

## Airbag Unit, Driver's Side, Remove and Install (up to model year 2003, 5)



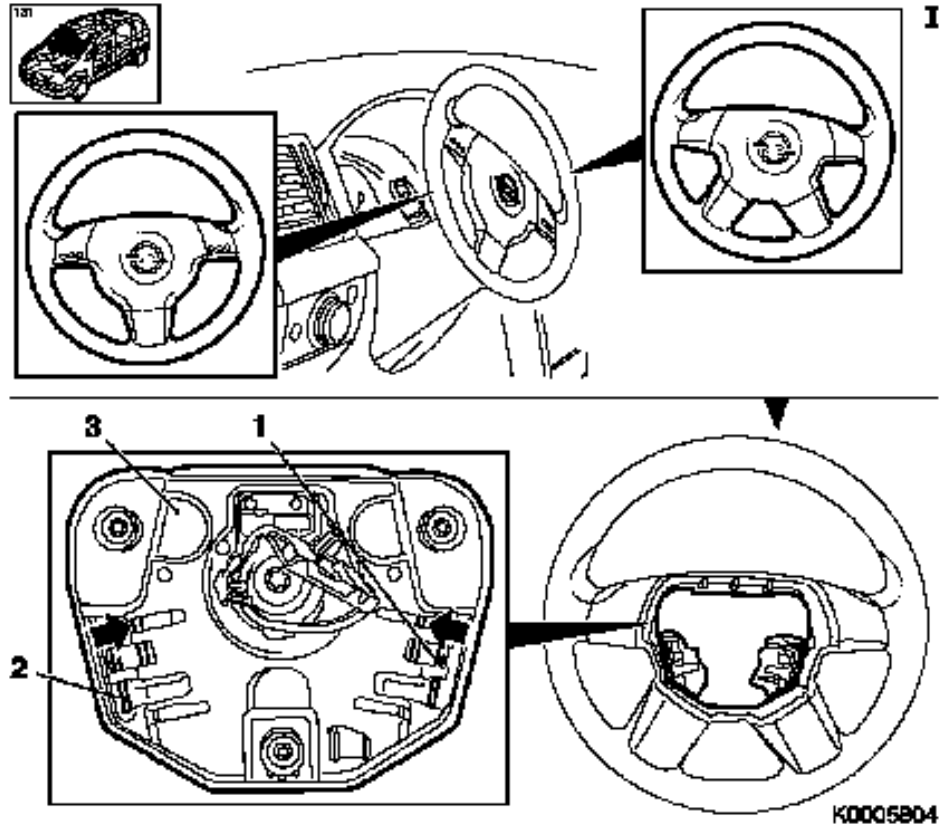
### Remove

**Warning:** Wait 1 minute after disconnecting the battery until the capacitor has discharged.

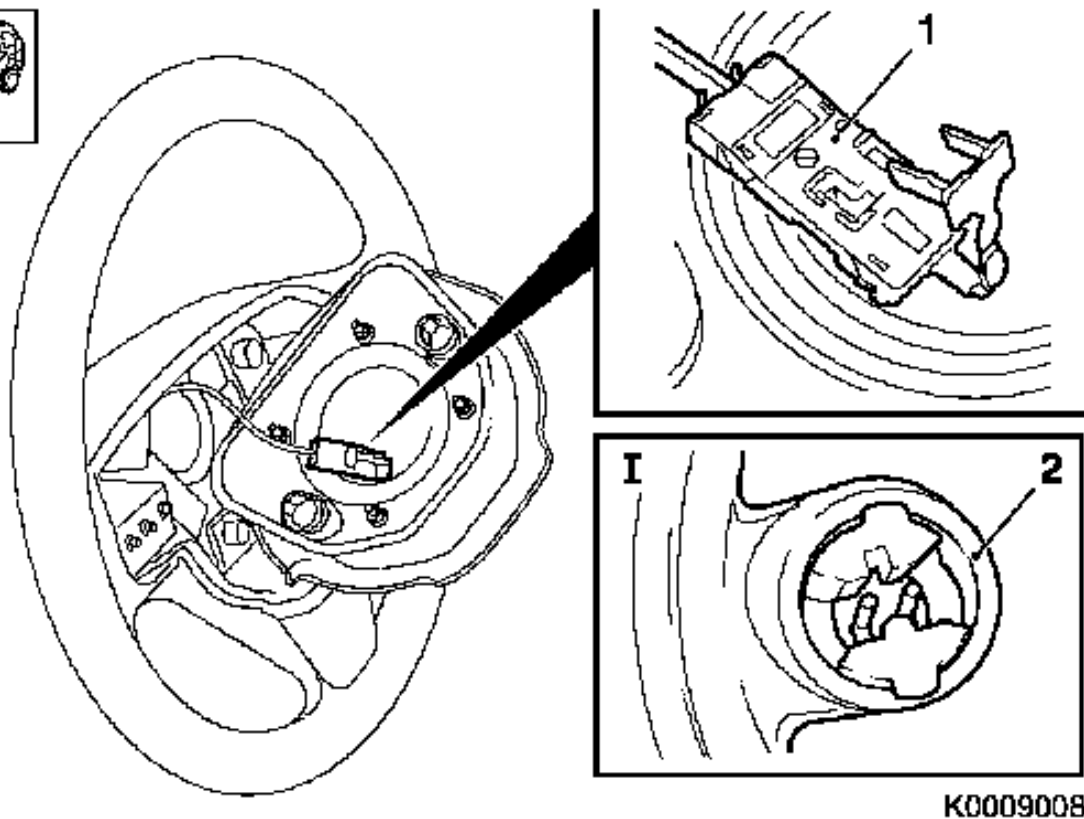
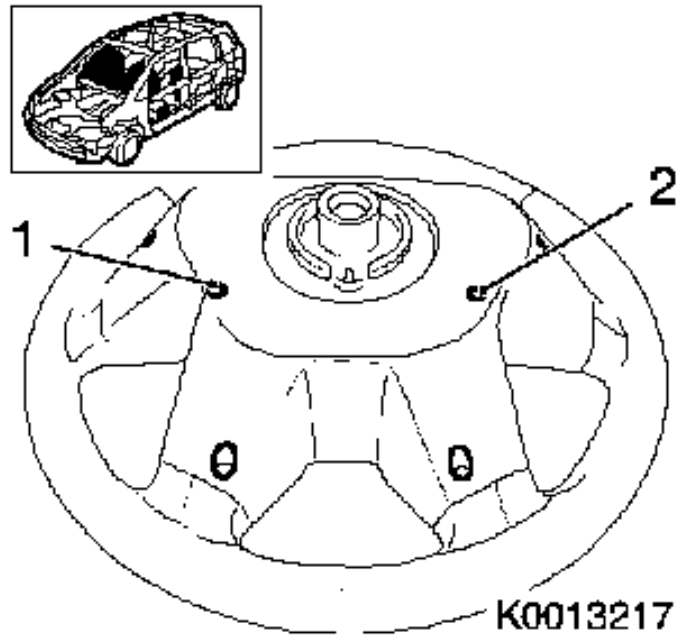
1. Disconnect battery.

**Note:** (I) The driver's side airbag unit is installed in the three- or four-spoke steering wheel. The installation and removal of the airbag unit is identical for both steering wheel versions. Illustration shows four-spoke steering wheel. Use commercially available Philip's screwdriver to remove the airbag unit.

Figure shows the releasing of the driver's side airbag unit. The locking springs (1, 2) of the carrier plate (3) are actuated using Philip's screwdriver from the rear side of the steering wheel.



2. Diagram shows the four-spoke steering wheel removed and from the rear
  - Airbag unit release points (1, 2)



3. Up to model year 2003, 5 an airbag unit with one wiring harness plug is installed. The connection to the CIM module is made with the wiring harness plug (1) marked A. (2) shows the wiring harness plug on the back of the airbag module. From model year 2003, 5 onwards an airbag unit with two wiring harness plugs is installed. The wiring harness plugs of the new airbag unit are marked B and C.

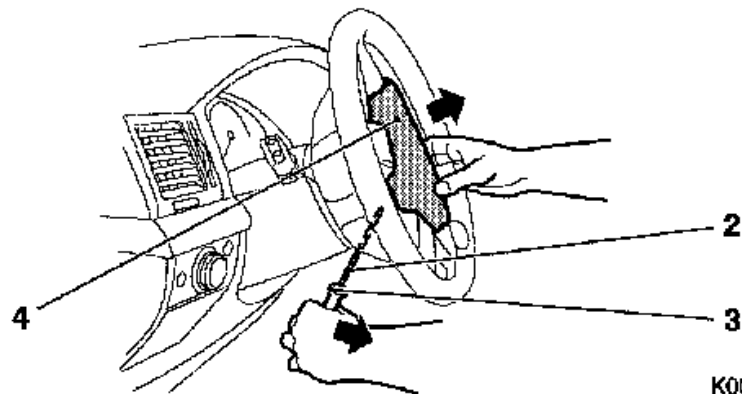
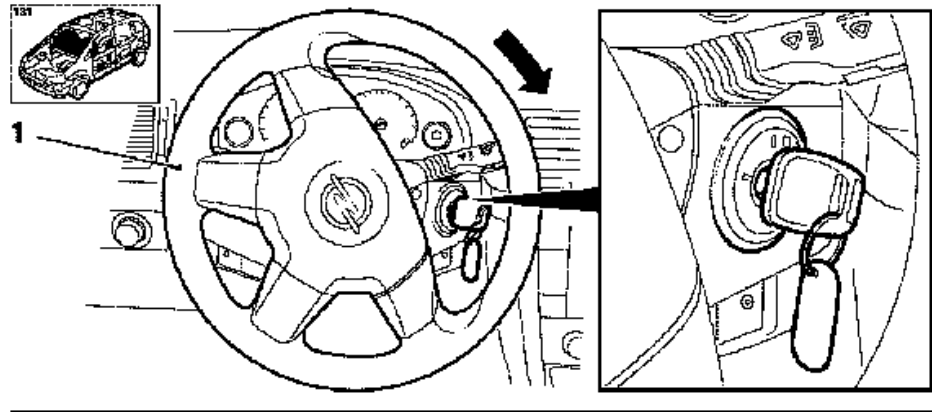
- see operation "Driver's airbag, Remove and Install, MY 2003, 5 onwards"

4. Turn "steering lock"  
ignition key to  
position I

5. Turn steering wheel (1) to the right until in position shown.

6. Unclip airbag unit at "right locking mechanism"

- Push screwdriver (2) into the release opening to the stop on the rear side of the steering wheel
- Pull screwdriver in direction of arrow (3) and at the same time lift the airbag module (4)

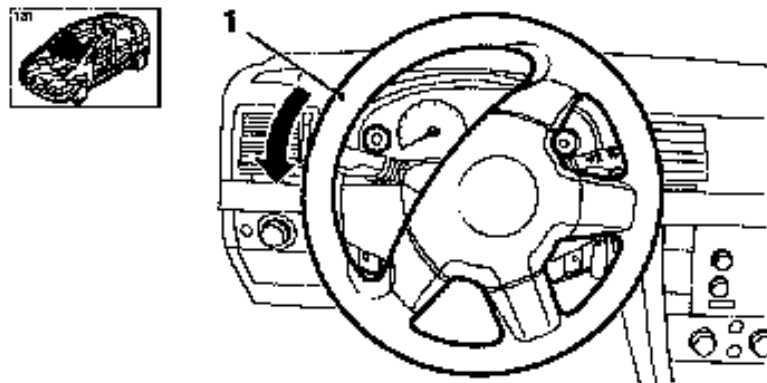


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7. Turn steering wheel (1) to the left until in position shown.

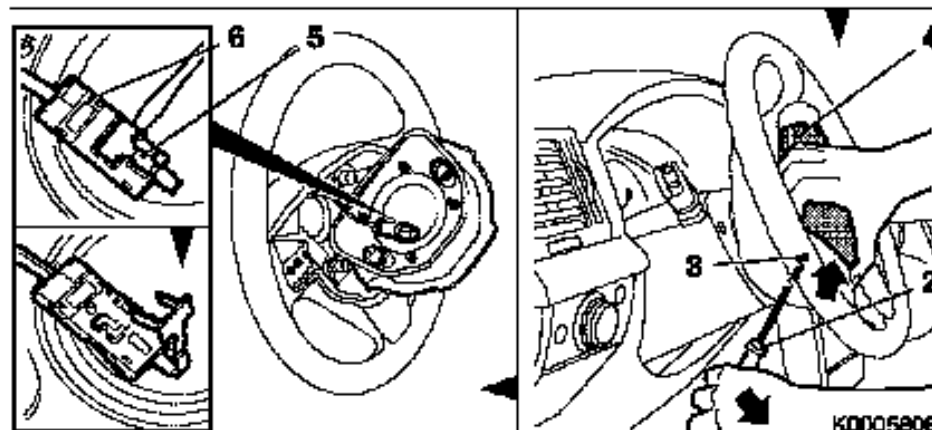
8. Unclip airbag unit at "left locking mechanism"

- Push screwdriver (2) into the release opening to the stop on the rear side of the steering wheel
- Pull screwdriver in direction of arrow (3) and at the same time lift the airbag module (4)



9. Disconnect wiring harness plug

- Release wiring harness plug (5) and disconnect (6)



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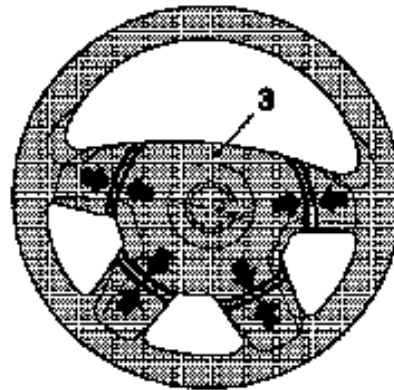
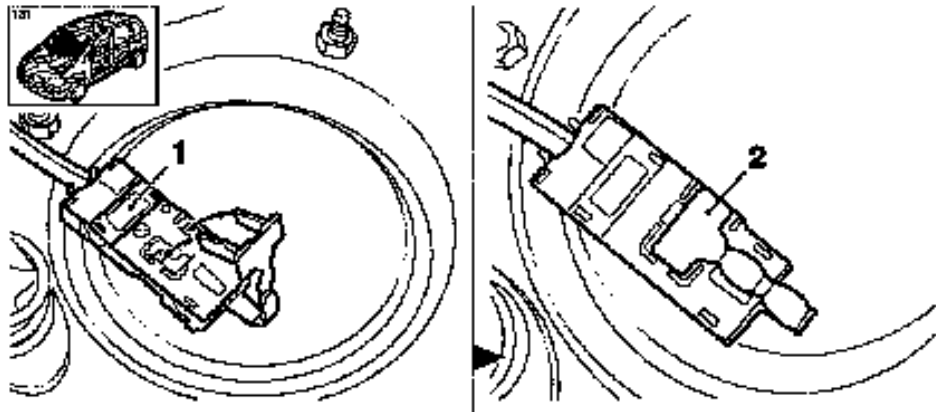
**Warning:** Always set aside airbag unit with padded side upwards.

10. Detach airbag unit from steering wheel and lay aside

**Install**

**Important:** Ensure that the airbag unit (3) is correctly seated. Reference gap (arrows) between airbag unit and steering wheel must be uniform.

11. Install airbag unit
  - Connect wiring harness plug (1)
  - Lock wiring harness plug (2)
  - Clip in airbag unit
12. "Steering lock" ignition key to position 0 "OFF"
13. Connect battery
14. Readiness check for airbag system
  - After ignition, the airbag system readiness telltale illuminates for 4 seconds and then goes out.
15. Program volatile memories.



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