INSTRUMENT PANEL ASSEMBLY

REMOVAL

WARNING: ON VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH AIRBAGS, DISABLE THE AIRBAG SYSTEM BEFORE ATTEMPTING ANY STEERING WHEEL, STEERING COLUMN, SEAT BELT TENSIONER, OR INSTRUMENT PANEL COMPONENT DIAGNOSIS OR SERVICE. DISCONNECT AND ISOLATE THE BATTERY NEGATIVE (GROUND) CABLE, THEN WAIT TWO MINUTES FOR THE AIRBAG SYSTEM CAPACITOR TO DISCHARGE BEFORE PERFORMING FURTHER DIAGNOSIS OR SERVICE. THIS IS THE ONLY SURE WAY TO DISABLE THE AIRBAG SYSTEM. FAILURE TO TAKE THE PROPER PRECAUTIONS COULD RESULT IN ACCIDENTAL AIRBAG DEPLOYMENT AND POSSIBLE PERSONAL INJURY.

2. Remove the top cover.
3. Disconnect the headliner harness electrical connector at the A-pillar.

Fig. 18 Instrument Panel Covers
4. Using a trim stick C-4755 or equivalent, from the notch on the bottom, remove the left side cover. (Fig. 18)
5. Remove the steering column. Refer to: *Steering and Suspension : Steering : Steering Column : Service and Repair* See: Steering Column > Service and Repair

Fig. 5 Column Support
6. Remove the two bolts at the column support bracket. (Fig. 5)
7. Remove the left cowl trim panel.
8. Remove the instrument panel drivers side bezel.

Fig. 5 COLUMN SUPPORT

1 - INSTRUMENT PANEL CLUSTER BEZEL
2 - STEERING COLUMN SUPPORT BRACKET
3 - BOLTS
9. Remove the left side mounting bolts. (Fig. 6)

Fig. 6 LEFT SIDE MOUNTING

1 - A-PILLAR
2 - DASH PANEL
3 - MOUNTING BOLTS (3)
10. Disconnect the wire harness electrical connectors above the brake pedal. (Fig. 7)
11. Loosen the screws and remove the hood release handle from the bracket.
12. Disconnect the park brake release handle actuator rod.
13. Remove the airbag control module trim cover, if equipped. (Fig. 18)
14. Remove the floor console, if equipped. Refer to: *Body and Frame : Interior Trim : Console : Service and Repair* See: Console > Service and Repair

Fig. 8 Center Mounting Bolts

**Fig. 8 CENTER MOUNTING BOLTS**

1 - INSTRUMENT PANEL
2 - BOLTS

15. Remove the center bracket bolts. (Fig. 8)
16. Disconnect the airbag control module electrical connector.
17. Remove the right cowl trim cover.

Fig. 9 Right Wire Harness Connection

18. Disconnect the two electrical connectors. (Fig. 9)

Fig. 10 Antenna Connection
19. Disconnect the radio antenna. (Fig. 10)

Fig. 10 ANTENNA CONNECTION

1 - ANTENNA CABLE
2 - RADIO CABLE

Fig. 11 HVAC Instrument Panel Mounting
20. Remove the one HVAC screw. (Fig. 11)

Fig. 12 Passenger Side Mounting
21. Using a trim stick C-4755 or equivalent, from the notch on the bottom, remove the right end cap. (Fig. 12)

Fig. 12 PASSENGER SIDE MOUNTING

1 - DASH PANEL
2 - RIGHT SIDE MOUNTING HOOK
3 - A-PILLAR
4 - END CAP
5 - MOUNTING BOLTS (3)

23. Remove the two right side mounting bolts on the A-pillar and one right mounting bolt on the cowl side panel. (Fig. 12)

Fig. 13 Upper Cowl Panel Bolts

![Fig. 13 UPPER COWL PANEL BOLTS](image)

1 - COWL PANEL
2 - FORWARD MOST SCREWS (4)
3 - BOLT INSERTS (6)
4 - REARWARD BOLTS (2)
5 - DASH PANEL

24. Remove the four top instrument panel screws. (Fig. 13)

25. Remove the two top instrument panel bolts and remove the instrument panel.

**INSTALLATION**

1. Position the instrument panel assembly in vehicle.

Fig. 14 Brake Release Rod
2. Route the park brake release rod through the instrument panel. (Fig. 14)
3. Install the instrument panel onto the left side guide pin and the right side guide hook.
4. Install the left side mounting bolts and tighten to 12 N.m (9 ft. lbs.).
5. Install the instrument panel drivers side bezel.
6. Install the left cowl trim panel.
7. Connect the headliner harness electrical connector at the A-pillar.
9. Position the left end cap and seat the attachment clips fully.
10. Install the right side mounting bolts on the A-pillar and one right mounting bolt on the cowl side panel and tighten to 12 N.m (9 ft. lbs.).
12. Position the right end cap and seat the attachment clips fully.
13. Install the one HVAC mounting screw.
14. Connect the radio antenna.
15. Connect the two electrical connectors at the right cowl panel.
16. Install the right cowl trim cover.
17. Connect the airbag control module electrical connector.
18. Install the center bracket bolts and tighten to 12 N.m (9 ft. lbs.).
19. Install the floor console, if equipped. Refer to: "Body and Frame: Interior Trim: Console: Service and Repair" See: Console > Service and Repair
20. Install the airbag control module cover, if equipped.
21. Connect the park brake release handle actuator rod.
22. Install the hood release handle and tighten the screws.
23. Install the two bolts at the column support bracket and tighten to 14 N.m (10 ft. lbs.).
24. Install the steering column. Refer to: "Steering and Suspension: Steering: Steering Column: Service and Repair" See: Steering Column > Service and Repair
25. Connect the wire harness electrical connectors above the brake pedal.
26. Install the two top instrument panel bolts and tighten to 12 N.m (9 ft. lbs.).
27. Install the four top instrument panel screws.
28. Install the instrument panel top cover. See: Dashboard / Instrument Panel > Removal and Replacement > Instrument Panel Top Cover