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What are the signs that you need to replace your wheel bearings or wheel hub assemblies?

- I hear a grinding noise.
Where is this grinding noise coming from?
(I checked my brakes and they look good.)
- What is causing this vibration in my steering wheel?
- Why is there so much play in my steering wheel when I turn?

- ▶ **Symptoms:** Clicking, popping, snapping, grinding, roaring or humming noises.
- ▶ **Diagnosis:**
The hub has lost lubrication or is worn out.
- ▶ **The Solution:**
The hub needs to be replaced.



Damaged wheel bearings may break entirely and possibly lead to serious accidents if not replaced.

If you experience any of the above mentioned symptoms be sure to have your vehicle inspected as soon as possible.

Every wheel on your vehicle is attached to a hub. Inside the hub is a set of lubricated wheel bearings that lets your tires and wheels spin freely without getting too hot. Wheel bearings are engineered to last for a long time. However, eventually they will lose their lubrication, wear out, or just get old.

If your wheel bearing breaks, it can cause a wheel to fall off your car while in motion and possibly lead to a very serious accident.

Make sure your customers observe the following procedures when installing wheel hub bearings and or wheel hub assemblies:

- Always follow the vehicle manufactures torque specifications for hub bearing mounting bolts, axle nuts, and wheel lug nuts.
- Never use an impact gun during installation.
- Use thread locking compound on the hub bearing mounting bolts if specified by the vehicle manufacture.
- On vehicles equipped with Anti-Lock Brakes (ABS), when replacing a wheel hub bearing or wheel hub assembly, you may need to clear any stored ABS fault codes.

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