

## FOR ALL OF VEHICLES PRECAUTION

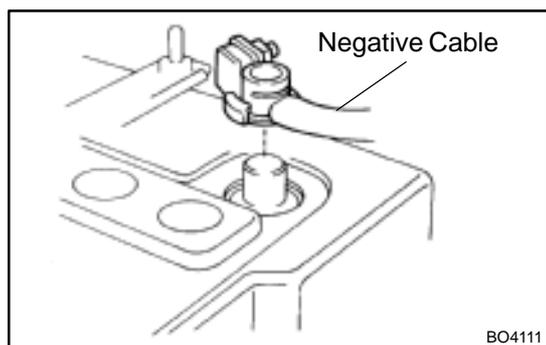
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### 1. FOR VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH SRS AIRBAG

- (a) The TOYOTA TACOMA is equipped with an SRS (Supplemental Restraint System), such as the driver airbag and front passenger airbag.

Failure to carry out service operations in the correct sequence could cause the supplemental restraint system to unexpectedly deploy during servicing, possibly leading to a serious accident.

Further, if a mistake is made in servicing the supplemental restraint system, it is possible the SRS may fail to operate when required. Before servicing (including removal or installation of parts, inspection or replacement), be sure to read the following items carefully, then follow the correct procedure described in this manual.



### (b) GENERAL NOTICE

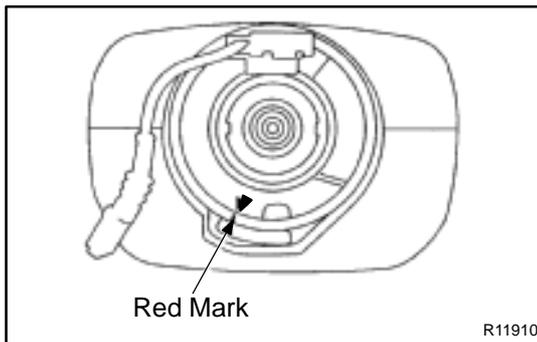
- (1) Malfunction symptoms of the supplemental restraint system are difficult to confirm, so the diagnostic trouble codes become the most important source of information when troubleshooting. When troubleshooting the supplemental restraint system, always inspect the diagnostic trouble codes before disconnecting the battery (See page [DI-456](#)).

- (2) Work must be started after 90 seconds from the time the ignition switch is turned to the "LOCK" position and the negative (-) terminal cable is disconnected from the battery.

(The supplemental restraint system is equipped with a back-up power source so that if work is started within 90 seconds of disconnecting the negative (-) terminal cable from the battery, the SRS may deploy.)

When the negative (-) terminal cable is disconnected from the battery, memory of the clock and audio systems will be cancelled. So before starting work, make a record of the contents memorized by the each memory system. Then when work is finished, reset the clock and audio systems as before. To avoid erasing the memory of each memory system, never use a back-up power supply another battery.

- (3) Even in cases of a minor collision where the SRS does not deploy, the steering wheel pad, the passenger's airbag assembly, airbag sensor assembly and front airbag sensor should be inspected (See page [RS-13](#), [RS-27](#), [RS-40](#) and [RS-45](#)).
- (4) Never use SRS parts from another vehicle. When replacing parts, replace them with new parts.
- (5) Before repairs, remove the airbag sensor if shocks are likely to be applied to the sensor during repairs.
- (6) Never disassemble and repair the steering wheel pad, front passenger airbag assembly, airbag sensor assembly and front airbag sensor.
- (7) If the steering wheel pad, front passenger airbag assembly, airbag sensor assembly and front airbag sensor have been dropped, or if there are cracks, dents or other defects in the case, bracket or connector, replace them with new ones.
- (8) Do not expose the steering wheel pad, front passenger airbag assembly, airbag sensor assembly and front airbag sensor directly to hot air or flames.
- (9) Use a volt/ohmmeter with high impedance (10 k $\Omega$ /V minimum) for troubleshooting of the electrical circuit.
- (10) Information labels are attached to the periphery of the SRS components. Follow the instructions on the notices.
- (11) After work on the supplemental restraint system is completed, check the SRS warning light (See page [DI-456](#)).



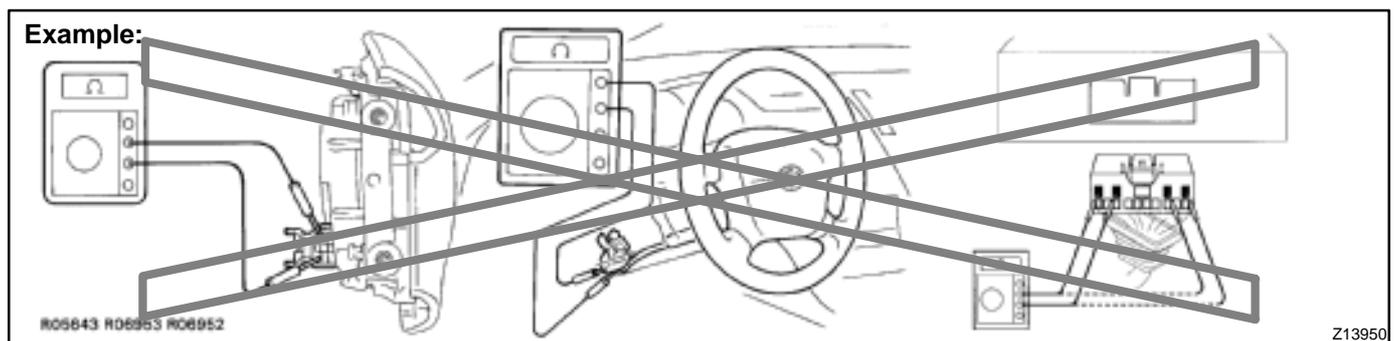
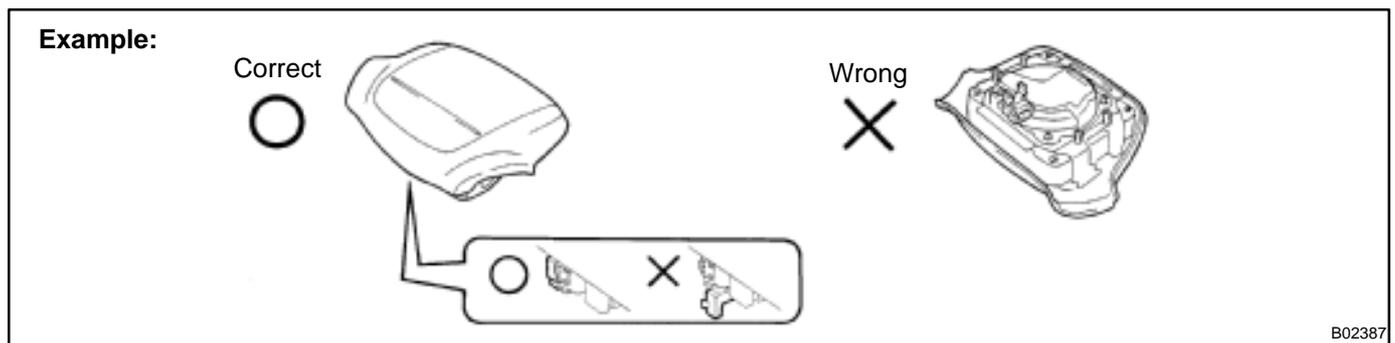
- (c) **SPIRAL CABLE (in Combination Switch)**  
 The steering wheel must be fitted correctly to the steering column with the spiral cable at the neutral position, otherwise cable disconnection and other troubles may result. Refer to [SR-20](#) concerning correct steering wheel installation.

## (d) STEERING WHEEL PAD (with Airbag)

- (1) When removing the steering wheel pad or handling a new steering wheel pad, it should be placed with the pad top surface facing up.

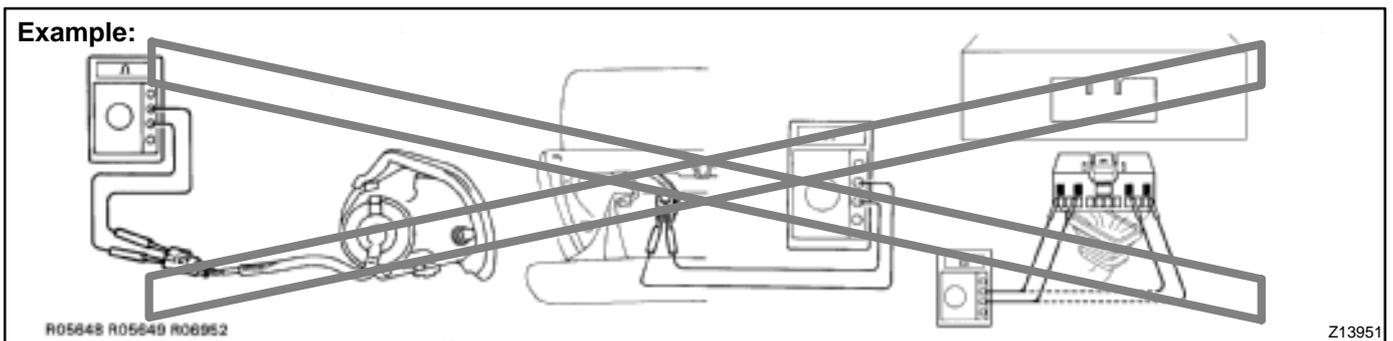
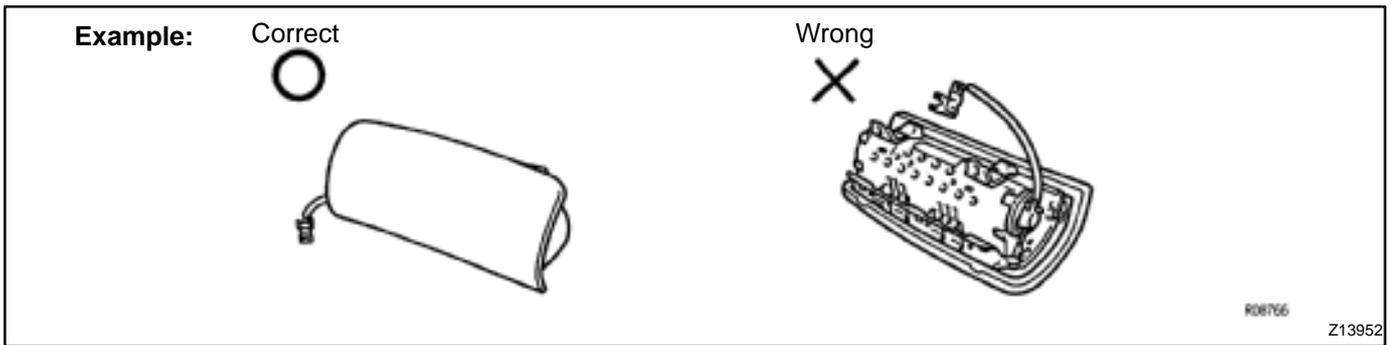
In this case, the twin-lock type connector lock lever should be in the locked state and care should be taken to place it so the connector will not be damaged. In addition do not store a steering wheel pad on top of another one. Storing the pad with its metallic surface up may lead to a serious accident if the airbag inflates for some reason.

- (2) Never measure the resistance of the airbag squib. (This may cause the airbag to deploy, which is very dangerous.)
- (3) Grease should not be applied to the steering wheel pad and the pad should not be cleaned with detergents of any kind.
- (4) Store the steering wheel pad where the ambient temperature remains below 93°C (200°F), without high humidity and away from electrical noise.
- (5) When using electric welding, first disconnect the airbag connector (yellow color and 2 pins) under the steering column near the combination switch connector before starting work.
- (6) When disposing of a vehicle or the steering wheel pad alone, the airbag should be deployed using an SST before disposal (See page RS-15). Carry out the operation in a safe place away from electrical noise.



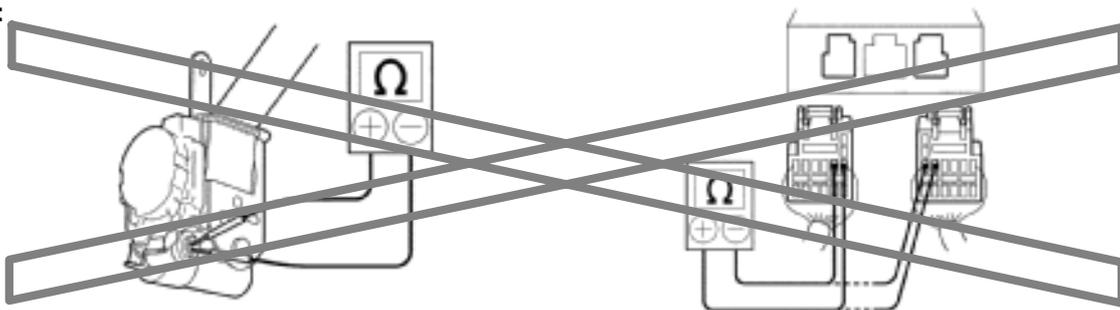
(e) FRONT PASSENGER AIRBAG ASSEMBLY

- (1) Always store a removed or new front passenger air-bag assembly with the airbag deployment direction facing up.  
Storing the airbag assembly with the airbag deployment direction facing down could cause a serious accident if the airbag deploys.
- (2) Never measure the resistance of the airbag squib. (This may cause the airbag to deploy, which is very dangerous.)
- (3) Grease should not be applied to the front passenger airbag assembly and the airbag door should not be cleaned with detergents of any kind.
- (4) Store the airbag assembly where the ambient temperature remains below 93°C (200°F), without high humidity and away from electrical noise.
- (5) When using electric welding, first disconnect the airbag connector (yellow color and 2 pins) installed on assembly before starting work.
- (6) When disposing of a vehicle or the airbag assembly alone, the airbag should be deployed using an SST before disposal (See page RS-29).  
Perform the operation in a safe place away from electrical noise.



## (f) SEAT BELT PRETENSIONER

- (1) Never measure the resistance of the seat belt pretensioner. (This may cause the seat belt pretensioner activation which is very dangerous.)
- (2) Never disassemble the seat belt pretensioner.
- (3) Never install the seat belt pretensioner in another vehicle.
- (4) Store the seat belt pretensioner where the ambient temperature remains below 80°C (176°F) and away from electrical noise without high humidity.
- (5) When using electric welding, first disconnect the connector (yellow color and 2 pins) before starting work.
- (6) When disposing of a vehicle or the seat belt pretensioner alone, the seat belt pretensioner should be activated before disposal (See page [BO-103](#)). Perform the operation in a safe place away from electrical noise.
- (7) The seat belt pretensioner is hot after activation, so let it cool down sufficiently before the disposal. However never apply water to the seat belt pretensioner.

**Example:**

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(g) AIRBAG SENSOR ASSEMBLY

- (1) Never reuse the airbag sensor assembly involved in a collision when the SRS has deployed.
- (2) The connectors to the airbag sensor assembly should be connected or disconnected with the sensor mounted on the floor. If the connectors are connected or disconnected while the airbag sensor assembly is not mounted to the floor, it could cause undesired ignition of the supplemental restraint system.
- (3) Work must be started after 90 seconds from the time the ignition switch is turned to the "LOCK" position and the negative (–) terminal cable is disconnected from the battery, even if only loosening the set bolts of the airbag sensor assembly.

(h) WIRE HARNESS AND CONNECTOR

The SRS wire harness is integrated with the cowl wire harness assembly and floor wire harness assembly. All the connectors for the system are also a standard yellow color. If the SRS wire harness becomes disconnected or the connector becomes broken due to an accident, etc., repair or replace it.

## 2. FOR VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH A CATALYTIC CONVERTER

### CAUTION:

**If large amount of unburned gasoline flows into the converter, it may overheat and create a fire hazard. To prevent this, observe the following precautions and explain them to your customer.**

- (a) Use only unleaded gasoline.
- (b) Avoid prolonged idling.  
Avoid running the engine at idle speed for more than 20 minutes.
- (c) Avoid spark jump test.
  - (1) Perform spark jump test only when absolutely necessary. Perform this test as rapidly as possible.
  - (2) While testing, never race the engine.
- (d) Avoid prolonged engine compression measurement  
Engine compression tests must be done as rapidly as possible.
- (e) Do not run engine when fuel tank is nearly empty.  
This may cause the engine to misfire and create an extra load on the converter.
- (f) Avoid coasting with ignition turned off.
- (g) Do not dispose of used catalyst along with parts contaminated with gasoline or oil.

## 3. IF VEHICLE IS EQUIPPED WITH MOBILE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

For vehicles with mobile communication systems such as two-way radios and cellular telephones, observe the following precautions.

- (1) Install the antenna as far as possible away from the ECU and sensors of the vehicle's electronic system.
- (2) Install the antenna feeder at least 20 cm (7.87 in.) away from the ECU and sensors of the vehicle's electronic systems. For details about ECU and sensors locations, refer to the section on the applicable component.
- (3) Do not wind the antenna feeder together with the other wiring as much as possible, also avoid running the antenna feeder parallel with other wire harness.
- (4) Check that the antenna and feeder are correctly adjusted.
- (5) Do not install powerful mobile communications system.

## 4. FOR USING OBD II SCAN TOOL OR TOYOTA HAND-HELD TESTER

### CAUTION:

**Observe the following for safety reasons:**

- **Before using the OBD II scan tool or TOYOTA hand-held tester, the OBD II scan tool's instruction book or TOYOTA hand-held tester's operator manual should be read thoroughly.**
- **Be sure to route all cables securely when driving with the OBD II scan tool or TOYOTA hand-held tester connected to the vehicle. (i.e. Keep cables away from feet, pedals, steering wheel and shift lever.)**
- **Two persons are required when test driving with the OBD II scan tool or TOYOTA hand-held tester, one person to drive the vehicle and one person to operate the OBD II scan tool or TOYOTA hand-held tester.**