

ALL MANUFACTURERS

DESCRIPTION

Turn signal and hazard flasher circuits are integral systems using a common switch assembly mounted within upper steering column housing. Signal lever is on left side of column and hazard switch knob is on right side. Two different flasher units are used. The hazard flasher is a variable load type and will operate regardless of the number of lights burned out. If one signal light is burned out, the signal circuit will not function on same side due to insufficient current draw to operate flasher.

NOTE — For wiring diagrams of individual models, refer to chassis wiring diagrams in WIRING DIAGRAM Section.

OPERATION

Turn Signals — Signal systems operate only when ignition switch is turned on. Normal frequency of signal lights are about 60-120 flashes per minute. Switch has two detent positions for each signal direction. With signal lever in first detent, lights will blink, but will go off if switch lever is released. Second switch detent will hold signal on, until steering wheel canceling fingers automatically turn signal off.

Hazard Flasher — With knob activated, all park and stop lights flash simultaneously regardless of ignition switch mode. Depressing brake pedal will override flasher operation until pedal is released. During hazard switch operation with some vehicles, the turn signal should be off to avoid electric feed back through accessory circuits causing intermittent operation of circuits left turned on.

FLASHER LOCATION

AMERICAN MOTORS

Hazard & Turn Signal — Both flashers are mounted on the fuse panel located on the passenger side of the dash panel.

CHRYSLER CORP.

Hazard (All Models) — On relay bank on firewall.

Turn Signal (LeBaron, Diplomat, Aspen & Volare) — On relay bank on firewall.

Cordoba & Magnum — Above and rearward of the accelerator pedal.

St. Regis, Newport & New Yorker — On lower left corner of instrument cluster housing.

Horizon & Omni — On relay bank.

FORD MOTOR CO.

All Models — Turn signal and Hazard flashers are located in the fuse panel, which is located in the lower left of instrument panel.

GENERAL MOTORS

Hazard (All Models) — On fuse block.

Turn Signal (Buick) — Behind instrument panel near steering column.

Cadillac — On steering column lower cover (Seville and Eldorado) or on fuse panel (All Other Models).

Chevrolet — Behind instrument panel near steering column.

Oldsmobile — On fuse panel (88 and 98 models), or behind left side of instrument panel (All Other Models).

Pontiac — On instrument panel lower brace, or in fuse block depending on model.

TESTING

CAUTION — If equipped with Air Cushion Restraint System, do not attempt any service on turn signal switch until ignition switch is in "LOCK" position and battery ground cable is disconnected and taped. This must be done to avoid accidental release of system.

TURN SIGNAL & HAZARD SYSTEM

Turn Signals Inoperative — Turn on hazard system, if all lights operate, inspect for blown turn signal fuse or defective flasher. If fuse is open, check for shorts between fuse and lamps. If turn signal fuse and flasher are satisfactory, check wire terminals in harness connector for continuity and power feed to and from switch. To determine if switch is at fault, connect a known good switch in column to chassis connector and operate switch by hand. If signals now operate, switch is inoperative. Inspect switch for mechanical or electrical problem.

Turn Signals Inoperative (One Side) — Turn on hazard system, if one or more lights are inoperative, replace lights as necessary. Test light sockets for power or poor ground connection. If all lights operate with hazard system on, inspect for improper lamp or inoperative turn signal switch. If turn signal flasher can be heard, but lights fail, check for a short circuit.

Hazard Flasher Inoperative — Turn on signal switch, check all lights, and service as required. Check power to hazard circuit fuse and test fuse. If fuse is blown, check for shorts and/or replace fuse. If fuse is satisfactory, check power to hazard flasher. Substitute a known good flasher, if system still fails, check power to hazard switch in steering column. Repair circuit between hazard flasher element and switch if necessary. To determine if switch is at fault, connect a known good switch in column to chassis connector and operate switch by hand. If hazard system now operates, inspect inoperative switch for mechanical or electrical problem.

REMOVAL & INSTALLATION

SIGNAL & HAZARD SWITCH ASSEMBLY

See *Steering Wheel, Horn Button & Turn Signal Switch Removal* in STEERING Section.