

7. Remove the retaining bolt in the front fender splash shield.
8. Position the front fender splash shield out of the way.
9. Lower the vehicle.
10. Tag and remove the wiring connectors.
11. Remove the retaining screw in the parking brake control.
12. Remove the parking brake control.
13. Remove the retaining screw in the instrument panel finish panel in the lower instrument panel.
14. Remove the retaining screw in the steering column opening reinforcement.
15. Remove the retaining screw in the steering gear housing.
16. Remove the tilt wheel handle and shank.
17. Remove the ignition switch.
18. Disconnect the upper steering column shroud and remove the retaining bolts.
19. Disconnect the ignition switch assembly.
20. Tag and remove the electrical connector.
21. Disconnect the vacuum hose.
22. Remove the retaining nut in the steering column assembly.
23. Lower the steering column tube assembly.
24. Disconnect the shift cable assembly.
25. Remove the steering column shroud retaining screw.
26. Remove the retaining screws from the multi-function switch.
27. Position the multi-function switch out of the way.
28. Remove the retaining screw from the cowl side trim panel.
29. Remove the lower panel door trim, remove the retaining screw, and position the panel out of the way.
30. Tag and disconnect the wiring connectors, and remove the ground wire assembly.
31. Remove the retaining screw on the cowl side (RH) panel.
32. Remove the lower panel door trim, remove the retaining screw, and position the panel out of the way.
33. Tag and disconnect the wiring connectors, and remove the ground wire assembly.
34. Remove the retaining rivet in the passenger side of the instrument panel.
35. Disconnect the generator.
36. Disconnect the radio feed of the wire assembly.
37. Unsnap the I/P finish center (LH) on the panel assembly.
38. Remove the radio chassis.
39. Remove the retaining screw in the instrument panel, and position the panel out of the way.
40. Tag and disconnect the wiring connectors.
41. Remove the retaining screw in the air bag restraining module assembly, and disconnect it.
42. Remove and disconnect the instrument panel defroster-opening grille.
43. Remove the instrument panel to cowl brace retaining screw.
44. Remove the instrument panel finish panel retaining screw.
45. Remove the retaining nut on the instrument LH lower finish panel.
46. Remove the retaining brace.
47. Disconnect the vacuum hose on the harness assembly.

48. If the instrument panel is being replaced, transfer all parts to the new instrument panel.

**To install:**

49. Installation is the reversal of the removal procedure. Check air bag indicator operation.

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▶ See Figure 26

➔ **Some vehicles are equipped with air bags. Before attempting to service air bag equipped vehicles, be sure that the system is properly disarmed and all safety precautions are taken. Serious personal injury and vehicle damage could result if this note is disregarded.**

1. Position the wheels in the straight-ahead position. Disable the air bag system. For details, please refer to the procedure in Section 6 of this manual. Disconnect the negative battery cable.
2. Remove the ignition lock cylinder. Remove the tilt lever. Remove the steering column trim shrouds. Disengage all electrical connectors from the steering column switches.
3. Remove the two bolts and reinforcement from under the steering column. Disengage the insulator, then remove the insulator.
4. Remove the four nuts and the reinforcement from under the steering column. Do NOT rotate the steering column shaft.
5. Remove the four nuts retaining the steering column to the instrument panel, disconnect the PRNDL cable, and lower the steering column on the front seat. Cover the front seat to protect it from damage.
6. Install the ignition lock cylinder to ensure that the steering column shaft does not turn. Remove the one bolt at the steering column opening attaching the instrument panel brace retaining bolt under the radio.
7. Remove the sound insulator from under the glove compartment by removing the two push nuts that secure the insulator to the studs on the climate control case assembly.
8. Disconnect the wires of the main wire loom inside the engine compartment. Disengage the rubber grommet from the dash panel, then feed the

wiring through the hole in the dash panel into the passenger compartment.

9. Remove the right and left-hand cowl sides trim panels. Remove the two screws (one on each side) retaining the instrument panel to the left and right side.

10. Remove both speaker covers by pulling upward on them. Open the glove compartment door and allow it to hang open.

11. Using all openings, tag and remove all instrument panel electrical connections, air conditioning outlets, air conditioning controls, antenna wires, and anything else that may interfere with panel removal.

12. Close the glove compartment lid. Remove the three instrument panel screws at the top of the assembly. Disconnect any remaining electrical wires. Remove the instrument panel assembly from the vehicle.

13. If the panel is being replaced, transfer all components, wiring, and hardware to the new instrument panel.

**To install:**

14. Position the instrument panel in place. Engage the underhood electrical connections. Install the instrument panel upper and lower retaining screws.

15. Install the lower brace and tighten the bolt to 5-8 ft. lbs. (6.8-10.8 Nm) Install the radio speaker grilles.

16. Using all necessary openings, engage all instrument panel electrical connections, air conditioning outlets, air conditioning controls, antenna wires, and anything else that may have been removed.

17. Continue the installation in the reverse order of the removal procedure.

18. Connect the negative battery cable. Enable the air bag system following the procedure in Section 6 of this manual. Check for proper operation of the air bag indicator. Check for proper operation of all components.

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1. Disconnect the negative battery cable.
2. Remove the defroster grille by pulling

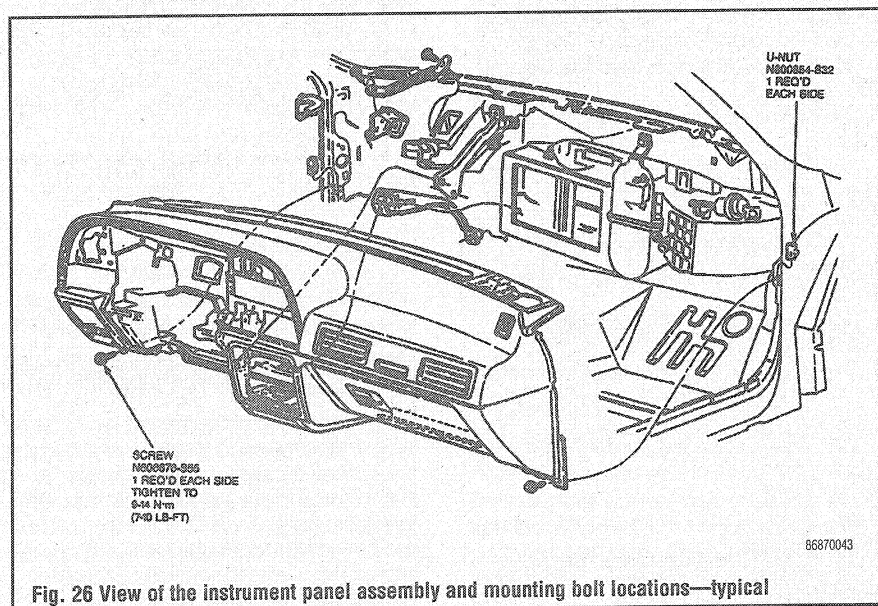


Fig. 26 View of the instrument panel assembly and mounting bolt locations—typical