

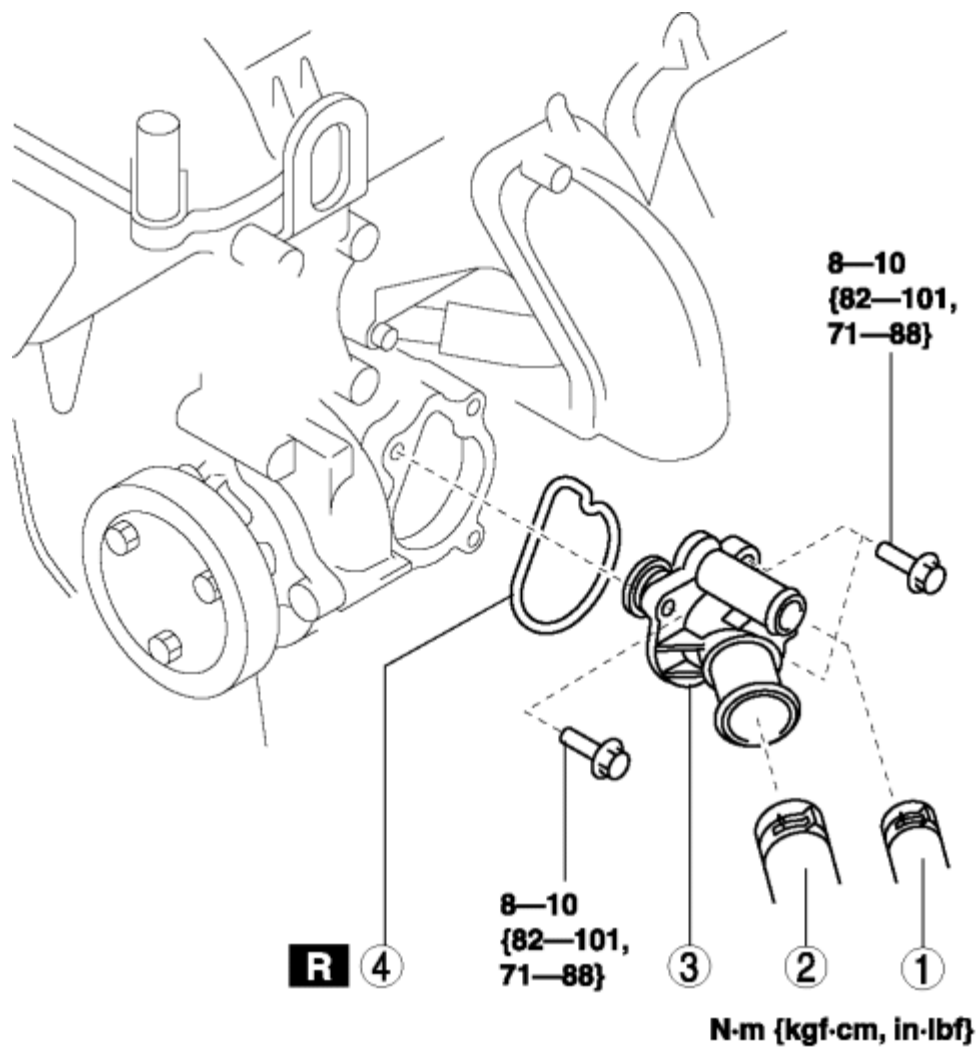
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- Turn off the engine and wait until it is cool. Even then, be very careful when removing the cap. Wrap a thick cloth around it and slowly turn it counterclockwise to the first stop. Step back while the pressure escapes.
- When you are sure all the pressure is gone, turn the cap using the cloth, and remove it.

1. Disconnect the negative battery cable.
2. Drain the engine coolant. (See [ENGINE COOLANT REPLACEMENT \[MZR 2.5\]](#).)
3. Remove the plug hole plate. (See [PLUG HOLE PLATE REMOVAL/ INSTALLATION \[MZR 2.5\]](#).)
4. Remove the drive belt. (See [DRIVE BELT REMOVAL/ INSTALLATION \[MZR 2.5\]](#).)
5. Remove the P/S oil pump with hose and pipe still connected. Position the P/S oil pump out of the way. (See [POWER STEERING OIL PUMP REMOVAL/ INSTALLATION \[MZR 2.5\]](#).)
6. Remove in the order indicated in the table.
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9. Inspect for engine coolant leakage. (See [ENGINE COOLANT LEAKAGE INSPECTION \[MZR 2.5\]](#).)



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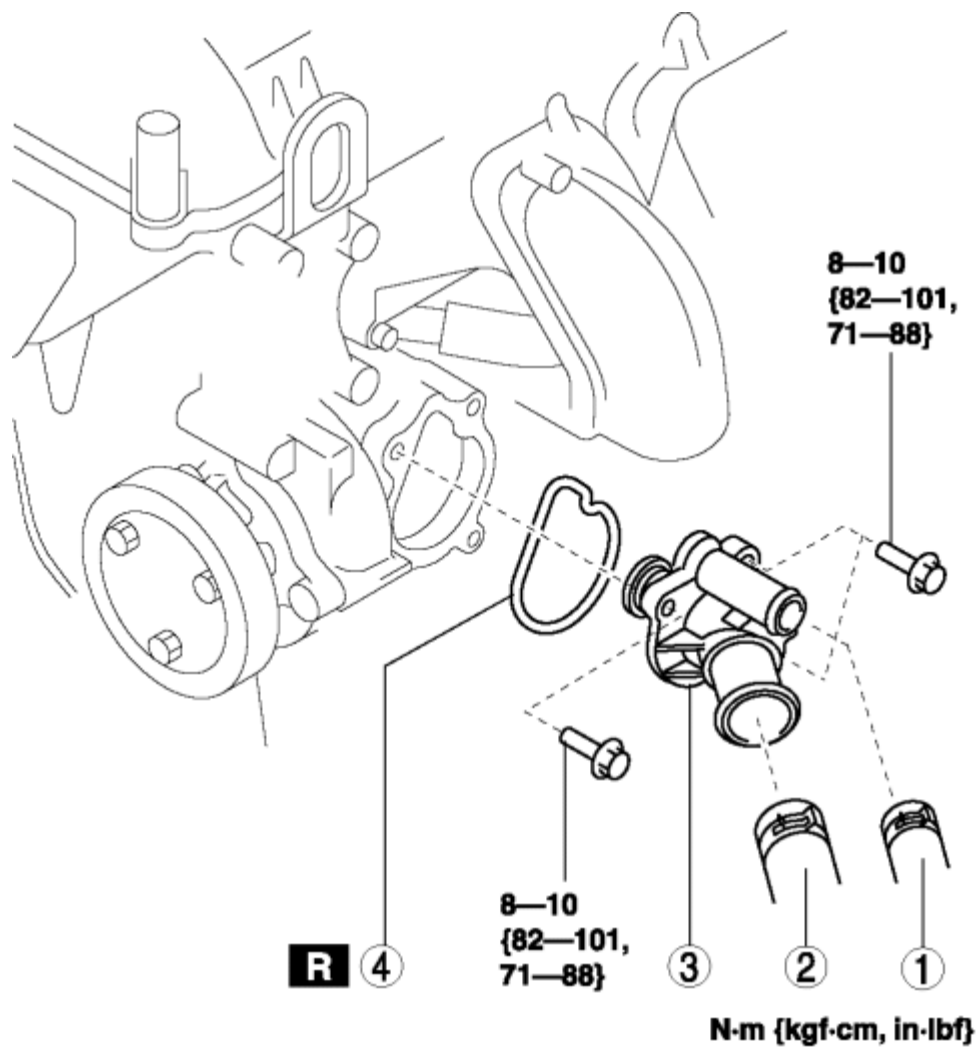
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