

Steering Column Replacement (N40)

Removal Procedure

Caution: With wheels of the vehicle facing straight ahead, secure the steering wheel utilizing steering column anti-rotation pin, steering column lock, or a strap to prevent rotation. Locking of the steering column will prevent damage and a possible malfunction of the SIR system. The steering wheel must be secured in position before disconnecting the following components:

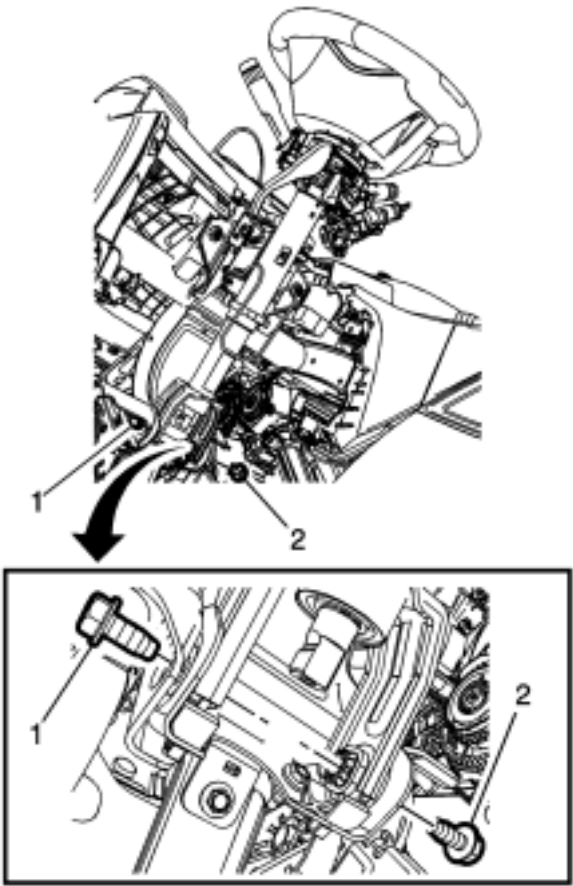
- The steering column
- The intermediate shaft(s)
- The steering gear

After disconnecting these components, do not rotate the steering wheel or move the front tires and wheels. Failure to follow this procedure may cause the SIR coil assembly to become un-centered and cause possible damage to the SIR coil. If you think the SIR coil has become un-centered, refer to your specific SIR coil's centering procedure to re-center SIR Coil.

1. With the steering wheel in the straight ahead position, LOCK the steering column.
2. Remove the upper trim cover and the lower trim cover from the steering column. Refer to [Steering Column Lower Trim Cover Replacement](#) .
3. Remove the instrument panel lower trim pad cover. Refer to [Instrument Panel Lower Trim Pad Cover Replacement](#) .
4. Remove the left side floor air outlet duct. Refer to [Floor Air Outlet Duct Replacement - Left Side](#) .
5. Disconnect any electrical connectors as necessary.
6. Use paint in order to place match marks on the intermediate steering shaft and on the steering column shaft.
7. Disconnect the intermediate steering shaft from the steering column shaft. Refer to [Intermediate Steering Shaft Replacement](#) .

Caution: Do not support the steering column by only the lower or upper support bracket. Damage to the column lower bearing adapter could result.

8. Support the steering column.



9. Remove the 2steering column lower support bracket bolts (1, 2).