



Technical Service Bulletin

Jeep CJ, Cherokee, Wrangler, and Comanche Release bearing/fork combinations differ among models, and the parts are not interchangeable. The wrong combination will result in chatter and hard pedal when the fork contacts the bearing retainer. Following is a description of how to identify the two types.



Locator Type



Bearing Centered

Models through 1979 used a fork with two small pin-type locators at the bearing end. The locators fit into holes drilled in the release bearing plate under the clips. When installing the release bearing, ensure the locators fit all the way inside the holes in the release bearing plate.

After 1979 the fork had no locator pins. Instead, it was centered by a release bearing collar that extended beyond the back of the bearing between the bearing retainer clips. When replacing the fork, ensure it is wide enough to pass freely over the centering collar.

Affected Applications

Years	Make	Model	Note
1976-1979	Jeep	CJ-5	Pin-Type Locators
1976-1979	Jeep	CJ-7	Pin-Type Locators
1976-1979	Jeep	Cherokee	Pin-Type Locators
1976-1979	Jeep	Comanche	Pin-Type Locators
1976-1979	Jeep	Wrangler	Pin-Type Locators
1980-1991	Jeep	CJ-5	No Locators
1980-1991	Jeep	CJ-7	No Locators
1980-1991	Jeep	Cherokee	No Locators
1980-1991	Jeep	Comanche	No Locators
1980-1991	Jeep	Wrangler	No Locators