CONVERTER-TORQUE

DESCRIPTION

TORQUE CONVERTER

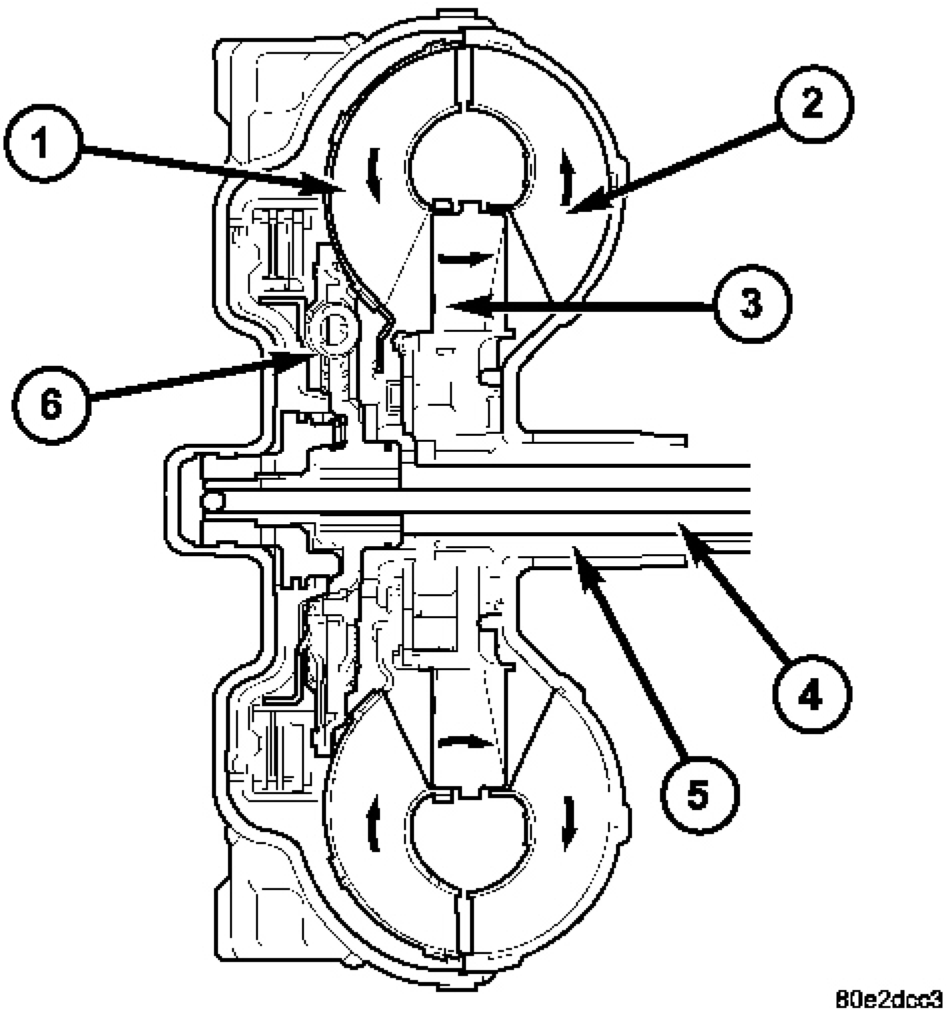

Fig. 267: Cutaway View Of Torque Converter
Courtesy of CHRYSLER LLC

1 - TURBINE 2 - IMPELLER

3 - STATOR 4 - INPUT SHAFT 5 - STATOR SHAFT 6 - TURBINE DAMPER

CAUTION: The torque converter must be replaced if a transmission failure resulted in large amounts of metal or fiber contamination in the fluid.

The torque converter is a hydraulic device that couples the engine crankshaft to the transmission. The torque converter consists of an outer shell with an internal turbine (1), a stator (3), an overrunning clutch, an impeller (2), and an electronically applied converter clutch. The converter clutch provides reduced engine speed and greater fuel economy when engaged. Clutch engagement also provides reduced transmission fluid temperatures. The converter clutch engages in third through fifth gears. The torque converter hub drives the transmission oil (fluid) pump. See **Fig. 267**.

A turbine damper (6) has been added for some applications to help improve vehicle noise, vibration, and harshness (NVH) characteristics.

The torque converter is a sealed, welded unit that is not repairable and is serviced as an assembly.

IMPELLER

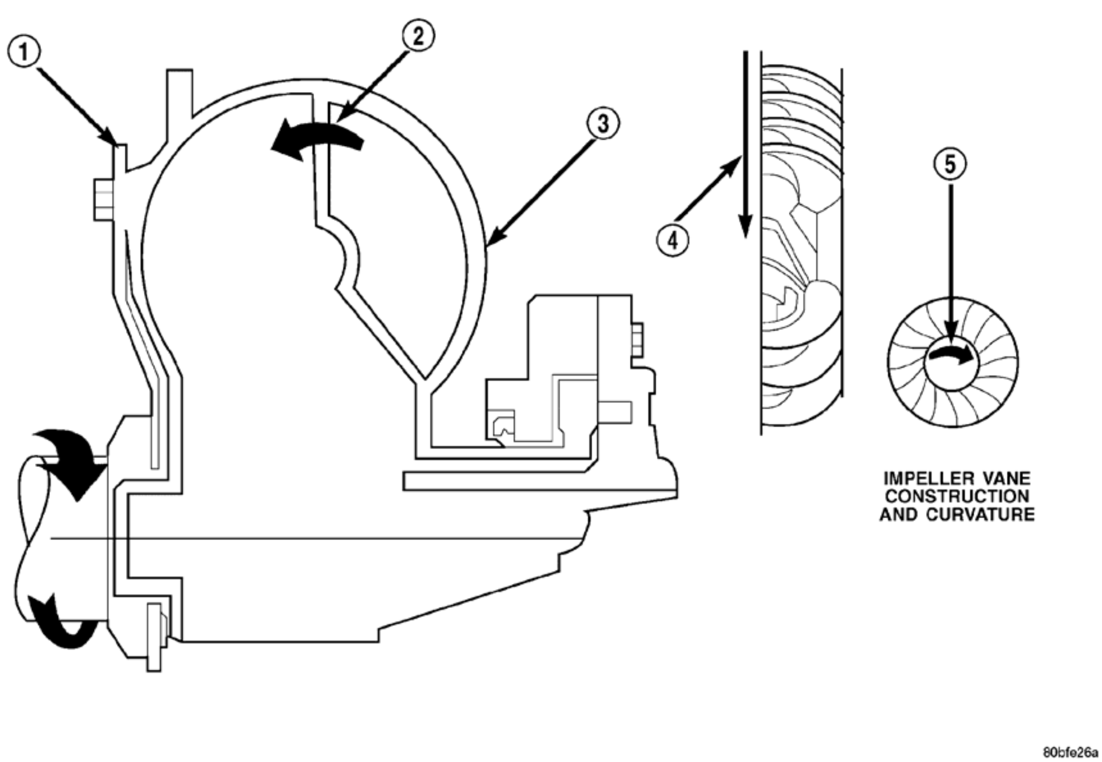

Fig. 268: Impeller

Courtesy of CHRYSLER LLC

1 - ENGINE FLEXPLATE	4 - ENGINE ROTATION
2 - OIL FLOW FROM IMPELLER SECTION INTO TURBINE SECTION	5 - ENGINE ROTATION
3 - IMPELLER VANES AND COVER ARE INTEGRAL	

The impeller (3) is an integral part of the converter housing. The impeller consists of curved blades placed radially along the inside of the housing on the transmission side of the converter. As the converter housing is rotated by the engine, so is the impeller, because they are one and the same and are the driving members of the system. See **Fig. 268**.

TURBINE

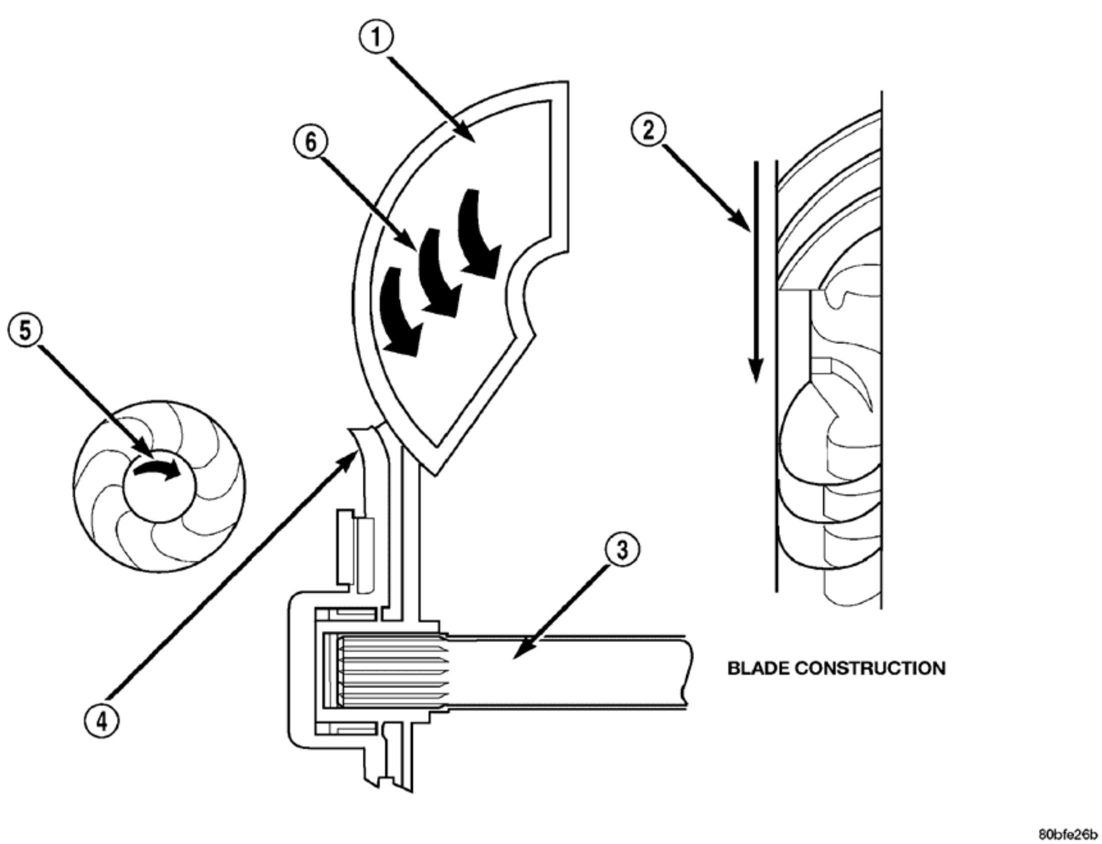

Fig. 269: Turbine
Courtesy of CHRYSLER LLC

1 - TURBINE VANE	4 - PORTION OF TORQUE CONVERTER COVER
2 - ENGINE ROTATION	5 - ENGINE ROTATION

3 - INPUT SHAFT	6 - OIL FLOW WITHIN TURBINE SECTION

The turbine (1) is the output, or driven, member of the converter. The turbine is mounted within the housing opposite the impeller, but is not attached to the housing. The input shaft is inserted through the center of the impeller and splined into the turbine. The design of the turbine is similar to the impeller, except the blades of the turbine are curved in the opposite direction. See **Fig. 269**.

STATOR

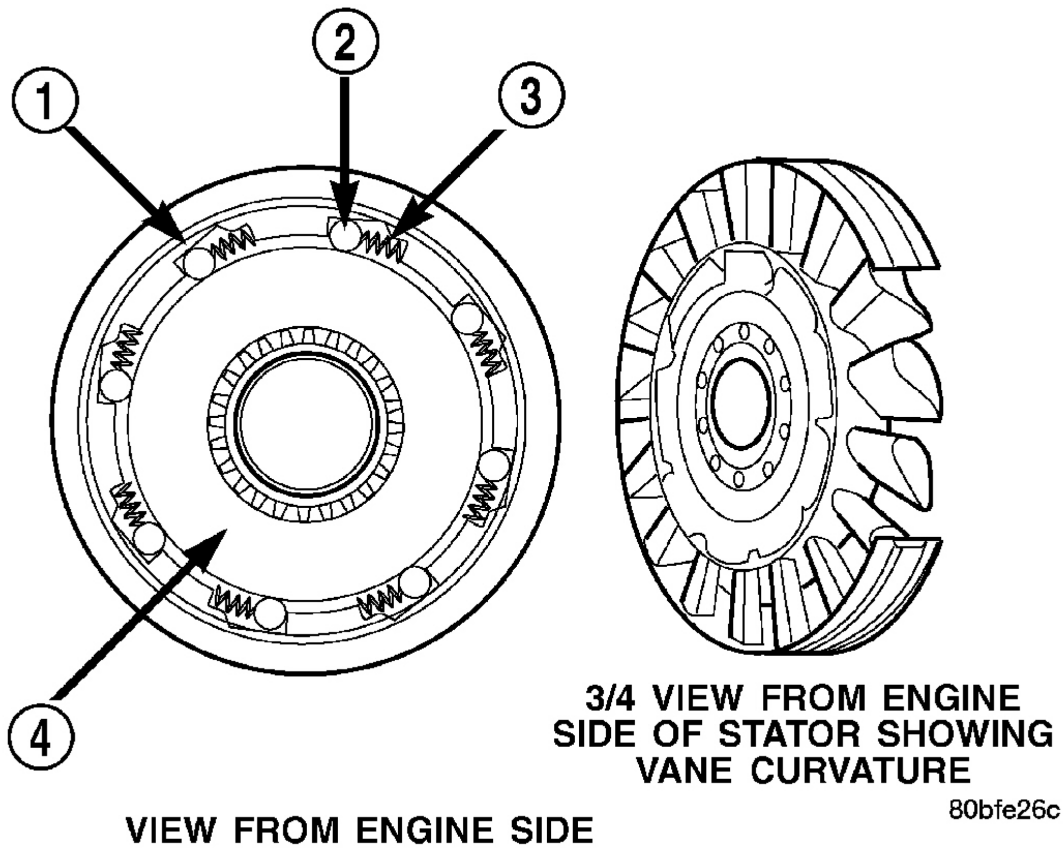

Fig. 270: Stator Components
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1 - CAM (OUTER RACE)
2 - ROLLER
3 - SPRING
4 - INNER RACE

The stator assembly (1-4) is mounted on a stationary shaft which is an integral part of the oil pump. See **Fig.**

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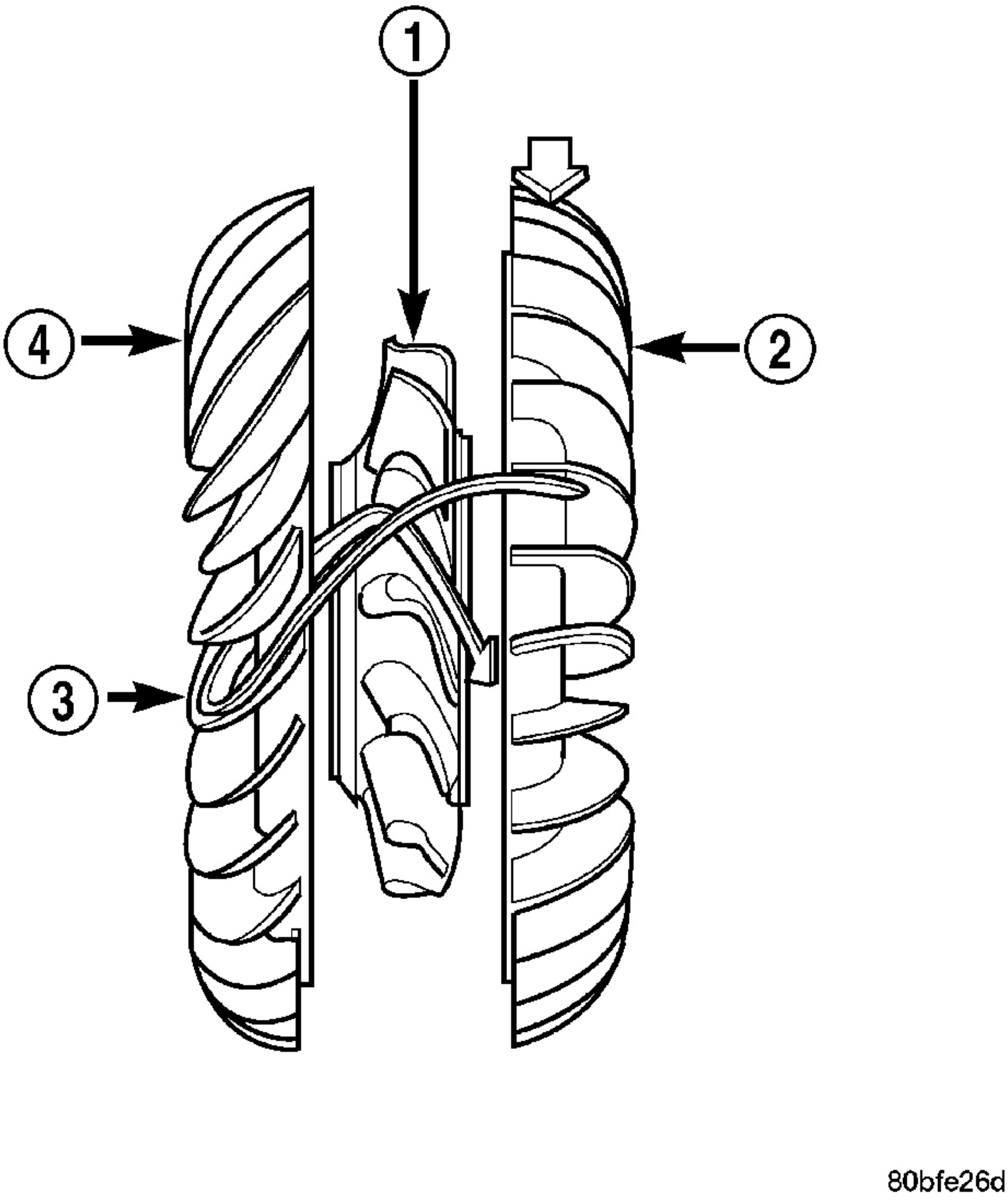

Fig. 271: Stator Location
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1 - STATOR 2 - IMPELLER

3 - FLUID FLOW
4 - TURBINE

The stator (1) is located between the impeller (2) and turbine (4) within the torque converter case. See **Fig. 271**. The stator contains a freewheeling clutch, which allows the stator to rotate only in a clockwise direction. When the stator is locked against the freewheeling clutch, the torque multiplication feature of the torque converter is operational.

TORQUE CONVERTER CLUTCH (TCC)

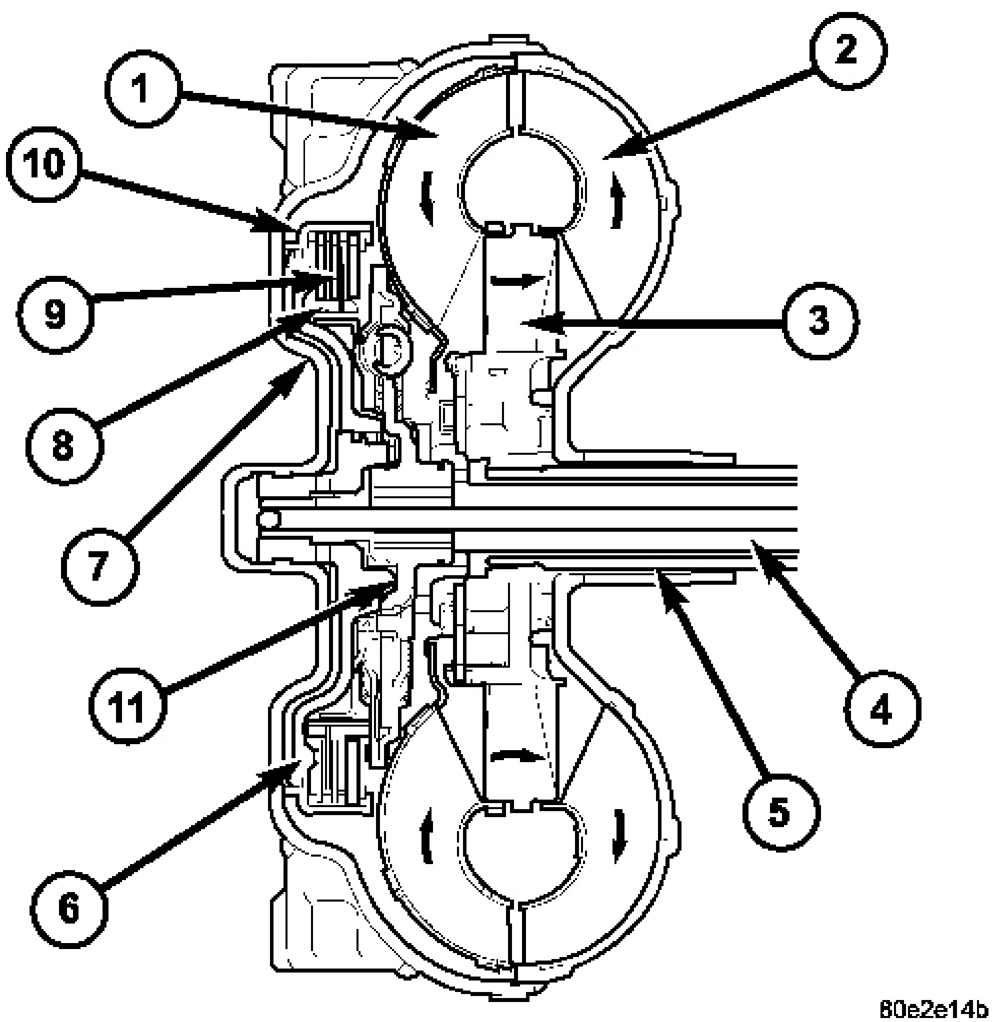

Fig. 272: Identifying Torque Converter Components
Courtesy of CHRYSLER LLC

1 - TURBINE 2 - IMPELLER 3 - STATOR 4 - INPUT SHAFT 5 - STATOR SHAFT 6 - PISTON 7 - COVER SHELL 8 - INTERNALLY TOOTHED DISC CARRIER 9 - CLUTCH PLATE SET 10 - EXTERNALLY TOOTHED DISC CARRIER 11 - TURBINE DAMPER

The TCC (9) was installed to improve the efficiency of the torque converter that is lost to the slippage of the fluid coupling. Although the fluid coupling provides smooth, shock-free power transfer, it is natural for all fluid couplings to slip. If the impeller and turbine were mechanically locked together, a zero slippage condition could be obtained. A hydraulic piston with friction material was added to the turbine assembly to provide this mechanical lock-up. See **Fig. 272**.

In order to reduce heat build-up in the transmission and buffer the powertrain against torsional vibrations, the TCM can duty cycle the torque converter lock-up solenoid to achieve a smooth application of the torque converter clutch. This function, referred to as Electronically Modulated Converter Clutch (EMCC) can occur at various times depending on the following variables:

- Shift lever position
- Current gear range
- Transmission fluid temperature
- Engine coolant temperature
- Input speed
- Throttle angle
- Engine speed

OPERATION

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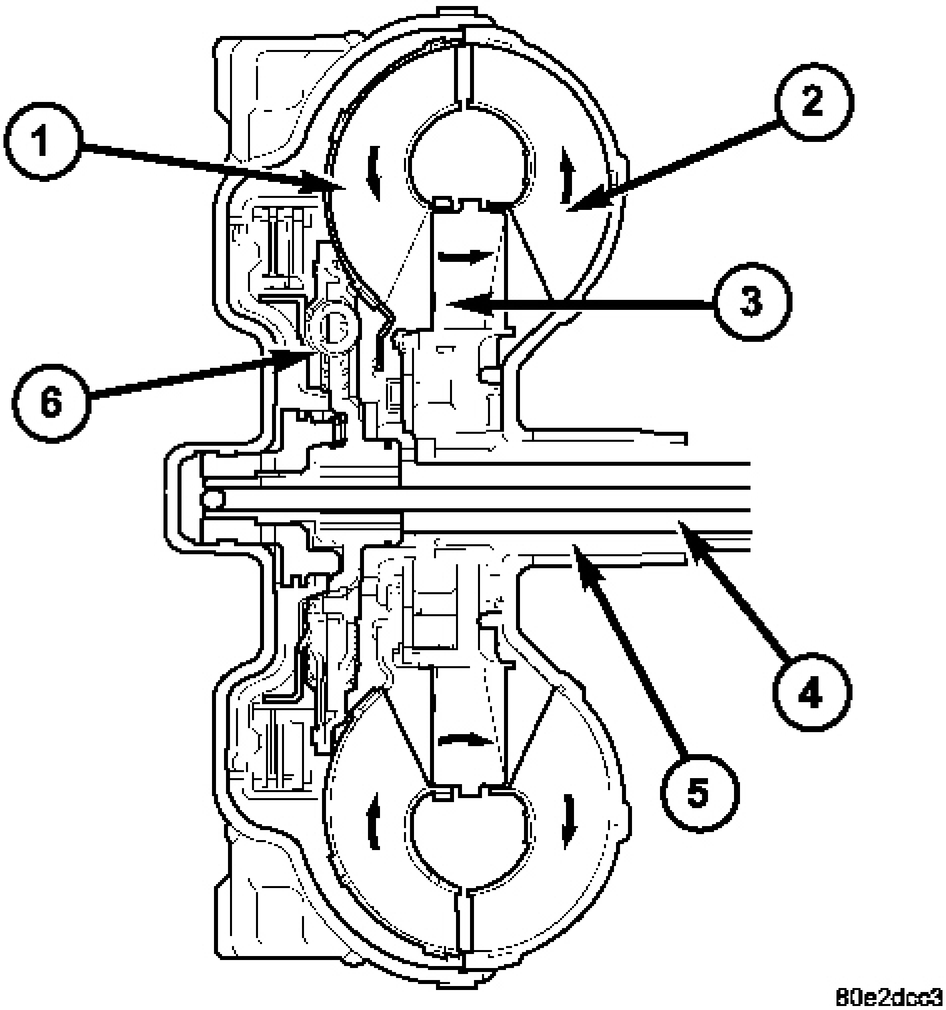

Fig. 273: Cutaway View Of Torque Converter
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1 - TURBINE 2 - IMPELLER 3 - STATOR 4 - INPUT SHAFT 5 - STATOR SHAFT 6 - TURBINE DAMPER

The converter impeller (driving member) (2), which is integral to the converter housing and bolted to the engine drive plate, rotates at engine speed. The converter turbine (driven member) (1), which reacts from fluid pressure generated by the impeller, rotates and turns the transmission input shaft (4). See **Fig. 273**.

TURBINE

As the fluid that was put into motion by the impeller blades strikes the blades of the turbine, some of the energy and rotational force is transferred into the turbine and the input shaft. This causes both of them (turbine and input shaft) to rotate in a clockwise direction following the impeller. As the fluid is leaving the trailing edges of the turbine's blades it continues in a "hindering" direction back toward the impeller. If the fluid is not redirected before it strikes the impeller, it will strike the impeller in such a direction that it would tend to slow it down.

STATOR

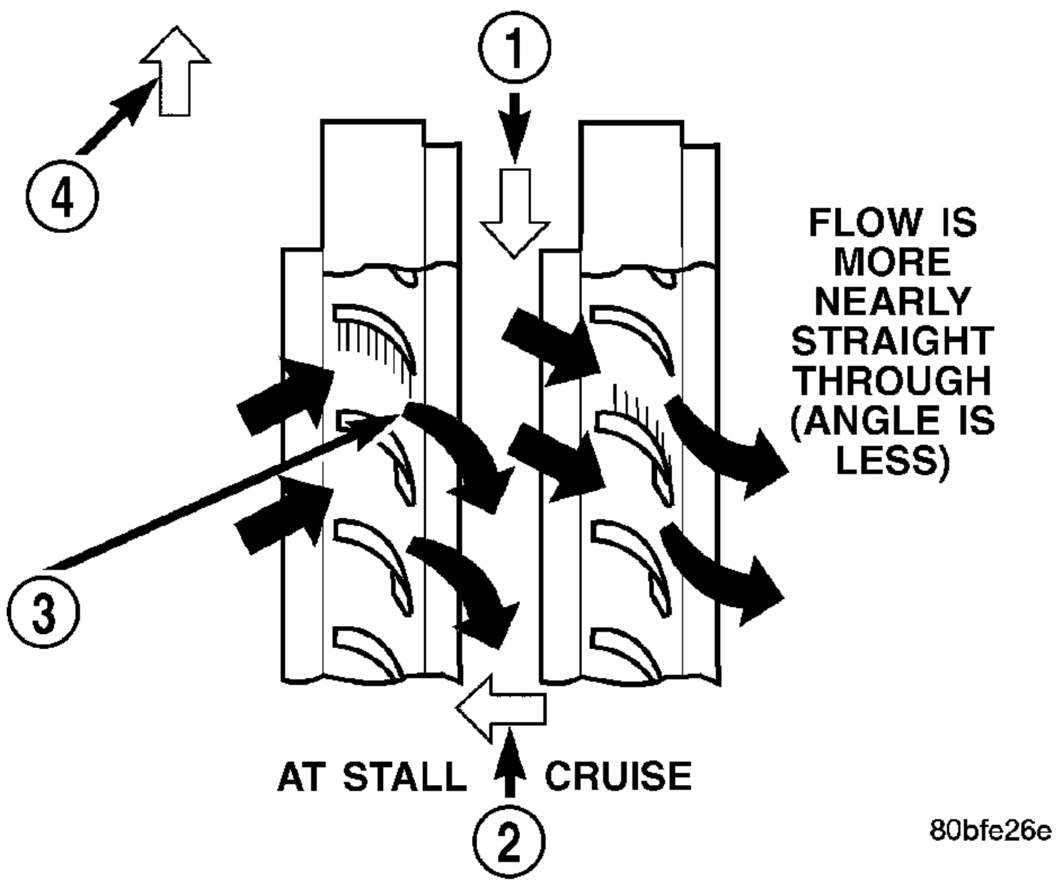

Fig. 274: Stator Operation
Courtesy of CHRYSLER LLC

1 - DIRECTION STATOR WILL FREE WHEEL DUE TO OIL PUSHING ON BACKSIDE OF

VANES 2 - FRONT OF ENGINE 3 - INCREASED ANGLE AS OIL STRIKES VANES 4 - DIRECTION STATOR IS LOCKED UP DUE TO OIL PUSHING AGAINST STATOR VANES

Torque multiplication is achieved by locking the stator's over-running clutch to its shaft Under stall conditions (the turbine is stationary), the oil leaving the turbine blades strikes the face of the stator blades and tries to rotate them in a counterclockwise direction. When this happens the over-running clutch of the stator locks and holds the stator from rotating. With the stator locked, the oil strikes the stator blades and is redirected into a "helping" direction before it enters the impeller. This circulation of oil from impeller to turbine, turbine to stator, and stator to impeller, can produce a maximum torque multiplication of about 2.0:1. As the turbine begins to match the speed of the impeller, the fluid that was hitting the stator in such as way as to cause it to lock-up is no longer doing so. In this condition of operation, the stator begins to free wheel and the converter acts as a fluid coupling. See **Fig. 274**.

TORQUE CONVERTER CLUTCH (TCC)

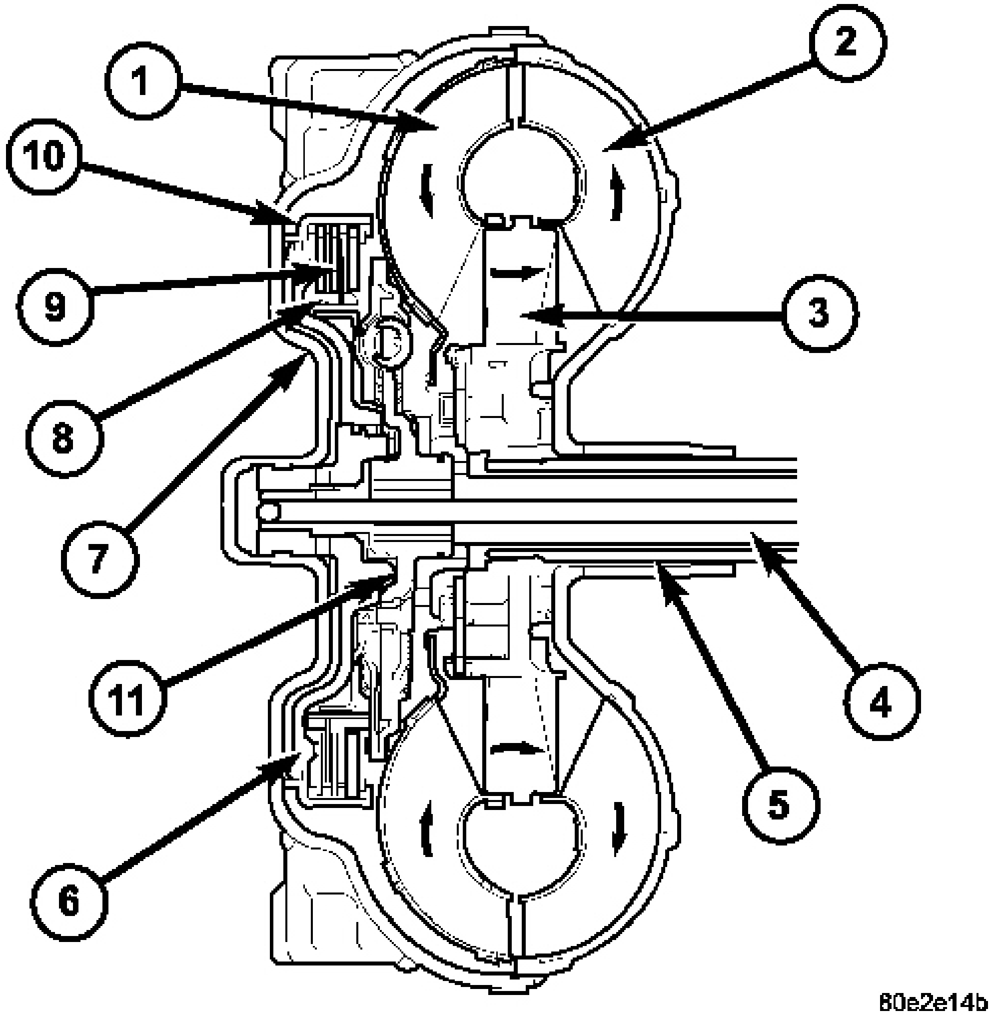

Fig. 275: Identifying Torque Converter Components
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1 - TURBINE
2 - IMPELLER
3 - STATOR
4 - INPUT SHAFT
5 - STATOR SHAFT
6 - PISTON
7 - COVER SHELL

8 - INTERNALLY TOOTHED DISC CARRIER
9 - CLUTCH PLATE SET
10 - EXTERNALLY TOOTHED DISC CARRIER
11 - TURBINE DAMPER

In a standard torque converter, the impeller (2) and turbine (1) are rotating at about the same speed and the stator (3) is freewheeling, providing no torque multiplication. By applying the turbine's piston and friction material (9), a total converter engagement can be obtained. The result of this engagement is a direct 1:1 mechanical link between the engine and the transmission. See **Fig. 275**.

The clutch can be engaged in second, third, fourth, and fifth gear ranges.

The TCM controls the torque converter by way of internal logic software. The programming of the software provides the TCM with control over the torque converter solenoid. There are four output logic states that can be applied as follows:

- No EMCC
- Partial EMCC
- Full EMCC
- Gradual-to-no EMCC

NO EMCC

Under No EMCC conditions, the TCC Solenoid is OFF. There are several conditions that can result in NO EMCC operations. No EMCC can be initiated due to a fault in the transmission or because the TCM does not see the need for EMCC under current driving conditions.

PARTIAL EMCC

Partial EMCC operation modulates the TCC Solenoid (duty cycle) to obtain partial torque converter clutch application. Partial EMCC operation is maintained until Full EMCC is called for and actuated. During Partial EMCC some slip does occur. Partial EMCC will usually occur at low speeds, low load and light throttle situations.

FULL EMCC

During Full EMCC operation, the TCM increases the TCC Solenoid duty cycle to full ON after Partial EMCC control brings the engine speed within the desired slip range of transmission input speed relative to engine RPM.

GRADUAL-TO-NO EMCC

This operation is to soften the change from Full or Partial EMCC to No EMCC. This is done at mid-throttle by decreasing the TCC Solenoid duty cycle.

REMOVAL

TORQUE CONVERTER

1. Remove transmission and torque converter from vehicle. See **REMOVAL**.
2. Place a suitable drain pan under the converter housing end of the transmission.

CAUTION: Verify that transmission is secure on the lifting device or work surface, the center of gravity of the transmission will shift when the torque converter is removed creating an unstable condition. The torque converter is a heavy unit. Use caution when separating the torque converter from the transmission.

3. Pull the torque converter forward until the center hub clears the oil pump seal.
4. Separate the torque converter from the transmission.

INSTALLATION

TORQUE CONVERTER

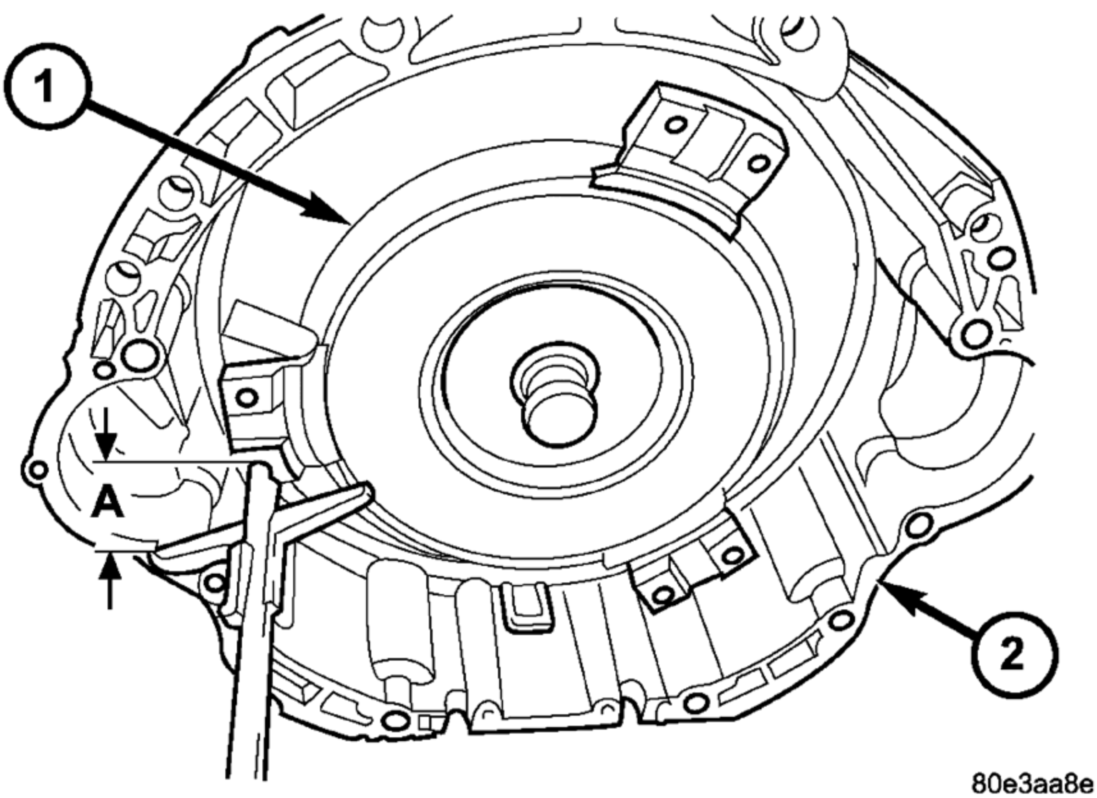

Fig. 276: Measuring Torque Converter Installation Depth
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1 - TORQUE CONVERTER

2 - TRANSMISSION HOUSING

Check converter hub and drive flats for sharp edges, burrs, scratches, or nicks. Polish the hub and flats with 320/400 grit paper or crocus cloth if necessary. The hub must be smooth to avoid damaging the pump seal at installation.

1. Lubricate oil pump seal lip with transmission fluid.
2. Place torque converter in position on transmission.

CAUTION: Do not damage oil pump seal or converter hub while inserting torque converter into the front of the transmission.

3. Align torque converter to oil pump seal opening.
4. Insert torque converter hub into oil pump.
5. While pushing torque converter inward, rotate converter until converter is fully seated in the oil pump gears.
6. Check converter seating with a scale and straightedge. See **Fig. 276**. Surface of converter lugs should be at least 19 mm (3/4 in.) to rear of straightedge when converter is fully seated.
7. If necessary, temporarily secure converter with C-clamp attached to the converter housing.
8. Install the transmission in the vehicle.
9. Fill the transmission with the recommended fluid.