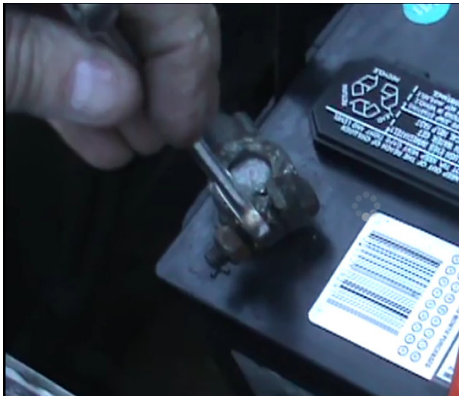


How to Replace the Steering Column in a 1980-1991 Ford Truck

Under the Hood

1. Disconnect the negative battery terminal.



2. Remove the bolt that retains the column steering shaft to the lower steering shaft assembly. Disengage the shaft.



3. Pry the shift linkage arm out from the rubber grommet of the steering column shift arm. This will be difficult, but it will pop out

Under the Dash



4. Remove the bolts that secure the metal bracket to the firewall. There is a band clamp that you may have to loosen.

On the Dash Panel Faceplate

5. Remove the wiper knob and headlight knob.

The headlight knob and rod is released by pressing release spring button on the headlight switch behind the dash panel. The wiper knob is released by pressing a small metal spring clip just inside the knob that releases the wiper knob itself.





6. Remove the left side lower dash panel.
Pull it to snap it off

7. Remove the exposed screw that holds the right lower dash panel (pocket) and then pull to remove that half.



On the Column



8. Remove the horn pad by removing 2 screws on the back of the wheel and then pulling towards the driver, unsnapping it from the wheel



9. Disconnect the horn / cruise control wires



10. Remove the steering wheel

11. Remove the top and bottom column covers exposing the wires and switches



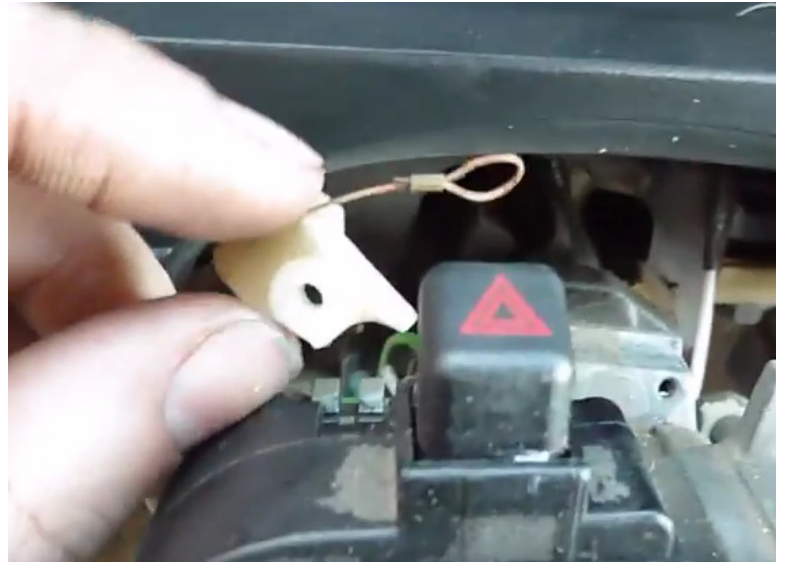
12. Disconnect the turn signal switch

Under the Dash (again)



13. Disconnect the ignition switch lower down the column

14. Remove the small wire string that attaches the column to the dash for the PRNDL indicator—**BE VERY CAREFUL** not to break this string!



15. Remove the 2 bolts that secure the column to the dash.

16. Lower the steering column and carefully pull it out of the vehicle.