4L80E 3rd Gear "D3" Transbrake Instructions

Installation of the Jake's Performance 4L80E Trans brake will require some internal modifications. These are relatively simple but are best done during a rebuild by a professional transmission technician.

Parts included:

- Valve body assembly with separator plate
- Transbrake Manifold and solenoids
- New AC Delco Shift Solenoids

As for internal mods, you will need to drill a bleed/release hole in the direct drum. We recommend drilling a .055-.060" hole at a slight angle as outboard as possible on the drum as seen here (see the small black hole):





We also leave the center seal off the direct drum as part of the "dual feed" process. The "center" seal seen here on the inside of direct drum should be removed. Also remove the second sealing ring from the front of the center support.





Omit the two seals on the 1-2 accumulator piston (inner piston) shown here.

We recommend flat sanding the servo cover to ensure the surface is flat for better sealing. Re-install the servo assembly, checking for band clearance as follows. Disassemble the rear servo. Place apply piston on the pin with washer between them but no return spring, accumulator piston, or seals.

Parts shown here:

Assembled:





This gives you the overall length with no interference while checking. Check band clearance by installing piston and pin in case. (Note that the bore is actually slightly angled from the cover mating surface, the actual bore begins at the ridge.)

You should feel it engage the band, when it is in the bore push by hand firmly to judge travel. If it goes into bore too deep, you need a longer pin. Rotate output shaft both directions to judge band engagement. Ideally you want no drag when the servo is JUST in the bore but drag as soon as you start to depress further into bore. This helps prevent a possible no reverse condition and faster transbrake setup. Once the proper clearance is achieved you can assemble the rear servo. Approximately .050" travel is good.



You can now install the 4 checkballs in the case at the red locations shown (left).

You can install the valve body at this time. Be sure to avoid pinching the wiring between the case and valve body.



The pressure control solenoid has been removed and replaced with a specially designed plug to provide limited variable line pressure. Do not re-install the pressure control solenoid in the valve body. Leave it in place in the harness and tie it up on the passenger side of the valve body away from the park linkage.

The wiring for the transbrake must be added to the internal and external harness. The internal harness connector must be disassembled by releasing the tab to allow the green inner portion to slide out of the grey outer portion.



The valve body assembly will be shipped with two wires for the transbrake solenoids. One wire must be ran through the main connector to apply power from the transbrake button for transbrake operation. The second wire can be grounded to the valve body, or also pinned into the main connector to use for the ground side. This allows more versatility for using 2 steps or bump boxes. Polarity isn't important.

Once the connector is apart, the green portion needs to be drilled $1/16^{th''}$ to allow the pin to pass through. We recommend drilling on the same row as the pink "E" wire on the opposite side shown by the yellow circle here.



The additional wire(s) from the transbrake solenoid can now be pinned into the connector. The green inner portion needs an even coating of RTV silicone before reassembly to prevent leaks.

We have also left the ground wire as a pinned wire. It can be routed to the main connector and used as needed for a two wire hookup to use with bump boxes and other electronics. Or a ring terminal can be crimped on and grounded to a valve body bolt.





Install the solenoids and internal harness. Remove the "A" pin on the pressure switch and attach it to the silver solenoid on the side of the valve body using a female spade connector, as shown in picture below. Install the filter and pan when everything is completed.

The external harness needs a pin added into the same location as the internal harness. The additional wire is included with the transbrake assembly. Procedure is similar for external harness as the internal shown above.

You will need to re-use your existing EPC Solenoid bracket to hold in the plug that we have put in its place. Do NOT remove this plug and replace with the EPC. This plug will make the transbrake have fixed pressure. The bracket is pictured below.





D3 Transbrake Wiring Instructions

Wiring of the D3 Transbrake requires adding a pin to the external harness. This is easily accomplished using an existing unused wire if converting from a 4L60E or using a supplied extra pigtail wire.

We have found that the best location is in Pin J. This is the 2nd row, far right as the main connector goes on the trans, looking at it from the outside. Some earlier units used different pinouts and if the transbrake was installed by another builder it may not use our pinout. Please verify where the extra wire is in your internal harness to ensure proper pinout and function.

The photo below shows a stock pinout internal harness, as it would appear from the outside of the transmission. The top row of four wires from left to right is A, B, C, and D.

The 2nd row of one wire is Pin F. We suggest pinning into the far right of this row.



Shown to the left, for reference purposes, is a stock external harness. If you look closely at your harness you may see the letter designation for each wire.





You must disassemble this connector to add a wire or repin it in conversions. The insert is easily removed using a pick or sharp object as shown.



Once this is accomplished, you can poke a hole in the silicone seal using the pick or drill bit, and insert a wire through into the proper location to mate with the wire added to the internal harness.

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