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Right, many people want to change their steering wheels for aftermarket versions.

Many people can do a steering wheel without SRS by just having a quick look and working out how it all goes together; removing a steering wheel with SRS is a totally different story and can be very dangerous if not completed correctly!

First things first, let's deal with the dangerous bits (always the best way)...

- Disconnect the battery! (Preferably wait at least 30minutes for an extra precaution due to working on the SRS)
- When the SRS is removed be very careful, do not drop the item and make sure, if it is being stored, it is placed somewhere carefully and not under a pile of items.

Even when the SRS is completely disconnected it is still extremely dangerous!

So, now onto the process itself!

## **Before you start:**

Make sure the wheels on the car are straight and the steering wheel is straight (saves guessing the angle later on).

Disconnect the battery (refer to safety precautions).

### **Disconnect the airbag:**

Below the steering wheel there is a plastic piece that should be pried open. Behind this cover you will find a yellow connector that should be disconnected. This is the main connector for the airbag.



### **Removing the airbag:**

On either side of the steering wheel there are some plastic pieces towards the back. These two pieces both need removing.

When removing these plastic bits be very careful – as with all the panels in a Honda these bits will seem like they are breaking before they come off.

This is a normal feeling that you are going to break something – don't worry, just carry on carefully and they will pop off in the end!



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Now the plastic pieces are removed you will find a torx screw under each one; use a standard torx screwdriver to remove each one of these.

Once the screws are removed the front part of the steering wheel is able to be removed.

DO NOT YANK IT OFF, there are wires connecting this to the main part of the wheel, just remove it carefully so as not to disturb all the wiring.



Once this item is removed carefully you can then disconnect the centre section from the main by unplugging the wires if you wish; alternatively just carry on with the process with the wires still connected, supporting the section on your knees or the like.

### **Removing the steering wheel:**

With all the airbag moved out of the way or disconnected you can now see the internals of the steering wheel.

Bang in the middle (where the item pivots from) there is a nut, I can't remember the exact size (possibly 19mm or 21mm).

Get a socket wrench on this nut and remove it!



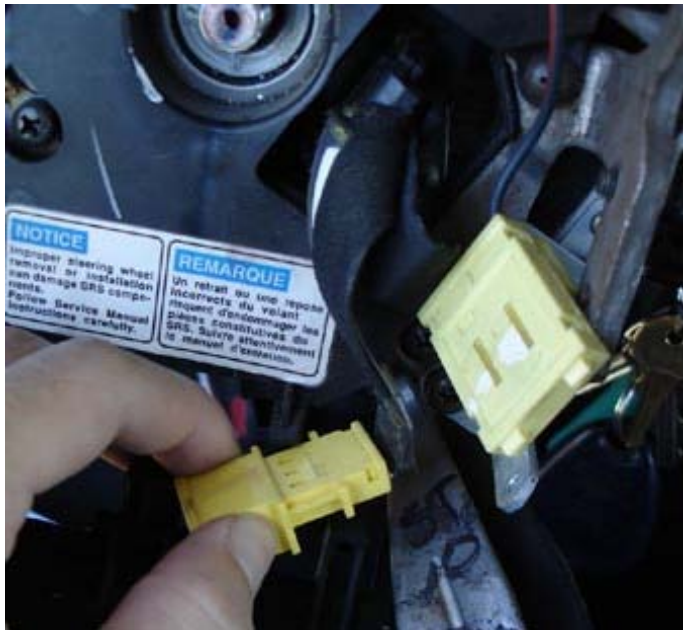
This nut could be extremely tight. If you cannot undo it by hand you can use a breaker-bar or just force it with your feet (the ghetto way!).

Once the nut is removed, before you can slide the steering wheel off a couple of other connectors need to be un-attached from their mounting points.

Number 1:



Number 2:



The horn wire also requires disconnecting:



When all that is disconnected the steering wheel is FINALLY ready to be removed!



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**SRS Component:**

There is only one item in the way now, would hate removing this normally but it's no longer required so it might as well go!



This bit's simple to take off, undo the screws and slide it off, it's still not totally removed though as there is a connector underneath the wheel that requires disconnecting.





There we go, everything is now off!

#### **Fitting the hub:**

This is a simple procedure of reversing the process you followed to take it off!

Slide the hub into place. Take the nut that was removed in “**Removing the steering wheel**” and fasten this back up; make sure it is tight.



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### **Fitting the steering wheel:**

Once the hub is fitted and tightened up it is time to complete the installation.

All that needs to be done now is:

- The horn wire needs connecting up to the horn on your new steering wheel,
- The steering wheel needs positioning (if you straightened your wheels and steering wheel in the first step this is very simple),
- Screw in the bolts to secure the steering wheel (general 6 bolts).

**DONE!**

**Congratulations! Enjoy your new steering wheel!!**