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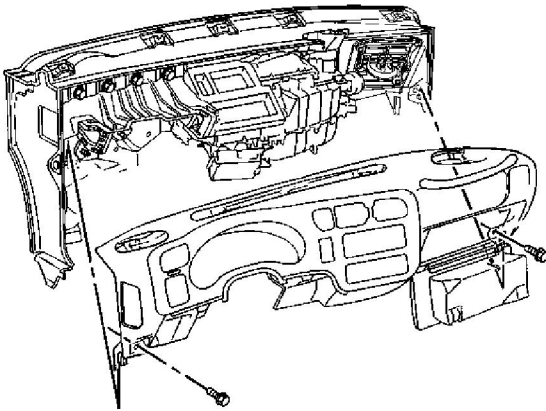
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# Instrument Panel (I/P) Carrier Replacement

## Removal Procedure

1. On vehicles equipped with a manual transmission, remove the shift lever.
2. On vehicles equipped with an automatic transmission, perform the following steps:
  - A. Apply the park brake.
  - B. Insert the ignition key and turn the ignition switch to the RUN position.
  - C. Depress the brake pedal and shift the transmission to the 1 position.
  - D. Turn the ignition switch to the OFF position.



### Caution

**Before servicing any electrical component, the ignition key must be in the OFF or LOCK position and all electrical loads must be OFF, unless instructed otherwise in these procedures. If a tool or equipment could easily come in contact with a live exposed electrical terminal, also disconnect the negative battery cable. Failure to follow these precautions may cause personal injury and/or damage to the vehicle or its components.**

3. Disconnect the battery negative cable.

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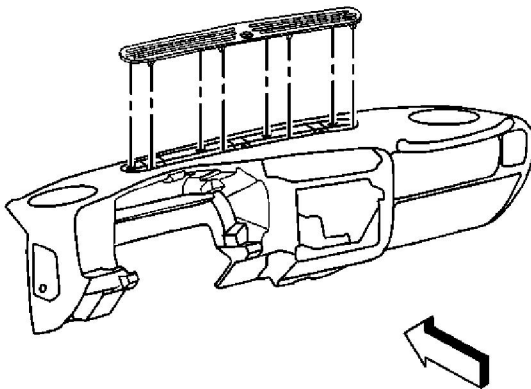
**This vehicle is equipped with a Supplemental Inflatable Restraint (SIR) System. Failure to**

**follow the correct procedure could cause the following conditions:**

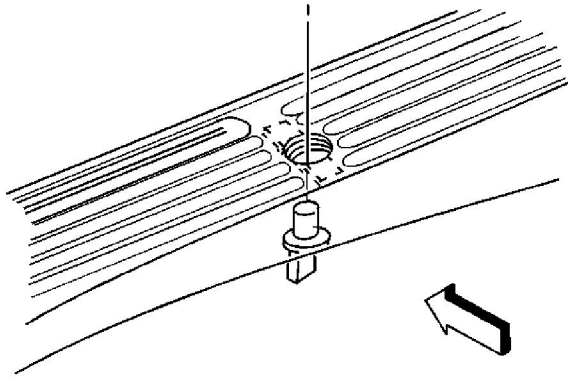
- i Air bag deployment**
- i Personal injury**
- i Unnecessary SIR system repairs**

**In order to avoid the above conditions, observe the following guidelines:**

- i Refer to SIR Component Views in order to determine if you are performing service on or near the SIR components or the SIR wiring.**
  - i If you are performing service on or near the SIR components or the SIR wiring, disable the SIR system. Refer to Disabling the SIR System in SIR.**
4. Disable the passenger side SIR system. Refer to [Disabling the SIR System](#) in SIR.
  5. Remove the left sound insulator. Refer to [Closeout/Insulator Panel Replacement - Left](#) .
  6. Remove the right instrument panel sound insulator. Refer to [Closeout/Insulator Panel Replacement - Right](#) .
  7. If the vehicle is equipped with a multiple CD changer located in the center console, remove the center console. Refer to [Console Replacement - Front Floor](#) .
  8. Remove the center sound insulator. Refer to [Closeout/Insulator Panel Replacement - Center](#) .
  9. Remove the lower left instrument panel mounting bolt.
  10. Remove and retain the instrument panel storage compartment. Refer to [Door Replacement - Instrument Panel \(I/P\) Compartment](#) .
  11. Remove the lower right instrument panel mounting bolt.



12. Remove and retain the left and right speakers and the speaker grilles. Refer to [Speaker Replacement - Front](#) in Entertainment.
13. Use a flat-bladed tool to remove the windshield defroster grille. Retain the windshield defroster grille for use on the replacement IP carrier.

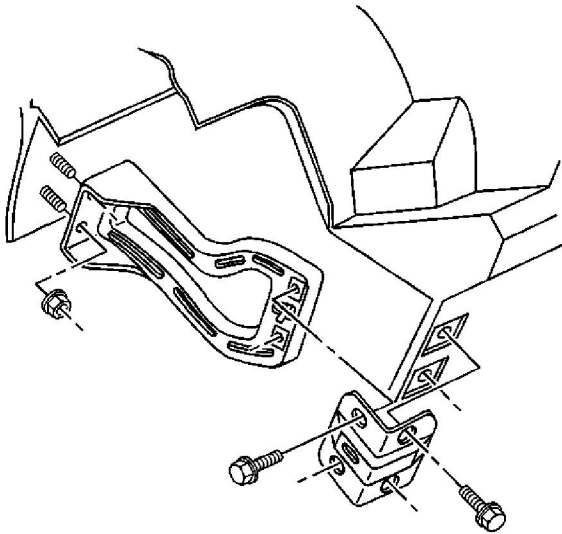


14. If the vehicle is equipped with a sunload sensor, twist the sunload sensor 1/4 turn counterclockwise in order to detach it from the windshield defroster grille. Retain the sunload sensor for use on the replacement IP carrier.

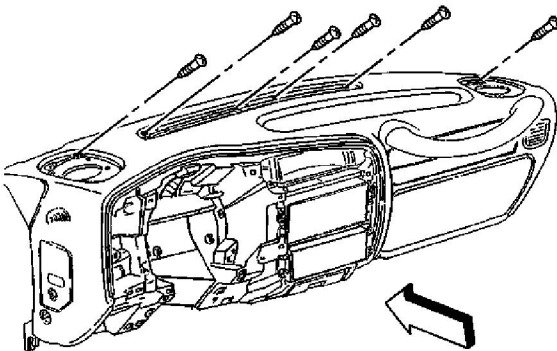
### **Important**

Always disconnect the brown electrical from the BCM before disconnecting the purple electrical connector from the BCM.

15. Disconnect the brown electrical connector from the body control module (BCM).
16. Disconnect the purple electrical connector from the body control module (BCM).
17. Remove the knee bolster. Refer to [Knee Bolster Replacement](#) .
18. Remove and retain the instrument panel cluster. Refer to [Instrument Panel Cluster \(IPC\) Replacement](#) .
19. Remove and retain the radio. Refer to [Radio Replacement](#) in Entertainment.
20. Remove and retain the HVAC control assembly. Refer to [Control Assembly Replacement](#) in HVAC Systems with A/C - Manual.



21. Remove the left and right instrument panel driver knee bolster brackets.
22. Lower the steering column for clearance. Refer to the appropriate procedure:
  - [Steering Column Replacement](#) in Steering Wheel and Column - Standard
  - [Steering Column Replacement](#) in Steering Wheel and Column - Tilt



### Important

Label all of the connections in order to avoid improper installation.

23. Remove the top instrument panel screws.
24. Roll the instrument panel down.