

Pinion shaft, removing, installing and servicing

Special tools and equipment

- ◆ VW401 thrust plate
- ◆ VW402 thrust plate
- ◆ VW407 punch
- ◆ VW408A punch
- ◆ VW412 thrust disc
- ◆ VW457 support channels
- ◆ VW460/2 mandrel
- ◆ VW519 sleeve
- ◆ VW540 engine/transmission support
- ◆ 30-205 thrust pad

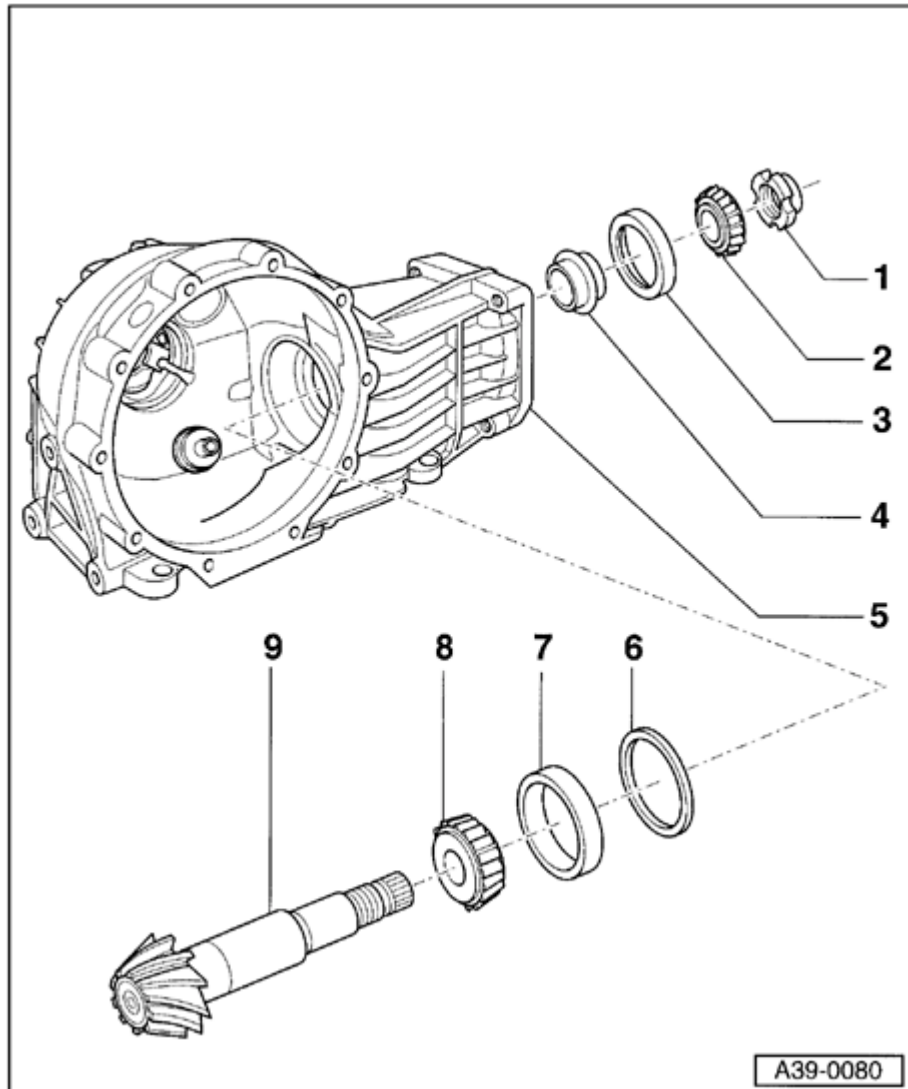
- ◆ 2003/3 seal installer
- ◆ 2052/2 assembly tool for pinion shaft
- ◆ 3005 thrust pad

- ◆ 3062 thrust pad
- ◆ 3138 drift
- ◆ 3253 wheel bearing assembly set with 3253/3 and 3253/4
- ◆ 3304 bracket
- ◆ VAG1383A engine/transmission support
- ◆ VAG1359/2 universal mount
- ◆ Kukko 17/2 separating tool
- ◆ Kukko 21/7 extractor
- ◆ Kukko 22/2 support
- ◆ Torque gauge 0-600 Ncm (0-53 in. lb)
- ◆ 32 mm socket

Notes:

- ◆ *Observe general repair instructions ⇒ [Page 00-14](#) .*
- ◆ *With the final drive installed, remove the drive flange housing from the rear final drive ⇒ [Page 39-86](#) .*
- ◆ *With the final drive removed, remove the drive flange housing from the rear final drive ⇒ [Page 39-119](#) .*
- ◆ *Always replace both tapered roller bearings together as a set. If possible, use same manufacturer.*
- ◆ *Do not oil new tapered roller bearings for the friction torque measurement. The bearings are already factory treated with a special oil.*
- ◆ *Remove differential ⇒ [Page 39-114](#) .*
- ◆ *Adjustments are required when replacing components marked with "1)" ⇒ List of adjustments, ⇒ [Page 39-149](#) .*

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**1 - Pinion shaft nut**

- ◆ Always replace
- ◆ Removing ⇒ [Figs. 1](#) and ⇒ [2](#)
- ◆ Installing ⇒ [Fig. 1](#)
- ◆ Measuring friction torque ⇒ [Fig. 12](#)
- ◆ Securing ⇒ [Fig. 13](#)

2 - Small tapered roller bearing inner race1)

- ◆ Removing pinion shaft ⇒ [Fig. 3](#)
- ◆ Installing ⇒ [Fig. 10](#)

3 - Small tapered roller bearing outer race1)

- ◆ Removing ⇒ [Fig. 4](#)
- ◆ Installing ⇒ [Fig. 9](#)

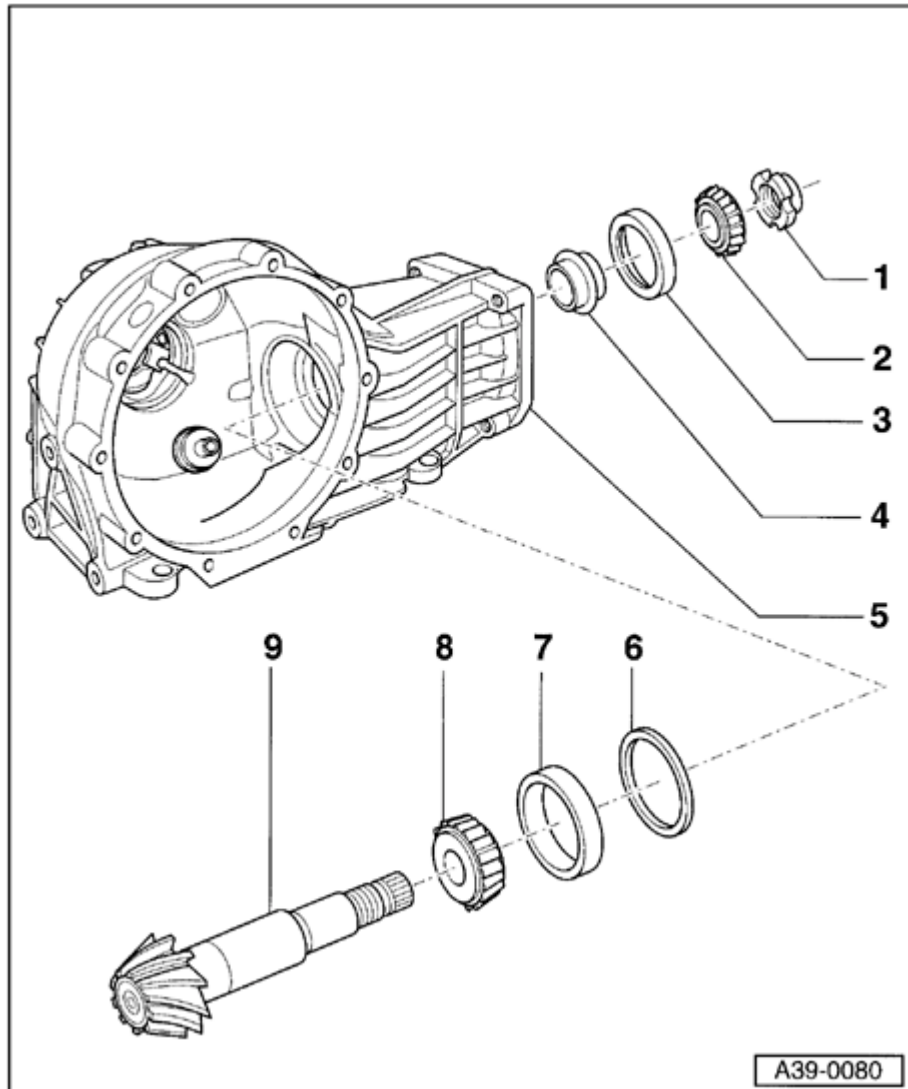
4 - Spacer sleeve1)

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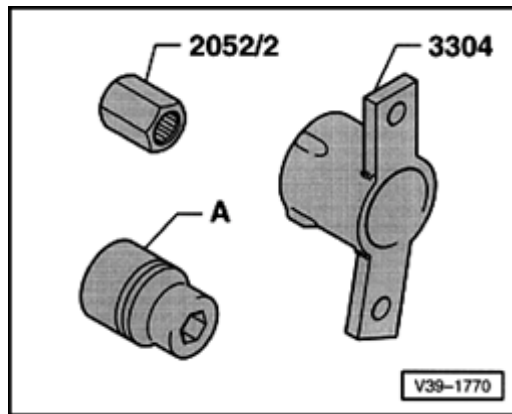
5 - Final drive housing1)**6 - Shim S3**

- ◆ Note thickness
- ◆ List of adjustments ⇒ [Page 39-149](#)

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**7 - Large tapered roller bearing outer race1)**◆ Removing ⇒ [Fig. 5](#)◆ Installing ⇒ [Fig. 8](#)**8 - Large tapered roller bearing inner race1)**◆ Removing ⇒ [Fig. 6](#)◆ Installing ⇒ [Fig. 7](#)**9 - Pinion shaft1)**

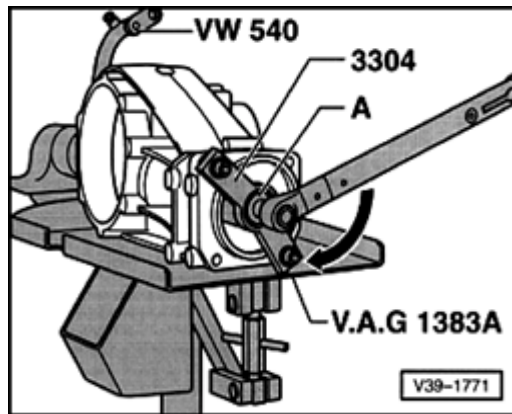
◆ Is matched with ring gear, always replace as a set



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Fig. 1 Tool to loosen and tighten pinion shaft nut

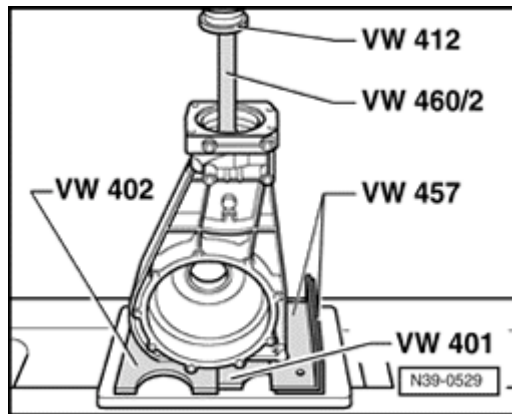
A- 32 mm socket



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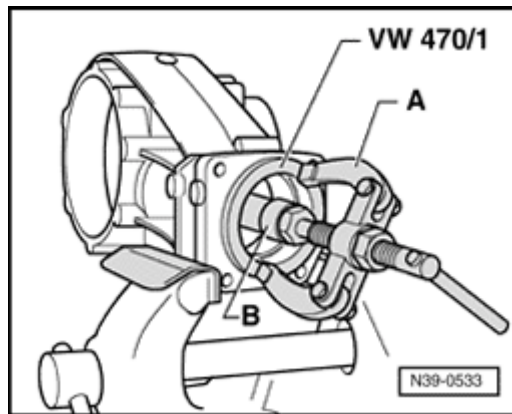
Fig. 2 Removing pinion shaft nut

- Screw 3304 bracket on using two M8 x 30 hex-head bolts.
- Final drive must be supported when loosening nut (e.g. using VAG1359/2 universal transmission attachment in combination with VAG1383A transmission jack).



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Fig. 3 Removing pinion shaft from small tapered roller bearing inner race



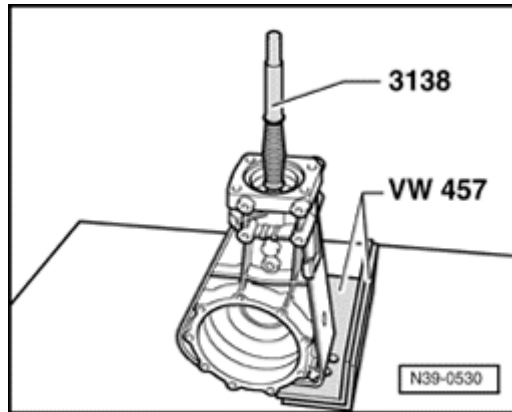
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Fig. 4 Removing small tapered roller bearing outer race

A - Counter support e.g. Kukko 22/2

B - Internal puller 46-58 mm, e.g. Kukko 21/7

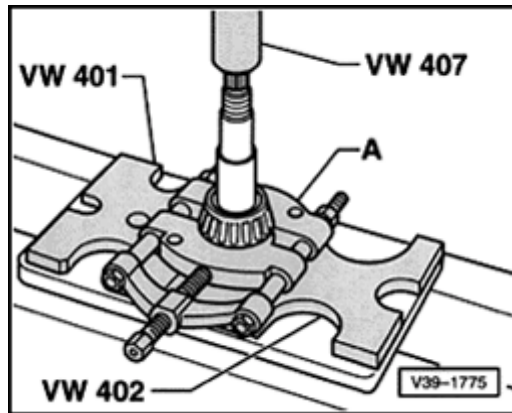
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Fig. 5 Removing large tapered roller bearing outer race

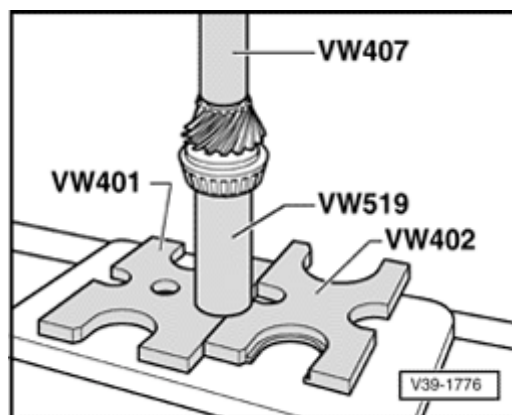
- After removing, check shims for damage.



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Fig. 6 Removing large tapered roller bearing inner race from pinion shaft

A - Separating device 22-115 mm, e.g. Kukko 17/2



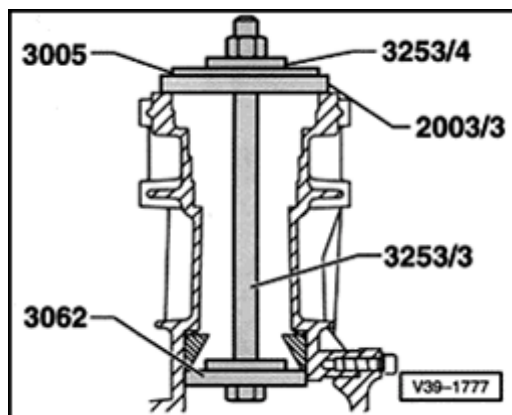
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Fig. 7 Installing large tapered roller bearing inner race onto pinion shaft

WARNING!

Wear protective gloves.

- Heat bearing to approx. 100 ° C (212 ° F), install and press down.



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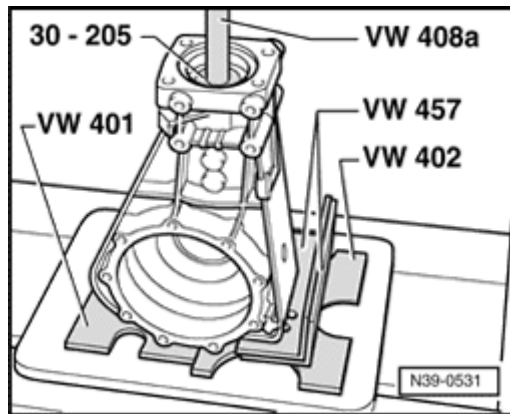
Fig. 8 Installing large tapered roller bearing inner race onto pinion shaft

- First insert predetermined shim S3 for pinion shaft ⇒ [Page 39-149](#) .

Note:

The marking "Oben" on 3253/4 thrust piece faces the nut of the puller.

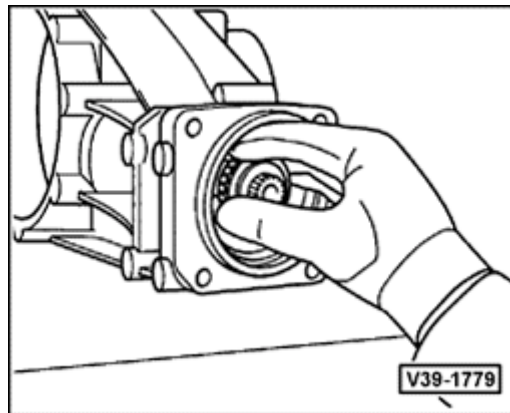
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Fig. 9 Installing small tapered roller bearing outer race

- Oil outer race, and position using VW408A punch and 30-205 thrust pad.



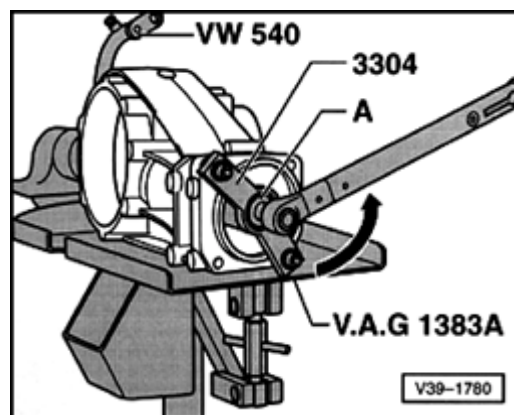
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Fig. 10 Installing small tapered roller bearing inner race

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Wear protective gloves.

- Insert pinion shaft with new spacer sleeve.
- Heat small tapered roller bearing inner race to approx. 100° C (212° F) and install onto pinion shaft.
- Lift up pinion shaft and press bearing using 40-21 sleeve up to stop.



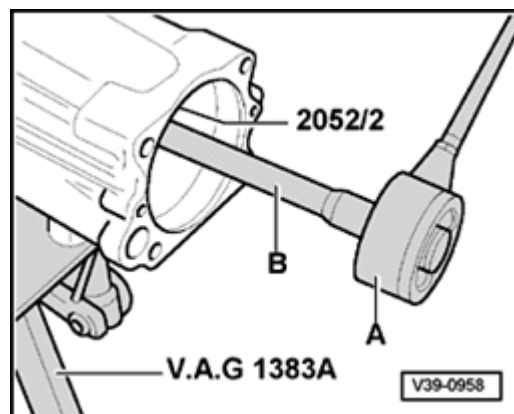
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Fig. 11 Tightening nut for pinion shaft and measuring friction torque

- Attach 3304 using two M8 x 30 hex-head bolts.
- Final drive must be supported when tightening nut (e.g. using VAG1359/2 universal transmission attachment in combination with VAG1383A transmission jack).
- Replace nut for pinion shaft.
- Tighten nut for pinion shaft, until no more play can be felt on pinion shaft.
- Increase tightening torque until specified friction torque is attained, measuring friction torque several times during this process ⇒ [Fig. 12](#) .

Note:

If the specified friction torque is exceeded, the spacer sleeve must be replaced and the adjustment repeated. A spacer sleeve that has been over-compressed at any time cannot be reused.



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Fig. 12 Measuring friction torque

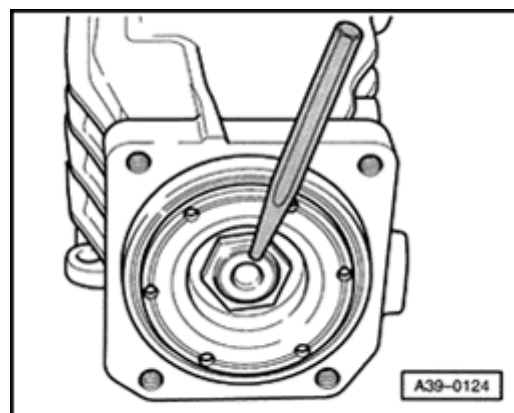
A - Torque gauge, 0-600 Ncm (53 in. lb) (commercially available)

B - Socket attachment, 32 mm

- Following friction torque should be set:

New bearings	Used bearings ¹⁾
200-250 Ncm (18-22 in. lb)	30-60 Ncm (3-5 in. lb)

¹⁾ Must have run at least 50 km (30 miles)



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Fig. 13 Securing pinion shaft nut

- Secure pinion shaft nut using mandrel.