

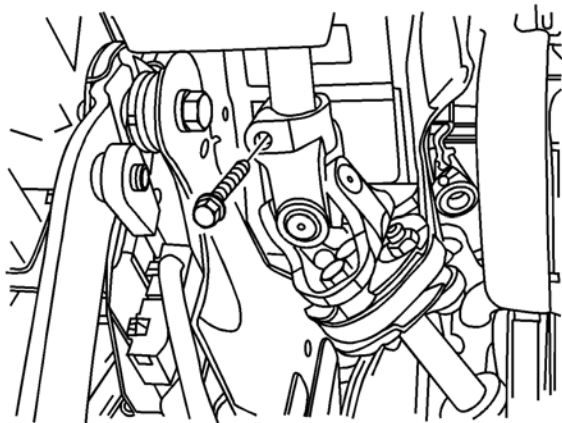
20. Remove the steering column assembly upper bracket bolts.

Notice: Once the steering column is removed from the vehicle, the column is extremely susceptible to damage. Dropping the column assembly on the end could collapse the steering shaft or loosen the plastic injections, which maintain column rigidity. Leaning on the column assembly could cause the jacket to bend or deform. Any of the above damage could impair the columns collapsible design. Do NOT hammer on the end of the shaft, because hammering could loosen the plastic injections, which maintain column rigidity. If you need to remove the steering wheel, refer to the Steering Wheel Replacement procedure in this section.

21. Remove the steering column assembly from the vehicle.

Installation Procedure

1. Verify the front tires are in the straight-ahead position.
2. If you are replacing the steering column, copy the match marks from the old column to the new column.
3. Position the steering column in the vehicle.
4. Install the steering angle sensor, if equipped. Refer to [Steering Wheel Position Sensor Replacement](#) .



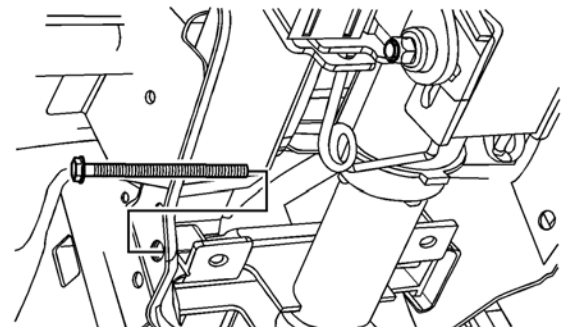
Important: Provide support for the steering column assembly until the mounting bolts are fastened. Do not let the steering column assembly hang unsupported.

5. Align the match marks and carefully guide the steering shaft into the universal joint of the intermediate shaft.

Notice: Refer to [Fastener Notice](#) in the Preface section.

6. Install the pinch bolt into the universal joint on the intermediate shaft.

Tighten
Tighten the intermediate shaft pinch bolt to 34 N·m (25 lb ft).



7. Install the steering column assembly lower bracket bolt.

Tighten
Tighten the steering column assembly lower bracket bolt to 25 N·m (18 lb ft).