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1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the proper installation and understanding of the National 710481 Differential Pinion Seal. Adhering to these instructions will help ensure optimal performance and longevity of the seal. This product is designed for specific automotive applications to prevent fluid leakage from the differential pinion.

2. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The National 710481 is a high-quality differential pinion seal engineered to provide a reliable barrier against lubricant leakage. It features a robust design suitable for demanding automotive environments.

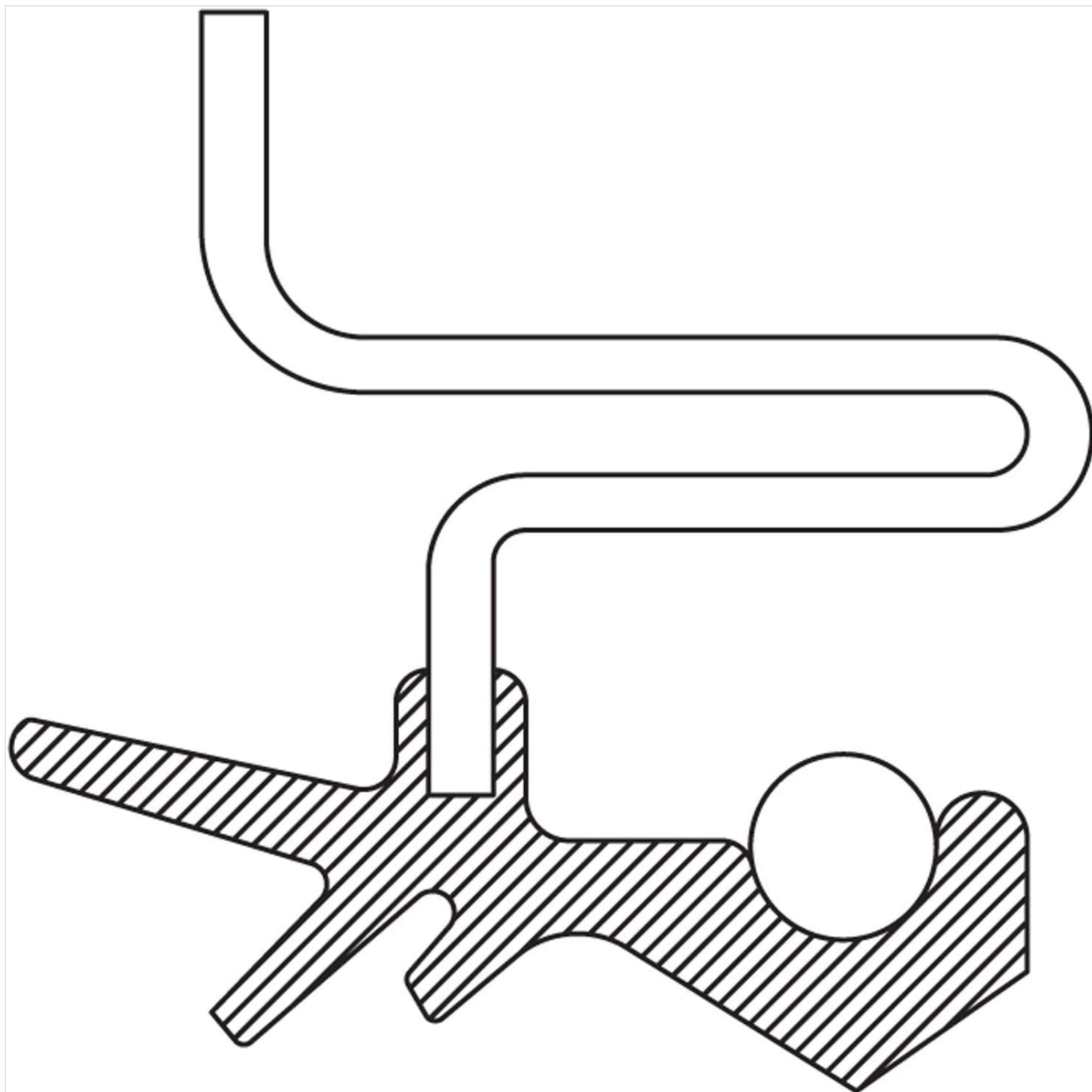


Figure 1: Cross-section diagram of the National 710481 Differential Pinion Seal. This diagram illustrates the internal structure of the seal, highlighting its spring-loaded mechanism and multi-lip design for effective sealing.

3. KEY FEATURES

- **Low Hydrocarbon Fluid Swell:** Engineered to resist swelling when exposed to hydrocarbon fluids, ensuring consistent performance.
- **Spring-Loaded, Multi-Lip Design:** Features a specialized design with multiple sealing lips and a spring for enhanced sealing integrity and durability.
- **Good Low-Temperature Capability:** Maintains sealing effectiveness even in cold operating conditions.
- **Wide Temperature Range:** Operates effectively within a temperature range of -40 °C to 107 °C.

4. INSTALLATION GUIDELINES

Proper installation is critical for the performance and longevity of the differential pinion seal. It is highly recommended that installation be performed by a qualified automotive technician using appropriate tools and safety procedures.

4.1. Pre-Installation Checks

- Ensure the mating surfaces on the differential housing and pinion shaft are clean, smooth, and free from burrs, rust, or damage.
- Verify that the new seal matches the specifications of the original seal.
- Inspect the new seal for any visible defects or damage before installation.

4.2. Installation Steps (General)

1. Carefully remove the old differential pinion seal, taking care not to damage the housing or shaft.
2. Clean the seal bore thoroughly to remove any old sealant, debris, or contaminants.
3. Apply a thin coat of clean differential fluid or appropriate lubricant to the sealing lips of the new seal.
4. Position the new seal squarely in the bore.
5. Using a seal driver tool of the correct size, gently and evenly tap the seal into place until it is fully seated. Ensure it is not cocked or damaged during installation. *Never use a hammer directly on the seal without a proper driver.*
6. Reassemble the differential components according to the vehicle manufacturer's service manual, paying close attention to torque specifications for the pinion nut.
7. Refill the differential with the specified lubricant to the correct level.

Important: Refer to your vehicle's specific service manual for detailed, model-specific installation procedures and torque values.

5. OPERATING CONDITIONS

The National 710481 seal is designed for optimal performance within the following parameters:

- **Temperature Range:** -40 °C to 107 °C (-40 °F to 225 °F).
- **Fluid Compatibility:** Designed for use with standard differential lubricants. Its low hydrocarbon fluid swell characteristic ensures compatibility and long-term sealing integrity.

6. MAINTENANCE

Once properly installed, the National 710481 differential pinion seal is generally maintenance-free. However, regular inspection of the differential for signs of fluid leakage is recommended as part of routine vehicle maintenance. Ensure differential fluid levels are maintained according to the vehicle manufacturer's specifications.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

If fluid leakage occurs after seal replacement, consider the following:

- **Improper Installation:** The most common cause of seal failure is incorrect installation. This includes improper seating, damage during installation, or using an incorrect installation tool.
- **Damaged Mating Surface:** Scratches, grooves, or corrosion on the pinion shaft or differential housing bore can compromise the seal's effectiveness.
- **Incorrect Seal Type:** Ensure the correct National 710481 seal was used for the specific application.
- **Excessive Pressure:** Clogged differential vents can lead to internal pressure buildup, forcing fluid past the seal.

If troubleshooting steps do not resolve the issue, consult a professional automotive technician.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

Attribute	Detail
Part Number	710481
Brand	National
Design Type	Spring-loaded; Multi-lip
Temperature Range	-40 °C to 107 °C (-40 °F to 225 °F)
Fluid Compatibility	Low hydrocarbon fluid swell characteristics
Application	Differential Pinion Seal (Automotive)

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

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