

RABUGGI -- Left Front Fender / Steering Shaft Notes

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__ The lower steering shaft passes through a hole in the inner wall of the left front fender.

__ The lower steering shaft has to be removed if the left front fender is to be removed.

To Remove Steering Shaft:

__ Note: Before separating any spline joints in steps below, note and mark spline positions to facilitate restoring wheel centering and proper phasing of the U-joints on re-assembly.

__ Loosen two setscrews in the upper U-joint at the steering wheel shaft spline groove.

__ Use the collapsible shaft feature to slide the lower steering shaft with upper U-joint forward to disengage from the steering wheel shaft splines.

__ Pull the lower shaft back and free of the collapsible section long spline. (There's a spring snap clip in the collapsible section that will release with a sharp yank back.)

__ Now with the left front wheel removed...

__ Un-snap the plastic protector bell and slide it up the lower steering shaft for access.

__ Loosen (2) setscrews in the lower U-joint at the steering gear box spline groove.

__ Pull the U-joint and collapsible section spline back and off of the steering gear box stub spline.

__ Straightforward disassembly and un-bolting removal of the front fender can now be executed.

