

## REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION (Continued)

14. Remove upper nut from stabilizer bar and separate the stabilizer from knuckle.
15. Remove tie rod nut and separate tie rod end from knuckle.
16. Disconnect heated oxygen (HO<sub>2</sub>S) 9F472. sensor.
17. Remove exhaust catalyst assembly.
18. Disconnect power steering cooler from subframe and place out of the way.
19. Disconnect battery cable bracket from subframe.

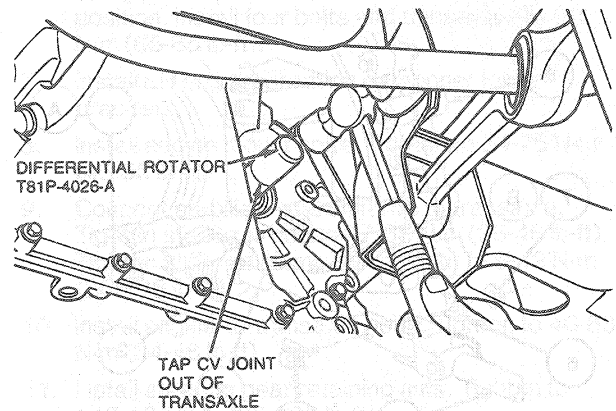
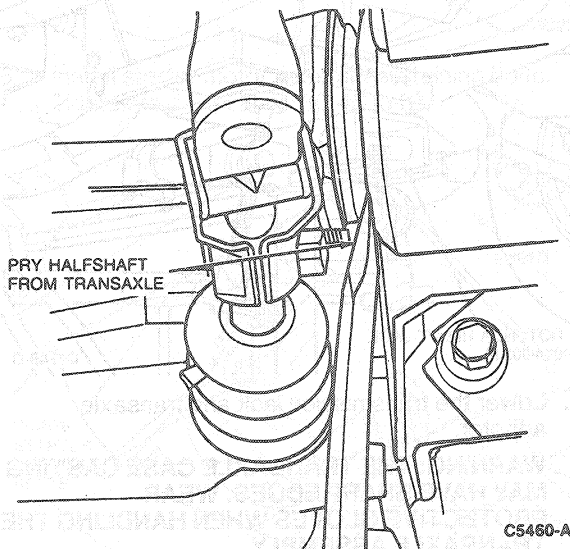
**CAUTION:** Use care when using the pry bar for removal of the CV joint assembly, to prevent damage to the differential oil seal. Repeat procedure on the RH side.

**NOTE:** Lubricant will drain from the seal at this time. Install Transaxle Plugs T81P-1177-B (two required).

20. Using a large pry bar, pry the LH inboard CV joint assembly from the transaxle.

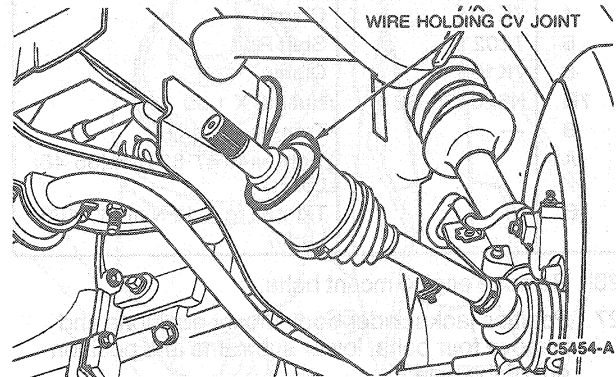
**NOTE:** If the CV joint assembly cannot be pried from the transaxle, insert Differential Rotator T81P-4026-A through LH side and tap the joint out. Tool can be used from either side of transaxle.

Remove the inboard CV joint from the transaxle by grasping the LH steering knuckle and swinging the knuckle and halfshaft outward from the transaxle.



21. Wire the halfshaft assembly in a near level position to prevent damage to the assembly during remaining operations.

Repeat procedure on the opposite side.



22. Remove retaining bolts from center support bearing and remove RH halfshaft from transaxle.
23. Remove two steering gear retaining nuts from subframe. Support steering gear by wiring up the tie rod ends to the coil springs.
24. Remove transaxle to engine retaining bolts.
25. Remove shift mechanism stabilizer bar-to-transaxle retaining bolt. Remove shift rod-to-shift shaft retaining nut and bolt. Remove rods from transaxle.