

SECTION 211-04: Steering Column
REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION

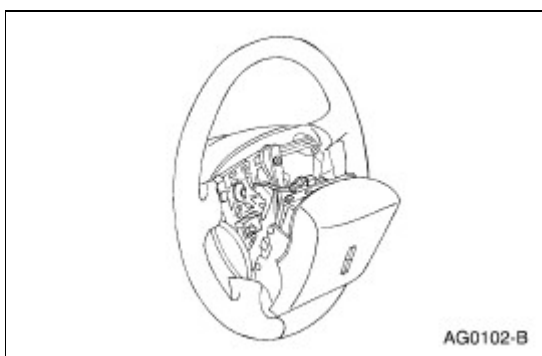
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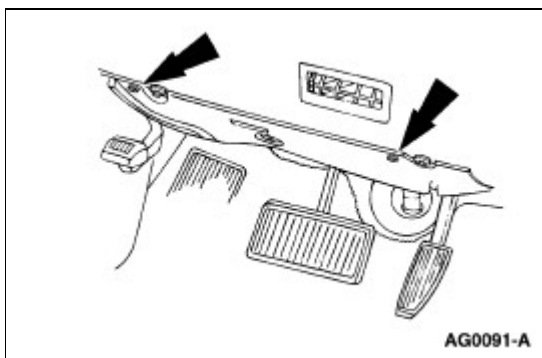
Removal

NOTE: All steering column components are assembled with specific fasteners. They are designed with a thread locking system to prevent loosening due to vibrations associated with normal vehicle operation.

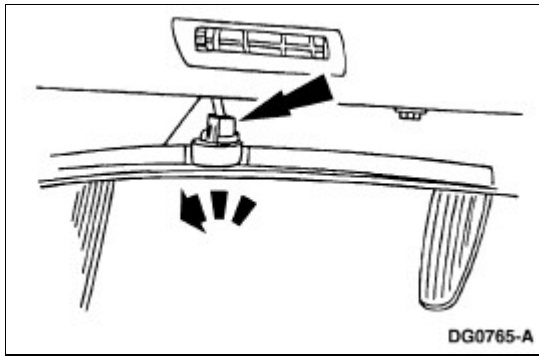
1. Disconnect the battery ground cable; refer to [Section 414-01](#).
2. Remove the driver air bag module; refer to [Section 501-20B](#).



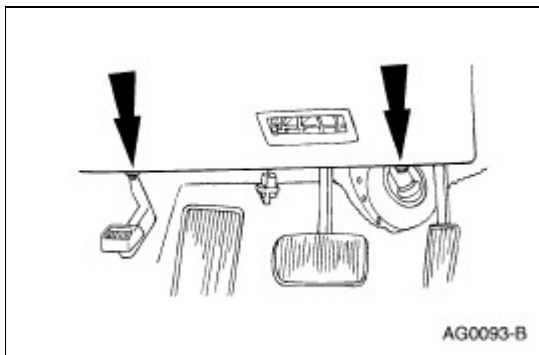
3. Remove the air bag sliding contact (14A664); refer to [Section 501-20B](#).
4. Remove the steering wheel; refer to Wheel in this section.
5. Remove the two lower instrument panel insulator retaining screws.



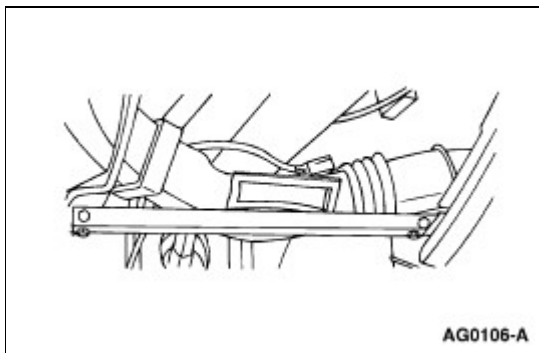
6. Remove the courtesy light and place the lower instrument panel insulator out of way.



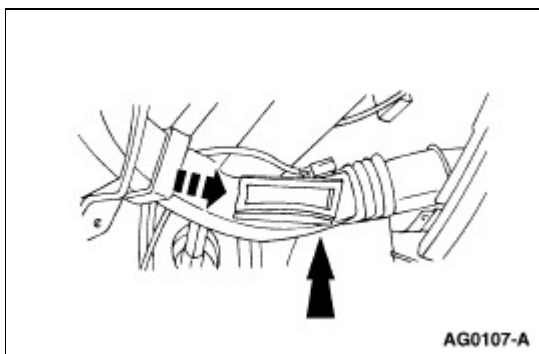
7. Remove the two instrument panel steering column cover retaining screws and place the instrument panel steering column cover (04459) panel out of way.



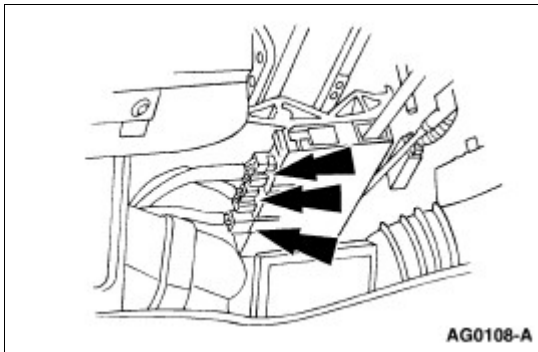
8. Remove the four instrument panel reinforcement to the instrument panel retaining bolts. Place the reinforcement out of way.



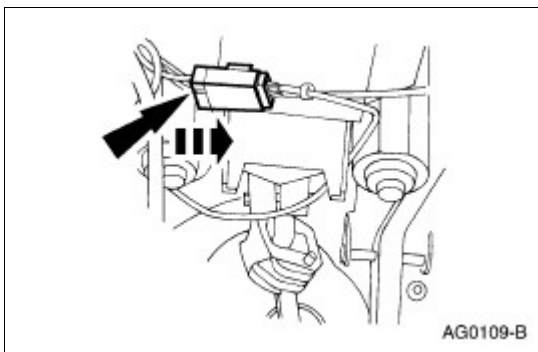
9. Remove the A/C duct.



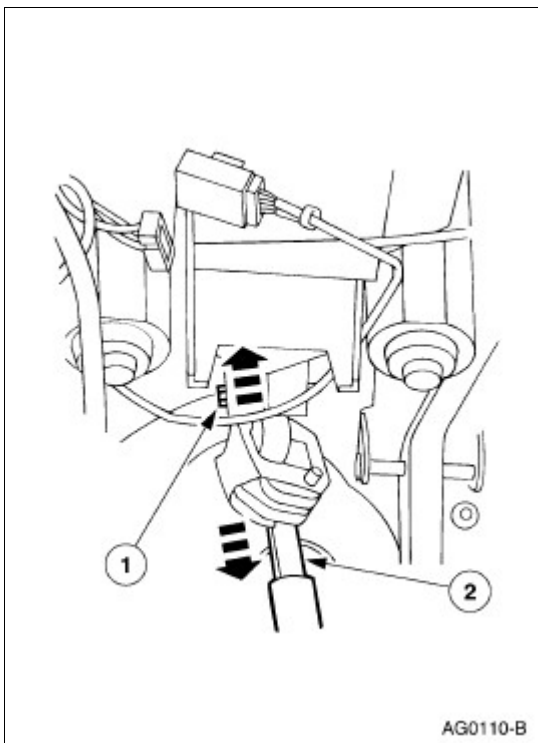
10. Disconnect the three electrical connectors at the junction box.



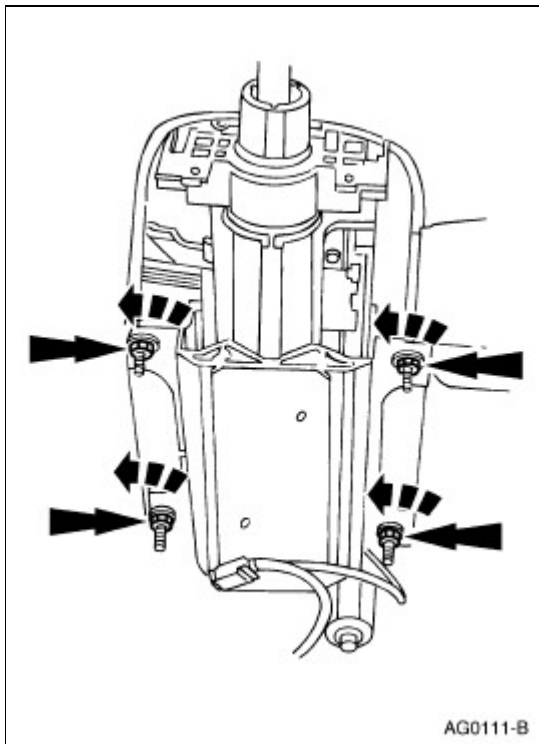
11. Disconnect the electrical connector at the bottom of the steering column.



12. Disconnect the steering column lower yoke (3N725).
1. Remove the pinch bolt from the steering column lower yoke.
 2. Slide the intermediate shaft into the lower steering shaft.



13. While supporting the steering column, remove the four steering column retaining nuts and remove the steering column from the vehicle.



Installation

1. Follow the removal procedure in reverse order.

