

5. Steering Column

A: REMOVAL

CAUTION:

Before performing service on the airbag module, always refer to “CAUTION” of “General Description” in “AIRBAG SYSTEM” section. <Ref. to AB-9, CAUTION, General Description.>

1) Disconnect the ground cable from battery and wait for at least 60 seconds before starting work. <Ref. to NT-5, BATTERY, NOTE, Note.>

NOTE:

For models other than STI model, disconnect the ground terminal from battery sensor.

2) Remove the cover assembly - instrument panel LWR driver. <Ref. to EI-61, REMOVAL, Instrument Panel Lower Cover.>

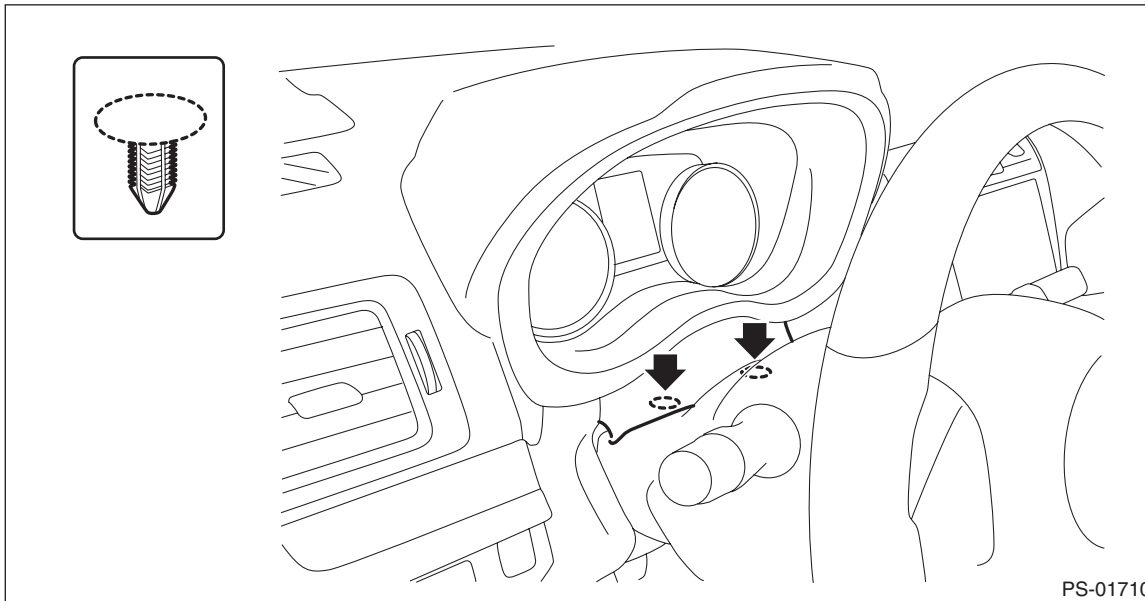
3) Remove the knee airbag module. <Ref. to AB-35, REMOVAL, Knee Airbag Module.>

4) Remove the driver's airbag module. <Ref. to AB-33, REMOVAL, Driver's Airbag Module.>

5) Remove the steering wheel. <Ref. to PS-16, REMOVAL, Steering Wheel.>

6) Remove the cover assembly - column.

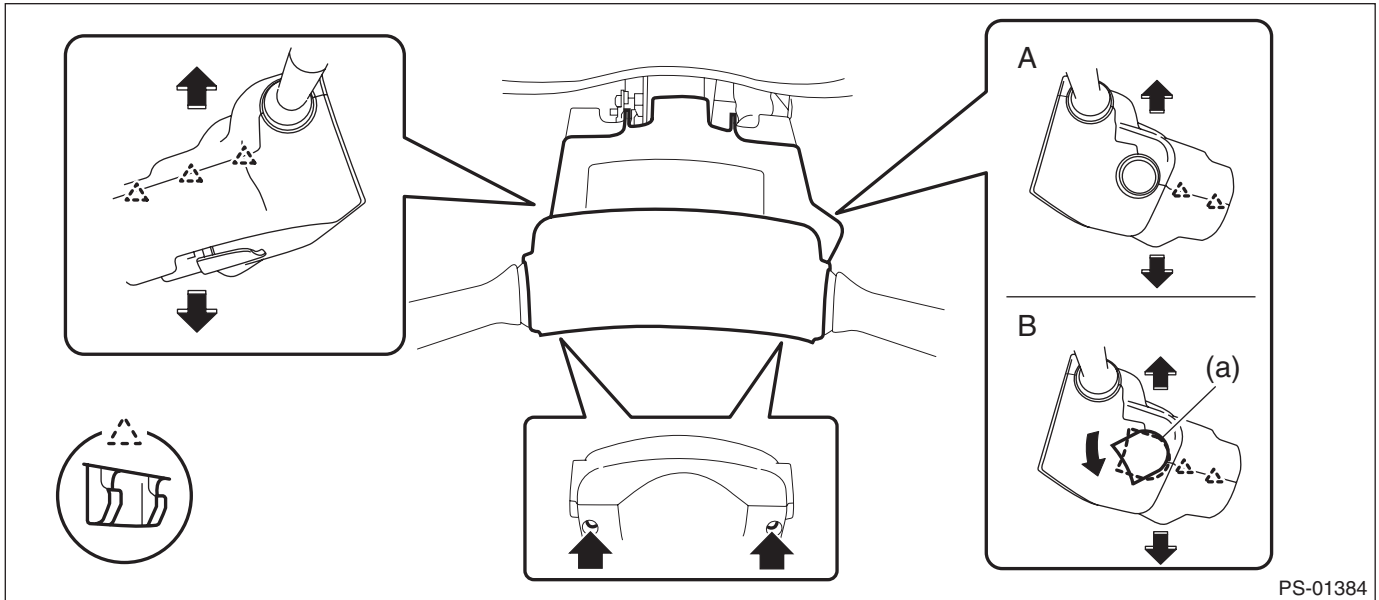
(1) Remove the clips, and remove the cover - column.



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- (2) Remove the screws.
- (3) Remove the cap - key cylinder (a). (Model with keyless access)
- (4) Release the claw, and remove the cover assembly - column UPR and the cover assembly - column LWR.

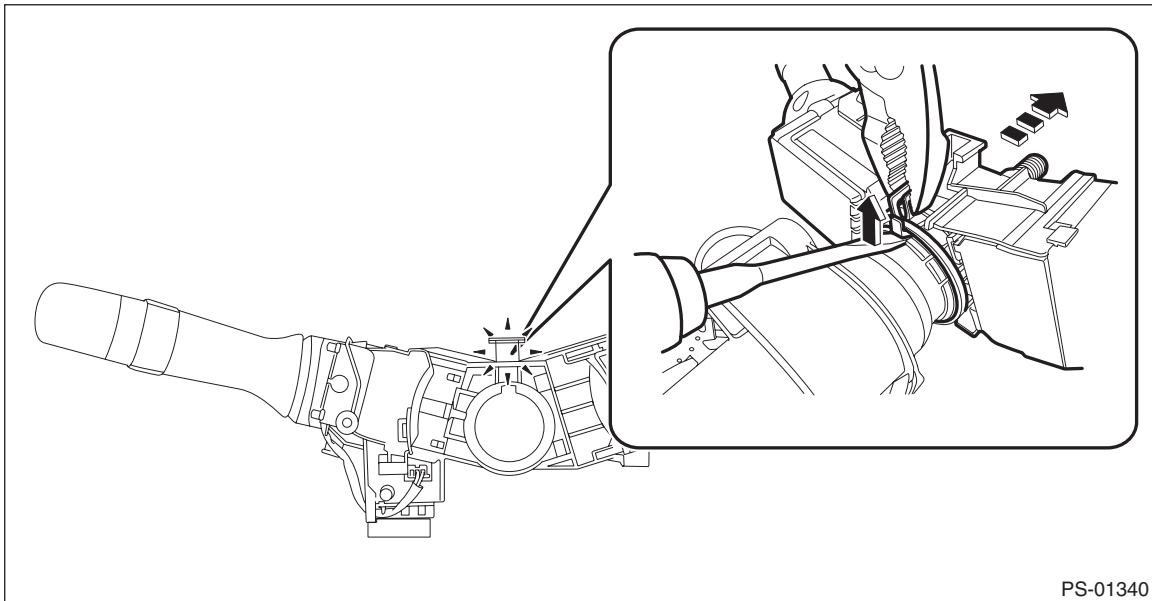


A Model without keyless access

B Model with keyless access

7) Remove the switch assembly - combination.

- (1) Disconnect the connector, and loosen the clamp to release the claws.
- (2) Pull out the switch assembly - combination from the column assembly - steering.



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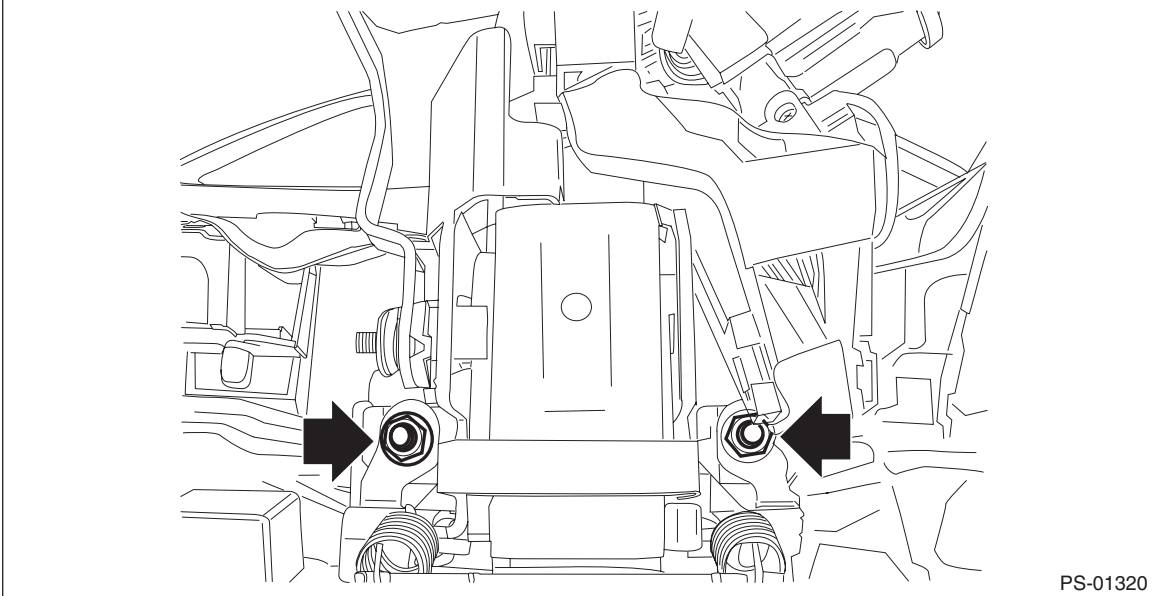
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- 8) Remove all connectors from the column assembly - steering.
- 9) Remove the universal joint assembly - steering. <Ref. to PS-21, REMOVAL, Universal Joint.>

CAUTION:

To prevent damage to the universal joint assembly - steering and improper steering effort, make sure to remove the universal joint assembly - steering.

- 10) Remove the nut under the beam COMPL - steering securing the column assembly - steering.



- 11) Pull out the column assembly - steering from the hole on toe board.

CAUTION:

Do not loosen the tilt lever when the column assembly - steering is not secured to the vehicle.

- 12) Remove the ignition key lock. <Ref. to SL-64, REPLACEMENT, Ignition Key Lock.>

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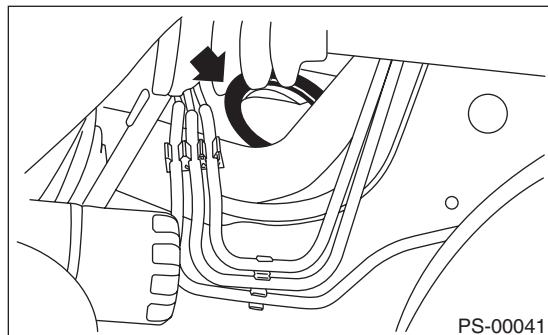
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B: INSTALLATION

CAUTION:

- When removing, installing or replacing the VDCCM&H/U, VDCCM&H/U bracket, steering wheel or steering angle sensor (steering roll connector), perform “VDC sensor midpoint setting mode” of the VDC. <Ref. to VDC-16, VDC SENSOR MIDPOINT SETTING MODE, ADJUSTMENT, VDC Control Module and Hydraulic Control Unit (VDCCM&H/U).>
- Before performing service on the airbag module, always refer to “CAUTION” of “General Description” in “AIRBAG SYSTEM” section. <Ref. to AB-9, CAUTION, General Description.>

1) Install the bushing to the toe board.



2) Insert the end of the column assembly - steering into the toe board bushing.

3) Tighten the column assembly - steering installation nut located under the beam COMPL - steering with the tilt lever fixed.

Tightening torque:

20 N·m (2.0 kgf-m, 14.8 ft-lb)

4) Install the ignition key lock. <Ref. to SL-64, REPLACEMENT, Ignition Key Lock.>

5) Install the switch assembly - combination.

6) Connect all the connectors under the instrument panel.

7) Install the universal joint assembly - steering. <Ref. to PS-22, INSTALLATION, Universal Joint.>

CAUTION:

- Always install the universal joint assembly - steering after installing the steering column to avoid damage to the universal joint assembly - steering.
- Be sure to follow the tightening order and tightening torque of the universal joint assembly - steering to avoid the steering effort from becoming heavy.

8) Install the knee airbag module. <Ref. to AB-35, INSTALLATION, Knee Airbag Module.>

9) Install the cover assembly - instrument panel LWR driver.

10) Install the cover assembly - column.

11) Align the center position of the steering roll connector. <Ref. to AB-64, ADJUSTMENT, Roll Connector.>

12) Install the steering wheel.

Tightening torque:

Steering wheel: 39 N·m (4.0 kgf-m, 28.8 ft-lb)

Clearance:

Between cover assembly - column and steering wheel: 4 — 6 mm (0.16 — 0.24 in)

13) Install the driver's airbag module. <Ref. to AB-34, INSTALLATION, Driver's Airbag Module.>

14) Connect the battery ground terminal. <Ref. to NT-5, BATTERY, NOTE, Note.>

NOTE:

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C: INSPECTION

1. UNIT INSPECTION

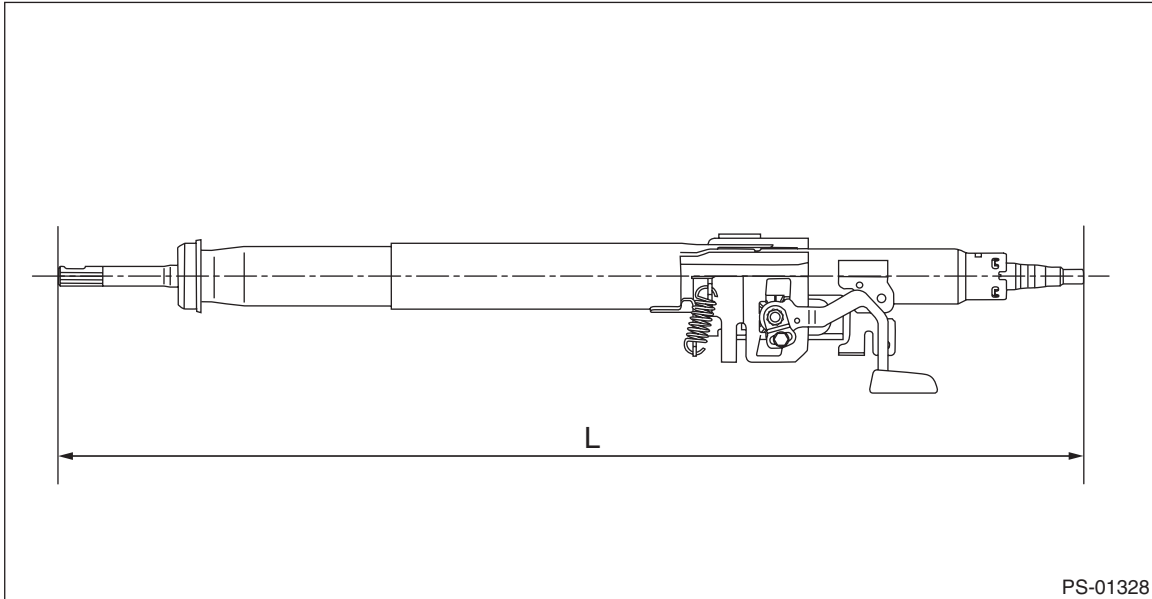
Check the following items, and if there is anything out of standard value, it is considered to be damaged. If so, replace it with a new part.

- Measure the whole length of the column assembly - steering.

Standard: Overall length L

Tilt and telescopic column (measure while minimized)

$819.7^{+1.5}_{-1.5}$ mm ($32.27^{+0.059}_{-0.059}$ in)

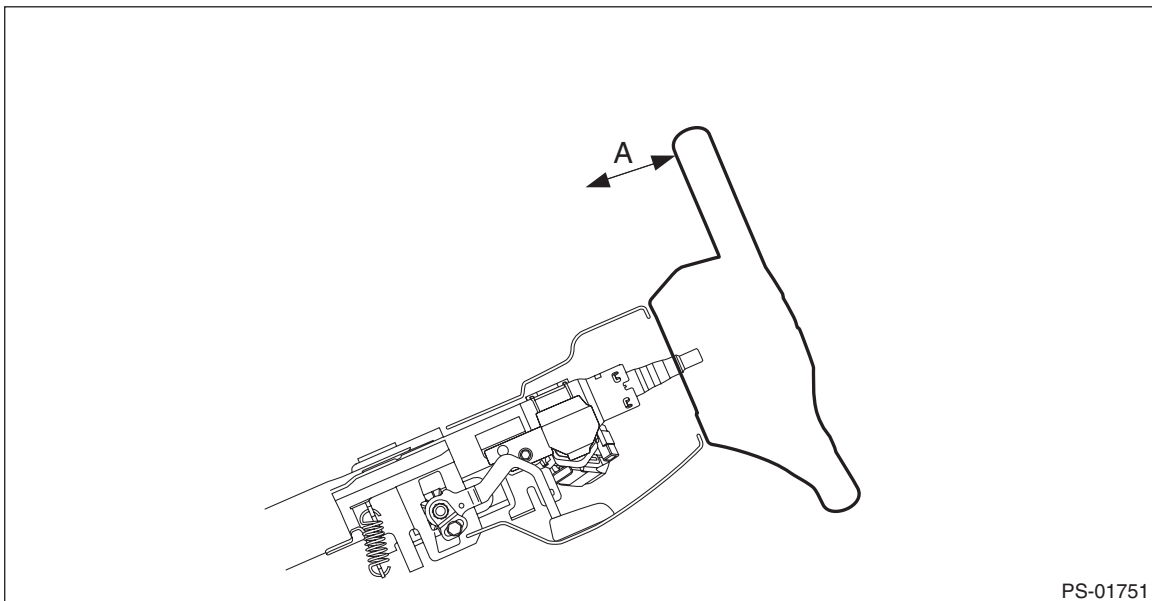


- Check the steering wheel deflection in axial and vertical directions.

Specification:

Axial deflection A (deflection of steering wheel)

Less than 6 mm (0.24 in)



2. INSPECTION OF AIRBAG SYSTEM

Refer to "AIRBAG SYSTEM" section for airbag inspection procedure. <Ref. to AB-34, INSTALLATION, Driver's Airbag Module.>