

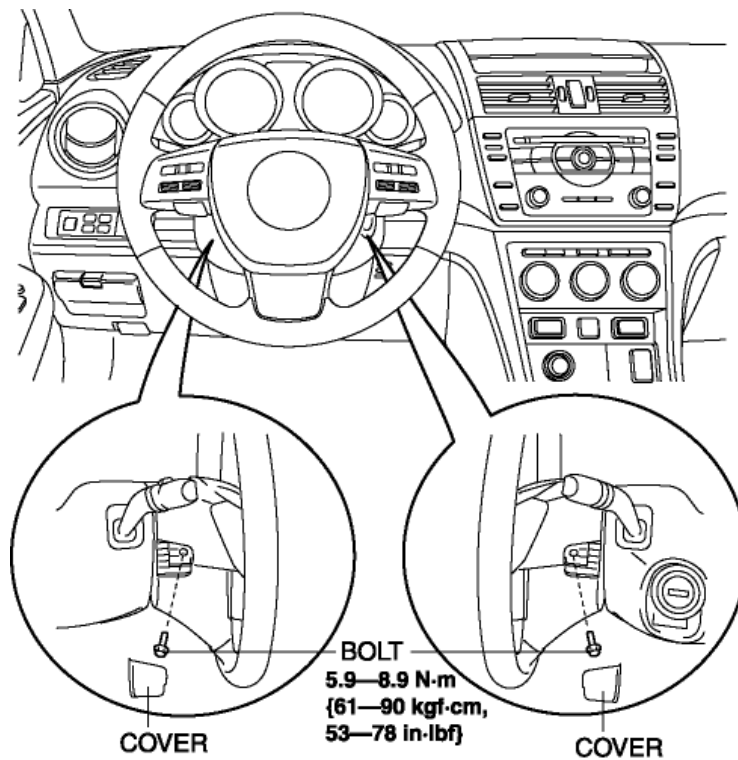
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DRIVER-SIDE AIR BAG MODULE REMOVAL/ INSTALLATION

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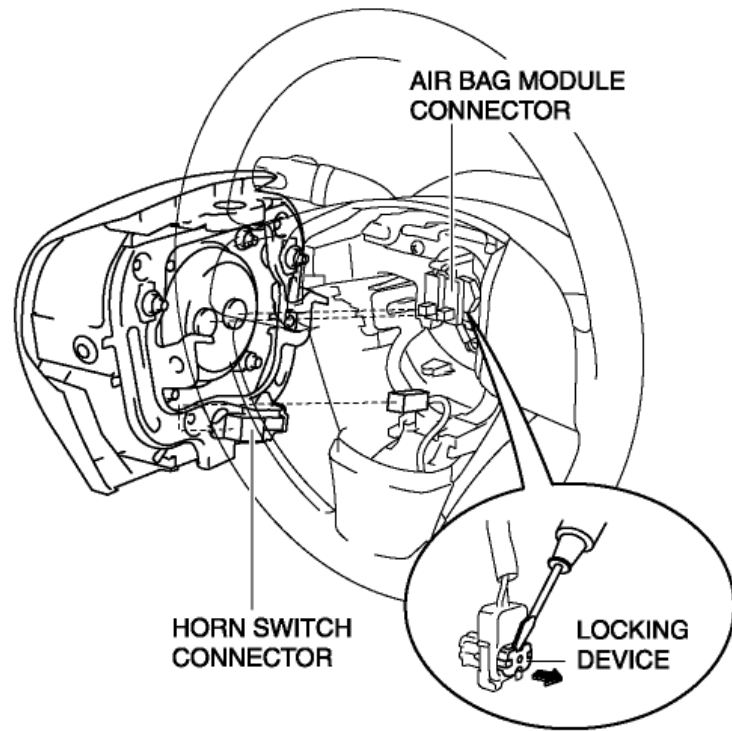
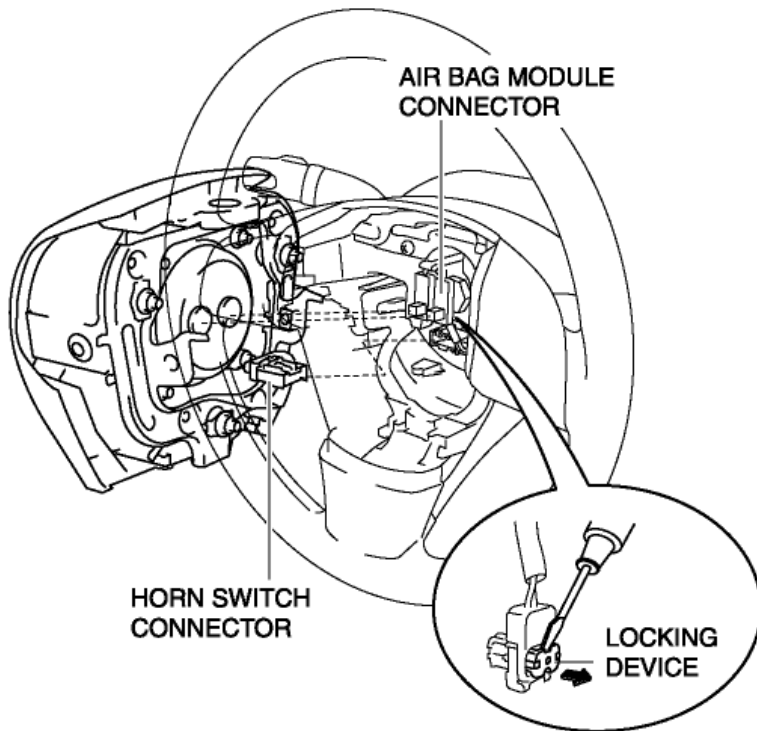
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3. Remove the covers.



4. Remove the bolts.
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VEHICLES WITH STEERING SWITCH

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6. Disconnect the air bag module connector.
7. Disconnect the horn switch connector.
8. Remove the driver-side air bag module.
9. Install in the reverse order of removal.
10. Switch the ignition to ON.
11. Verify that the air bag system warning light illuminates for **approx. 6 s** and goes out.
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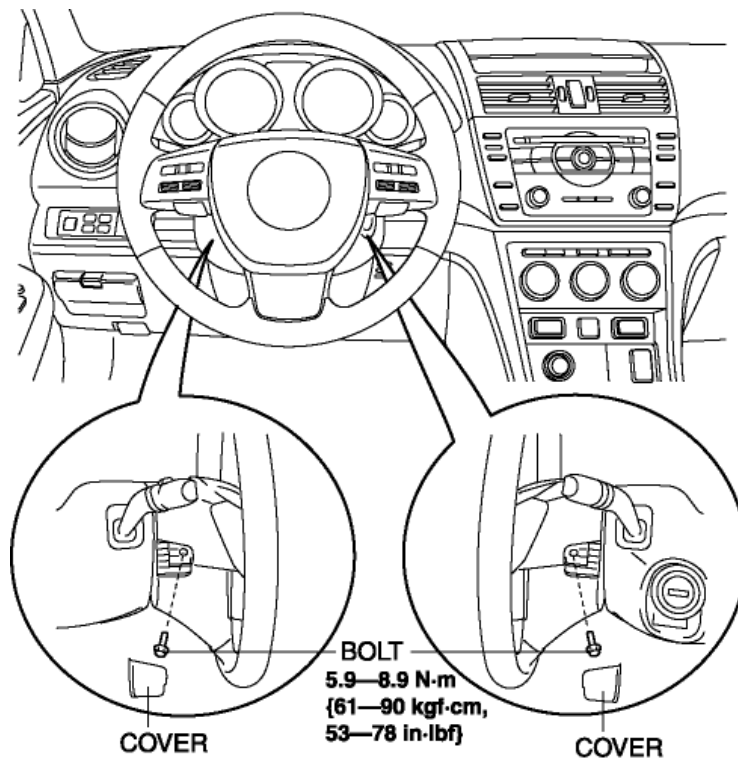
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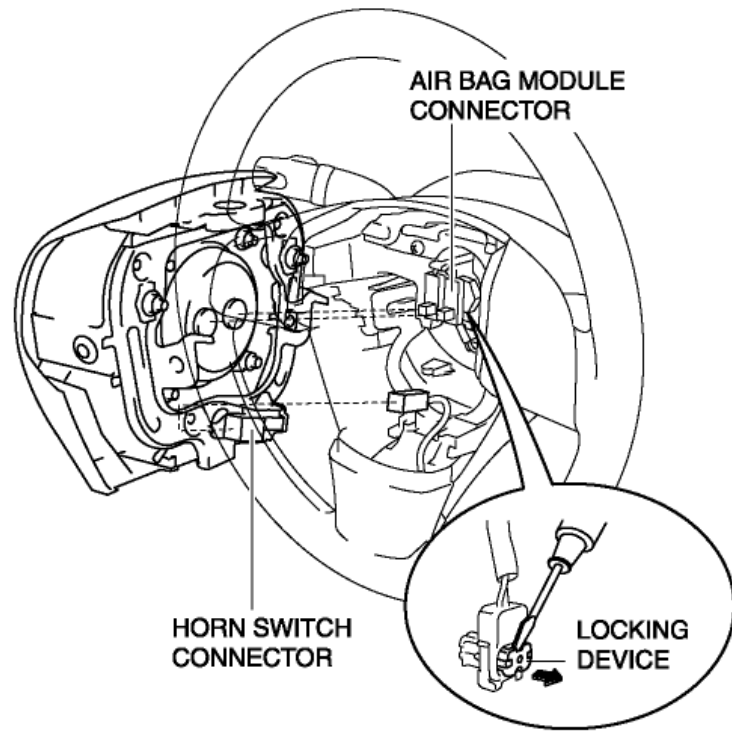
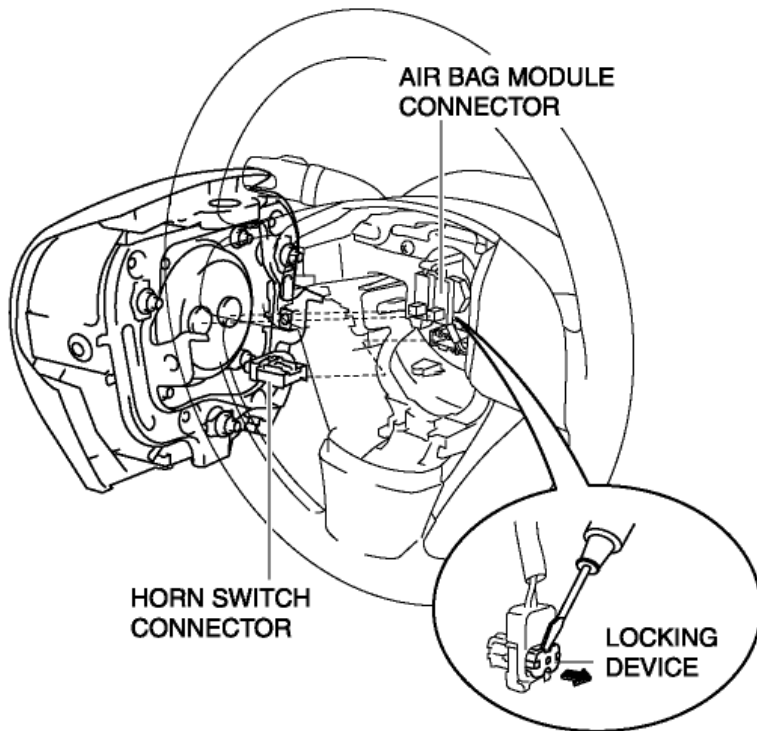
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