

# Automotive Chassis Systems 7e

## Chapter 32 DRIVE AXLE SHAFTS & CV JOINTS

### Opening Your Class

KEY ELEMENT	EXAMPLES
<b>Introduce Content</b>	This course or class covers operation and service of <b>Automotive Chassis Systems</b> . It correlates material to task lists specified by ASE and NATEF .
<b>Motivate Learners</b>	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.
<b>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.</b>	Explain learning objectives to students as listed below: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Describe driveshaft design and balance.</li> <li>2. Describe function and operation of U-joints.</li> <li>3. Describe how CV joints work.</li> <li>4. Discuss working and various types of CV joints.</li> </ol> <p style="color: blue;"><b>This chapter will help prepare for ASE Suspension and Steering (A4) certification test content area "C" (Related Suspension and Steering Service).</b></p>
<b>Establish the Mood or Climate</b>	Provide a <b>WELCOME</b> , Avoid put downs and bad jokes.
<b>Complete Essentials</b>	Restrooms, breaks, registration, tests, etc.
<b>Clarify and Establish Knowledge Base</b>	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.

**NOTE: This lesson plan is based on Automotive Chassis Systems 7<sup>th</sup> Edition Chapter Images found on Jim's web site @ [www.jameshalderman.com](http://www.jameshalderman.com)**

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### 1. SLIDE 1 Chapter 32 Drive Axle Shafts & CV Joints

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**[Drive Axle \(41 Links\)](#)**

**[Drive Shaft \(27 Links\)](#)**

**At the beginning of this class, you can download the crossword puzzle & Word Search from the links below to familiarize your class with the terms in this chapter & then discuss them**

**[Crossword Puzzle \(Microsoft Word\) \(PDF\)](#)**

**[Word Search Puzzle \(Microsoft Word\) \(PDF\)](#)**

2. **SLIDE 2 EXPLAIN** Figure 32-1 Typical rear-wheel-drive powertrain arrangement. The engine is mounted longitudinal (lengthwise).

**[RWD Driveshaft Operation](#)**

**[RWD Drivetrain](#)**

**DISCUSSION: Ask the students to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of aluminum driveshafts.**

**DEMONSTRATION: Show how universal joints on both ends of a driveshaft let it rotate even though two ends of the shaft are out of alignment.**

3. **SLIDES 3 EXPLAIN** Figure 32-2 Typical front-wheel-drive powertrain arrangement. The engine is usually mounted transversely (sideways).

4. **SLIDES 4 EXPLAIN** Figure 32-3 Typical driveshaft (also called a propeller shaft). The driveshaft transfers engine power from the transmission to the differential.

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**DEMONSTRATION:** Show the students a driveshaft made of steel and another one made of aluminum. Show them parts of driveshaft, including tube, slip yoke, end yoke, & balance weights.

**DEMONSTRATION:** Show the students how the universal joints on both ends of a driveshaft let it rotate even though the two ends of the shaft are out of alignment.

### RWD Driveshaft Operation

5. **SLIDE 5 EXPLAIN** Figure 32-4 This driveshaft failed because it had a slight dent caused by a rock. When engine torque was applied, the driveshaft collapsed, twisted, and then broke.

**DISCUSSION:** Ask the students to discuss the effects of an out-of-balance driveshaft. (Examples: Driver complaints and damage to other parts)

**HANDS-ON-TASK & DISCUSSION:** Have the students use the Internet to research the life of *Girolamo Cardano*. Ask them to discuss includes information about his life and his invention of the *Cardan joint*, a type of universal joint in a shaft that enables the joint to rotate when out of alignment.

6. **SLIDE 6 EXPLAIN** Figure 32-5 A center support bearing is used on many vehicles with long driveshafts such as long trucks.

7. **SLIDE 7 EXPLAIN** Figure 32-6 Some driveshafts use rubber between an inner and outer housing to absorb vibrations and shocks to the driveline.

**DISCUSSION:** Ask the students to discuss why some driveshafts have a center support bearing.

**DEMONSTRATION:** Show an example of a center support bearing for a two-piece driveshaft.

**DEMONSTRATION:** Show the students how to balance a driveshaft using hose clamps.

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**HANDS-ON-TASK** Have the students locate the service information to balance a driveshaft then balance the driveshaft on a lab vehicle

8. **SLIDE 8 EXPLAIN** Figure 32-7 A simple universal joint (U-joint).

**SEARCH INTERNET:** Have the students research other innovations that Cord automobiles used in the 1920s. Have the students explain the innovations they find.

9. **SLIDE 9 EXPLAIN** Figure 32-8 How speed difference on output of a typical U-joint varies with speed and angle of U-joint. At bottom of chart, input speed is a constant 1000 RPM, while output speed varies from 900-1100 RPM when angle difference in joint is only 10°. At top part of chart, input speed is a constant 1000 RPM, yet output speed varies from 700-1200 RPM when angle difference in joint is changed to 30°

**DISCUSSION:** Ask the students to discuss the information shown in Figure 32-8. Have them discuss how the change in output RPM would affect the drivability of the vehicle.

10. **SLIDE 10 EXPLAIN** Figure 32-9 joint angle is the difference between the angles of the joint

**DEMONSTRATION:** Show the students how To find driveshaft angle.

**HANDS-ON-TASK:** Have students practice checking drive shaft angles & use the Internet to research U.S. Patent 2,010,899. Ask them to write a report that includes information on invention and how it affects way drive axles are designed today.

11. **SLIDE 11 EXPLAIN** Figure 32-10 The angle of this rear Cardan U-joint is noticeable.

**SEARCH INTERNET CURRICULAR ACTIVITY:**

**MATHEMATICS:** Have students determine foot-pounds of torque supplied to wheels for a given vehicle. Then have them determine mathematically torque applied to each of 6 balls in fixed CV joint.

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### CV Joint

12. SLIDE 12 **EXPLAIN** Figure 32-11 A double-Cardan U-joint.

**DEMONSTRATION:** Show the students an example of a double-Cardan U-joint (**FIGURE 32-11**). Show them relationship between two joints and how the torque is transmitted through center yoke support.

13. SLIDE 13 **EXPLAIN** Figure 16-12 A constant velocity (CV) joint can operate at high angles without a change in velocity (speed) because the joint design results in equal angles between input and output.

**DISCUSSION:** Have the students discuss the advantage of a constant velocity joint as shown in **Figure 32-12**

**DEMONSTRATION:** Show the students examples of an outer CV joint. Show them the main components of the joint. **Figure 32-12**

14. SLIDE 14 **EXPLAIN** Figure 32-13 A Rzeppa fixed joint on a front-wheel-drive vehicle. This type of CV joint is commonly used at the wheel side of the drive axle shaft on a front-wheel-drive vehicle. This joint can operate at high angles to compensate for suspension travel and steering angle changes

**HANDS-ON-TASK** Have the students identify the major components of the CV joint assembly, using a diagram similar to **Figure 32-13**

**DEMONSTRATION:** Show the students an outer CV joint and demonstrate how it transmits torque equally to the drive wheels at angles up to 40 degrees.

**DEMONSTRATION:** Show an example of an inner CV joint. Show how the inner (plunge) CV joint can move in and out, unlike the outer (fixed) CV joint.

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**DISCUSSION:** Discuss the difference between inner and outer CV joints. What is the major difference?

15. **SLIDE 15 EXPLAIN** Figure 32-14 protective CV joint boot has been torn away on this vehicle and all of the grease has been thrown outward onto the brake and suspension parts. The driver of this vehicle noticed a “clicking” noise, especially when turning.

**DEMONSTRATION:** Show examples of damaged or torn CV joint boots like the one in **FIGURE 32-14**

16. **SLIDE 16 EXPLAIN** Figure 32-15 A tripod fixed joint. This type of joint is found on some Japanese vehicles. If the joint wears out, it is to be replaced with an entire drive axle shaft assembly.
17. **SLIDE 17 EXPLAIN** Figure 32-16 The fixed outer joint is required to move in all directions because the wheels must turn for steering as well as move up and down during suspension movement. The inner joint has to be able to not only move up and down but also plunge in and out as the suspension moves up and down.
18. **SLIDE 18 EXPLAIN** Figure 32-17 Unequal-length driveshafts result in unequal drive axle shaft angles to the front drive wheels. This unequal angle side-to-side often results in a steering of vehicle during acceleration called torque steer. By using an intermediate shaft, both drive axles are same angle & torque steer effect is reduced

**DEMONSTRATION:** Show examples of equal length, half shafts & an intermediate shaft.

**DISCUSSION:** Ask the students to discuss why the inner CV joint must be able to plunge?

**DEMONSTRATION:** Show examples of natural rubber, silicone rubber, hard thermoplastic, and urethane CV boots.

**HANDS-ON-TASK** Have the students identify with labels the different materials CV boots are made from.

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19. SLIDE 19 **EXPLAIN** FIGURE 32-18 typical drive axle shaft with dampener weight.

20. SLIDE 20 **EXPLAIN** FIGURE 32-19 tripod joint is also called a tripot, tripod, or tulip design

**HANDS-ON-TASK** Have the students identify the major components of the plunge CV joint assembly, using a diagram similar to **Figure 32-19**

21. SLIDE 21 **EXPLAIN** Figure 32-20 A cross-groove plunge joint is used on many German front-wheel-drive vehicles and as both inner and outer joints on the rear of vehicles that use an independent-type rear suspension

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23. SLIDE 23 **EXPLAIN** Figure 32-22 Getting the correct boot kit or parts from the parts store is more difficult on many Chrysler front-wheel-drive vehicles because Chrysler has used four different manufacturers for its axle shaft assemblies

**DISCUSSION:** Ask the students to discuss how the boot around the CV joint can be damaged. (Examples: Road hazards, mechanic's error when working around the boot, and drying out from age)

**DISCUSSION:** Ask the students to discuss the importance of inspecting the CV boot whenever you have an opportunity to look under the vehicle. Ask them to list several opportunities a technician would have to inspect the CV boot.

**HANDS-ON-TASK** have the students inspect several CV joint boots on lab vehicles

**Split CV boot is good to use in an emergency for a temporary repair. You should then replace it & clean CV joint ASAP**

**DEMONSTRATION:** Show an example of CV joint grease and an example of common chassis grease. Compare viscosity and texture of the two greases.

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**DISCUSSION:** Ask the students to discuss the importance of clean and correct grease in a CV joint. Ask them to discuss how the grease can become contaminated.

**DISCUSSION:** Ask the students to discuss problems that might occur if the wrong grease is used in a CV joint.

**After cleaning a CV joint with solvent, the solvent must be removed. Any solvent left behind will contaminate the new grease.**

**SEARCH INTERNET:** Have the students search the Internet for ways to reduce torque steer. Have students share their findings during the next class.