

BLEEDING THE STEERING SYSTEM

- 1. Check all connections for leaks or other hose problems.
- 2. Fill fluid level to "cold" mark.
- 3. Safely lift and support vehicle so front wheels clear the ground.
- 4. With engine off, slowly turn the wheels completely to one lock. Wait 5 seconds, then slowly turn the wheels completely to opposite lock. Wait 5 seconds then repeat cycle 15-20 times.
- 5. Regularly check the reservoir for fluid level.
- 6. Continue until there is no foaming, and fluid looks normal.

Many installers will fill the system and immediately crank the vehicle in an attempt to bleed the system quickly. If an air pocket exists in the system, it will remain there and greatly increase the possibility of pump failure.

* Note: Ford passenger vehicles can be the most difficult when bleeding air from the steering system. The above procedure may be required to be completed several times to eliminate all

