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17 Trunk lid/tailgate latch components - removal and installation

Removal

Sedan/Coupe trunk lid latch

1 Open the trunk, remove the toolbox lid retaining screw and the toolbox hinge screws (see illustration 16.1) . Remove the toolbox from the trunk trim panel.

2 Pry up the center pins and remove the plastic expanding rivets, then remove the trim panel from the trunk lid.

3 Disconnect the wiring connector, remove the two screws and, starting at the edge adjacent to the latch, carefully pull away the cover panel from the latch (see illustration) .

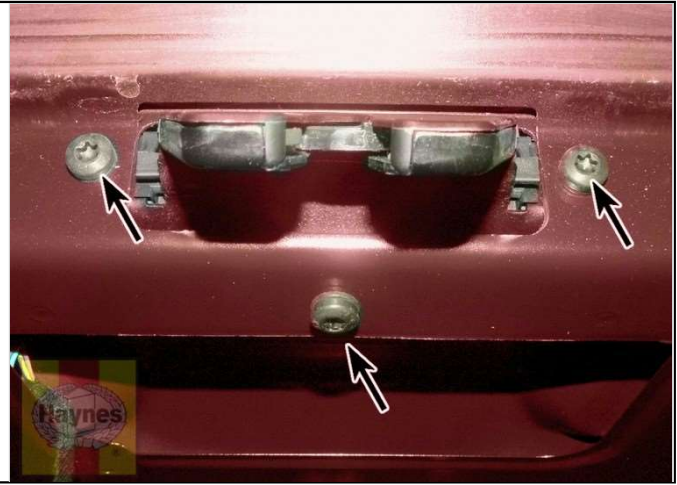
17.3 Disconnect the trunk latch assembly wiring connector



4 Disconnect the latch wiring connector.

5 Remove the three screws, and maneuver the latch from the trunk lid. Lever away the actuating rod from the latch as it is withdrawn (see illustration) .

17.5 Trunk lid latch retaining screws



Sedan/Coupe trunk lid lock cylinder

6 Remove the trim panel from the trunk lid as described in Steps 1 and 2.

7 Remove the driver's side rear light assembly as described in [Chapter 12, Section 7](#).

8 With the light removed, remove the two retaining screws, and remove the cover from the rear of the lock cylinder.

9 Disconnect the lock cylinder wiring connector.

10 Pull out the locking piece, then carefully pull the actuating rod from the lock cylinder arm (see illustration) .

17.10 Pull out the locking piece



11 Remove the two retaining screws, and rotate the cylinder clockwise until the lock brackets line up with the cut-outs in the panel, then pull the lock from the panel (see illustration) .

17.11 Lock cylinder retaining screws

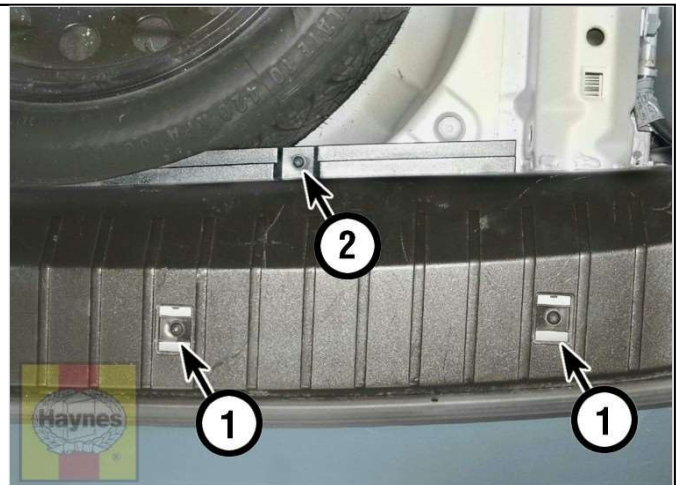


Sport Wagon tailgate latch

12 Remove both D-pillar trims as described in [Section 27](#) .

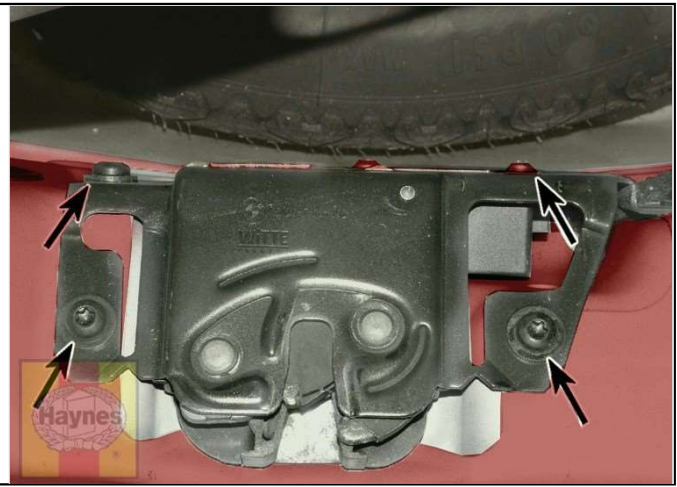
13 Pry out the plastic caps, and remove the four retaining screws from the top of the tailgate sill trim panel, then remove the two lower screws. Maneuver the panel from the vehicle (see illustration) .

17.13 Pry out the caps and remove the upper screws (1) and lower screws (2)



14 Using a marker pen, make alignment marks between the latch and the panel. Remove the four screws and remove the latch (see illustration) . Disconnect the wiring connector as the latch is withdrawn.

17.14 Remove the tailgate latch retaining screws



15 If required, remove the two retaining screws and remove the latch actuator from the latch.

Installation

16 Installation is a reversal of removal, noting the following points:

- A. Reconnect all wiring connectors, and secure the wiring harnesses using the retaining clips (where applicable).
- B. Match-up any previously made alignment marks.
- C. Check the operation of the latches/lock cylinders before installing the trim panels.
- D. Tighten all fasteners securely.

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