

Dashboard

Removal

SRS components are located in this area. Review the SRS component locations, precautions, and procedures in the Restraints ([section 24](#)) before performing repairs or service.

NOTE:

- An assistant is helpful when removing and installing the dashboard.
- Take care not to scratch the dashboard, body, and related parts.

1. Make sure you have the anti-theft code for the radio, then write down the frequencies for the radio's preset buttons.
2. Disconnect the negative cable from the battery.
3. Remove:
 - Console panel and rear console, '96 - 98 models (see page [20-48](#))
 - Console panel and rear console, '99 - 01 models (see page [20-49](#))
 - Center air vent, '96 - 98 models (see page [20-51](#))
 - Climate control unit and audio unit, '96 - 98 models (see page [20-51](#))
 - Climate control unit, audio unit, and center air vent, '99 - 01 models (see page [20-52](#))
 - Dashboard lower cover (passenger's), glove box and glove box back cover (see page [20-53](#))
 - Console lower carpet (see page [20-47](#))
 - Dashboard lower cover (driver's) (see page [20-50](#))
 - Kick panel (see page [20-43](#))
4. Lower the steering column (see [section 17](#)).

⚠ WARNING To avoid accidental deployment and possible injury/ always disconnect the driver's airbag connector before lowering the steering column (see [section 24](#)).

NOTE: To prevent damage to the steering column, wrap it with a shop towel.

5. Remove the front passenger's airbag (see [section 24](#)).

⚠ WARNING To avoid accidental deployment and possible injury, always disconnect the front passenger's airbag connector when the SRS main harness is disconnected (see [section 24](#)).



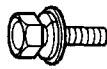
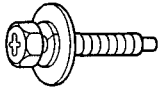
6. Disconnect the dashboard wire harness connectors, the clip and the air hose. Remove the bolts and the self-tapping screw, then lift and remove the dashboard.

CAUTION: Use protective plates on the bottom of the front pillar trim.

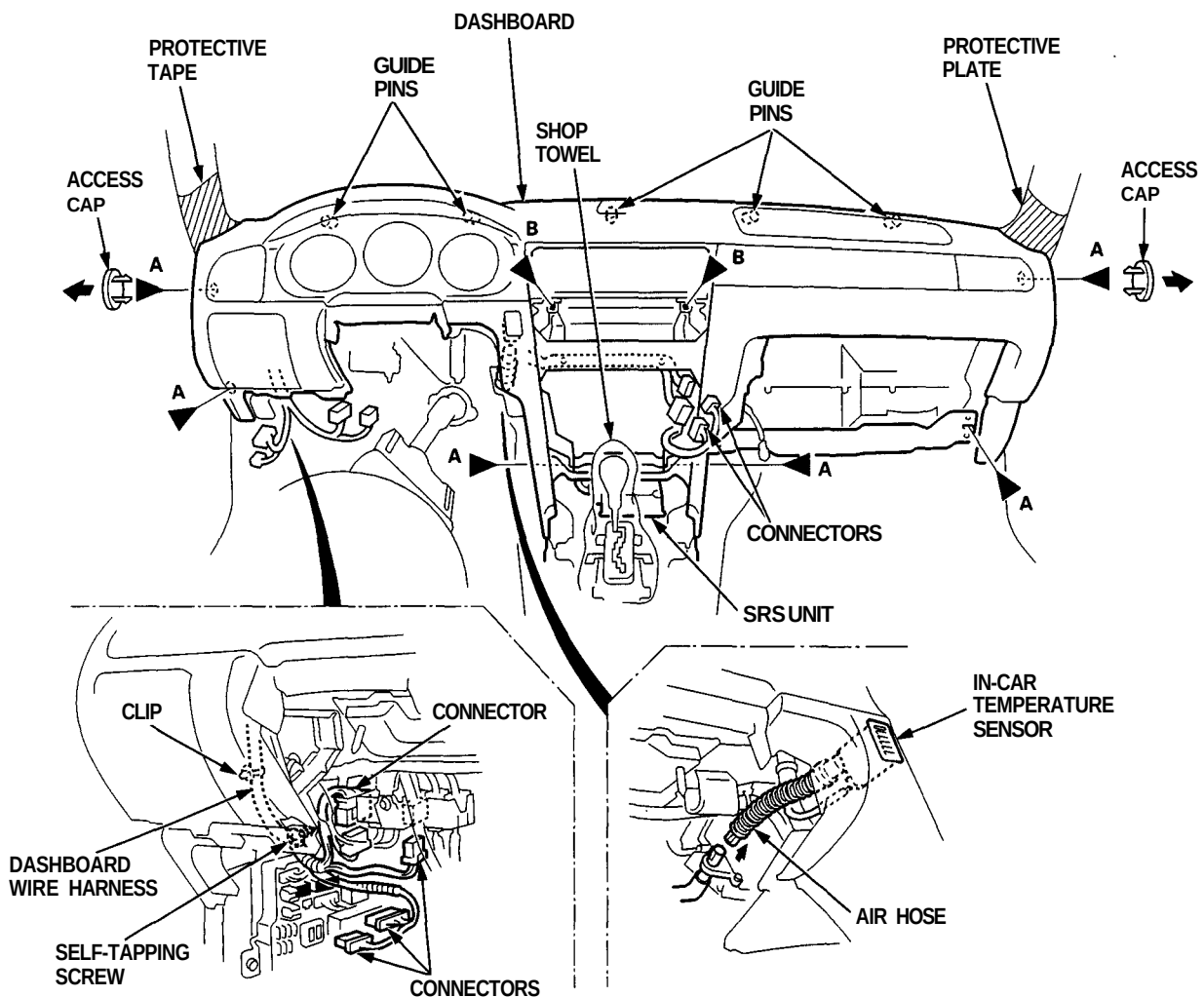
►: Bolt locations

A ►, 6

B ►, 2



6 x 1.0 mm
9.8 N-m (1.0 kgf-m,
1.2 lbf-ft)



7. Installation is the reverse of the removal procedure.

NOTE:

- Make sure the dashboard fits onto the guide pins correctly.
- Before tightening the bolts, make sure the dashboard wire harnesses are not pinched.
- Make sure the connectors and air hose are connected properly.
- Enter the anti-theft code for the radio, then enter the customer's radio station presets.