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VEHICLE APPLICATION
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NOTE: All fasteners are important in that they could affect the performance of vital parts and systems, and/or could result in major service expenses. They must be replaced with fasteners of the same part number if replacement becomes necessary. Do not use a replacement part of lesser quality or substitute design. Torque values must be used as specified during assembly to ensure proper functioning of these parts.

The steering column has been redesigned for more efficient use of package space and improved strength. The structural part of the column is made of magnesium die castings. The column is attached to a support that is an integral part of the instrument panel. The column lower attachments are through a bracket that bends during column collapse. The upper attachments are through plastic shear modules that separate from the main casting during column collapse. A clip and washer are attached to the shear modules to reduce column shake and to assist in column installation to the beam.

A unique shifter mechanism has been installed on the column (column shift only). It has the insert plate located away from the shift lever and interacts with the shift lever through a linkage system. This system provides a positive interlock with no adjustments required.

