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## 3 Gear selector components - removal and installation

### Shift lever

**Note:**

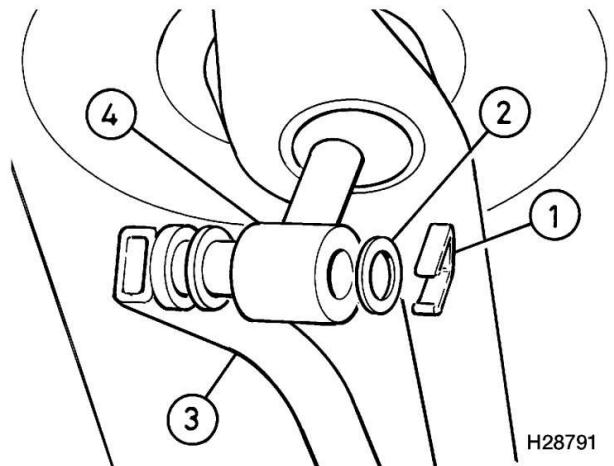
A new shift lever bearing will be required on installation.

#### Removal

- 1 Jack up the vehicle and support it securely on axle stands.
- 2 Remove the knob from the shift lever by pulling it sharply upwards.
- 3 Unclip the shift lever boot from the center console and withdraw the boot over the shift lever. Where applicable, remove the foam insulation.
- 4 Working under the vehicle, pry the securing clip from the end of the gear selector rod pin. Withdraw the selector rod pin from eye on the end of the shift lever, and recover the washers (see illustration) .

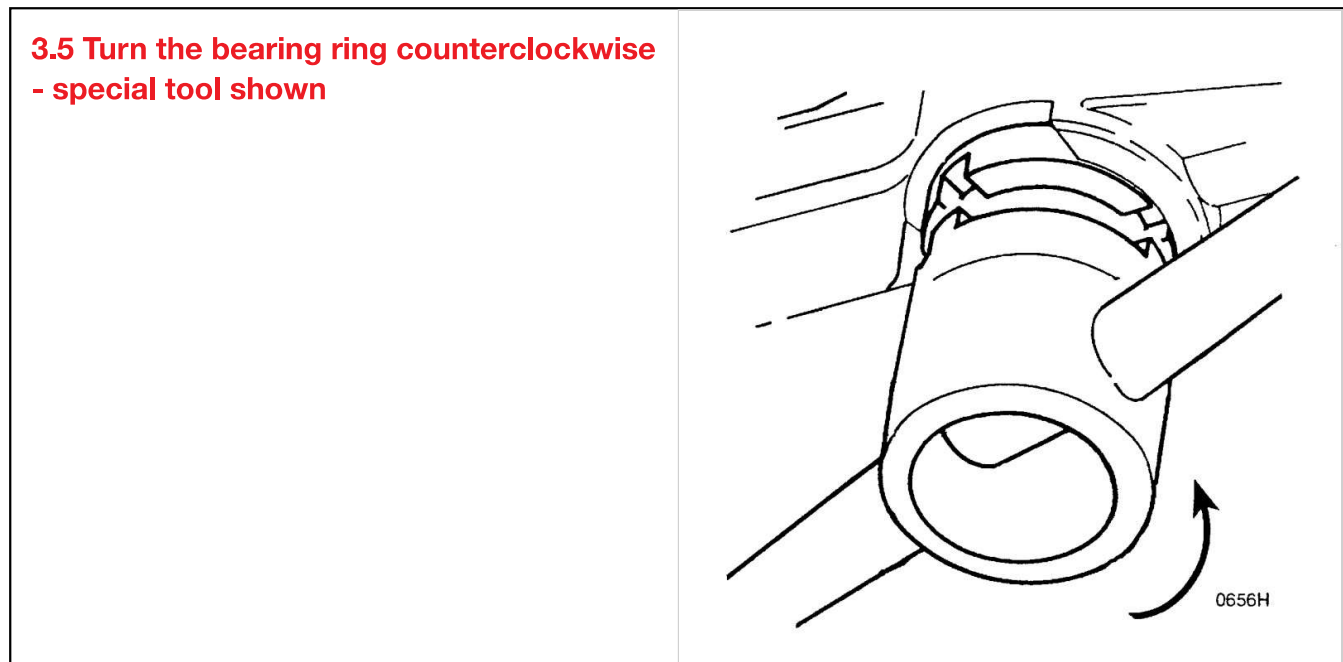
#### 3.4 Pry off the securing clip and disconnect the gear selector rod pin from the shift lever

- 1 Securing clip
- 2 Washer
- 3 Selector rod
- 4 Shift lever eye



- 5 It is now necessary to release the shift lever lower bearing retaining ring from the gear selector arm. A special tool is available for this purpose, but two screwdrivers, with the tips engaged in opposite slots in the bearing ring

can be used instead. To unlock the bearing ring, turn it a quarter-turn counterclockwise (see illustration) .



6 The bearing can now be pushed up through the housing, and the shift lever can be withdrawn from inside the vehicle.

7 If desired, the bearing can be removed from the shift lever ball by pressing it downwards. To withdraw the bearing over the lever eye, rotate the bearing until the eye passes through the slots provided in the bearing.

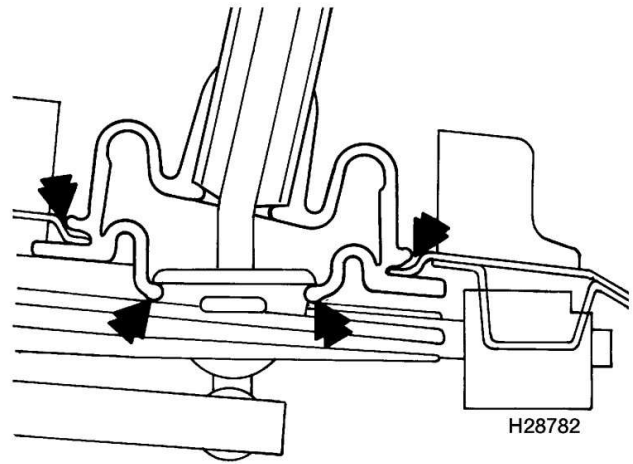
8 Fit a new bearing using a reversal of the removal process. Ensure that the bearing is pressed securely into position on the shift lever ball.

## Installation

9 Install the lever using a reversal of the removal process, bearing in mind the following points.

- A. Grease the contact faces of the bearing before installation.
- B. Lower the shift lever into position, ensuring that the arrow on the shift lever grommet points towards the front of the vehicle.
- C. Make sure that the shift lever grommet is correctly engaged with the gear selector arm and with the opening in the vehicle floor (see illustration).
- D. When engaging the bearing with the selector arm, make sure that the arrows or tabs (as applicable) on the top of the bearing point towards the rear of the vehicle.
- E. To lock the bearing in position in the selector arm, press down on the top of the bearing retaining tab locations until the tabs are heard to click into position.
- F. Grease the selector rod pin before engaging it with the shift lever eye.

### 3.9 Shift lever grommet correctly engaged with selector arm and vehicle floor



## Gear selector shaft eye

### Note:

A new selector shaft eye securing roll-pin will be required on installation.

## Removal

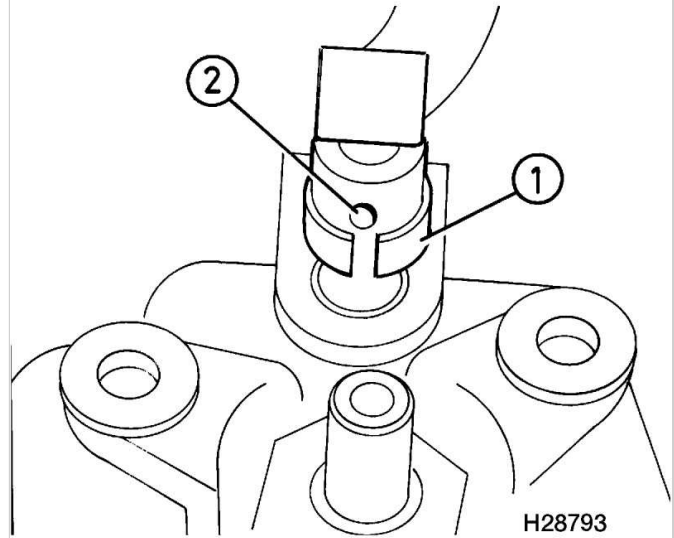
10 Jack up the vehicle and support securely on axle stands.

11 Disconnect the driveshaft from the transmission flange, and support it clear of the transmission using wire or string. Refer to [Chapter 8](#) for details.

12 Pry the retaining clip from the end of the gear selector rod pin. Withdraw the selector rod pin from the selector shaft eye, and recover the washers.

13 Slide back the locking sleeve, then drive out the roll-pin securing the gear selector shaft eye to the end of the gear selector shaft (see illustration) .

**3.13 Slide back the locking sleeve (1), then drive out the roll-pin (2) securing the gear selector shaft eye**



14 Pull the gear selector shaft eye off the end of the selector shaft.

## Installation

15 Installation is a reversal of removal, bearing in mind the following points.

- A. Before installation, check the condition of the rubber washer in the end of the selector shaft eye and replace if necessary.
- B. Use a new roll-pin to secure the eye to the selector shaft.
- C. Grease the selector rod pin.
- D. Reconnect the driveshaft to the transmission flange (see [Chapter 8](#)).

## Gear selector arm rear mounting

### Removal

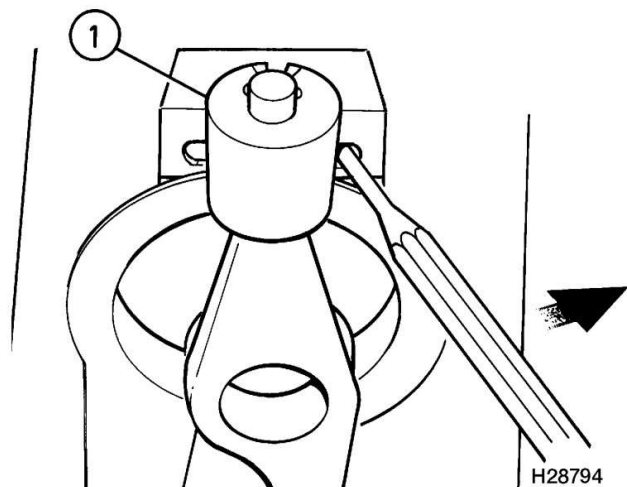
16 Jack up the vehicle and support securely on axle stands.

17 Disconnect the driveshaft from the transmission flange, and support it clear of the transmission using wire or string. Refer to [Chapter 8](#) for details.

18 Remove the shift lever as described previously in this Section.

19 Using a screwdriver or a small pin-punch, lever the mounting sleeve from the bracket on the body (see illustration) .

### 3.19 Levering the gear selector arm rear mounting sleeve (1) from the body bracket



20 Pull the mounting from the selector arm.

## Installation

21 Grease the mounting, then push the mounting onto the selector arm, with the cut-out facing the rear of the vehicle and the arrow pointing upwards.

22 Clip the mounting into position in the bracket, making sure that the mounting is securely located.

23 Reconnect the driveshaft to the transmission flange (see [Chapter 8](#)), then lower the vehicle to the ground.