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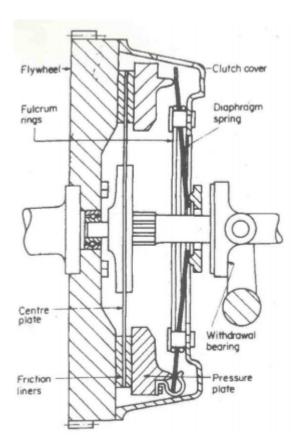
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Diaphragm Spring Type Single Plate Clutch A diaphragm spring type clutch is shown in fig. where shows the clutch in the engaged position and in the disengaged position. It is seen from the above figures that the diaphragm spring is supported on a fulcrum retaining ring so that any section through the spring can be regarded as a simple lever. The pressure plate E is movable axially, but it is fixed radically with respect to the cover. This is done by providing a series of equally spaced lugs cast upon the back surface of the pressure plate. The drive from the engine flywheel is transmitted through the cover, pressure plate and the friction plate to the gear box input shaft. The clutch is disengaged by pressing the clutch pedal which actuates the release fingers by means of a release ring. This pivots the spring about its fulcrum, relieving the spring load on the outside diameter, thereby disconnecting the drive.