

DIY - Combo Switch Replacement (Signal / Windshield Wiper Controls)

When my signal lever recently stop cancelling when ever I would make a right turn, I started looking for info on how to fix it. I decided to just replace it, but the dealer wanted 1.5 hours of labor at \$120/hour. The part was about \$90 with tax. After seaching on line, it seems like these switches are not the best of quailty and eventually wear out (keep in mind my car from hischool, honda accord, still works fine and I use it all the time). I could not find any post regarding how to fix/replace this. So I use a combination of DYI and took it one step foward. See pics below to start (pics were borrowed from a DYI steering wheel post)

1. Disconnect the battery, and keep the wheel strait otherwise you wont be able to access the two screws in pic 4, and have to reconnect everything and start the car to turn the wheel strait. Also extend the steering wheel completely so that theres room for which you need and Extended Torx set behind the steering wheel. Some said they used an Allen wrench instead, but it didnt work for me.
2. Remove the two torx screws behind the Airbag. Keep in mind they are torx 27, not the T30 which you will find is used on the E-class.
3. The Airbag should come off, disconnect the two harnesses behind it and set it aside.
4. 10mm Allen wrench to the middle bolt that holds the steering wheel and remove it. Have someone hold the steering wheel in place, do not use the parking steering lock.
5. Remove the steering and unscew those two screws that are recessed behind the black plastic circle piece. (last pic)
6. Just pull that circle piece strait back and remove the 3 philips screw holding down all the combo switches on the steering column. (not pictured)
7. Undo all the harness and put in your new switch. Slide everything back in making sure to align the switches on thier appropriate tracks and reverse the process.
8. Connect the battery back and reset your windows and sunroof, and your all set.