

## SAAB

97 Sonett III  
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### DESCRIPTION

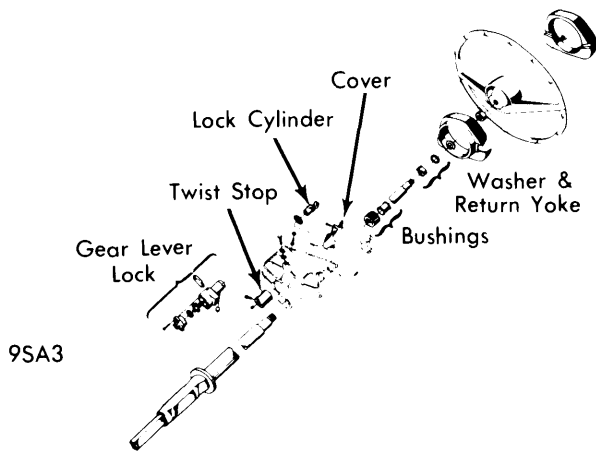
Steering columns used on these models are a safety, telescopic type. The lower portion of the steering shaft is designed to retract into the upper portion when frontal impact is experienced.

### REMOVAL & INSTALLATION

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**Removal** — Remove steering column cross support strap. Pull out steering shaft from gear assembly pinion. Withdraw steering column assembly from vehicle.

**Installation** — To install, reverse removal procedure, tightening nuts and bolts as necessary.



97 SONETT III STEERING COLUMN ASSEMBLY

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**Removal** — Unscrew locking bolt at universal joint. Remove two lower retaining screws at pedal bracket and two upper column-to-instrument panel retaining screws. Detach quick-release wiring connection and lift out steering column assembly.

**Installation** — To install, reverse removal procedure, tightening nuts and bolts as necessary.

#### INTERMEDIATE SHAFT SEALING BELLOWS (99)

**Removal** — Remove cover under instrument panel. Unscrew steering column-to-intermediate shaft retaining screw. Unbolt column tube from instrument panel. Pull steering column from intermediate shaft. Cut off old sealing bellows.

**Installation** — Lubricate suitable installation tool (899581) with vaseline or soapy water. Place tool against intermediate shaft. Ease new bellows over tool and joint. Ensure bellows are not damaged in this process. Replace steering column into intermediate shaft. Make sure that shaft is pushed in so that screw is located directly opposite the groove. Tighten retaining screw. Attach steering column to instrument panel. Check position of steering wheel and adjust if necessary. Fit bellows in dash panel. Replace cover under instrument panel.

### OVERHAUL

#### STEERING COLUMN (99)

**Disassembly** — Remove three retaining screws and remove plastic cover under steering wheel. Pull steering wheel shaft out of tube. Withdraw two rubber bushings with steering wheel shaft bushings and washers.

**Assembly** — To assemble, reverse disassembly procedure, after replacing required bushings.