

Steering Wheel Removal

HORN BUTTON, STEERING WHEEL, TURN SIGNAL SWITCH REMOVAL

AMERICAN MOTORS

NOTE — For steering column lock mechanisms, see Ignition Switches in ACCESSORIES & EQUIPMENT Section.

HORN BUTTON

Removal — Disconnect negative battery cable. On vehicles with center horn buttons, remove button by lifting up and pulling out. On all other types, loosen mounting screws on back of wheel, pull horn wire plastic retainer from turn signal cancelling cam, and remove button.

Installation — On center type buttons, install by indexing projection on rubber retaining ring with notch in cup, and pressing down to engage ring. On all others, place horn wire in hole, secure by pressing retainer in place and then install screws. Connect negative battery cable.

STEERING WHEEL

With horn button removed, remove attaching nut and washer. Note alignment marks on steering shaft and wheel. Use a suitable puller (J-21232) to remove steering wheel.

CAUTION — Do not hammer on puller to aid steering wheel removal or damage to column collapsible components may result. To install steering wheel, reverse removal procedure and tighten nut as specified.

CAUTION — Some steering shafts have metric wheel nut threads. These shafts have an identifying groove around the shaft in the splines. Metric nuts are color coded blue.

TURN SIGNAL SWITCH

Remove steering wheel. Remove lockplate cover by prying out of housing with two screwdrivers. Using suitable tool (J-23653), depress lock plate, pry snap ring from steering shaft groove and discard.

NOTE — If shaft has metric threads, compressor tool must use Metric Forcing Screw (J23653-4).

Remove tool, snap ring, lock plate, directional signal cancelling cam, upper bearing preload spring and thrust washer from steering shaft. Place directional signal lever in right turn position and remove lever. Depress hazard warning light switch and remove button by turning counterclockwise. Disconnect directional signal harness at connector block and tape to prevent snagging. Remove switch screws and pull switch and harness from column. Loosen steering column bracket screws if necessary to clear harness. To install, reverse removal procedure.

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HORN BUTTON

Three Spoke, Deluxe Three Spoke & "Tuffy" Three Spoke Wheel With Center Button — Remove horn button by pulling outward. Remove electrical lead from terminal on horn

switch, screws mounting switch assembly to steering wheel and remove switch assembly. Remove screws mounting retainer to switch. To install, reverse removal procedure.

Two Spoke Wheel With Pressure Sensitive Horn Pad — Remove two pad-mounting screws from underside of steering wheel. Pull pad up from wheel and disconnect electrical leads, remove pad. To install, reverse removal procedure.

Tilt-Wheel — Push pad out of wheel using access holes in back of wheel. Do not pry on pad to remove. Detach lever by pushing on clip in slot and pulling lever out.

STEERING WHEEL

Remove horn button or pad. Remove steering wheel nut and washer. Using suitable puller (C-3428B), remove steering wheel. **CAUTION** — Do not hammer on puller to remove wheel. To install steering wheel, reverse removal procedure.

HORN CONTACT RING

Removal — Remove steering wheel. Disconnect electrical lead from horn switch. Bend up locking tabs of contact ring and remove from steering wheel while noting which hole wire goes through.

Installation — 1) Position new ring on steering wheel, and insert wire through hole. With fingers, press ring down as far as it will go. Obtain a round cylinder approximately 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " inside diameter, $\frac{1}{8}$ " thick and 3" long. Position cylinder on top of contact ring and place assembly into arbor press.

2) Apply pressure carefully so cylinder presses down on round surface of contact ring. Continue pressing until round surface of contact ring is flush with bottom of steering wheel. If contact ring is not flush, damage may result to contact roller on switch. Connect electrical lead to horn switch and install horn switch pad.

TURN SIGNAL SWITCH

1) On all models disconnect fusible link. Remove steering wheel and steering column cover.

2) On Volare, Aspen, Diplomat, LeBaron, and Diplomat with Tilt steering column, remove two nuts mounting column to lower panel reinforcement. Remove gearshift indicator on Volare, Aspen, Diplomat and LeBaron only. Remove four attaching bolts and mounting bracket from steering column.

3) Remove wiring trough from steering column. Position gearshift lever full clockwise. If equipped with Tilt Steering, position at midpoint.