IGNITION SWITCH & LOCK CYLINDER

1988 Jeep Cherokee

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JEEP

DESCRIPTION

The ignition switch and lock cylinder is typically mounted on the steering column and actuated by an ignition key.

SERVICING

To gain access to ignition components on Jeep vehicles, the steering column must be removed or lowered and the turn signal switch must be removed.

CAUTION: The lock plate is held by high spring pressure. DO NOT remove snap ring without using a compressor tool. If the steering shaft has standard threads, use Compressor Tool (J-23653); if the shaft has metric threads use Metric Forcing Screw (J-23653-4).

CAUTION: Special care must be taken to avoid bumping, jolting or hammering on the steering shaft and gearshift tube.

REMOVAL & INSTALLATION

LOCK CYLINDER

Removal
Turn lock cylinder clockwise 2 detent positions beyond "OFF-LOCK" position. Compress lock cylinder retaining tab using a thin bladed screwdriver and remove lock cylinder.

Fig. 1: Typical Column Type Ignition Switch Lock Cylinder Removal
On most vehicles, push in to release lock retainer.

Installation
Insert key in lock. Hold cylinder sleeve, and turn key
clockwise until key stops. Insert cylinder lock into bore with
cylinder tab aligned with keyway in housing. Push cylinder in until it
bottoms. Rotate cylinder counterclockwise to engage lock sector, and
push in until cylinder tab engages in housing groove.

IGNITION SWITCH

Removal
Lower column and remove switch mounting screws. Disconnect
harness connector. Remove switch.

Installation
Move switch slider to "ACC" position. Move switch slider back
2 clicks to "OFF-UNLOCK" position. Insert remote rod in switch slider,
and position switch on column. Do not move slider. Install and tighten
screws.

Fig. 2: Rod-Actuated Ignition Switch