

ATE5 Chapter 105 Power Brake Unit Operation, Diagnosis, & Service

Opening Your Class

KEY ELEMENT	EXAMPLES
Introduce Content	This course or class provides complete coverage of the components, operation, design, and troubleshooting. It correlates material to task lists specified by ASE and NATEF and emphasizes a problem-solving approach. Chapter features include Tech Tips, Frequently Asked Questions, Real World Fixes, Videos, Animations, and NATEF Task Sheet references.
Motivate Learners	Explain how the knowledge of how something works translates into the ability to use that knowledge to figure why the engine does not work correctly and how this saves diagnosis time, which translates into more money.
State the learning objectives for the chapter or course you are about to cover and explain this is what they should be able to do as a result of attending this session or class.	Explain learning objectives to students as listed below: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. State the principles of vacuum and the vacuum booster theory.2. Discuss how a vacuum brake booster operates.3. Discuss the vacuum booster operation test, vacuum booster leak test, and the hydraulic system leak test.4. Explain the operation and diagnosis of hydro-boost hydraulic brake booster.
Establish the Mood or Climate	Provide a WELCOME , Avoid put downs and bad jokes.
Complete Essentials	Restrooms, breaks, registration, tests, etc.
Clarify and Establish Knowledge Base	Do a round robin of the class by going around the room and having each student give their backgrounds, years of experience, family, hobbies, career goals, or anything they want to share.

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1. SLIDE 1 CH105 POWER BRAKE UNITS

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DEMONSTRATION: Show students an example of a pneumatic power brake booster and discuss how it works. Why do we need a booster?

2. **SLIDE 2 EXPLAIN** Figure 105-1 Typical vacuum brake booster assembly. The vacuum hose attaches to the intake manifold of the engine. The brake pedal travel sensor is an input sensor for the antilock braking system.
3. **SLIDE 3 EXPLAIN** Figure 105-2 wide brake pedal allows two-foot braking if power assist is lost.
4. **SLIDE 4 EXPLAIN** Figure 105-3 Atmospheric pressure varies with altitude.
5. **SLIDE 5 EXPLAIN** Figure 105-4 A belt-driven auxiliary vacuum pump.
6. **SLIDE 6 EXPLAIN** Figure 105-5 An electrically powered vacuum pump.

DEMONSTRATION: Show students a vacuum brake booster assembly. Ask students to explain how it works.

DISCUSSION: Ask students to discuss the need for a power brake assist. What is the function and purpose of a power booster?

DEMONSTRATION: Show students the diaphragm in a vacuum booster, and discuss how it works to equalize the pressure between the two vacuum booster chambers.

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DISCUSSION: Ask students to discuss the reasons for variations in manifold vacuum and explain how brake boosters are designed to work within this variance

Leaks in the vacuum line to the booster can cause drivability problems with the engine as well as problems with the brakes.

Power Booster (View) (Download)
Power Booster Vacuum Supply (View) (Download)

HANDS-ON TASK: Have students calculate amount of force created when a power-booster diaphragm has an atmospheric pressure (14.7 psi) on one side and an intake manifold vacuum of 20 in. Hg (10 psi of absolute pressure), & diaphragm size of 52 sq. in. (*Answer: 244.4 pounds of force*)

7. SLIDE 7 EXPLAIN Figure 105-6 Vacuum brake boosters operate on the principle of pressure differential

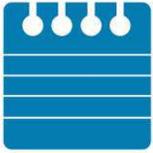
8. SLIDE 8 EXPLAIN Figure 105-7 charcoal filter traps gasoline vapors that are present in the intake manifold and prevents them from getting into the vacuum chamber of the booster.

DEMONSTRATION: Show students the **charcoal filter** used to trap gasoline vapors to keep them from entering the vacuum booster. Ask students to discuss the damage that can occur if these vapors are not trapped

9. SLIDE 9 EXPLAIN Figure 105-8 (a) Many vacuum brake booster check valves are located where the vacuum hose from the engine (vacuum source) attaches to the vacuum booster (b) one-way valve prevents loss of vacuum when the engine is off. The diaphragm inside allows air to flow in one direction only.

DEMONSTRATION: Show students **HOW & WHY** the vacuum check valve retains vacuum or the absence of pressure.

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10. SLIDE 10 EXPLAIN FIGURE 105-9 Cross-sectional view of a typical vacuum brake booster assembly

DEMONSTRATION: Show operation of vacuum booster in brake-released position. Ask students to describe position of air & floating control valves & describe state of vacuum within vacuum brake booster.

11. SLIDE 11 EXPLAIN Figure 105-10 In the release position (brake pedal up), the vacuum is directed to both sides of the diaphragm.

DEMONSTRATION: Show operation of vacuum booster as the brake pedal is depressed. Ask students to describe the position of the air and floating control valves and describe the state of vacuum within the vacuum brake booster.

DISCUSSION: Ask students to discuss components & operation of power brake booster.

12. SLIDE 12 EXPLAIN Figure 105-11 Simplified diagram of a vacuum brake booster in the apply position. Notice that the atmospheric valve is open and air pressure is being applied to the diaphragm.

13. SLIDE 13 EXPLAIN Figure 105-12 Cross section of a vacuum brake booster in the hold position with both vacuum and atmospheric valves closed. Note that the reaction force from the brake fluid pressure is transferred back to the driver as a reaction force to the brake pedal.

DEMONSTRATION: Show operation of vacuum booster when desired brake-pedal force is reached. Ask students to describe position of air and floating control valves and describe state of vacuum within the vacuum brake booster. Compare this to state of the vacuum booster in brake-released position.

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14. **SLIDE 14 EXPLAIN** Figure 105-13 Cutaway showing a dual-diaphragm (tandem) vacuum brake booster.

DEMONSTRATION: Show students an example of a dual-diaphragm or tandem-diaphragm vacuum booster, and discuss how these designs increase power assist without increasing the size of the vacuum booster.

DISCUSSION: Ask students to discuss how power-assisted brakes function like conventional brakes in the event of a disruption in vacuum

DISCUSSION: Ask students to talk about how brake assist systems (BAS) help drivers apply brakes with maximum force during a panic stop. How does BAS work with a vehicle's electronic stability control (ESC) system to provide maximum braking efficiency in emergency stops?

15. **SLIDE 15 EXPLAIN FIGURE 105-14** A typical brake assist system uses a brake pedal travel sensor and a BAS solenoid to apply the brakes during a panic condition
16. **SLIDE 16 EXPLAIN FIGURE 105-15** When the brake assist function operates, the brake force is much higher than normal.
17. **SLIDE 17 EXPLAIN Figure 105-16** Typical adjustable pushrod. This adjustment is critical for proper operation of the braking system. If the pushrod is too long, the brakes may be partially applied during driving. If the rod is too short, the brake pedal may have to be depressed farther down before the brakes start to work
18. **SLIDE 18 EXPLAIN FIGURE 105-17A** vacuum brake booster pushrod gauging tool. Tool first placed against mounting flange of master cylinder & depth of piston determined.
19. **SLIDE 19 EXPLAIN FIGURE 105.17B** Typical vacuum brake booster pushrod gauging tool. Gauge then turned upside down and used to gauge pushrod length

HANDS-ON TASK: Have students perform a pushrod clearance test. What problems can result if the pushrod is too long?

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DEMONSTRATION: Show students how to perform a vacuum booster operation test. Ask them to explain the results.

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ON-VEHICLE NATEF TASK: Check vacuum supply to vacuum-type power booster. Page 318

ON-VEHICLE NATEF TASK: Inspect vacuum-type power booster unit for vacuum leaks; inspect the check valve for proper operation; determine necessary action. Page 319

HANDS-ON TASK: Have students perform a HYDRAULIC SYSTEM LEAK TEST

ON-VEHICLE NATEF TASK: Measure and adjust master cylinder pushrod length. Page 321

20. **SLIDE 20 EXPLAIN** Figure 105-18 A holding fixture and a long tool being used to rotate the two halves of a typical vacuum brake booster.

21. **SLIDE 21 EXPLAIN** Figure 105-19 Exploded view of a typical dual-diaphragm vacuum brake booster asm.

HANDS-ON TASK: Have students remove, disassemble, and overhaul a vacuum brake booster. Grade students on following proper procedures and achieving a satisfactory result.

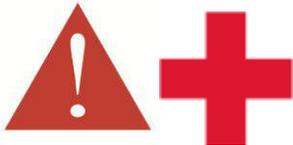
When disassembling a vacuum booster you find brake fluid inside this would indicate a leak in the rear seal of the master cylinder

22. **SLIDE 22 EXPLAIN** Figure 105-20 Hydro-Boost unit attaches between the bulkhead and the master cylinder and is powered by the power steering pump.

23. **SLIDE 23 EXPLAIN** Figure 105-21 Exploded view of the Hydro-Boost unit

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DEMONSTRATION: Show students an example of a hydro-boost system. Ask them to talk about the types of vehicles in which hydro-boost may be preferable to using a vacuum booster.

DISCUSSION: Ask students to discuss how a hydro-boost system operates. What happens in event of a hydraulic system failure?

24. SLIDE 24 EXPLAIN Figure 105-22 Hydro-Boost hydraulic booster in the unapplied position

DISCUSSION: Have students talk about how an accumulator works. Have them talk about the possible problems that an accumulator can develop

SAFETY TIP: Do not ever try to take an accumulator apart. The accumulator spring is under extreme pressure.

25. SLIDE 25 EXPLAIN Figure 105-23 Hydro-Boost hydraulic booster as brakes are applied.

26. SLIDE 26 EXPLAIN Figure 105-24 A Hydro-Boost hydraulic booster in the holding position.

DISCUSSION: Ask students to talk about the possible causes of slow brake-pedal return, grabby brakes, & booster chatter in a hydro-boost system.

27. SLIDE 27 EXPLAIN Figure 105-25 A typical Hydro-Boost hydraulic line arrangement showing the pump, steering gear, and brake booster assembly.

28. SLIDE 28 EXPLAIN Figure 105-26 Pressure and flow analyzer installation to check the power steering pump output.

29. SLIDE 29 EXPLAIN FIGURE 105-27 accumulator should be able to hold pressure and feel tight when hand force is used to try to move it.

HANDS-ON TASK: Have students perform a visual inspection of a hydro-boost system. Then use a power steering pump tester to check for proper pressure and volume from power steering pump.

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OPTIONAL HANDS-ON TASK: Have students remove, disassemble, & overhaul a hydro-boost hydraulic brake booster. Grade students on following proper procedures and achieving a satisfactory result.

DEMONSTRATION: Show students how to do a hydro-boost function test. Select a student to explain the results

DEMONSTRATION: Show students the chatter you will get in the brakes when the belt slips on the power steering pump

HANDS-ON TASK: Have students perform a hydro-boost accumulator test. Does the accumulator move or wiggle? Ask students to interpret the results

ON-VEHICLE NATEF TASK: Inspect and test hydro-boost system for leaks and proper operation.
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SEARCH INTERNET: Have students use Internet to research how Brake Assist Plus (BAS Plus) system from Mercedes-Benz works to increase braking pressure in emergencies.

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