Chassis Systems 8th Edition Chapter 15
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SHORT ANSWER. Write the word or phrase that best completes each statement or answers the question.
1) What is wrong when the parking brake cable is swollen?
2) How does a typical parking brake function on a vehicle equipped with an integral rear disc brake system?
3) What are the two types of electric parking brakes?
4) How does a typical parking brake function on a vehicle equipped with rear drum brakes?
5) Explain how to adjust a parking brake properly.

## Answer Key

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- 1) A cable that is larger in diameter in one section indicates that it is rusting inside and has swollen. Page Ref: 217
- 2) The parking brake uses a cable to mechanically apply the caliper piston on a vehicle equipped with integral rear disc brakes. An actuating screw thread inside the caliper piston pushes the caliper piston against the disc brake rotor.

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- 3) Electric parking brake (EPB) systems are available using two different designs including the following:
  - A cable-pulling type that uses an electric motor to pull the parking brake cable rather than a mechanical handle or foot pedal.
  - A more advanced unit uses a computer-controlled motor attached to the brake caliper to activate it. Page Ref: 244-226
- 4) The parking brake uses a cable to mechanically (rather than hydraulically) apply the drum brake linings. When the parking brake is applied, a cable moves a parking brake lever that forces the brake shoe against the brake drum. Page Ref: 219-220
- 5) To properly adjust the parking brake cable, the rear brake must first be inspected and adjusted if necessary. The usual procedure for parking brake cable adjustment includes applying the parking brake 3 or 4 "clicks" and adjusting the cable until the rear brakes are applied.

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