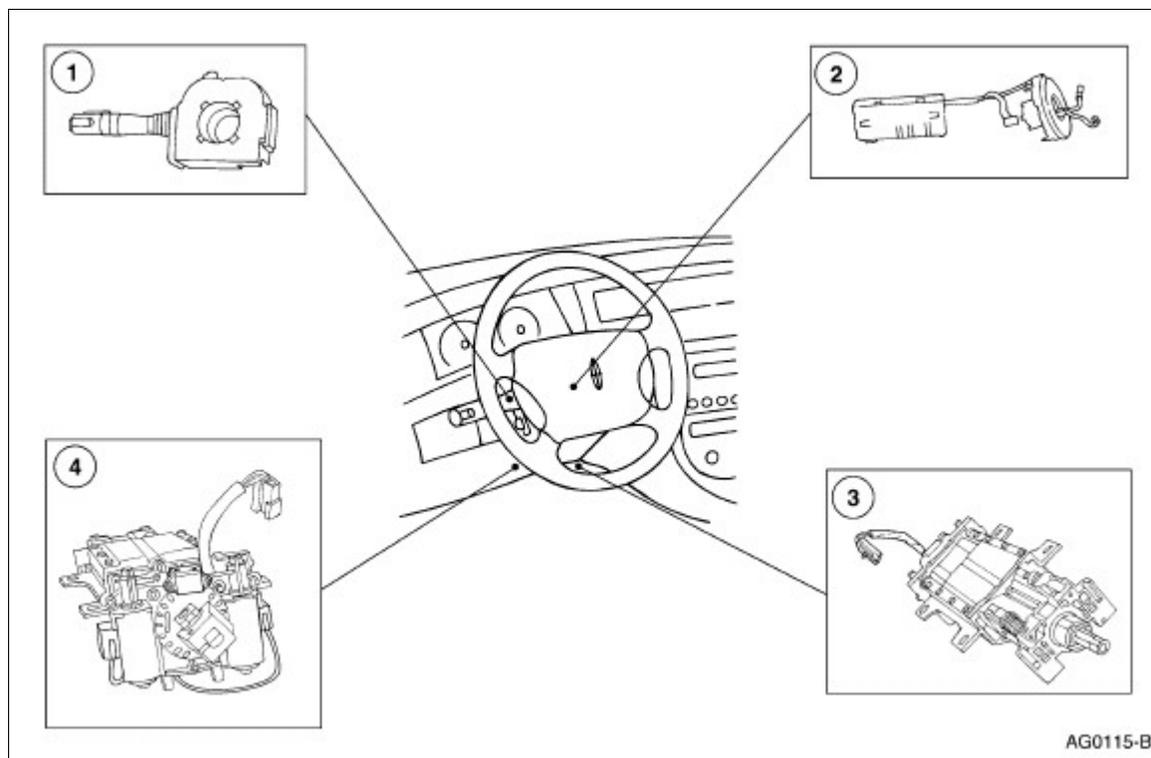


SECTION 211-04: Steering Column  
DESCRIPTION AND OPERATION

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## Steering Column



Item	Part Number	Description
1	13K359	Multi-Function Switch
2	14A664	Air Bag Sliding Contact
3	—	Steering Column
4	3D538	Tilt and Telescope Motors

**NOTE:** All fasteners are important in that they can affect the performance of vital parts and systems, and can result in major service expenses. They must be replaced with fasteners of the same part number if replacement becomes necessary. Do not use a replacement part of lesser quality or substitute design. Torque values must be used as specified during assembly to ensure proper functioning of these parts.

The steering column:

- is of modular construction.
- features easy to service electrical switches.

The Mark VIII is not equipped with a fixed steering column.

- Tilt steering columns are equipped with an electric tilt and telescopic mechanism that allows the steering wheel angle length to be adjusted to suit the driver. The steering wheel position is stored in memory in the same way as the drivers seat position and retrieved as a personality feature. The steering column is controlled by the steering column/ignition/lighting control module.

Steering columns have steering wheels (3600) which are bolted to the top of the steering column and are fitted with a supplemental air bag system driver side air bag module (043B13). Before performing work on or around any supplemental air bag system component, observe all supplemental air bag system conditions and warnings to avoid unnecessary air bag deployment and possible injury. Refer to [Section 501-20B](#) for supplemental air bag system.

### **Ignition Switch**

The ignition lock cylinder and switch are two components. When the lock cylinder ignition key is turned to different positions, it is aligning electrical contacts in the ignition switch. Electrical contacts are made in the ACC (Accessory), RUN and START positions. In the OFF position the switch is open and the key can be removed.

The ignition switch and lock cylinder assembly is mounted to the right of the steering column in the instrument panel. An opening in the instrument panel provides key access to the lock cylinder.

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