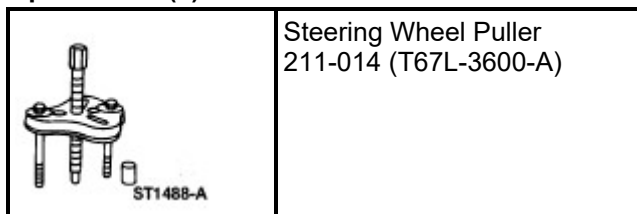


SECTION 211-04: Steering Column
REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION

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Wheel

Special Tool(s)



Removal



WARNING: Always wear safety glasses when servicing an air bag vehicle and when handling an air bag.



WARNING: Carry a live air bag module with the air bag and trim cover pointed away from your body. This will reduce the risk of injury in the event of an accidental deployment.



WARNING: Do not set a live air bag module down with the trim cover face down.



WARNING: After deployment, the air bag surface may contain deposits of sodium hydroxide, a product of the gas generant combustion that is irritating to the skin. Wash your hands with soap and water after handling a deployed air bag.



WARNING: Never probe the connectors on the air bags. Doing so can result in air bag deployment which can result in personal injury.



WARNING: Air bag modules with discolored or damaged covers or deployment doors must be replaced, not repainted.



WARNING: Vehicle sensor orientation is critical for proper system operation. If a vehicle equipped with an air bag system is involved in a collision, inspect the sensor mounting bracket and wiring pigtail for deformation. If damaged, the sensor must be replaced whether or not the air bag is deployed.

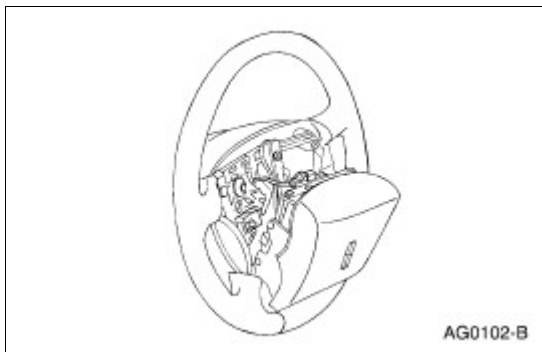


- WARNING:** To avoid accidental deployment and possible personal injury, the backup power supply must be depleted before repairing or replacing any air bag supplemental restraint system (SRS) components. To deplete the backup power supply energy, disconnect the battery ground cable and wait one minute. Be sure to disconnect auxiliary batteries and power supplies (if so equipped).

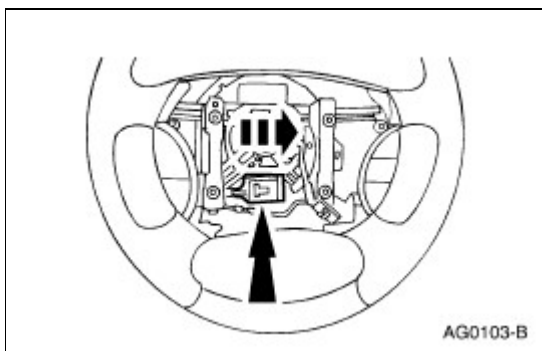
NOTE: Make sure the front wheels (1007) are in the straight-ahead position.

Disconnect the battery ground cable.

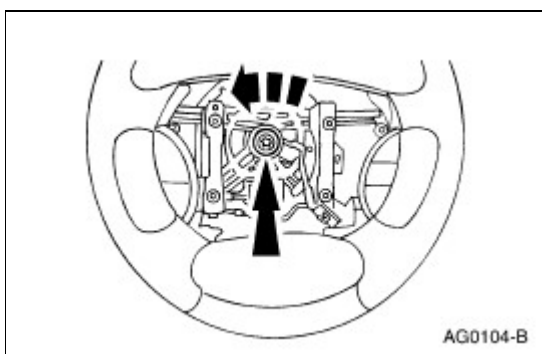
1. Disconnect the battery ground cable (14301).
 2. Disconnect the battery to starter relay cable (14300) and wait one minute for the backup power supply to be depleted.
2. Remove the driver air bag module; refer to [Section 501-20B](#).




3. Disconnect the speed control electrical connector.

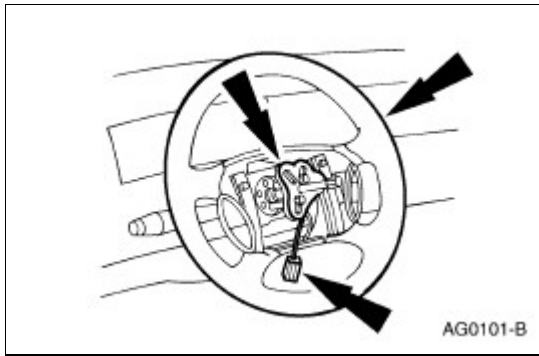


4. Remove the steering wheel retaining bolt.



5.  **CAUTION:** To prevent damage, make sure the air bag sliding contact wire harness does not get caught on the steering wheel (3600) when lifting off.

Install the Steering Wheel Puller and remove the steering wheel. Route the air bag sliding contact wire harness through the steering wheel.



Installation

1. Follow the removal procedure in reverse order.

