

REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION

CAUTION: Do not remove the steering column, steering wheel and air bag module as an assembly from the vehicle unless the column is locked to prevent rotation, or lower end of steering shaft should be wired in such a way to prevent the steering wheel from being rotated.

Steering Wheel

Tools Required:

- Steering Wheel Puller T67L-3600-A

Removal

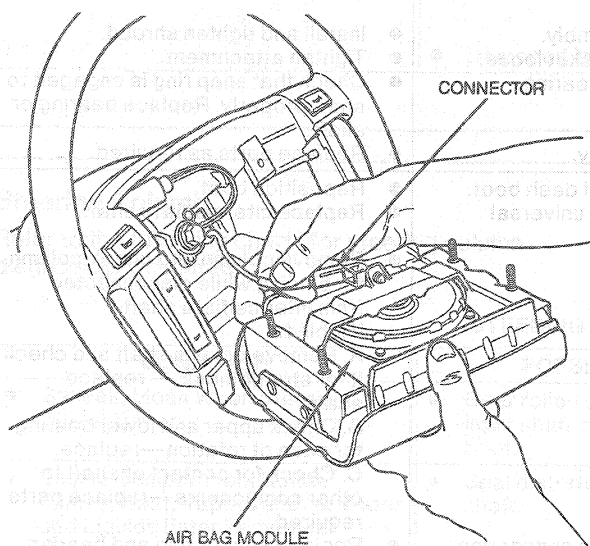
1. Center front wheels to the straight-ahead position.

WARNING: THE BACKUP POWER SUPPLY MUST BE DISCONNECTED BEFORE ANY AIR BAG COMPONENT IS SERVICED.

2. Disconnect battery ground cable and air bag backup power supply. Refer to Section 01-20B.

NOTE: Taurus SHO only, remove two steering wheel back cover plugs. Remove two air bag module retaining bolts and lift module off steering wheel.

3. Remove four air bag module retaining nuts and lift module off steering wheel.
4. Disconnect air bag wire harness from air bag module and remove module from wheel.



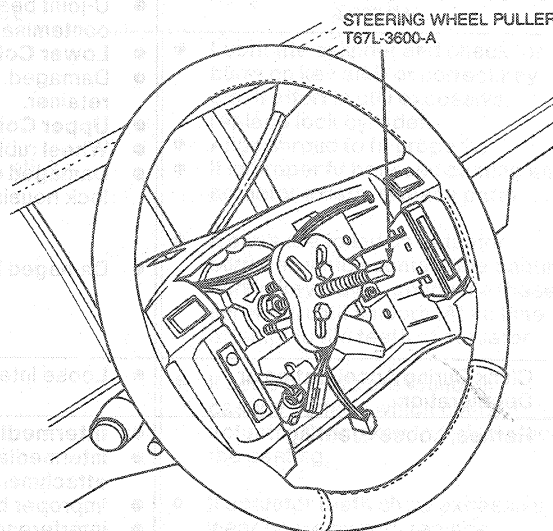
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5. Disconnect speed control wire harness from steering wheel.

CAUTION: Be sure contact assembly wire harness does not get caught on wheel assembly when lifting off shaft.

6. Remove and discard steering wheel retaining bolt.

7. Install Steering Wheel Puller T67L-3600-A or equivalent and remove steering wheel. Route contact assembly wire harness through steering wheel as wheel is lifted off shaft.



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Installation

1. Ensure that vehicle's front wheels are in the straight-ahead position.
2. Route contact assembly wire harness through steering wheel opening at the three o'clock position and position steering wheel on steering shaft. The steering wheel and shaft alignment marks should be aligned. Be sure air bag contact wire is not pinched.
3. Install new steering wheel retaining bolt and tighten to 31-45 N·m (23-33 lb-ft).

CAUTION: Be sure wiring does not get trapped between steering wheel and contact assembly.

4. Connect speed control wire harness to wheel and snap connector assembly into steering wheel clip.
5. Connect air bag wire harness to air bag module and install module to steering wheel. Tighten module retaining nuts to 4-5.4 N·m (36-47 lb-in). (Taurus SHO: Tighten retaining screws to 10.2-13.8 N·m (7.5-10 lb-ft.) Install back cover plugs.)
6. Connect air bag backup power supply and battery ground cable. Verify air bag warning indicator.

Tilt Lock Lever

Removal and Installation

1. To remove tilt lock lever, rotate lever counterclockwise.