

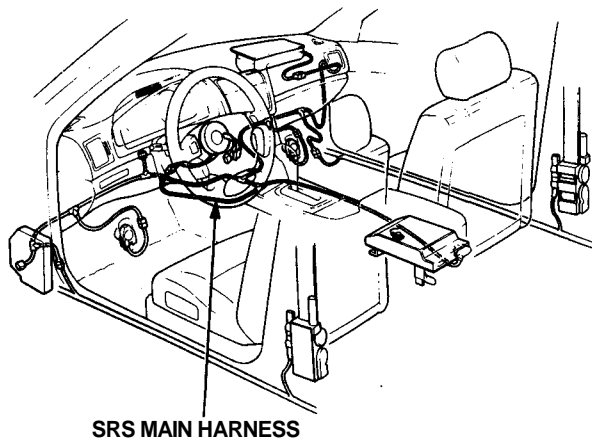
Steering Wheel

Removal

Driver's Airbag Removal

CAUTION:

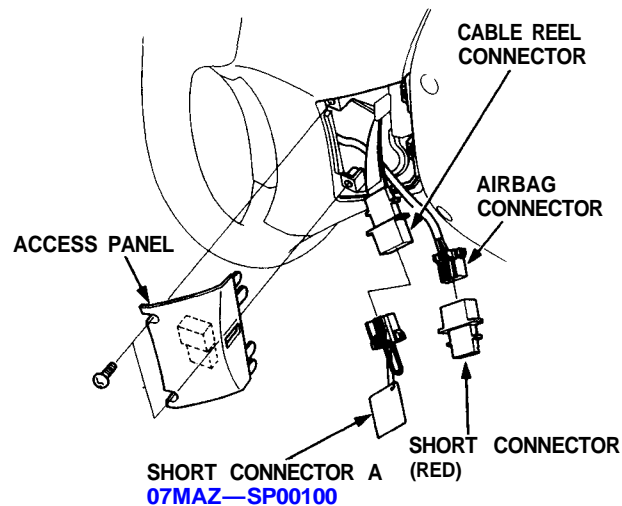
- All SRS wiring harnesses are covered with yellow outer insulation.
- Before disconnecting any part of the SRS wire harness, install the short connectors (see page 23-407).
- Replace the entire affected SRS harness assembly if it has an open circuit or damaged wiring.



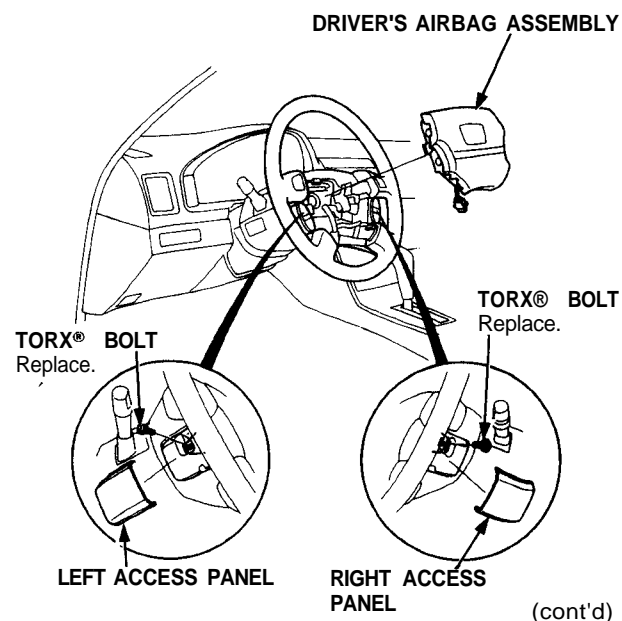
1. Disconnect the negative and positive cable from the battery.

NOTE: The original radio has a coded theft protection circuit. Be sure you get the customer's code number before disconnecting the battery cable.

2. Remove the access panel from the steering wheel lower cover, then remove the short connector.
3. Disconnect the connector between the driver's airbag and cable reel.
4. Connect the short connector to the driver's airbag side of the connector.
5. Connect the special tool (short connector A) to the cable reel connector.



6. Remove the left and right access panels.
7. Remove the two TORX® T30 bit bolts, then remove the driver's airbag assembly.

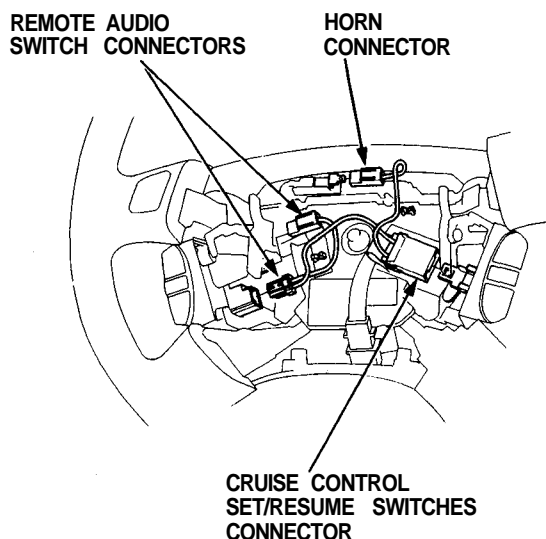


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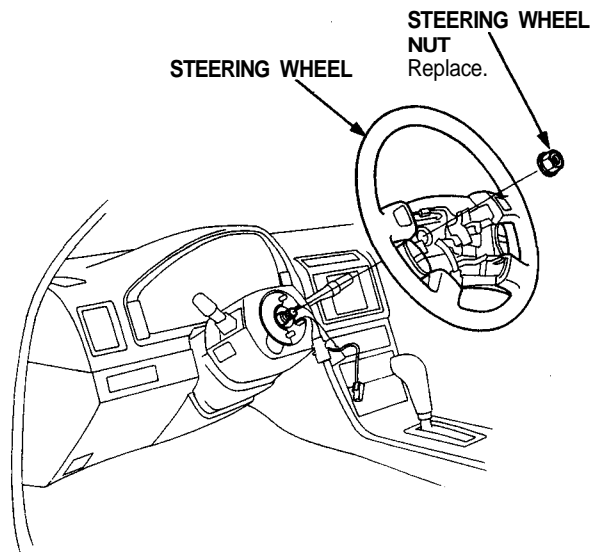


Removal (cont'd)

7. Disconnect the connectors from the horn, remote audio switches, and cruise control set/resume switches.



8. Remove the steering wheel nut.
9. Remove the steering wheel by rocking it slightly from side-to-side as you pull steadily with both hands.



Disassembly/Reassembly

WARNING Store a removed driver's airbag assembly with the pad surface up. If the driver's airbag is improperly stored face down, accidental deployment could propel the unit with enough force to cause serious injury.

NOTE: If an intact driver's airbag assembly has been removed from a scrapped car or has been found defective or damaged during transit, storage or service, it should be deployed (see [section 23](#)).

CAUTION:

- Carefully inspect the driver's airbag assembly before installing. Do not install an airbag assembly that shows signs of being dropped or improperly handled, such as dents, cracks or deformation.
- Always keep the short connector(s) on the airbag(s) when the harness is disconnected.
- Do not disassemble or tamper with the driver's airbag assembly.

