

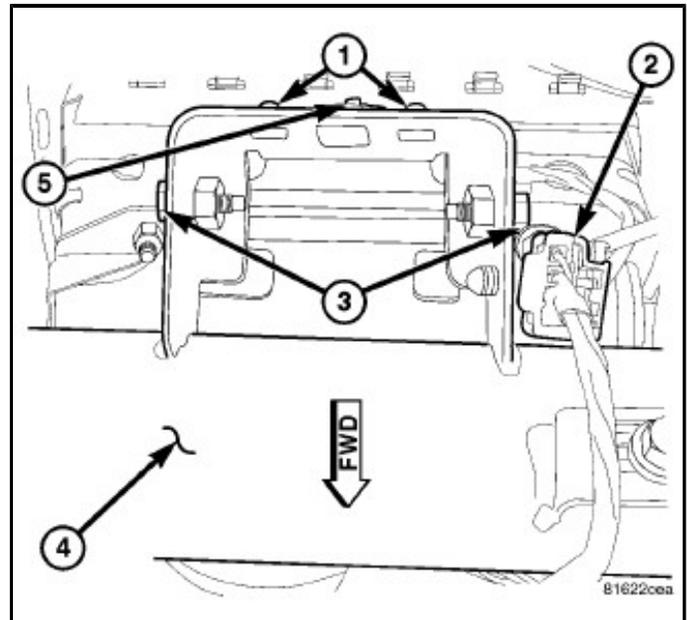
REMOVAL

WARNING: To avoid serious or fatal injury on vehicles equipped with airbags, disable the Supplemental Restraint System (SRS) before attempting any steering wheel, steering column, airbag, seat belt tensioner, impact sensor or instrument panel component diagnosis or service. Disconnect and isolate the battery negative (ground) cable, then wait two minutes for the system capacitor to discharge before performing further diagnosis or service. This is the only sure way to disable the SRS. Failure to take the proper precautions could result in accidental airbag deployment.

WARNING: To avoid serious or fatal injury when removing a deployed airbag, rubber gloves, eye protection, and a long-sleeved shirt should be worn. There may be deposits on the airbag unit and other interior surfaces. In large doses, these deposits may cause irritation to the skin and eyes.

NOTE: The following procedure is for replacement of an ineffective or damaged passenger airbag. If the airbag is ineffective or damaged, but not deployed, review the recommended procedures for handling non-deployed supplemental restraints. (Refer to 10 - Restraints - Standard Procedure). If the passenger airbag has been deployed, review the recommended procedures for service after a supplemental restraint deployment before removing the airbag from the vehicle. (Refer to 10 - Restraints - Standard Procedure).

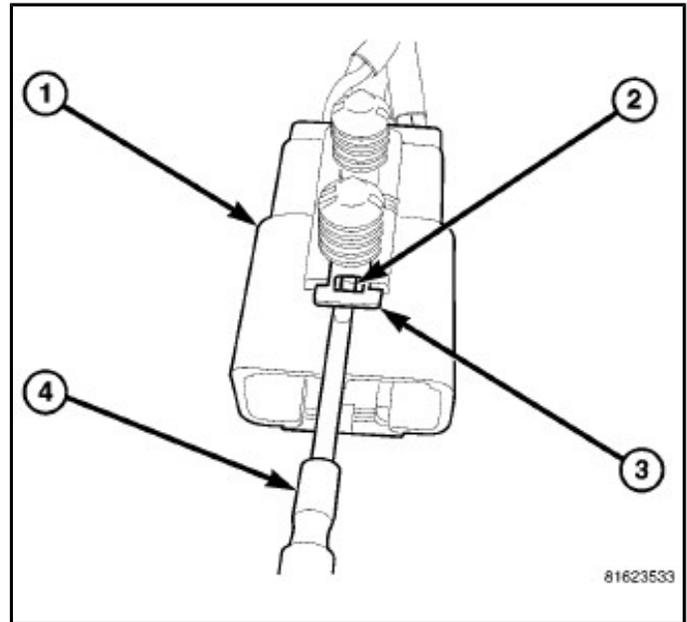
1. Disconnect and isolate the battery negative cable. Wait two minutes for the system capacitor to discharge before further service.
2. Remove the top cover from the top of the instrument panel. (Refer to 23 - Body/Instrument Panel/COVER, Instrument Panel - Removal).
3. Remove the glove box from the instrument panel. (Refer to 23 - Body/Instrument Panel/GLOVE BOX, Instrument Panel - Removal).
4. Reach up into the instrument panel between the upper glove box opening reinforcement and the cross car beam (4) to access and disconnect the instrument panel wire harness connector (2) from the airbag inflator pigtail wire connector on the right side of the instrument panel airbag support bracket. To disconnect the connector:



- a Slide the red Connector Position Assurance (CPA) lock on the top of the connector toward the side of the connector.
 - b Depress the connector latch tab and pull the two halves of the connector straight away from each other.
5. Remove the two screws (3) that secure the passenger airbag lower bracket to the instrument panel airbag support bracket.

6. Disengage the airbag inflator pigtail wire connector (1) from the plastic push-in retainer plate (3) on the right side of the instrument panel airbag support bracket. To disengage the connector:

- a Using a small screwdriver (4), carefully pry the leading edge of the push-in retainer plate away from the connector insulator far enough to clear the engagement tab (2) on the insulator.
- b Pull the connector toward you to slide it off of the push-in retainer plate.



7. Using a trim stick (2) or another suitable wide flat-bladed tool, gently pry the forward, then the outboard edges of the passenger airbag door (1) away from the instrument panel (3) far enough to disengage the snap features on the door from the receptacles in the instrument panel base trim.

8. Remove the passenger airbag and airbag door from the instrument panel as a unit.

