

Parking Brake Adjustment

Meets NATEF Task: (A5-F-3) Check parking brake cables and components for wear and clean or replace as necessary (P-2)

Name _____ Date _____ Time on Task _____

Make/Model/Year _____ VIN _____ Evaluation: 4 3 2 1

_____ 1. Check the service information for the specified parking brake adjustment for the vehicle being serviced. _____

_____ 2. Apply the parking brake and count the number of “clicks.”

_____ less than 4 “clicks”

_____ 5 - 10 “clicks”

_____ over 10 “clicks”

NOTE: If there are less than 4 “clicks” or more than 10 “clicks”, adjustment of the parking brake may be necessary.

_____ 3. Place the gear selector in neutral and release the parking brake.

_____ 4. Hoist the vehicle safely.

_____ 5. Try rotating the rear wheels (front wheels on some Subaru vehicles).

_____ rotates freely

_____ does not rotate

NOTE: If the rear wheels do not rotate, try loosening the parking brake cable.

_____ 6. If the rear wheels rotate freely and the parking brake requires more than 10 “clicks,” remove the rear brakes for inspection.

NOTE: The parking brake should only be adjusted after checking and adjusting the rear brakes.

_____ 7. Clean and adjust the rear brakes.

_____ 8. Reassemble the rear brakes and apply the parking brake 3 - 4 “clicks.”

_____ 9. If the rear wheels can be rotated, adjust the parking brake adjuster until the rear wheel brakes are just touching the brake drums.

_____ 10. Apply the parking brake and again count the “clicks.” Most vehicle manufacturers recommend that the parking brake should hold with 6 to 18 “clicks.” Readjust the parking brake as necessary.

