

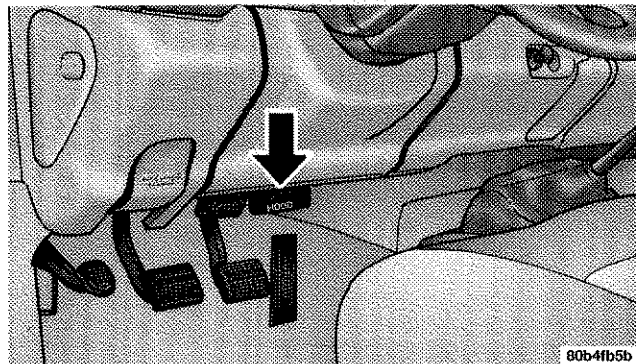
# Dodge



# Ram Pickup

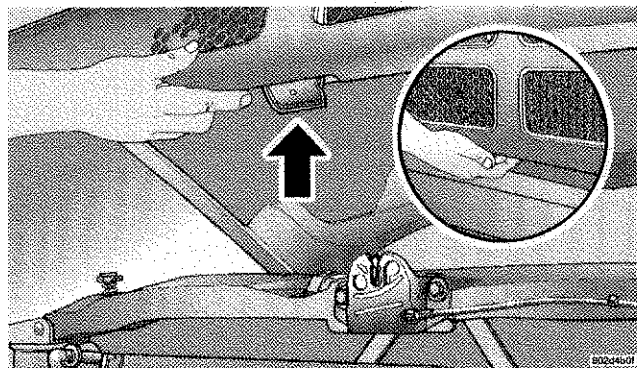
## 2000 Owner's Manual

## TO OPEN AND CLOSE THE HOOD



To open the hood, two latches must be released. First pull the hood release lever located below the steering wheel at the base of the instrument panel. Once the hood is released you must reach into the opening beneath the center of the grille and push up the latch to release the safety catch before raising the hood.

To prevent possible damage, do not slam the hood to close it. Use a firm downward push at the front center of the hood to ensure that both latches engage.

**WARNING!**

**If the hood is not fully latched, it could fly up when the vehicle is moving and block your forward vision. Be sure all hood latches are latched fully before driving.**

### Lock Cylinders

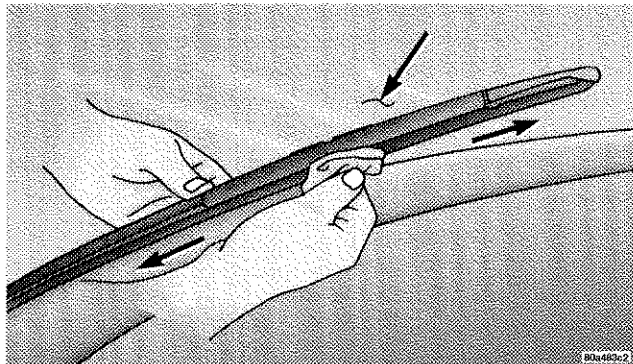
When necessary, apply a thin film of Mopar Lubriplate, or equivalent, directly to key. Insert the key into the lock and actuate it several times. Wipe excess lubricant from the key.

### Hood Latch, Release Mechanism and Safety Catch

When performing underhood services, clean and lubricate with Multipurpose Grease NLGI Grade 2EP.

### Windshield Wiper Blades

To improve performance and increase wiper blade life, thoroughly clean the rubber edges of the wiper blades, as shown.



Use a sponge or soft cloth and a mild non abrasive cleaner to remove accumulations of salt and/or road film from the rubber edges of the blade. Consult the maintenance schedule for proper service intervals.

Operation of the wipers on dry glass for long periods may cause deterioration of the wiper blades. Always use washer fluid when using the wipers to remove salt and/or dirt from a dry windshield. To prolong wiper life, avoid using the wiper blades to remove frost or ice from the windshield.

**NOTE:** Keep the rubber edge of the blade out of contact with petroleum products such as engine oil, gasoline, brake fluid, grease, etc.

be used for both wheel bearing and chassis lubrication. Use only those greases that have the NLGI symbol on the container along with the proper quality level for your application.

### **Body Mechanism Lubrication**

Body and other operating mechanisms and linkages should be inspected, cleaned, and lubricated to maintain ease of operation and to provide protection against rust and wear. Before the application of any lubricant, the parts concerned should be wiped clean to remove dust and grit. After lubricating, remove excess oil and grease.

Particular attention should be given to external lock cylinders during the fall and winter months to insure protection from water and ice. Lubricate locks with Mopar Lock Cylinder Lubricant.

The door hinges should be lubricated with Light Engine Oil as required.

The following mechanisms should be lubricated with Multi-Purpose Grease NLGI Grade 2 as specified:

**Hood hinges** — lubricate as required.

**Hood latch release mechanism and safety catch** — lubricate when performing other underhood maintenance.

**Tailgate hinges (quick release pins)** — lubricate as required.

The following mechanisms should be lubricated with Smooth White Body Hardware Lubricant as required:

**Door latches, rotors, seat regulator and track adjusters, window system components** — regulators, links, channel areas.

### **Air Conditioner**

The air conditioning system should be checked at the start of the warm weather season. The service should include cleaning of the condenser fins and a performance test. Drive belt tension should also be checked at this time.