INSTRUMENT PANEL AND PAD ASSEMBLY

WARNING: DISCONNECT AND ISOLATE THE BATTERY NEGATIVE (GROUND) CABLE BEFORE BEGINNING ANY AIRBAG SYSTEM COMPONENT REMOVAL OR INSTALLATION PROCEDURE. THIS WILL DISABLE THE AIRBAG SYSTEM.

FAILURE TO DISCONNECT BATTERY COULD RESULT IN ACCIDENTAL AIRBAG DEPLOYMENT AND POSSIBLE PERSONAL INJURY.

ALLOW SYSTEM CAPACITOR TO DISCHARGE FOR 2 MINUTES BEFORE REMOVING ANY AIRBAG COMPONENTS.

When removing a passenger airbag module Refer to Restraint Systems for Passenger Air Bag Module Removal.

REMOVAL

1. Disconnect and isolate the battery negative remote cable [Battery Negative Remote Cable Removal](http://www.identifix.com/AssetDetailsViewer/GetHtmlDetails?FileLocation=LwB3AGUAYgBzAGUAcgB2AGkAYwBlAHMALwBTAHIAcwAuAFcAZQBiAFAAbABhAHQAZgBvAHIAbQAuAFcAZQBiAFMAZQByAHYAaQBjAGUAcwAuAEYAaQBsAGUATQBhAG4AYQBnAGUAcgAuAHMAdgBjAC8AUABPAFgALwBHAGUAdAA%2FAHAAcgBvAGoAZQBjAHQAPQBPAGUAbQBDAG8AbgB0AGUAbgB0ACYAYQBtAHAAOwBzAGUAcwBzAGkAbwBuAFQAbwBrAGUAbgBJAGQAPQAwAGQAMwBmADAANwBhADEALQBkADYAOABlAC0ANAA0ADYAZQAtAGEAOAA3ADkALQAwADkAYwBlADgAMAA1AGIAYQA5ADYANAAmAGEAbQBwADsAZgBpAGwAZQA9AE8ARQBEAG8AYwBzAC8AMgAwADQANwAvAGgAdABtAGwALwBpAG0AYQBnAGUAcwAvADgAMAAxADYAZQAzADAAOAAuAGcAaQBmACYAYQBtAHAAOwB3AHIAYQBwAEkAbQBnAD0AdAByAHUAZQA%3D&FileType=.gif%26amp%3Bwrapimg%3Dtrue&ROID=107493069&VID=2084460)
2. Open both vehicle front doors. Remove left end cover by pulling outboard. Remove right end cover by pulling rearward [Instrument Panel Components](http://www.identifix.com/AssetDetailsViewer/GetHtmlDetails?FileLocation=LwB3AGUAYgBzAGUAcgB2AGkAYwBlAHMALwBTAHIAcwAuAFcAZQBiAFAAbABhAHQAZgBvAHIAbQAuAFcAZQBiAFMAZQByAHYAaQBjAGUAcwAuAEYAaQBsAGUATQBhAG4AYQBnAGUAcgAuAHMAdgBjAC8AUABPAFgALwBHAGUAdAA%2FAHAAcgBvAGoAZQBjAHQAPQBPAGUAbQBDAG8AbgB0AGUAbgB0ACYAYQBtAHAAOwBzAGUAcwBzAGkAbwBuAFQAbwBrAGUAbgBJAGQAPQAwAGQAMwBmADAANwBhADEALQBkADYAOABlAC0ANAA0ADYAZQAtAGEAOAA3ADkALQAwADkAYwBlADgAMAA1AGIAYQA5ADYANAAmAGEAbQBwADsAZgBpAGwAZQA9AE8ARQBEAG8AYwBzAC8AMgAwADQANwAvAGgAdABtAGwALwBpAG0AYQBnAGUAcwAvADgAMAAxADYAZQAzADkAMgAuAGcAaQBmACYAYQBtAHAAOwB3AHIAYQBwAEkAbQBnAD0AdAByAHUAZQA%3D&FileType=.gif%26amp%3Bwrapimg%3Dtrue&ROID=107493069&VID=2084460)
3. Remove transmission range indicator bezel from floor console. Use care not to mar the bezel or console.
4. Remove floor center console. Remove two mounting screws in the front and two mounting screws under the decorative caps in the rear.
5. Disconnect Airbag Control Module (ACM)
6. Remove instrument cluster hood.
   1. Remove two screws adjacent radio.
   2. Remove the screw below HVAC control.
   3. Remove screw at left end of panel.
   4. Pull on hood to disengage the eight clips.
7. Remove two cubby bin screws and remove.
8. Remove five knee bolster mounting screws.
9. Open glove box door and press sidewalls inboard to lower door from panel to access forward floor console.
10. Remove forward floor console nine attaching screws and one push pin at forward driver's side.
11. Pull the driver's under panel silencer outboard off the distribution duct.
12. Remove instrument panel top cover attaching screw on passenger side.
    1. Lift the right rear edge of top cover to disengage the clips along the rear edge. Proceeding from right to the left side. Do not use a nylon trim stick, to avoid marring cover or panel.
    2. Lift rear edge and slide top cover rearward disengaging clips and remove cover.
13. Remove HVAC control attaching screws.
14. Remove center distribution duct screws from behind radio and duct.
15. Remove radio. Access and remove the three HVAC attaching screws to duct and panel. Remove the three HVAC attaching bolts from the cross-car beam.
16. Close glove box door.
17. Remove five screws attaching panel retainer to plenum.
18. Remove steering column intermediate shaft attaching bolt.
19. Disconnect engine and body wire harness from Junction Block/BCM.
20. Remove fasteners:
    1. Four at left end and three at the right end of the cross car beam
    2. Two at steering column plenum
    3. One at glove box hinge to cowl
    4. Two at center support to the floor pan bracket
21. Remove attaching screw at the rear of HVAC to the center support bracket.
22. Lift up instrument panel and move rearward to remove.

INSTALLATION

For installation, reverse the above procedures. DO NOT CONNECT battery negative remote cable. Refer to Restraint Systems for Air Bag System Test.