

## 23 - Body

### PANEL, Silencer

#### Removal and Installation

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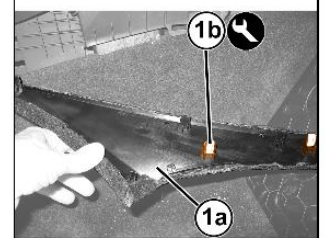
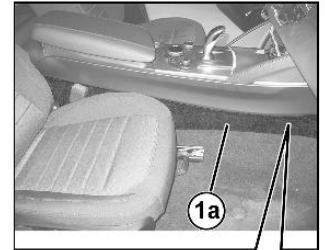
#### REMOVAL

1. Disconnect and isolate the negative battery cable. If equipped with an Intelligent Battery Sensor (IBS), disconnect the IBS connector first before disconnecting the negative battery cable.

2. To remove the silencer panel, perform the following.

**NOTE:** Right side shown, left side similar.

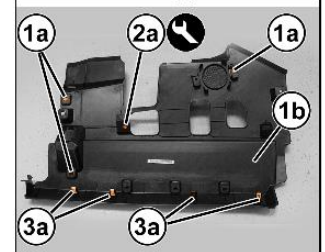
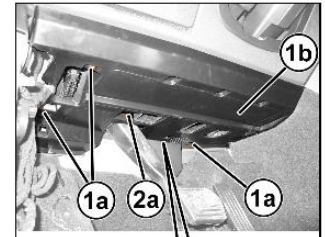
3. Using a trim stick or equivalent, release the retaining clips (1b) and remove the floor console lower side covers (1a).



4. To remove the LEFT silencer panel WITHOUT knee air bag, remove the four screws (1a and 2a).

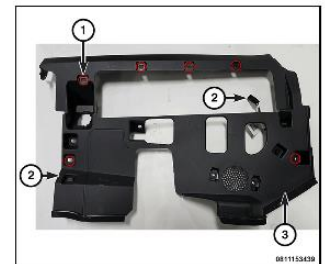
5. Using a trim stick, release the clips (3a) and lower the silencer panel (1b).

6. Disconnect the wire harness connector from the courtesy lamp and remove.



7. To remove the LEFT silencer panel WITH knee air bag, remove the six screws (1) and lower the silencer panel (3).

8. Disconnect the wire harness connectors (2) from the courtesy lamps and remove.



#### INSTALLATION

1. To install the LEFT silencer panel (1b), perform the following.

2. Connect the wire harness connectorS and clip the silencer panel into place.

3. Install the screws and tighten securely.

4. Install the console side trim panel.

9. Connect the negative battery cable. If equipped with an Intelligent Battery Sensor (IBS), connect the IBS connector.

## REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION - DRIVER SIDE

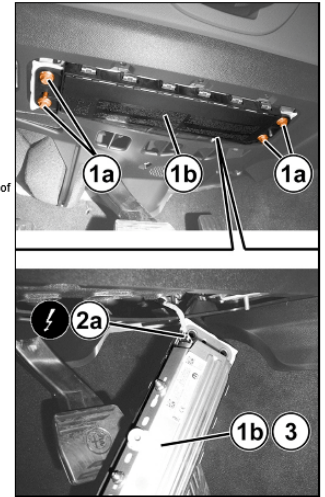
### REMOVAL

**WARNING:** To avoid serious or fatal injury on vehicles equipped with airbags, disable the Supplemental Restraint System (SRS) before attempting any steering wheel, steering column, airbags, airbag curtains, knee blocker, seat belt tensioner, impact sensor or instrument panel component diagnosis or service. Disconnect the Intelligent Battery Sensor (IBS)/negative battery cable assembly from the negative battery post, then wait two minutes for the system capacitor to discharge before performing further diagnosis or service. This is the only sure way to disable the SRS. Failure to take the proper precautions could result in accidental airbag deployment.

**WARNING:** To avoid serious or fatal injury when removing a deployed airbag, rubber gloves, eye protection, and a long-sleeved shirt should be worn. There may be deposits on the airbag cushion and other interior surfaces. In large doses, these deposits may cause irritation to the skin and eyes.

**NOTE:** The following procedure is for replacement of an ineffective or damaged Knee AirBag (KAB). If the airbag is ineffective or damaged, but not deployed, review the recommended procedures for Handling Non-Deployed Supplemental Restraints. ([Refer to 10 - Restraints - Standard Procedure](#)). If the KAB has been deployed, review the recommended procedures for Service After A Supplemental Restraint Deployment before removing the airbag from the vehicle. ([Refer to 10 - Restraints - Standard Procedure](#)).

1. Disconnect and isolate the negative battery cable. Wait two minutes for the system capacitor to discharge before further service.
2. From below the instrument panel, remove the four screws (1a) that secure the driver KAB unit (1b) to the lower instrument panel support structure.
3. Pull the driver KAB (1b) down and back from the instrument panel far enough to access the wire harness connector (2a) to the driver KAB inflator initiator connector receptacle on the inboard end of the driver KAB housing.
4. Pull the connector insulator straight out from the inflator initiator to disconnect it from the connector receptacle.
5. Remove the driver KAB from the vehicle.



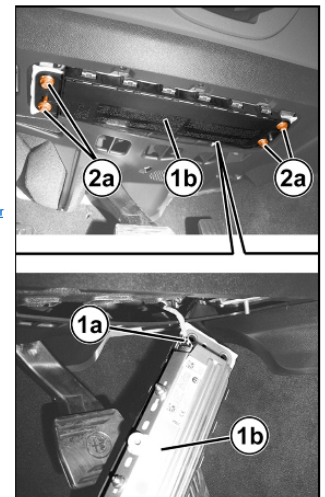
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**WARNING:** To avoid serious or fatal injury, use extreme care to prevent any foreign material from entering the Inflatable Knee Blocker (IKB) airbag, or becoming entrapped between the IKB airbag cushion and the IKB cover. Failure to observe this warning could result in occupant injuries upon airbag deployment.

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1. Position the driver KAB unit (1b) below the instrument panel in a vertical orientation with the KAB inflator initiator connector receptacle facing upward.
2. Connect the connector insulator of the instrument panel wire harness take out (1a) for the driver KAB to the inflator initiator connector receptacle by pressing straight in on the connector. You can be certain that the connector is fully engaged in its receptacle by listening carefully for a distinct, audible click as the connector latches snap into place.
3. Carefully position the driver KAB and cover (1b) onto the lower instrument panel support structure.
4. Install the four screws (2a) that secure the driver KAB and cover (1b) to the instrument panel support structure. Tighten the screws to the proper ([Torque Specifications](#)).
5. Do not connect the negative battery cable at this time. The Supplemental Restraint System (SRS) Verification Test procedure should be performed following service of any SRS component. ([Refer to 10 - Restraints - Standard Procedure](#)).



### HANDLING NON-DEPLOYED SUPPLEMENTAL RESTRAINTS

**WARNING:** To avoid serious or fatal injury on vehicles equipped with airbags, disable the Supplemental Restraint System (SRS) before attempting any steering wheel, steering column, airbag, seat belt tensioner, impact sensor or instrument panel component diagnosis or service. Disconnect and isolate the battery negative (ground) cable, then wait two minutes for the system capacitor to discharge before performing further diagnosis or service. This is the only sure way to disable the SRS. Failure to take the proper precautions could result in accidental airbag deployment.

At no time should any source of electricity be permitted near the inflator on the back of a non-deployed airbag or seat belt tensioner. When carrying a non-deployed airbag, the trim cover or airbag cushion side of the unit should be pointed away from the body to minimize injury in the event of an accidental deployment. If the airbag unit is placed on a bench or any other surface, the trim cover or airbag cushion side of the unit should face upward to minimize movement in the event of an accidental deployment.

When handling a non-deployed seat belt tensioner, take proper care to keep fingers out from under the retractor or buckle cover and away from the seat belt webbing or cable where it exits from the retractor or buckle cover. In addition, the SRS should be disarmed whenever any steering wheel, steering column, seat belt tensioner, airbag, impact sensor or instrument panel components require diagnosis or service. Failure to observe this warning could result in accidental airbag deployment and possible personal injury.

All damaged, ineffective or non-deployed airbags and seat belt tensioners which are replaced on vehicles are to be handled and disposed of properly. If an airbag or seat belt tensioner unit is ineffective or damaged and non-deployed, refer to the Hazardous Substance Control System for information regarding the potentially hazardous properties of the subject component and the proper safe handling procedures. Then dispose of all non-deployed and deployed airbags and seat belt tensioners in a manner consistent with state, provincial, local and federal regulations.