

# Parking Brake Adjustment

**Meets NATEF Task:** (A5-F-2) Check parking brake cables and components for wear and clean, lubricate, adjust 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 lubrication and 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.

