

STEERING COLUMN

Article Text

1998 Lexus LS 400

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ARTICLE BEGINNING

1997-98 STEERING
Lexus - Steering Columns

1997: LX450
1997-98: ES300, GS300, LS400, SC300, SC400
1998: GS400, LX470

DESCRIPTION & OPERATION

NOTE: For information on LX450 and LX470, refer to Land Cruiser article

ES300 is equipped with a manual tilt steering wheel. GS300, GS400, LS400 and SC400 are equipped with power tilt and telescoping steering column. SC300 and SC400 is equipped with either manual or power tilt/telescoping column. Control switches for windshield wipers/washers, lights, turn signals, and ignition are on the steering column.

WARNING: Vehicles are equipped with air bag supplemental restraint system. For additional warnings, cautions, and information, see AIR BAG RESTRAINT SYSTEM article. Before servicing, wait at least 2 minutes after ignition switch is turned to LOCK position and negative battery cable is disconnected.

SUPPLEMENTAL RESTRAINT SYSTEM (SRS) OPERATION CHECK

Turn ignition switch to ACC or ON position. Air bag warning light in instrument cluster should come on for about 6 seconds then go out. If light does not respond as specified, SRS is malfunctioning and needs repair. See AIR BAG RESTRAINT SYSTEM article in ACCESSORIES/SAFETY EQUIPMENT section.

SERVICE PRECAUTIONS

Observe following precautions when working on SRS:

- * Before servicing any SRS or steering column component, disable SRS. See DISABLING & ACTIVATING AIR BAG SYSTEM. Failure to disable system could result in accidental air bag deployment and personal injury.
- * After ignition switch is turned to LOCK position and negative battery cable is disconnected, wait at least 90 seconds before working on SRS. SRS is equipped with a back-up power source that may allow air bag to deploy within 90 seconds of disconnecting negative battery cable.
- * Remove air bag sensors if shocks are likely to be applied to sensors during repairs.
- * Never disassemble or repair system components. Replace