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Removal

1. Disconnect battery and cover terminal or battery.
2. Remove driver airbag unit, undoing both fastening screws with a socket Torx T 30 wrench.
Disconnect connector at airbag unit and at steering wheel (for signal horn).

Note

Replace the fastening screws whenever they have been undone.
The airbag unit must always be stowed away with the padded side facing up.
When the airbag unit remains removed for a longer period of time, it must be stored in a safe place.
Observe safety specifications.

3. Undo hexagon head nut and lift off complete with spring washer.

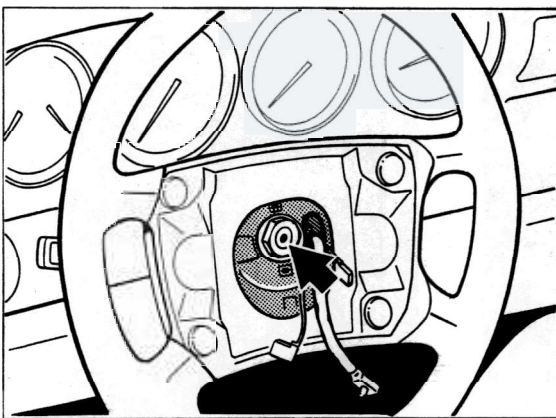
4. Turn wheel to straight-ahead position.
Then mark position of steering wheel to steering shaft (for reassembly). Take off steering wheel (in straight-ahead position).

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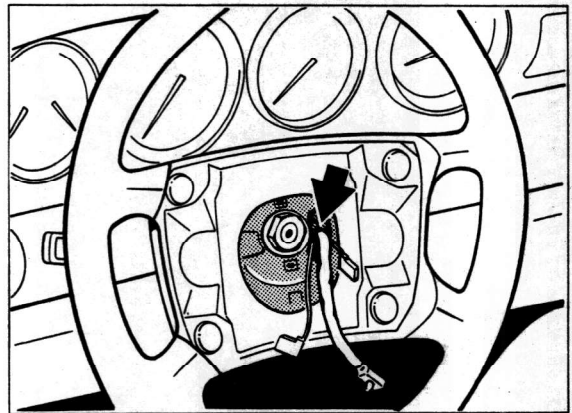
To prevent **inadvertent turning of the contact unit (CU)** when the steering wheel is removed, the CU is locked automatically when the steering wheel is pulled back.
In the same manner, the CU is unlocked automatically when the steering wheel is placed back into position.

Installation

1. Fit steering wheel with the wheels in straight-ahead position or according to the dismantling marks in such a manner that the upper steering wheel spokes are horizontal.
Caution: Do not trap the wire of the contact unit.



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2. Fit hexagon head nut with spring washer and tighten to 45 Nm (33 ftlb.).

3. Install driver's airbag. Use new fastening screws.
Tightening torque: 10 Nm (7 ftlb.)

4. Check operation of signal horn.