

# Column

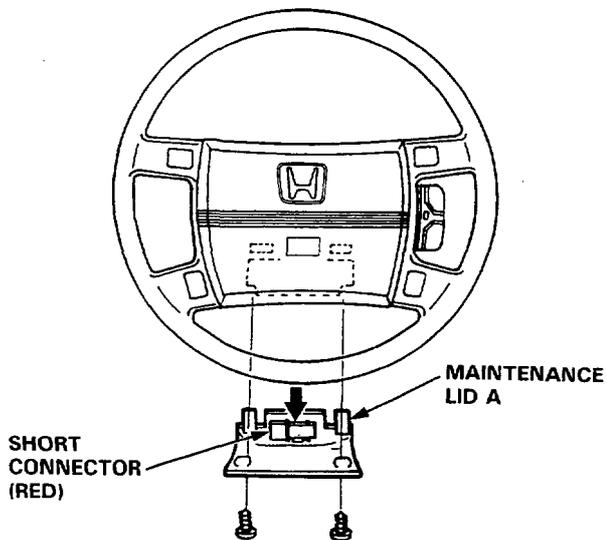
## Removal

**⚠ WARNING** Store a removed airbag assembly with the pad surface up. If the airbag is improperly stored face down, accidental deployment could propel the unit with enough force to cause serious injury.

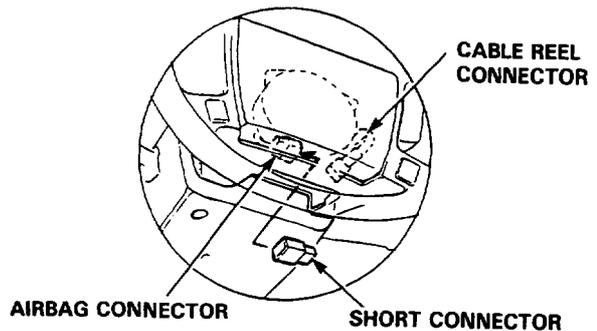
### CAUTION:

- Carefully inspect the airbag assembly before installing. Do not install an airbag assembly that shows signs of being dropped or improperly handled, such as dents, cracks or deformation.
- Always keep the short connector on the airbag connector when the harness is disconnected.
- Do not disassemble or tamper with the airbag assembly.

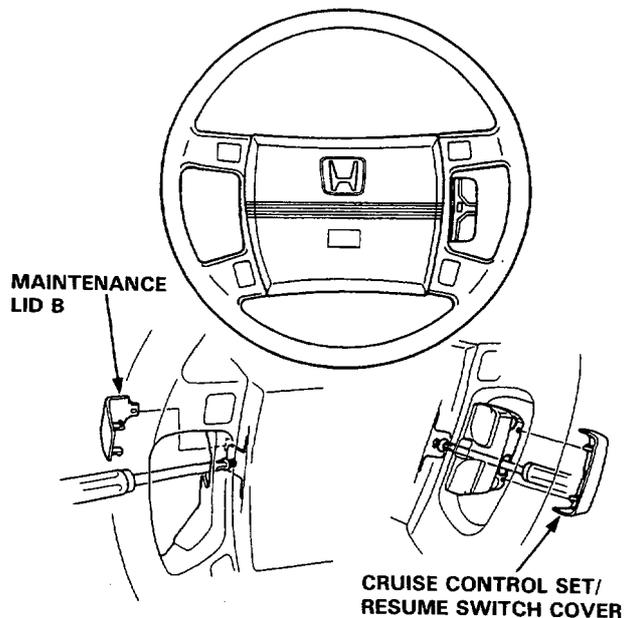
1. Disconnect both the negative cable and positive cable from the battery.
2. Make sure the wheels are aligned straight forward.
3. Remove maintenance lid A below the airbag, then remove the short connector.



4. Disconnect the connector between the airbag and cable reel.
5. Connect the short connector to the airbag side of the connector.

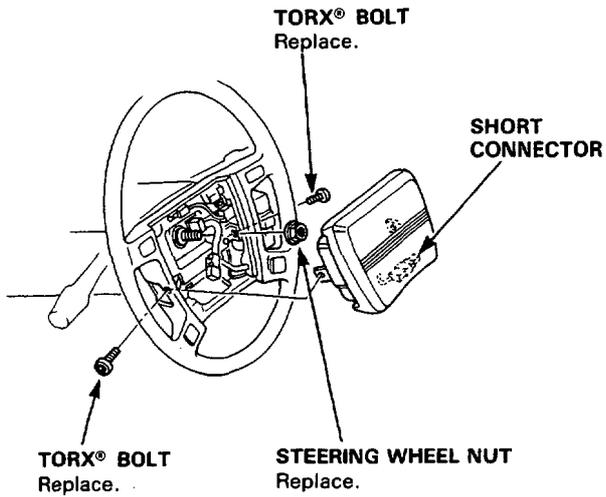


6. Remove maintenance lid B and the cruise control set/resume switch cover. Insert a TORX® T30 bit and remove the two TORX® bolts.



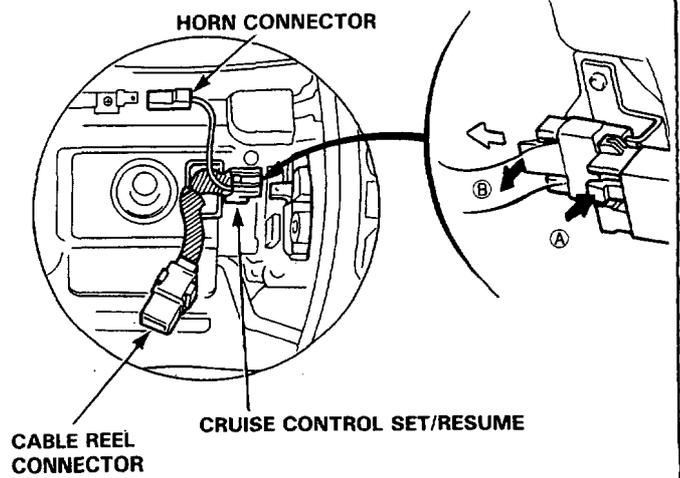


7. Remove the airbag assembly from the steering wheel.
8. Remove the steering wheel nut.



9. Disconnect the connectors for the horn and cruise control set/resume switches and release the airbag connector from its clips.

NOTE: To disconnect the cruise control 3-P connector, release both lock tabs, (A) and (B).



10. Remove the steering wheel from the column.

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11. Remove the yoke joint cover.
12. Remove the instrument panel lower cover then disconnect the wiper control unit connector.
13. Remove the column cover's maintenance lid.
14. Disconnect the cable reel harness at the connection located on the under side of the steering column.
15. Remove the column B holder.
16. Remove the column mounting nuts (2).
17. Remove the steering yoke joint bolts, and disconnect the yoke joint.
18. Disconnect the harness connectors attached to the column assembly, then remove the column assembly.

