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Fig. 1: Exploded View of RWD Steering Column Major Assemblies

Installation

1) On all models, aligning lower shaft with lower coupling and insert shaft. Raise column assembly into position onto studs. Loosely install nuts and washers in breakaway capsules. Pull column rearward. Tighten nuts to specification. See TORQUE SPECIFICATIONS.

2) Install a new shift lever grommet using pliers and back-up washer to snap the grommet into place. Use a multipurpose grease to aid installation.

3) Connect gearshift cable rod to shift lever by snapping rod into grommet with pliers. Adjust linkage. Place steering wheel on shaft with master splines aligned. Place damper assembly inside steering wheel (if equipped). Install steering wheel retaining nut. Tighten to 45 ft. lbs. (61 N.m).

4) Install horn pad assembly. Refer to procedures in the STEERING WHEEL & HORN REMOVAL article. Connect wiring connectors at steering column jacket. Connect battery negative cable. Test operation of lights and horn.

5) On models with A/T, install gearshift indicator pointer. Slowly move gearshift lever from "LOW" position to "PARK" position, pausing briefly at each selector position. Loosen and readjust to align pointer with each position (if necessary). Install instrument panel steering column cover.

STEERING COLUMN (FLOOR SHIFT)

The steering column with a floor mounted gearshift is basically the same as previously described. Standard columns and service procedures are identical except as described below.

- * In place of rotating shift housing, there is a plastic shroud which is fixed to lock housing. Shroud covers jacket and lock inhibitor assembly. It is held in place by a tab that fits under side cover and one screw. Shroud can only be replaced by removing lock housing from jacket.