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19 Ignition switch/steering column lock - removal and installation

Lock assembly

1 Replacement of the lock assembly requires the steering column to be disassembled. This task requires the use of several special tools, and for this reason should be entrusted to a BMW dealer.

Lock cylinder

Removal

2 Disconnect the battery negative terminal. **Caution:** *If the radio in your vehicle is equipped with an anti-theft system, make sure you have the correct activation code before disconnecting the battery. Insert the key into the lock and release the steering lock.*

3 Position the lock cylinder as shown, then insert a 1.2 mm (3/64-inch) diameter rod into the hole in the cylinder. Depress the lock cylinder detent, and slide the lock cylinder out of position (see illustrations) .

19.3a Position the lock cylinder as shown, and insert the rod into the hole . . .



19.3b . . . depress the detent and withdraw the lock cylinder



Installation

4 Position the lock cylinder as shown in Step 3 and insert the cylinder into the housing until it clicks in to position.

Ignition switch block

Removal

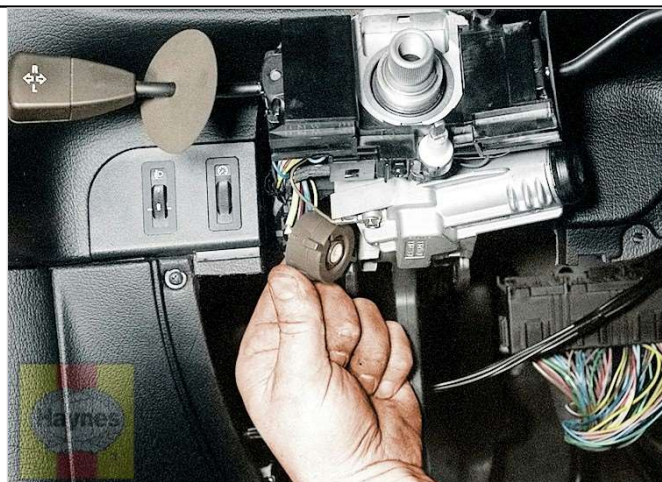
5 Disconnect the battery negative terminal. **Caution:** *If the radio in your vehicle is equipped with an anti-theft system, make sure you have the correct activation code before disconnecting the battery.*

6 Loosen and remove the retaining screws securing the driver's side lower dash panel. Unclip the panel and remove it from the vehicle.

7 Unscrew the steering column shroud lower fastener screw and pull out the fastener. Unclip the lower half of the shroud and remove it from the column.

8 Disconnect the wiring connector from the switch, then unscrew the two set screws and remove the switch block from the lock assembly (see illustration) .

19.8 Removing the ignition switch wiring block



Installation

9 Installation is the reverse of removal, noting the following points:

- A. Apply varnish or a non-hardening thread locking compound to the switch set screws prior to installation, to lock them in position.**
- B. Reconnect the battery and check the operation of the switch prior to installation the steering column shroud.**

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