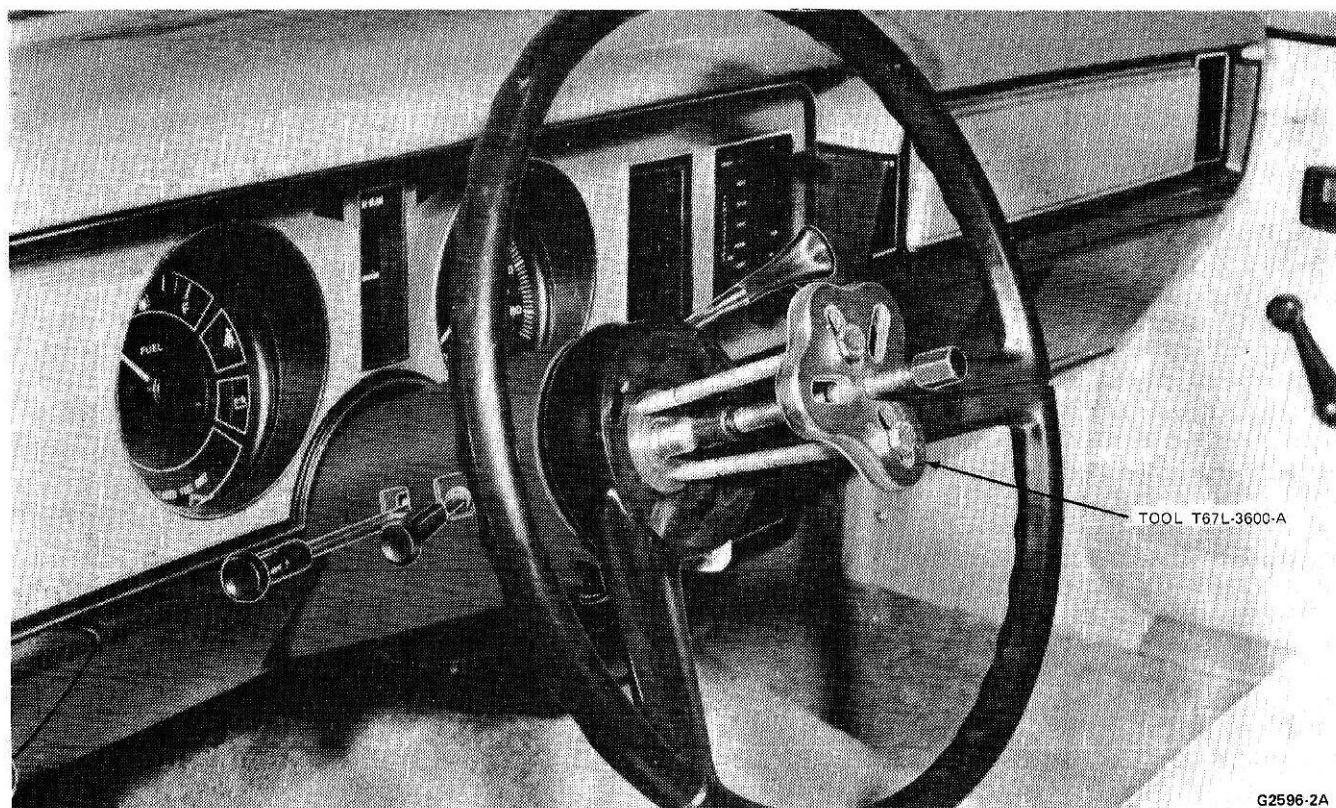




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FIG. 4 Removing Steering Wheel

Steering Column Assembly—Column Automatic

The column automatic transmission linkage system utilizes oil impregnated plastic grommets to connect various rods and levers. To assure satisfactory retention of the connecting links and overall system operation, the grommets must be replaced when a grommet-type connection (as in a steering column replacement) is changed. Grommet removal and installation procedures are detailed in Part 17-02 of this manual.

Removal

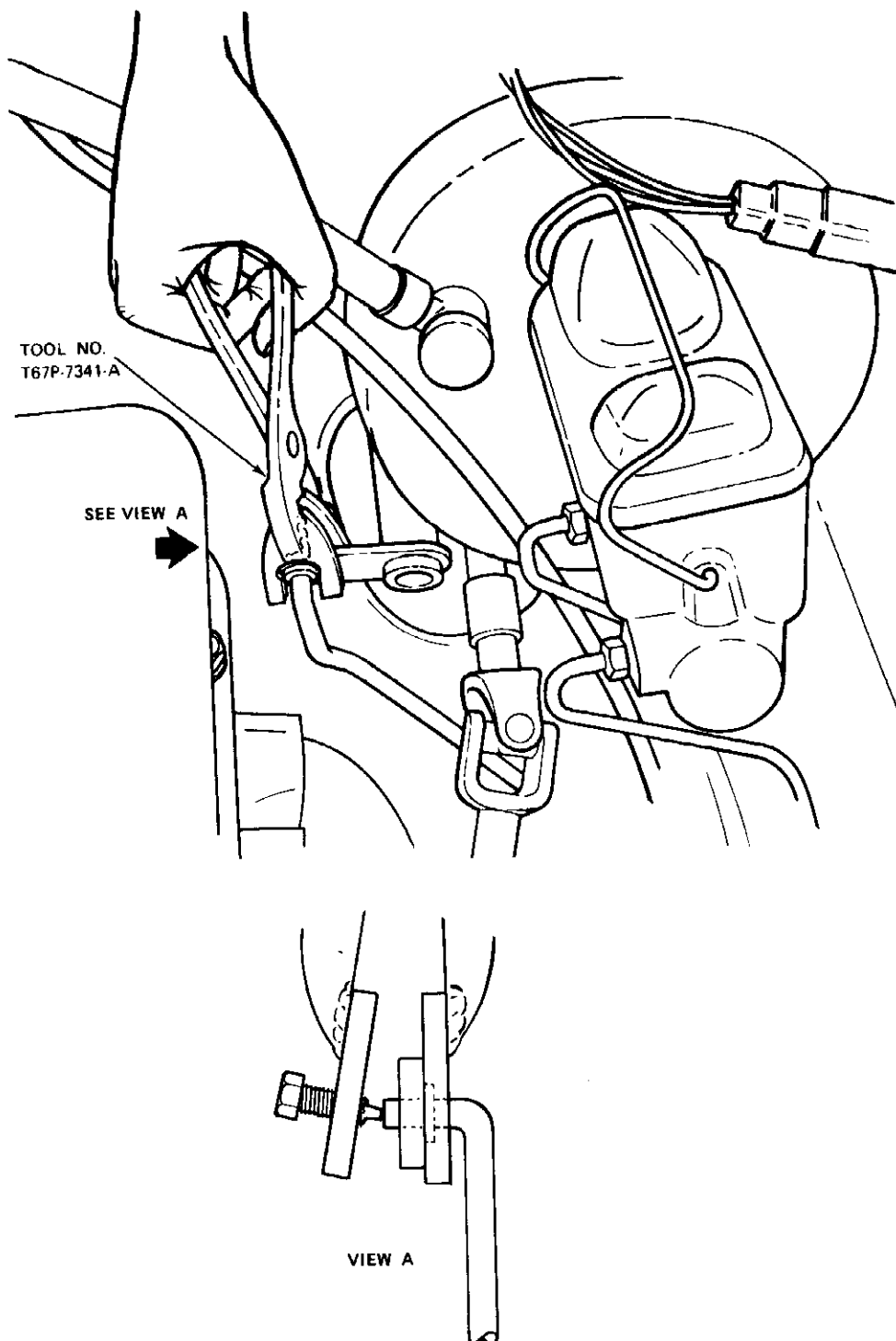
1. Disconnect the negative battery cable (ground) from the battery terminal.
2. Remove the two nuts that attach the flexible coupling to the flange on the steering input shaft. Disengage the safety strap and the bolt assembly from the flexible coupling. Disconnect the transmission shift rod from the transmission control selector lever.
3. Using Tool No. T67P-7341-A, remove the grommet and replace with a new one. (Fig. 5)
4. Remove the steering column trim shrouds by loosening four screws.
5. Remove the steering column cover and hood release mechanism directly under the column.
6. Disconnect all electrical connections (quick-couplers) to the steering column switches (turn signal, wash/wipe, ignition and key warning buzzer).
7. Loosen the four nuts holding the column to the brake pedal support allowing the column to be

lowered enough for access to the PRND21 lever and cable assembly. **Care must be exercised to assure the column is not lowered too far so that the plastic lever or cable is damaged due to weight of the column.**

8. Reach between the steering column and instrument panel and gently lift the PRND21 cable off the cleat on the PRND21 lever (Fig. 6).
9. Remove the PRND21 cable clamp from the steering column tube.
10. Remove the four screws that attach the dust boot to the dash panel.
11. Remove the four attaching nuts holding the column to the brake pedal support. Lower the column to clear the four mounting bolts and pull the column out so that the U-joint assembly passes through the clearance hole in the dash panel.

Installation

1. Install the steering column by inserting the U-joint assembly and lower shift cane through the opening in the dash panel.
2. Align the four bolts on the brake pedal support with the mounting holes on the column collar and bracket. Attach the nuts loosely so that the column hangs with clearance between the column and the instrument panel.
3. Loosely assemble the PRND21 cable clamp to the steering column outer tube.
4. Reach between the steering column and instrument panel and attach the PRND21 cable onto the PRND21 lever by slipping the loop on the cable over the cleat on the lever (Fig. 6).

**FIG. 5 Removing or Installing Shift Linkage Grommet**