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## **DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING**

**CLUTCHES**  
**III YEAR VISEM**

**UNIT 5– Clutches and Brakes**



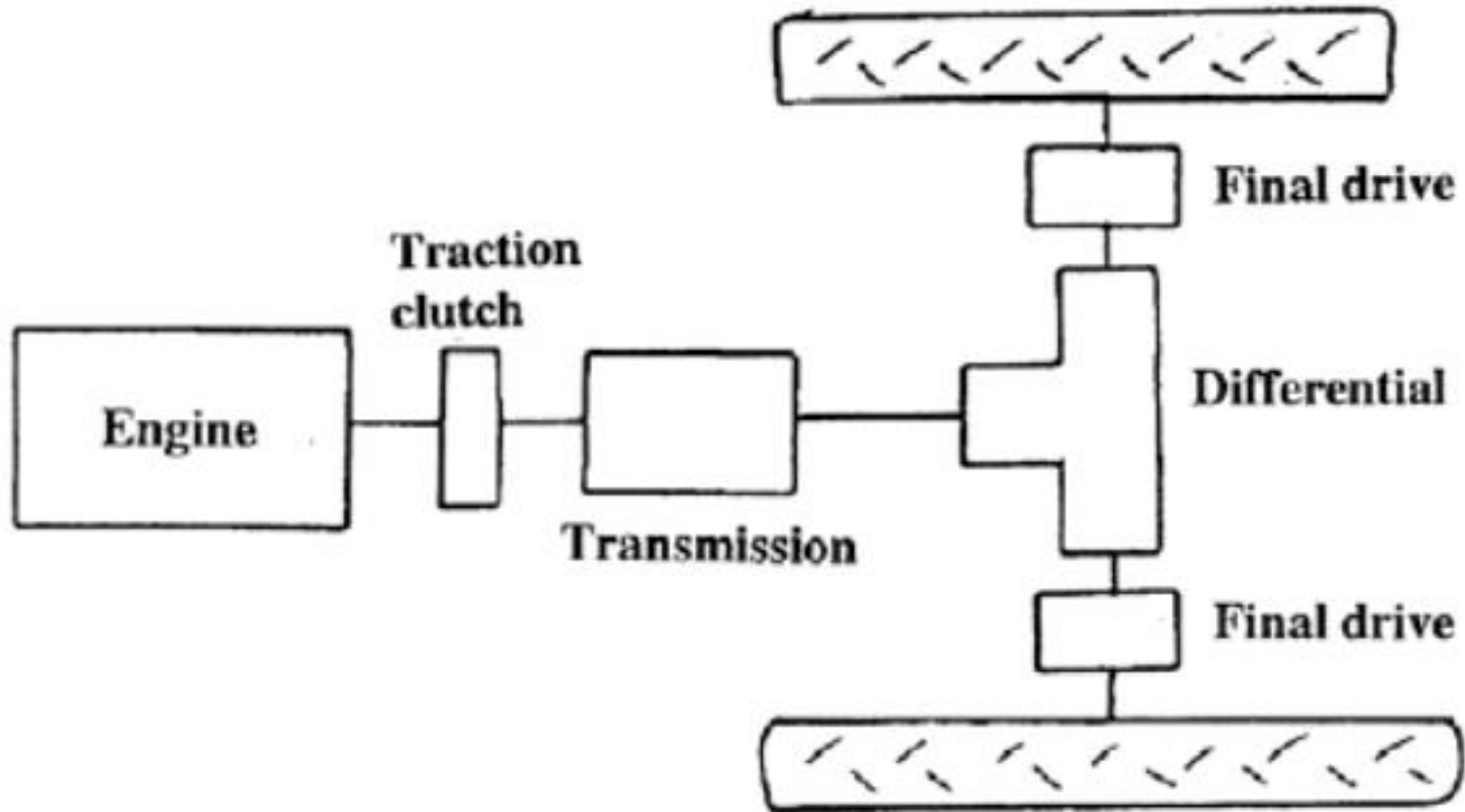
## Introduction :

### Drive trains serve the following functions:

- Transmit power from engine to drive wheels and PTO.
- A means of smoothly engaging engine power at start-up.
- Transform engine torque and speed to meet load requirements.
- Provides means for reversing the direction of travel.
- Provides a means of smoothly stopping the vehicle.



# Vehicle drive-train.





# Purpose

- A clutch is designed with the following requirements
  - Allow the vehicle to come to a stop while the transmission remains in gear
  - Allow the driver to smoothly take off from a dead stop
  - Allow the driver to smoothly change gears
  - Must not slip under heavy loads and full engine power



# Purpose of the Clutch

- Allows engine to be *disengaged* from transmission for shifting gears and coming to a stop
- Allows smooth *engagement* of engine to transmission

## Types of Clutches

(i) Positive Clutches (ii) Friction clutches



# Types of friction clutches

- (i) Plate clutch (Single plate) (multiple plate)
- (ii) Cone clutch
- (iii) Centrifugal clutch
- (iv) Dry
- (v) Magnetic current clutches
- (vi) Eddy current clutches



Brakes and clutches are essentially the same devices.

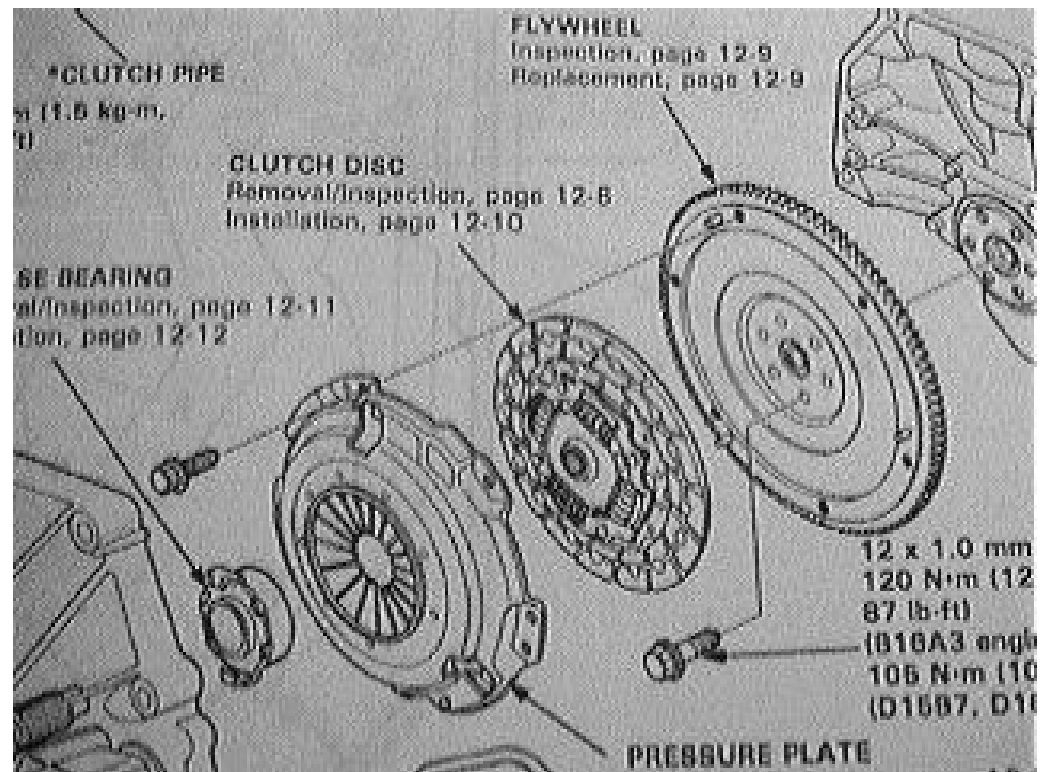
Each is associated with the rotation

- **Brakes**, absorb kinetic energy of the moving bodies and convert it to heat
- **Clutches** Transmit power between two shafts

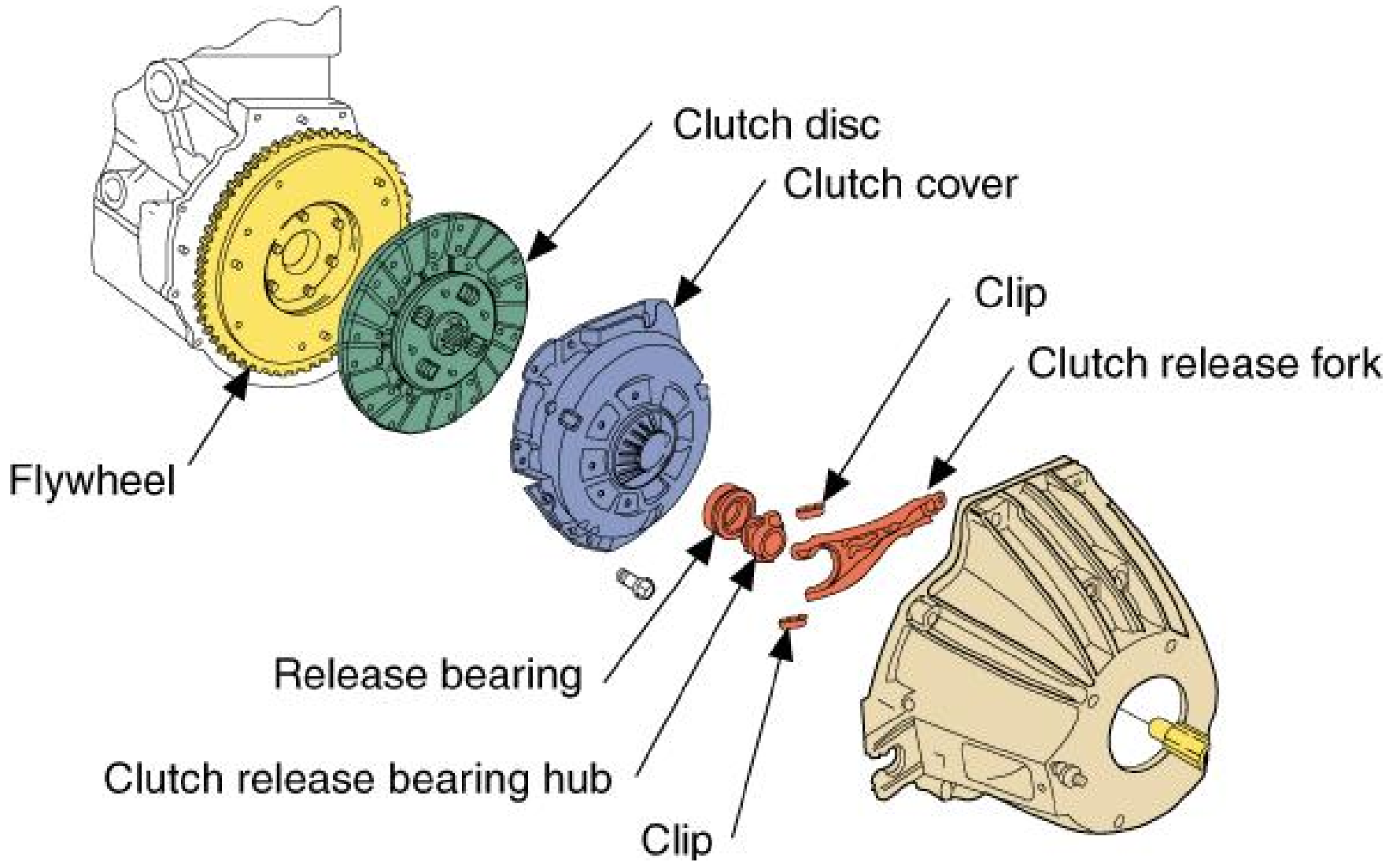


# Components

- Primary components
  - Flywheel
  - Clutch disc
  - Pressure plate
  - Throwout bearing
- Secondary components
  - Pilot bearing
  - Release fork
  - Slave cylinder

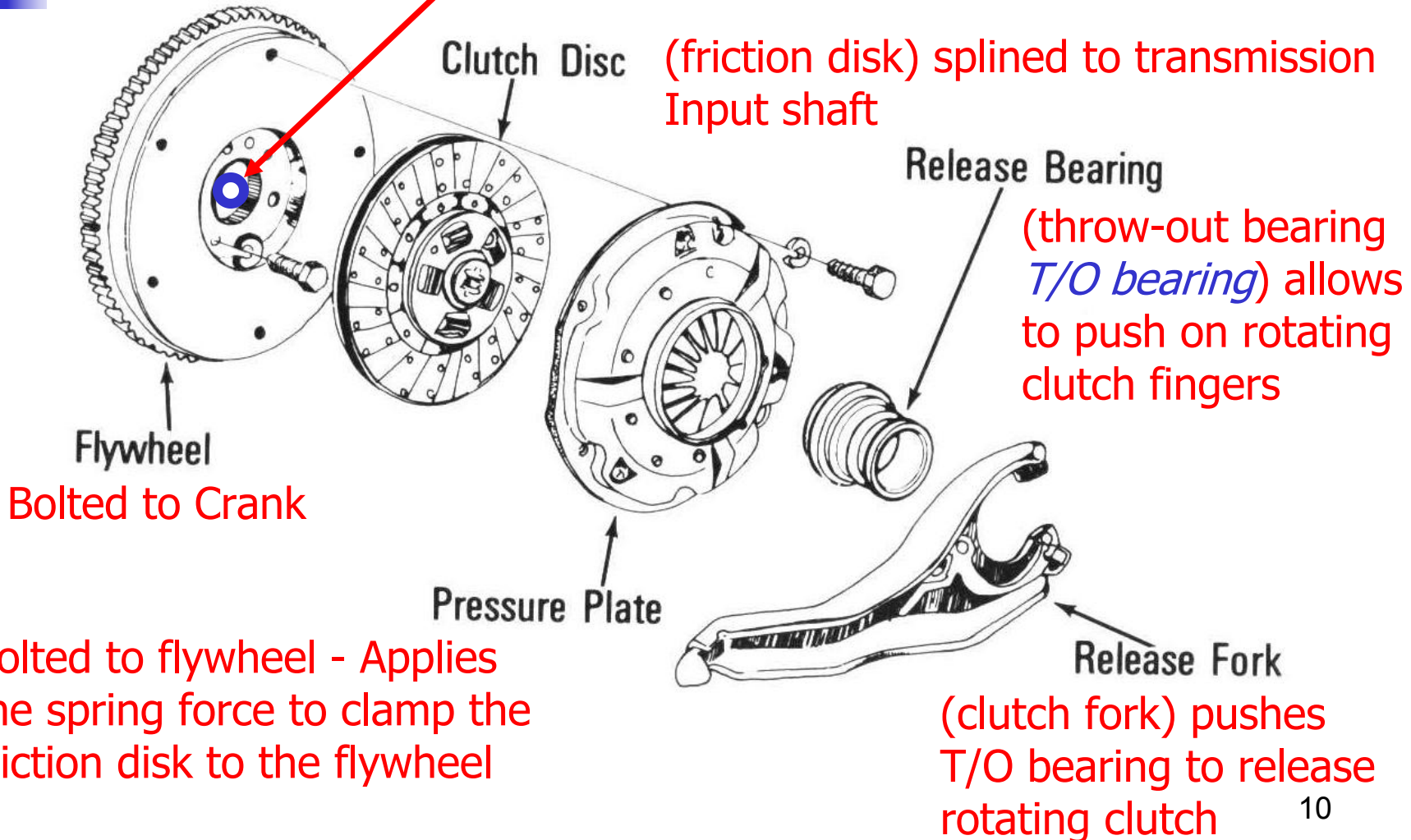


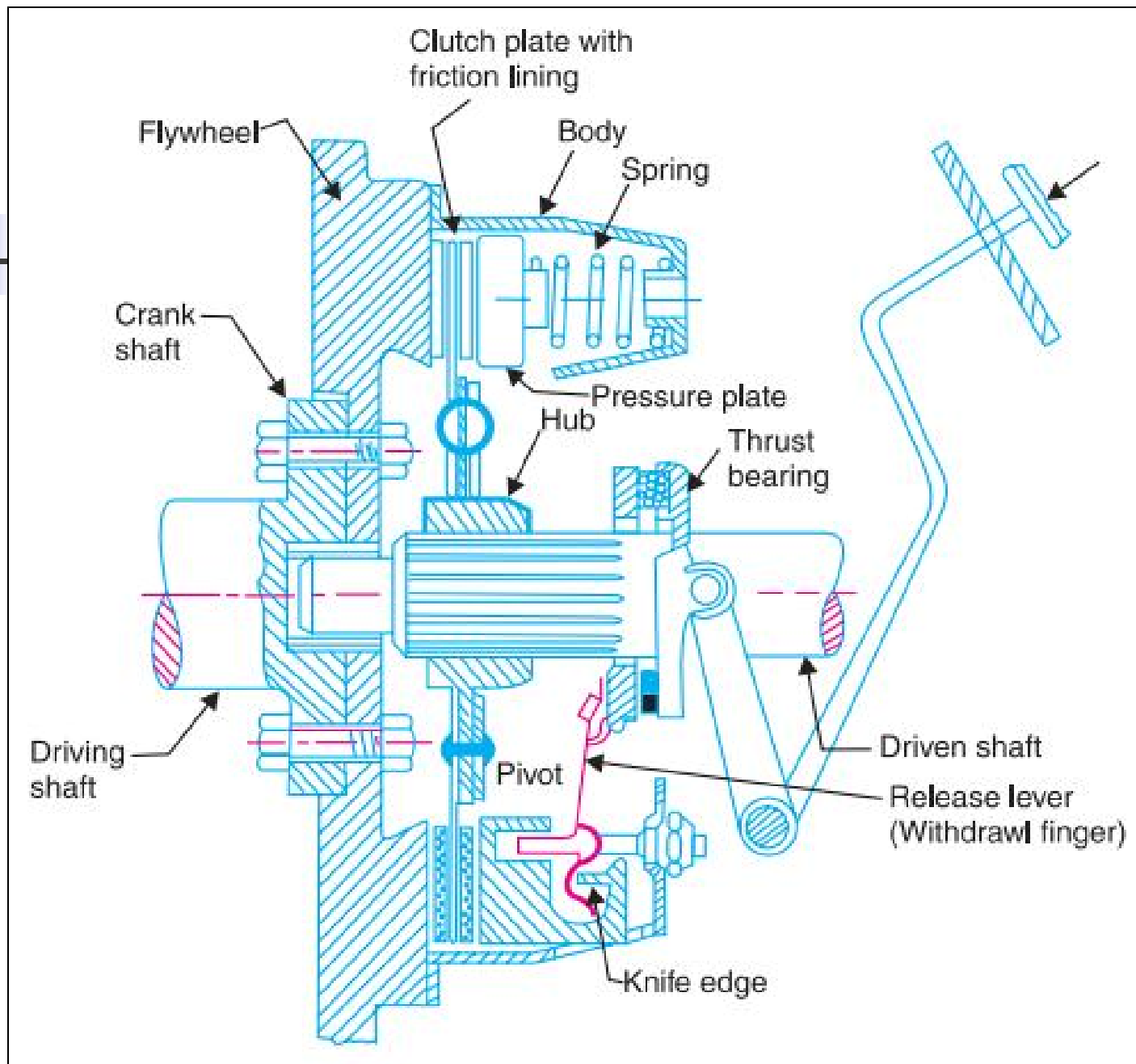
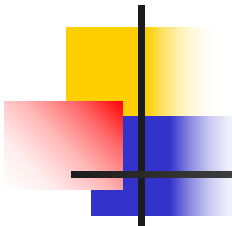




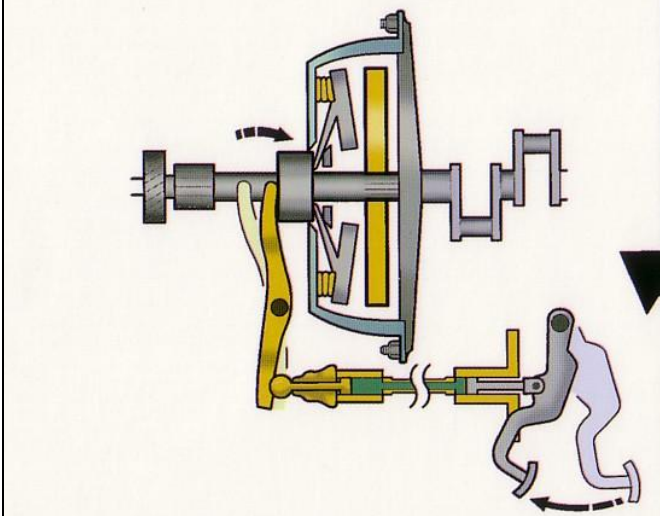
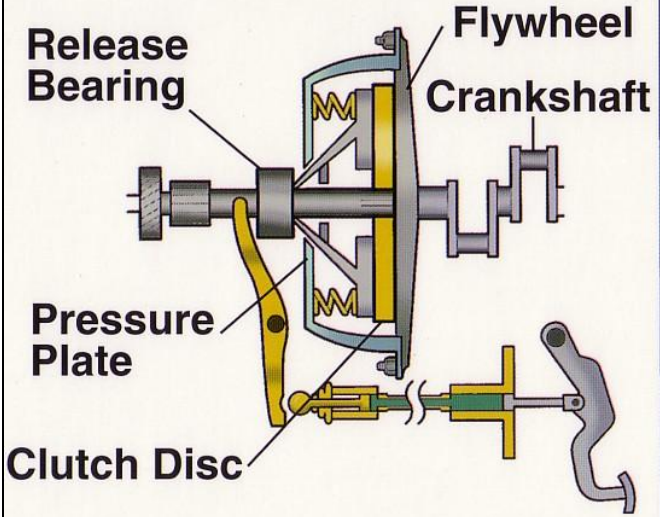
# Clutches

Pilot bushing or bearing in center of flywheel or crankshaft, supports the end of input shaft

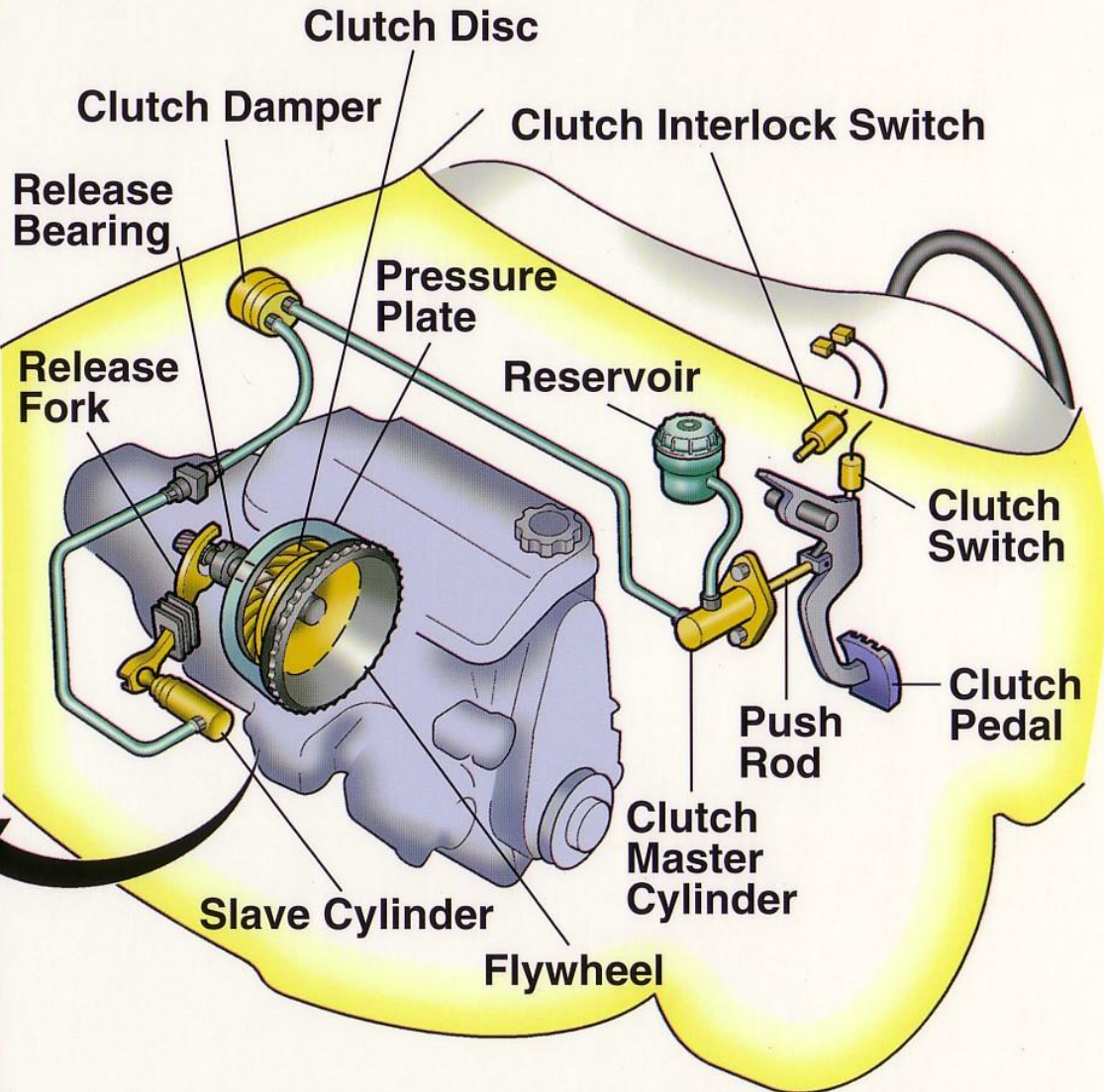




# Engaged Position



# Disengaged Position

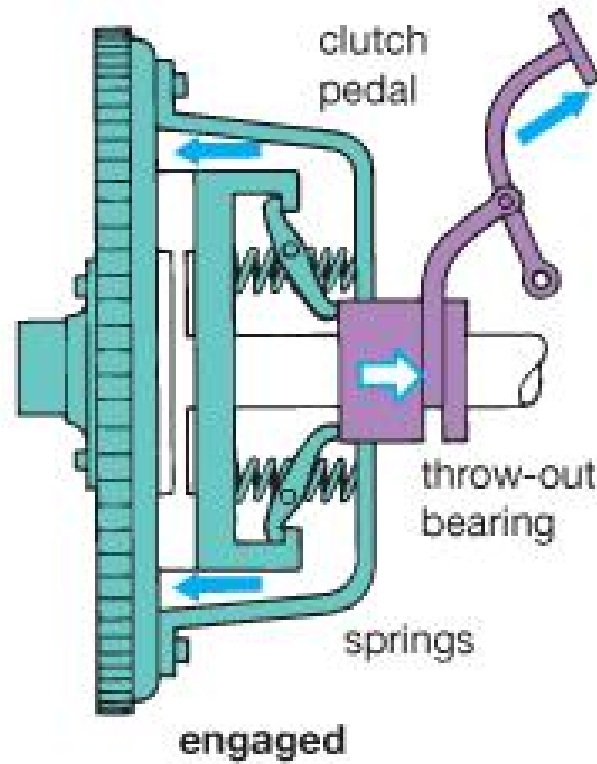
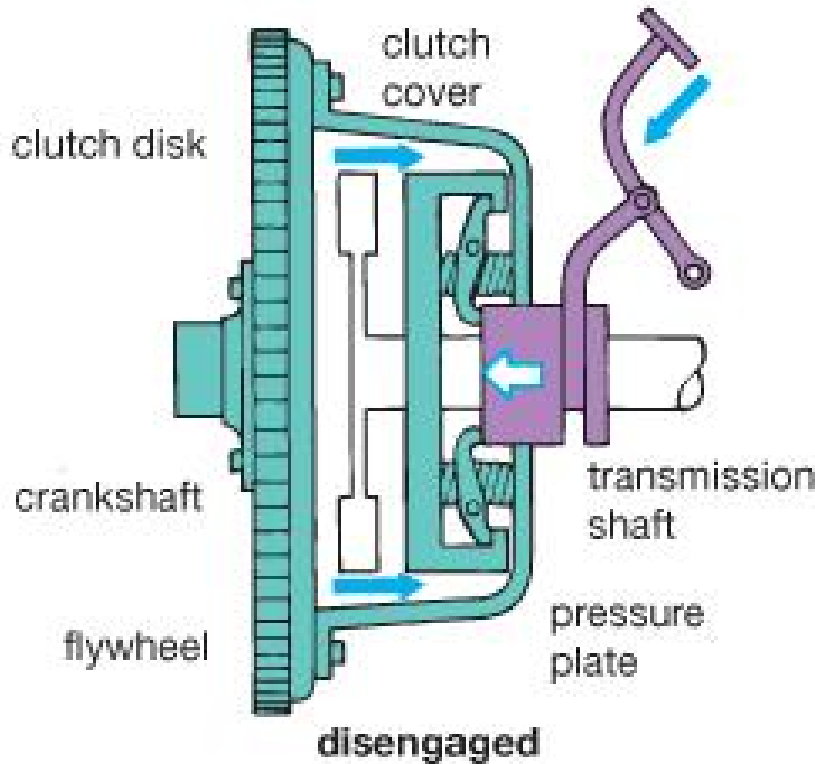
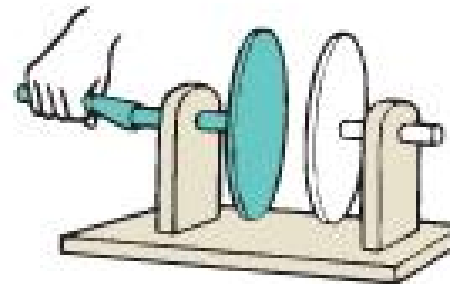
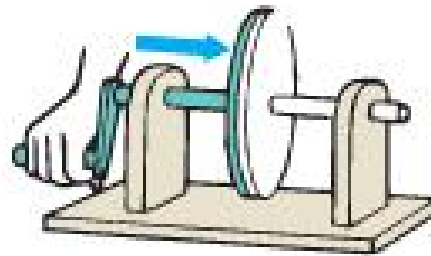




# Friction clutch

## Friction clutch

principle of operation



 driving member       driven member



# CLUTCH PLATE









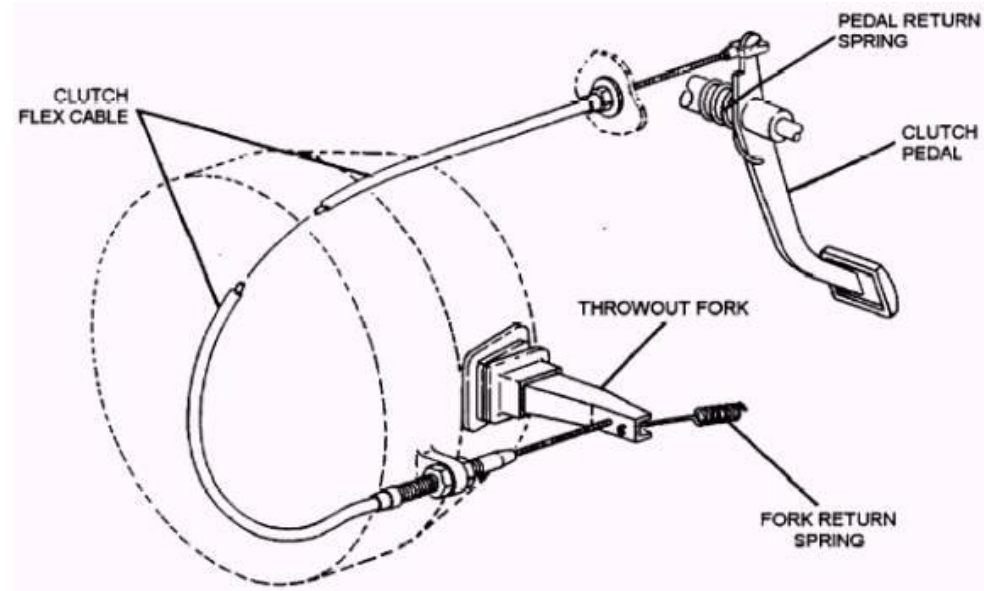
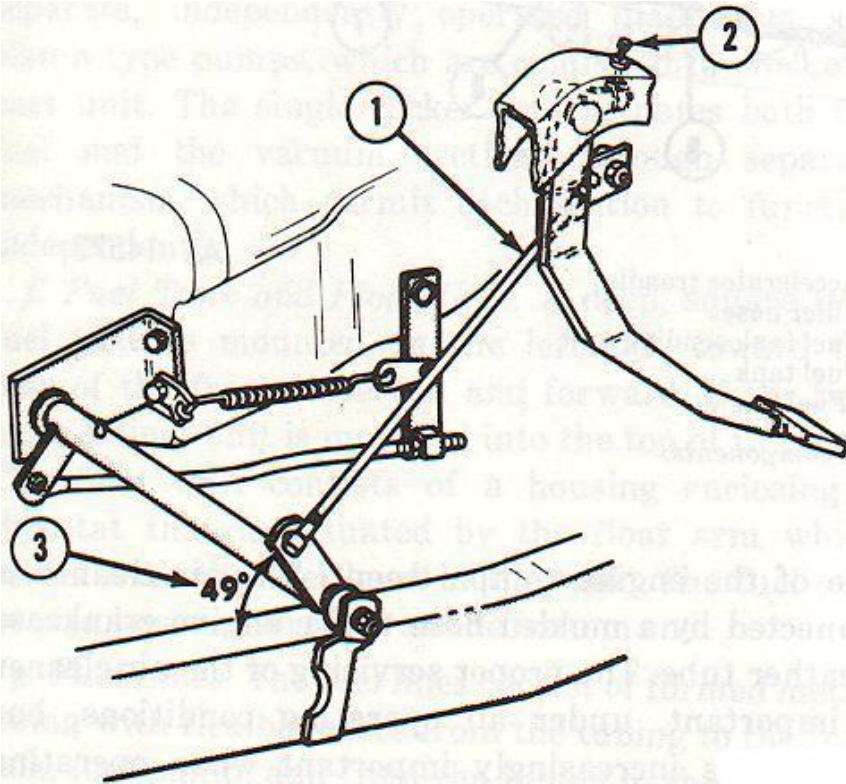


# Release Systems

- Mechanical
  - A system of levers and linkages and/or cables connecting the clutch pedal with the release fork
- Hydraulic-Mechanical
  - A hydraulic master cylinder is used to transmit force to the slave cylinder which pushes on the release fork
- Hydraulic
  - A hydraulic master cylinder is used to transmit force to the slave cylinder which is located in the bellhousing and pushes directly on the throwout bearing

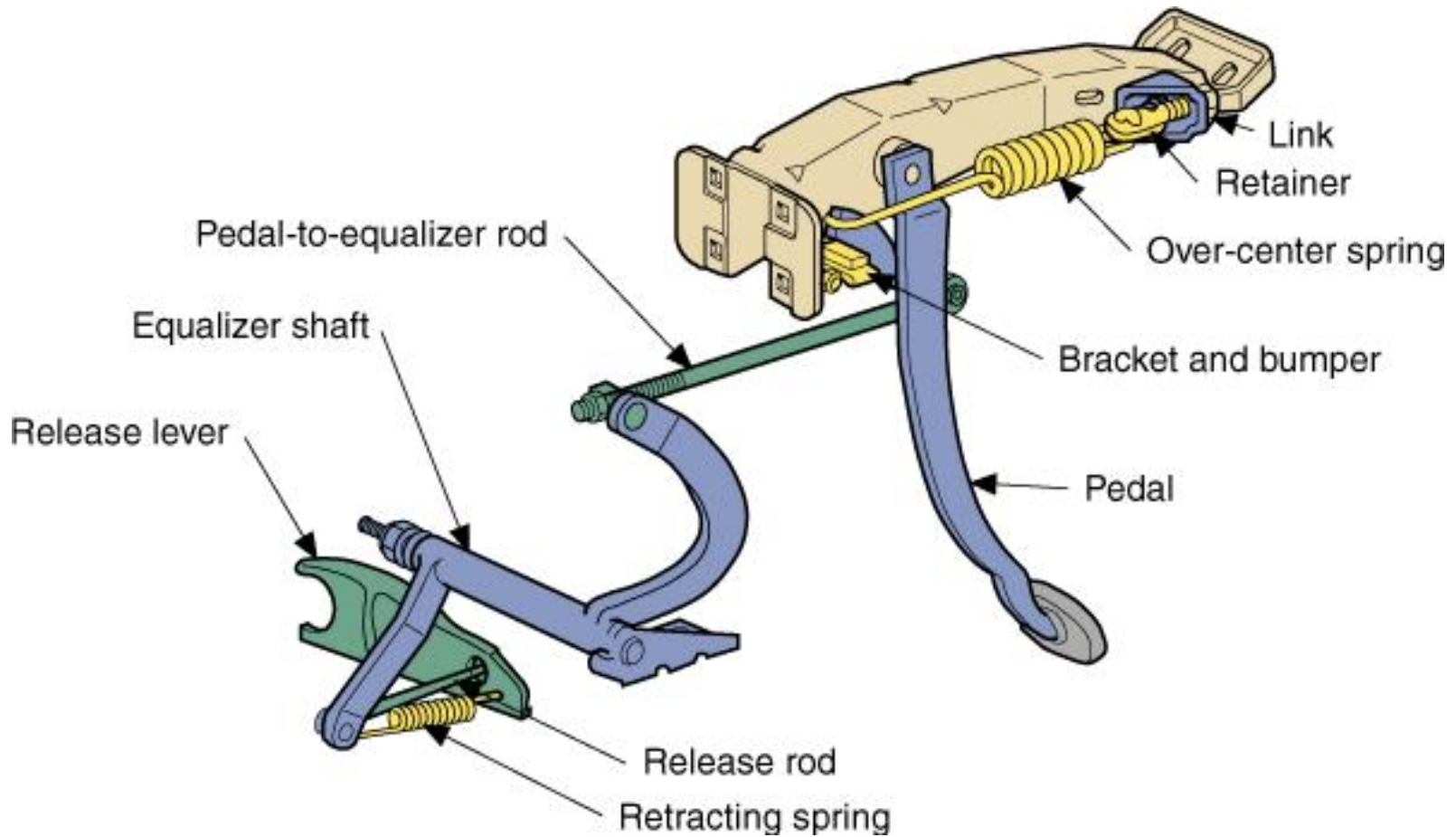


# Mechanical Release



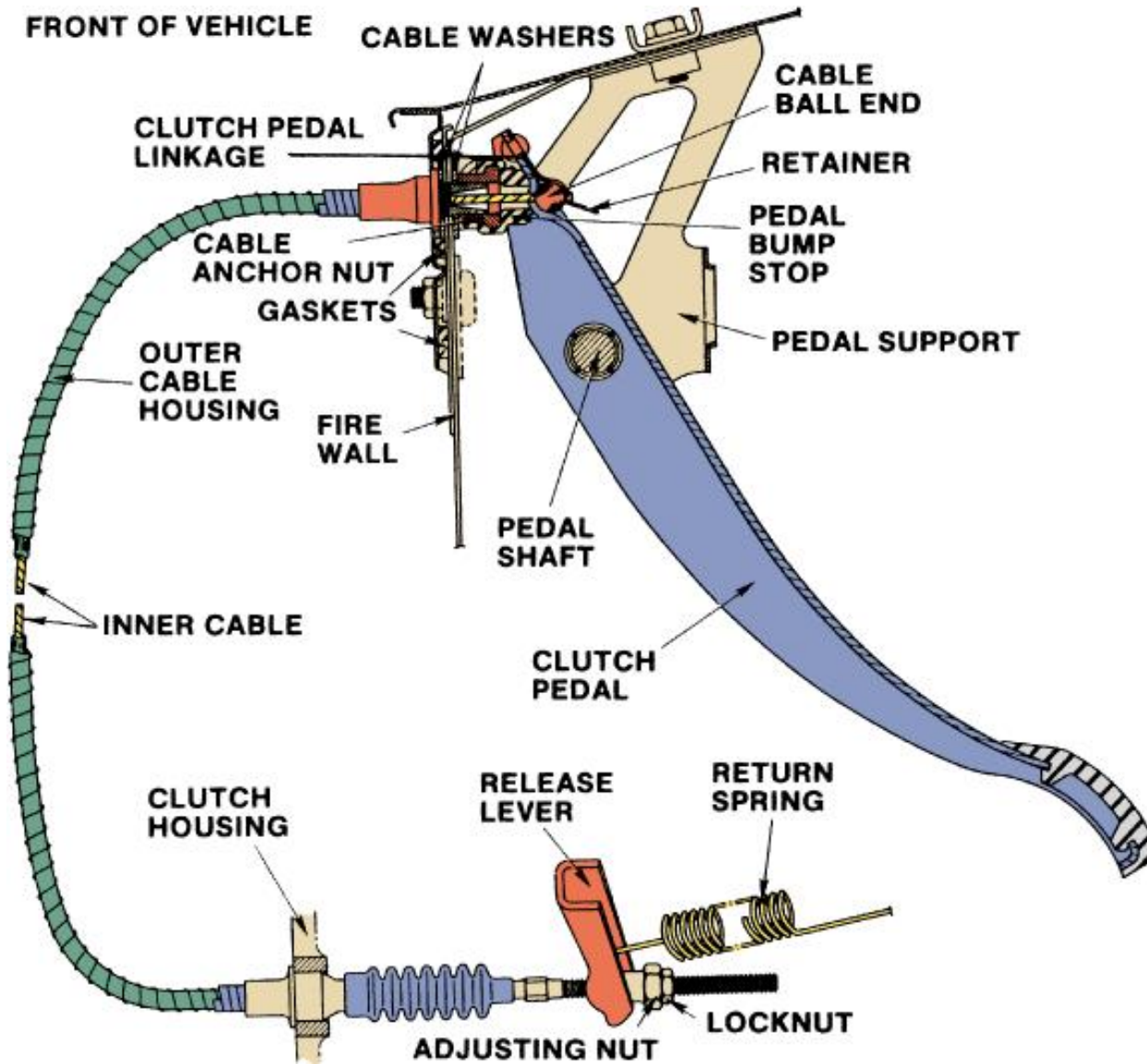


# Mechanical Release





# Cable Release



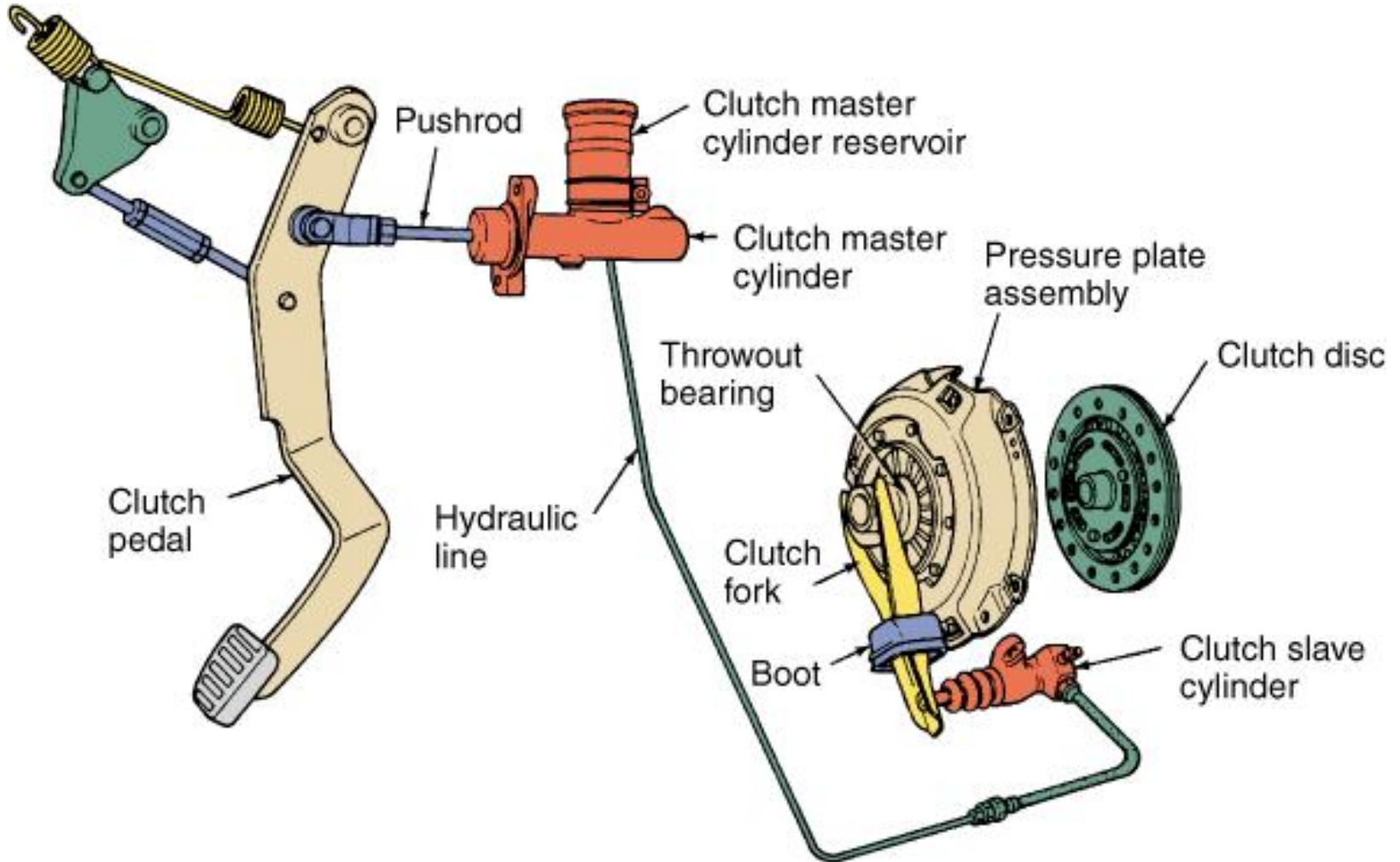


# Mechanical-Hydraulic Release



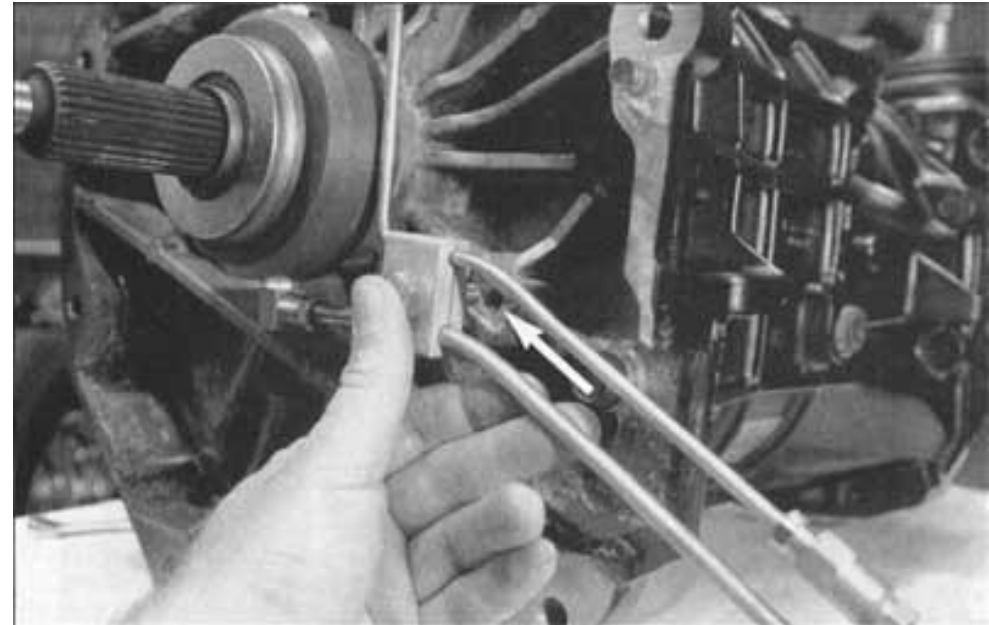
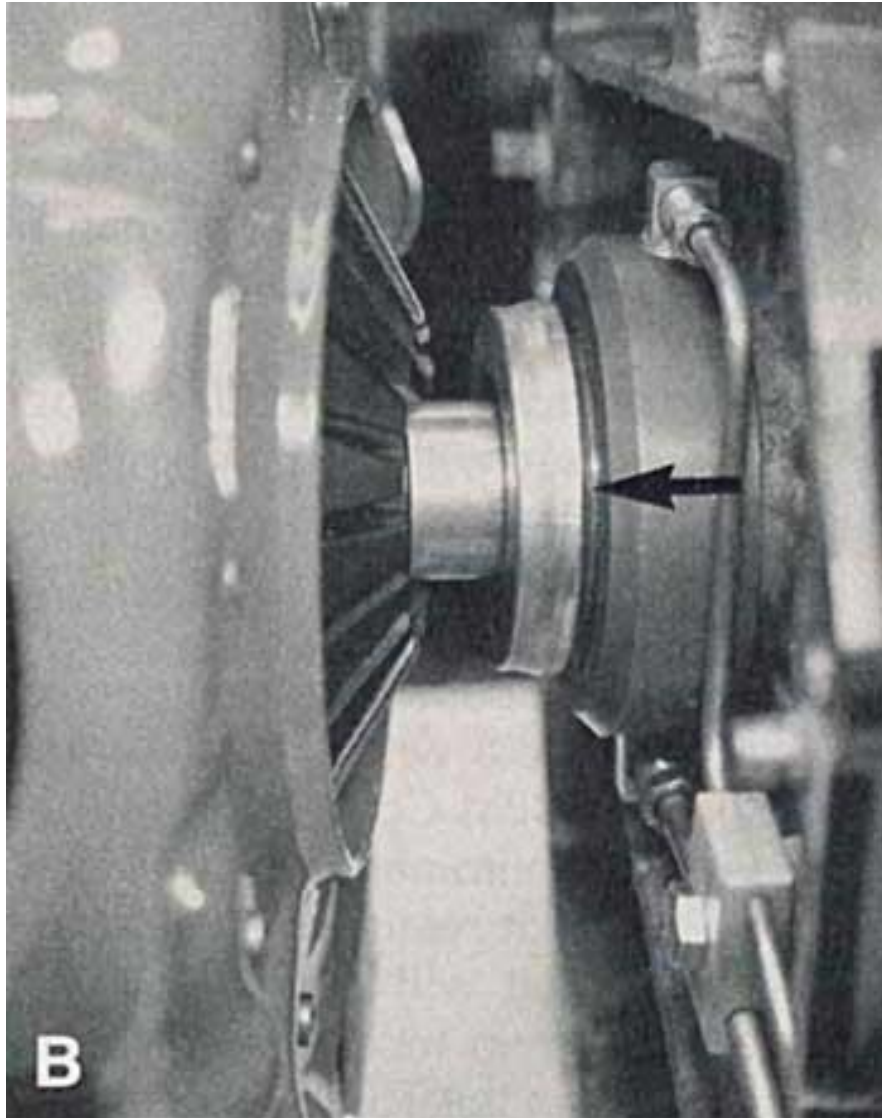


# Mechanical-Hydraulic Release





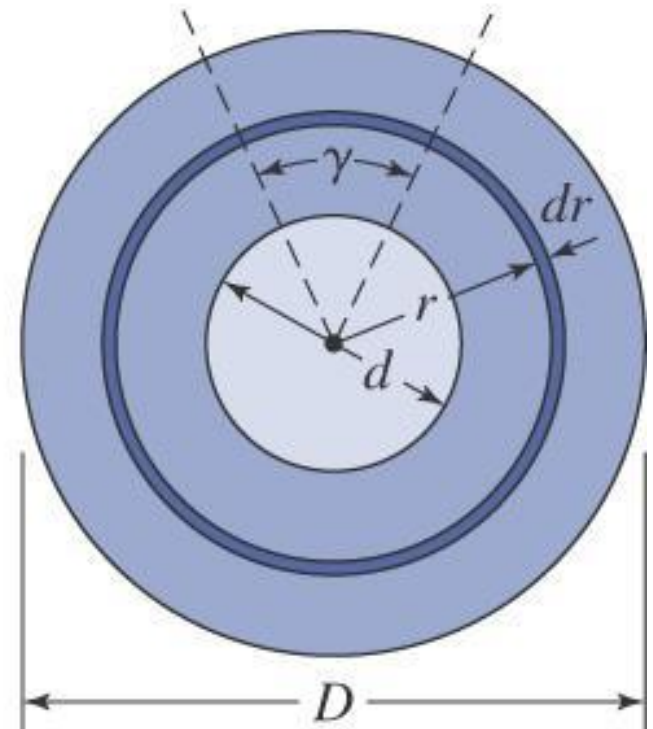
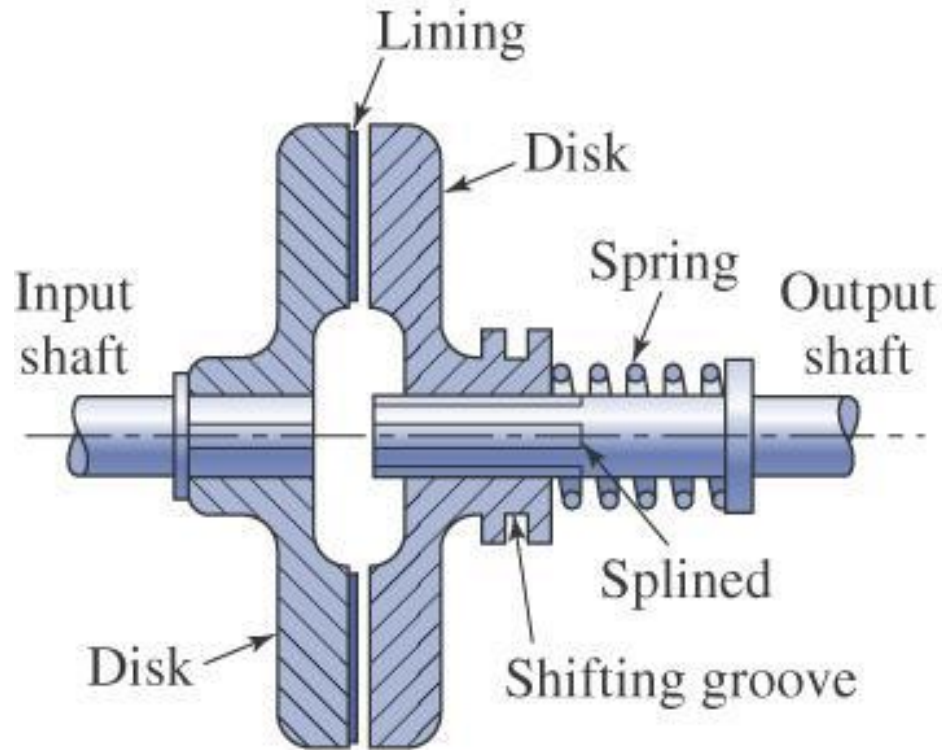
# Hydraulic Release



[How a Clutch Works](#)



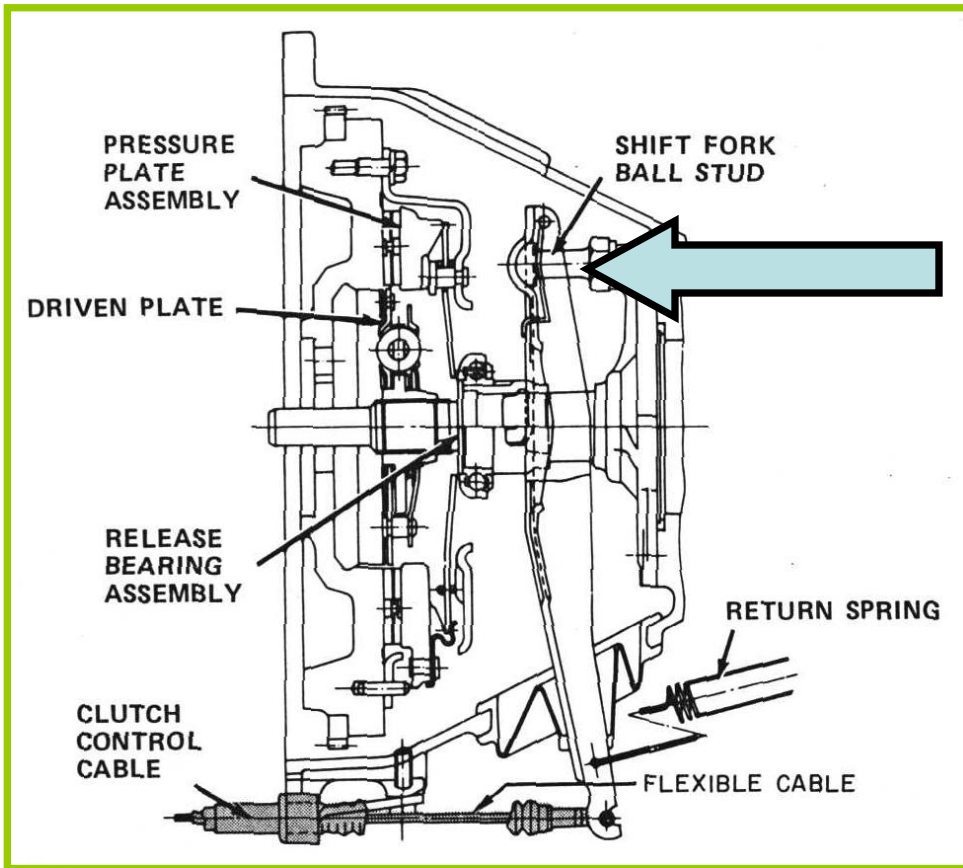
# Clutches







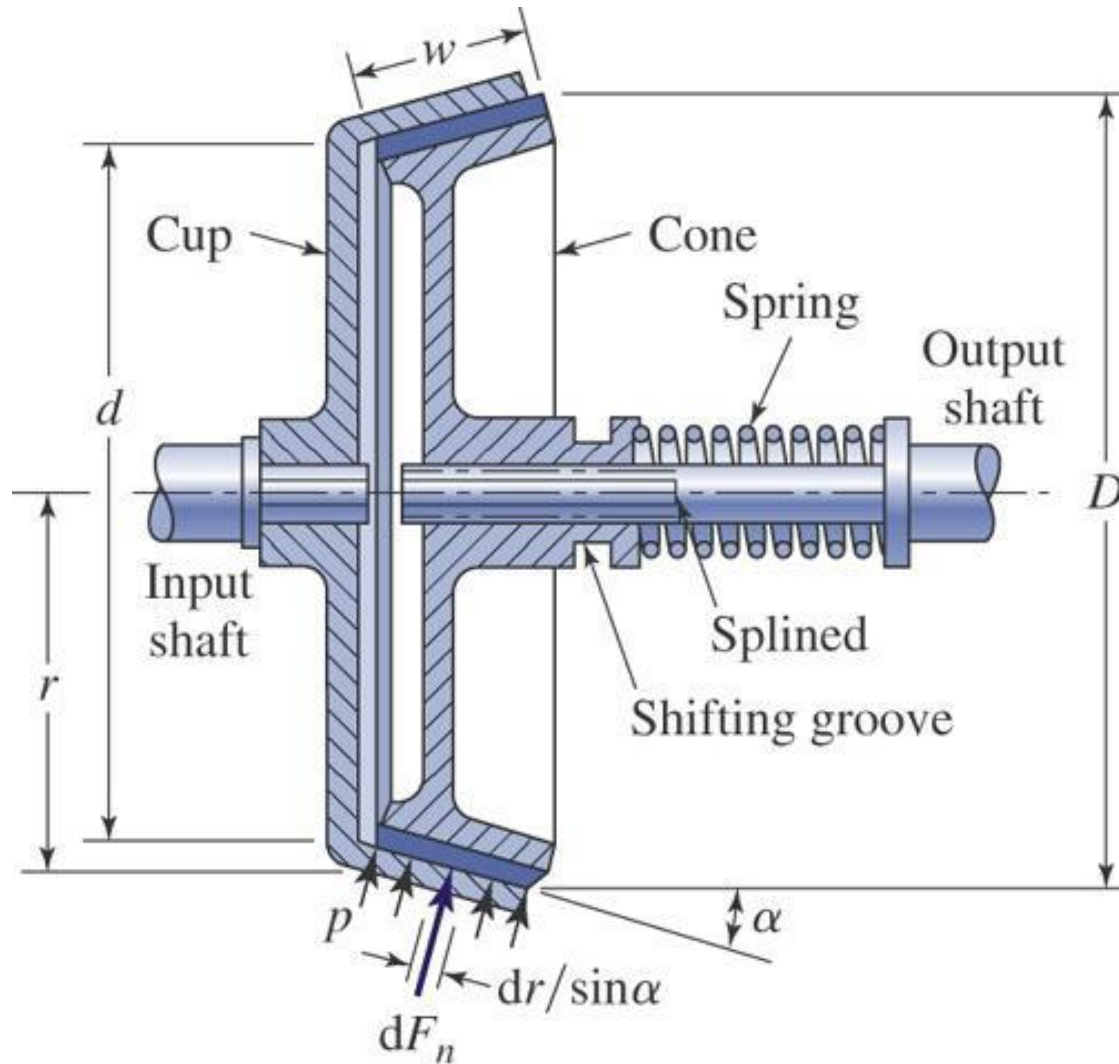
# Cable clutch



- No complicated linkage
- Flexibility
- No motor mount problems



# CONE CLUTCH





# Plate or Disk Clutches

- The plates shown in figure below shown as **A** are usually **steel** and are set on splines on shaft **C** to permit axial motion (except for the last disk).
- The plates shown as **B** are usually **bronze** and are set on splines on shaft **D**.
- The number of pairs of surfaces transmitting power is one less than the sum of the steel and bronze disks.

### The capacity:

$$T = F \cdot f \cdot R_f \cdot n$$

Where:  
 T = torque capacity, Nm  
 F = axial force, N  
 f = coefficient of friction  
 R<sub>f</sub> = friction radius  
 n = number of pairs of surfaces in contact

$$n = n_{steel} + n_{bronze}$$

### The axial force (F):

$$F = p \cdot \pi \cdot (R_o^2 - R_i^2)$$

Where:  
 p = the average pressure

$$R_f = \frac{2}{3} \left[ \frac{R_o^3 - R_i^3}{R_o^2 - R_i^2} \right]$$
 **If the contact pressure is assumed uniform**

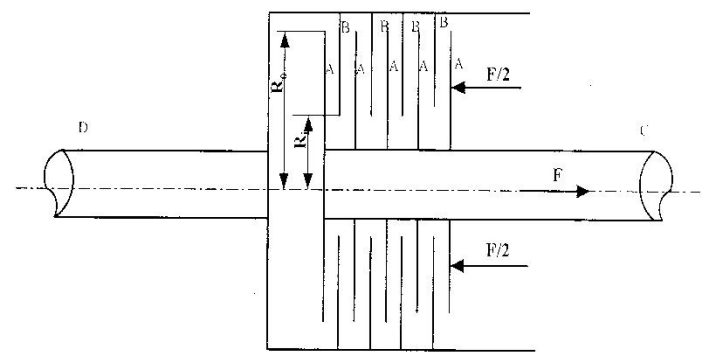
**OR:**

$$R_f = \frac{R_o + R_i}{2}$$
 **If wear is assumed uniform**

### The power capacity:

$$P = T \cdot N \cdot \left( \frac{2\pi}{60} \right), \text{ Watt}$$

Where:  
 T = shaft torque, Nm  
 N = speed of rotation, rpm



Multiple Disk Clutch

Where:  
 R<sub>o</sub> = outside radius of contact of surfaces, m  
 R<sub>i</sub> = inside radius of contact of surfaces, m



# Cone Clutches

- A cone clutch achieves its effectiveness by the wedging action of the cone part in the cup part.

## A) The torque capacity (based on uniform pressure):

$$T = \frac{F \cdot f}{\sin \alpha} \cdot \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) \left[ \frac{R_o^3 - R_i^3}{R_o^2 - R_i^2} \right] \quad \text{Alternate form:} \quad T = F \cdot f \cdot \left[ \frac{R_o^3 - R_i^3}{3R_m \cdot b \cdot \sin^2 \alpha} \right]$$

Where:

$R_m$  = mean radius =  $0.5 (R_o + R_i)$

$b$  = face width, m

$\alpha$  = pitch cone angle

**OR:**

$$T = F_n \cdot f \cdot \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) \left[ \frac{R_o^3 - R_i^3}{R_o^2 - R_i^2} \right] \quad \text{where } F_n = p(2\pi \cdot R_m) \cdot b$$

**Power**

$$P = T \cdot N \cdot \left(\frac{2\pi}{60}\right) = F_n \cdot f \cdot \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) \left[ \frac{R_o^3 - R_i^3}{R_o^2 - R_i^2} \right] \left(\frac{N}{9.550}\right) = \frac{F \cdot f}{\sin \alpha} \left(\frac{N}{9.550}\right) \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) \left[ \frac{R_o^3 - R_i^3}{R_o^2 - R_i^2} \right], \text{ Watt}$$

## B) The torque capacity (based on uniform wear):

$$T = \frac{F \cdot f \cdot R_m}{\sin \alpha} = F_n \cdot f \cdot R_m \quad \text{Pressure variation} \quad p = \frac{F}{2\pi \cdot (R_o - R_i) \cdot r}$$

**Maximum pressure**

$$p_{\max} = \frac{F}{2\pi \cdot (R_o - R_i) \cdot R_i} \quad \text{At smallest radius}$$

**Minimum pressure**

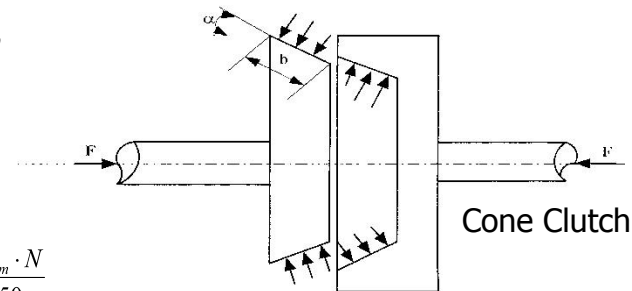
$$p_{\min} = \frac{F}{2\pi \cdot (R_o - R_i) \cdot R_o} \quad \text{At largest radius}$$

**Average pressure**

$$p_{av} = \frac{F}{\pi \cdot (R_o^2 - R_i^2)}$$

**Power**

$$P = T \cdot N \cdot \left(\frac{2\pi}{60}\right) = \frac{F_n \cdot R_m \cdot N}{9.550} = \frac{F \cdot f \cdot R_m}{\sin \alpha} \left(\frac{N}{9.550}\right), \text{ Watt}$$





## Problems on single plate clutch

**A plate clutch consist of a pair of contacting surface with inner and outer diameter 100 mm and 200mm. Take  $\mu = 0.2$  , Permissible pressure is  $1\text{N/mm}^2$ . Assuming uniform wear criterion . calculate the power transmitting capacity at 750 rpm. Assuming data given above , calculate power transmitting capacity using uniform pressure criterion .**



# Problems on single plate clutch

- **STEP 1: GIVEN DATA**
- No. of contact surface,  $i=2$
- Inner diameter  $d_{\min} = 100 \text{ mm}$  . ,  $r_{\min} = 50 \text{ mm}$
- Outer diameter  $d_{\max} = 200 \text{ mm}$  . ,  $r_{\max} = 100 \text{ mm}$ .
- Co efficient of friction,  $\mu = 0.2$
- Speed,  $n = 750 \text{ rpm}$
- Axial pressure,  $p_a = 1 \text{ N/mm}^2$ .



# Problems on single plate clutch

## I - FOR UNIFORM WEAR CRITERION :

### STEP 2: CALCULATION OF DESIGN TORQUE

$$b = r_{\max} - r_{\min} = 50 \text{ mm}$$

$$r_m = (r_{\max} + r_{\min})/2 = 75 \text{ mm}$$

$$i = [M_t] / 2\pi\rho_a b\mu r_m^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} [M_t] &= 2\pi\rho_a b\mu r_m^2 \times i \\ &= 2 \times 3.14 \times 1 \times 50 \times 0.2 \times 75^2 \\ &= 706.858 \times 10^3 \text{ N-mm} \end{aligned}$$



# Problems on single plate clutch

## STEP 3 : CALCULATION OF NOMINAL TORQUE

WKT,  $[M_t] = k_w \cdot M_t$

$$M_t = [M_t] / k_w = 282.743 \times 10^3 \text{ N-mm} .$$

$$M_t = 282.743 \times 10^3 / 100 \\ = 2827.43 \text{ kgf -cm} .$$

## STEP 4 : POWER TRANSMITTING CAPACITY :

$$M_t = 97400 k_w / n$$

$$K_w = M_t \times n / 97400 \\ = 21.77 \text{ kW}$$





# Problems on single plate clutch

## II - FOR UNIFORM PRESSURE CRITERION :

### STEP 2: CALCULATION OF DESIGN TORQUE

$$\text{WKT, } i = [M_t] / 2\pi p_a b \mu r_m^2$$

$$b = r_{\max} - r_{\min} = 50\text{mm}$$

$$r_m = \frac{2}{3} [r_{\max}^3 - r_{\min}^3 / r_{\max}^2 - r_{\min}^2]$$
$$= 77.78 \text{ mm}$$

$$[M_t] = 2\pi p_a b \mu r_m^2 \times i$$
$$= 760.23 \times 10^3 \text{ N-mm .}$$



# Problems on single plate clutch

## STEP 3 : CALCULATION OF NOMINAL TORQUE

$$\text{WKT, } [M_t] = k_w \cdot M_t$$

$$M_t = [M_t] / k_w$$

$$= 760.23 \times 10^3 / 2.5$$

$$= 304.092 \times 10^3 \text{ N-mm.}$$

$$= 3040.92 \text{ kgf.cm .}$$

## STEP 4 : POWER TRANSMITTING CAPACITY :

$$M_t = 97400 k_w / n$$

$$K_w = M_t \times n / 97400$$

$$= 23.41 \text{ kW}$$



## Problems on multiple plate Clutch

**A multiple-disc wet clutch is to be designed for a machine tool driven by an electric motor of 12.455 KW running at 1400 rpm. Space restrictions limit the outside disc diameter to 100 mm. determine appropriate values for inside diameter, total number of discs, an clamping force.**



## Problems on Design of Cone Clutch

**A leather faced conical clutch has cone angle  $30^\circ$ . The intensity of pressure is  $6 \times 10^4 \text{ N/m}^2$  and breadth of conical surface is not to be greater than  $1/3$  of mean radius . if  $\mu = 0.2$  and clutch transmits 37 KW at 2000rpm . Find dimensions of contact surface, assume service factor of 2.5.**



# Problems on Design of Cone Clutch

- **STEP 1: NOTE THE GIVEN DATA:**

Cone angle  $2\alpha = 30^\circ$  .

Semi cone angle  $\alpha = 15^\circ$  .

Intensity / axial pressure  $p_a = 6 \cdot 10^4 \text{ N/m}^2$   
 $= 0.06 \text{ N/mm}^2$  .

Face width  $b = 1/3 r_m$  .  $r_m = 3b$  .

Co efficient of friction  $\mu = 0.2$  .

Power transmitted,  $P = 37 \text{ KW}$  .

Speed,  $n = 2000 \text{ rpm}$  .

Service factor,  $k_w = 2.5$  .



# Problems on Design of Cone Clutch

## STEP 2 : CALCULATION OF NOMINAL TORQUE

$$\begin{aligned}\text{WKT, } M_t &= 97400 k_w / n \\ &= 97400 \times 37 / 2000 \\ &= 180.16 \times 10^3 \text{ N-mm.}\end{aligned}$$

## STEP 3 : CALCULATION OF DESIGN TORQUE

$$\begin{aligned}\text{WKT, } [M_t] &= k_w \cdot M_t \\ &= 450.475 \times 10^3 \text{ N-mm.}\end{aligned}$$

## STEP 4 : CALCULATION OF DIAMETER OF CLUTCH

$$\begin{aligned}d &= (49500 \times k_w \times kw / n \times \tau)^{(1/3)} ; \tau = 300 \text{ kgf / cm}^2 \\ &= 4.24 \text{ cm} \\ &= 42.4 \text{ mm.}\end{aligned}$$



# Problems on Design of Cone Clutch

## STEP 5 : CALCULATE MEAN RADIUS AND FACE WIDTH

$$l_{\min} = [M_t] / 2\pi p_a b \mu r_m^2$$

$$1 = 450.48 * 10^3 / (2\pi * 0.06 * 0.2 * r_m^2 * r_m / 2)$$

[l = 1 for cone clutch]

$$r_m = 261.7 \text{ mm.}$$

$$\text{Face width } b = r_m / 3 = 261.7 / 3$$

$$b = 87.23 \text{ mm}$$



# Problems on Design of Cone Clutch

## STEP 6 : CALCULATE OUTER&INNER DIAMETER

W.K.T ,

$$\begin{aligned}r_{\max} &= r_m + b \sin \alpha / 2 \\ &= 261.7 + 87.23 \times \sin 15^\circ \\ &= 272.98 \text{ mm}\end{aligned}$$
$$d_{\max} = 2 \times r_{\max} = 545.96 \text{ mm .}$$
$$\begin{aligned}r_{\min} &= r_m - b \sin \alpha / 2 \\ &= 261.7 - 87.23 \sin 15^\circ / 2 \\ &= 250.41 \text{ mm.}\end{aligned}$$
$$d_{\min} = 2 \times r_{\min} = 500.82 \text{ mm.}$$





# Problems on Design of Cone Clutch

## STEP 7: DETERMINE THE CLAMPING FORCE

$$\begin{aligned} a &= \pi \sigma (r_{\max}^2 - r_{\min}^2) \\ &= 2226.68 \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

## STEP 8: FORCE REQUIRED TO ENGAGE THE CLUTCH

$$\begin{aligned} Q_e &= Q + 0.25 Q \mu \cos \alpha \\ &= 2334.2 \text{ N} . \end{aligned}$$