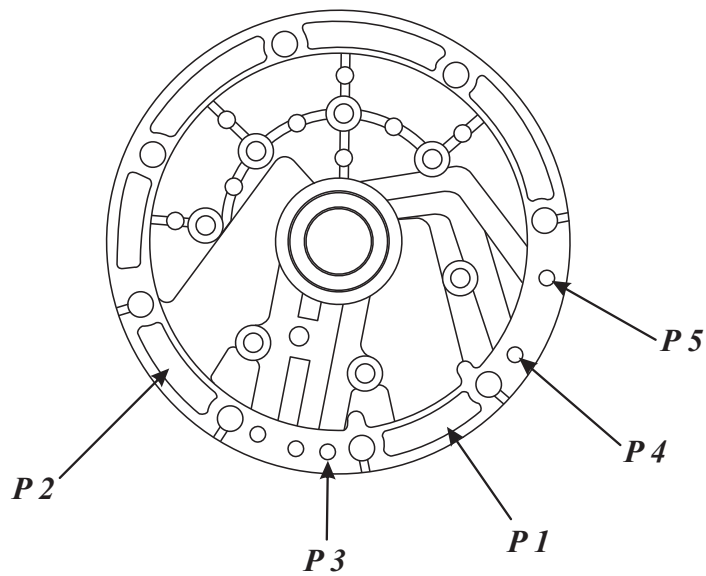


PUMP TO CASE Pump to Case (PC) Series

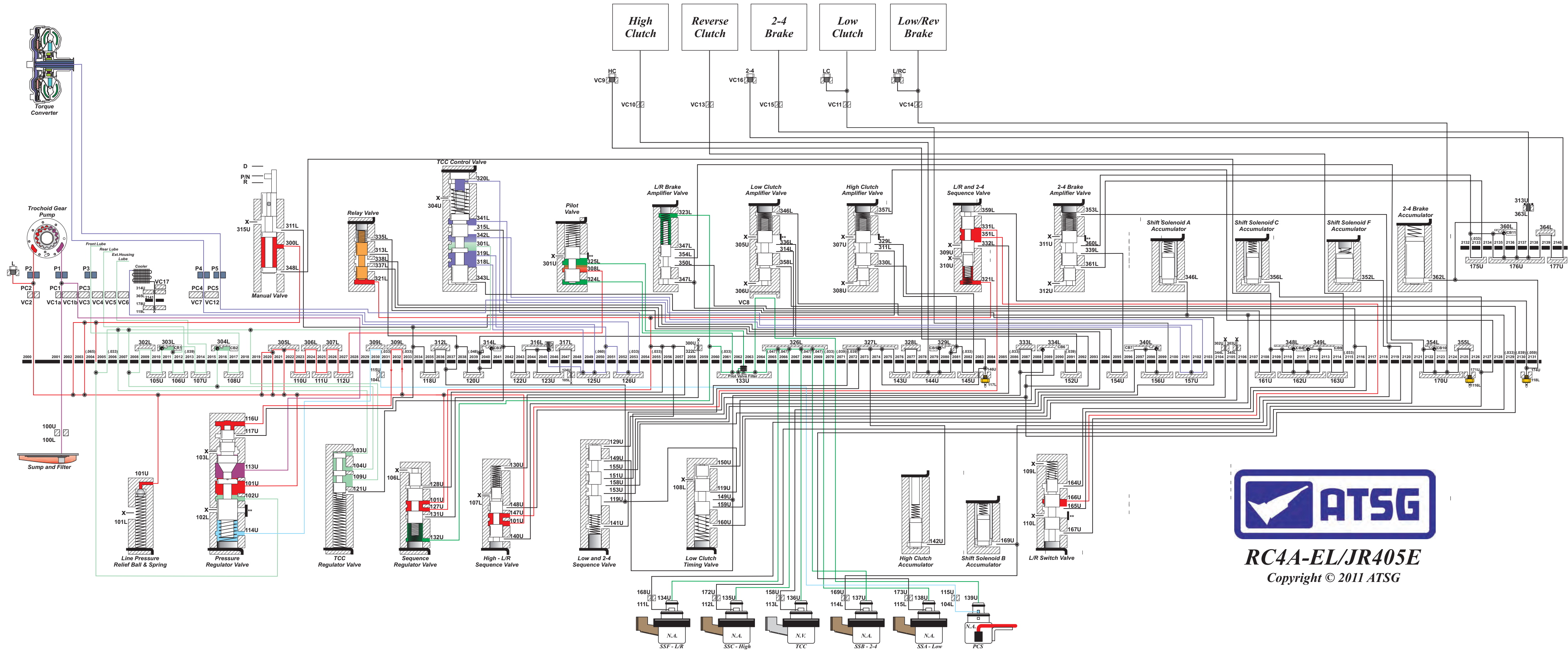


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PUMP Pump (P) Series

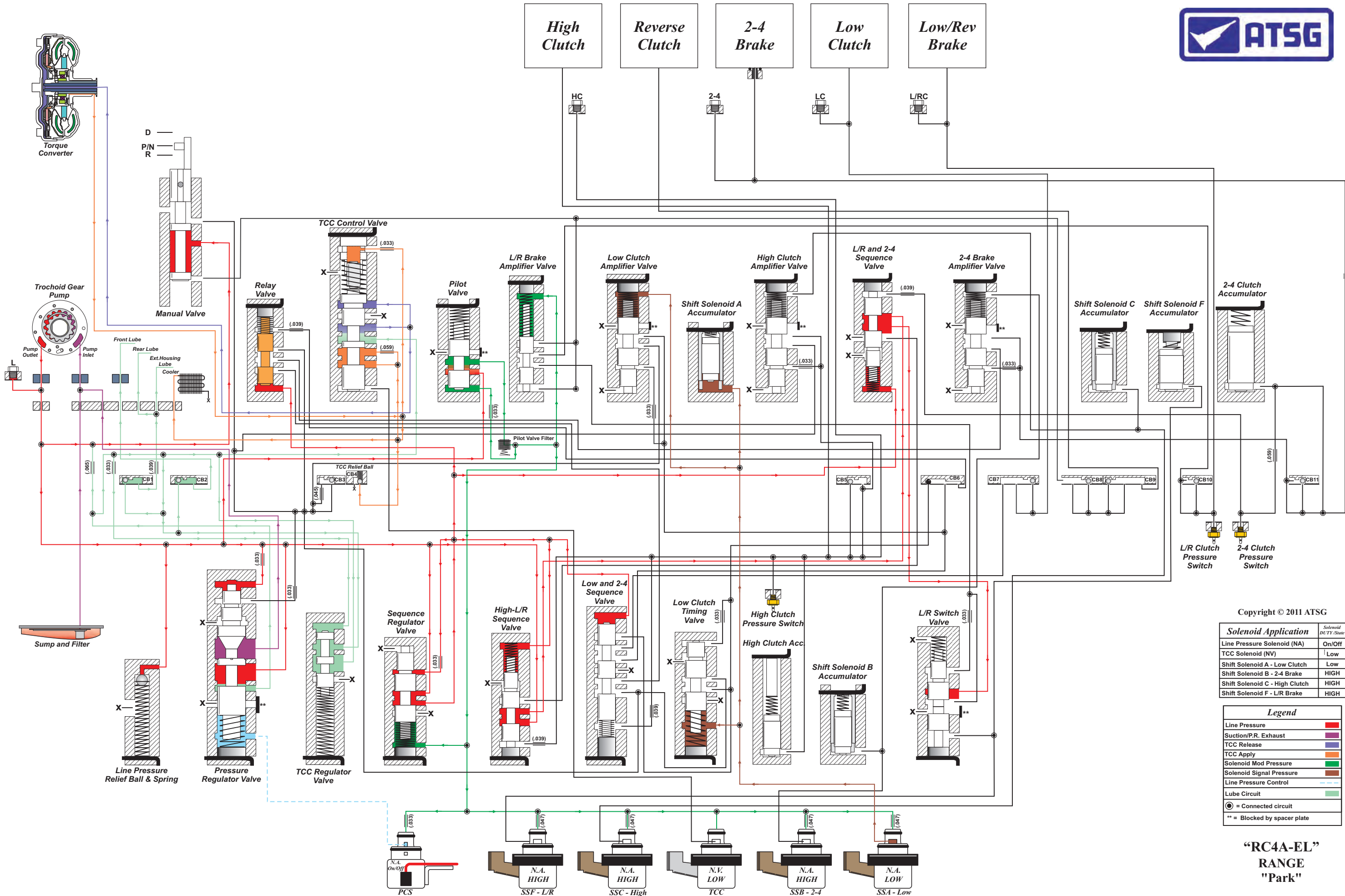


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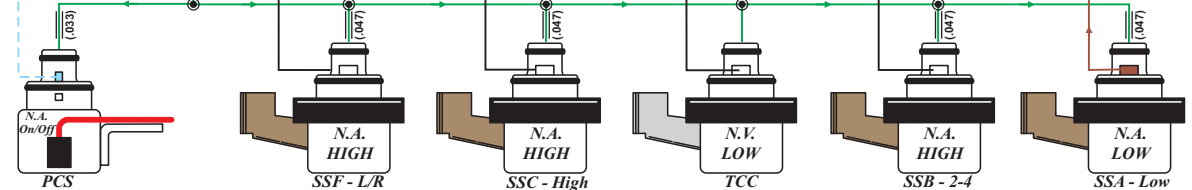


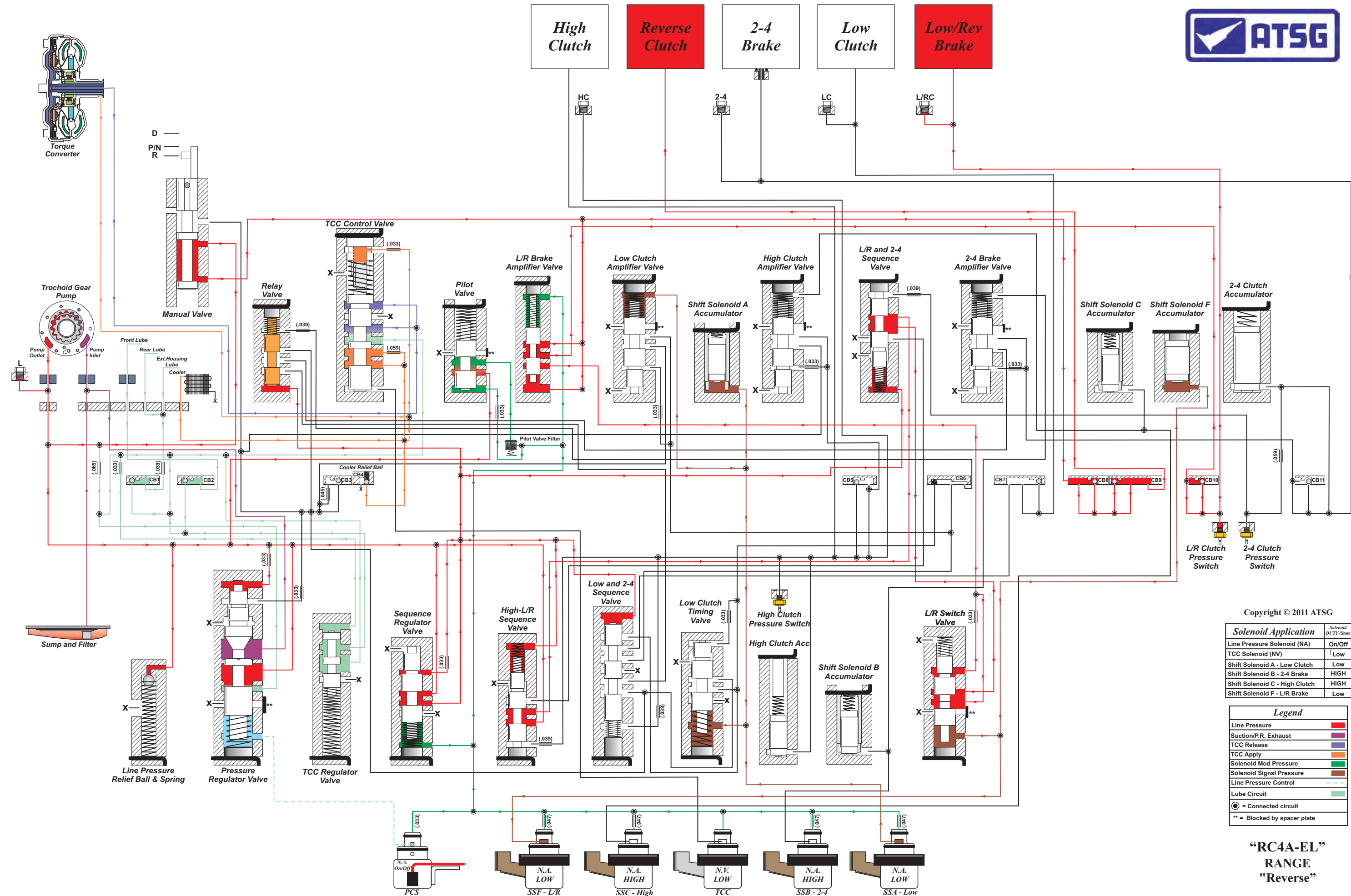
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Solenoid Application	Solenoid DUTY State
Line Pressure Solenoid (NA)	On/Off
TCC Solenoid (NV)	Low
Shift Solenoid A - Low Clutch	Low
Shift Solenoid B - 2-4 Brake	HIGH
Shift Solenoid C - High Clutch	HIGH
Shift Solenoid F - L/R Brake	HIGH

Legend	
Line Pressure	—
Suction/P.R. Exhaust	—
TCC Release	—
TCC Apply	—
Solenoid Mod Pressure	—
Solenoid Signal Pressure	—
Line Pressure Control	—
Lube Circuit	—
●	Connected circuit
**	Blocked by spacer plate

"RC4A-EL"
RANGE
"Park"



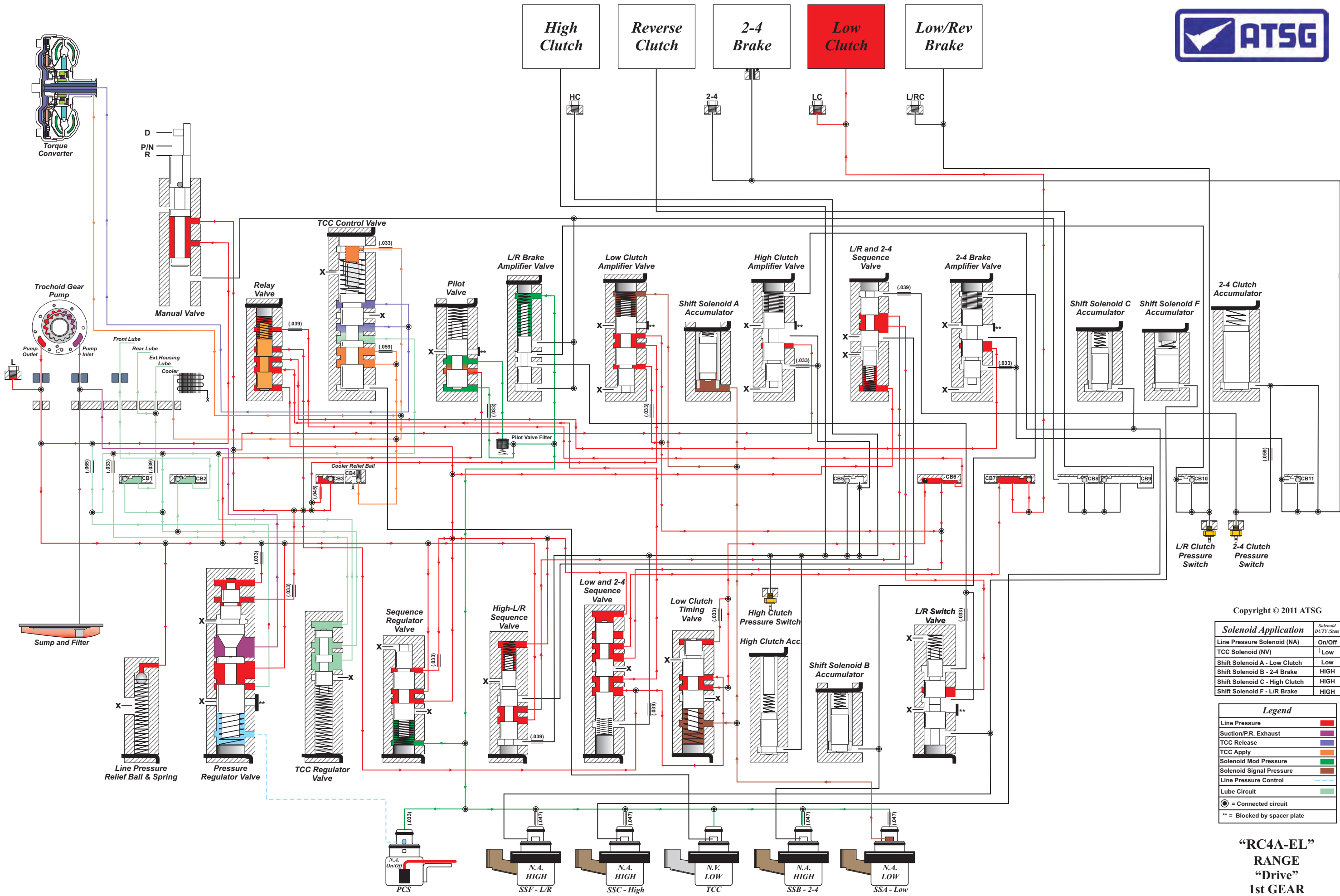


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Solenoid Application	Solenoid DUTY State
Line Pressure Solenoid (NA)	On/Off
TCC Solenoid (NV)	Low
Shift Solenoid A - Low Clutch	Low
Shift Solenoid B - 2-4 Brake	HIGH
Shift Solenoid C - High Clutch	HIGH
Shift Solenoid F - L/R Brake	Low

Legend	
Line Pressure	—
Suction/P.R. Exhaust	—
TCC Release	—
TCC Apply	—
Solenoid Mod Pressure	—
Solenoid Signal Pressure	—
Line Pressure Control	—
Lube Circuit	—
●	Connected circuit
**	Blocked by spacer plate

"RC4A-EL"
RANGE
"Reverse"

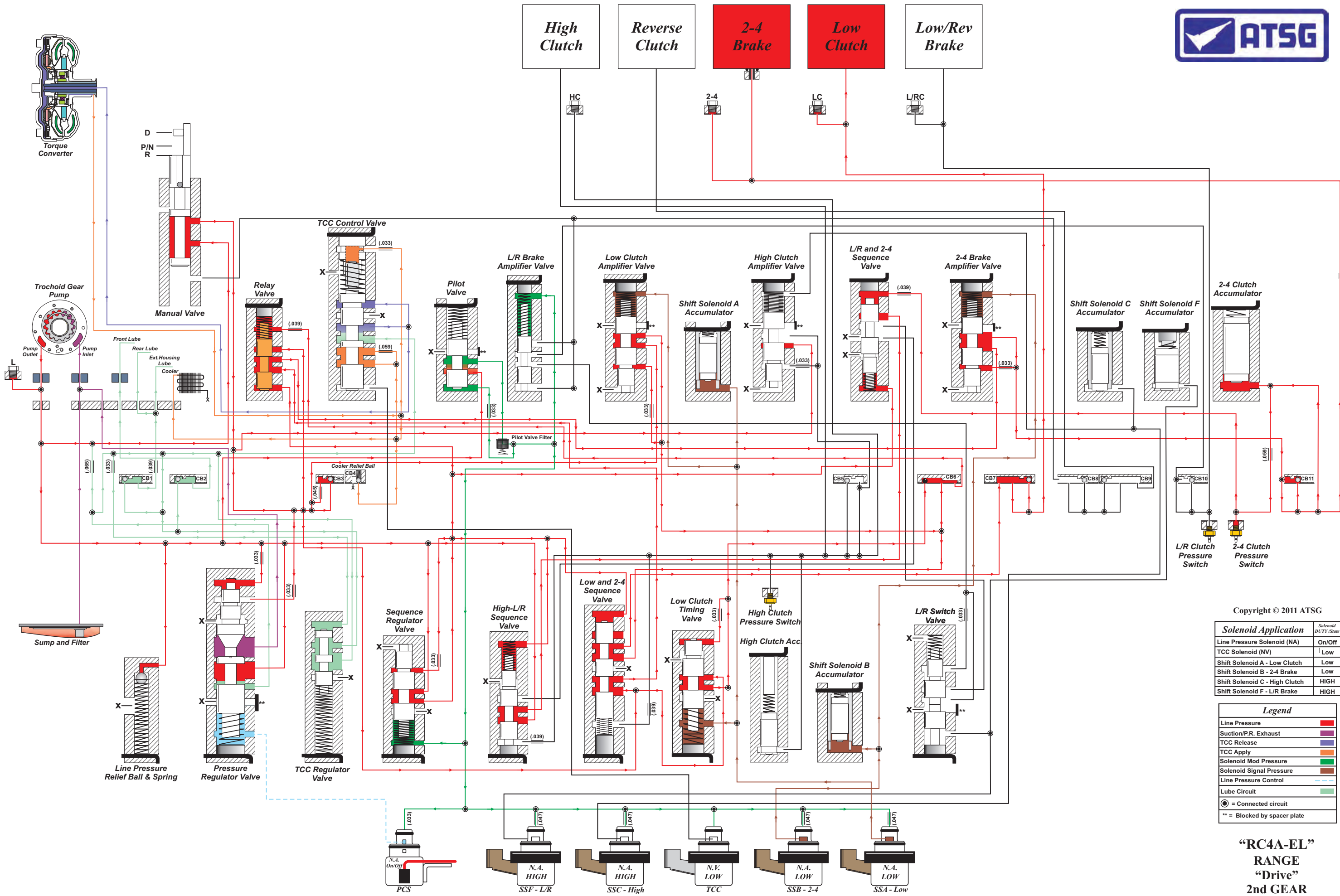


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Solenoid Application	Solenoid DUTY/State
Line Pressure Solenoid (NA)	On/Off
TCC Solenoid (NV)	Low
Shift Solenoid A - Low Clutch	Low
Shift Solenoid B - 2-4 Brake	HIGH
Shift Solenoid C - High Clutch	HIGH
Shift Solenoid F - L/R Brake	HIGH

Legend	
Line Pressure	—
Suction/P.R. Exhaust	—
TCC Release	—
TCC Apply	—
Solenoid Mod Pressure	—
Solenoid Signal Pressure	—
Line Pressure Control	—
Lube Circuit	—
●	Connected circuit
**	Blocked by spacer plate

**“RC4A-EL”
RANGE
“Drive”
1st GEAR**

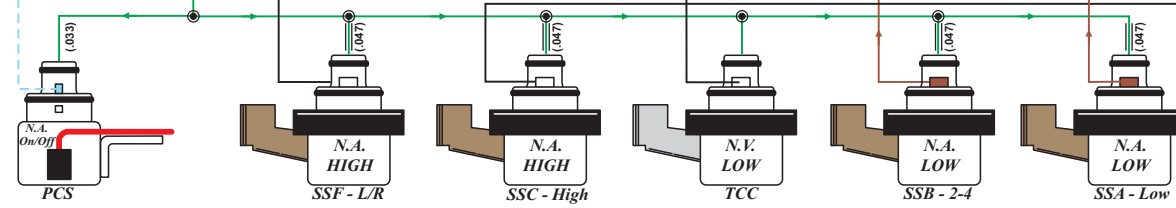


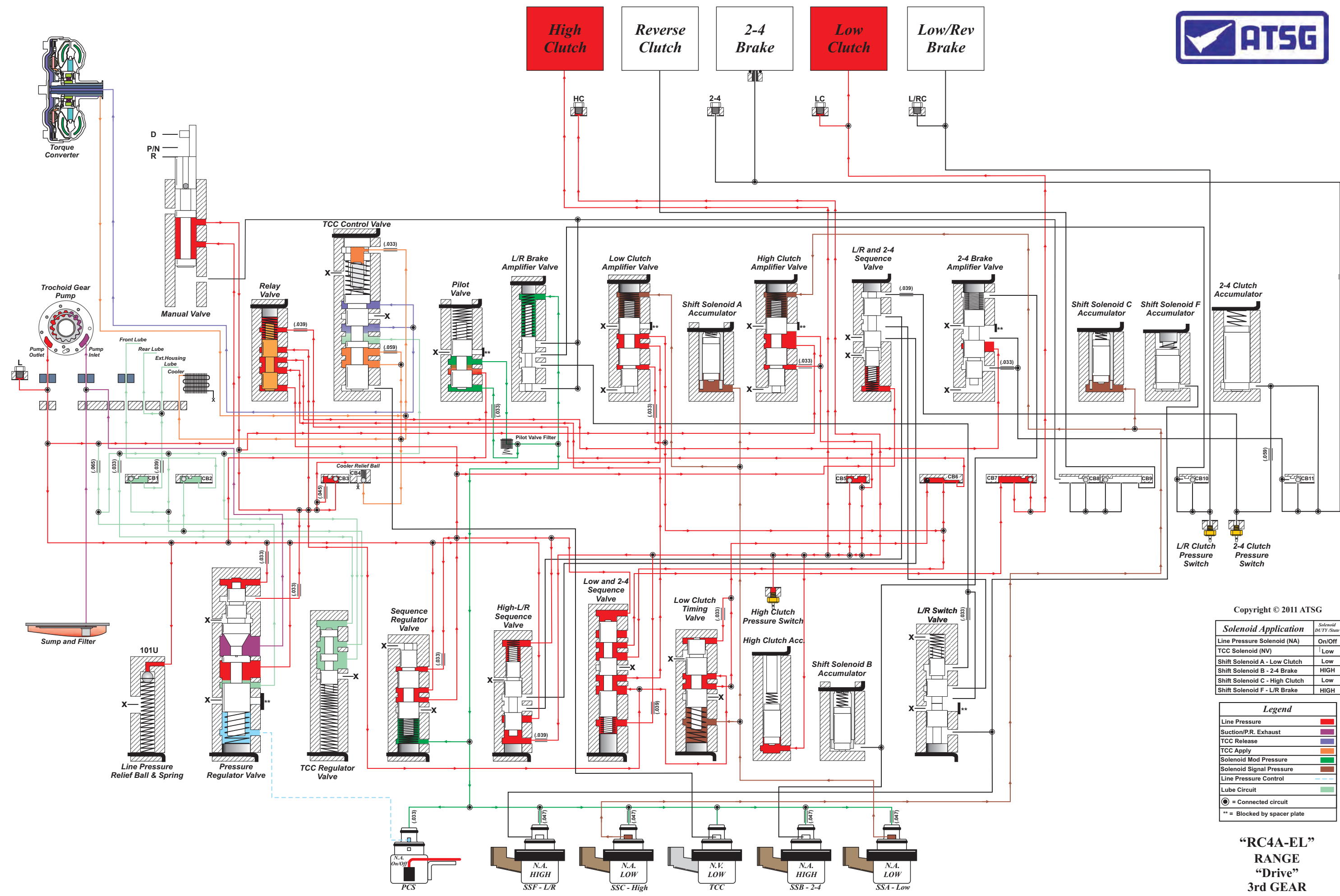
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Solenoid Application	Solenoid DUTY State
Line Pressure Solenoid (NA)	On/Off
TCC Solenoid (NV)	Low
Shift Solenoid A - Low Clutch	Low
Shift Solenoid B - 2-4 Brake	Low
Shift Solenoid C - High Clutch	HIGH
Shift Solenoid F - L/R Brake	HIGH

Legend	
Line Pressure	—
Suction/P.R. Exhaust	—
TCC Release	—
TCC Apply	—
Solenoid Mod Pressure	—
Solenoid Signal Pressure	—
Line Pressure Control	—
Lube Circuit	—
●	Connected circuit
**	Blocked by spacer plate

**“RC4A-EL”
RANGE
“Drive”
2nd GEAR**



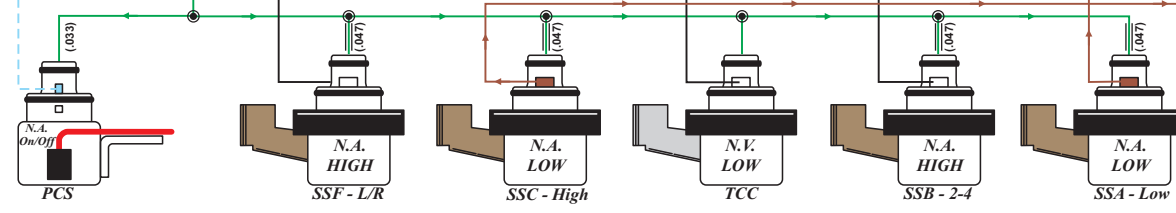


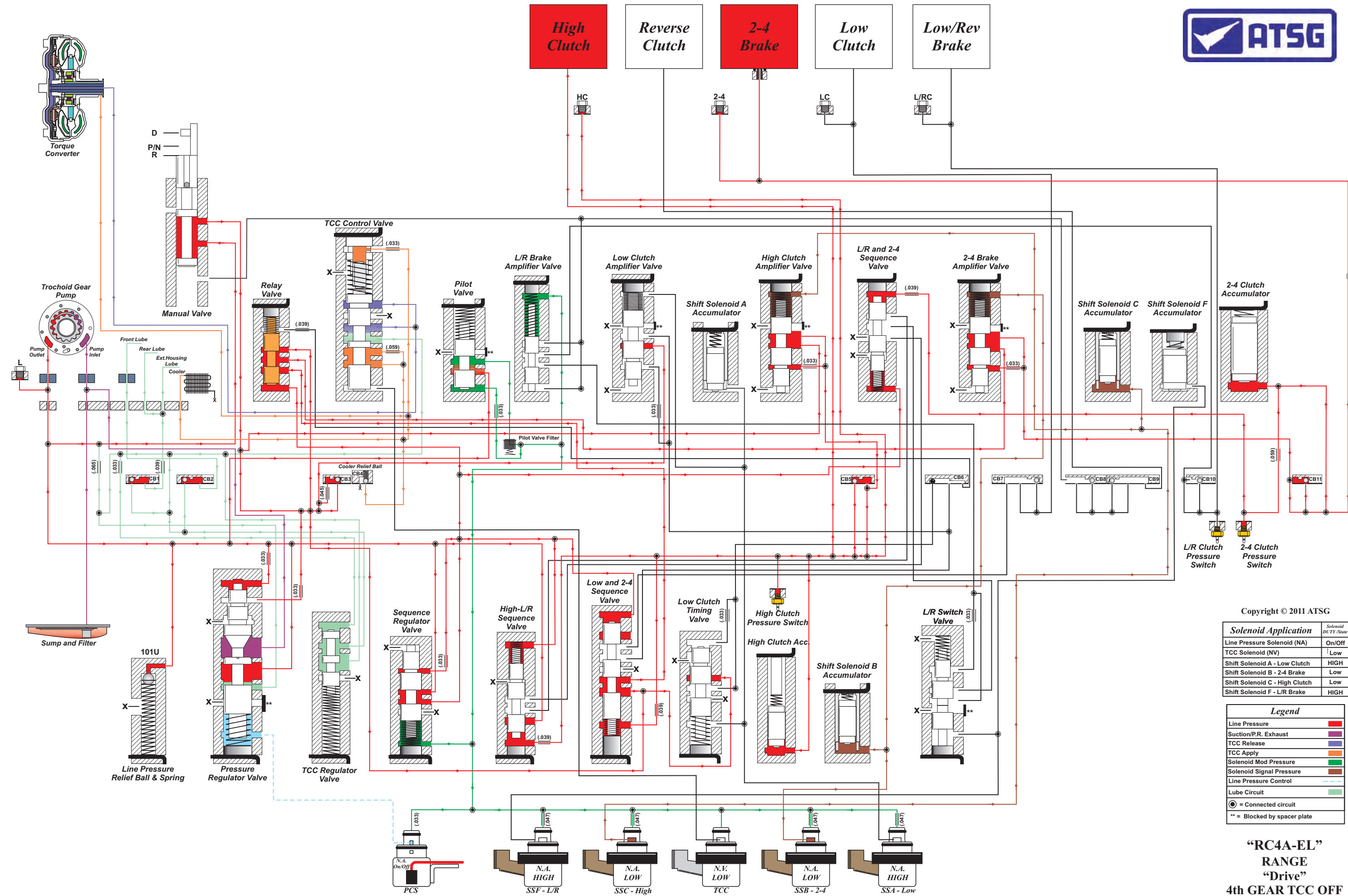
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Solenoid Application	Solenoid DUTY/State
Line Pressure Solenoid (NA)	On/Off
TCC Solenoid (NV)	Low
Shift Solenoid A - Low Clutch	Low
Shift Solenoid B - 2-4 Brake	HIGH
Shift Solenoid C - High Clutch	Low
Shift Solenoid F - L/R Brake	HIGH

Legend	
Line Pressure	Red
Suction/P.R. Exhaust	Purple
TCC Release	Blue
TCC Apply	Orange
Solenoid Mod Pressure	Green
Solenoid Signal Pressure	Brown
Line Pressure Control	Black
Lube Circuit	Light Green
● = Connected circuit	
** = Blocked by spacer plate	

**“RC4A-EL”
RANGE
“Drive”
3rd GEAR**



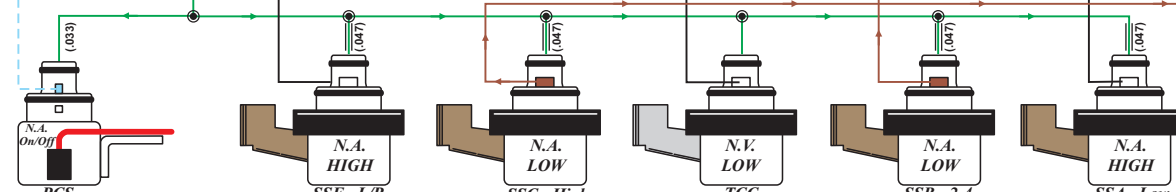


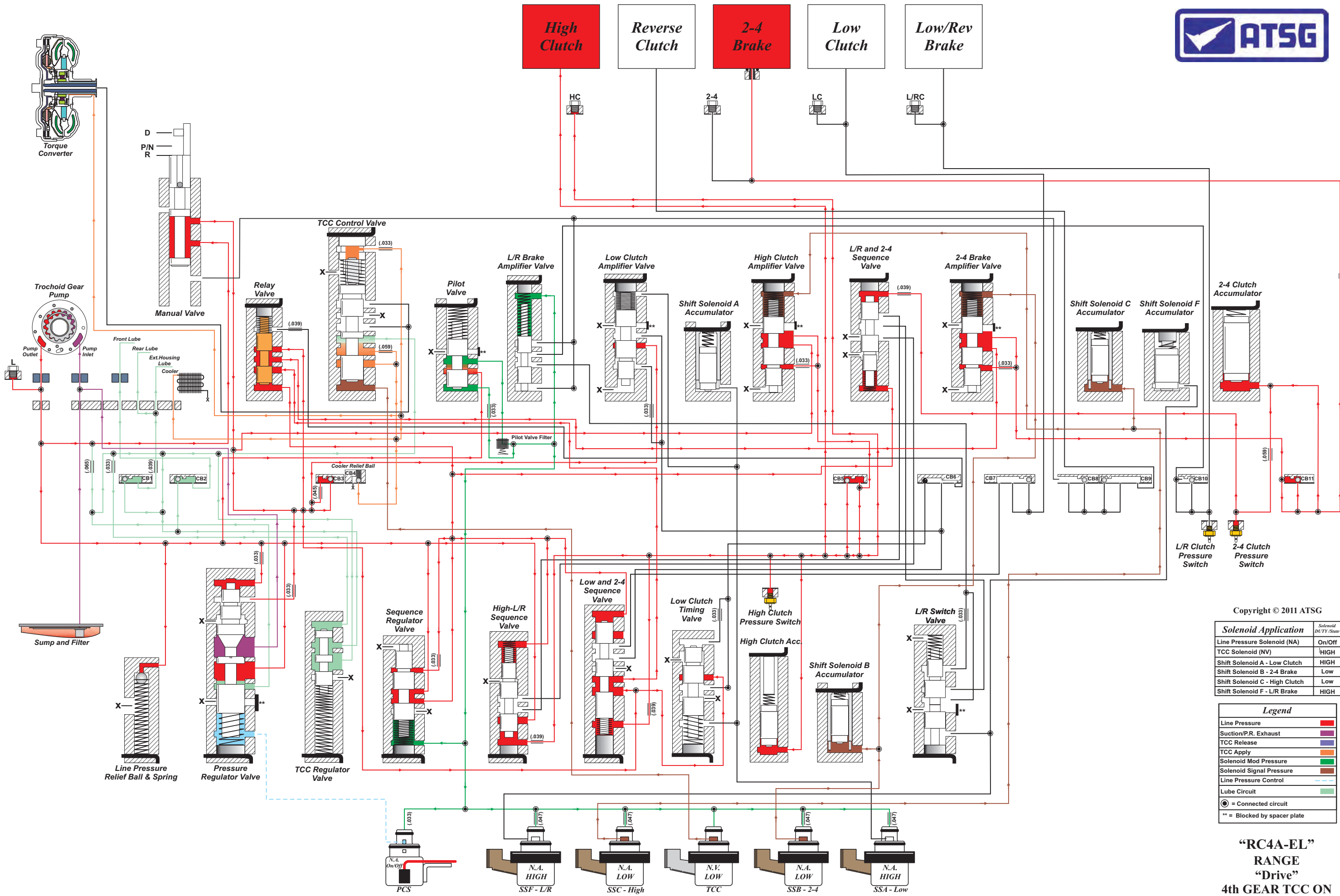
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Solenoid Application	Solenoid DUTY State
Line Pressure Solenoid (NA)	On/Off
TCC Solenoid (NV)	Low
Shift Solenoid A - Low Clutch	HIGH
Shift Solenoid B - 2-4 Brake	Low
Shift Solenoid C - High Clutch	Low
Shift Solenoid F - L/R Brake	HIGH

Legend	
Line Pressure	—
Suction/P.R. Exhaust	—
TCC Release	—
TCC Apply	—
Solenoid Mod Pressure	—
Solenoid Signal Pressure	—
Line Pressure Control	—
Lube Circuit	—
●	Connected circuit
**	Blocked by spacer plate

**“RC4A-EL”
RANGE
“Drive”
4th GEAR TCC OFF**



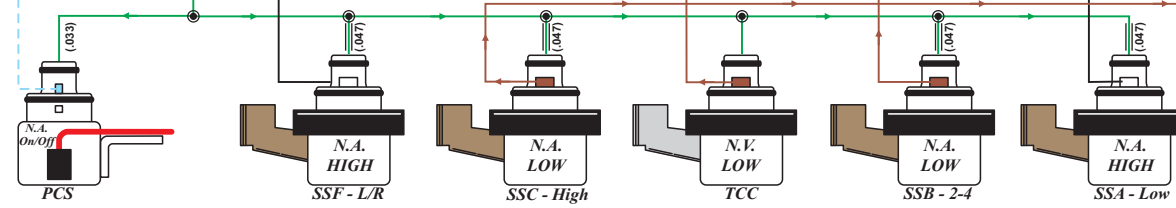


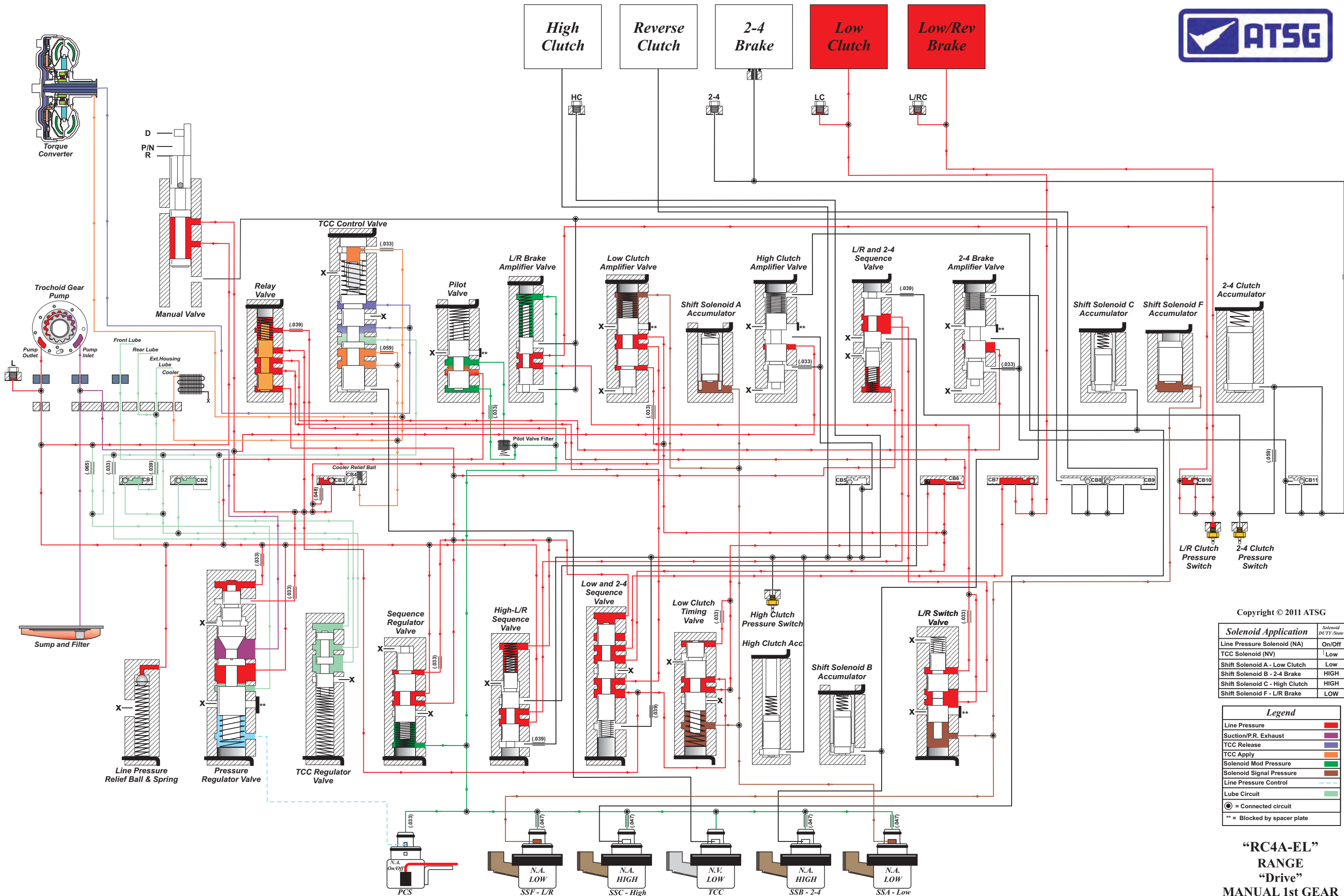
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Solenoid Application	Solenoid DUTY State
Line Pressure Solenoid (NA)	On/Off
TCC Solenoid (NV)	HIGH
Shift Solenoid A - Low Clutch	HIGH
Shift Solenoid B - 2-4 Brake	Low
Shift Solenoid C - High Clutch	Low
Shift Solenoid F - L/R Brake	HIGH

Legend	
Line Pressure	—
Suction/P.R. Exhaust	—
TCC Release	—
TCC Apply	—
Solenoid Mod Pressure	—
Solenoid Signal Pressure	—
Line Pressure Control	—
Lube Circuit	—
●	Connected circuit
**	Blocked by spacer plate

**“RC4A-EL”
RANGE
“Drive”
4th GEAR TCC ON**





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Solenoid Application	Solenoid DUTY State
Line Pressure Solenoid (NA)	On/Off
TCC Solenoid (NV)	Low
Shift Solenoid A - Low Clutch	Low
Shift Solenoid B - 2-4 Brake	HIGH
Shift Solenoid C - High Clutch	HIGH
Shift Solenoid F - L/R Brake	LOW

Legend	
Line Pressure	—
Suction/P.R. Exhaust	—
TCC Release	—
TCC Apply	—
Solenoid Mod Pressure	—
Solenoid Signal Pressure	—
Line Pressure Control	—
Lube Circuit	—
●	Connected circuit
**	Blocked by spacer plate

**“RC4A-EL”
RANGE
“Drive”
MANUAL 1st GEAR**

