Pre-balancing

While pre-balancing is not required, it may be recommended by your dealer. A good computer balance can indicate a mis-mounted tyre, a defective tyre, bent wheels or other ‘out-of-round’ conditions. This leaves the full potential of the Centramatic Balancer to balance the drum, hub and quickly respond to changing conditions throughout the life of the tyre.

Do not ‘strobe’ or ‘on-vehicle’ balance while Centramatic Balancers are fitted. Centramatic Balancers do not work with this method - on jack stands, there is no deflection and the weights set up erratically under this condition.

Vibration

If a vibration develops after installing Centramatic Balancers, this normally indicates a loose wheel bearing, or possibly a mechanical problem related to the suspension or undercarriage. Centramatic Balancers will not automatically balance the vehicle when such problems arise.

Installation Instructions for Drive / Dual

**WARNING**

Use of gloves is recommended. Centramatic Balancers are manufactured using thin steel, so holes and edges may be sharp and could cause injury.

1. **Raise the vehicle or axle** so that the wheel may be safely removed using proper lifting / jacking techniques as recommended by the vehicle manufacturer.

2. **Before removing the wheel**, note the wheel / hub position by marking the wheel stud adjacent to valve stem, or similar method.

   Now check for out-of-round wheel condition by placing a fixed object point on the ground a few mm gap from the tyre tread by turning the wheel slowly and noting if any change in the gap occurs. 2 - 3mm is acceptable; over 3mm is unacceptable. If unacceptable, one or more of 4 problems may exist. Check and correct as necessary:

   **A Rim / hub pilot tolerance may be excessive.**
   
   Remount wheel using centreing sleeves.

   **B Rim not concentric.** Move fixed object point near rim and turn wheel noting if gap changes. Replace rim if necessary.
Tyre fitting not central on rim. Check that tyre guide rib is same distance from rim around the entire circumference of rim. 2mm deviation is acceptable. If unacceptable, refit tyre to rim after turning 180°.

Out-of-round tyre. Use tyre truer machine to correct tyre or replace tyre. NOTE: No amount of balancing can correct out-of-round wheel / tyre assembly. Tyres should be re-mounted / replaced or cut round with Tyre Truer.

Remove outer wheel and examine for irregularities or mechanical problems.

Remove old wheel weights unless recently balanced. If balanced on-vehicle, replace wheel in same position as previously marked prior to removal. Remove any balancing material inside tyre.

Place the rear Balancer on hub using correct size holes* as guides. May need to use 2 nuts to centralise the Centramatic Balancer if spigot-type nuts.

Check Centramatic Balancer slides on all the way until flat mounting surface of balancer is flush with inner wheel mounting face, also aligning the oval valve stem hole with inner valve stem.

Look out for any contact between Centramatic Balancer and rim.

Now, repeat process with offset outer tube, inwards and outwards (since the Centramatic Balancer can be fitted with tube inwards or outwards).

* Most balancers are made to fit more than one bolt pattern size.

For European vehicles using long spigot-type rear nuts, ensure spigot will pass through the larger set of holes in rear Centramatic Balancer. Also, check centre hole in middle of rear balancer is a correct fit on hub mounting surface.

Refit outer wheel with valve stem aligning with the oval valve stem hole in the Centramatic Balancer, opposing the inner wheel. Lightly seat all nuts, ensuring spigot-type nuts are all in position correctly in holes before using manufacturer’s torque specifications and tightening sequence.

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