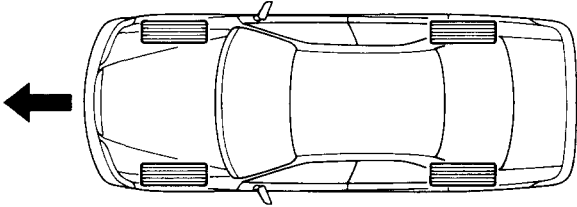


Precautions/Procedures

Steering-related Precautions

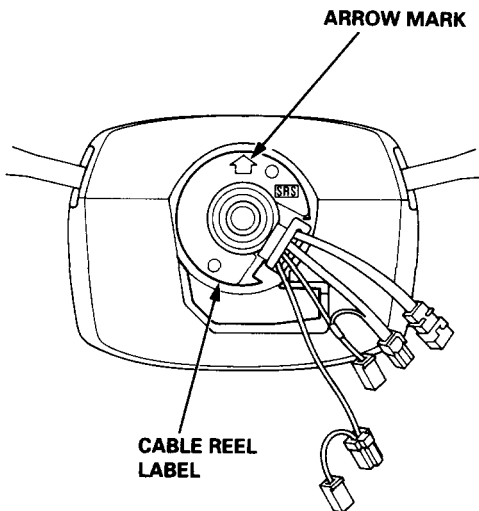
Steering Wheel and Cable Reel Alignment

NOTE: To avoid misalignment of the steering wheel on reassembly, make sure the wheels are turned straight ahead before removing the steering wheel.

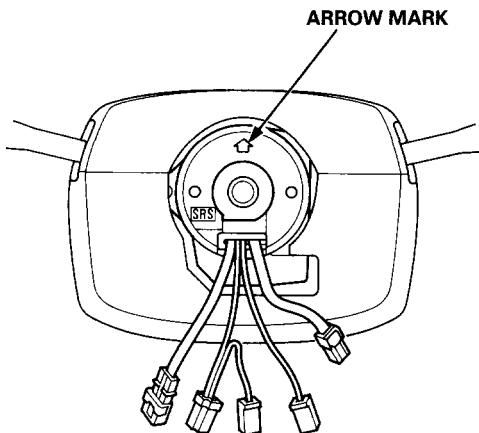


Rotate the cable reel clockwise until it stops. Then rotate it counterclockwise (approximately $2\frac{1}{2}$ turns) until the arrow mark on the cable reel label points straight up.

'96 – '98 Models



'99 – '01 Models



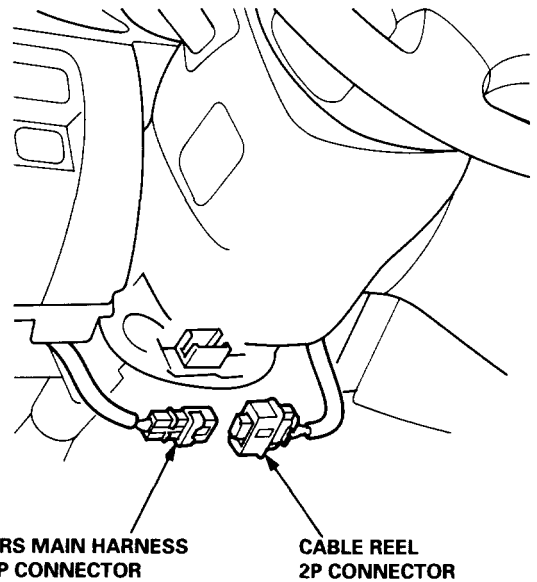
Steering Column Removal

CAUTION:

- Before removing the steering column, first disconnect the connector between the cable reel and the SRS main harness.
- If the steering column is going to be removed without dismantling the steering wheel, lock the steering by turning the ignition key to 0-LOCK position, or remove the key from the ignition so that the steering wheel will not turn.

NOTE:

- When the airbag and cable reel are disconnected, and the battery is reconnected and the ignition switch is turned ON (II), the SRS unit will store this as an open in the driver's airbag inflator, and the SRS indicator light will come on. In such a case, confirm the DTC, then clear the SRS unit memory.
- For disconnecting the spring-loaded lock type connector, refer to page [24-29](#).



Do not replace the original steering wheel with any other design because it will make it impossible to properly install the airbag (use only genuine Honda replacement parts).

After reassembly, confirm the wheels are still turned straight ahead and that the steering wheel spoke angle is correct. If minor spoke angle adjustment is necessary, do so only by adjusting the tie-rods, not by removing and repositioning the steering wheel.