23 - Body / Instrument Panel / PANEL, Instrument/Removal

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 personal or fatal injury.

1. Disconnect and isolate the negative battery cable.
2. Remove the front seat assembly, (Refer to 23 - Body/Seats/SEAT - Removal).

NOTE: Right side shown left side similar.

3. Remove the left cowl trim panel. (Refer to 23 - Body/Interior/PANEL, Cowl Trim - Removal)
4. Remove the steering column opening cover (Refer to 23 - Body/Instrument Panel/COVER, Steering Column Opening - Removal)

5. Disconnect the instrument panel wire harness connector (2) located above the brake pedal from the bulkhead wire harness connector (1).

6. Remove the steering column as necessary (Refer to 19 - Steering/Column - Removal).

   NOTE: Right side shown left side similar.

7. Using a Trim Stick C-4755 or equivalent, remove the trim panel (1) from the instrument panel.
8. Remove the bolts (1) and position the manual park release lever (2) aside. Remove the bolts (1) and position the manual park release lever (2) aside.

9. Remove the hood release handle and position aside. (Refer to 23 - Body/Hood/CABLE, Hood Release/Removal)

10. Disconnect the park brake release handle (1) link (2).

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12. Using a trim stick C-4755 or equivalent, from the notch on the bottom, remove the left instrument panel side cover.
13. Disconnect the headliner wire harness connector (2), release the push pin (1) located at the A-pillar, and position the harness aside.

14. Remove the three bolts (1) that secure the left side of the instrument panel to the dash panel.
15. Remove the floor console, if equipped (Refer to 23 - Body/Interior/CONSOLE, Floor - Removal).

16. Remove the Brake Sled to I/P Bolts

17. Remove the two bolts (1) that secure the instrument panel to the center of the floor panel.

NOTE: Left side shown right side similar

19. Using a trim stick C-4755 or equivalent, from the notch on the bottom, remove the right instrument panel side cover (1) from the instrument panel.
20. **NOTE:** Left side shown, right side typical.

Disconnect the headliner wire harness connector (2), release the push pin (1) located at the A-pillar, and position the harness aside.


22. Remove the right cowl trim cover (Refer to 23 - Body/Interior/PANEL, Cowl Trim - Removal).
23. Disconnect the five instrument panel wire harness connectors from the two body wire harness connectors (1) located on the right side of the cowl panel (2).

24. Disconnect the antenna coaxial cable connectors (1) from the radio coaxial cable connector (2) located on the right side of the cowl panel.
25. Remove the three bolts (1) that secure the right side instrument panel bracket to the dash panel.

26. Remove fence line bolt access covers.

27. Remove fence line bolts.

28. Pull carpet back as necessary to remove the ground eyelet fastener at ORC/YAWL Modules.

29. Disconnect the ORC Module electrical connector and remove the wiring from under the carpet.

30. With the help of an assistant, lift the instrument panel up and off of the cowl panel and remove the instrument panel from the vehicle.