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# **ABS Braking System**

## **Workbook**



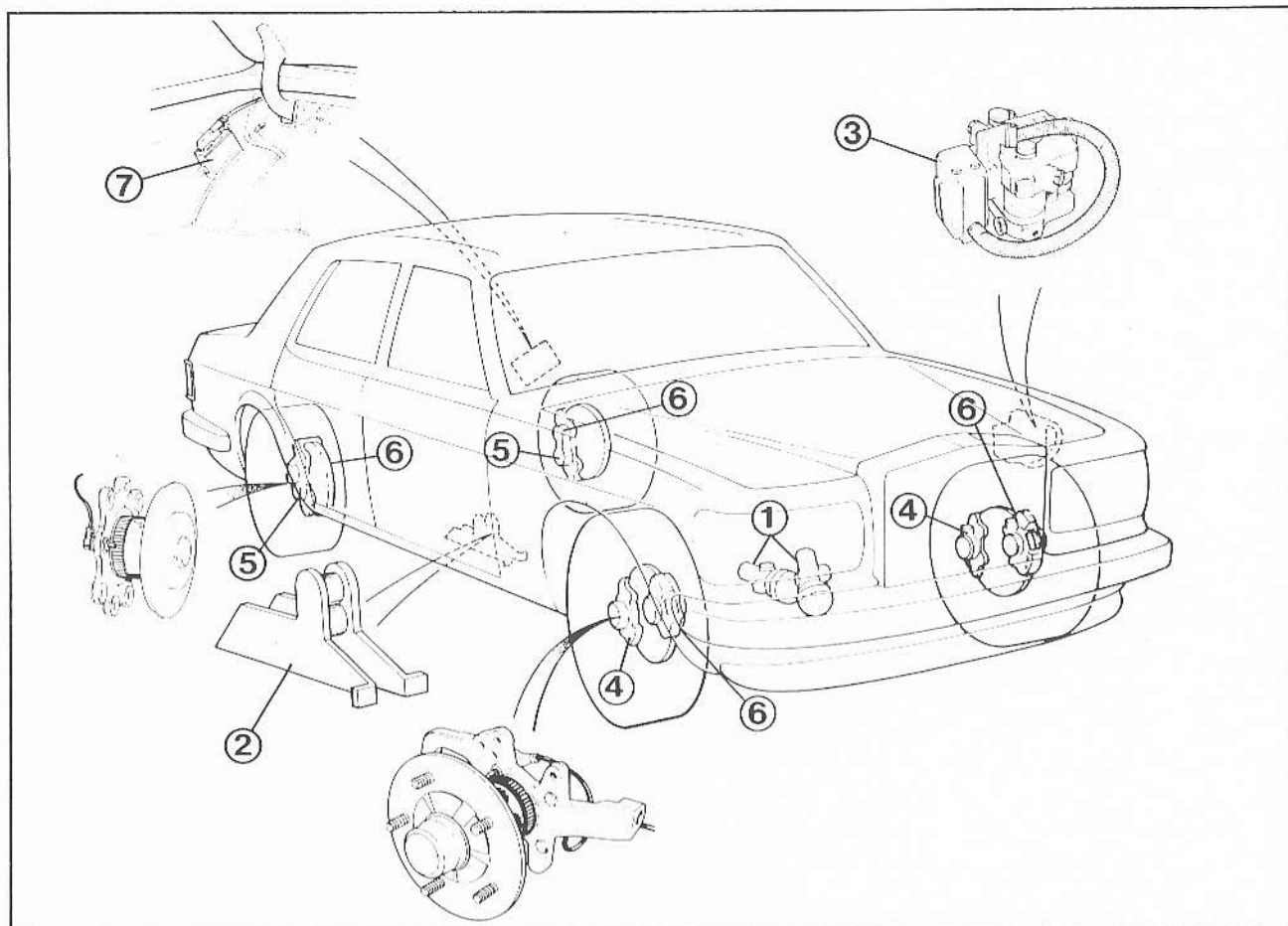
## FOREWORD

This workbook is for use with the Rolls-Royce Mastertech Video Programme  
**'Anti-lock Brakes and Hydraulic System Changes from VIN 20001'**

It contains additional information about the design and working principles of the  
Anti-lock Braking System and Hydraulics Systems fitted to Rolls-Royce Motor  
Cars from VIN 20001

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## Introduction

### Components

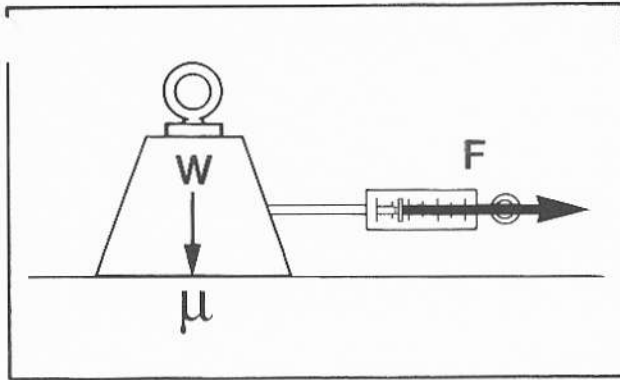
- 1 Accumulators
- 2 Brake distribution valve
- 3 Hydraulic modulator
- 4 Front wheel calipers
- 5 Rear wheel calipers
- 6 Wheel sensors
- 7 Electronic control unit

### Operation

An Anti-lock Braking System is a braking system which incorporates a control function to prevent the wheels locking during braking with resultant loss of braking efficiency and directional stability.

The Anti-lock Braking System fitted to Rolls-Royce and Bentley Motor Cars incorporates a wheel sensor system, an electronic control unit and electrically operated valves in the braking circuits.

The wheel sensor system continually monitors the status of each individual wheel during braking. When a wheel is about to lock, the electronic control unit operates valves in the braking circuits to control the brake caliper pressure to obtain optimum braking.



## Braking Theory

### Friction

Friction is the resistance to movement which occurs when one object slides over another.

The friction force (**F**) is equal to the weight of the object (**W**) times the coefficient of friction ( $\mu$ ). Frictional force does not depend on the contact area.

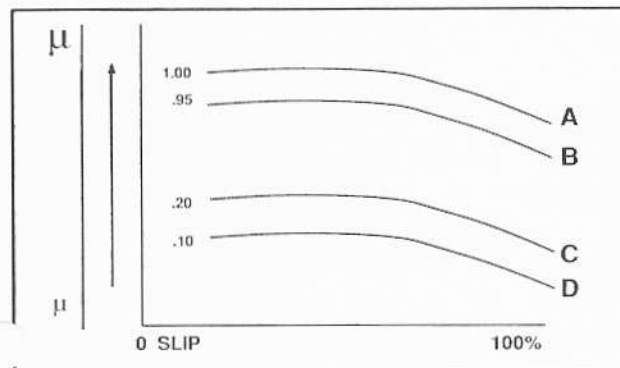
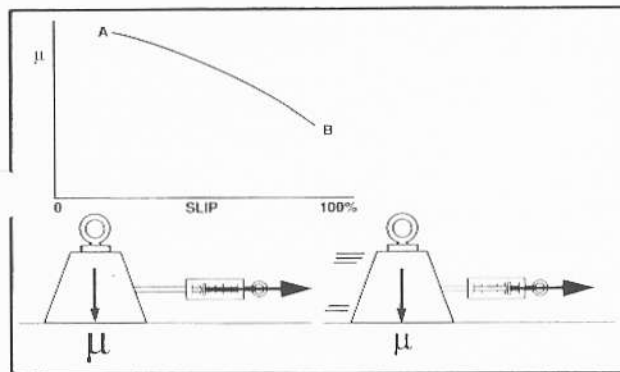
### Coefficient of friction

The coefficient of friction changes with the speed at which one object slides over another.

The highest value of coefficient occurs when the object is just about to move and is referred to as the static coefficient of friction (**A**).

The lowest value of coefficient occurs when the object is moving and is referred to as the dynamic coefficient of friction (**B**).

The static coefficient of friction is higher than the dynamic coefficient of friction.



The value of the coefficient of friction changes according to the sliding surface between the objects. For example, the static coefficients of friction between a road tyre and the road surface vary from 1.00 for dry concrete, (**A**), to 0.95 for wet concrete, (**B**).

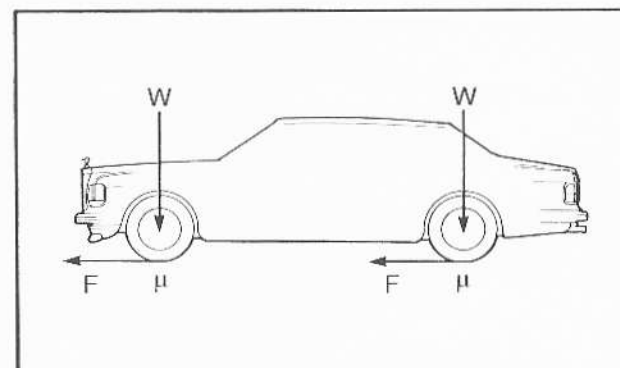
If the road is covered in snow, the coefficient of friction falls to 0.20, (**C**), while the coefficient of friction for a tyre on ice is 0.10, (**D**).

### Tyre/road braking force

The maximum braking force between the road and wheel is limited by two factors, the vehicle weight and the coefficient of friction between the road and wheel.

A rolling wheel is static friction. A locked or sliding wheel is a dynamic friction situation.

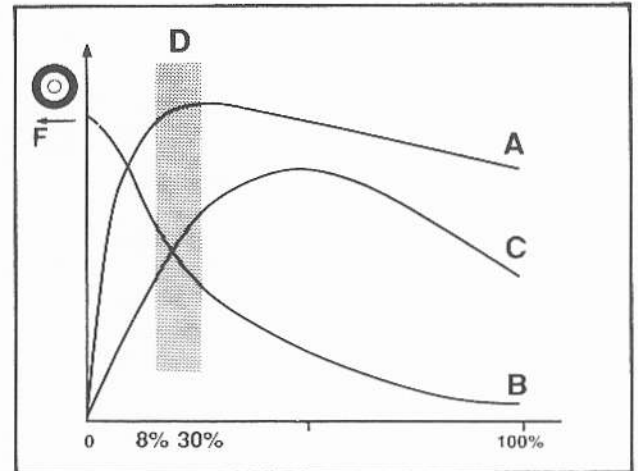
Therefore, during braking it is most important that the wheel does not lock. If it does, the coefficient of friction will be reduced, increasing the wheel locking effect and reducing the maximum braking force.



## Wheel slip

- A Straight line braking
- B Cornering force
- C Combined braking and cornering force
- D Anti-lock brake operating range

A certain amount of slip between the tyre and road is necessary for a roadwheel to roll and steer efficiently. Anti-lock brakes operate efficiently in a 8% - 30% range of wheel slip.

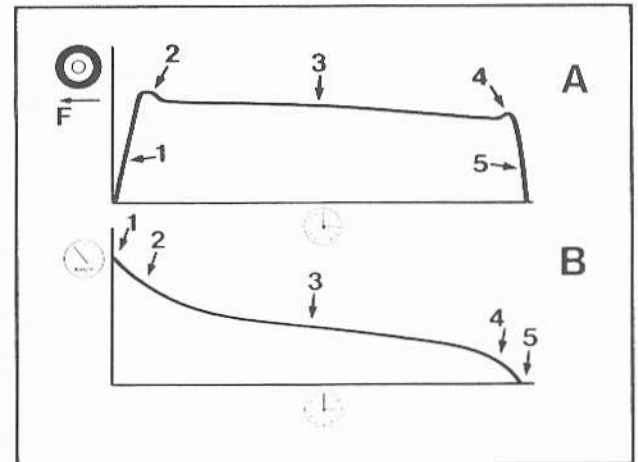


## Comparison between 'Normal' and 'Anti-lock' braking in a skid situation

Graph A - Brake Force Vs Time  
Graph B - Road Speed Vs Time

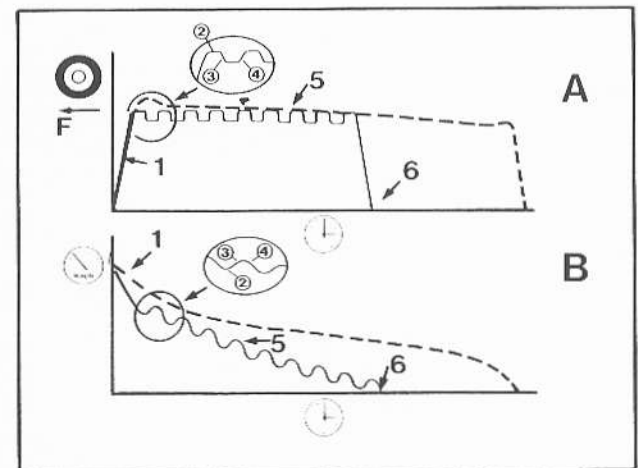
### 1. Normal Braking System

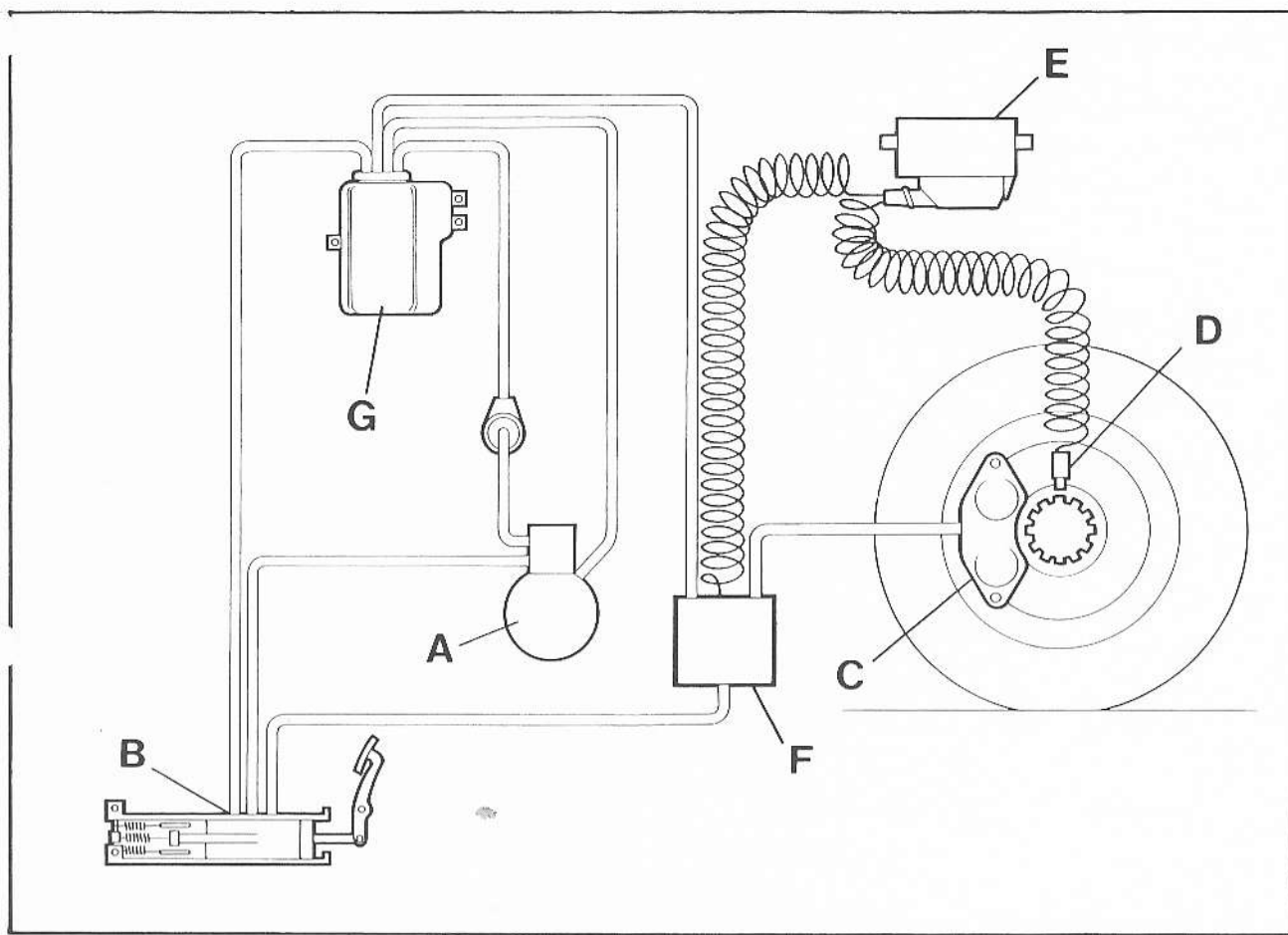
When the brakes are applied, the brake force between the road and wheel increases rapidly (1) up to the point at which the wheel locks. As this occurs, the maximum braking force available at the tyre - road interface for braking is reduced by the transition from static to dynamic friction (2). As long as the same braking conditions prevail, the wheel will continue to skid (3) until it finally stops. Just before the car stops, the speed reduces to the point where the friction returns to a static condition and the brake force increases momentarily (4). As soon as the car stops, the brakes are released (5).



### 2. Anti-lock Braking System

When the brakes are applied, the brake force between the road and wheel increases rapidly (1) up to the point at which the ABS system senses that the wheel is about to lock. As this occurs, the anti-lock braking system first holds the braking force constant (2) while monitoring the change in wheel deceleration. If the ABS system judges that the wheel will still lock, it reduces the brake force momentarily (3) until the wheel is rolling again. The ABS system then restores maximum braking force (4) until it senses that wheel lock will happen again when it holds the brake pressure. The 'Hold - Release - Restore' cycle (5) is repeated throughout the brake application ensuring that optimum braking is achieved until the car stops and the brakes are released (6).





## Modulator Valve Controlled Anti-lock Braking Circuit - Principles of Operation

### Components

- A Accumulator
- B Brake distribution valve
- C Brake caliper
- D Wheel speed sensor
- E Electronic control unit
- F Modulator valve
- G Reservoir

Each individual Anti-lock Braking Circuit comprises a normal power braking system of an accumulator, A, brake distribution valve, B, and brake caliper, C, which incorporates an additional electrically controlled modulator valve, F.

The modulator valve also has an hydraulic connection to the reservoir, G. It contains a valve system which can control the flow of mineral oil to the brake caliper.

The operation of the modulator valve is controlled by an electronic control unit, E, which is supplied with wheel speed information signals by the wheel speed sensor, D.

Whenever braking occurs, the electronic control unit monitors the wheel speed signals for each wheel and determines the car speed, individual wheel speed, individual wheel deceleration and individual wheel slip.

If the electronic control unit receives signals indicating heavy wheel deceleration likely to cause wheel lock, it sends electrical signals to the modulator valve to control the braking pressure to the appropriate wheel.

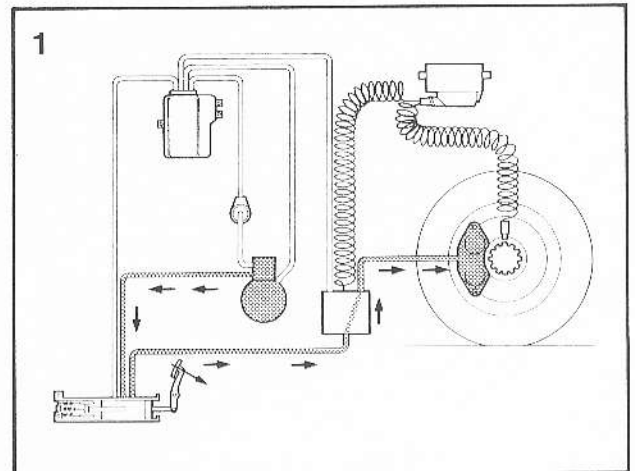
This braking control is achieved using three modes, Normal, Hold and Release operating at a high frequency between 4 to 10 times per second dependant on road conditions.

## Operation

### 1. Normal mode

In the normal mode, the modulator valve is in an open position in which it has no effect on the brake hydraulic pressure between the brake distribution valve and wheel caliper.

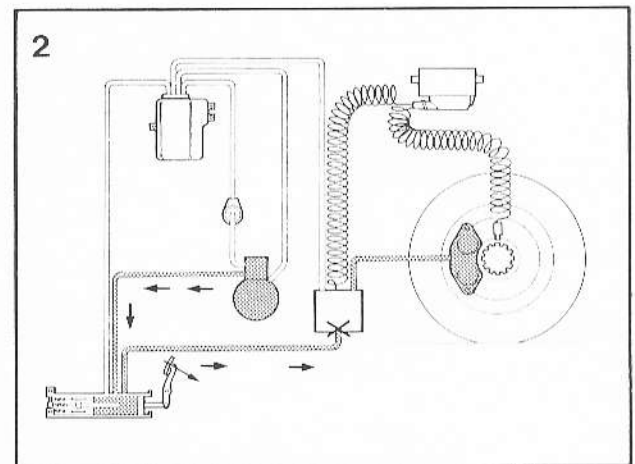
When the modulator valve is in this position, the brakes operate in the normal way.



### 2. Hold mode

In the hold mode, the electronic control unit causes the modulator valve to close the hydraulic circuit between the brake distribution valve and the wheel caliper.

This action effectively seals the brake circuit between the modulator valve and wheel caliper preventing any further increase in brake caliper pressure.

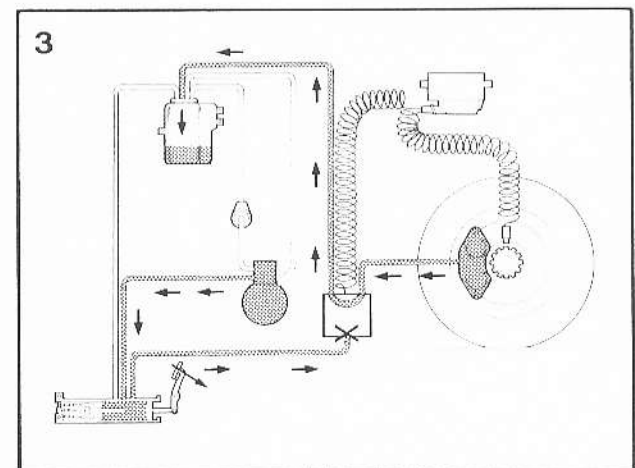


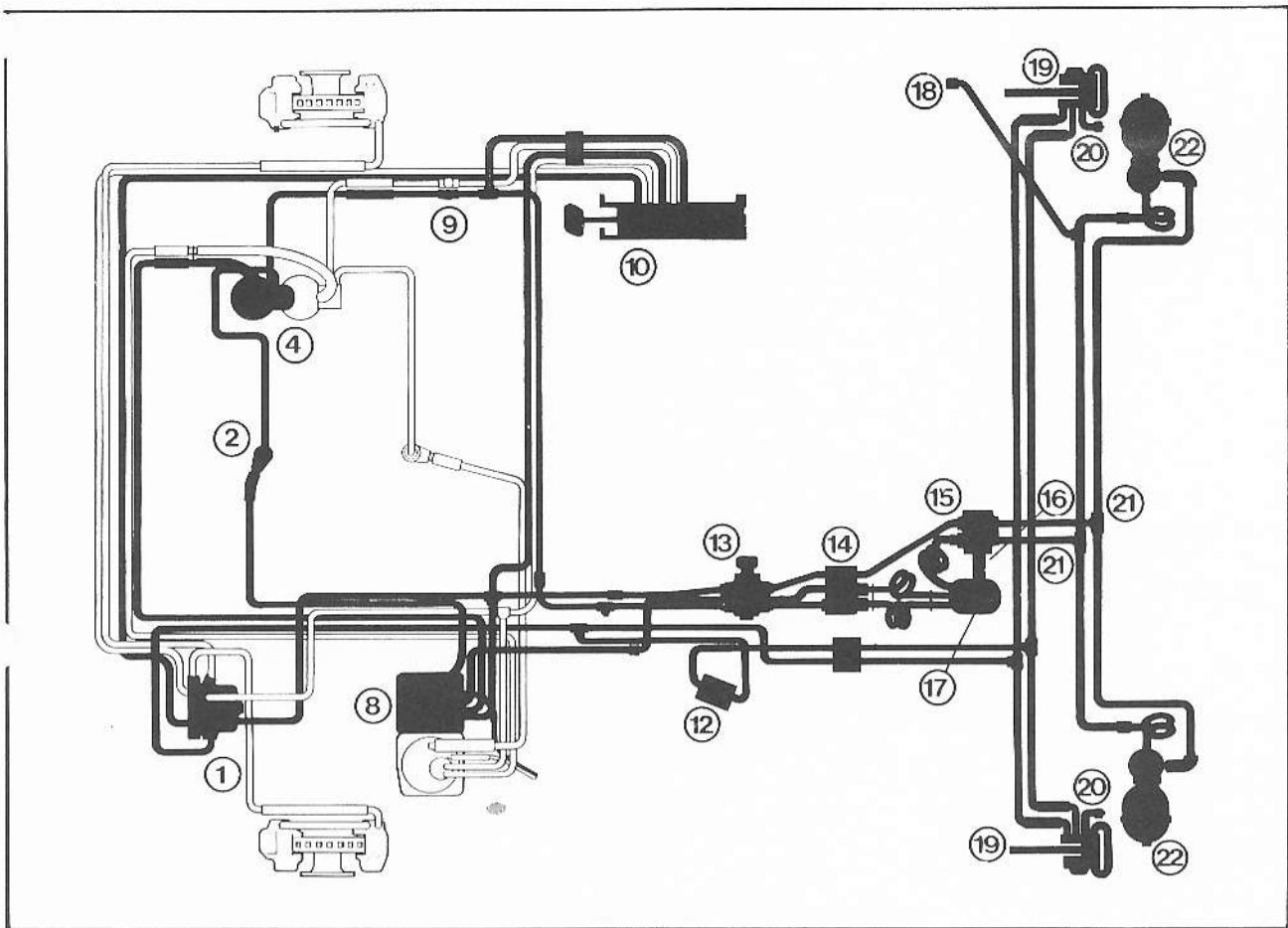
### 3. Release mode

In the release mode, the electronic control unit causes the modulator valve to open a return circuit between the brake caliper and reservoir.

This allows some of the mineral oil in the wheel caliper to return to the reservoir, effectively reducing the caliper pressure.

At the same time, the modulator keeps the hydraulic supply from the brake distribution valve closed, preventing any increase in the caliper pressure until the normal mode is selected.







## Number 1 Hydraulic System

### Components

- |    |  |
|----|--|
| 1  | Modulator (anti-locking brakes)                            |
| 2  | Front hydraulic pump                                       |
| 4  | Front hydraulic accumulator                                |
| 8  | Hydraulic mineral oil reservoir                            |
| 9  | Hydraulic pressure warning switch                          |
| 10 | Upper distribution valve                                   |
| 12 | Deceleration conscious pressure limiting valve ('G' valve) |
| 13 | Priority valve   |
| 14 | Filter block assembly                                      |
| 15 | Minimum pressure valve                                     |
| 16 | Seepage return hose  |
| 17 | Levelling valve  |
| 18 | Bleed point - Suspension struts                            |
| 19 | Rear brake caliper (four cylinder)                         |
| 20 | Rear brake caliper bleed point                             |
| 21 | Restrictor   |
| 22 | Gas spring and Suspension strut                            |

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### Description

Number One Hydraulic System comprises two circuits fed by the front pump and front accumulator:

The Rear Braking Circuit

The Height Control Circuit

### Rear braking circuit

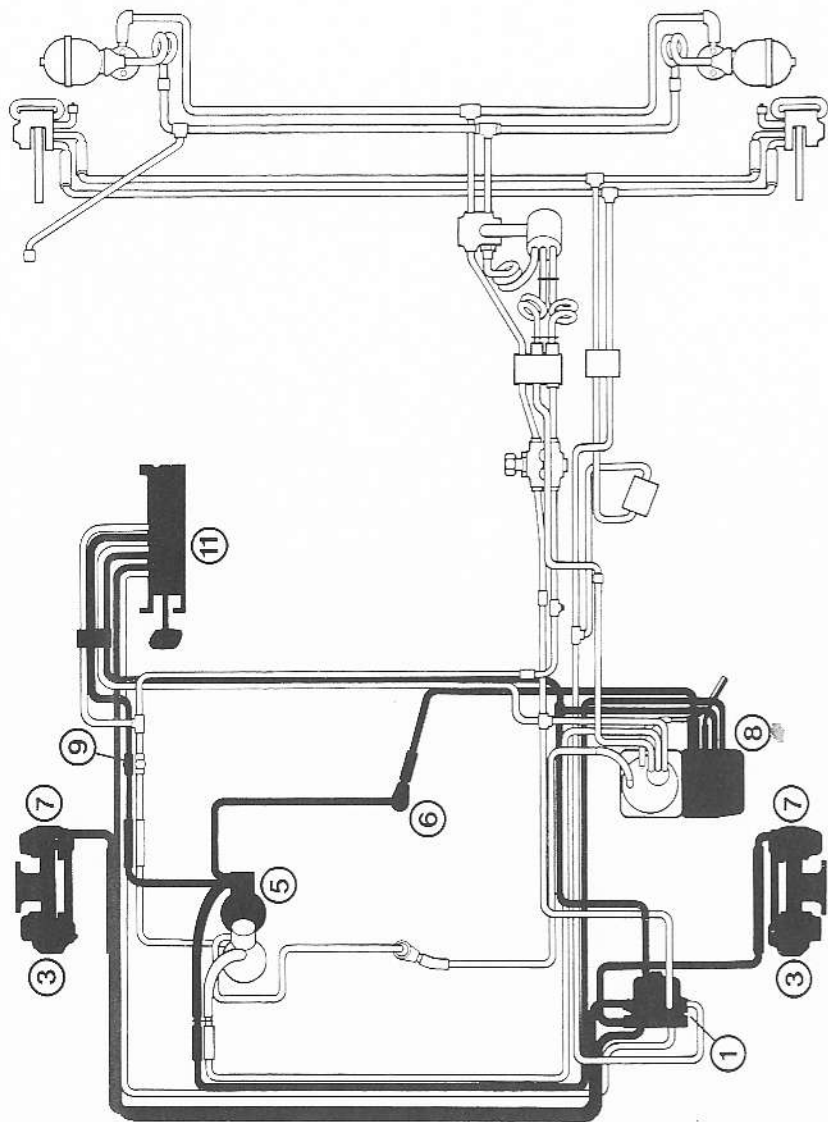
Rear braking is achieved using two parallel circuits supplied by the same brake distribution valve and modulator valve which operate the conventional four cylinder rear wheel calipers.

One of the circuits incorporates the repositioned 'G' valve to maintain optimum performance of the rear brakes.

### Height control circuit

The height control circuit features a priority valve, minimum pressure valve and a single height control valve to operate the conventional mineral oil gas spring and suspension strut.

Relocation of the height control valve and a new actuation system ( see page 17 ) ensure that the height control system reacts only to addition or subtraction of vehicle weight.



## Number 2 Hydraulic System

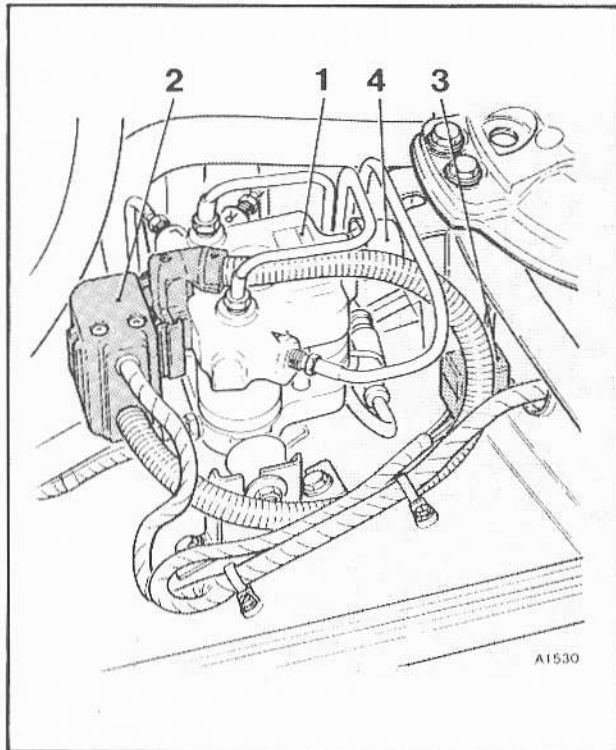
### Components

- 1 Modulator (anti-locking brakes)
- 3 Front leading brake caliper (twin cylinder)
- 5 Rear hydraulic accumulator
- 6 Rear hydraulic pump
- 7 Front trailing brake caliper (twin cylinder)
- 8 Hydraulic mineral oil reservoir
- 9 Hydraulic pressure warning switch
- 11 Lower distribution valve

### Description

Number Two Hydraulic System which is fed by the rear pump and rear accumulator, provides front wheel braking only through conventional twin cylinder leading and trailing brake calipers.

The brake system is divided into two circuits at the modulator valve where individual modulators control the operation of the front left wheel brakes and front right wheel brakes.



## Hydraulic Modulator Assembly

### Components

- 1 Modulator assembly
- 2 Electrical plug
- 3 Modulator relay
- 4 Flexible mountings

The hydraulic modulator valve assembly is located in the engine compartment, immediately in front of the left-hand front spring pot.

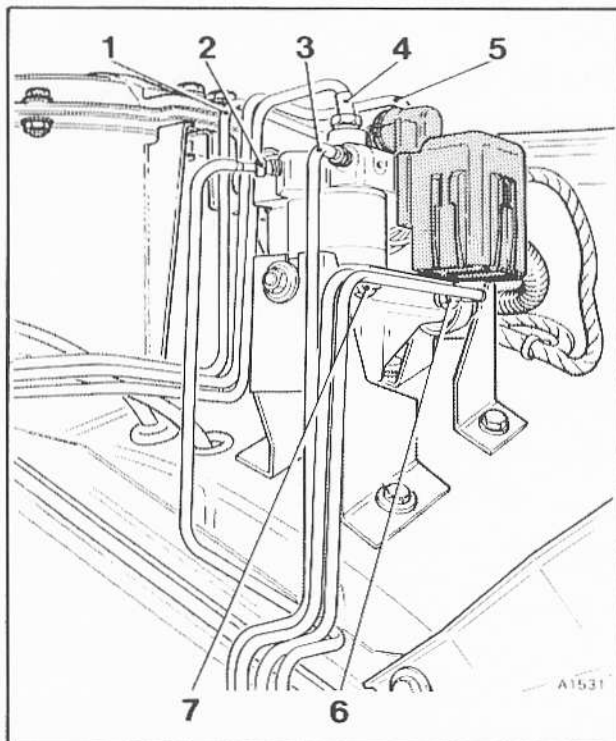
The assembly contains three electrically operated solenoid valves which provide separate anti-lock brake control for the left hand front brake circuit, the right hand front brake circuit and a common rear brake circuit.

The modulator assembly is located by three flexible mounts, one on the inboard side of the modulator, one on the outboard side and one at the rear of the modulator.

The modulator relay is specially built to much higher tolerances and must not be substituted by a standard relay.

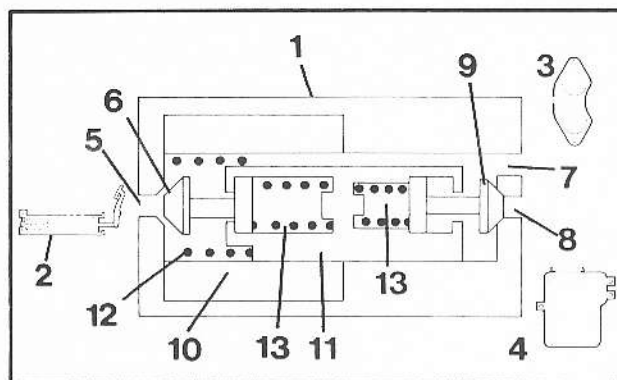
### Hydraulic connections

- 1 To rear brake calipers, Blue pipe, Port A.
- 2 To right-hand front calipers, Mauve pipe, Port R.
- 3 To left-hand front calipers, Mauve pipe, Port L.
- 4 To outboard reservoir (System 2), White pipe, Port T.
- 5 To inboard reservoir (System 1), Black pipe, Port TT.
- 6 From upper brake distribution valve, Blue pipe.
- 7 From lower brake distribution valve, Mauve pipe.



## Components

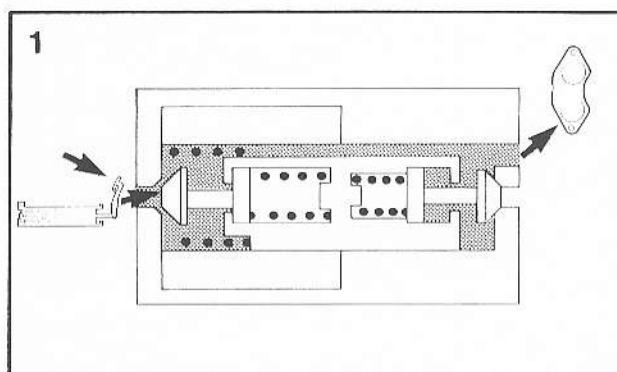
- 1 Modulator valve
- 2 Brake distribution valve
- 3 Brake caliper
- 4 Reservoir
- 5 Inlet port from brake distribution valve
- 6 Inlet valve (normally open)
- 7 Outlet port to brake caliper
- 8 Outlet port to reservoir
- 9 Outlet valve (normally closed)
- 10 Electrical solenoid
- 11 Solenoid plunger
- 12 Return spring
- 13 Valve springs



## Operation

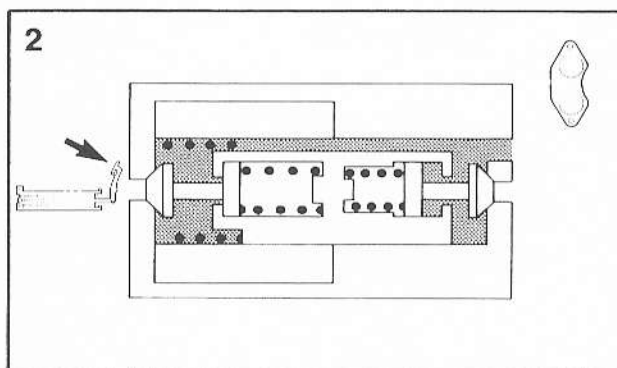
### 1 Normal mode

In the normal position, no current flows through the solenoid. The return spring pushes the plunger to the right. The outlet valve is held closed and the inlet valve is held open. Mineral oil from the brake distribution valve can flow to and from the brake caliper without any effect.



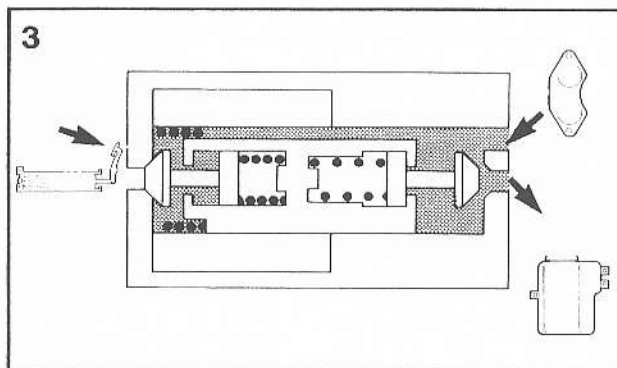
### 2 Hold mode

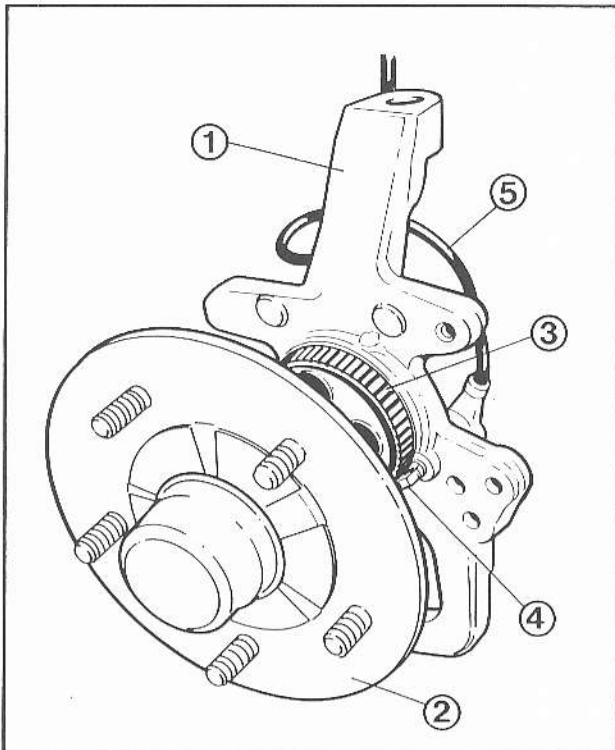
In the hold position, electrical current passing through the solenoid causes the plunger to move to the left. This action closes the inlet valve. The outlet valve remains closed. Brake pressure between the modulator and caliper is held constant.



### 3 Release mode

In the release position, increased electrical current passing through the solenoid causes the plunger to move further to the left. This action opens the outlet valve. The inlet valve remains closed. Brake pressure between the modulator and caliper is reduced by mineral oil returning to the reservoir.





## Wheel Sensors and Phonic Wheels

### Front hub components

- 1 Front hub carrier
- 2 Front hub
- 3 Front hub phonic wheel
- 4 Front wheel sensor
- 5 Sensor signal cable

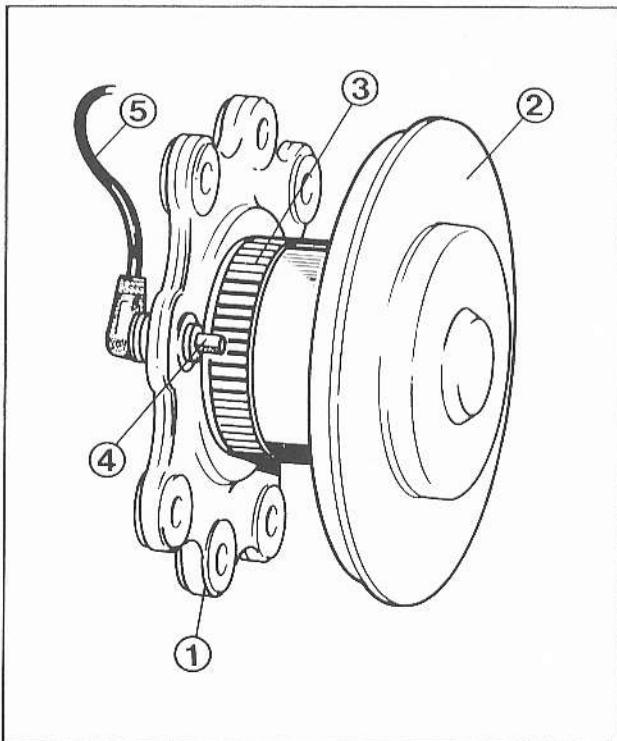
The ABS phonic wheel is a separate component which is pressed onto the front hub.

The ABS system senses individual wheel speed using an inductive sensor and a rotating toothed phonic wheel.

The phonic wheel forms part of the wheel hub. The sensor is securely located in the hub carrier in a position where the teeth on the phonic wheel pass the sensor face.

The distance between the sensor face and the teeth of the phonic wheel is 0.25 - 1.52 mm (0.010 - 0.060 in.). This gap is not adjustable.

The output signal cable from the sensor is integral with the sensor at the sensor end and is electrically shielded. A plug is attached to the other end of the cable to facilitate sensor replacement.



### Rear hub components

- 1 Rear hub carrier
- 2 Rear hub
- 3 Rear hub phonic wheel
- 4 Rear wheel sensor
- 5 Sensor signal cable

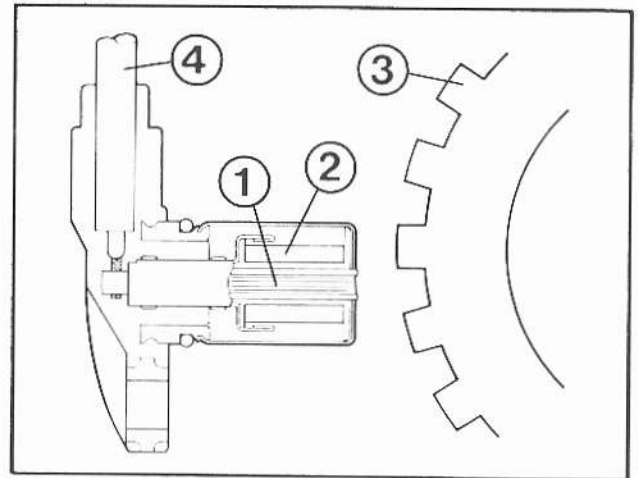
The ABS phonic wheel is machined into the rear hub.

## Components

- 1 Permanent magnet
- 2 Inductive coil
- 3 Phonic (toothed) wheel
- 4 Shielded signal cable to the electronic control unit.

## Operation

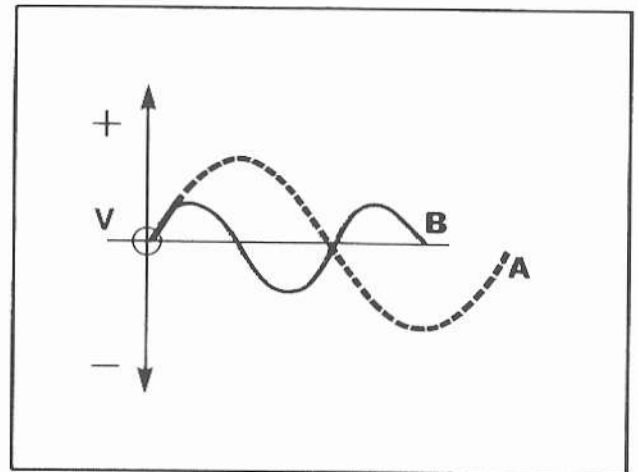
As each tooth on the the phonic wheel passes the face of the sensor, it changes the magnetic field surrounding the permanent magnet. The change in magnetic field induces electrical current in the inductive coil which is connected to the electronic control unit.

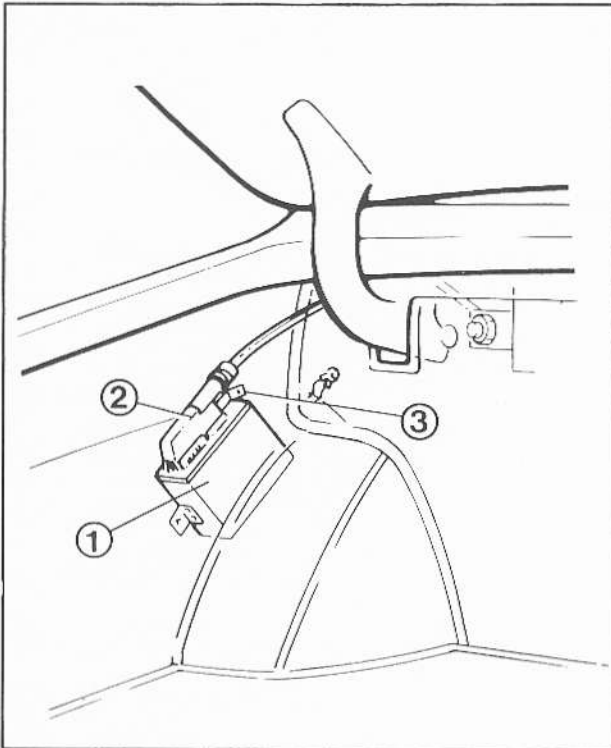


## Output signal

The output signal from the sensor is sinusoidal. The frequency of the signal changes with and is proportional to wheel speed.

Wheel speed 'B' is twice wheel speed 'A'.





## Electronic Control Unit

### Components

- 1 Electronic control unit
- 2 Wiring harness 35 pin plug
- 3 35 pin plug locating latch

The electronic control unit is located in the luggage compartment. It is mounted on the left-hand side rear wheel arch behind the trim panel. Connections are made through a 35 pin plug connector which is latched to the control unit for security.

### Operation

Whenever braking occurs, the electronic control unit continually monitors the wheel speed signals from all four wheel sensors. From these signals, it computes the road speed, individual wheel speed, and the acceleration, deceleration and wheel slip of each individual wheel.

From the signals it receives, the electronic control unit can determine whether or not the deceleration of a wheel or wheels is likely to result in wheel lock.

In the event of heavy deceleration occurring likely to cause wheel lock, the electronic control unit sends signals to the appropriate modulating valve to adjust the braking pressure to the wheel, by holding, reducing or increasing the brake pressure as appropriate to the wheel deceleration status. The effect of each control action is monitored by the electronic control unit from the change in the signals emitted by the wheel sensors.

The electronic control unit is programmed with a self-test sequence which checks the integrity of the ABS electrical system each time the engine is started. If it detects a fault during this test, it will automatically switch itself off and cause the 'ANTILOCK' warning light to illuminate.

When this occurs the modulators remain fail-safe in the normal position allowing the braking system to function normally.

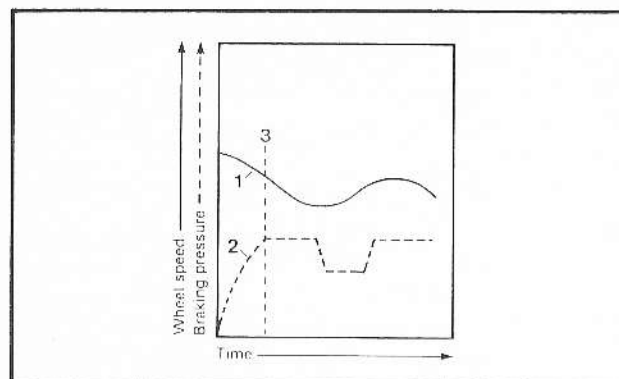


## Operating phases

The action of the electronic control unit (ECU) can be considered as three phases, normal, hold and release, corresponding to the three modulator valve positions.

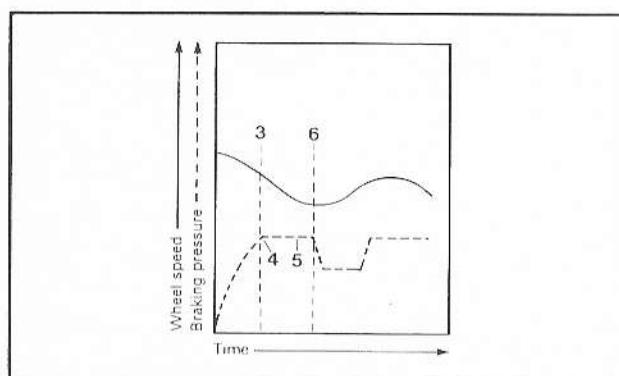
### Normal phase

- 1 The wheel is decelerating.
- 2 Brake pressure is increasing.
- 3 The ECU determines that wheel lock is likely to occur.



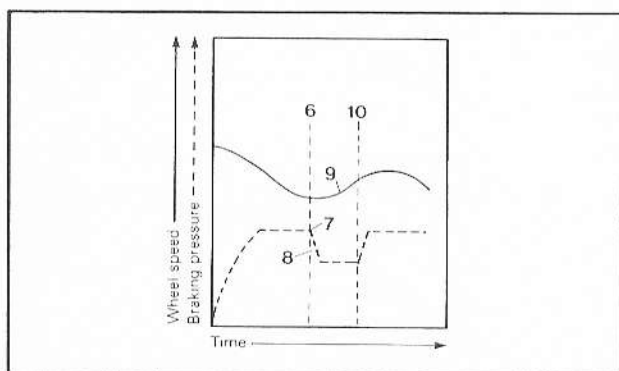
### Hold phase

- 3 The ECU determines that wheel lock is likely to occur.
- 4 The ECU switches the modulator valve to 'Hold' position.
- 5 Brake pressure is held constant.
- 6 The ECU determines that the wheel deceleration is still likely to cause wheel lock.



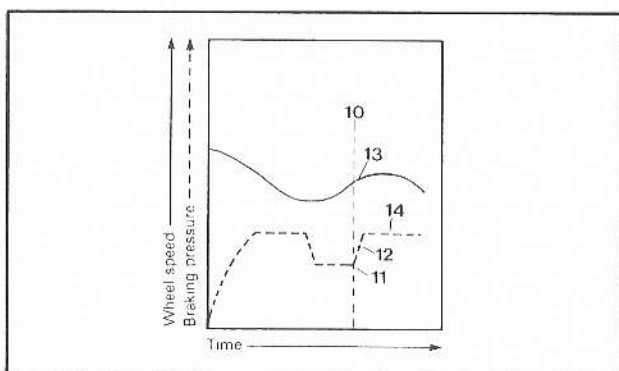
### Release phase

- 6 The ECU determines that the wheel deceleration is still likely to cause wheel lock.
- 7 The ECU switches the modulator valve to 'Release' position.
- 8 Brake pressure is reduced.
- 9 The wheel accelerates again.
- 10 The ECU determines that the wheel is not being braked efficiently.



### Normal phase

- 10 The ECU determines that the wheel is not being braked efficiently.
- 11 The ECU switches the modulator valve to 'Normal' position.
- 12 Brake pressure increases again.
- 13 The wheel decelerates again.
- 14 The 'Hold' cycle repeats.



The control sequence can be repeated 4 to 10 times per second to provide maximum braking effect for the prevailing conditions.

## DO NOT USE ALWAYS USE



Do not use RR363, Universal, or any other brake fluid.

Ne pas utiliser RR363, Universal, ou tout autre liquide pour freins.

Es dürfen keine RR363, Universal oder andere Bremsflüssigkeiten verwendet werden.

Full Pieno  
Plein Lleno  
Voll



Non usare fluido per freni RR363, Universal o di altro tipo.

No usar RR363, Universal o cualquier otro líquido para frenos.

لا تستخدم أو لا تستخدم أي سائل آخر لفرامل RR363 أو أي سائل آخر.

**WARNING. CLEAN FILLER PLUG BEFORE REMOVING. USE ONLY HYDRAULIC SYSTEM MINERAL OIL FROM SEALED CONTAINER.**



Use only Hydraulic System Mineral Oil (LHM) from special container. Spare container in luggage compartment.

Utiliser seulement de l'huile minérale pour système hydraulique (LHM) provenant d'un conteneur spécial. Conteneur de réserve dans le coffre à bagages.

Nur Mineralöl (LHM) für Hydrauliksystem aus dem Spezialbehälter verwenden. Ersatzbehälter im Gepäckraum.

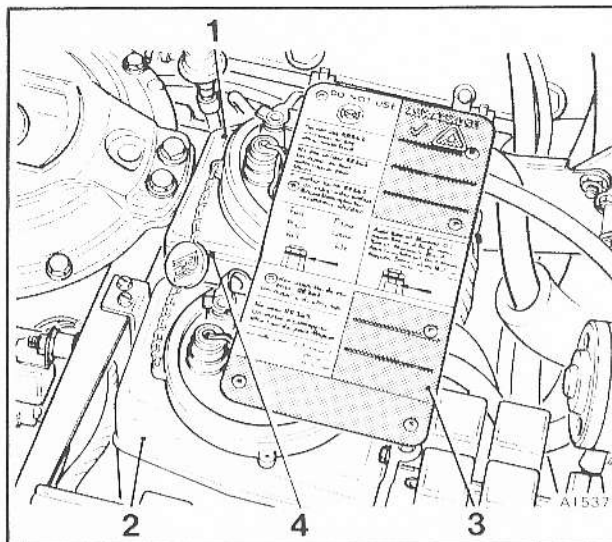
Add 500 ml Mineral Oil. Agregar 500 ml de aceite mineral. Aggiungere 500 ml di Olio Minerale. Añadir 500 ml de aceite mineral.



Usare solo olio minerale per impianti idraulici (LHM) dal contenitore speciale. Contenitore di riserva nella bagliera.

Usar solamente aceite mineral para sistema hidráulico (LHM) del recipiente especial. Se incluye recipiente de reserva en el maletero.

استخدم فقط زيت معدني للأنظمة الهيدروليكية (LHM) من الحاوية الخاصة. حاوية احتياطية في حجرة الأمتعة.



## Hydraulic Mineral Oil Reservoirs

### Components

- 1 Number one system reservoir
- 2 Number two system reservoir
- 3 Multi-lingual warning panel
- 4 Wire and seal

Number one reservoir supplies mineral oil for the rear brakes and height control.

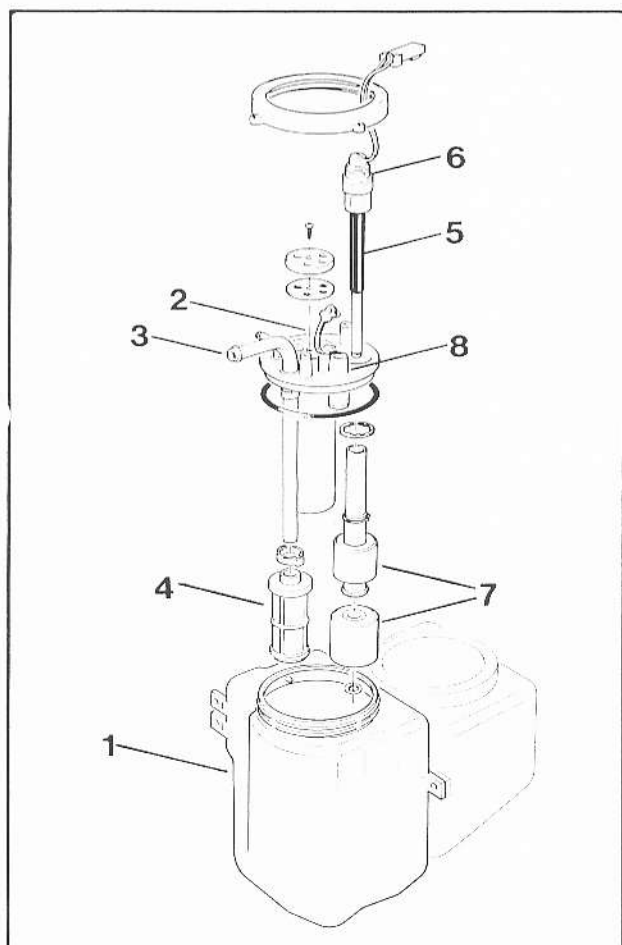
Number two reservoir supplies mineral oil for the front brakes only.

### Reservoir components

- 1 Reservoir
- 2 Reservoir top
- 3 Outlet to hydraulic pump
- 4 Filter
- 5 Combined reservoir level indicator and level switch
- 6 Level sight glass
- 7 Level indicator float mechanism
- 8 Filling point

### Features

The new hydraulic reservoirs are manufactured from an opaque material. All connections are made through the top of the reservoir to minimise leakage. Level indication is achieved by a double float system which operates a visual level indicator. The level indication system incorporates a reed switch which controls the operation of the low mineral oil warning light. One of the floats in the system allows for natural changes in the reservoir levels caused by the charging and discharging of the height control struts, thereby avoiding inaccurate level indications caused by vehicle load conditions.



## Height Control Valve

### Components

- 1 Height control valve
- 2 Operating lever
- 3 Pivot
- 4 Torsion bar
- 5 Clamping point
- 6 Rear anti-roll bar

### Operation

The height control system is operated by a single height control valve mounted on the left-hand side of the rear cross member. Actuation is achieved by a torsion bar which is clamped to the centre of the rear anti-roll bar.

The new configuration of the height control valve and its operating mechanism negates the effect of body roll on the height control system, ensuring that the system is affected by changes in vehicle weight only.

#### A - Cornering

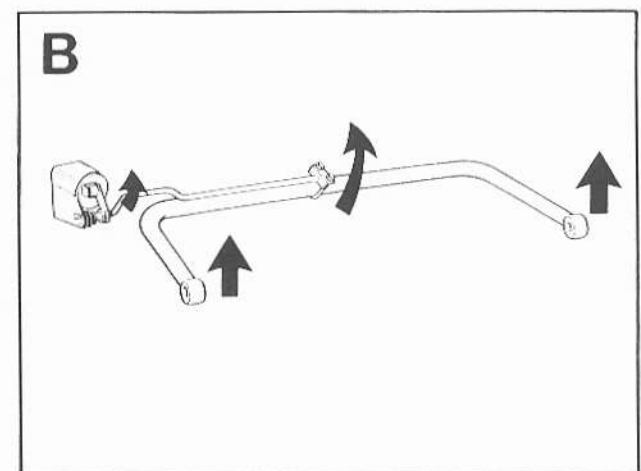
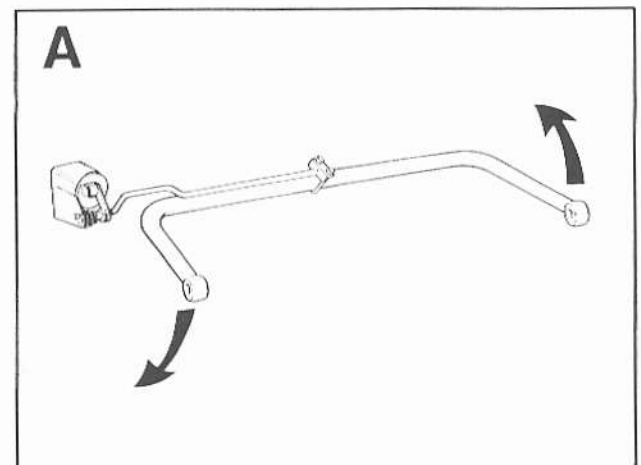
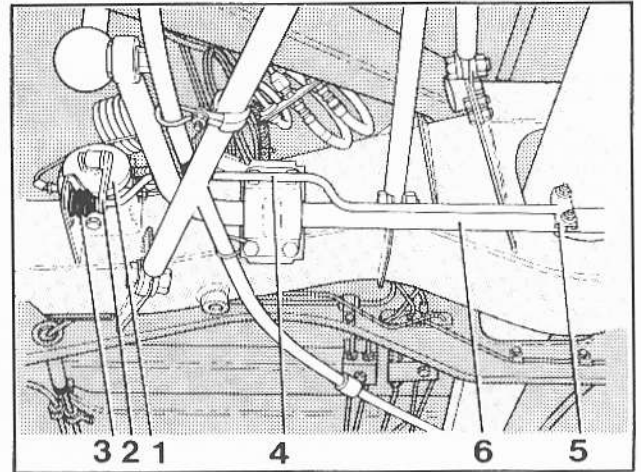
When the car corners, body roll causes an upward deflection of one end of the anti-roll bar and a corresponding equal downward deflection of the other end.

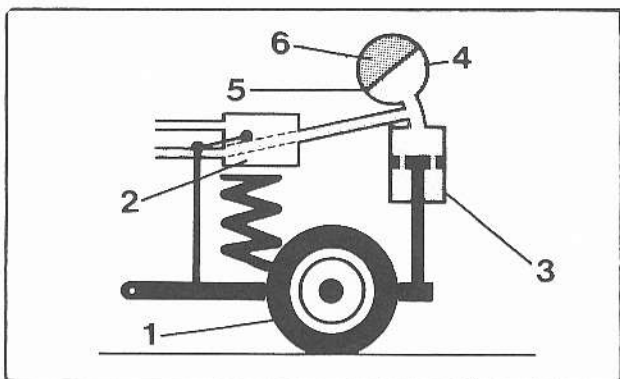
At the centre of the anti-roll bar, no movement takes place as the deflection of the ends of the anti-roll bar is taken up by twist in the centre portion of the bar. As a result, this twisting action of the anti-roll bar caused by body roll during cornering has no effect on the height control system.

#### B - Height control

When weight is added to or removed from the car, both ends of the anti-roll bar deflect in the same direction, upwards when weight is added, downwards when weight is removed.

In this case, the centre of the anti-roll bar rotates causing movement in the torsion bar connected to the height control valve. This action is transmitted to a lever which compresses or expands the height control valve accordingly.





## Height Control System - Principles of Operation

### Components

- 1 Rear wheel
- 2 Height control valve
- 3 Rear suspension strut
- 4 Gas spring
- 5 Diaphragm
- 6 Compressed gas

### Operation

#### Normal suspension movement

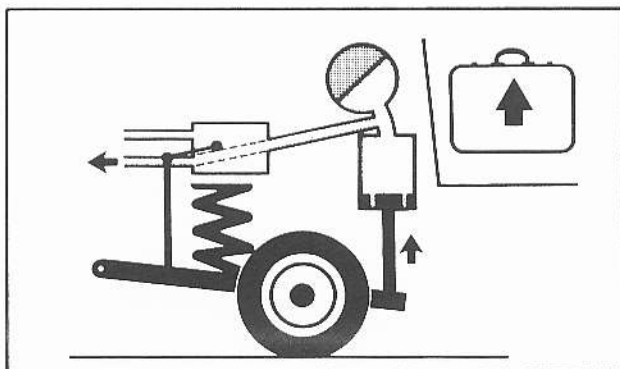
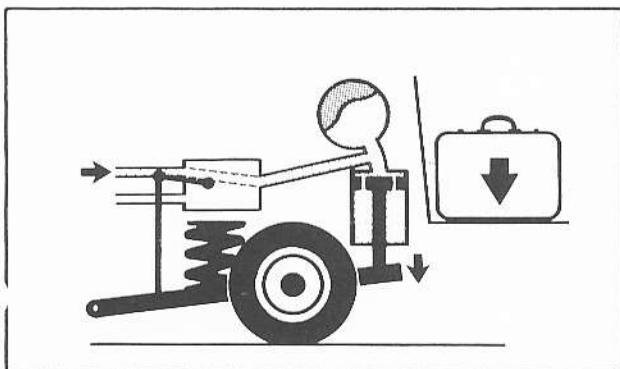
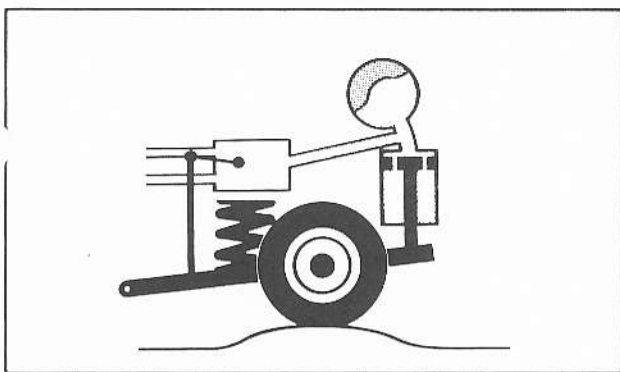
When the wheel hits a bump in the road, the piston is forced upwards into the strut. Mineral oil in the strut is forced into the gas spring, compressing the gas behind the diaphragm.

Conversely, when the wheel hits a pot - hole, the piston is forced downwards by the expansion of the gas.

#### Height control

As weight is added to the car, it causes compression of the suspension. This reaction is transmitted to the height control valve which restores the car to its correct height by increasing the volume of mineral oil in the strut. The increased volume forces the piston rod out of the strut.

Conversely, as weight is removed from the car, the resultant expansion of the suspension causes the height control valve to allow mineral oil to return from the strut to the reservoir. The piston moves upwards reducing the car height until the valve closes.





## **Silver Spirit and Bentley Mulsanne 1987-1989 Model Years 20,000-Series Supplement**



# **ABS Braking System**

**Although This Section was Prepared for 30,000-Series SZ Vehicles, it Also  
Generally Applies to 20,000-series SZ Vehicles**

# Anti-lock braking system

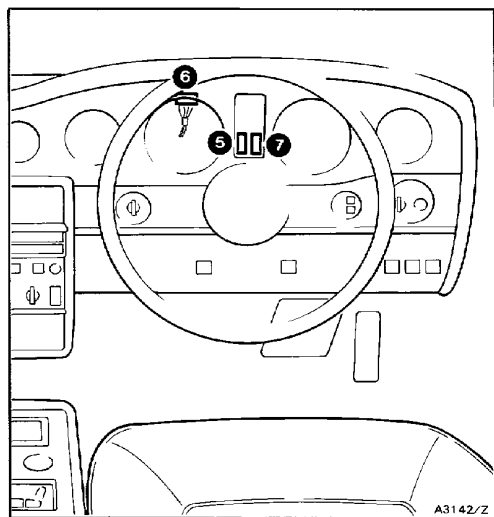
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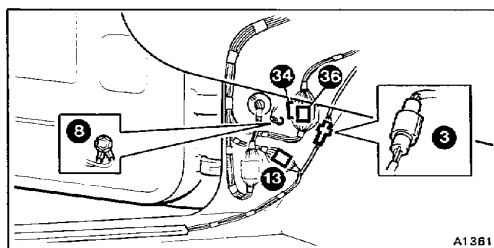
## Wiring diagram

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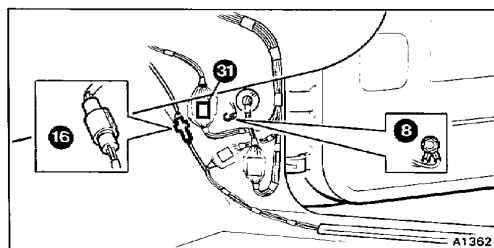
- 1) Left-hand front wheel speed sensor
- 2) Wheel speed sensor plug and socket
- 3) Valance loom to anti-lock braking system loom plug and socket 7-way - left hand 'A' post
- 4) Anti-lock braking system warning panel
- 5) Instruments module socket 26-way - yellow
- 6) Instruments module socket 16-way
- 7) Instruments module socket 26-way - blue
- 8) 'A' post earth points
- 9) Splice 155
- 10) Splice 159
- 11) Right-hand front wheel speed sensor
- 12) Splice 160
- 13) Main loom to anti-lock braking system loom plug and socket 12-way - left-hand 'A' post
- 14) Luggage compartment earth point - left-hand side
- 15) Body loom to anti-lock braking system loom plug and socket 3-way - located beneath the right-hand rear seat cushion
- 16) Body loom to valance loom plug and socket 3-way - right-hand 'A' post
- 17) Splice 161
- 18) Splice 167
- 19) Splice 157
- 20) Anti-lock braking system electronic control unit plug 35-way
- 21) Anti-lock braking system electronic control unit
- 22) Splice 92
- 23) Splice 154
- 24) Valance loom to engine loom plug and socket 5-way - right-hand side
- 25) Splice 88
- 26) Splice 156
- 27) Hydraulic modulator valves plug 5-way
- 28) Hydraulic modulator valves
- 29) Splice 7. Right-hand drive cars Splice 44. Left-hand drive cars
- 30) Splice 193
- 31) Main loom to valance loom plug and socket 9-way - right-hand 'A' post
- 32) Splice 23. Right-hand drive cars Splice 51. Left-hand drive cars
- 33) Splice 158
- 34) Main loom to valance loom plug and socket 18-way - left hand 'A' post
- 35) Starter motor
- 36) Main loom to valance loom plug and socket 9-way - left-hand 'A' post
- 37) Diode - taped back into loom
- 38) Modulator relay
- 39) Splice 198
- 40) Splice 19. Right-hand drive cars Splice 67. Left-hand drive cars
- 41) Valance loom to brake switch loom plug and socket 5-way - left-hand side
- 42) Anti-lock braking system relay
- 43) Valance loom to engine loom plug and socket 12-way - left-hand side
- 44) Stop lamps switch
- 45) Body loom to anti-lock braking system loom plug and socket 3-way - located in the luggage compartment
- 46) Battery earth point
- 47) Splice 5. Right-hand drive cars Splice 53. Left-hand drive cars
- 48) Fuseboard F1, fuse B4, 20 amp
- 49) Fuseboard F1, fuse A4, 4 amp
- 50) Battery
- 51) Fuseboard F2, fuse B1, 20 amp
- 52) Anti-lock braking system fuse, 10 amp - located in the luggage compartment
- 53) Fuseboard F2, fuse A9, 10 amp
- 54) Anti-lock braking system fuse, 20 amp - located in the luggage compartment
- 55) Left-hand rear wheel speed sensor
- 56) Alternator
- 57) Battery master switch. Cars other than those conforming to a West German specification
- 58) Splice 95
- 59) Right-hand rear wheel speed sensor



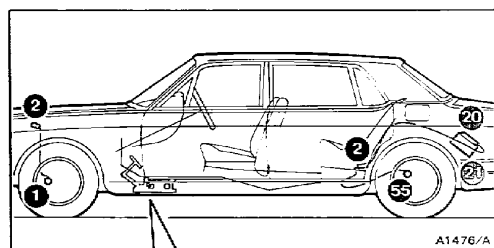
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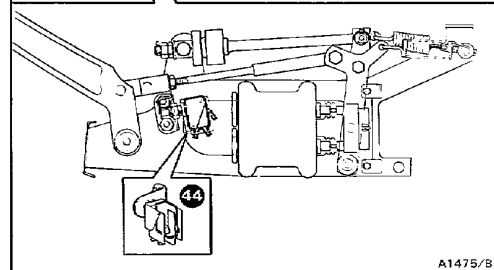
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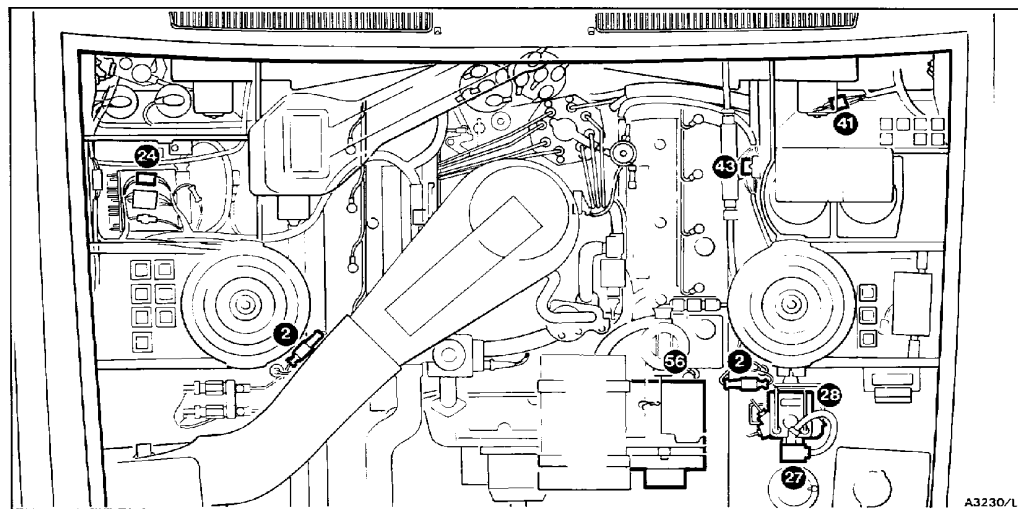
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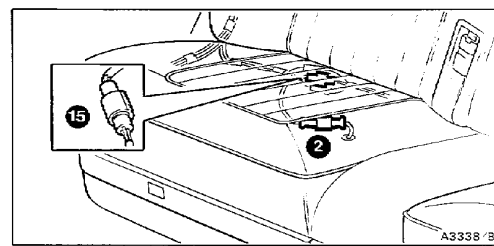
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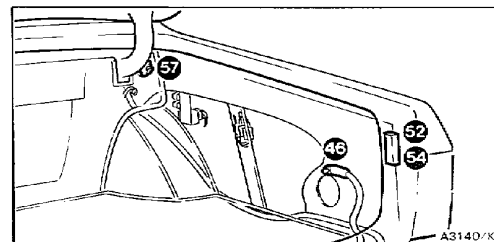
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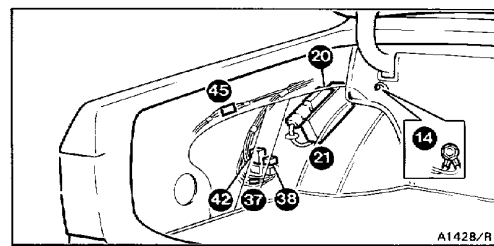
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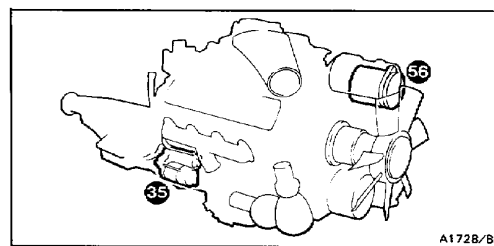
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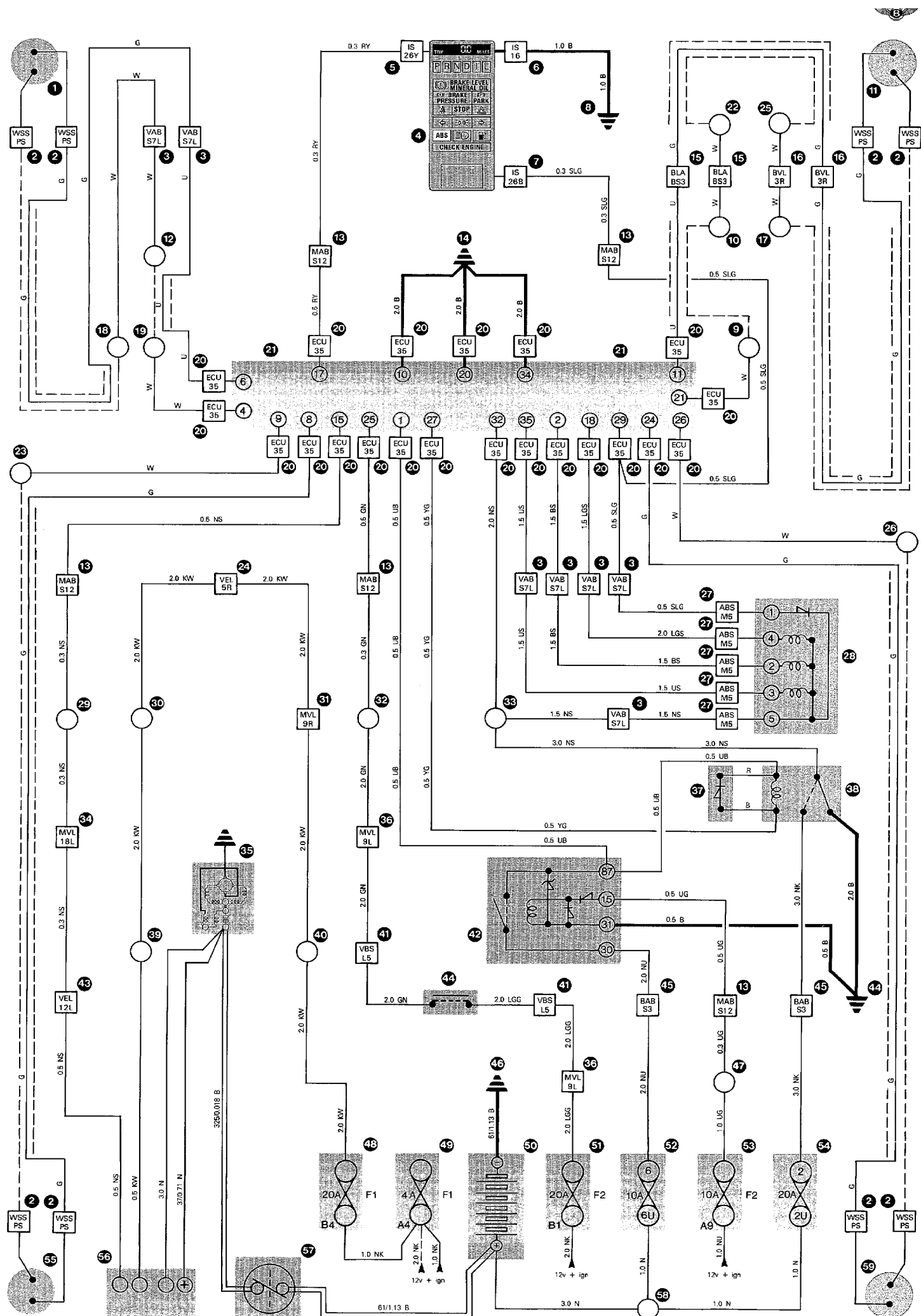
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# ABS wheel speed sensor operation check

## Applicable to

All Rolls-Royce and Bentley motor cars from the following vehicle identification number (VIN)

### Rolls-Royce

Silver Spirit \*SCAZS0002HCH20003\* onwards

Silver Spur \*SCAZN0009HCX20004\* onwards

Corniche \*SCAZD42AXHCX15992\* onwards

Touring Limousine \*SCAZW02D5NCX80001\* onwards

### Bentley

Eight \*SCBZS8009HCX20006\* to 44562

Mulsanne S \*SCBZS00A7JCH22047\* to 44588

Continental \*SCBZD0009HCH16035\* onwards

Turbo R \*SCBZS0T03HCX20001\* onwards

Brooklands \*SCBZE02D4PCX46004\* onwards

Continental R \*SCBZB03D5NCX42001\* onwards

## Introduction

The anti-lock braking system electronic control unit (ABS ECU) has a self-check programme, activated whenever the car is operating. If a fault is detected, the system switches off and the ABS warning panel on the drivers information panel (DIP) illuminates. If the panel remains illuminated after turning off the ignition and restarting the engine, the system may be checked using test box RH 9882. Proceed as indicated in Section G6 of the Workshop Manual, TSD 5000, referring also to the Electrical Workshop Manual, TSD 5002, Section 10.

The purpose of this Product Support Information Sheet is to:-

- i.) clarify the check procedure, and
- ii. supply the specified widths of the air gaps between the toothed wheel and wheel speed sensor for front and rear axles.

## Description

Connect test box RH 9882 and proceed as stated in the Workshop Manual as referred to previously. When checking that wheel speed sensors are operating correctly, and connections are correct, switch position 6 should be selected.

## Procedure

- 1.) Jack up the vehicle.
- 2.) Turn on the ignition.
- 3.) Ensure the wheel to be tested is free to rotate by hand, and when testing the rear wheels, the wheel not being tested must be held.
- 4.) Set the wheel speed selection switch to the wheel to be tested.
- 5.) Turn the wheel by hand at approximately one revolution per second until the LED indicator for rotary motion of the wheels illuminates without flickering.
- 6.) Read the instrument indication, if the minimum indication is less than 4 divisions, and/or the fluctuation is greater than 4% of the maximum indication, then possible causes of the fault are:-
  - a.) Wheel speed sensor lead is incorrectly connected or open circuit.
  - b.) Wheel bearing play is excessive.
  - c.) Toothed wheel defective or loose.
  - d.) Air gap between wheel speed sensor and toothed wheel blocked with debris, or incorrect to specification.

<b>Note:</b>
The specified widths of the air gaps are:-

0.082 to 0.88 mm for the front wheels

0.175 to 0.98 mm for the rear wheels

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