Technical Service BULLETIN

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REPAIR MANUAL SUPPLEMENT: STEERING COLUMN COVER REPLACEMENT

Models:

'06 RAV4



To clarify the Repair Manual, the following procedures should be used when removal and/or installation of the steering column cover is necessary.

Applicable Vehicles

• 2006 model year RAV4 vehicles.

Required SSTs

ITEM NO.	SPECIAL SERVICE TOOLS (SSTs)	PART NUMBER	QTY	DRW**
1	Universal Puller Set "C"*	09950-50013-01	1	24
	Four (4) components from this kit/set are required:			
COMPC	Hanger 150 (P/N 09951–05010)			
NENT(S)	Slide Arm (P/N 09952–05010)			
COMPONENT(S) OF KIT/SET	Center Bolt 150 (P/N 09953–05020)			
	• Claw No. 2 (P/N 09954–05020)			

- * Essential SSTs.
- ** Refers to drawer number in SST Storage System.

NOTE:

Additional SSTs may be ordered by calling SPX/OTC at 1-800-933-8335.

Warranty Information

OP CODE	DESCRIPTION	TIME	OFP	T1	T2
N/A	Not Applicable to Warranty	-	_	-	_



Removal Procedure

CAUTION:

Some of these service operations affect the SRS airbag system. Read the precautionary notices concerning the SRS airbag system before servicing the steering column.

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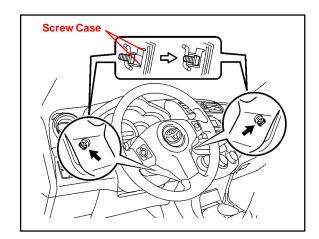
Be sure to remove the steering wheel assembly before removing the steering column cover.

1. Disconnect the cable from the negative (–) battery terminal.

CAUTION:

Wait at least 90 seconds after disconnecting the cable from the negative (–) battery terminal to prevent airbag and seat belt pretensioner activation.

- 2. Remove the steering pad.
 - A. Place the front wheels facing straight ahead.
 - B. Using a T30 Torx driver, loosen the two (2) screws until the groove along each screw circumference catches on the screw case.



C. Pull out the steering pad from the steering wheel and support the steering pad with one hand as shown in the illustration.

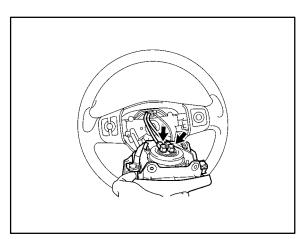
NOTE:

When removing the steering pad, do NOT pull on the airbag wire harnesses.

D. Using a screwdriver, disconnect the two (2) airbag connectors.

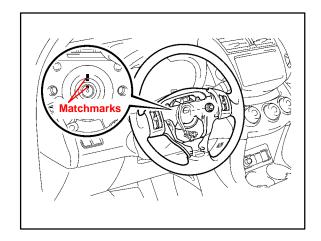
CAUTION:

When handling the airbag connectors, do NOT damage the airbag wire harnesses.



Removal Procedure (Continued)

- E. Disconnect the horn connector and remove the steering pad.
- 3. Remove the steering wheel assembly.
 - A. Remove the nut and put matchmarks on the steering wheel and steering column.
 - B. Disconnect all connectors to the spiral cable.



- C. Using the SSTs, remove the steering wheel.
 - SST 09950–50013 (09951–05010, 09952–05010, 09953–05020, 09954–05021)

NOTE:

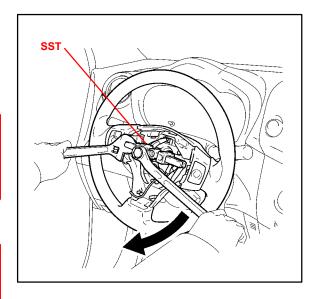
Apply a small amount of grease to the threads and tip of SST (center bolt) before use.

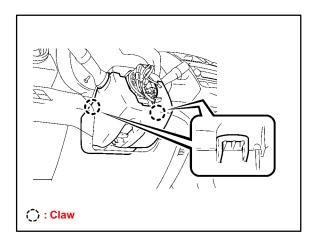
4. Remove the steering column cover.

NOTE:

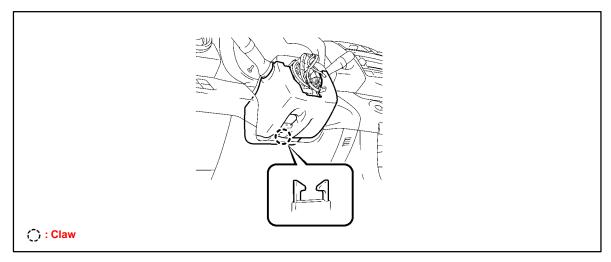
Removing the steering column covers incorrectly may damage the claws.

- A. Release the tilt lever.
- B. Push the sides of the lower steering column cover inward to disengage the two (2) claws.





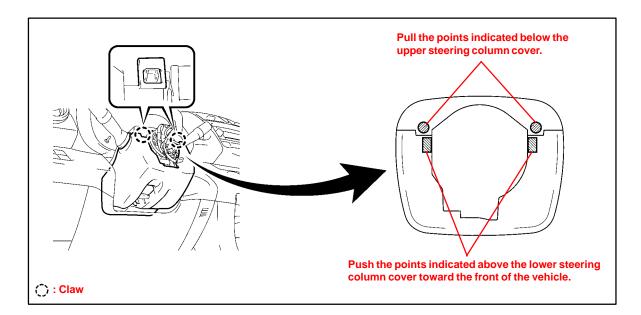
Removal Procedure (Continued) C. Using a finger, disengage the claw through the tilt lever opening in the lower steering column cover.



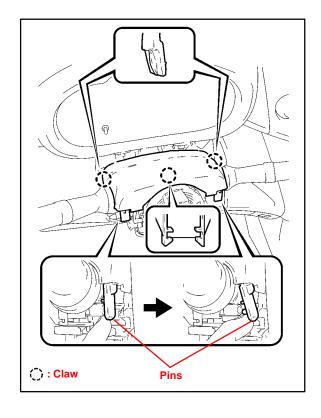
D. Disengage the two (2) claws and remove the lower steering column cover.

HINT:

The claws will disengage by pushing the lower steering column cover toward the front of the vehicle while pulling the upper steering column cover.



Removal Procedure (Continued) E. Disengage the three (3) claws and two (2) pins and separate the upper steering column cover.



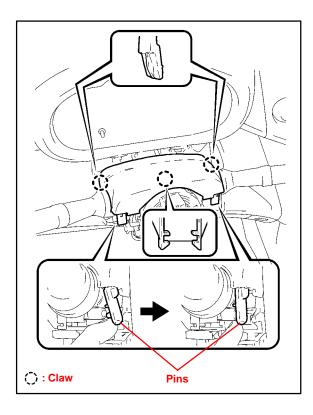
Installation Procedure

1. Install the steering column cover.

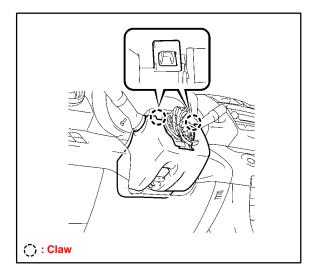
NOTE:

Installing the steering column covers incorrectly may create a gap between the column covers.

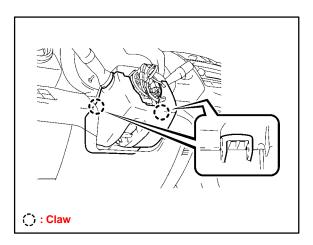
A. Engage the three (3) claws and two (2) pins and install the upper steering column cover.



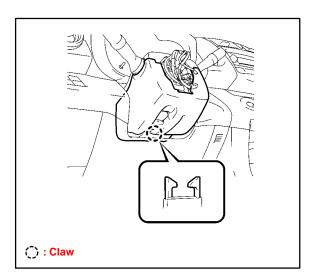
Installation Procedure (Continued) B. Engage the two (2) claws on the upper side and install the lower steering column cover.



C. Engage the two (2) claws on either side of the lower steering column cover.



D. Engage the claw on the bottom of the lower steering column cover.

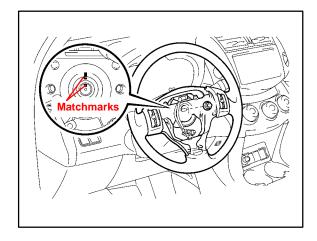


Installation Procedure (Continued)

- 2. Install the steering wheel assembly.
 - A. Align the matchmarks and install the steering wheel onto the steering column.
 - B. Install the nut.

Torque: 50 N•m (510 kgf•cm, 37 ft•lbf)

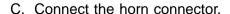
C. Connect all the connectors to the spiral cable.



- 3. Install the steering pad.
 - A. Support the steering pad with one hand as shown in the illustration.
 - B. Connect the two (2) airbag connectors.

NOTE:

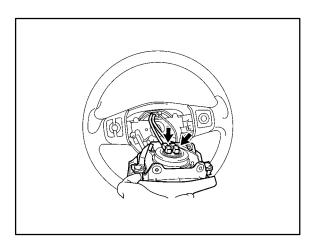
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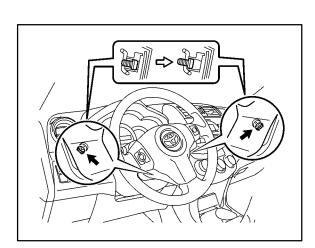


- D. Install the steering pad after confirming that the circumference grooves of the screws are caught on the screw case.
- E. Using a T30 Torx driver, install the two (2) screws.

Torque: 8.8 N•m (90 kgf•cm, 78 in.•lbf)

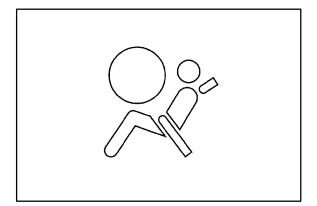
4. Connect the cable to the negative (–) battery terminal.





Installation Procedure (Continued)

- 5. Inspect the SRS warning light.
 - A. Turn the ignition switch ON and check that the SRS warning light comes ON for approximately six (6) seconds (primary check).
 - B. Check that the SRS warning light goes OFF approximately six (6) seconds after the ignition switch is turned ON (constant check).



NOTE:

When any of the following symptoms occur, refer to the Repair Manual Problem Symptom Tables.

- The SRS warning light comes ON occasionally after the primary check period has elapsed.
- With the SRS warning light ON, NO DTCs are set.
- When the ignition switch is turned from OFF to ON, the SRS warning light remains OFF.